



September 1, 2023 Newsletter

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER



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Labor Day

Just a reminder that Solano County Administrative Center will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Information this week



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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

Board of Supervisors seeks community's help identifying centenarians for recognition ceremony



It's that time of the year again! The Solano County Board of Supervisors is asking for help in identifying centenarians living in the community for recognition at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting later this fall as part of the 17th annual centenarian commemoration celebration.

This year, as part of the commemoration event, the Board will receive a video presentation of Solano County's Centenarians, sharing stories from their amazing lives. The Board of Supervisors has hired a professional videographer who will come to your home (or place of your choosing) to conduct the video interview. Information collected at the interviews will also be included as part of a commemorative yearbook, distributed to all Centenarians shortly after the commemoration event.

Centenarians who wish not to conduct an interview are still encouraged to submit information, including a biography and photographs to help tell their life story.

If you know of a centenarian, please email Centenarian@SolanoCounty.com and/or call my office at (707) 784-3004 **by or before September 4, 2023**. Please relay the following information over the phone or in an email to the Supervisor, including (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) and best contact email address.

Major pavement repair work

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



A 104-hour full highway closure of westbound I-80 is scheduled on Labor Day weekend starting **Thursday, August 31 at 9pm** and concluding **at 5am on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. WB I-80 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the WB I-80/I-780 interchange in Vallejo.

Motorists traveling eastbound on I-80 will need to exit onto eastbound SR-4 in Hercules and continue on EB SR-4 to Northbound I-680. Motorists can use NB I-680 to reach I-80 in Fairfield or use WB I-780 to access the Benicia and Vallejo areas. Cummings Skyway between SR-4 and I-80 will also be open for motorists heading to the Crockett area.

Motorists traveling westbound on I-80 at I-780 (Curtola Pkwy) will need to exit onto eastbound I-780 in Vallejo and continue on EB I-780 to SB I-680. Motorists can use SB I-680 to reach WB SR-4, WB SR-24 or WB I-580 to access central and south Bay Area destinations.

If you have a question or want to share a concern about the project, please call the **CC I-80 Pave Project Hotline (510) 286-0319**. Project Webpage: www.cc80pave.com

Next PACT Act deadline

Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between Sept. 11, 2001 and Oct. 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care through September 30. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who

served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

VA encourages all of these Veterans to visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and sign up for VA health care before the deadline. This special enrollment period is a part of the PACT Act, the largest expansion of VA health care and benefits in generations. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on Aug. 10, 2022, more than 344,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care and more than 4.2 million enrolled Veterans have been screened for toxic exposures.

Consumer Alert



California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara has issued the following information for people whose vehicles were damaged or flooded by Tropical Storm Hilary.

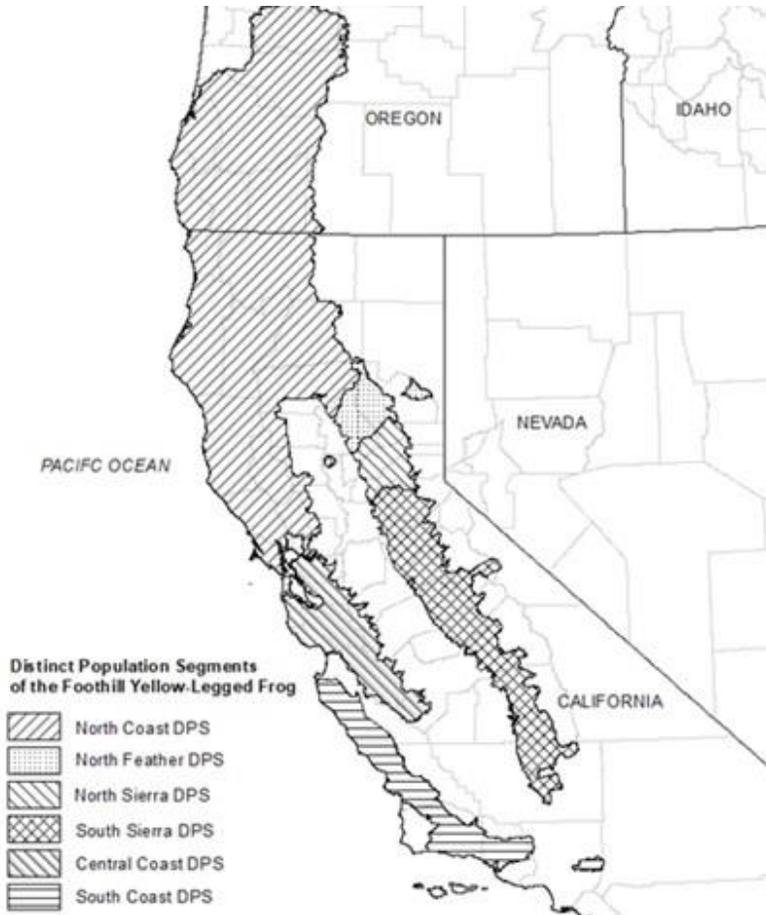
If your vehicle was damaged by falling debris or flooded, you may have coverage under a comprehensive policy. Unlike a standard homeowners' insurance policy which typically does not cover you in the event of a flood, your auto insurance policy may cover your vehicle if it is damaged in a flood if you have purchased comprehensive coverage.

