



September 8, 2023

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER



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History

Saturday Sept. 9 is California's Admission Day. We became the 31st state in 1850. Benicia was the state capitol for a while. We entered the union as a free state.

Monday, September 11, 2023 is the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, New York, The Pentagon and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. Please take the time to have a moment of reflection to remember those who died and those who are still physically suffer from the effects of that day.

Information this week
Highway 37 public notice



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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

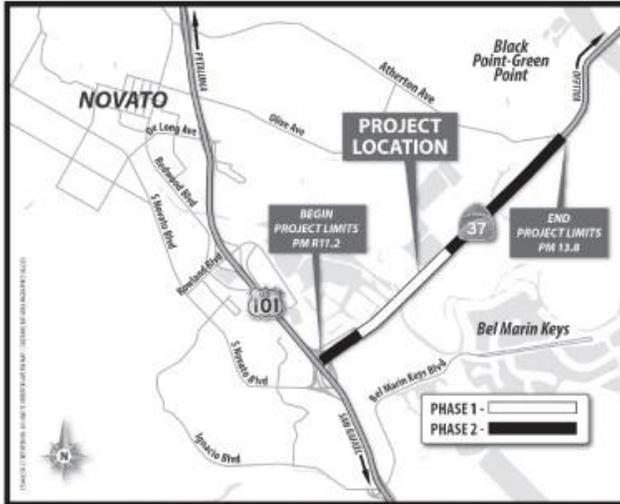
(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE STATE ROUTE (SR) 37 FLOOD REDUCTION PROJECT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2021110045)



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to reduce flooding from stormwater overtopping and adapt to the projected 2130 sea level rise on SR 37 from Post Mile (PM) R11.2 to 13.8, in Marin County, California. The Project would replace the Novato Creek Bridge and construct a causeway at an elevation of 35 feet in 2 phases. The causeway would extend from U.S. 101 to Atherton Avenue.

Caltrans, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Assessment for the proposed State Route (SR) 37 Flood Reduction Project is available for public review and comment. The document is available through this [link](#).

The proposed Project would be constructed in two phases.

- Phase 1: Caltrans would replace the Novato Creek bridge with a longer structure at the elevation of 35 feet, install two temporary transition bridge structures tied into existing grades, improve two existing local access roads, replace culverts, and regrade an existing drainage channel. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2027.
- Phase 2: Caltrans would construct the rest of the causeway from the 101/37 intersection to Atherton Avenue Undercrossing to an elevation of 35 feet. Caltrans proposes to remove the existing Simonds Slough Bridge, reconstruct the on and offramps at Hanna Ranch Road, Marsh Drive, and Atherton Avenue, install Type 85 barriers, and replace two culverts. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2041, subject to funding availability.

Comments are welcome on the Draft EIR/EA during the 45-day public comment period from August 25 to October 8, 2023, via

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

email to: SR37FloodProject@dot.ca.gov, or postal mail to Skylar Nguyen, Caltrans District 4, P.O. Box 23660, MS: 8B, Oakland, CA 94623-0660.

Caltrans will host a hybrid public meeting on **Thursday, September 21 from 6 to 7:30pm**. Community members may participate in the meeting virtually via Webex (<http://bit.ly/3YZzIRP>) or in person at the Margaret Todd Senior Center, 1560 Hill Rd, Novato, CA 94947.

In this meeting, Caltrans will provide an overview of the Project and its purpose and need, the current build alternative, and the potential environmental impacts of the Project.

Public notices

Tripartite Advisory Board Election

The Community Action Partnership Solano JPA is accepting applications for a Private Sector Representative to sit on the Tripartite Advisory Board (TAB).

The TAB meets quarterly and is responsible for assisting the Community Action Agency (CAP Solano JPA) in conducting a community needs assessment, clarifying the JPA's mission, supporting long-range strategic planning and annual planning, as well as assisting the JPA in implementing programs and evaluating the performance of JPA initiatives under CSBG funding.

The TAB is divided into three categories: The Public Sector is comprised of elected public officials currently holding office or their representatives. The Private Sector is comprised of individuals who are officials or members of business, industry, labor, religion, law enforcement, education, or other major groups with an interest in the community. The Low-Income Sector is comprised of low-income individuals and families in the neighborhoods served. The Housing First Solano CoC will elect the Low-Income Representative.

For those interested in running for a Private Sector Seat, please fill out this [application](#) and submit it **by September 12**, for review by the JPA Executive Committee and presentation to the Board of Directors at the next JPA Board Meeting on September 28.

You may review the [Bylaws](#) of the Tripartite Advisory Board for further background information.

