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Black History Month moment



US astronaut, doctor and engineer Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to go into space in 1992. She was one of seven crew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour, on a mission named STS-47.

The youngest of three children, Jemison was born in Decatur, Alabama, but moved to Chicago, Illinois, at the age of three. Partly

Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

inspired by a love of *Star Trek*, she aspired to go into space and was sure she would get there. "As a little girl... I always assumed I would go into space," she said in a 2017 interview "Let me make sure that's clear: I just always assumed, despite the fact that the US hadn't sent any women up there, or people of color, that I was going to go." Little did she know then that she would also one day become the first real astronaut to appear in an episode of *Star Trek*.

A determined student, Jemison received a scholarship to attend Stanford University at the age of just 16, where she studied degrees in chemical engineering and African and African American studies. After graduating, she continued her education at Cornell University Medical College in New York, getting her medical degree in 1981, and later worked as a general practitioner, spending several years in the Peace Corps in West Africa. She also pursued graduate courses in engineering.

Following in the footsteps of Sally Ride, who became the first American woman in space in 1983, Jemison applied to join NASA's astronaut training program. She was one of 15 accepted out of around 2000 applicants in 1986.

Jemison was the science mission specialist on the STS-47 Spacelab-J flight, which in 1992 spent eight days in space from 12 to 20 September. During the mission, 44 life science and materials processing experiments were carried out by the crew while orbiting Earth 126 times.

Jemison now acts as a science ambassador and speaks about the need to democratize access to technology for the future of humanity. She also wants to make sure that science and technology are accessible to all, and has worked to empower young women to engage with STEM and pursue careers in these areas, including acting as Bayer Corporation US's national science literacy ambassador and chairing a US government committee to address this issue.

Information this week

The 50

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

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860



The Solano County Probation Department will host a screening of "The 50" on **Friday, March 15, at 5pm, at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in Vallejo.**

This event is supported by a federal grant under the Opioid Response program, with funding provided by the California Department of Healthcare Services.

The film documents the first 50 men to complete the California State Prison Solano [Occupational Mentor Certification Program \(OMCP\)](#), and takes us through their journey to become Certified Substance Abuse Counselors while incarcerated.

Several of the certified counselors work locally with Solano County youth so this presents an exciting opportunity for young people to learn from those with lived experiences and likely similar environmental experiences.

To register, click [here](#).

Solano County Agricultural Grant



The Solano County Agriculture Grant will fund 63 eligible farm businesses in Solano County with a grant of \$5,000 each. The grants are for farm and agricultural businesses impacted by the COVID-19 in Solano County

Applications are open to Feb. 29, 2024. The first round of recipients will be notified starting mid-February 2024.

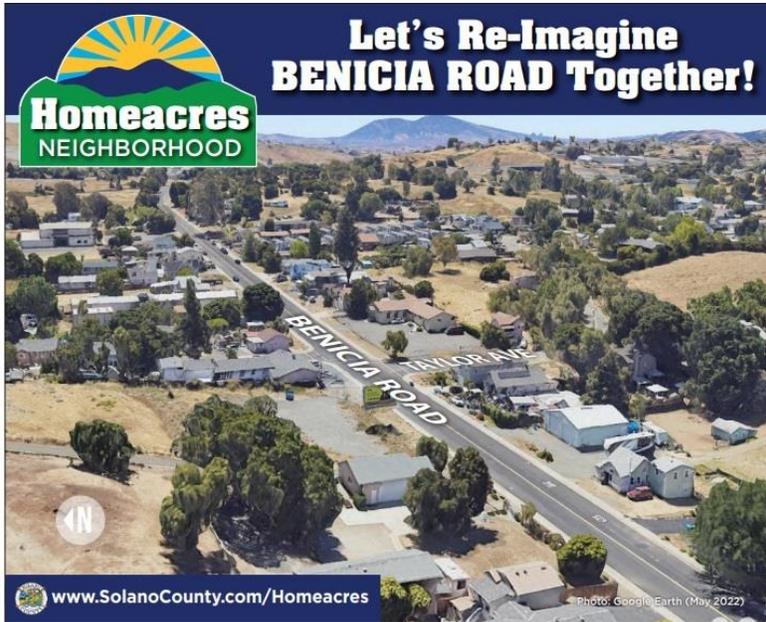
The grant is provided by the County of Solano, in partnership with the Solano County Farm Bureau, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Solano County and the Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center (SBDC), using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA).