Comprehensive auto insurance coverage protects your vehicle in the event of flood damage. While only liability coverage is required by law, you should consider comprehensive coverage to protect your vehicle in case of storm damage. You should call your insurance company to report the damages and take pictures and keep records of all clean up and repair costs.

Damage caused from fallen trees are generally covered under all standard homeowner policies. There may be exceptions. Please consult with your agent or your insurance company.

The Department of Insurance can help consumers with insurance coverage or claim questions. Call the consumer hotline at 800-927-4357 or through online chat or email at <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/>

Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Receives Endangered Species Act Protections



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it will provide Endangered Species Act protections to four of the six geographically and genetically distinct population segments (DPS) of the foothill yellow-legged frog. After reviewing the best scientific and commercial information available, the Service determined endangered status for the South Sierra DPS and South Coast DPS and threatened status for the North Feather DPS and Central Coast DPS of the foothill yellow-legged frog. The Service is including a 4(d) rule for the North Feather DPS and Central Coast DPS that exempts take incidental to habitat restoration projects and forest fuels management activities that reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. The Service will designate critical habitat for the frog at a later date.

The foothill yellow-legged frog, named for its yellow belly and underside of its rear legs, is found from Oregon to southern California. While wide-ranging, the amphibian faces multiple threats, including altered waterflows related to water infrastructure, including dams and diversions; competition with and predation by non-native species such as bullfrogs and crayfish; disease; precipitation and temperature changes related to climate change; high-severity wildfires; water-related recreation; and habitat conversion and degradation.

To assess the condition of each DPS, the Service evaluated data collected on the frog's occupancy of streams in its historical range. The Service is listing the South Coast DPS and South Sierra DPS as endangered due to a strong pattern of declining stream occupancy, rapid reductions in occupied range and predicted inability to survive a catastrophic event. The North Feather DPS and Central Coast DPS will be listed as threatened due to decreasing levels of stream occupancy and the potential for a variety of threats to cause additional declines. The Service previously determined the North Coast DPS and North Sierra DPS are not warranted for listing after data showed high levels of occupancy in streams located throughout their ranges, giving them greater ability to withstand environmental changes and catastrophic events.

The public can review the final listing and read supporting information at www.regulations.gov by searching Docket Number [FWS-R8-ES-2021-0108](https://www.regulations.gov/docket?ID=FWS-R8-ES-2021-0108). The effective date for the final rule will be Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Hearing on the Implementation of the California Master Plan for Aging



Last week, the second in a series of public hearings on the implementation of the California Master Plan for Aging was held. The hearing reviewed early implementation efforts and considered whether there are opportunities for improved oversight and accountability to ensure progress toward the Master Plan's important goals. Speakers included:

- **Jodi Reid**, Executive Director, California Alliance for Retired Americans
- **Jennifer Molinsky, PhD**, Director, Project Director, Housing an Aging Society Program, Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University ([Written Testimony](#))
- **Lauren Dunning**, Director, Center for the Future of Aging, Milken Institute ([Written Testimony](#))
- **Patti Prunhuber**, Director of Housing Advocacy, Justice in Aging ([Written Testimony](#), [Presentation](#))

