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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

**Dedication to Terra Star Jackson and the Nashville shooting victims**

This week's newsletter is dedicated to Terra Star Jackson, the Grange Middle School student who lost her life after being hit by a car at a school crosswalk, and the victims of the school shooting at Covenant School in Nashville, TN. These losses are incomprehensible to our communities. There are seldom any words that can be offered as comfort or balm when things like this happen. I wish the families of these victims some semblance of peace in the face of these tragic and senseless losses.

**Women's History Month - recognizing Gloria Molina**



On this last Friday of Women's History Month I am recognizing Gloria Molina. She made history as being the first Latina elected to the LA City council, the LA County Board of Supervisors, and the State Assembly.

Ms. Molina started her political life in the 1970's as an activist in the Chicano movement and advocated for Mexican-American women who were sterilized against their will at the LA County USC Medical Center.

Ms. Gloria is given credit as a major force behind the creation of Grand Park. This is an area that stretches three blocks between City Hall and the Music Center in Los Angeles.

She recently wrote on her Facebook that she has been battling terminal cancer for the last three years. She is now preparing for a "transition in life." She also wrote: "I've lived a long, fulfilling and beautiful life."

I believe all of us would like to say those words when it is our time.

## Cesar Chavez Day is today

Today, March 31, is Cesar Chavez's birthday. He was a civil rights activist, Latino, and farm labor leader. He co-founded the National Farm Workers Association. I remember growing up and to support the movement - we did not buy nor eat grapes.

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## Information this week

### Senator Bill Dodd's District Report

California Senator Bill Dodd, Senate District 3, has sent out a new district report for the month of March. Click [here](#) to read more about Senator Dodd's Women of the Year, learn how to get free help with taxes, view current grant opportunities in California, and read about what Senator Dodd has been up to from news clippings.

### Tax filing deadline extended

As a result of the winter storms in January and February, the deadline to file taxes in Solano County has been extended until **October 16, 2023**. This applies to both individuals and businesses. For more information on this extension, click [here](#).

### File your taxes for free with the IRS and get free tax help

The IRS makes it easy to file your taxes for free with their Free File program, an electronic version of the 1040 form. Additionally, if you make under \$73,000 a year, you qualify for **free** guided tax help through the IRS. For more information on either of these programs, click [here](#).

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## Public notices

### Board of Supervisors agenda for April 4

#### Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(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 TEXT LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is on Tuesday, April 4. To view the agenda for this meeting, click [here](#).

## **PACT Act and presumptive exposure for veterans**

At Tuesday's board meeting, Alfred Sims, Director of Veteran's Services, shared an updated list of service requirements for presumptive exposure to Agent Orange based on where veterans were stationed. VA disability compensation benefits are partly based on this exposure.

To view this list, please click [here](#).

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## **Updates from around Solano County**

### **Water conservation in Benicia still in effect**

The mandatory 40% water conservation in Benicia due to a damaged water transmission line is still in effect until further notice. This applies to all Benicia residents and businesses. For updates on the conservation, view the [announcements](#) page on the City of Benicia website.

### **Senior fraud prevention in Solano County**

Solano Public Health's Older and Disabled Adult Services (ODAS) Bureau has a new website for seniors to help themselves prevent fraud and financial abuse. Click [HERE](#) to access the Senior Fraud Prevention website, which contains all the information seniors need to know about stopping scammers and staying protected from fraud.

### **City of Benicia newsletter**



The City of Benicia has sent out its weekly newsletter. You can click [here](#) to read it in full, but some highlights include:

**Benicia Fire Department is hiring:** The Benicia Fire Department is now hiring paramedic firefighters at the academy/non-lateral, lateral, or trainee levels. The first round of applications will be reviewed on April 12.

Click [here](#) to apply.

**Low-cost Lyft rides in Benicia:** If you are age 65+, a veteran, or disabled, you qualify for \$4 Lyft rides around Benicia. Additionally, if you qualify as low-income, Lyft rides are only \$3. To apply for either voucher, call 1-800-535-6883.

Even if you do not qualify for either voucher, Lyft rides around Benicia are still just \$5. Enter the code 5BENICIA before paying.

All low-cost Lyft rides are good from 6am to 9pm.

## Electric vehicle pilot program in Fairfield

In partnership with Solano Transit Authority (STA), the city of Fairfield will soon begin construction on a number of electric vehicle chargers around Fairfield that will be available for public use. Construction is set for summer and fall of this year. For more information and to view a list of locations where chargers will be built, click [here](#).