To be eligible for the \$5,000 grant award, your farm or agricultural business MUST MEET ALL the following 6 criteria:

1. Be currently operating business and was open on or prior to Jan. 31, 2021
2. Be currently based in Solano County
3. Have had 2021 gross revenue under \$400,000
4. Have a county business license, an Ag Pass, OR follows the same criteria as qualifications for an Ag Pass
5. Attest to negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic
6. Be an agricultural business that falls under one of the following industry codes/categories:
 - 1111 – Oil Seed and Grain Farming
 - 1112 – Vegetable and Melon Farming
 - 1113 – Fruit and Tree Nut Farming
 - 1114 – Greenhouse, Nursery and Floriculture Production
 - 1119 – Other Crop Farming
 - 1121 – Cattle Ranching and Farming
 - 1122 – Hog and Pig Farming
 - 1123 – Poultry and Egg Production
 - 1124 – Sheep and Goat Farming
 - 1125 – Aquaculture
 - 1129 – Other Animals Production
 - 1151 – Support Activities for Crop Production

To apply, or for more information, click [here](#).

Benicia Road Design Workshop



The Solano County Department of Resource Management Planning Services Division is hosting a three-day design workshop inviting Homeacres property owners and residents to help identify ways to envision a safer and more attractive neighborhood along the County portion of Benicia Road.

The workshop will be occurring **Thursday March 14 through Saturday March 16 at the Vallejo JFK Library-Joseph Room** at 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Drop in visits and discussions are available every workshop day from 10am to 5:30pm.

Volunteer architects from around the region are committed to participating and sketching designs in real-time for area residents and developers to get a glimpse of Benicia Road's potential future. This is the first-time Solano County Planning will be hosting this type of workshop which is more widely known as a design charrette.

The focus area is between Glen Cove Road/Rollingwood Drive and Homeacres Avenue.

Public hearings

Notice of Public Availability of Refinery Flare Minimization Plan Annual Updates



BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is releasing the 2022 Flare Minimization Plan (FMP) Annual Updates for public

review and comment. The five Bay Area refineries prepared these plans subject to [Regulation 12, Rule 12: Flares at Refineries](#).

Under Regulation 12-12, each FMP Annual Update must include:

- New prevention measures identified during investigations of flaring events that occurred during the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022;
- A description of the prevention measures previously taken or currently planned to reduce flare emissions at the refinery;
- Commitment to implement all new feasible prevention measures expeditiously; and
- A 30-day public comment review period

The plan updates are now available for review on the Air District's [Flare Minimization Plans](#) web page.

The deadline to submit public comments regarding the 2022 FMP Annual Updates is **Monday, February 26**.

Comments can be submitted the following ways:

- Mail to BAAQMD–FMP Update Public Comment, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105
- Email to compliance@baaqmd.gov

Be sure to identify which refinery, or refineries, your comment is applicable to.

After consideration of public comments received, the Air District will evaluate each refinery's Flare Minimization Plan Annual Update to determine whether it meets the requirements of Regulation 12-12 and will take final action in accordance with the regulation.

For any additional information, please visit the [Air District website](#) or email compliance@baaqmd.gov

Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California is inviting the community to attend an in-person conference called "Successfully Housing People with Disabilities." The interactive conference will focus on fair housing law and reasonable accommodations.

The conference will take place from **9:30am to 3pm, Wednesday, February 28, at Unity in Marin, 600 Palm Drive, Novato, California.**

The featured presenters include:

Liza Cristol-Deman, Attorney at Law, Brancart & Brancart

Sara Pratt, Counsel, Relman Colfax

Julia Howard-Gibbon, Supervising Attorney, Fair Housing
Advocates of Northern California

Federal Review of MTC's Role in the Bay Area



Every four years, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that each metropolitan planning

organization (MPO) serving a transportation management area (TMA) — a designation by DOT of an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 as defined by the Bureau of the Census or smaller urbanized areas on request by the Governor and MPO — is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a review of the metropolitan planning process within each TMA and jointly issue this certification on behalf of the DOT Secretary, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5303(k).

