



Solano County *California*

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SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER



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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



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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

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.

Information this week

Major pavement repair work



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has scheduled several projects over the coming weekends which will close sections of freeways in our area.

There are weekend closures on Eastbound I-80 tentatively scheduled on the weekends of **August 4, and August 18**. EB I-80 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the EB I-80/State Route-4

(707) 784-7485

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

interchange in Hercules. Closures will start **Fridays at 9pm.** and conclude on the following **Mondays at 5am**

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

Need a ride to the doctor?

You can now get a ride to and from your doctor visits at no charge. As a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan member, you can get a ride to and from your appointments at no cost. Your plan covers up to 24 one-way trips (50 miles per trip) per calendar year.

To schedule a ride for rideshare, taxi, or private transportation service, call 1-877-930-1477 (TTY 711). You can also schedule online at medicaltrip.net or download the MTM Link Member app. To download the app on your device, visit the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) and search for MTM Link Member App.

For wheelchair van or gurney van transportation service, call 1-833-226-6760.

Request your ride at least 3 business days (Monday through Friday) before your appointment. If you have an urgent last-minute appointment, call as soon as you can.

You can get rides for doctor appointments, medical services such as lab or X-ray, and picking up medications or medical equipment.

CalMatters for Learning

CalMatters for Learning is a free learning hub for library staff, educators and community organizers. Here you'll find teaching

resources and unique tools to guide conversations in your communities about quality-of-life issues. The hub is brought to you by the California State Library.

To all teachers, here are free lesson plans to explain government and issues. I hope all teachers are having a nice break. - Monica Brown.

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

New Changes Expand Student Loan Forgiveness For Public Service Borrowers

The Biden administration has released sweeping new guidance on updated rules for a critical student loan forgiveness program. The changes may help millions of borrowers get closer to eliminating their student debt. To read more, click [here](#).

Wish of a Lifetime

Wish of a Lifetime from AARP grants wishes that help older adults connect with their passions, their purpose, or the people they love when they cannot do so on their own. Every wish we fulfill inspires people of all ages to live their best lives.

Wish of a Lifetime Eligibility requirements include being age 65 or older, unable to fulfill the wish on their own, in good enough health to experience the wish, and be able to obtain approval from a doctor, if necessary.

To submit a wish, click [here](#).

Public notices

Link21's Online Open House

Link21 is offering an on-demand open house to learn more about possible train service improvements in the region. To view, click [here](#).

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.

Child Support Services to donate school-ready backpacks to children and families

In recognition of August 2023 as Child Support Awareness Month, the Solano County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) will

donate 100 back to school ready backpacks to their customers, complete with supplies. The backpacks will come with several essential school supplies, including crayons, rulers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, scissors and glue sticks. As a special addition this year, every backpack will come with its very own Beanie Baby – a special friend to help start things off right.

Beginning Tuesday, August 1, customers with an open child support case can come by the DCSS office, located at 675 Texas Street, Suite 5700 (fifth floor) in Fairfield anytime between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday – Friday to pick up a free backpack, while supplies last. One backpack per child will be provided. There are a variety of colors of backpacks to choose from.

Visit the Solano County DCSS website at <https://www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/DCSS> for more information and for clients to link directly to DCSS support professionals. Direct any questions to ChildSupport@SolanoCounty.com, text (707) 241-4201 and by phone at (866) 901-3212.

Fairfield 101 Civic Academy returns September 7th

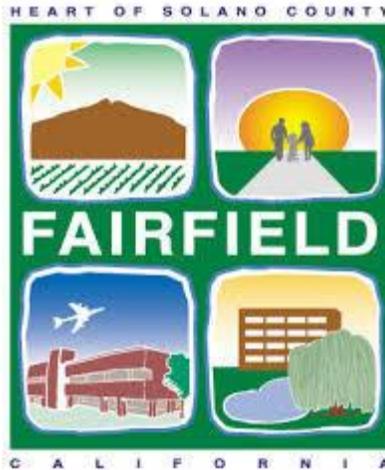
The City of Fairfield is planning a Fairfield 101 – Civic Academy for Fairfield residents starting on **Thursday, September 7**. If you are interested, you can get an application online at fairfield.ca.gov/fairfield101. There are only 25 spots available, and they fill up quickly, so if you are interested, apply soon! Applications are due **Thursday, August 31**.

