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Women's History Month moment



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

Venus Williams and Serena Williams

Taught by their father on the dilapidated public courts of Compton, California, Venus and Serena Williams became world champions and Olympic gold medalists. While breaking barriers for female athletes of color, the dynamic partners and rivals ushered a new era of power and athleticism in women's professional tennis.

Despite experiencing significant racism in a sport not known for diversity, elder sister Venus gained attention for her power serves and groundstrokes, becoming the first African American woman to be ranked No. 1 in the modern tournament era. She pushes for equal prize money from both the French Open and Wimbledon. Serena – who has said that Venus is “the only reason the Williams sisters exist” – has since surpassed her sister and now owns 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most by any man or woman in modern tournament era. She is widely considered the greatest women's tennis player of all time.

– *USA Today*

Cesar Chavez: An American labor leader



Cesar Chavez, born March 31, 1927, Yuma, Arizona, U.S.—died April 23, 1993, San Luis, Arizona, was an organizer of migrant American farmworkers and a cofounder with Dolores Huerta of the National Farm Workers Association in 1962. Chavez, who was a farm laborer himself, grew up in a family of Mexican American descent. After his parents lost their farm during the Great Depression, the family moved to California, where they became migrant workers. He lived in a succession of migrant camps and attended school sporadically.

After two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Chavez returned to migrant farmwork in Arizona and California. His initial training as an organizer was provided by the Community Services Organization (CSO) in California, a creation of Saul Alinsky's Industrial Areas Foundation. In 1958 Chavez became general

U.S. Social Security

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NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

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888-628-9454

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HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR
SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

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FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

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COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

director of the CSO, but he resigned four years later to cofound the NFWA. In September 1965 he began leading what became a five-year strike by California grape pickers and a nationwide boycott of California grapes that attracted liberal support from throughout the country. Subsequent battles with lettuce growers, table-grape growers, and other agribusinesses generally ended with the signing of bargaining agreements. In 1966 the NFWA merged with an American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) group to form the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. In 1971 this organization became the United Farm Workers (UFW).

By the late 1960s the Teamsters Union had recognized an opportunity in Chavez’s success. It entered the fields as a rival organizer, signing up farmworkers for its own union. In 1972 Chavez sought assistance from the AFL-CIO, which offered help against the inroads being made by the Teamsters. After much conflict—both in the fields and in the courts—the UFW signed a peace pact with the Teamsters in 1977, giving the UFW the sole right to organize farmworkers and field-workers.

– Source, Britannica

Information this week

Traffic advisory



Caltrans is scheduled to alternately close eastbound and westbound State Route 37 (SR-37) on four consecutive weekends starting the weekend of Friday, April 12. During the 55-hour weekend full highway closures, Caltrans will perform major pavement repair work on eastbound and westbound SR-37 between Solano and Sonoma counties. One traffic direction on SR-

37 will be worked on at a time. Detours will be in effect. All work is weather dependent.

Weekend closure on WB SR-37 is scheduled on the weekend of **April 12 & April 19**. WB SR-37 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the WB SR-37 Connector Off-ramp to SR-29 in Vallejo.

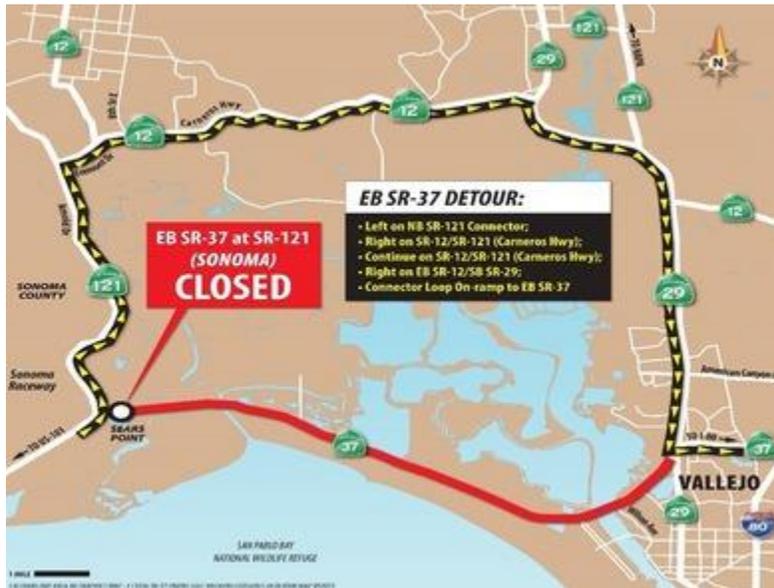
Closures will start **Friday April 12 at 9 p.m.** and conclude on the following **Monday, April 15 at 4 a.m.**