The FHWA and the FTA are hosting a public meeting as part of MTC's certification review. This public meeting is an opportunity for Bay Area residents to directly address FHWA and FTA officials concerning your views on the transportation planning process in the San Francisco–Oakland metropolitan area. Participants can attend in person or via Zoom or submit written comments.

The meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, February 27, from 4:30–5:30 p.m. Bay Area Metro Center, Yerba Buena Conference Room, First Floor 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 [Participate on Zoom](#) Webinar ID: 863 1915 0671 iPhone One-Tap:

+13462487799,,86319150671# US (Houston)
+12532158782,,86319150671# US (Tacoma)

Join by Telephone (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
833 548 0282 US Toll Free 877 853 5247 US Toll Free

Detailed instructions on participating via Zoom are available at: mtc.ca.gov/how-provide-public-comment-board-meeting-zoom

NAMI Solano County General Meeting

Leap into the future with hope and join the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Solano County for their monthly meeting from **6 to 7:30pm, Thursday, February 29, Becker Balmer Meeting Room Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St, Fairfield.**



To join the meeting, visit [here](#). For more information, call (707) 438-9510 or info@namisolano.org

Updates from around Solano County

Design Work Begins on the Lopes Road & Waterline Reconstruction Project



Earlier this month, the Fairfield City Council awarded a contract to Dewberry Engineers Inc. to provide engineering and environmental services for the Lopes Road & Waterline Reconstruction Project in accordance with an MOU with the city of Benicia.

In March 2023, the hillside west of Lopes Road in Fairfield became saturated from rainstorms, causing a failure in Lopes Road that broke Benicia's waterline, which delivers all drinking water to the city, and damaged/closed the roadway.

Pre-design work in the form of soil investigations, local permitting and identification of certain environmental and historic preservation requirements have already begun. Benicia officials will be closely involved in the project development and review. Preliminary restoration designs and environmental clearance documents are expected in the next few months with final design and permitting to follow in an expedited manner.

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

Black Children's Book Week



To celebrate Black Children's Book Week, which begins **February 25**, Benicians are invited to attend the We Are ALL Related event at **2pm at the**

Benicia Public Library featuring award-winning Black author/illustrator Cozbi A. Cabrera.

The library is located at 150 E L Street.

Cabrera is the author/illustrator of several children's books including "Me & Mama" which won a 2021 Coretta Scott King Honor and a Caldecott Honor and the critically acclaimed "My Hair is a Garden".

She has also been a contributing illustrator for various titles including Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change by Michelle Cook (NAACP Image Award). In addition to discussing her books, she will lead participants in an art activity.

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

Diaper Drive

MY BOTTOM IS TOP PRIORITY

DIAPER DRIVE
FEBRUARY 1ST-29TH

Did you know that nearly 1 in 2 families struggle to afford diapers to keep their babies clean, dry and healthy? You can make a difference!

Donate new unopened packages of diapers to these drop off locations to support Solano County children and families.

Organized by:

Diapers will support:

For questions call (707) 784-1332

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

<u>Vallejo</u>	<u>Fairfield</u>	<u>Benicia</u>	<u>Vacaville</u>
First 5 Center 3375 Sonoma Blvd Ste #10	Napa-Solano Central Labor Council, Operating Engineers Local 3: 2540 N. Watney Way	Benicia Chamber of Commerce 601 1st St Ste. 100	Parents by Choice 490 Merchant St, Ste 101
Watch Me Grow Inc. Online Diaper Drive	Suisun Joseph Nelson Community Center: 611 Village Dr	RE/MAX Gold 426 1st St	Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club 100 Holly Ln
	Suisun City Fire Department 621 Pintail Drive		

1/1

In the month of February, the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council will host a diaper drive to ensure local families have access to clean diapers.