The Civic Academy is a 10-week interactive program designed to share how local government works, while also giving residents first-hand exposure to the inside of City departments and a chance to discuss current issues with community leaders. The program also provides residents with an opportunity to gain insights on how to become more involved at the local government level.

To apply, click [here](#). For more information, contact Esther Beavers for more information at estherbeavers@fairfield.ca.gov or call (707) 428-7402.

CDBG 101 Workshop Aug 10

The City of Fairfield Housing Services Department will be hosting a CDBG 101 program workshop for non-profit organizations on **Thursday, August 10, from 2 to 4pm** at 1000 Kentucky St., Lakeside Room A. The workshop will provide information about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and upcoming application process.



The CDBG Program exists to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments through expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-to-moderate income persons.

At the workshop, staff will provide an overview of the CDBG Program, guidelines, expectations, and reporting requirements. Attendees will receive detailed information on the current state of the CDBG Program and technical assistance to prepare them to apply for CDBG funding with the City of Fairfield. Registration is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome.

For additional information about the CDBG Program, or to register for the workshop, click [here](#).

Draft Removal Action Workplan



The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is sending out this Community Update to let the community know about Phase 2 of the investigation and proposed cleanup at the 700 Parc on Main Site (Site), Operable Unit 2 (OU2). The Site consists of multiple Operable Units (OU); OU1 North, located at 701 Catherine St, OU1 South, located at 325 Wilson Street and OU2 located at 207 McClellan Street, Vacaville.

In April 2022, an environmental investigation was completed at the site and found lead and low levels of organochlorine pesticides in surface soils at various locations across the site. The contaminants of potential concern for OU-2 are lead, chlordane, dieldrin, dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE), and/or dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT). The contamination likely comes from the demolition of residential structures and buildings with lead paint and pest control activities. The proposed cleanup would include the excavation/removal of lead-contaminated soil from the site to allow for residential and commercial redevelopment.

Following environmental cleanup, the site is planned for development of a pedestrian oriented, mixed-use neighborhood. Historically used for agricultural purposes and cattle grazing, the site was developed as early as 1908 and has been used for commercial and residential purposes. Past commercial uses of the Site include a delicatessen, grocery store, feed store, automotive repair shop, and a construction laydown yard. Beginning in the 1990's buildings on the site were demolished. By 2006, the site was mostly vacant land.

The public comment period runs through to August 24. Send comments to Andrew Reimanis, DTSC Project Manager
8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826
Andrew.Reimanis@dtsc.gov

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

Mobile Crisis Services

The Solano Mobile Crisis Response Services program assists individuals who are in acute psychological crisis. They may be unable to care for themselves due to a severe mental illness or are in immediate danger of either harming themselves or others.

The program serves the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, & Dixon. Mobile Crisis operates Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 9pm.

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

Applications being accepted for Advisory Council

The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is accepting applications for its Advisory Council. AAA is a comprehensive and coordinated service system focused on improving the lives of older adults, persons with disabilities, their families, and caregivers.

Its current four-year Area Plan established four priority areas: improving health outcomes; reducing social isolation; raising nutritional awareness and services; and enhancing community-based, long-term services and supports.

Supporting the work of the Napa/Solano AAA is an Advisory Council, comprised of sixteen members, eight from each county. Council members are appointed by the respective Board of Supervisors and are charged with (1) advising the AAA on funding and service priorities, (2) assisting with provider performance reviews, and (3) advocacy. As advocates for older adults, Council members are expected to be informed about key legislation and issues facing the older adult population locally, voice their concerns with elected officials, and inform and gather support from other community members.

The Advisory Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon. Meetings alternate monthly between Napa and Fairfield. The monthly time commitment averages 3-5 hours.

