

**The Vallejo Parade Association Presents 156<sup>th</sup> Fourth of July Parade and Musical Celebration  
on the Waterfront**

**Vallejo, CA June 2, 2009:** The Vallejo Parade Association, a local non-profit organization, presents the 156<sup>th</sup> Vallejo Fourth of July Parade beginning at 10 am. Following the parade, a Music Celebration on the waterfront will be presented in partnership with Askari Sowonde Productions. We are pleased to announce a new parade offering and special musical guest for 2009.

Thanks to Target Stores, Inc., the major sponsor for the day's events, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will feature a new puppet, a marvelous 15-ft tall horse created by Magical Moonshine Theater owner Michael Nelson. General Vallejo's "Mare" of Mare island fame, along with previous year's puppets Benicia Vallejo and General Vallejo, also created by Mr. Nelson, pay tribute to Vallejo's rich history. These giant puppets will be one of the highlights of the parade, joined by all your favorite floats, costumed characters, musical performers, and city officials.

After the parade we will have a great musical afternoon, beginning with our own Vallejo Symphony at noon. A generous contribution by Food4Less/Nugget Markets brings you our Special Musical Guest for 2009, National artist Norman Connor's, also featuring Tom "Jamaica Funk" Brown. Norman Conner's is a long-time jazz and R&B artist who has played with jazz greats like John Coltrane. For more information, a parade route and a schedule of the day's events, please visit our web site at [www.vallejojuly4.org/](http://www.vallejojuly4.org/) or contact Don Kelly at 707-649-2787.

We hope that you, your friends and family will plan now to come celebrate our country's birthday and have a great day of fun in downtown Vallejo. Due to budget constraints, the City of Vallejo will not be hosting the traditional fireworks show at the waterfront this year. However, Discovery Kingdom is planning a wonderful fireworks show for the entire city to enjoy at dusk.