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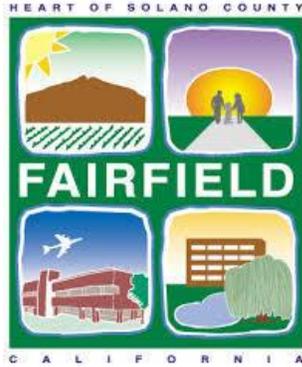
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Weeds

Please cut your weeds.! I am sure you have seen the photos of the fires in Canada. Please cut your weeds!

Fairfield General Plan



Fairfield residents the General plan is being looked at. Please attend or watch on zoom. [Use this link](#) to read over the proposals. Are you happy with the changes?? Voice your concerns. Emails are also good, as they will be put in the record but if you can attend.

The Fairfield Forward 2050: City Council Study Session will start at 6pm, Tuesday June 13th, inside the City Council Chamber 1000 Webster St.

The public may join the meeting via [Zoom](#) or via phone (408) 638-0968, Webinar ID: 890 6021 3840, Passcode: 7074287400

Information this week

Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management



On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host a public hearing to discuss amendments being made to the State Implementation Plan. These amendments would change the rules in order to reduce the amount of nitrogen

oxide emissions that come from gas-fired space and water heaters. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement or visit the District's [website](#) to access the meeting via Zoom.

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

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877-565-8860

Public notices

Lane closures in Vallejo

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has scheduled night lane closures along Interstate 80 (I-80) near the Carquinez Bridge in Vallejo starting on Friday, June 9 to allow crews to re-configure the movable concrete barriers also known as K-rails for the final stage of the construction project.

Crews will be working on EB/WB I-80 between the Carquinez Bridge toll plaza and Magazine Street during the following times:

Eastbound I-80 from The Carquinez Bridge Toll Plaza to Magazine Street Overcrossing - Friday, June 9 to Saturday, June 10 from 10pm to 7am.

Westbound I-80 from Magazine Street Overcrossing to the Carquinez Bridge Toll Plaza from 9pm to 7am.

Eastbound I-80 to Northbound SR-29 Off Ramp Connector will be closed. Off-ramp connector closed from 12 to 8am.

RCRC Launches Seventh Annual Rural County Photo Contest



The Rural County Representatives of California has launched the 7th Annual Rural County Photo Contest. The contest invites individuals to submit their photographs capturing life in rural California and showcasing the beautiful scenery, activities, communities, history, and charm of RCRC's 40 member counties.

The first prize winner will receive a \$300 gift card, the winning photograph will be featured during the September RCRC Board of Directors Meeting and in related print, online, and social media presentations.

Photo entries (limit 3) should be sent to photocontest@rcrcnet.org and must include:

- Location where the photo was taken, including the county in which it was taken; and
- Photographer's full name and email address.

All entries must be received by **11:59 p.m. on June 30th**. Visit www.rcrcnet.org/photo-contest for details & [official contest rules](#).

How do you feel about e-bikes at Rockville?

The City of Fairfield staff and the Rockville Citizen Advisory Committee have created a survey to gauge park visitors' views on the use of electric bikes (e-bikes) in Rockville Park. The survey will only be open through June 30. To participate, click [here](#).

Solano Public Health's COVID-19 After Action Report Survey

Solano Public Health is developing a COVID-19 After Action Report (AAR) to document the County's response to the pandemic. The institutional knowledge gained during COVID-19 is a valuable resource to response personnel and partner agencies. Documenting key findings from the response can help better prepare Solano County for responses to future public health emergencies and other all-hazards incidents.

This survey is intended to cover COVID-19 response activities from January 2020 to February 2023. The survey should take around 5-10 minutes, should be completed in one sitting, and is due by Wednesday June 14, 2023. To access the survey, click [here](#).

Should you have any questions or should any issues arise with the survey, please contact HSSResponds@SolanoCounty.com

Department of Technology releases public survey on internet use and adoption

The California Department of Technology has released their public survey on internet use and adoption. This information will inform California's State Digital Equity Plan and help California design solutions to ensure that all California residents have access to high quality and affordable internet service, devices, skills training, and digital support. The survey is available in 14 languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Persian/Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, and Khmer. It is a 10-15 minute survey.

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

Link21 virtual community meeting

Have questions about train service in the Bay Area? Link21 will be hosting a virtual community meeting from **5:30 to 7pm, Tuesday, June 27**.