Those interested in applying can reach out to Richard White at (615) 513-4063 or email richardjwhite51@gmail.com

Benicia Lyft rides

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) will pay a portion of your Lyft rides throughout the City of Benicia, and to Springstowne 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)



Pediatric vaccine resource for families

Solano County Public Health, First 5 Solano, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), Ole Health, La Clinica, Help Me Grow Solano and Child Start have developed and launched a new website for parents and families seeking information about childhood immunizations. The website, www.SolanoVaxFacts.com, serves as a public resource for

information on early childhood immunizations, including facts about vaccines, where to get vaccinated, payment assistance, and more. Community members can also download a vaccine schedule that details the timeline for necessary immunizations for children aged two months through 16 years.

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

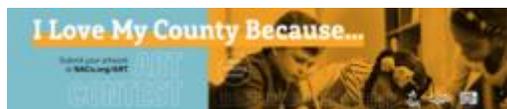
program offered to the community. The program runs through October 26.

iPad distribution

Any older adults at risk of social isolation and don't already have an internet connected device and cannot afford to purchase a tablet to connect with family, friends, or telehealth appointments, may be eligible for a free device.

Devices are limited to older adults (60+) or adults with permanent disabilities who are at risk and do not have access to a device. Those interested should contact the Aging and Disability Resource Connection at (707) 200-7116. Callers need to leave a message so an intake coordinator can return the call and administer a brief intake questionnaire to determine if the person is eligible to receive a device. Devices are reserved for the most at-risk individuals as numbers are limited.

I Love My County Because... art contest



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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 Express Vanpool Pilot Program

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in partnership with Commute with Enterprise, presents the Solano Mobility Express Vanpool Pilot Program, traveling weekdays between the Vacaville Transportation Center and Sacramento, and between the Dixon Park & Ride and Sacramento.

There is a limited time introductory offer of \$50 for a monthly pass (regularly \$90) for riders traveling between Sacramento and Vacaville or Dixon. Solano Express Blue Line riders starting their commute in Vacaville or Dixon who purchased a monthly pass in the last six months and commute to Sacramento are eligible for the introductory price of \$50. Solano Express Blue Line riders who purchase a monthly pass and start their commute south of Vacaville can transfer in Vacaville to the Solano Mobility Express Vanpool for free.

For more information or to sign up, click [here](#) or call the Solano Mobility Call Center at (800) 535-6883.

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School Fall 2023 classes

Come and grow with the Fairfield-Suisun Adult School during the Fall 2023 school year! They are offering classes that include GED Preparation, Carpentry, Paraeducator, Welding, Automotive, and much more. For more information, click [here](#) or call (707) 421-4155.

Updates from around Solano County

Gas meter maintenance work

PG&E will be conducting important gas meter maintenance work throughout our service area by replacing a device that is attached to the gas meter, which communicates gas usage to PG&E. Crews will also ensure customers continue to receive accurate and timely bills.

Work will take 30 minutes or less to complete and gas service should not be interrupted. Safe and clear access to the meter is needed. If crews cannot access the meter, customers will need to set up an appointment. Work will be conducted at no cost to the customer.

For more information about this important maintenance work, click [here](#) or call 1-866-743-0263.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Plan FY 2023-27

Solano County Behavioral Health (SCBH) announced that the MHA Three-Year Plan FY 2023-27 has been posted for 30-day Public Comment on the MHA website at https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bh/mhsa/ann_plan/default.asp. The Public Comment period will be held through to August 15. Public Comments can be submitted to the SCBH MHA Unit at SolanoMHA@solanocounty.com.

The 3-Year Plan will be presented at a Public Hearing at the August convening of the Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 15, 2023 from 3:30-4:30pm. The link for the Public Hearing will be posted on the MHAB page at <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/mhs/mhab.asp>. The Public Hearing is another opportunity to submit public comment and represents the closure of the public comment period.

Following the presentation at the MHAB, SCBH will update the document to include written responses to the public comments received during the 30 day period and at the Public Hearing. The final 3-Year Plan will be presented to the Solano County Board of Supervisors in August 22, 2023 for approval before being submitted to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Department of Health Care Services.

Upcoming events in Solano County

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](#).