The following weekend, closures will start **Friday, April 19 at 9 p.m.** and conclude the following **Monday, April 22 at 4 a.m.**

WB SR-37 DETOUR:

Motorists traveling westbound on SR-37 will need to exit right onto northbound SR-29 (Sonoma Blvd) in Vallejo and continue on NB SR-29 (Broadway) in American Canyon to SR-29/SR-12; then turn left and continue on SR-12/SR-121 (Carneros Hwy/Fremont Dr); turn left on SR-121 (Arnold Drive) and make a right back onto WB SR-37.

EB SR-37 DETOUR:



Weekend closures on eastbound (EB) SR-37 is scheduled on the weekend of **April 26 & May 3**. EB SR-37 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the NB SR-121 (Sears Point) in Sonoma.

Closures will start **Friday April 26 at 10 p.m.** and conclude on the following **Monday April 29 at 5 a.m.**

The following weekend, closures will start **Friday, May 3 at 10 p.m.** and conclude on the following **Monday, May 6 at 5 a.m.**

EB SR-37 DETOUR:

Motorists traveling eastbound on SR-37 will need to exit left onto northbound SR-121 in Sonoma; Make a right on SR-12/SR-121 (Carneros Hwy) and continue; Right on SR-12/SR-29; Enter left for the connector loop Off-ramp back to EB SR-37.

Please note that all work is weather dependent. The weekends of May 3 and May 10 are scheduled as contingency if any scheduled work is delayed or postponed.

If you have a question or want to share a concern about the project, please call the **SR-37 Pave Project Hotline (510) 286-0319.**

You can also learn more about the SR-37 Paving Project on our Caltrans Bay Area project webpage at; www.37pave.com

Solano Senior Fraud Prevention Center



Solano County offers a Senior Fraud Prevention Center, a one-stop shop for all the information Solano County seniors—and their families—need to prevent financial elder abuse, empower seniors to fight back, and stop scammers in their tracks.



Watch out! Scammers can be found anywhere you go. Luckily, you have the power to stop them.

Scams can take many forms, from simple attempts such as spam emails, to highly sophisticated "sweetheart" operations that take advantage of people's good humor and generosity.

Learn how to identify, stop and report common scams within this brochure or by visiting SolanoScamCenter.org.

We're here for you.



The Solano Senior Fraud Prevention Center is an initiative of the Older and Disabled Adult Services (ODAS) Bureau of Solano County Health and Social Services, in partnership with local partners.

It is the mission of ODAS to provide access to services and resources that sustain health and well-being, support independent lifestyles, and promote physical safety and emotional security for older and disabled adults and children in Solano County.

ODAS is Solano County's primary adult advocacy agency, responsible for Adult Protective Services (APS), In-Home Support Services (IHSS), IHSS Fraud Investigations, Public Guardian and the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging.

SolanoScamCenter.org

Sponsored by Solano County Older & Disabled Adult Services (ODAS). The Solano Scam Center website and media content was sponsored through the Federal Community Through the Arts and Research Plan for Area 0203. Funding for this site through the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

How to Prevent Scams & Senior Fraud

Resources from the Solano Senior Fraud Prevention Center



You have the power to stop scammers.

SolanoScamCenter.org

5 Tips to Stop Scammers

1. Double-check the source of "government" communications

The Social Security Administration, IRS, VA, Medicare and California Franchise Tax Board never threaten criminal action, demand an immediate payment or ask for personal information. If a letter from one of these agencies looks suspicious, call their official phone number to verify.

2. Watch for fake social media identities & "sweetheart" scams

It's easy to create a fake social media account. All a criminal needs is a photo and a name to replicate someone's identity on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and dating sites. Then, they can send a message to all your friends asking for money, a donation—or even a date! Always check with friends via phone to verify their identity and take new relationships slow before sharing intimate information or money.

