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**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

**Women's History Month - recognizing the women of the Solano Board of Supervisors, past and present**



This week, I'd like to recognize the shoulders upon which I stand - the women of the Solano County Board of Supervisors who paved the way.

**Jan Hewitt** – District 3, 1978 – 1986

In 1978, Jan Hewitt became the first woman elected to the Solano County Board of Supervisors. She served two terms, working to help disadvantage children and enhancing Suisun Valley's wine industry. Hewitt was the driving force behind getting The Children's Network started and she was also involved in the creation of the Fairfield Adult Day Health Center. Hewitt also pushed to renovate the historic Solano County Courthouse.

**Lee Stern Simmons** – District 2, 1984 – 1992 (1944 – 2017)

Simmons was first elected to the board of supervisors in 1984 and re-elected in 1988. While on the board, Simmons pushed for health care reforms and social services for the homeless and children. Simmons considered another run on the board in 2012, stressing she would focus on reaching out to city and regional agencies to improve transportation and social services.

**Jacqueline Ann Nichols (Jan) Stewart** – District 5, 1989 – 1992 (1932-2006)

Jan Stewart was an active member in her community, serving in numerous civic organizations in the city of Rio Vista. She was a member of the board of supervisors from 1989 to 1992 and was also a member of the Solano County Planning Commission for 10 years.

**Linda Seifert** – District 2, 2008 – 2016.

A two-term supervisor, Linda Seifert made it her mission to establish a regional park district while also advocating for the county’s elderly and homeless to have access to services. Seifert also sought to ensure that no person goes hungry. Following her time on the board, Seifert became involved with an advocacy group to find more progressive female candidates for the state Legislature. I took Seifert's place in 2016.

**Barbara Kondylis** – District 1, 1992 – 2012. (1943-2018)

Kondylis was often on the losing side of policy decisions, but that didn’t dissuade her passion for advocating on behalf of children and the environment. Prior to her time on the Solano County Board of Supervisors, Kondylis served on the Vallejo City Council. That body honored Kondylis’ staunch environmentalism by renaming open space land along the city’s waterfront in her honor. Supervisor Erin Hannigan was elected in November 2012 to replace her after Kondylis announced her retirement.

**Ruth Forney** – District 5, 2003 – 2005.

Forney became the first Black woman to serve on the Solano County Board of Supervisors when she was appointed by then California Governor Gray Davis in May 2003. Following her time on the board, Forney was active on the Health Care for the Homeless Advisory Council.

Additionally, there are three women currently serving the Board of Supervisors - the most at one time during a term:

- Erin Hannigan – District 1, elected 2012
- Monica Brown – District 2, elected 2016
- Wanda Williams – District 3, First Black woman elected to Board of Supervisors, elected 2022

**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

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

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## Information this week

### CalTrans offering reimbursement for pothole damage to vehicles



Has your vehicle been damaged by a pothole on a California freeway? You can submit a claim to CalTrans to be reimbursed for damage up to \$10,000. To submit a claim, click [here](#). For more information, read the news story [here](#).

## Be aware of the Mississippi silverside fish invasion

The California Water Blog has published this helpful [blog post](#) to help the public understand Mississippi silverside fish, an invasive species. Read about how they got here and the impact they have on Bay Area bodies of water.



[\(Photo source\)](#)

## New open-call funding initiative for community non-profits

Mackenzie Scott has started a new initiative that will allow billionaire philanthropists the opportunity to fund community-based nonprofit organizations. Scott is set to donate up to \$250 million to non-profits by next year. This is the first time organizations are allowed to nominate themselves to receive money from Scott. To read more about this philanthropic initiative, read the AP News article [here](#).

## For educators: Ethnic Studies Summer Institute

From **June 20-22**, educators are invited to join the Regional Ethnic Studies Educator Institute: Community, Hearts, and Minds. This free institute will offer the opportunity to complete collective lesson plan research, learn how to establish professional protocols and best practices, and collaborate with other like-minded scholars, educators, and leaders in workshops. The deadline to register is **April 28**. Click [here](#) to register.

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## Public notices

### Link for Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting agenda

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is on **Tuesday, March 28**. To view or download the agenda for this meeting, click [here](#).

## Updates from around Solano County

### ENACT Day registration

Virtual registration is open for ENACT Day, an event that brings community leaders and partners together to learn how to create healthy, safe, equitable communities for all Californians. In-person registration is full but if you are interested in getting on the waitlist or attending virtually, fill out [this form](#). Thank you to Healthy Solano for providing this information.

