



July 14, 2023

**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**



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**Excessive heat expected this weekend**

As temperatures reach triple-digits in parts of Solano County this weekend, all Solano County Library locations will serve as free public cooling centers during regular business hours. Bottled water and drinking fountains are also available to all visitors.

The National Weather Service has issued an [Excessive Heat Warning](#) beginning Saturday, July 15 at 11am and lasting through Sunday, July 16 at 11pm. This warning may be extended based on weather conditions. All branches of the Solano County Library are designated cooling centers during normal business hours, including:

- [Dixon](#) Library (230 North First Street)

- [Fairfield](#) Civic Center Library (1150 Kentucky Street)
- [Fairfield](#) Cordelia Library (5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield)
- [Rio Vista](#) Library (44 South Second Street) (Closed Sunday)
- [Suisun City](#) Library (601 Pintail Drive)
- [Vacaville](#) Cultural Center Library (1020 Ulatis Drive)
- [Vacaville](#) Town Square Library (1 Town Square Place)
- [Vallejo](#) John F. Kennedy Library (505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo)
- [Vallejo](#) Springstowne Library (1003 Oakwood Ave, Vallejo) (Closed Sunday)

Consider some of the following tips to keep you and your family safe, including:

Stay in air-conditioned buildings and shelters, including the mall, library or public cooling center. Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device. Limit outdoor activities, especially during mid-day, and avoid direct sunlight. Reschedule strenuous activities to the early morning and evening. Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Take cool showers or baths to lower body temperatures. Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles under any circumstances, and wear sunscreen – sunburn affects the body’s ability to cool down and can add to dehydration.

It is also recommended that you drink more fluids than usual and do not wait until you’re thirsty to drink, and drink two to four cups of water every hour while working or exercising outside. Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar, and make sure your family, friends and neighbors drink enough water

Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat-related illness is a spectrum of disorders due to environmental factors, specifically heat exposure. Symptoms can be minor, with heat rash, cramps, headache and fatigue, to more severe and even life-threatening conditions like heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include weakness, skin is cold, pale and clammy, weak pulse, and fainting and vomiting. Should this happen, move to a cooler location, lie down and loosen your clothing, apply cool, wet clothes to as much of your body as possible, drink plenty of water (avoid caffeine and alcohol), if you have vomited and it continues, seek medical attention immediately.

## Information this week

### Program educators wanted

The Solano Resource Conservation District is hiring program educators for the 23-24 school year.

Solano Resource Conservation District is looking for program educators to join their award-winning education team for the 23-24 school year. Their programming connects over 8,000 students annually, offering a concrete, experiential introduction to their watershed and the life that depends on it. Solano RCD is looking for educators that represent the diverse communities of Solano County and are enthusiastic about teaching!

### Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

### U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

Please see attached job description or email [education@solanorcd.org](mailto:education@solanorcd.org) for more information.

Submit a cover letter describing your interest in the position and a detailed resume with three professional work references to Caitlyn Morrissey at [caitlyn.morrissey@solanorcd.org](mailto:caitlyn.morrissey@solanorcd.org). Mailed application materials are also accepted. Applications are due on **July 15** and open until positions are filled.

## **Need a ride to the doctor?**

You can now get a ride to and from your doctor visits at no charge. As a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan member, you can get a ride to and from your appointments at no cost. Your plan covers up to 24 one-way trips (50 miles per trip) per calendar year.

To schedule a ride for rideshare, taxi, or private transportation service, call 1-877-930-1477 (TTY 711). You can also schedule online at [medicaltrip.net](http://medicaltrip.net) or download the MTM Link Member app. To download the app on your device, visit the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) and search for MTM Link Member App.

For wheelchair van or gurney van transportation service, call 1-833-226-6760.

Request your ride at least 3 business days (Monday through Friday) before your appointment. If you have an urgent last-minute appointment, call as soon as you can.

You can get rides for doctor appointments, medical services such as lab or X-ray, and picking up medications or medical equipment.

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## **Public notices**

### **Call for artists, arts groups to submit applications for grants**

Are you an artist with an inspiring idea or part of a nonprofit arts group with a mission to enhance community life in Solano County? If so, then you may want to apply for a grant from the North Bay Arts Fund — Solano County, which has issued a call for artists and arts organizations to do so. To read more, click [here](#).

