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### Several Courts Temporarily Closing for Improvements at Mare Island Sports Complex

**Vallejo, CA, November 8, 2016** - The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) announced today that they are temporarily closing several courts at the Mare Island Sports Complex to make improvements. Basketball and volleyball courts #1-4 will be closed starting Monday, November 28, 2016 and will re-open to the public on Monday, December 12, 2016. During the \$100,000 improvement project, parts of the facility will remain open including one basketball court, 2 indoor soccer fields, batting cages, and the sports café.

GVRD is excited to make these needed improvements to the flooring at the popular sports complex. The new poured seamless urethane flooring with a rubber base is a significant upgrade over the previous flooring that was installed years ago.

"This renovation project is long overdue," said Andrea Salvador, GVRD Recreation Coordinator. "It's more than just making the site more visually appealing, these enhancements will improve the safety and the enjoyment of the public. We are confident that everyone will be overjoyed at the new and improved basketball/volleyball courts. It will more than make up for the temporary inconvenience of the closure."

When the sports complex re-opens there will be a slight \$5 increase in rental prices. Volleyball courts #1 and #4 will rent for \$50/hour and basketball/volleyball courts #2 and #3 will rent for \$65/hour. Court #5 will rent for \$60/hour.

Mare Island Sports Complex is located at 785 Walnut Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94592. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 3:30pm-10:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-10:00pm. Call (707) 562-4625 between 3:30pm-10:00pm for rental information and availability. For large event information, contact: Andrea Salvador, Recreation Coordinator by phone (707)980-8001 or email [asalvador@gvrd.org](mailto:asalvador@gvrd.org).

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#### About GVRD

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) is an Independent Special Service District funded primarily by property taxes paid by residents of the district to provide recreational activities and leisure services to the citizens of Vallejo. GVRD also receives revenue from fees for services, park entrances, programs, and facility rentals. Additional funding through grants and park dedication permit fees provide for new park development projects within the District.

The District is managed by a General Manager with oversight by a five member Board of Directors. Since 1944, GVRD has served as an independent agency separate from the City of Vallejo. GVRD operates: 20 neighborhood parks, 4 community parks, 4 special purpose parks, an olympic-size swimming pool, 4 community centers, and manages over 1,000 acres of public land.

GVRD organizes and manages youth and adult sports programs, before and after school activities, leisure classes, and a variety of special interest events such as the Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame, Breakfast with Santa, Arts and Concerts in the Park, and The Fishing Derby.

A frequently asked question is "Why is GVRD a special District and not a department of the City of Vallejo?" In the late 1930's, members of the Vallejo Parent Teachers Association (PTA) decided they had a need for an individual to organize and manage recreational activities for local youth. The PTA hired Lyston Johnson, also known as "Mr. Recreation", to fill this role. In 1944, an election resulted in the creation of the entity currently known as the Greater Vallejo Recreation District.

For more information, visit the website at [www.GVRD.org](http://www.GVRD.org).