

AT THE GATE PRESERVE WELCOME

Over the last two years, our all volunteer team has begun to make changes little by little. The first and still very important to most of us is the portable bathroom; it costs more than \$150 per month. We get no money from the City of Vallejo and in fact, we pay to use the property by providing insurance and special event permit fees.

So, you can see that growing this parkland is really up to you and people like you. If you want to have it open more often to hike, bike, explore and visit the cemetery, historic gardens, visitors center, bunkers and vista points, see the list at right for some ideas of how you can help. Together we will open the Preserve on a daily basis sooner than later for the enjoyment of all Californians. How exciting to be part of this adventure back in time and into the future!

For information, to volunteer, or to schedule a visit when the Preserve is not regularly open, call Myrna Hayes 707-557-9816 or 707-249-9633 or visit WWW.MAREISLANDPRESERVE.ORG

DATES AND HOURS WE ARE OPEN AND OUR UPCOMING MARE ISLAND EVENTS (FOR MORE DATES VISIT MAREISLANDPRESERVE.ORG)

- * SEPTEMBER 25 9AM-NOON **CA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY** MARE ISLAND SITE UNDER THE CAUSEWAY AT RAILROAD AND G.
- * OCTOBER 9 OPEN 9AM-7PM **2ND SATURDAY ACCESS DAY**; HISTORIC SOUTHSORE HIKE 9:30AM, GOURD PAINTING, EVENING CEMETERY TOUR BY FLASHLIGHT AT 6:15PM
- * OCTOBER 10 1PM-4PM **LOST BOATS OF MARE ISLAND MEMORIAL** 1PM FLAGRAISING MORTON FIELD, 2PM MEMORIAL AND WREATH-LAYING WITH RECEPTION FOLLOWING
- * OCTOBER 30 OPEN 9AM-6PM **HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING AND GOURD MASKS**, DRESS IN COSTUME, EVENING SCARY CEMETERY TOUR



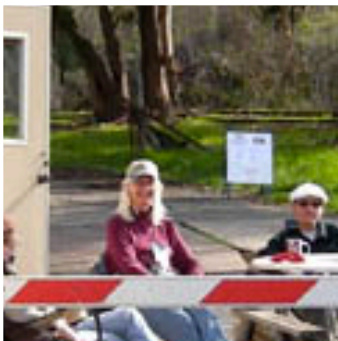
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Want the Preserve Open More Often? Here's what you can do:

- ★ Visit WWW.MAREISLANDPRESERVE.ORG to learn more about the Preserve and pass the information about it to your friends, family and colleagues
- ★ Plan to visit and enjoy the Preserve every time it is open—a good turnout of the public helps convince potential contributors that it is worth their money to invest in our park
- ★ Offer to lend a helping hand even two hours a month and consider getting a group of friends together to help—tell us what you or your group want to especially do
- ★ Donate money, equipment and supplies, in-kind services



How does volunteering work at the Preserve?



We are often asked, “Who is in charge, here?” The Preserve property is owned by the City of Vallejo. As you may know, they are broke...so broke they declared bankruptcy. That means, it's up to all of us to do what we can to ensure that this special place so rich in history, scenic beauty and natural treasures, is available for the enjoyment of all Californians and visitors wherever they are from. Right now we are only open 1-2 days a month and we are all volunteer. That means absolutely everything you can think of that it takes to operate a park is needed here. What do you LIKE to do? Here are some ideas...join work parties to rake leaves, pull scotch broom, cut grass, repair picnic tables, restore historic gardens...take a shift as a greeter at the entrance Palmer Hut...help set out the directional signs throughout the Island and safety and information signs in the Preserve...help create displays and exhibits at the Visitors Center...work on special events and fundraisers...guide a hike... give a talk or workshop...survey native plants...organization a race...play music...BBQ hot dogs and serve food during the summer...help fundraise...offer your expertise...invite us to give a talk about the Preserve...get the picture?!

We are here virtually every Friday before the Second Saturday open day and from time to time on days in-between. Do you want to work on your own on a project in the Preserve or at home? It might be possible. Just ask Myrna myrnahay@pacbell.net or call 707-557-9816 or 707-249-9633.