### **Benicia Lyft rides**



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) will pay a portion of your Lyft rides throughout the City of Benicia, and to Springstowne Center in Vallejo. These rides are valid only to specific destinations and between the hours of 6am-9pm for Benicia residents. To qualify you must be an older adult (65+), a veteran, or ADA eligible. If your pickup or drop-off is outside

the specified areas, the discount is not valid. More questions? Call the mobility call center: [1-800-535-6883](tel:1-800-535-6883)

## Pediatric vaccine resource for families

Solano County Public Health, First 5 Solano, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), Ole Health, La Clinica, Help Me Grow Solano and Child Start have developed and launched a new website for parents and families seeking information about childhood immunizations. The website, [www.SolanoVaxFacts.com](http://www.SolanoVaxFacts.com), serves as a public resource for information on early childhood immunizations, including facts about vaccines, where to get vaccinated, payment assistance, and more. Community members can also download a vaccine schedule that details the timeline for necessary immunizations for children aged two months through 16 years.

## NAMI Solano looking for bilingual volunteer

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Solano is looking for a bilingual, Spanish speaking volunteer for its family programs, to assist with NAMI Family-to-Family facilitator and NAMI Family Support Group facilitator. Volunteer must have a family member with mental illness and is available to attend trainings.



NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental health conditions, including those living with a mental illness and their loved ones.

Contact Nicollete Morales at [nicollete@namisolanocounty.org](mailto:nicollete@namisolanocounty.org) or at (707) 439-5519.

## Storytime at Children's Wonderland

The Solano County Library will offer story time each **Thursday from 11 to 11:45 am** at Children's Wonderland, 360 Glenn Street in the city of Vallejo. This is a free program offered to the community. The program runs through October 26.

## iPad distribution

Any older adults at risk of social isolation and don't already have an internet connected device and cannot afford to purchase a tablet to connect with family, friends, or telehealth appointments, may be eligible for a free device.

Devices are limited to older adults (60+) or adults with permanent disabilities who are at risk and do not have access to a device. Those interested should contact the Aging and Disability Resource Connection at (707) 200-7116. Callers need to leave a message so an intake coordinator can return the call and administer a brief intake questionnaire to determine if the person is eligible to receive a device. Devices are reserved for the most at-risk individuals as numbers are limited.

## Free HIV testing

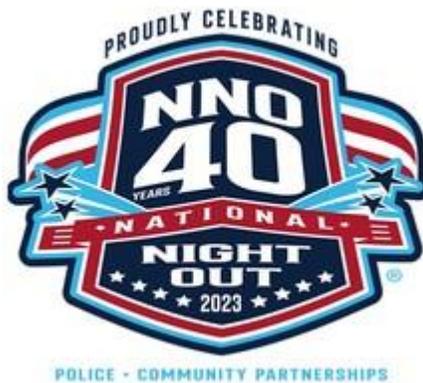


The Solano Pride Center offers free HIV testing every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4 to 7pm, at 1234 Empire Street, Suite 1560, in the City of Fairfield.

## National Night Out registrations open

National Night Out is an annual community-building event, promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

The city of Fairfield will host its 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO) on **Tuesday, August 1st, from 5 to 8 pm**. To register your neighborhood, click [here](#).



In Vallejo, registration is now open and available online by visiting [www.vpd.net](http://www.vpd.net). The Vallejo Police Department will close registration on Monday, July 17.

## Solano Water Institute for teachers

Local teachers are invited to join an all-day field trip excursion as part of the upcoming Solano Water Institute (SI). This unique teacher opportunity was created by Solano Resource Conservation District to provide teachers with research-proven strategies and resources for water education. SI is a 4-day professional development experience that will enhance teachers' understanding of Solano County's water resources and guide them on field trip-based workshops in our county's open spaces.

Field trips take place on August 2 at 8am at Rush Ranch Open Space and on August 3 at Lake Berryessa. Participants will gather at 7:45am Markley Cove's Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental. Each day includes lunch, snacks, and cold drinks. The days will conclude at 3:30pm.

Participant requirements include K-12 teachers and/or educators; attend 3 days (7h/day) of training (snacks and lunch included); attend a single day post-training recap and present on how training was integrated into your curriculum

To reserve your spot on the tour, please email Shea Kinser at [shea.kinser@solanorcd.org](mailto:shea.kinser@solanorcd.org) by Monday, July 24. For more information about the Solano Water Institute, click [here](#).

## Internship opportunity at Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District

Are you studying environmental or water-resource engineering, climate science, landscape architecture, or urban planning? This is a great and flexible opportunity for a student looking for part-time work who also wants to learn about nature-based solutions, climate resilience, and local government.

