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Information this week

Traffic advisory



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

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.

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

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

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

A note from Monica: AT&T Request to the CPUC to Shut Down Landline Services



Yes folks, AT&T has formally put into application to cease landline service. This action would be a threat to California residents' basic safety in a state that is plagued by earthquakes, wildfires, severe storms, floods, etc. California's geography currently has disruption of cellular access for days, sometimes weeks at a time, when forces of nature is unleashed.

Our federal representative and member of Congress, John Garamendi signed a letter to the CPUC president, along with many other members of Congress which stated: "As the CPUC considers AT&T's proposal to discontinue lifesaving services, we think a clear-eyed analysis of the limitations of the cellular service in good conditions, and in the hilly and mountainous areas where disasters can cause prolonged power outages is necessary. We encourage you to fully and fairly consider the concerns from constituents in our districts about the impact the loss of land lines would have on the safety of our communities."

The public is encouraged to go to the California Public Utilities Commission, or CPUC, with their personal stories and experiences that may influence the CPUC's decision. When referring any information, please note AT&T's application (#s 23-03-002 & 23-03-003) and ask the CPUC to deny their applications. For additional information, please copy and paste to the following link in your browser:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/news-and-updates/all-news/cpuc-invites-you-to-public-forums-on-att-requests-regarding-voice-service-obligations-2024>

To add your public comments and read other public comments, go here:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:65:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A2303003

The more public comments received by the CPUC, the more influence and pressure the public will have on their decision, which is scheduled by April 30th, 2024.

MTC Pilot Program



50% OFF

buses, BART and
all Bay Area transit

Discounts for Bay Area
residents, ages 19-64 who
meet certain income levels.



Instant savings
on every ride!

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clipperstartcard.com

Apply today!

To qualify, riders must be between the ages of 19-64 and have a gross (before taxes) income level at or up to the amounts below.

200% Federal Poverty Level	
Household size	Household income up to
1	\$30,120
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920
7	\$94,680
8	\$105,440

Add \$9,440 for each additional household member over eight.

Once entered into the program, riders will receive single-ride discounts including:

- 50% off: Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit and Ferry, Marin Transit, Muni, SamTrans, San Francisco Bay Ferry, SMART, AC Transit, BART, City Coach, County Connection, FAST, Petaluma Transit, Santa Rosa CityBus, SolTrans, Sonoma County Transit, Tri Delta Transit, Union City Transit, Vine, WestCAT, Wheels

For more information on this pilot program, please click - [ClipperSTART](#)

World Health Day



As the global community gears up to celebrate and reflect on the importance of health and well-being. This April 7th, 2024 serves as a poignant reminder of the critical role that health plays in our lives and underscores the need for concerted efforts to promote healthy living practices worldwide.

In the wake of recent global challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the significance of prioritizing health has never been more apparent. From individuals to communities to nations, everyone has a part to play in ensuring that equitable access to healthcare, preventive measures, and healthy lifestyles are upheld for the betterment of society.

Eat healthy, try to get in a 30-minute walk or workout every day and work to keep a positive attitude. Take care of yourself, you matter.

Day of Silence



This April 12th 2024, will be a day of breaking the silence. More than 800 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced last year. Let's stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ students and adult community.

The National "Day of Silence" in April each year is a student-led movement to protest bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer+ (LGBTQ+) students and those who support them. The Day of Silence brings awareness and illustrates to the schools and the colleges how intimidation, name-calling, and general bullying have a silencing effect. Participating students take a day-long vow of silence.

Bullying and harassment come in several forms. Whether it comes in a physical or verbal form, both are harmful and leave lasting trauma. Bullies also harass by damaging property, manipulation or intimidation. No matter the form, the effects on the individual and surrounding community can be destructive.

Let's stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ community.

Free tax filing options



Congressman John Garamendi is reminding the community that **the due date to file your 2023 taxes is April 15th, less than two weeks away.**

OPTIONS

* The IRS just launched a new program that allows you to file your 2023 federal taxes online, for free, directly with the IRS. You'll receive step-by-step guidance and live online support from IRS staff. For more information, click [here](#).