3. Monitor your finances and protect your Power of Attorney

While we all want to trust our family and friends, some have been caught withdrawing from loved ones' bank accounts or filing fraudulent power of attorney documents. Check your bank accounts for suspicious charges often and report them to the bank or police.

4. Bring skepticism to every prize or investment offer

If it's too good to be true, it probably is. If you've been offered a "rare investment opportunity" or "won a big prize," be skeptical. No legitimate sweepstakes requires you to pay any funds up front—prizes are always paid on your tax return. All investments hold risks, but those promising "huge returns" are often scams.

5. Be wary of "urgent" notices that claim something has been "compromised"

If an email, text or pop-up notification on your computer asks you to click a link to remove a virus or secure a bank account, double-check the communication is real.

If an email, it should come from your bank's domain (i.e., @chase.com) not a personal email address (@yahoo.com) or a lookalike (@chase.net). Don't respond or click on a teased link. Instead, call your bank to follow up.

If a pop-up, close it or your browser, then access your anti-virus software directly to follow up. Most importantly, never share your Social Security number or credit card information with anyone.



Get Help

Multiple government agencies at the local, county, state and federal levels are on call to take your reports and seek justice. What's more, dedicated county social workers are available to help manage the financial and legal fallout of a scam.

Learn how to report a crime or get assistance recuperating losses at SolanoScamCenter.org.

If in an emergency, call 911. Otherwise, call one of the local numbers listed below.

- Benicia Police: (707) 745-3411
- Dixon Police: (707) 678-7070
- Fairfield Police: (707) 428-7300
- Rio Vista Police: (707) 374-2300
- Suisun Police: (707) 421-7373
- Vacaville Police: (707) 449-5200
- Vallejo Police: (707) 648-4321
- Solano Sheriff: (707) 784-7000
(For Unincorporated Areas)

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

Solano County will host multiple Earth Day Cleanup Events



Solano County will host multiple Earth Day Cleanup Events in its annual celebration of Earth Day on April 20. Eleven cleanup sites are planned across the County, at

locations from Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo to Suisun City's waterfront to Lake Solano County Park in the coast range hills. Benicia will hold its Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 27.

Each year, Solano County Earth Day Cleanup volunteers spend a morning removing between 5,000 - 10,000 pounds of trash and

recyclables from community parks, trails, roadsides, and waterways.

This event is open to all who want to contribute to a positive change in our communities and help make Solano “clean and green”.

Organizers welcome individuals, families and organized groups. Students, retirees, service and sport clubs, businesses and churches are all regular participants in this community-wide effort to care for our county.

Interested volunteers can find details about site locations, contacts and event times can be found by clicking [here](#).

Court seeks jurors for 2024- 2025 Civil Grand Jury

The Honorable Alesia Jones, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Solano County, announces the Court is seeking volunteers to serve as jurors on the 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury.

Residents who have lived in the county for one year, are a United States citizen and are 18 years of age or older, may apply for service. The grand jury is an historic institution and serves an important role in our society. It is sometimes referred to as the “watchdog” of the community. It functions as an arm of the judicial branch of government and operates under the authority of the Solano Superior Court.

The grand jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of local government and has the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government. Empowered by the judicial branch, the grand jury is a fact-finding body that develops meaningful solutions to a wide range of governmental issues, thereby facilitating positive change in the community.

Although this is primarily a civic responsibility, grand jurors are paid a \$20 per diem and are paid mileage reimbursement for each authorized meeting.

Persons interested in applying may contact Cheryl Clower at the Office of the Grand Jury at (707) 435-2575 or visit the Court’s website at www.solano.courts.ca.gov and obtain an application online. **The application deadline for submission is May 31, 2024**

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program

The **California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)** program is a monthly discount of 20% or more on gas and electricity.

Participants qualify by meeting income guidelines or enrolling in certain public assistance programs.

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

Internship for high school students



Bay Area high school students are invited to apply to the [Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy](#), a five-week paid internship

with MTC, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District).