Click [here](#) to apply. Deadline is **Friday July 21, 5pm**. Any questions, please call (707) 429-8930.

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## Updates from around Solano County

### Fairfield Municipal Utility to participate in microplastics monitoring

The Fairfield Municipal Utility was directed to participate in a microplastics monitoring program. Microplastics are made up of plastic matter that varies in size, is not detectable by the human eye, and results from

commercial product development or the breakdown of larger plastic particles.

The plan for monitoring and reporting will take place over the next several years, and to date, no government in the world has required monitoring for microplastics in drinking water. The City's water system was among over two dozen wholesale and retail agencies across the State who were directed to participate. The city is currently working with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water to confirm sampling locations. It has proposed sampling at each water plant intakes at Waterman and North Bay Regional Water Treatment Plants.

Fairfield Municipal Utility is the only water agency in Solano County to be selected, and the state is not offering any funding to offset additional staffing, testing, and reporting costs.

For more information on the City's water system and water quality reports, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/ffwater](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/ffwater)

## Story time at Loma Vista Farm in July



The Solano County Library will host story time at Loma Vista Farm in the City of Vallejo **every Tuesday in the month of July**. The reading begins at **10am**. The farm is located at 150 Rainier Avenue. Come for a story time, and crafts, and then enjoy the farm.

## Summer reading program

Starting Thursday, June 1, come to any Solano County library branch to sign up and get your summer reading challenge pamphlet. The pamphlet is full of reading challenges like "Read a book that teaches a skill" or "read a book that is recommended by a friend." There are 10 challenges in the pamphlet in total.



Decide how many of the challenges in the pamphlet you think you can complete by July 31<sup>st</sup>. You can do one challenge, 2 challenges or all 10! It is up to you! Once you complete your challenges, come back to the Solano County Library branch you originally signed up at by July 31<sup>st</sup> to get your prize.

The prize for kids (ages 0-12) is a brand new free book of their choice (off the book cart) at the library while the teens (ages 13-18) get to order any book they want from Amazon that does not exceed \$15. The library will order it for them!

Adults who complete the program will get a custom enamel pin. Not only that, but all who are signed up for the program will also be entered into weekly drawings for additional prizes! The weekly raffle drawings will be for Oakland A's and SF Giants tickets.

## **"Stop & Shop" at the Fairfield PAL Student Food Pantry this summer**

Local students may visit the food pantry every **Tuesday between 5 to 7pm** to pick up free pantry items to take home. A Fairfield PAL membership is not required to visit the pantry. Choose from fruits and veggies, pancakes, mac and cheese, cereals, soups, peanut butter and jelly and more. Fairfield, Suisun, and Travis teens ages 13 to 18 are able to participate. The food pantry is located at 2256 North Texas Street.

## **Safe Routes to School survey**



What are your concerns about your child's safety traveling to and from school?

Solano County wants to encourage more students to safely ride their bikes or walk to school. Walking or riding a bike to school is great for the environment and for our children's health but some kids and even their parents, don't feel safe on certain streets and roads.

Using this interactive map, please take a moment to point out locations where you think improvements should be made. Your insights will help update the Safe Routes to School Plan!

To view the map, click [here](#).

## Did you know?

The UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education with Solano College were awarded a NIIMBL Grant to create Cell and Gene Therapy Certification program. Solano Community College as their key educational partner provides the laboratory space for the week long bootcamp. The title of this grant is, A Public-Private Partnership Strategy for Workforce Training in Cell and Gene Therapy Manufacturing

Since Solano Community College's Cell and Gene Therapy Certificate is leading the way in this area of workforce preparation, UC Davis has partners with us to design their Cell and Gene therapy certificate. Other partners in this grant are Eli Lilly and Company, Pall Corporation Cytiva.

For more information about Solano Community College's biotechnology program, click [here](#).

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

## White Camel Sale

The annual White Camel Sale by the Benicia Historical Museum will conclude on **Saturday, July 15, from 9am to 3pm.**

Find your favorites from vintage collectibles to the fun and quirky. You never know what you will find at the White Camel Sale!

The Benicia Historical Museum is located at 2060 Camel Road. For more information, contact the Benicia Historical Museum at [info@beniciahistoricalmuseum.org](mailto:info@beniciahistoricalmuseum.org) or call (707) 745-5435.