* The CalFile Program allows you to file your California State tax return directly to the Franchise Tax Board for free. You'll get real-time confirmation and the fastest refund possible. For more information, click [here](#).

* The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$64,000 or less, persons with disabilities, or limited English-speaking taxpayers. In addition, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offers free tax help for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. For more information, click [here](#).

New Social Security changes for 2024: Alert for US seniors

This year comes with some new Social Security changes for all beneficiaries, but especially for US seniors. Sometimes changes are inevitable and can happen unexpectedly even for programs that have been in place in the United

States for decades, such as Social Security. Therefore, seniors need to understand upcoming changes so they can be ready for them.

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

Social Security Administration to remove food assistance as barrier to accessing certain benefits

The Social Security Administration has issued a final rule that will prevent food assistance from reducing payments to certain beneficiaries. To read more, click [here](#).

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 brochure content was developed through the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) grant #2018-00001 through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) through the 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 sweepstake requires you to pay any funds up front—prizes are always paid on your tax returns. 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 link like @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.

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](#).

Public hearings



The Fairfield Forward 2050 consists of a General Plan Update, Housing Element Update, and Climate Action Plan. The city of Fairfield has determined that the Project requires the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The City is recirculating a [Notice of Preparation \(NOP\)](#) for the Fairfield Forward 2050 Program EIR to reflect changes in the project scope since the previous NOP was released in August 2021. Project information can be found at www.fairfieldforward.com

Join the city at its **April 9 Scoping Meeting** to comment on the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the Fairfield Forward 2050 Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Virtual EIR Scoping Meeting: April 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom Register at: <https://bit.ly/3lPrmoy>

For more information or to submit written comments, contact Jessie Hernandez, Associate Planner Planning Division jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov (707) 428-7450 1000 Webster Street, 2nd Floor Fairfield, CA 94533

Updates from around Solano County

Red Top Road Update



In recent weeks, construction has continued at the intersection of McGary at Red Top Road. Work included: grading the widened section and preparing the intersection for asphalt paving. The contractor is planning to switch traffic onto the newly paved Red Top Road. Please use caution when entering the construction zone and use slower speeds when equipment and crews are actively working.

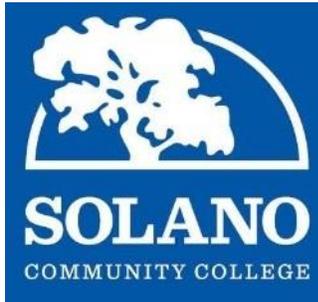
Traffic control devices will be installed to inform drivers of the change in lane geometry. In the upcoming weeks, the contractor plans to start work on saw cutting and excavating the existing eastside of Red Top Road.

At the pumpstation, the contractor is working with PG&E to set the electrical meter and pull wire to energize. Once this work is completed, the startup, testing, and commissioning of the new pumpstation will be conducted.

Typically, this work includes: hydrostatic pressure testing, flushing, disinfecting, and taking bacteriological tests. The contractor's schedule anticipates work to continue through the end of April.

To stay up to date, click [here](#).

Solano College students get vouchers instead of fines



The Solano Community College Department of Public Safety recently rolled out a Fix-a-Falcon Bulb Replacement Program in collaboration with the college's automotive training center and local repair shops to provide repair vouchers to students who are stopped for an equipment violation instead of fixing citations on campus or off campus.

SCCDPS understand that students already have a lot on their plates and they don't want to add to their burdens. Receiving a fixing ticket could entail taking time out of their busy school schedules to purchase a replacement item, and if they're unable to make the change themselves, they may need to visit a repair shop, locate an officer to sign off on the ticket, and pay court processing fees.

This process can be costly and time-consuming for the students. These vouchers address issues such as malfunctioning bulbs on their vehicles, thereby enhancing safety while mitigating financial burdens, especially for economically disadvantaged students.