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](#).

PROSMP Survey

An electronic survey has been created to allow Fairfield residents to share their input on what types of park amenities are important, what kinds of recreational programs and activities are desired, and what other things the city should consider as it relates to parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails.

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

Leadership opportunity for teens

The Benicia Public Library is offering a new leadership program for teens; perfect for students in 8th-12th grade who are looking to make an impact in the community while learning essential peer team-building skills.

Following application approval, teens will create a program, a series of events, or culminating experience during a 9-to-10-week period of time. Each group of teens will be responsible for brainstorming ideas, planning, delegating, and executing the tasks, as well as implementing the final outcome. The success of each cohort of teen leaders is directly contingent on their ability to work as a team and also to discern their own individual interests and talents, and to use them to their fullest potential.

Interested teens are required to write a short essay and fill out an application (available at the Customer Service Desk at the Benicia Public Library). This program is scheduled to run three times throughout the 2023-2024 school year, with the first one starting the week of September 11.

Contact Brandi Bette Smead, Leadership Coordinator, with questions about this new program. bsmead@ci.benicia.ca.us

Women of the Year

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

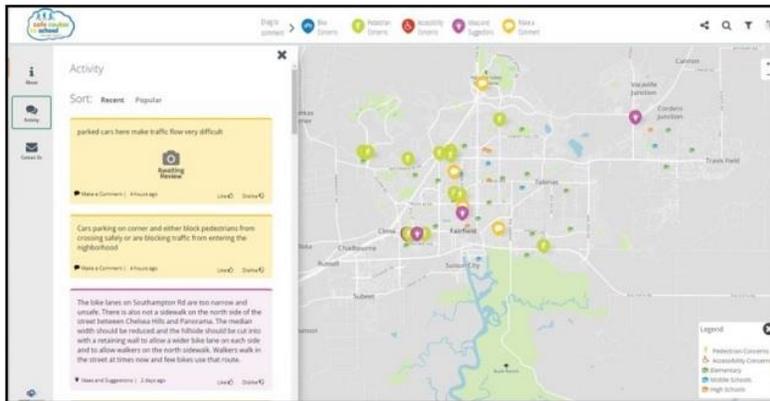


To nominate a woman you think is deserving, please click [here](#) to download the nomination form. Please include a headshot of your nominee in their nomination packet as this will be used for our annual program booklet. Nominations may be submitted by email, mail, or fax to my district office at:

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 rquerrero@sta.ca.gov.

Upcoming CTP Meetings:

September 13, 2023: Transit Committee at 4 PM

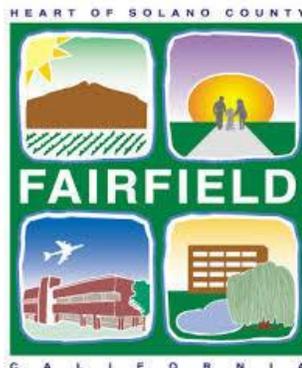
September 27, 2023: Equity Working Group at 3 PM

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.

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](#).

Teen writing contest



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 **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](#).

How to check if you're owed cash

The Golden State is safeguarding nearly \$12 billion of unclaimed property – including utility rebates, inactive stock and brokerage accounts, and unclaimed checks – and is spreading the word to let residents and businesses know how to claim their cash. For more information and how to check, click [here](#).

Updates from around Solano County

Vegetarian Diabetes Prevention Trial Program

Do you or someone you know have prediabetes? Did you know that there is strong evidence that type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented with lifestyle programs such as the Diabetes Prevention Program? Touro University California is offering a free six month program that will start on September 14 and run for a total of 16 classes into January 2024.

Classes will be held every Thursday in person at the Norman C King Community Center, 545 Magazine St., Vallejo from 4:30 to 5:30pm.

For more information or questions, contact Pia Garewal at pgarewal@student.touro.edu or Dr. Jay Shubrook at jshubrook@touro.edu.

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.

<p>Make a donation & we will purchase the products</p> 	<p>Purchase products directly from our Amazon wishlist</p> 	<p>Help us spread the word & reach out if you want to be involved</p> <p>FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com</p>
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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

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

An afternoon of poetry

AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY

**FEATURING CALIFORNIA STATE
POET LAUREATE, LEE HERRICK**



SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
2 PM - 4 PM

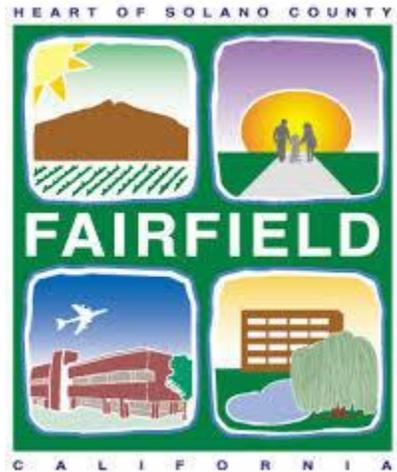
Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Join us for this special event!