The program kicks off at the Bay Area Metro Center on July 8, 2024, and over the course of the subsequent five weeks, students will learn how regional agencies deal with issues like environmental justice, housing and transportation equity, community health, and social justice. [High school students are encouraged to apply before the application deadline on April 28, 2024.\(link is external\)](#)

To apply for the Bay Area Summer Academy, students must:

- Live and attend high school in the Bay Area.
- Be at least 16 years old.
- Have completed the ninth grade by July 2024.
- Be able to attend online and in-person seminars and present on a topic related to the seminars.
- Have the permission of a parent or guardian to participate if the student is under 18.

Enrollment is limited, and selections will emphasize a diversity of perspectives from students across the Bay Area. Grade point averages are not considered.

Notice of Public Availability of 2023 Refinery Flare Minimization Plan Annual Updates

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is releasing the 2023 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, 2022 – June 30, 2023;
- 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 2023 FMP Annual Updates is **April 8, 2024**.

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

2024-25 College Journalism Network Fellowship



Are you an undergraduate student journalist at a California college or university? Do you want to gain valuable experience covering higher education, work with other student journalists from around the state and see your stories published by CalMatters?

The [CalMatters College Journalism Network](#) is hiring fellows for its 2024-2025 cohort, which begins mid-August and runs through May.

You will take part in ambitious joint reporting projects with other fellows, as well as covering stories on your own. And you'll receive training in reporting, higher education policy and navigating the journalism industry.

Fellows devote an average of 10-15 hours per week to the remote fellowship, with a flexible schedule and a stipend of \$1200 per month. Expect to attend weekly, virtual newsroom meetings with the rest of the CJN team, and at least one in-depth, expenses-paid training in Sacramento at the beginning of the program.

Applications are due by midnight PST on Friday, April 12.

In lieu of a formal cover letter, please answer the following questions and attach your responses as part of your application. If you have any questions or concerns please contact cjn@calmatters.org.

- Why do you want to be part of the CalMatters College Journalism Network?
- What is one issue affecting students that you think hasn't been reported enough? Why do you think it's important? Pitch us a higher education story with a brief plan of how you'd cover it.
- The College Journalism Network seeks to recruit a team of student journalists that reflects the diversity of California. What we mean by diversity includes, but is not limited to: race and ethnicity, geography, gender, sexual orientation, life experience, ability, skill set and type of college. How would you contribute to that diversity?
- Is there anything else you would like us to know?

To apply, click [here](#).

Public hearings

City of Benicia to host community meetings on Industrial Safety Ordinance



VIRTUAL	IN PERSON
 WEDNESDAY APRIL 3	Benicia Public library TUESDAY  MARCH 26
 6 PM - 7 PM	TWO SESSIONS <i>PLEASE ATTEND ONE</i>
JOIN MEETING: TINYURL.COM/YXB39XV6 Passcode: 162947	5 PM - 6 PM  <i>OR</i> 6 PM - 7 PM 
LEARN MORE: www.EngageBenicia.com	

The Benicia City Council has appointed a Council Subcommittee consisting of Vice Mayor Terry Scott and Councilmember Kari Birdseye, with Fire Chief Josh Chadwick to create an Industrial Safety and Health Ordinance (ISO) for the city of Benicia.

As part of the ISO development process, the subcommittee is conducting public outreach, gathering input from key stakeholders, and consulting with subject matter experts in the field of industrial safety.

There will be a virtual community outreach meeting on **Wednesday, April 3 from 6 to 7 p.m.** To join the meeting, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yxb39xv6> and use passcode 162947.

To learn more about the project and the public engagement process, please visit the City's public engagement website, www.EngageBenicia.com.

Updates from around Solano County

Youth Ride Free



Beginning, Monday, April 1, 2024, all youth ages 6-18 will have free fares on all Solano County Transit (SolTrans) Local Routes and SolanoExpress Lines.

This is a pilot program that will run from April 2024 through June 2025. In the Spring of 2025, staff will return to the SolTrans Board with directions on whether to fully adopt the Youth Free Fare or not. The pilot's goals are to promote access to public transit to a new generation, increase attendance at the local school districts, and grow ridership.

For routes, click [here](#).

2024 Solano Student Art Showcase



The Solano County Office of Education Youth Development Department is hosting their 2024 Solano Student Art Showcase, with the goal of recognizing youth resilience during COVID by supporting all types of youth artists and to promote mental wellness in addition to alcohol,

tobacco, and other drug prevention through art.