To be eligible for this program, you must be currently enrolled as a student at SCC. The voucher can be issued to SCC students during a traffic stop or casual encounters on campus. Additionally, SCC students who receive bulb-related citations from other law enforcement agencies off campus are also eligible, provided they are currently enrolled at SCC. With the voucher, students can arrange for a free replacement of the faulty item by contacting DPS. This program benefits everyone involved and contributes to safer roads.

For more information on the Fix-A-Falcon Bulb Replacement Program, contact SCCDPS at 707-864-7131 or email us at sccdps@solano.edu.

Benicia Summer Food Program

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

LOCAL COMPANIES NEEDED TO SPONSOR OUR SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AT THE BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOOD IS FREE CAN PROVIDE WEEKLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT THE BENICIA LIBRARY TO SUPPORT KIDS DURING THE SUMMER, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Your logo here

EMAIL HEATHER FOR MORE DETAILS
HEATHERP@FIFBAYAREA.ORG

Food is Free Bay Area (FIFBA) is proposing to provide a Benicia Summer Food Program food distribution at the Benicia Library once weekly for a period of 9 weeks.

This program will reach at least 100 households with an estimated impact on 300 individuals. FIFBA will provide the refrigerated vehicle and staffing for this program. The distribution will provide food and resources to the identified populations on a weekly basis. Typical items include: bread, milk, fruit, vegetables, frozen meat/fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pastas, rice, beans and cereals.

The Benicia Summer Food Program will be a site based food resource at the Benicia Library, which many children and families that experience food insecurity frequent during the summer months.

FIFBA is asking for monetary support from the local community to launch the Benicia Summer Food Program. FIFBA is also asking for assistance in networking to other local sources of funding that are interested in helping our community.

To support the program and/or for more information, click [here](#).

Solano County joins Bay Area health officials to urge vigilance as measles cases rise in the US



From the desk of Solano County Public Information Officer Matthew Davis:

With measles on the rise nationally, and recent cases in neighboring counties, Solano County has joined Health Officers from the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma and the city of Berkeley in urging everyone to be up to date on measles vaccinations and to watch for symptoms after travel or exposure.

The best protection against measles is two doses of the MMR vaccine, which protects you for life. This is particularly important for anyone travelling internationally in the upcoming months.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [reports](#) that in 2024 there have been 64 confirmed cases of measles across 17 jurisdictions, with [more than 90 percent of those cases linked to international travel](#), as measles is circulating in many regions in the world, including popular tourist and business destinations. Most cases in the US have been among children aged 12 months and older who had not received the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Measles symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, and conjunctivitis (pink eye), followed two to four days later by a rash. The virus is transmitted through direct contact with infectious droplets or through the air when an infected

person breathes, coughs, or sneezes, which can linger in the air for several hours.

About one in five persons infected with measles requires hospitalization, and nearly one to three of every 1,000 children who become infected with measles will die from respiratory and neurologic complications, [according to the CDC](#). Measles presents the greatest risk to children under five years of age, adults over 20 years of age, pregnant women, and people with compromised immune systems.

Vaccination is highly effective at preventing measles. The MMR vaccine is recommended for children aged 12-15 months, with a second dose administered between ages four and six. Infants six to 12 months of age can start vaccination early prior to international travel. Teenagers and adults with no evidence of immunity should be vaccinated right away.

“Though the risk of exposure to measles is still low, we encourage residents to stay up to date on vaccines and ensure you have the strongest protections against this dangerous disease,” said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Solano County Deputy Public Health Officer.

For questions about the MMR vaccine and immunization records, check with your health care provider [and access your digital vaccine record](#)

Touro University California’s National DPP Lifestyle Change Program

Are you at risk for diabetes, have pre-diabetes, or have gestational diabetes? Join Touro’s National DPP Lifestyle Change Program, a free 1-year program proven to reduce your risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

Enrollment is open until mid-April. To register, visit <https://linktr.ee/diabetestuca>. For questions, call (707) 638-5970 or email alee26@touro.edu.