Hero Girls Fire Camp

Ever wanted to use a chainsaw, climb an aerial ladder, or cut a car apart? This is your chance to have fun and learn some firefighting skills!

Hero Girls Fire Camp is free and is happening on the weekend of April 13 & 14 for girls ages 14-18. Registration is now open. Click here for more information and/or to [register](#).

Volunteer Opportunity with Fairfield PAL Teen Center

Fairfield PAL Teen Center

**Laser Tag
Coaches and
Equipment
Volunteers
Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to help organize a laser tag league for local teens. Volunteer as equipment captains or team coaches and help us set our phasers to fun at the Fairfield PAL Teen Center!

There is a short process to become a PAL Volunteer that includes a DOJ background check and Mandated Reporter Certification (California Assembly Bill No. 506). All costs are covered by the program. For more information, please call 707 249 1379.

Scan me



Contact Us! **707 249 1379**



Volunteers are needed to help organize a laser tag league for local teens. Volunteer as equipment captains or team coaches and help kids have fun at the Fairfield PAL Teen Center. For more information, call (707) 249-1379 or click [here](#).

Solano Express 2 for 1 Promotion

Solano Mobility, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority, is welcoming back Solano Express riders with this special limited time offer, available now to June 30, 2024.

Riders who purchase a 31-Day Pass can receive a Clipper Card (\$125 cash value, limit one per household). All Solano County workers and residents aged 18 and over are eligible. Use on regional transit service on Solano Express, San Francisco Bay Ferry, and BART.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.solanomobility.org, call (800) 535-6883, or click [here](#).

Solano County Fair seeks performers for 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee

The Solano County Fair announced that applications are now open for performers to be considered for the 75th Annual Solano County Fair - Diamond Jubilee, scheduled to take place from June 13 to 16.



The fair is actively seeking talented performers to showcase their skills and entertain the diverse audience which attends the fair each year. Whether you specialize in music, dance, magic, comedy, or any other form of entertainment, you are invited to apply and become part of this historic celebration.

To submit your application, click [here](#).

Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort #10



SOLANO COUNTY BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM PRESENTS

Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT)

FREE VIRTUAL GROUP SERIES (COHORT #10)

**9-Week
Group Series Begins:**

**Wednesdays,
April 10, 2024
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Additional Dates (Wednesdays):
4/17/24, 4/24/24, 5/1/24, 5/8/24,
5/15/24, 5/22/24, and 5/28/24

In-Person Graduation: 6/5/2024

Full details on eventbrite:
[Here](#)

Expand your sisterhood village
while enhancing your
motherhood journey!

Topics Include:
Nurturing, Attachment,
Parenting, Self-Care, Discipline
Communication, Goal Setting,
Relationships, and more!



Registration: [Here](#)

Solano Public Health's Black Infant Health Program is offering their virtual 9-week Mocha Mommas Thrive series that will begin on **Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30pm and will be held online.**

Expand your sisterhood village while enhancing your motherhood journey. Topics that will be covered include nurturing, attachment, parenting, self-care, discipline, communication, goal setting, relationships and more!

To register, click [here](#).

First 5 Solano Request for Applications

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission (First 5 Solano) has released its Request for Application



("RFA #2024-01) for its Annual Grants Program.

The Annual Grants Fund is designed for one-time projects to address the needs of children ages 0-5, their parents/caregivers, and/or providers of services to children ages 0-5 in Solano County.

The Commission has committed up to \$120,000 in annual grants for FY2024/25. Multiple grants of up to \$20,000 each will be awarded for up to a 1-year period from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Applications will be accepted for a wide variety of activities that align with the First 5 Solano Strategic Plan Framework and address a gap in services, address a community disparity, and/or address a time sensitive community need.

A mandatory letter of intent is due by February 12 and applicants must also attend a mandatory grant development session. The complete application is due by **March 11 at 5pm**.

For the complete RFA, instructions for submitting a Letter of Intent and the application, click [here](#).