Benicia Waterfront Festival

Benicia Main Street will present the Benicia Waterfront Festival from **11am to 6pm, Saturday July 29 and Sunday, July 30** at the First Street Green.

Benicia celebrates its picturesque waterfront locale with two days of live music, microbrew tastings, arts & crafts marketplace, delectable gourmet foods, and kids' activity area.

Daily admission is \$15 per adult, \$10 for seniors (65+) and children 12 get in for free with paying adult. A weekend pass is \$20 per adult.

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



The poster for the Benicia Waterfront Festival features a central illustration of a waterfront scene with buildings and palm trees. To the left, the dates 'JULY 29 - 30' are written vertically in large blue letters. Below the illustration, the text reads 'Benicia Waterfront Festival' in a stylized font. The event is presented by Benicia Main Street. The poster lists the following details:

- SATURDAY:** Wake the Neighbors | Other People's Money | In Living Cover
- SUNDAY:** House of Floyd | Tin Man | Tortilla Soup
- Daily Admission: \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors (65+)
- 12 & under free with paid adult
- Weekend Pass: \$20 Adults

At the bottom, it states 'Sat & Sun 11am to 6pm First St. Green' and provides the website 'www.BeniciaMainStreet.org'. A QR code is also present. Sponsors listed include VASCO, AMP ARTS, and REPUBLIC SERVICES.

The Future of Farming in Solano County

The Solano EDC Speaker Series webinar will focus on "The Future of Farming in Solano County," on **Monday, July 31 from 12 to 130pm**. President and CEO Chris Rico will be joined by panelists Dr. Abou Najm (Associate Professor for Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis), William Brazelton (President of Solano County Farm Bureau), Charlie Wagner (Winemaker of Mer Soleil Wines) and Jenny Wagner (Winemaker of Emmollo Wines).

To register, click [here](#).

NAMI Solano County Speaker Series

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, continues to host a speaker series.

Christine Eichhorn, Chair-NAMI Service Members, Veterans, and Families Council; Homefront Coordinator – NAMI Santa Clara will speak on NAMI Homefront and Our Military Community to understand the needs of those in the military community.

The event will be on **Monday July 31 from 6:30 to 7:30pm** via [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 814 0228 2987 Passcode: 498897

Sen. Dodd hosts Vallejo Open House with Rep. John Garamendi

State Senator Bill Dodd (photo) will host an open house with Congressman John Garamendi from **5 to 7pm, Wednesday Aug. 2** in downtown Vallejo, at 420 Virginia St., Suite 1C.



Come introduce yourself, talk about key issues in both North Bay districts and learn about public services available to you. This is an in-person event. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

For more information, call (707) 551-2389 or email Gethsemane.Moss@sen.ca.gov

Teen painting at JFK Library

TEEN PAINT ALONG THURSDAYS AT JFK LIBRARY

Teens, join us at JFK Library for Paint Along Thursdays! Come paint on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in August and create your own masterpieces. Each week will have its own theme!

WHEN:

August 3 at 5:00 p.m. – Jellyfish
August 10 at 5:00 p.m. – Like Stained Glass
August 17 at 5:00 p.m. – Outer Space
August 24 at 5:00 p.m. – City Scape

WHERE:

JFK Library
505 Santa Clara St.
Vallejo, CA 94590

Local teens are invited to paint during the month of August at the JFK Library in the city of Vallejo. Each week will have its own theme. The first session will take place at **5pm on Thursday, August 3** with the theme being "jellyfish." The JFK Library is located at 505 Santa Clara Street.

Treetopia

The tree-themed event, Treetopia will take place from **Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 6**, at Alden Park on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo. Come have fun listening to music and learning about trees. For more information, click [here](#).

The event is hosted by A Plus Tree a tree care company that was established in Vallejo and Treestuff. The event is from 10am to 4pm.

Backpack giveaway August 5!

The Fairfield Community Services Foundation is hosting its annual free backpack and food giveaway event on **August 5 from 10am to 12pm** at Bethel Community Church at 600 E. Tabor Ave. Volunteers are needed to fill the food bags for the event on

August 4 at 8:30am at Bethel Community Church. Please contact Sean Quinn (Fairfield Community Services Foundation) at xsquinn@aol.com if interested!