Environmental Outreach Intern



The Solano Resource Conservation District, a special district to the State of California which works closely with a variety of local and regional partners to enhance and protect Solano County watersheds, is looking for

an Environmental Outreach Intern.

The program runs mid-May through mid-September. Required hours are Saturday and Sunday from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday meetings at Dixon Field Office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interns are expected to

work all holidays and holiday weekends (including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day).

Individuals selected for this position will report to the Solano RCD office located in Dixon, CA, and will conduct public outreach at marinas and boat launches at Lake Berryessa, San Pablo Bay, Suisun Bay, and the Delta.

Environmental Outreach Interns work on the Boater Outreach Program which promotes environmentally sound boating practices to protect local waterways from pollutants. Interns conduct one-on-one outreach by administering the Dockwalker survey, in partnership with the CA Coastal Commission, between Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The program also includes reducing oil pollution by ensuring hundreds of boaters install oil absorbents that physically capture potential pollutants such as boat oil and fuel.

Submit a cover letter describing your interest in the position and a detailed resume with three professional references to Caitlyn Morrissey at caitlyn.morrissey@solanorcd.org. Mailed application materials are also accepted. Priority application review on Monday April 22, 2024. Final application review and position closes on April 30, 2024.

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

Solano County's New Job Applicant System



Solano County has moved their job applicant system to NeoGOV. Applicants will no longer be able to apply to County positions via JobAps or have login access.

All applicants must apply via NeoGOV at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/solanocounty>.

Current openings in the Health and Social Services Department include [College Intern](#), [Epidemiologist \(Senior\)](#), [Clinical Psychologist \(Entry\)](#), [Health Education Specialist](#) and [Public Health Nurse](#).

Check out [NeoGOV](#) for more information and apply today!

Free vision screening & free eyeglasses event

The Lion's Delta Zone presents free vision screening & free eyeglasses on **Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, St. Vincent Ferrer Memorial Building, 481 Florida St. Services include screening exams by licensed doctors, free pair of recycled eyeglasses or referral for further treatment.

To register for the event, click [here](#).

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](#).

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 19 at 5 p.m. 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](#).

April 2024 events at JFK Library

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY
505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
1-866-572-7587

Check the online calendar at solanolibrary.com to see all of the events available at a library near you.



MAKE ART LIKE...SERIES FOR TEENS Various Wednesdays in April 5-6 PM

Learn about these abstract artists and try your hand at their style of painting. All materials provided!

4/3 Wassily Kandinsky, 4/10 Piet Mondrian, 4/24 Jackson Pollock

4-H First Fridays—STEM Exploration Friday, April 5 3:30-4:30 PM

Explore the chemistry of water with the local Sherwood Forest 4-H Club. Open to all but recommended for elementary-aged children.



COMPUTER BASICS & TECH HELP Wednesdays in April 11:15 AM-1:00 PM

These classes are for beginners who would like to learn computer fundamentals. After the class there will be an hour of tech help. Bring in your device and let us know how we can help.

Dia, also known as Children's Day/Book Day, is a celebration on April 30 of children, families, and the joy of reading. It's devoted to connecting children and their families with a variety of books, languages, and cultures.



4/3 Computer Equipment
4/10 Email
4/17 Internet Searching
4/24 Extended Tech Help

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.

Upcoming events in Solano County

“Kids Day at the Adobe”

Bring the kids and come see the historic Peña Adobe, one of the oldest structures in Solano County.

Kids' Day at the Adobe will take place from Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dating back to 1842, the Adobe was once the home of the Juan Felipe Peña family, who with the Vacas, settled in Vacaville over one hundred seventy-five years ago.

Meet Cecelia Peña and Darlene Coombs Peña, 5th generation Peña descendants! Visit the Mowers-Goheen Museum and see local artifacts that include a woolly mammoth bone! T

here will be lots of fun activities, including face painting! Make a corn husk doll to take home! Native American Park Docents Armando Perez and James Tunstall will be speaking with park visitors of the Native Americans who lived here before the Peñas and Vacas arrived in the Lagoon Valley.

The adobe is located at 4699 Pena Adobe Rd, Vacaville.