Probability 2

You are cordially invited to Probability 2, an interactive exhibit of sound sculptures at the NY2CA Gallery, 617 1st Street in Benicia. **The exhibit runs from February 1 through March 17, Thursday to Sunday, noon to 5 pm.**

Probability 2 is a new exhibition of interactive sound sculptures made collaboratively by visual artists Bodil Fox and Larnie Fox. The exhibition will be on display at NY2CA Gallery and combines materials favored by Bodil (copper, concrete, wire, felt, mixed media surface treatment) with those favored by Larnie (bamboo, plywood, recycled materials, motors).

The exhibition will be anchored by a performative installation covering the main walls with self-playing and playable wall-mounted amplified sound sculptures.

Arts Benicia



If you haven't seen it yet, join Arts Benicia at the Arts Benicia Gallery, 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, for their **Art of a Community 2024** Exhibition! An exhibition in which the wealth of talent of the regional member artists, ranging from those with limited experience to master artists is shared.

The exhibition runs until **February 25**, and features over 150 works. Gallery hours for the exhibition: Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm.

Arts Benicia has another important collaboration with the **Benicia Community Action Council** in a spring fundraising event for both organizations. The fundraiser will feature a home cooked chili dinner (vegetarian or meat), to be purchased in advance and picked up on **Saturday, March 23 between 1 and 4pm** at the BCAC office at 480 Military East. The meal costs \$55.00 and includes a unique ceramic bowl created by a local artist.

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 and youth, many of which are open to beginners. Consider checking out the new classes listed on the Arts Benicia website. For full listings, visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, email info@artsbenicia.org

Inquiries? Email info@artsbenicia.org or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

Upcoming events in Solano County

Fairfield trash mob

TRASH MOB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
ALLAN WITT PARK, 1741 W. TEXAS STREET



The city of Fairfield is looking for volunteers to help with its next Trash Mob on **Saturday, February 24, from 9 to 11 am, at Allan Witt Park, 1741 W. Texas Street.**

Snacks and water and all supplies will be provided, and Public Works will be on hand to collect the full trash bags.

Contact Karen Rees to register at krees@fairfield.ca.gov or call (707) 428-7767. Volunteers must complete a waiver form. For those under age 18, a parent or guardian signature is required. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours for school!

GVRD Block Party

GREATER VALLEJO
RECREATION DISTRICT

LET'S CELEBRATE!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HOMECOMING
BLOCK PARTY!

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 24TH
12-5PM

CHILDREN'S
WONDERLAND PARK
RAIN OR SHINE
EVENT!

DJ | DRUMLINE | PERFORMANCES | FOOD TRUCKS |
VENDORS | ARTWALK | RAFFLE |
DUNK & DOUBLE DUTCH CONTEST
| KIDS ZONE | AND MORE



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Life
Better!

(707)648-4600 | WWW.GVRD.ORG



The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) will host a Black History Month "Homecoming" block party on **Saturday, February 24, from 12 to 5pm.**

This free event will be held at Children's Wonderland Park, 360 Glenn Street in Vallejo. Join in the celebration of Black History Month with entertainment, food, vendors, and more.

19th Annual Solano County African American Community Baby Shower



A More Excellent Way Health Organization and community partners are inviting African American pregnant and breastfeeding women and expectant fathers to the Virtual and Drive-Thru "More Excellent Way

Community Baby Shower" on Saturday, February 24, 2024. This event is free and will include health and education workshops and a drive-thru health and resource fair.

To register, click [here](#). For more information, contact Monique Sims at Mnqsims@gmail.com or call (707) 319-7489.

The event will take place from **10am to noon, Saturday, February 24, 2024** via Zoom for the health and education workshops, and at Refuge Community Fellowship Church, 104 Lincoln Road, Vallejo from **12:30 to 2:30pm** for the drive-thru health and resource fair.

Crab feed

BENICIA VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL
CRAB FEED
ANNUAL FOOD RAISE



Fresh Crab - Salad - Pasta - Garlic Bread
Raffle - Bake Sale - Music and Entertainment

 **Bring your own crab butter** 

\$75 Per Person *Date: February 24, 2024*
Time:
-5:30 PM No Host Cocktails
-7:00 PM Dinner Served

+Group tables of six seats and a very limited amount of eight seat tables available on a first paid basis. All seats must be paid in order to reserve a group table.