Input now will help Link21 understand service improvements that will best meet the needs of the diverse community. Train network service improvements will allow more people to conveniently travel around the Megaregion. This meeting is available in English, Spanish, and Cantonese. To request American Sign Language and other accommodations, email inquiries@Link21Program.org or call 855-905-Link (5465) between one and five days in advance of the meeting date.

Link21 is a long-range transportation program sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridor) to transform the train network serving the 21-county Northern California Megaregion, which includes the greater San Francisco Bay Area, the Monterey Bay area, the Sacramento area, and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

To register, click [here](#).

Mental health survey

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) California is asking residents to participate in a 2023 Mental Health Survey for Family Members and/or Caregivers in California. NAMI California makes this survey available as a way for you to provide them with your opinions, thoughts and experiences around accessing the mental/behavioral health services in your respective communities. The goal is to provide a detailed report of the unique perspectives and needs of the family member or loved ones of those with mental health conditions. The survey can be found [here](#).

There is also a "Sharing Hope: Mental Wellness in the Black Community," a New NAMI Solano County Program Coming This Summer

Lack of information surrounding mental health issues can prevent people in Black communities from getting the help and support they need. Sharing Hope is a program that explores the journey of mental wellness in Black communities through dialogue, videos, storytelling and guided discussion.

Those interested can fill out this form [here](#).

Benicia Citizen's Police Academy



The Benicia Police Department is seeking applicants for its Citizen's Police Academy. The five-week program will allow participants to learn about the department and how officers respond to crime. The academy will run from 6:30 to 9:30pm on Mondays and Wednesday nights August 14 through September 18.

The application can be found [here](#).

“I Love My County Because...” art contest

In an effort to bolster civic education and educate communities on the role of county government, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is launching the 2023 “I Love My County Because...” art contest.

NACo and county leaders are spreading the word about county roles and responsibilities, which are often unknown or misunderstood. By inviting children and young adults K-12 to create artwork for the 2024 “Counties Matter” calendar, NACo hopes to raise awareness about programs and services that impact people’s lives every day.

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

Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting (PB) vote underway

The city of Vallejo announced the Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting vote will be held until June 30. Vallejo residents, including those living in the unincorporated areas, are invited to vote on which community projects to improve the city that will go to the Vallejo City Council for funding approval.

Residents are allowed to vote for up to two projects on the 10-proposal ballot. Projects are either infrastructure (e.g., park updates, street safety improvements, etc.) and programs and services (e.g., youth programs, spay and neuter services, etc.)

Residents 14 years and older can vote online at www.pbvallejo.org, or in-person in City Hall, and a cell phone number and valid Vallejo address are required for online voting.

Visit myvallejo.com/pb8 to read the complete proposals.

Residents can visit polling booths at:

Second Friday Art Walk, Downtown Georgia Street, Friday, June 9, from 5 to 9pm.

Saturday Farmer's Markets, downtown Georgia Street, Saturday, June 10, 9am to 2pm.

Vallejo Juneteenth Parade & Festival, Barbara Kondylis Waterfront, Saturday, June 17, 11am to 5pm.

Application period open for new Measure P committee



The City of Vallejo is accepting applications for its new Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), which was created to independently review and advise upon the City's expenditure of proceeds generated by the transactions and use tax. The COC will consist of 7 regular members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Six of the regular members will be appointed based upon Council voting

district. Members appointed by the Mayor may reside anywhere in the City.

The COC will review and report on (a) the City's proposed and actual expenditure of proceeds generated by the transaction and use tax and (b) the independent annual audit. The Committee's report shall be submitted to the City Council for review and discussion at a public meeting of the City Council and shall be available to the public.

Members shall be residents of the City of Vallejo. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of 2 years, and such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council.

Applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applications will remain open until **5pm on Friday, June 16**.

Vallejo accepting applications for new Police Oversight and Accountability Commission

The City of Vallejo is seeking applicants for the newly created Police Oversight and Accountability Commission (POAC), to review investigations of serious incidents and bias incidents involving the police department and to make recommendations to the Chief of Police and/or the City Manager. The POAC will also make recommendations on police department policies, police department training, and community relations issues. POAC may also conduct public outreach related to its purpose and function.



The POAC shall consist of 7 regular members and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Six of the regular members will be appointed based upon Council voting district. Alternate members must be one youth member between the ages of 18-25 and one additional community member from any district. Alternate members may participate in POAC meetings but do not vote unless there is an absence by a regular (voting) member.

Members must pass a formal background check before they can serve and must complete the FPPC financial conflict of interest reporting forms (Form 700).

The applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applications will remain open until **5pm, Friday, June 16**.