The live event will have performances of spoken word, music, dance and theater, as well as informational booths from community partners. **It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, Solano County Fairgrounds Drive inside McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo.**

For more information, visit the website [Solano Student Art Showcase](#).

Girls on the Rise



Girls on the Rise:
Find your place in the legal field

Saturday May 4th
10-2pm
Solano County Event Center
601 Texas Street
Fairfield

 This inaugural event supported by the Solano Superior Court, Solano Bar Association and Solano Commission for Women and Girls is an opportunity for young women, ages 15 to 25, interested in the legal field to connect with local women leaders in law and criminal justice to gain valuable insights, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and experience a courtroom tour.




Join us to delve into the dynamic world of law!

Free to attend
Eventbrite registration is required, click the "Join Us" link above or use the QR code
Space is limited

scba@solanobar.org

The Girls on the Rise: Find Your Place in the Legal Field will be an exciting in-person event where participants will delve into the dynamic world of law! This event offers a unique opportunity, for young women ages 15 to 25, to connect with influential women leaders, gain valuable insights into the legal field, experience a courtroom tour, and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

Whether a high school student, recent graduate, or simply interested in exploring various career paths in the legal field, this forum is tailored to meet your needs.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday May 4, at the Solano County Event Center 601 Texas Street, Fairfield.

To register, click [here](#).

Solano County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) survey

SOLANO'S IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Solano County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program invites our clients and providers to take a customer service survey. This survey will allow you to share your feedback in order to help us improve our services.



CLIENTS



Scan or visit
<https://bit.ly/IHSSClientSurvey>

**TAKE OUR SURVEY
FOR YOUR
CHANCE TO WIN A
GIFT CARD!**

SURVEY ENDS APRIL 5TH
2024

PROVIDERS



Scan or visit
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If you'd prefer a paper version, please ask our staff for a copy and turn it into our drop box once completed.



CONTACT US
IHSSSurvey@solanocounty.com



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The Solano County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program invites the community to take part in a customer service survey. This survey is being conducted to collect feedback in order to understand how IHSS can improve its services, while also being able to support and provide the community with a better experience as a client or provider.

All responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Participants who complete this survey will have the option to participate in a raffle drawing for a gift card.

Participants may also complete this survey in-person at 275 Beck Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533. **Please complete this survey by Friday April 5.**

For clients, click [here](#).

For providers, click [here](#).

2024 Congressional Art Competition



Each spring, a nationwide high school art competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is a great way to showcase our students' creative efforts and provide recognition for the artistic talent throughout our district. **The 2024 deadline to submit is April 19th at 5:00 PM PT.** Submissions must be dropped off at either Congressman John Garamendi's Fairfield or Vallejo district offices

before 5 PM on Friday, April 19. To drop off your artwork at Garamendi's Richmond office, please call 510-620-1001 to arrange a time to do so.

The following is a summary of the Congressional Art Competition rules:

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each framed artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it must arrive in Washington, DC, framed. Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.

Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing). Artwork must be

the creation of a single student. Students may not collaborate on an entry.

The 8th district includes parts of the Bay Area counties of Contra Costa County and Solano County, including the cities of Vallejo, Fairfield, Richmond and parts of Martinez.

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

Blues, Brews & BBQ Cook-off



The third annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ Cook-off is back on April 20 from 12 to 4 p.m. on the County Green in downtown Vallejo. This promises to be a great time, so mark your calendar.

Sip on ice cold adult beverages, savor the smoky goodness of BBQ and other yummy eats, and groove to the smooth sounds of Ideateam!

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

School Water Education Program (SWEP)



The Solano Resource Conservation District is offering the School Water Education Program (SWEP), which provides education to K-12 students about drinking water, stormwater, and water conservation. The program also provides free resources to teachers, including two annual award-winning Project WET curriculum trainings.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Solano Behavioral Health seeking qualified vendors for specialty mental health services



As a result of several initiatives requiring the need to expand capacity for mental health and co-occurring substance use services within Solano County, Behavioral Health will release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) this month.