“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.

Vallejo PD Town Hall meeting

A blue poster for a town hall meeting. The top left features the text "Alarm Calls For Service" in yellow, followed by "TOWN HALL MEETING" in large white letters. A large green "UPDATE" is written diagonally across the bottom left. The Vallejo Police Department logo is in the top right. The center right contains the text: "*NEW DATE*", "Thursday, September 14, 2023", "6:00 PM - 8:00 PM", "The Vallejo Room", "505 Santa Clara St.", "Vallejo, CA 94590". Below this is a paragraph: "This meeting is to address the proposed changes in VPD's response to alarm calls for service." At the bottom, contact information for Sgt. Hollis is provided: "For more information contact Sgt. Hollis at: 707-567-4233 or Rashad.Hollis@cityofvallejo.net".

Alarm Calls For Service

TOWN HALL MEETING

UPDATE

NEW DATE
Thursday, September 14, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
The Vallejo Room
505 Santa Clara St.
Vallejo, CA 94590

This meeting is to address the proposed changes in VPD's response to alarm calls for service.

For more information contact Sgt. Hollis at:
707-567-4233 or Rashad.Hollis@cityofvallejo.net

The second scheduled VPD town hall meeting on September 7 regarding Alarm Calls for Service Responses has been postponed to **Thursday, September 14 from 6 to 8pm**, inside the Vallejo Room, 505 Santa Clara Street.

Due to limited sworn police staffing, the Vallejo Police Department has been forced to reduce police services. VPD has determined that alarm calls have approximately a 98% rate of being unfounded. In an effort to provide efficient services to the community, the department is proposing to no longer respond to selected unverified alarm calls. This special-order directive does not exclude police response if the Watch Commander determines that response is necessary. The watch commander can direct field units dispatched to the event in accordance with standards.

Astronomy Night at Rush Ranch



Join volunteer Jon Pannier for the final Astronomy Night at Rush Ranch of the season. The event will take place on **Friday, September 15 from 7:30 to 11:30pm** at Rush Ranch, 3521 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun City.

Participants are encouraged to wear layers! Rush Ranch gets chilly when the sun goes down! Bring strong bug spray! Expect mosquitoes! If you have your own telescope, and you are familiar using it, you may bring it.

To register, click [here](https://www.solanolandtrust.org/events).

Trash Mob

The City of Fairfield will be hosting a "Trash Mob" Community Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, September 16 from 9 to 11am**, on Lopes Road (across from the Arco AM/PM gas station at 105 Lopes Road along the chain link fence).

Participants will be removing trash along the fence line. Snacks and water will be provided during the morning safety brief! The City of Fairfield 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.

Get the Rush!

Visit Rush Ranch for a morning of free and educational outdoor activities from **10am to 12:30pm, Saturday September 16**. Attractions include the blacksmith shop, marsh walks, and Rush Ranch Outfitters.

While the event runs two hours, the park is open to the public until sunset. Rush Ranch is located at Rush Ranch, 3521 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun City.

Vallejo Kids' Book Fest

THE VALLEJO LITERACY ALLIANCE PRESENTS

The Vallejo Kids' Book Fest

10:00am-2:00pm **Children's Wonderland**
September 16, 2023 360 Glenn St., Vallejo CA

BACK FOR OUR 4TH YEAR AND BIGGER THAN EVER! • 1 FREE NEW BOOK
FOR ALL KIDS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) • READINGS • LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT • CRAFTS • USED BOOKS FOR ALL AGES • AND MORE

GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT
VM VALLEJO MUSEUM
On the Fringe Visual and Performing Arts
ANOTHER CHAPTER

The Vallejo Literacy Alliance will host the Vallejo Kids' Book Fest from **10am to 2pm, Saturday, September 16** at Children's Wonderland, 360 Glenn Street, Vallejo.

Each child will receive a free book (while supplies last). There will be readings, live entertainment, crafts and used books for all ages.

This event is held in Partnership with: [Greater Vallejo Recreation District](#), [Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum](#), [On the Fringe Visual and Performing Arts](#), and [Another Chapter](#).

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.

Solano Connected Digital Equity Consortium Kick-Off



Tech Exchange



RSVP TODAY!