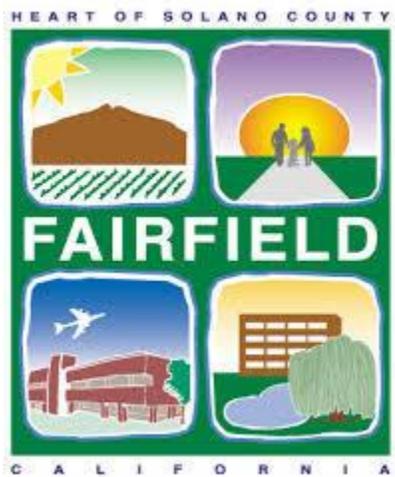
- **Sasha Kergan**, Deputy Secretary of Housing, California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency ([Written Testimony](#))
- **Susan DeMarois**, Director, California Department of Aging ([Written Testimony](#), [Supplement](#))

Margot Kushel, MD, Director, Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, University of California San Francisco.

To watch, click [here](#).

Public notices

Vote for Fairfield's website



The city of Fairfield's website is a finalist in its 13th Annual Digital Government Awards, by Granicus, the leading provider of government experience software services and solutions. Since 2010, Granicus has honored government entities and employees who have embraced modern technologies that drive awareness of community programs, improve citizen experiences, transform outdated processes, and inspire civic action.

The winner of Website of the Year will be based on the people's choice, with public voting open through Friday, September 8, at granicus.com/awards. All other winners will be selected by an internal advisory board based on criteria including government efficiency and effectiveness, customer experience, innovation, and overall impact.

Volunteers sought for annual Solano County Coastal Cleanup Day events

Solano County and its cities have partnered, again, with Solano Resource Conservation District to serve as the countywide coordinator for the 39th California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Supporting agencies throughout Solano County are hosting more than 60 cleanup sites for this event that takes place on **Saturday, September 23 from 9am to 12pm**. More than 2,500 local Solano volunteers participate in the countywide Coastal Cleanup Day events every year by converging at creeks, parks, open spaces,

city trails and trash hot spots to remove thousands of plastic cigarette filters and thousands of pounds of plastic bottles, single use food containers and wrappers, grocery bags, and more.

For a complete listing of Solano County partners and community cleanups, click [here](#).

Women of the Year



Congressman John Garamendi of California's 8th Congressional District in hosting the Women of the Year Awards to honor women across the district who have made a difference in their communities.

To nominate a woman you think is deserving, please click [here](#) to download the nomination form. Please include a headshot of your nominee in their nomination packet as this will be used for our annual program booklet.

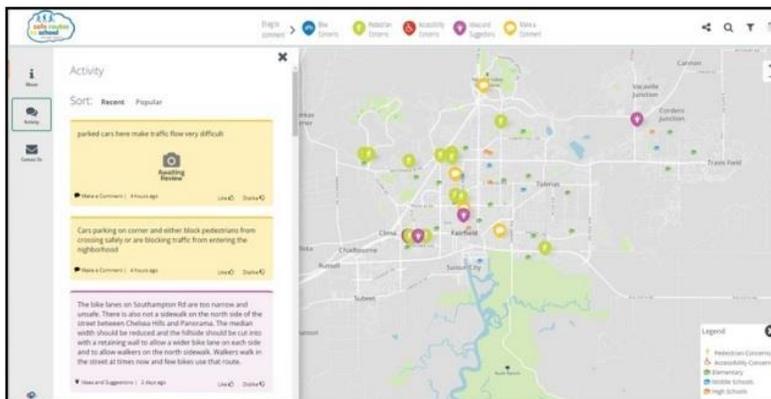
Nominations may be submitted by email, mail, or fax to my district office at:

1261 Travis Blvd. Suite 100, Fairfield, CA 94533. (707) 438-1822. Fax: (202) 225-5914.

Email: CA08.Submissions@mail.house.gov

The 10th Annual Women of the Year Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 12. Following the recognition of the 2023 Women of the Year honorees, Garamendi will host a conversation about critical issues important to women and families in the 8th District. If you have any questions, call (707) 438-1822.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S)



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is seeking input on concerns surrounding pedestrian/bike access and overall circulation focused on Safe Routes 2 School at area schools. An online tool has been created that allows residents, parents, students, teachers, or others, to provide comments on any subject related to school access in real time. STA's consultant will tabulate the results and formulate a work plan that can be packaged for future SR2S grants. To view the tool, click [here](#).

Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) underway, next meeting in September



In May, the Solano Transportation Authority officially started the update to the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) with an initial series of meetings for the Active Transportation Committee. The next series of CTP committee meetings are scheduled for Fall 2024 with a focus on draft transportation priorities and funding. Public outreach is anticipated throughout the Plan's development.

The Transit Committee's second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, from 4 to 5:30pm Solano County's six bus operators are invited to present each of their transit services at this meeting and will be available to answer any questions regarding their service. The committee meetings are open to the public. For more information about any of the committee meetings for the CTP update, contact Director of Planning, Robert Guerrero, at rguerrero@sta.ca.gov.

Upcoming CTP Meetings:

September 13, 2023: Transit Committee at 4 PM

September 27, 2023: Equity Working Group at 3 PM

October 11, 2023: Active Transportation Committee Meeting at 4 PM

December 13, 2023: Arterials, Highways and Freeways Committee Meeting at 4 PM

City of Fairfield seeks applications for Measure P Oversight Committee

The City of Fairfield is accepting applications for two seats on the Measure P Oversight Committee. The unexpired term ends June

30, 2028. Applicants must be Fairfield residents and taxpayers. In November 2012, Fairfield voters passed Measure P, a one-cent transaction and use tax ordinance. In November 2016, Fairfield voters extended it through March 31, 2033. The ordinance directs the City Council to establish a five-member oversight committee to review expenditures of revenues collected pursuant to the ordinance.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, 4th floor. Download the application or request one by mail or email by contacting Deputy City Clerk Esther Beavers at (707) 428-7402 or cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov. Completed applications may be submitted via mail, email, or in person.

The application deadline is **5pm, Friday, September 29.**

For information, visit fairfield.ca.gov/measure_P. If you need additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (707) 428-7402.

Food 4 Less hiring



Food 4 Less is hiring for its Fairfield Store which is scheduled to open in October. Interviews will be held at the Workforce Development Board of Solano County, 500 Chadbourne Road - Suite A, every **Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 2:30pm.**

Benicia Lyft rides

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) will pay a portion of your Lyft rides throughout the City of Benicia, and to Springtowne Center in Vallejo. These rides are valid only to specific destinations and between the hours of 6am-9pm for Benicia residents. To qualify you must be an older adult (65+), a veteran, or ADA eligible. If your pickup or drop-off is outside the specified areas, the discount is not valid. More questions? Call the mobility call center: [1-800-535-6883](tel:1-800-535-6883)



Storytime at Children's Wonderland



The Solano County Library will offer story time each **Thursday from 11 to 11:45 am** at Children's Wonderland, 360 Glenn

Street in the city of Vallejo. This is a free program offered to the community. The program runs **through October 26**.

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 hosting 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.

Submissions will be accepted through to **September 29 at 11:59pm**. Students must submit their artwork for consideration [at this link](#). For more information, click [here](#).

Solano Mobility

Did you know? Solano Mobility offers a multitude of programs for commuters and travelers who live or work in Solano County. Some programs include:

- **Guaranteed Ride** - If you ride the Solano Express Blue, Green, Red or Yellow Line to travel to work in Solano County, or to travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can receive an Uber Voucher to use if your Solano Express route is cancelled.
- **Amtrak + Lyft** - If you are a resident or employed in Fairfield, Suisun City, or Vacaville, the Amtrak + Lyft Program provides participants a 10-ride Amtrak pass plus 10 free Solano County train station Lyft connections, all for \$20.
- **Guaranteed Ride Home** - If you use a commute alternative like transit, carpool, or vanpool to travel to work in Solano County or travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can get reimbursement for your emergency ride home.