The County will be seeking qualified behavioral health provider agencies (Proposers) for Specialty BH Services Programs to provide services and support for clients across the lifespan, delivered in a recovery-oriented, culturally-responsive, and trauma informed manner. These SMHS programs will provide:

- Full Service Partnership/FSP: highest level of outpatient service intensity for children and adults, and/or
- Outpatient (OP)/Case Management: moderate level intensity services for children and adults.

The goal is that services are comprehensive, coordinated, evidence-based, peer and family informed, engaging and do whatever it takes to ensure positive outcomes for those Behavioral Health serves.

To apply, click [here](#).

Solano County Kindness Campaign video contest

The Solano County District Attorney's Office is hosting a kindness campaign, which is open to all 7th through 12th grade students in Solano County.



Submit a video between 30 seconds to two minutes in length that expresses what the power of kindness can accomplish in your community. Hatred and bullying can pop up anywhere. How can the power of kindness be used in our schools, homes and communities to make a positive difference? If you had the power of kindness, what would you do with it?

Video must focus on how kindness can make a positive difference against bullying and negative behavior and videos must include creator's names, school affiliation, and name of teacher or staff advisor with entry.

Also include a short explanation of your video, either in the body of your email submission or attached as a word document. For example, tell us about the inspiration for your project and provide the backstory if you feel it will aid the judging panel.

The submission deadline is **April 24**. Finalist will be invited to attend the ceremony on: May 6.

Please submit your video by a shared link (Google drive, Dropbox, etc.) to SCDAKindness@solanocounty.com and the signed Media Photo Release Form.

Please click [here](#) to download and print the "Media Photo Release Form."

Also, if you are having trouble submitting the video through a shared link and/or have questions, email SCDAKindness@solanocounty.com.

Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity hiring chief operating officer



The Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity is currently hiring for several positions, including a chief operating officer (COO). The COO will report directly to the Executive Director and will provide key leadership in all program areas. This is a full-time, salaried

position with benefits.

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

Anything Goes



Solano College Theatre (SCT) is pleased to announce its spring musical *Anything Goes* directed by SCT's Artistic Director Christine Mani.

Anything Goes is a rousing musical set aboard the ocean liner S.S. American. This show tells the riotous story of nightclub singer and former evangelist, Reno Sweeney, whose pal Billy Crocker has stowed away to be near his love Hope Harcourt ... who is already engaged to the wealthy Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Joining this love triangle on board are Public Enemy #13, Moonface Martin, and her sidekick-in-crime Erma. With the help of some elaborate disguises, tap-dancing sailors, and good old-fashioned blackmail, Reno and Moonface join forces to help Billy in his quest to win Hope's heart.

This production features a new adventure into inclusion—student-actors will be interpreting the entire show into ASL as they perform.

It runs April 19 to May 5 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. There will also be a Thursday evening show on April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.solano.edu/theatre or call (707) 864-7000 ext. 4466.

Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia is expected to open two new exhibitions, including **Explorations in Monochromatic Art**, a juried exhibition with artwork built mainly of a single-color hue, and selected by Leah Rosenberg, opens on

Saturday, March 16 in the downstairs galleries.

Paintings, textiles, metal, concrete and ceramic sculptures, prints, and photography are represented among the 70 works in the show.

In the upstairs galleries, Arts Benicia will present **Randall Sexton with The Outsiders**, featuring work by the late Sexton and by members of The Outsiders, a plein air group with whom he painted. The Outsiders included Sexton, Nikki Basch Davis, Jerrold Turner, Warren Dreher, Raymond Jackson, William Rushton, and Judy Molyneux.

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 our website. For full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia? The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of our programs. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing info@artsbenicia.org

Senior Rally Day

You are invited to participate in Senior Rally Day 2024 on **Wednesday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The Virtual Rally will feature presentations from Legislators, State Leaders and Aging and Disability Leaders. This year's focus will be on legislation and budget requests that impact older and disabled adults.

This event is open to all. To register, click [here](#).

Upcoming events in Solano County

Holi festival - Benicia



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.

Annual H.O.P.E. Resource Fair

HOMELESS. OUTREACH. PARTNERSHIP. ENGAGEMENT

H.O.P.E.