Blood drive



CITY OF VALLEJO BLOOD DRIVE

WHEN:

Tuesday, August 8, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Vallejo Room

WHERE:

Below library
505 Santa Clara St
Vallejo, CA 94590

WHAT:

To make an appointment please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code **cityofvallejo** or use the link below
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=cityofvallejo>

To save time while saving a life please fill out a Rapidpass. For more info, please visit [redcrossblood.org/Rapidpass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Rapidpass)

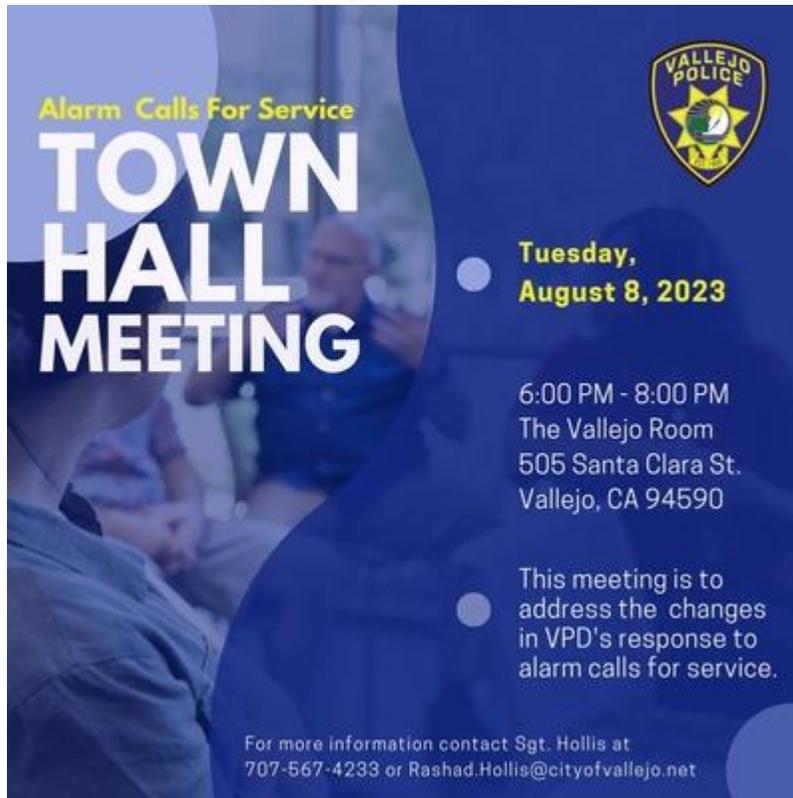
Thank you for helping to save up to 3 lives with one blood donation!

Appointments and Identification are required.

Donors will be entered for a chance a chance to win a 3-night trip to New York, a private shark dive at Long Island Aquarium & more

The city of Vallejo will host a blood drive from **9am to 3pm, Tuesday, August 8** in the Vallejo Room, located on the First Floor of the JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street. Appointments are required and can be made by clicking [here](#).

Vallejo PD Town Hall

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. The Vallejo Police Department logo is in the top right. The date "Tuesday, August 8, 2023" is in yellow. The time "6:00 PM - 8:00 PM" and location "The Vallejo Room, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo, CA 94590" are in white. A paragraph explains the meeting's purpose: "This meeting is to address the changes in VPD's response to alarm calls for service." Contact information for Sgt. Hollis is at the bottom.

Alarm Calls For Service

TOWN HALL MEETING



Tuesday, August 8, 2023

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

This meeting is to address the 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 Vallejo Police Department is hosting a Community Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday, August 8 from 6 to 8pm**. The meeting will be held at the Vallejo Room located on the First Floor of the JFK Library at 505 Santa Clara Street.

The department will host a community discussion on "Changes In Response To Alarm Calls" and the proposed changes to responding to alarm calls for service. Vallejo residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this upcoming town hall meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, there will be an additional town hall meeting held at a later date and time.