- **Bucks for Bikes** - Do you ride your bike to work? Are you considering it? Solano Mobility offers an incentive that will reimburse 60% of the cost of a new bicycle for commuting up to \$300.

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

PAL Student Food Pantry

The PAL Student Food Pantry is open to any local student between the ages of 13 to 18 who are enrolled in middle or high school. Items include soups, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, canned veggies and fruit, tuna, and more. Drop-in Shopping Hours are **Tuesdays from 5 to 7pm**, 2256 North Texas Street, Fairfield CA 94533

Teen writing contest

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WRITE
ON

2023
Teen Writing Contest

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED
SEP 5-OCT 31

SUBMIT YOUR BEST WRITTEN WORK FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES & PUBLICATION.

DETAILS AT SOLANOLIBRARY.COM/TEEN-WRITING-CONTEST OR SCAN QR CODE.

Since 2017, the Solano County Library has held a teen writing contest where local teens are encouraged to submit their best short stories and poems to win prizes and get published. The contest will

return this year, starting **Tuesday, September 5 and goes until 11:59pm on October 31.**

Teens who win will get a \$25 gift card and will also have their work published in the 2024 Write On Magazine which will come out in the fall of 2024.

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

Updates from around Solano County

Benicia water transmission line update

The Benicia Public Works Department gave a presentation to the Benicia City Council in mid-August updating the community about the Water Transmission Line. One can view that update [here](#) as well as a timeline of events and related documents.

On August 3, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services informed Benicia that the city's request for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aid had been approved. This is indeed very good news with city officials hopeful to have most of Benicia's emergency cost reimbursed within the next 12 months. Currently, Benicia is still utilizing bypass lines and will continue to do so for at least a year as the city works to develop plans, and then construct the permanent fix.

Solano County to open fish and wildlife propagation fund grant cycle for fiscal year 2023-2024

Solano County Parks, in coordination with Solano County Parks and Recreation Commission, has announced the official launch of the fiscal year 2023-2024 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant cycle, beginning September 1, the county announced.

The Solano County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund uses funds from fish and wildlife related fines and forfeitures in Solano County for projects and programs involved in the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife. The fiscal year 2023-2024 (FY2023/24) grant cycle is funded for up to \$10,000 with a maximum grant request up to \$2,500 with no match requirement necessary. Grant funding is available to units of government, including special districts organized under federal, state, or local laws, accredited educational institutions and private non-profit with current 501(c)(3) status.

The application materials can be found on the Solano County Parks website by clicking [here](#). To apply for funding, submit one un-bound application by or before Monday, October 2 at 5 p.m. to the

Department of Resource Management, 675 Texas St., Suite 5500, Fairfield, attention: Chris Drake, Parks Services Manager. Once submitted, applications are given to the evaluation committee to assess and rank against the criteria included in the application materials. Please note, emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

All applicants are welcome to attend the November 9 Parks and Recreation meeting located at the County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, Multipurpose Rooms 1600-1620, 1st Floor at 10am. Participants will have five minutes to present on their applied for project. The committee will make a recommendation to the Solano County Board of Supervisors who will make the final determination for funding.

Solano Period Project

Menstrual Hygiene is a Human Right

Help us provide period products to Solano County residents in need. All products collected are distributed to shelters and community organizations in our county.

Make a donation & we will purchase the products

Purchase products directly from our Amazon wishlist

Help us spread the word & reach out if you want to be involved

Friends of the Solano Commission@gmail.com

The Solano Period Project is a joint endeavor between the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and our partner non-profit the Friends of the Solano Commission.

The Solano Commission for Women and Girls is working with Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and with the help of the Friends of the Solano Commission to [collect](#)

[donations](#) and period products through an [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help out individuals in our county who are experiencing homelessness.

For more information,
email FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com

Ideas sought for Participatory Budgeting

The city of Vallejo is asking residents, organizations, and stakeholders to submit ideas for the ninth cycle of Participatory Budgeting (PB) until Sunday, October 22. During the Idea Collection Phase, the city will accept capital infrastructure and program and service ideas at public events, in the lobby of City Hall, located at 555 Santa Clara Street. Community members as well as non-profit organizations can submit ideas as well as their complete proposals online at myvallejo.com/pb9.