National Night Out registration open

The city of Fairfield will host its 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO) on **Tuesday, August 1st, from 5 to 8 pm**.

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

During NNO, neighbors host potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQ's to block parties, ice cream socials, and much more! This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration for NNO 2023 opened Monday, May 1 and closes Monday, July 17th at 5 pm. Registration is free and allows Fairfield officials an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants will receive an official NNO2023 gift basket. To register your neighborhood, click [here](#).

Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort #8

Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT) Group will be hosting an 8-week sisterhood group, which will help assess, develop and redefine our

thoughts about healthy mothering. Conversation topics to be covered include nurturing parenting, attachment, discipline, communication, goal setting, and much more.

To register, click [here](#). This group will take place virtually each Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:30pm from October 18 to December 6, 2023. The last session date to join this cohort is Wednesday, November 8

California Health Medical Reserve Corps' Solano Community Health Hub

With the end of the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19, Solano Public Health will no longer support testing and vaccination efforts at the Solano Town Center Mall. CHMRC will continue operations for the foreseeable future at the Solano Community Health Hub and offer services such as rapid COVID-19 testing, wellness screenings, and blood drives.

The Solano Community Health Hub is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11am to 6pm.

For more information about CHMRC and the services they provide, visit <https://www.californiahealthmrc.org/>.

Updates from around Solano County Raw Water Transmission Line Update

The City of Benicia announced this week that crews had successfully expanded a water bypass line, a temporary solution to work around the damaged area of the water transmission line. This temporary solution will provide all residents and businesses with sufficient water supply until the permanent repair is completed.

Due to the expansion of the bypass line, the City's mandatory 20% water conservation for residents and businesses has been reduced to a 10% voluntary water conservation (Stage 1 water conservation).

In addition, customers are prohibited from wasting water, such as:

- Allowing water to run off unused into a gutter, ditch, or drain
- Failing to repair a controllable leak
- Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or other paved areas
- Utilizing a hand-held hose without an automatic shut-off nozzle
- Irrigating during a precipitation event

Summer reading program

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



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

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

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

Summer Youth Employment Program

The Workforce Development Board of Solano County is offering a five-week paid work experience program **starting July 5th**. Work experience will be focused on Climate Transition projects in the Fairfield, Suisun and Vallejo region concentrating on water, land, restoration, sustainable agriculture, and climate education. For more information, contact Matt Moon-Bailey at mmoonbailey@solanowdb.org.

Upcoming events in Solano County

Volunteers needed for trash mob community cleanup

The City of Fairfield will be hosting a "Trash Mob" Community Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, June 10th from 9 to 11am** at the Linear Park Trail, located at Texas Street to Dover Avenue.

The trash mob will be removing trash and graffiti. Snacks and water will be provided. The city will provide all necessary supplies and safety gear to volunteers during the Trash Mob.

To register, call Program Coordinator Karen Rees at (707) 428-7767 to sign up or email krees@fairfield.ca.gov.

Pet adoption

The Lodge at Glen Cove is hosting pet adoptions from **10am to 2pm, Saturday, June 10**. Adoptable pets from the [Humane Society of the North Bay](#) will be on site. Please RSVP to teresa@glencoveseniorliving.com

Touro University California's Success with Diabetes Classes

Touro University California is offering Success with Diabetes classes, a free interactive and 6-session program that will teach you how to live a healthier life with diabetes. Classes will be held at the Sereno Village Community Room in Vallejo starting **Wednesday, June 14 from 5 to 7pm**. To register, click [here](#). For more information, call (707) 638-5970 or email mramsey2@touro.edu.

74th Annual Solano County Fair

The Solano County Fair returns for its 74th year from **June 15 to June 18**. There is free admission for military personnel - active, retired, and dependents with a valid ID.

OPENING DAY: Thursday, June 15 from 4 to 10pm. Family Ag Day - Free admission for all.

Friday, June 16, noon to 10pm

Saturday, June 17, noon to 10pm. 1:30pm - Junior Livestock Auction. 5pm - Out At The Fair Photo. 6pm - Lucha Xtreme. 9pm (Approximately) - FIREWORKS! - Sponsored by Jelly Belly

Sunday, June 18, noon to 10pm. 2pm - Jaripeo - Mexican-style rodeo & concert (Additional admission required).

For more information, contact the Solano County Fairgrounds at (707) 551-2000. Fair is located at 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo.

Fairfield Juneteenth celebration



The 2nd annual Fairfield Juneteenth celebration will be held on **Saturday, June 17th, from 11am to 7pm**, next to the old courthouse, 601 Texas St. There will be speakers, live music, dancing and activities for the kids.