RESOURCE FAIR



The city of Fairfield's Homeless Services Division is partnering with the Police HIT, Kaiser Permanente, and Bay North Church of Christ, for the annual Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (H.O.P.E.). **The event will be on April 3 from 10am to 2pm at the Bay North Church of Christ on 2100 Pennsylvania Ave. in Fairfield.**

There will be several resources available including Medi-Cal, Cal-Fresh services, Veteran Homeless Services, vaccines and microchips for animals, mobile showers, and more.

FAST will be providing free rides for individuals or families interested in attending. To use this service, board Route 3 at the Fairfield Transportation Center from 10 am to 2 pm and let the driver know you are going to the HOPE event.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, contact Arianne Irucuta, at airucuta@fairfield.ca.gov or (707) 428-77679.

"A Mystery"



FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE
& THE FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO WRITE A POEM TO AN ART PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT

A MYSTERY

Exhibition dates:
April 10 - May 18, 2024

Art can be seen at the Gallery
Wednesday - Sunday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
or online at fvaa-arts.org

Art Reception and Poetry Reading:
Saturday, April 20
4:00-6:00pm

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with
picture of art on the poem by 12:00 noon April 19
fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com
Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.



Solano Town Center Gallery
1350 Travis Blvd., #D-8, Fairfield, CA
(inside the Solano Town Center Mall)



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce in collaboration with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association invites you to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit:

A Mystery

Exhibition dates: April 10 – May 18. Art Reception and Poetry Reading will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 4 to 6pm. Solano Town Center Gallery, 1350 Travis Blvd., #D-8, Fairfield, CA (inside the Solano Town Center Mall).

Art will not be up for this exhibit until April 9th. Art can then be seen at the Gallery : Gallery opened Wednesday- Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by clicking [here](#).

Benicia Parkinson's Expo

In recognition of April being Parkinson's Awareness Month, the Benicia Parkinson's Expo will be held on **Saturday, April 13 in City Park at First and K Streets. The Expo is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The expo will bring together different companies and service organizations who provide our local communities with solutions and resources to help with their journey.

The annual fundraiser, the Bill Cawley Memorial Walk, held in conjunction with the expo, is in honor of one of the founders of the Benicia Parkinson's Support group. Check- in starts at 8:30 a.m. The walk will be around the perimeter of City Park. Prizes will be awarded for those completing the most laps.

The \$30 participation fee for the walk will include a t-shirt. This donation will be used to increase awareness of Parkinson's Disease, support local and Northern California programs, and provide educational materials, seminars, and events.

To register, click [here](#). The expo is free to the public.

Part 2 of Inspiration-Reversal

Inspiration-Reversal Art and Music Reveal

Artists will bring art and musicians will play
scores all inspired by poems
read on **February 10th**!

**Come see the art, listen to the music while
poets re-read their inspirational poems!**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 – 10:00am – 12:00noon
Dunnell Burton Center
3351 Hilborn Road, Fairfield**



FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE, SUZANNE BRUCE,
IS HOSTING THE SECOND INSPIRATION—REVERSAL

POETS

READ ONE OF THE POEMS BY YOUR CHOICE AND YOUR
PARTNER TO WHOEVER YOU WANT TO INVITE. COSTS
BY POEM & DRAFT TWO COPIES OF YOUR POEM TO
THE EMPLOYER LABEL OR LESS.

ARTISTS

BRING YOUR CREATIVE PRIDE, LISTEN
TO THE POETS, AND CREATE ART AND
MUSIC INSPIRED BY THOSE WORDS.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 10:00AM – 12:00 PM
DUNNELL BURTON CENTER 3351 HILBORN ROAD, FAIRFIELD**

FOLLOWING THE ART REVEAL, ARTISTS WILL SELECT A POEM TO READ AND ART
PIECE FOR THE REVEAL ARTWORK WILL BE RELEASED ON APRIL 13. CHECK OUT THE
DETAILS AT FAIRFIELDPOETLAUREATE.ORG



On February 10th, 29 poets read their own poem to an audience of fellow poets, artists, musicians. Artists and musicians then chose a poem from which to create an art piece or a musical score. This was Part 1.

Every single poem will have a representation of either art or music.

Part 2 is Art and Music Reveal Day, which will take place from **10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 13**, Dunnell Burton Center, 3351 Hilborn Road, Fairfield.

