



In The City This Week: Aug 9-14

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Aug. 9: August, September and October are the three highest months for traffic crashes each year, followed closely behind by November and December. With school back in session and the influx of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, motorists and pedestrians alike are advised to pay careful attention to their surroundings and minimize distractions while driving, such as loud noises, the use of cell phones while driving, and other things that interfere with our concentration on the road. The Valdosta Police Department will be strictly enforcing the reduced speed limit in all school-zone areas, and motorists should be forewarned of the No Tolerance policy for speeders in these school areas.

Aug. 10: The City of Valdosta will host a charrette public meeting in the City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose Room, at 300 N. Lee Street, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to seek citizen input on planning the future of downtown Valdosta for the next 20 to 30 years. For more information, call the Valdosta Main Street office at (229) 259-3577 or visit <http://www.valdostacity.com/Index.aspx?page76>.

Aug. 10 The Central Valdosta Development Authority (CVDA) will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at 5 p.m., in the City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose Room. Recognizing downtown Valdosta as the historic core of the community, the CVDA manages the process of enhancing downtown's position as the governmental, cultural, and economic center of the Greater Lowndes County area by involving businesses, property owners, government, churches and the entire community. For information, call the Valdosta Main Street office at (229) 259-3577.

City Adopts 2010 Millage Rate. The Valdosta Mayor and City Council adopted the 2010 millage rate of 4.112 mills for the citizens of Valdosta at the Aug. 5 City Council meeting. The city's 2010 millage rate remains the lowest since 1987. [Click here](#) to read entire story.

[The National Weather Service](#) is reporting another hot week for South Georgia. Citizens should drink plenty of fluids and stay out of the heat as much as possible. And remember, Mathis Auditorium is open as a place of refuge from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon. through Fri., for those who need a cool place to rest from the heat. [Click here](#) for entire story.

Useful City Web Sites:

- Use Traffic Cameras: <http://traffic.valdostacity.com/cameras>
- City Sanitation Services: <http://www.valdostacity.com/Index.aspx?page=185>
- View Recycling Info: <http://www.valdostacity.com/recycle>
- View Map of City Parks: <http://www.valdostacity.com/Index.aspx?page=247>
- Sign Up for E-News: <http://www.valdostacity.com/publicinformation>

For more information on these stories and more, please contact Public Information Officer Sementha Mathews at (229) 259-3548 or at smathews@valdostacity.com. Citizens may also tune into Metro Valdosta Channel 17 for local city government news. *City Focus*, a local news magazine that highlights what's happening in the city, airs four times a day along with other informative shows.

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