ARC Open House

"Take a Walk" in the ARC, Adult Recreation Center, on **Thursday August 10, 10am to 3pm** at 1200 Harry Price Drive in the city of Fairfield. The ARC is hosting a free open house event to showcase the wide range of fun activities available for individuals age 50 and older. Live entertainment will be featured, and you'll have the opportunity to attend educational lectures from senior resource organizations. Light refreshments will be available, and boxed lunches will be available to purchase for \$10. For more information, click [here](#).

Benicia PD town hall meeting on automated license plate reader system

BENICIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ALPR PRESENTATION

Registration:
[HTTP://BIT.LY/BPDALPR](http://bit.ly/BPDALPR)
WEBINAR



MIKE GREENE
Chief of Police

Chief Mike Greene and his Command Staff will share the successes and results of the Automated License Plate Reader technology, its impact on crime in the city, and future plans.

AUGUST | 10th | 2023



6 - 7 p.m.

Benicia Police Chief Mike Greene will provide a public presentation on the automated license plate reader system at **6pm., Thursday, August 10**. Chief Greene and his staff will share the successes and results of the Automated License Plate Reader technology, its impact on crime in the city, and future plans.

In May 2021, the Benicia City Council approved the purchase and installation of 45 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) within the city limits. ALPR software is a technology that uses cameras to automatically read license plate characters and other identifying characteristics of a vehicle (the vehicle make, model, color and unique identifiers). The cameras capture license numbers and transmits plate data to a database, which can run a check for stolen vehicles, Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts, missing persons and wanted people.

To register, click [here](http://bit.ly/BPDALPR).

School Supplies and more

Each year, the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District coordinates a free Back to School Resource Fair for the community's most vulnerable students and families. This event is in partnership with Fairfield Police Department's Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (H.O.P.E.) and will take place at St. Mark's Church (1600 Union Ave, Fairfield) on **Saturday, August 12** from **10am to 1pm**. School supplies, food, drinks, and community resources will be provided.

Tomato & Vine Festival returns

Get ready to celebrate the Annual Tomato & Vine Festival organized by the City of Fairfield's Parks & Recreation Department on **Saturday, August 19th from 11am to 7 pm and Sunday, August 20 from 11am to 5pm**.

One of the highlights of the festival is the incredible variety of tomatoes for purchase. With over 20 different varieties, tomato enthusiasts will be in paradise. Additionally, you'll have an opportunity to sample various tomatoes from 12 to 4 pm and those with a competitive spirit will enjoy the tomato eating contest on Saturday. On Sunday car enthusiasts can enjoy a captivating car show and stunning collection of vehicles.

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

Events I attended this week

Monday, July 24, I attend the Vallejo City Unified School District Summer Commencement honoring the Graduating Class of 2023. The students from Vallejo High, and John Finney High finished their credits by attending summer school. There were close to 50 students who completed their credits and now have their diplomas. I taught 36 summer school sessions, and this is the first time I saw a graduation right after the completion of school. This is a great idea. The gym was filled with parents, family members, friends and staff. An atmosphere of happiness and success filled the air. A shout out to the staff who helped put the ceremony together. A shout out to the teachers who taught, the students who attended summer school to receive their diplomas, and the families and friends who supported their student.

On Monday afternoon, I was invited by PG&E to see the work being done to put their lines underground. The goal is to try to keep PSPS at a minimum. The poles will not go away as other utilizes still use them. This means AT&T, and cable for example. Hot does not explain the afternoon. Lots of bottled water was given out to all. I am hopeful that when this project is done, power will be available to everyone in a safer method.

The last event was attending the Ranch HOA meeting. I want to thank Ana Petero for inviting me. I was very concern after attending a Fairfield City Council meeting that the development (which I thought was nixed) of putting 400 homes inside the quarry on Nelson Hill was back on the agenda. Cordelia Road is a two-lane road. Adding 400 homes inside the quarry, truly makes no sense. Not everyone knew about this project. I enjoyed talking with the members about some other issues. It was a good day.

Looking for a job? Consider these links

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