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.

"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:

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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.**

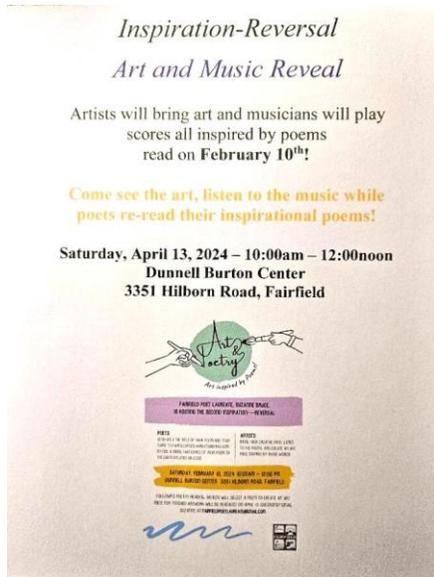
The expo will bring together different companies and service organizations who provide our local communities with solutions and resources to help with their journey.

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



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.

“Our Best to You”



Benicia’s celebration of National Poetry Month, “Our Best to You” will be held at the Benicia Library on **Sunday, April 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.** The community is welcome to come read, or just come listen to a wide variety of poetry styles and topics from a diverse group of poets around and outside the county, from those who are accomplished, published, and/or prize winning, to those who are new to the experience of reading their poems at open mics.

Student poets are especially encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity to socialize at the beginning of the program and refreshments throughout.

The library is located at 150 E L Street.

Music at the Chapel Presents The Oakland Jazz Choir



April 14 | 3PM

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Get ready to groove to the soulful sounds of the [Oakland Jazz Choir](#) as they grace Mare Island with their exceptional talent. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon filled with captivating performances and infectious rhythms that will leave you tapping your feet and craving more. The concert will open with a set by the Diablo Valley College Jazz Choir, *The Trikings*.

Tickets: \$25

The Oakland Jazz Choir will perform at St. Peter's Chapel on Mare Island in Vallejo. This exciting jazz choir delivers exquisite multi-part harmonies performing original and contemporary arrangements from the bebop era to modern day jazz and pop with songs by hit makers such as Antonio Carlos Jobim, Dizzy Gillespie, Quincy Jones & Freddie Mercury. The concert will open with a set by the Diablo Valley College Jazz Choir, *The Trikings*.

Doors will open at 2:30pm to give you time to enjoy the luminous Tiffany stained glass windows. **The chapel is located at 1181 Walnut Avenue on Sunday, April 14.**

Ticket Pricing: Adults: \$25; Children under 13: \$15

Please note that the Chapel is an historic building, and not ADA accessible. There are steps leading into the Chapel and there is no ramp. Once inside, there are no additional steps.

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

Blues, Brews & BBQ Cook-off



The third annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ Cook-off is back on **Saturday, 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](#).

29th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show



The poster features a central circular image of a classic car (a 1930s sedan) parked on a waterfront with a bridge in the background. The text 'Benicia Classic Car Show' is written in a stylized font across the top of the circle. Below the car, it says 'Presented by Benicia Panther Band'. Above the car, it says '29th annual' and 'April 21, 2024'. The entire poster is framed with a decorative gold border.

29th BENICIA CLASSIC CAR SHOW
www.classicarshowbenicia.com

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

REGISTER VEHICLE HERE BECOME A VENDOR HERE BECOME A SPONSOR HERE

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](#).

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](#).

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
1189 Washington St. | Benicia, CA

A Community Event
Presented By

 **INNOVATIVE
HEALTH
SOLUTIONS**

**TICKETS
\$30** 

<https://SecondAnnualLineDanceParty.eventbrite.com>

please RSVP
Contact our help line if you need
assistance purchasing tickets:
(707) 684-4376



**EVERYBODY LOVES
LINE
DANCING**

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

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.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day

Benicia Veteran's Memorial Hall
1150 First Street, Benicia



Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery
Birch Rd, Benicia

Monday, May 27, 2024

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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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Mural in downtown 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.