29th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show

**29th BENICIA
CLASSIC CAR SHOW**
www.classiccarshowbenicia.com



**Benicia
Classic Car Show**
29th annual April 21, 2024
Presented by
Benicia Panther Band



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Presented by Benicia Panther Band
Proceeds support Benicia High School Music Program

BENICIA WATERFRONT April 21, 2024 / 9AM-3PM

FREE ADMISSION

• BEER & WINE • RAFFLE PRIZES • FOOD VENDORS

The Benicia High School Band Boosters will be presenting the 29th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show on **Sunday, April 21** on the First Street Green located at the corner of 1st St and East B St in Benicia. **The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This event is the biggest fundraiser to support the high school marching band, color guard, jazz, and concert music programs. The show displays American-made 1989 and earlier vehicles. The picnic-like event usually draws 5,000 spectators. There will be oldies-type music, silent auction, prizes, and awards as well as our own high school traveling musicians. Spectator attendance is free.

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

Kyle Hyland Foundation Super 60s70s Celebration

A SUPER 60'S/70'S CELEBRATION

**A dessert auction, and dance party with
live band!**

Saturday, May 4, 6-10pm
Hyland Teen Center, 1135 Church St.

Dinner and drinks - \$45 per person
Advance purchase only by 4/26

Costumes optional... Let's boogie down!!!

www.kylehyland.com



"Adults Only"

**All proceeds will benefit The Kyle Hyland
Foundation and its teen programs.**

The Kyle Hyland Foundation for Teen Support will host a Super 60's/70's Celebration from **6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, May 4**. The celebration will include a dessert auction, and dance party with a live band.

The celebration will take place at the Hyland Teen Center, 1135 Church Street in Benicia.

To buy a ticket, click [here](#). For more information about the foundation, click [here](#).

Upon Words

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce
invites you to an afternoon of poetry

Upon Words

POETRY OPEN MIC

FEATURING TWO INSPIRING POETS:



Rosa Lane

Author of four poetry collections including *Called Back* (forthcoming, Tupelo Press); *Chouteau's Chalk* (2019, UGA Poetry Prize); *Tiller North* (2016, Sixteen Rivers); *Roots and Reckonings* (chapbook). She won the 2023 Morton Marcus Memorial Poetry Prize and has appeared in the *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Catamaran*, and elsewhere. www.rosalane.com



Erin Rodoni

Author of three poetry collections: *And If the Woods Carry You* (SIR Press, 2021), *Body, in Good Light* (Sixteen Rivers Press, 2017), and *A Landscape for Loss* (NFSPS Press, 2017). She won the 2017 Montreal International Poetry Prize, and her poems have appeared in *Blackbird*, *Poetry Northwest*, and the *Fairy Tale Review*. www.erinrodonipoet.com

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Solano County LIBRARY

Questions?
Email: fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry called **Upon Words** with Bay Area poets Rosa Lane and Erin Rodoni.

Open Mic to follow. The event will take place from **3 to 5 p.m.**, **Saturday, May 11**, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, March 23, I drove to the Ranch to the Easter Egg Hunt Event. Unfortunately, the event was rained out. I always enjoy the Easter Egg Hunts, watching the kids gather the eggs. I was just as sad as the children, when the Hunt did not happen.

Resource management received a grant and sponsored a giveaway. At the Pedrotti ACE Hardware store, folks could receive a free 1-pound propane canister that is reusable. KUIIC was broadcasting from the Benicia site. There were awnings set up to keep us dry. By noon most of the canisters were gone. Met new people and said hi to friends.

Then I went to City Park (Benicia) where the Fiestas Primavera was being held. Wonderful event. Great music and dancing, lots of vendors, activities for the kids, and food trucks. I just liked being outside.

My last stop was going to the CAC Benicia (Community Action Council) to pick up the Chili Lunch/Dinner fundraiser, food. I picked up a ceramic bowl, chili, and cornbread. After a long day, it was nice to go home and eat a home cooked meal.

Sunday, March 24, I attend the Cal Maritime's Women Making History activity. Most women after eating a light lunch, were taught to create a collage that represents themselves. I sat with some friends I had not seen for a long time and talked. The afternoon was very relaxing. The view of the water is very soothing. It was just nice and quiet.

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](#)

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[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

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[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

Golden Bear training ship at Cal Maritime in Vallejo. Photo: Monica Brown.



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.