Tickets are sold in advance at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
1150 First Street, Benicia

Where: 1150 First Street, Benicia
LIMITED TO 200 SEATS!

Contact the Vets Hall at 707-745-1769
    and like us on 

The Benicia Veterans' Memorial Hall will host its annual crab feed at 7pm, **Saturday, February 24**. There will be no host cocktails at 5:30pm. Tickets are sold in advance at the hall. The memorial hall is located at 1150 First Street in Benicia.

Birth Justice Solano 2024: Addressing Racial Disparities in Birth Outcomes

Join the Birth Justice Solano 2024 Event in Vallejo on Sunday, February 25, where experts, doulas, nurses and public health administrators will come together for an informative and supportive event from 10am to 3pm, **Sunday, February 25, at Touro University, 105 Owen Drive on Mare Island in Vallejo.**

Let's address the racial disparities in birth outcomes and work towards a healthier future for all!

To register for the event, click [here](#). If you are Interested in being a vendor, click [here](#).

Rainbow Reads book club



Solano County
LIBRARY

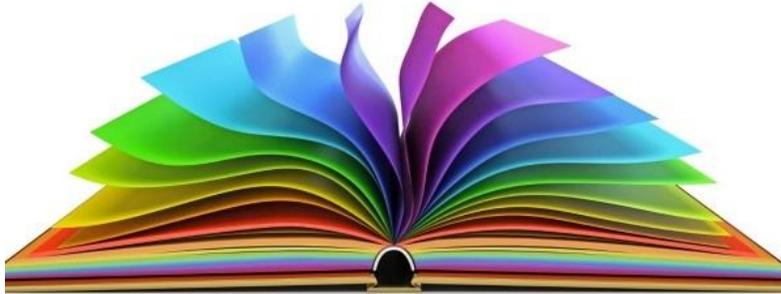
Web: solanolibrary.com
Phone: 1-866-572-7587
Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons: [solanolibrary](#)

RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB

A book club for teens with books featuring LGBTQ+ themes and/or LGBTQ+ authors. Come have some snacks, meet new friends, and get a copy of the book we'll read!

FAIRFIELD CIVIC
CENTER LIBRARY

JANUARY 23
FEBRUARY 27
MARCH 26
APRIL 23
4:15 PM



The next Teen Rainbow Reads book club takes place on **Tuesday, February 27 at 4:15pm inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.**

Teen Rainbow Reads is a book club where teens get to read teen books featuring LGBTQ characters. All teens are welcome to join this book club! Snacks will be provided, too!

Museum of History, Benicia open house



Join the Museum of History, Benicia (MoHB) for a free evening at the Museum. Come out for a fun night of exhibits, surprises for the whole family, learn about the museum, how it operates, and volunteer opportunities, membership and so much more.

The open house will take place from 5 to 8pm, Thursday, February 29, at 2060 Camel Road in Benicia.

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

The Cold War: Mare Island's Secret War Beneath the Waves

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation invites you to the Speakers Series: The Cold War: Mare Island's Secret War Beneath the Waves.



Join Master Chief Bill Linne and the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation as they present the story of

Vallejo's own nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine. Built at Mare Island during the crucible of the Cold War, the submarine was the most powerful warship on earth built and manned under the highest national priority to address an existential threat to our nation.

In 1957, the Soviet leader slammed his shoe on the podium at an international conference and vowed to bury the West. The USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN 658) had but one purpose: to prevent a Soviet preemptive nuclear attack. Her mission was to ensure that any attempt at a nuclear first strike by the Soviets would result in an unstoppable Armageddon being unleashed upon them.

The presentation will take place at 3pm, March 3 at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Ave, Mare Island, Vallejo.

For more information, and/or to buy tickets, click [here](#).