### Reducing youth access to tobacco in Vallejo

Learn how to support a strong tobacco license for Vallejo and limit young peoples' access to tobacco by attending a town hall on **Wednesday, March 29 from 6pm to 8pm** at the Foley Cultural Center in Vallejo. This is a kid friendly event that will include a youth art exhibit and light dinner. View the flyer [here](#) for full details.



### Reminder: Paid internship opportunity for Bay Area high school students



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has a new internship opportunity for Bay Area high school students, ages 16 and over, who are interested in being leaders in transportation, housing, and more. The Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy runs from July 6-27 and is a paid opportunity that allows students the chance to learn about environmental justice, transportation, housing equity, and more.

This is a chance to get an inside look at how regional government works! If you or someone you know is interested, apply [here](#) by **April 17, 2023**. **Space is limited!** For more information, including eligibility requirements, view a larger version of the flyer [here](#).

### Attention Vallejo high school seniors: Get help paying for college with VEBA!

The Vallejo Education and Business Alliance (VEBA) is accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors in the Vallejo City Unified School District who are going into higher education or trade programs. Upon selection and verification of enrollment, you will receive \$500 and another \$500 after completion of your first semester/quarter and registration for a second semester. The deadline to apply is **March 31 at 12pm**. To learn more and to download the application, click [here](#).



## MTC March Newsletter

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has published their newsletter for March. Click [here](#) to read about changes in MTC leadership and the invitation for Solano County Residents to participate in the Draft 2023 Public Participation Plan.

## Humane Society North Bay updates and events



Humane Society North Bay (HSNB) has shared some statistics from the month of February:

- **Adoptions:** 13 dogs, 4 cats
- **Transfers to adoption partners:** 10 dogs, 6 cats
- **Return to owner:** 19 dogs

HSNB also has some events **tomorrow**. Your participation helps make their work a possibility!

- **Vallejo Farmer's Market** - March 25, 9am - 2pm
- **Spring Craft Fair** - March 25, 1pm - 5pm at the Lodge in Glen Cove
- **HSNB Open shelter** - March 25, 12pm - 4pm

## Glen Cove town hall meeting

On **Wednesday, April 12 from 6pm to 8pm** I will speak at the Glen Cove town hall meeting along with Vallejo Fire Chief Kyle Long and Vallejo Police Chief Jason Ta. The meeting will be held at Glen Cove Elementary and is open to all Glen Cove residents. A food truck will also be present from 5pm to 8pm. To view a larger version of the flyer, click [here](#).



## Last chance to submit to Suisun Valley Review!



Calling all writers and artists! Solano Community College's premier literary magazine, *Suisun Valley Review*, is still accepting submissions for their Spring 2023 issue. Any and all poetry, short fiction, and works of visual art are considered for publication by the magazine's team of editors. You do not need to be a student to submit. **The deadline is Thursday, March**

**30 by 11:59pm.** View their submission guidelines [here](#) or submit your work [here](#).

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Commemorate National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Vallejo

**Tomorrow, Saturday March 25 from 11am to 11:45am,** Vallejo's Vietnam Veterans will be honored in a ceremony at Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building 420 Adm. Callaghan Lane Vallejo. Bumper stickers, lapel pins, buttons, and presidential proclamations courtesy of the Pentagon will be handed out while supplies last, as well. Admission is free for veterans and their families. To learn more, click [here](#).

### 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](#).

**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.

## Events with NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Solano County has a couple of events to check out:



### Solano County Speaker

**Series:** On **Monday, March 27 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**, NAMI invites Dr. Emily Joyner to discuss supporting the well-being of LGBTQIA+ communities. The event is virtual and will include 10-15 minutes at the end for a Q&A. For full details, including the Zoom link and passcode to access the meeting, view the flyer [here](#).

**Art and Alliance:** May is National Mental Health month. NAMI is hosting their Art and Alliance art sale on **Sunday, May 21 from 10am - 4pm**. In addition, wine will be sold and a film will be shown. All proceeds from the event go to funding NAMI's support and education missions. For more information, view the flyer with RSVP details [here](#).

## Children's Memorial Flag Day

Keep your eyes out for more information on Children's Memorial Flag Day on **April 28**. This is a day each year to honor children who died of preventable causes and violence by displaying the Children's Memorial Flag.

## Solano County Fair - coming in June!



Get ready for the annual Solano County Fair full of games, rides, food, and fun, happening this year **Thursday, June 15 through Sunday, June 18!** This year, special events include Family Ag Day and Out at the Fair. More information to come. Keep up to date with the Solano Count

Fairgrounds [website](#).

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## Events I attended this week

Tuesday March 21, I attended the Solano Economic Development breakfast. I always enjoy listening to Dr. Robert Eyler discuss the economy of the county, state, and the nation.

Later that day, I had a mental health advisory board meeting. We received a presentation on Care Court.

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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.