[HTTPS://WWW.CLASSY.ORG/EVENT/SOLANO-CONNECTED-CONSORTIUM-KICK-OFF](https://www.classy.org/event/solano-connected-consortium-kick-off)

SOLANO COUNTY CONNECTED

**DIGITAL EQUITY
CONSORTIUM KICK OFF
MEETING**

JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF OUR
DIGITAL EQUITY PROGRAMS
AND INITIATIVES FOR SOLANO
COUNTY

Key Speakers:

ULISES ZATARAIN
Executive Director
Tech Exchange

PATRICK MESSAC
Director
#OaklandUndivided

ANNE O
Chief Management Officer
California Emerging
Technology Fund

**Joseph Nelson
Community Center**

Tuesday, September 19
611 Village Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585

**9:30 AM
-12 PM**

AN ARPA-FUNDED PROJECT MADE POSSIBLE BY SOLANO COUNTY - PROJECT NUMBER: 25-521-01077885

Tech Exchange and Solano County invite the community to the Solano County Connected Digital Equity Consortium Kick Off from **9:30am to noon, Tuesday, September 19**, at the *Joseph A Nelson Community Center, 611 Village Drive, Suisun City.*

The kick-off will include Solano County representatives sharing key updates about digital equity initiatives throughout the state. Speakers include: Ulises Zatarain, Executive Director Tech Exchange, Patrick Messac, Director of #OaklandUndivided, and Anne O, Chief Management Officer, California Emerging Technology Foundation.

To register, click [here](#).

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

Coastal Cleanup Day

Join the city of Benicia and Benicia Litter Pickers for Coastal Cleanup Day. Meet at the Alvarez Ninth Street parking lot on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am to noon to receive supplies and choose your favorite beach, park, or neighborhood to collect litter.

Volunteers are also invited to participate throughout the month by cleaning up their neighborhoods, parks and other local areas. Trash from inland areas flow downstream to the coast, so cleaning up helps prevent marine debris.

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

Junk in the Trunk

The City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its biannual "Junk in the Trunk" event on **Saturday, September 30 from 9am to 12pm** in the Fairfield Community Center Parking Lot at 1000 Kentucky Street.

Community members are encouraged to bring their goods to the community garage sale or buy some treasures! Junk in the Trunk will serve as a space where people in the community can bring their household items to sell right out of the trunk of their car. Seller fees are \$30 for two parking spots or \$55 for three spots. General admission is free to the public.

For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/events.

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**.

Fairfield to host Compost Giveaway Day

The City of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 7** at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield. No appointment is necessary; however, proof of residency is required. Master Gardeners from the UCCE Solano will also be onsite to provide residents with information about compost uses and other horticultural tips and tricks.

The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents are asked to bring their own containers to fill up and take home. This is a self-

serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for residents to use. No limit on compost while supplies last.

For questions related to the Compost Giveaway Day or for general questions regarding solid waste and recycling, contact the Fairfield Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division at (707) 428-7528.

Annual Sunday Supper

Sunday Supper

OCTOBER 8, 2023

JOYFUL RANCH
4:00PM - 7:00PM

LIVE MUSIC | DINNER | AUCTION

Multi-course dinner by Chef Lindsey Chelini of Backdoor Bistro
Complimentary wine and beer provided by the Suisun Valley Vitners
Exclusive auction items from Solano County purveyors

Individual tickets: \$155 Table for 8 people: \$1,200

For more information, visit solanolandtrust.org
or email Michelle Dickey at michelle@solanolandtrust.org



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

Monday, September 4, I attended the Labor Day breakfast held at the Iron workers plant in Benicia. I always enjoy attending this event to see friends and discuss issues with elected officials. I had a few minutes of Congressman Garamendi's time to discuss the social security issue. Due to the Public Servant penalties known as the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension offset (WEP AND GPO) teachers do not receive their full social security benefits. Please go online and google calrta.org and read **How social security penalties hurt teachers**. The Congressman is aware of the issue and is working on it in DC.

I do miss the Labor Day bar-a-que's we used to have at the Pina Adobe/Lagoon Valley. Plenty of room for the kids to run and play. Still, it is nice to say hi to folks that one does not see often.

Wednesday night, September 6, I attended the special meeting of the Fairfield-Suisun United School District board meeting. The topic was to pick someone who wanted to replace the former governing board chair who resigned. Six residents submitted their paperwork. Each person had two minutes to introduce themselves. The candidates were asked four questions. Each person had up to two minutes to respond. I would suggest those folks who live in Trustee Area 7 to watch the school board meeting.

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Fall is in the air in District 2 - Monica.



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.