## VOICES Youth Program to host outreach BBQ

**Voices**  
YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Outreach  
Community BBQ**

**MUSIC - DANCE - GAMES  
FOOD**

**PLEASE READ!**

**IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES  
14-26 AND HAVE BEEN ARRESTED,  
CHARGED OR CONVICTED YOU  
COULD EARN FREE GIFTCARD**

**CITY PARK**  
425 ALABAMA ST,  
VALLEJO, CA 94590

**TIME**  
**3PM-6PM**

**JULY 21, 2023 | FREE**

The VOICES Youth Programs is hosting a outreach community BBQ with music, dance, games, and food from **3 to 6pm, Friday, July 21** at City Park, 425 Alabama Street in the City of Vallejo.

VOICES' mission is to empower underserved youth, ages 16-24, by utilizing holistic services throughout their transition from systems of care, while building a loving community and establishing a solid foundation for a healthy future, according to the organization.

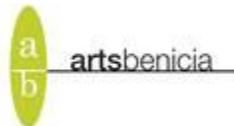
## National Ice Cream Day with a cop



Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with a cup or cone at Tuttimelon on **Saturday, July 22, from 3 to 6pm**. Like Coffee with A Cop, there will be no agendas and no speeches, just gelato and conversation.

Tuttimelon is located inside the Solano Town Center-1350 Travis Blvd. On the First Floor, across from Old Navy.

## Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia will open two new exhibitions this month, **California Printmakers...Tradition and Innovation**, juried by master printmakers **Yuko Nakano and Kazuko Watanabe**, both of **Kala Art Institute** in Berkeley. The exhibition highlights the

best in recent California printmaking by 40 artists and features a wide range of printmaking techniques. The second exhibition is **Freedom or Slavery: The Paul Robeson Portfolio**. The portfolio is comprised of 14 screenprints and accompanying texts and essays, is on loan from **Vallejo Center for the Arts**. These two exhibitions open on **Saturday, July 22** with a reception from **4 to 6 pm**.

Join Arts Benicia on **October 1st for Uncorked: Champagne and Chocolate**, and taste a variety of champagnes, bubbly spirits, chocolates, and truffles. On **Thursday, November 2nd**, members can join for wine and beer at a preview before the sale opens to the public. Finally, on **December 15th**, Arts Benicia will present **Holiday Spirits! A bourbon, brandy, and cognac tasting**. Please note, all our events will also feature delicious non-alcoholic beverages.

The Arts Benicia gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the **Commanding Officer's Quarters**, in the historic Benicia Arsenal. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and

interesting part of our town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers **art classes for adults**, many of which are open to beginners. As summer provides more free time for fun and creativity, consider checking out the new classes listed on our website. For our full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes>

Inquiries? Email [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org) or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

## Summer movies and food trucks

Bring your family and friends to the movies this summer. The Summer Movies and Food Trucks event series has expanded:

Rolling Hills Park on July 28 (DC League of Super-Pets); and Mankas Neighborhood Park on August 25, (Minions: Rise of Gru). Bring a blanket and chairs and enjoy a night out in the park! Food trucks begin serving at 6:30pm. For details visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/event](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/event)

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The poster features the title "Summer MOVIES & FOOD TRUCKS" in a playful font with a film reel icon. A green starburst says "FREE". Below the title, it states "Food Trucks serving at 6:30pm" and "Movie begins 15 minutes after sundown". The event schedule is listed in three colored boxes: June 23 (Space Jam 1996 at Laurel Creek Park), July 28 (DC League of Super-Pets at Rolling Hills Park), and August 25 (Minions: The Rise of Gru at Mankas Neighborhood Park). At the bottom, contact information for Fairfield Parks & Recreation is provided, including the phone number (707) 428-7652, email communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov, website www.fairfield.ca.gov/events, and hashtag #wedeliverawesome.

Month	Day	Movie	Park
JUNE	23	SPACE JAM 1996	LAUREL CREEK PARK
JULY	28	DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS	ROLLING HILLS PARK
AUG	25	MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU	MANKAS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

## Free community health worker training

Touro University California, Aliados Health and the Northern California Center for Well-Being are providing a free community health worker training program for Solano County that will take place from **July 10 through August 16**.

The training will be a total of 80 hours and participants who meet eligibility requirements will receive \$1750 for completing the core training program. For more information, contact (707) 285-2964 or [evmartinez@aliadoshealth.org](mailto:evmartinez@aliadoshealth.org).