Cycle 9 of the PB process launches with the introduction of a [new idea collection platform](#) that utilizes Geographic Information Systems (GIS); a mapping tool that allows residents to input ideas with the support of location-specific identification. However, ideas are not limited to location-specific submissions. Participants can still submit ideas without an identified location. To collect district-specific participation data, the updated [submission form](#) includes an option to identify which City election district a submitter resides in. An image upload feature is also integrated into the submission form so residents can include images to support their ideas.

In Cycle 9, community members also have the opportunity to assist with the PB process as an outreach volunteer or a budget delegate, by filling out a [volunteer form](#) online. Non-profit 501(c)3 organizations interested in being an implementing partner must complete a prequalification application online by **Sunday, October 15 at 11:59pm**. For more information, click [here](#).

Restaurant Week coming in October

Love food? Then you're in for a treat this October. Mark your calendars for Restaurant Week in the city of Fairfield **from October 1-7**. During the week, restaurants throughout Fairfield will be featuring special deals, menu items, and discounts for you to enjoy at no charge.

For a full list of participating restaurants (updated daily), click [here](#).

STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee has open positions



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Pedestrian Advisory Committee is currently looking for members to represent the following:

- City of Dixon
- City of Vacaville
- City of Suisun City
- County of Solano
- Member-at-Large
- Member-at Large (Solano Community College)

The STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) advises the STA on the development of pedestrian facilities as an active mode of transportation in Solano County. The PAC is responsible for making funding recommendations for Solano Countywide pedestrian projects and participates in the development and review of comprehensive pedestrian plans. Each of the seven (7) cities (Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo); County of Solano; Three (3) Members-at-Large. The PAC generally meets on the first Thursday of each even month.

To apply for any of the open positions, find the form [here](#) and email to the STA staff lead for the PAC - Associate Planner, Kathrina Gregana, at kgregana@sta.ca.gov

Upcoming events in Solano County

Vallejo PD town hall



Vallejo police has announced it will hold a second town hall meeting regarding the response to alarm Calls from **6 to 8pm, Thursday, September 7** in the Vallejo Room, located on the First Floor of the JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street.

Due to limited sworn police staffing, the Vallejo Police Department has made the decision to no

longer respond to selected unverified alarm calls. The proposal will eliminate calls for service to unverified alarm calls classified as Audible Alarm, or Silent Alarm. Officers will continue to respond to manually activated Panic Alarms and Silent Robbery Alarms. Officers will also respond to alarm calls that demand a dual response which requires both the Police and Fire Department for medical reasons. Additionally, the department will respond to Video Alarms that depict an in-progress crime occurring or having just occurred.

Join a Community Open House for the Future of the Benicia Public Library



The Benicia Public Library has been crafting a strategic plan to envision the future of the library. The community is invited to view the plan on **Friday, September 8 from 6 to 8pm** at the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street. To RSVP, click [here](#)

An afternoon of poetry

AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY

FEATURING CALIFORNIA STATE POET LAUREATE, LEE HERRICK

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
2 PM - 4 PM

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Join us for this special event!

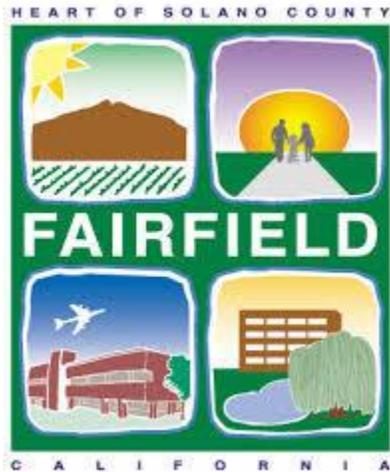
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FAIRFIELD

“An Afternoon of Poetry,” featuring California State Poet Laureate Lee Herrick will be held from **2 to 4pm, Saturday, September 9** at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, Library Meeting Room, 1150

Kentucky Street, Fairfield. Lee will be doing a reading. Q&A session will follow. His books will be available for sale.

General Plan Study Session open to public on September 12



The city of Fairfield will be holding a General Plan Study Session on **Tuesday, September 12**, in the Council Chamber at 6pm.