The Muses Speak



The Muses Speak

Creative Writing Students

Poetry Reading

March 7, 2024 12-1:30 pm

In Person:

Quinton Duval Reading Area/
Solano Comm College Library
4000 Suisun Valley Rd, Fairfield
(Parking \$2 at kiosk)



Online:

Scan for zoom

Presented by:

Fairfield Poet Laureate

Suzanne Bruce

&

English Professor

Michael J. Wyly



QUESTIONS?
fairfieldpoetlaureate
@gmail.com



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce and Solano Community College English Professor Michael J. Wyly invite you to come and listen to poems written by SCC creative writing students from **12 to 1:30pm, Thursday, March 7, Solano Community College Library: Quinton Duval Reading Area, 400 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.**

Parking: \$2 paid at Kiosks. The library is in the center of the campus.

Map: <https://welcome.solano.edu/fairfield-campus/>

Or connect through this [Zoom link](#). No registration required.

Movers & Shakers Breakfast Summit

The Vacaville Chamber's **annual Movers & Shakers Breakfast Summit will be held March 13, at 8am inside** Vacaville Opera House, 560 Main Street, Vacaville.

This is the Vacaville Chamber's premier advocacy event of the year, bringing together policymakers and business leaders from throughout the county. The event will once again feature a State of the City presentation by Vacaville Mayor John Carli and City Manager Aaron Busch, along with a plated breakfast and networking.

Following the presentation, the city will be providing bus tours of select Vacaville sites for attendees to see first-hand what's in store for Vacaville's fantastic future.

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

“A Poetry Affair”

★ Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce ★
is hosting

A POETRY AFFAIR
a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose

The gala will feature past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo with Special Guest:
California State Poet Laureate
★ Lee Herrick ★

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
2:00PM – 4:00PM
FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
1150 KENTUCKY STREET, FAIRFIELD

Poetry Open Mic to follow



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting "A Poetry Affair," a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose featuring past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City and Vallejo with Special Guest: California State Poet Laureate Lee Herrick.

Poetry open mic following the reading of the poets laureate.

The gala will take place between 2 to 4pm, Saturday, March 16, inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

Holi festival

HOLI FESTIVAL FESTIVAL OF COLORS

APRIL 7, 2024

2-5 PM

CITY PARK
ON FIRST STREET
IN BENICIA

PRESENTED BY:

HELPING HAND INDO-AMERICAN
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

CONTACT ARVIND NISCHAL FOR MORE INFO:

707-853-4693

ARVINDNISCHAL13@GMAIL.COM

The Holi festival of colors will take place from **2 to 5pm, Sunday April 7** at city park along First Street in Benicia. The event will be hosted by the non-profit Helping Hand Indo-American.

Line Dancing Party

Join Us for a **LINE DANCE** *Party*

MAY 4, 2024

1 PM–6 PM

Dinner will be served.

Latin/Cinco de Mayo themed.

BENICIA CLOCK TOWER

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(707) 684-4376



Set your calendars for the 2nd Annual Line Dance party, scheduled from **1 to 6pm, Saturday, May 4** at the Benicia Clock Tower, 1189 Washington Street in the city of Benicia.

The event will celebrate Latin heritage, but there will be line dance instructors from all forms of line dancing. Dinner will be served around 3pm. There will also be resources for older adults.

For more information, and/or to buy a ticket, click [here](#).

Events I attended this week

Tuesday, February 20, I attended the Benicia City Council meeting. The council honored Police Chief Mike Greene upon his retirement from the City of Benicia. Marianne Butler from the Solano RCD (Resource Conservation District) did a wonderful presentation promoting their outdoor program for the students. The

program is free and shows students why water is important. It is important to keep our environment clean. I have gone with students (Benicia Middle School and Hogan Middle School) when they explored Rush Ranch and the marsh. There is a program for teachers to learn about water in the state and the county. We learn about the state water project and how Lake Berryessa came to be and the importance to Solano County.

Their website Solano RCD has videos showing the activities of the students as well as teachers during their 3- day program.

Important Dates for 2024:

Earth Day Saturday April 20

World Environment Day June 1

Coastal Clean-up Day Sept. 21

Please mark your calendars.

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:

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[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

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The Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge in South Vallejo. Photo: John Glidden



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.