## Country Night at the Ranch



Come to Rush Ranch for our second annual Country Night at the Ranch from **4 to 7pm, Saturday July 29.**

Local country luminaries Locked-N-Loaded play all-time classics and contemporary favorites with slick musicianship and plenty of heart.

Tickets are on sale today, and 100% of raffle sale proceeds support Solano Land Trust. For more information or to buy tickets, click [here](#).

## The Future of Farming in Solano County

The Solano EDC Speaker Series webinar will focus on "The Future of Farming in Solano County," on **Monday, July 31 from 12 to 130pm**. President and CEO Chris Rico will be joined by panelists Dr. Abou Najm (Associate Professor for Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis), William Brazelton (President of Solano County Farm Bureau), Charlie Wagner (Winemaker of Mer Soleil Wines) and Jenny Wagner (Winemaker of Emmollo Wines).

To register, click [here](#).

## NAMI Solano County Speaker Series

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, continues to host a speaker series.

Christine Eichhorn, Chair-NAMI Service Members, Veterans, and Families Council; Homefront Coordinator – NAMI Santa Clara will speak on NAMI Homefront and Our Military Community to understand the needs of those in the military community.

The event will be on **Monday July 31 from 6:30 to 7:30pm** via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 814 0228 2987 Passcode: 498897

## Backpack giveaway August 5!

The Fairfield Community Services Foundation is hosting its annual free backpack and food giveaway event on **August 5 from 10am to 12pm** at Bethel Community Church at 600 E. Tabor Ave. Volunteers are needed to fill the food bags for the event on August 4 at 8:30am at Bethel Community Church. Please contact Sean Quinn (Fairfield Community Services Foundation) at xsquinn@aol.com if interested!

## ARC Open House

"Take a Walk" in the ARC, Adult Recreation Center, on **Thursday August 10, 10am to 3pm** at 1200 Harry Price Drive. The ARC is hosting a free open house event to showcase the wide range of fun activities available for individuals age 50 and older. Live entertainment will be featured, and you'll have the opportunity to attend educational lectures from senior resource organizations. Light refreshments will be available, and boxed lunches will be available to purchase for \$10. For more information, click [here](#).

## School Supplies and more

Each year, the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District coordinates a free Back to School Resource Fair for the community's most vulnerable students and families. This event is in partnership with Fairfield Police Department's Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (H.O.P.E.) and will take place at St. Mark's Church (1600 Union Ave, Fairfield) on **Saturday, August 12 from 10am to 1pm**. School supplies, food, drinks, and community resources will be provided.

## Tomato & Vine Festival returns

Get ready to celebrate the Annual Tomato & Vine Festival organized by the City of Fairfield's Parks & Recreation Department on **Saturday, August 19th from 11am to 7 pm and Sunday, August 20 from 11am to 5pm**.

One of the highlights of the festival is the incredible variety of tomatoes for purchase. With over 20 different varieties, tomato enthusiasts will be in paradise. Additionally, you'll have an opportunity to sample various tomatoes from 12 to 4 pm and those with a competitive spirit will enjoy the tomato eating contest on Saturday. On Sunday car enthusiasts can enjoy a captivating car show and stunning collection of vehicles.

For more information, click [here](#).

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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, July 7**, I attended the Harold Bray Senior statue unveiling at the Clock Tower in Benicia. I did not know that the USS Indianapolis carried the uranium and other components for Little Boy, the first nuclear weapon ever used in combat.

Many people attended the unveiling. The ceremony was moving. Take the time this weekend and read about the ship and what happened to it and the sailors. I think about my Dad who was 17 when he went to war (WW 2). When my son turned 17, I thought of my Dad and many other young men from this war, especially those who gave their lives.



Supervisor Monica Brown stands next to the statue of Harold Bray. For more information about the event, read [this article](#) by the Vallejo Times-Herald.

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## Looking for a job? Consider these links

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please consider a career with Solano County. Click [HERE](#) to access the website and follow on Facebook [@SolanoCountyJobs](#). Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)  
[CITY OF BENICIA](#)  
[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)  
[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)  
[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)  
[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)  
[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)  
[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)  
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[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)  
[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)  
[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)  
[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)  
[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

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## Newsletter photo

The pumpkins at Erickson Ranch are growing! Their ranch is 2482 Cordelia Road. Please look at their [webpage](#) for the dates and times they are open. Please support our local businesses. Photo by Monica Brown.

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First elected in 2016, Monica represents District 2 on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. District 2 encompasses the city of Benicia, the portion of Vallejo south of Georgia Street, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley and a portion of Fairfield.