This meeting is the latest in a series of Study Sessions to establish the City Council's vision for future land uses throughout the City of Fairfield. The Study Session will focus on future land uses in Cordelia. The City Council's vision will inform the development of a Preferred Plan, which will form the basis of the General Plan

Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report. Following the establishment of the Preferred Plan, staff will develop General Plan Elements and policies.

Members of the public are invited to attend and public comment will be allowed. The meeting will also be recorded and livestreamed on Comcast Channel 26 or at www.fairfield.ca.gov/live.

Visit the Fairfield Forward website at www.fairfieldforward.com to learn more about the General Plan Update. The Fairfield City Council chambers are located at 1000 Webster Street.

The Belle of Amherst



The Benicia Public Library will host a special performance of The Belle of Amherst by William Luce, starring Shiv Harris, directed by Carlene Coury, on **Saturday, September 16 at 2pm**, at the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street.

This one-woman show depicting the life of Emily Dickinson opened on Broadway in 1976. The performance at the Library will be a shortened version of the

original. The performance will take place in front of the fireplace at the west end of the Library.

Touro University California's Success with Diabetes September 2023 session



The Diabetes Services at Touro University California will provide a free weekly program to help you learn how to

live a healthier life with diabetes starting **September 22**. In this free interactive 6-session program, you will learn how to understand your lab values, medication management, and exercises of all skill and age levels. To register, click [here](#). For more information, email mramsey2@touro.edu or call (707) 638-5970

Plant sale



The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is having its fall native plant sale on-line to the general public, from **October 3 to 9** with pickup locations in Benicia and Fairfield.

A link to the on-line store and a list of plants available for purchase will be posted on the homepage the Chapter's website www.jepson.cnps.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON. All plants are grown at the Chapter's nursery in Vallejo.

On-line customers must agree to pick up their plants on **Saturday, October 14**, anytime between **10am and 2pm** at either pick-up location. Email your questions to contact@jepson.cnps.org

Plants still available after the close of the on-line sale will be available for purchase at the Benicia pickup location, 1400 East 2nd Street, on **October 14, 10am to 2pm**.

Annual Sunday Supper

The Solano Land Trust will host its annual Sunday Supper from **4 to 7pm, Sunday October 8** at Joyful Ranch in Pleasants Valley, 8212 Pleasants Valley Road in Vacaville.

The evening will be filled with uplifting stories, project updates, dessert, exclusive live and silent auctions. In addition, you also have the opportunity to sponsor "Put a Child on the Land".

To purchase tickets, click [here](#). For more information, contact Laura Livadas at laura@solanolandtrust.org or call at (707) 718-4444.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, August 26, I attended the grand opening of the Museum of History Benicia located at 900 East 2nd Street. There were activities for kids outside and inside the building. The museum had displays showing WWI and WWII memorabilia. I enjoyed seeing the old fire trucks. The weather was cool, and a pleasant time was had by all sitting outside, in the shade, eating hotdogs, and ice cream. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for the day.

Sunday, August 27, I went to the Fairfield library on Kentucky Street, to see Sustainable Solano's efforts to make students aware of air quality and how would they make the city walkable. What I came away with is two ideas that could be incorporated into all road changes. The first is having a barrier between the cars and bike lanes. If the concept is to put in more bike lanes, then riders need to be safe. The second idea was to have plants between the road and sidewalks but have the plants at the same height as the exhaust pipes to absorb the exhaust.

A shout out to the students who took the time to work on their designs and give up a Sunday to meet with the public.

Thursday, August 31, I attended the Employee Recognition Ceremony sponsored by the Solano County Sheriff's Office. There were 17 new hires recognized. Many family members and friends were in the audience cheering on our new county employees. The depth and breadth of the background of these new county employees is a testament that working for the county is a great job.

Our residents are in good hands. A shout out to Katrina and her committee for putting this ceremony together.



Fun items during the grand opening of the Museum of History Benicia located at 900 East 2nd Street on Saturday, August 26. Photo: Monica Brown.

Newsletter photo

Blue moon seen from Green Valley. Photo: Marvin and Jeri.



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.