## The Power of Kindness video campaign



“How can the power of kindness be used in our schools, homes, and communities to make a positive difference?” Solano County students in middle and high school are encouraged to answer this question in a short video for the Solano County District Attorney’s office!

Submissions must be anywhere from 30 seconds to 2 minutes long. The deadline to submit is **May 1**. For submission guidelines, rules, and instructions on how to submit, click [here](#). To view a larger version of the flyer, click [here](#).

## Revised Housing Draft Element for Solano

The January 2023 version of the Housing Draft Element has been revised to address informal comments. To view the updated version, click [here](#). Public comments are still being accepted through **April 6, 2023**. To submit a comment, email [mwalsh@solanocounty.com](mailto:mwalsh@solanocounty.com) or mail or deliver handwritten comments in person to the following address:

Solano County Department of Resource Management  
Attn. Matt Walsh  
675 Texas St., Ste. 5500  
Fairfield, CA 94533

## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Benicia Historical Museum happenings



**First Fridays at the Museum:** Celebrate the return of 19 Hand Horse at the First Friday event on **Friday, April 7 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm**. Enjoy live music, food, and drinks for a \$15 cover charge! Get your tickets [here](#).

**Mysteries in the Manifest History Talk:** The monthly History Talk at the museum is coming up on **Saturday, April 15 from 11:30am - 12:30pm**. This month, join Eileen Cook, a historian who does research on the cargo on the Brig Euphemia. Come learn what this mysterious cargo was! Claim your ticket [here](#) for just \$10.

**Callie's Kids Camp:** Registration is still open for Callie's Kids Camp, a summer program for kids ages 7-12 that runs from June through July. Spots are filling up fast so act soon! To view weekly themes and to register, view the website [here](#).

**Accepting donations for the White Camel Sale:** Trade in your trash for treasure by donating items for the White Camel sale coming up in July. Drop off items to the museum Tuesday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm. No large furniture, large appliances, clothing, personal items, or perishable goods will be accepted.

### Prescription medication take back day

The Fairfield Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are partnering to help community members dispose of prescription drugs. Safely and anonymously drop off any no longer needed prescription drugs (pills, patches, and liquids) on **Saturday, April 22** at 1000 Webster Street (Fairfield police station). To learn more, click [here](#).



### Blues, Brews, and BBQ



On **Saturday, April 22**, Fairfield will host the second annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ cook-off on the county lawn in Downtown Fairfield. The event kicks off at 12pm and promises live blues music, delicious food, and beer for those over the age of 21. Tickets are \$10 before April 14 and \$15 day of. There will also be a chicken and pork ribs cook-off! To enter the cook off, download the entry form [here](#). View a larger version of the

flyer [here](#), which contains a link to purchase tickets.

## Day of the Child in Vallejo

Day of the Child is coming up in Vallejo on **April 29 from 11am to 3pm** at City Park, 425 Alabama St. Vallejo. The event promises a family-friendly day of games, music, jumpers, and resource booths. For more information, view [the announcement here](#).



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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, March 24th** I attended the SolTrans presentation at the Benicia Senior Center. The presentation included what SolTrans can offer for our constituents that have a disabling condition defined by the ADA (Americans with Disability Act). If you need help call 800-535-6883 or visit [www.solanomobility.org](http://www.solanomobility.org).

I then drove to the Nelson Center in Suisun to attend the Women and Girl's Commission Luncheon recognizing four Solano County women. Everyone had a splendid time.

On **Saturday the 25th**, I attended the Benicia Veteran's crab feed. The place was packed. The food was great. It was a wonderful, relaxed event.

**Tuesday, March 28th**, I attended the Benicia council meeting. The bridge was the topic. I believe that the bridge should be replaced by another bridge. In my opinion the bridge is a safer route to school than crossing Military West.

**Wednesday night** I attended the Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco town hall meeting in Vallejo. The data shows that there is a big issue with tobacco use with young adults. On April 11th, students will be talking to the Vallejo council members during public comment that the council should support a strong tobacco retail license in Vallejo. There was a nice turnout and the students ran the program.

**Thursday** was a fun day. I attended a luncheon with retired teachers. There were many people I hadn't seen in person in a long time. I had such a good time laughing and talking. Our table had a beautiful view of the Rancho Solano golf course. There was no rain. Just a nice Spring day being with friends.

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## Looking for a job? Consider these links

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please consider a career with Solano County. Click [HERE](#) to access the website and follow on Facebook [@SolanoCountyJobs](#). Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[POST OFFICE](#)

[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)



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.