For more information call (707) 673-2148 and/or email info@solanoblackchamber.com.

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation speaker series

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation continues its speaker series with Shackleton's Voyage on **Sunday, June 18th from 2 to 3:30pm**, at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Ave, Mare Island.

Captain Scott Shackleton, US Navy, Retired, will discuss his fifth cousin, Sir Ernest Shackleton, and his polar expedition from 1914 to 1917. The miraculous survival of the entire expedition crew earned Shackleton worldwide fame, even though his goal to cross the Antarctic on foot was never realized. Captain Scott Shackleton will also discuss the fulfillment of his family's dream when he set foot on the South Pole in 2009.

Tickets are limited. \$15/per person for advance purchase and \$20 at the door. Mare Island Historic Park Foundation members are free. All proceeds benefit the Foundation. For details and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

The City of Vallejo and African American Family Reunion Committee Invite the Public to Celebrate Unveiling of Signage for Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

The Vallejo City Council and African American Family Reunion Committee (AAFRC) will honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by unveiling new signage for Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, located at 505 Santa Clara Street in downtown Vallejo. The event will be held at **1pm, Tuesday, June 20**.

The program will include a variety of speakers, ranging from elected officials from the State, County, and City, as well as other local community advocates.

The park is located behind JFK Library, adjacent to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Plaza, which has historically been the location of the annual Vallejo Juneteenth Celebration organized by the AAFRC.

Astronomy Nights return to Rush Ranch



By day, Rush Ranch is great place to see marsh and grassland ecotones, fascinating plants, and active wildlife. By night, it's a great place to behold the universe. The event will be held on **Friday, June 23 from 8:30 to 11pm.**

For this month's event, the topic will be "Hazards from space that will affect the Earth." Jon Pannier brings out a variety of special

telescopes and helps stargazers interpret what is above. People from all over visit for this unique opportunity to enjoy the land after sunset and experience the wonders above in the company of a lively crowd.

To register, click [here](#).

Poetry at the Clocktower

Plan now to attend a festive and uplifting historic event at Benicia's Clocktower at **3pm, Sunday, June 25th** at 1189 Washington Street.

Benicians and friends will gather to celebrate our homeplace, to tell its story and join in song. This free event sponsored by the Benicia Public Library will feature California's Poet Laureate Lee Herrick, and outgoing Poet Laureate, Mary Susan Gast.

Visual artwork portraying life in Benicia will be on display, along with ZipOdes "94510" by Benicia residents. A super highlight will be the premier showing of "Benicia Our Home," a film portraying scenes of Benicia accompanied by over 200 Benicians in song.

Teen Anime Café

The Solano County Library will host a Teen Anime Cafe on **Tuesday, June 27th at 4:15pm**, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.

Teens who attend will get the chance to watch anime from the anime streaming service Crunchyroll while also eating Japanese snacks and reading manga!



Free doula training available

In an effort to improve health disparities for Black women and their babies, Divine Birthright and Solano HEALS (Health Equity for African American/Black Lives) are partnering with First 5 Solano and Aliados Health to host a free (16 hour) exclusively Black doula training and certification for Solano County residents.

Cohort 1 begins **July 1**. Doula training includes: childbirth education, anatomy of pregnancy, comfort measures, lactation support, adult and infant CPR and so much more! All applicants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to be considered. Please send all inquiries to solanoheals@gmail.com by June 23.

Country Night at the Ranch



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

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

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

Events I attended this week

Saturday, June 3, I attended the TRUCK event at the Cordelia Library parking lot. As expected, the fire truck was the hit of the day. I was there to see the Highway Patrol helicopter land. I am always amazed, how the pilot can maneuver the machine and not hit anything. As summer approaches, all libraries in the county have summer programs to encourage our young people to read. Please sign up. Many of you might remember the PBS show Reading Rainbow. Reading can take you everywhere.

My second event was attending the Pista Sa Nasyon festivities held at Mare Island in Vallejo. The location at the coal sheds was excellent. The weather was nice and being right on the water was refreshing. Many activities were held. Music, food, lots of people enjoying themselves. Truly a wonderful day.

Tuesday June 6, I attended the Vallejo City Council meeting. The main topic was the city budget. If you can watch the recorded meeting, I think you would find it informative. I know I did.

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](#)
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Newsletter photo

The Pista Sa Nayon festivities held at Mare Island in Vallejo on Saturday, June 3. Photo by 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.