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Women's History Month - Recognizing architect Julia Morgan



This week, I am recognizing Julia Morgan. Julia Morgan was born January 20, 1872 in San Francisco, and left us on February 2, 1957.

She was the only woman to graduate from Berkeley in 1894 with a degree in civil engineering. She then studied architecture under architect Bernard Maybeck. With his encouragement, Ms. Morgan went to Paris to study. She became the first woman to enroll in the architecture section of the École des Beaux-Arts, from which she graduated in 1902. Coming back to California, she became the first woman in the state to be granted an architect's license. She opened her own firm in 1904.

Ms. Morgan designed iconic buildings all across the Bay Area and California, mainly in Oakland and San Francisco. In 1906, the San Francisco earthquake gave her the opportunity to design hundreds of homes but more notably she was asked to rebuild the entire Hotel Fairmont after it was destroyed by the earthquake weeks after opening. In 1919, William Randolph Hearst commissioned Julia to build a county home that become known as Hearst Castle in San Simeon. Other buildings she designed include the Berkeley Playhouse, Asilomar Conference Center, and

the George W. Wilson house in Vallejo. Ms. Morgan designed the house at the turn-of-the-century. The home is located on Capitol Street in the Heritage District if you are interested in driving by.

Fun Facts: Morgan specialized in the use of reinforced concrete which is appropriate in California. In 2008 she was inducted into the California Hall of Fame. You can read more about the George W. Wilson House in Vallejo, including a slideshow of pictures, from [this SF Gate article](#).

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Information this week

Road closures due to storms

The recent storms have caused a number of roads around Solano County to close for safety and repairs. To keep up-to-date with these closures, view [this map](#) that is updated regularly. The picture to the right is of Cantelow Road in Vacaville.



Paid internship opportunity for 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 internship is a 4-week paid opportunity that allows students the chance to learn about environmental justice, transportation, housing equity, and more through the scope of regional agencies. If you are interested, apply [here](#) by **April 17, 2023**. For more information, including eligibility requirements, view the press release [here](#).

Updates from around Solano County

Congratulations to the Rodriguez High School wrestling team!

I would like to congratulate the Rodriguez High School wrestling team on their outstanding performance this season. They finished second-best in the Monticello Empire League and qualified for the Sac-Joaquin Section (SJS) section duals for the first time since 2018. The team's record this season was 5-2 and four members of the team - Samuel Goodwin, Gilberto Rodriguez, Munther

Saleh, and Deven Lakhan - qualified for the SJS Masters competition. Eliza Goodwin also had a great performance, qualifying for the California Interscholastic Federation State Meet and finishing in the top twelve.

Both of my kids attended Rodriguez. It is always great to see students continue to bring pride to the school. Congratulations again!

Catalytic converter etching service in Dixon

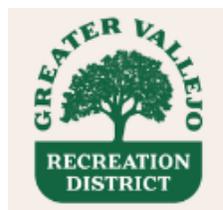
Catalytic converter theft is at an all time high in the area but you can take steps to deter thieves. One way is to get your catalytic converter etched with your vehicle's license plate number **this Saturday, March 18 from 9am to 3pm** at 1320 North First Street, Dixon, 95620. This service is put on by Dixon Police Department in association with Dixon Police Officer's Association and Ron DuPratt Ford. For more information, including a list of the most highly targeted vehicles, click [here](#).

Benicia P.D. is hiring

The Benicia Police Department is recruiting lateral police officers and academy graduates to join their force. Annual salary can be up to \$114,296.88 a year with a \$15,000 signing bonus. Make a difference and apply [here](#). For more information, view the recruitment flyer [here](#).



Event spaces available for rent in Vallejo



Looking for an event space or need to plan a party? The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) has some services and facilities available to rent in Vallejo, including Children's Wonderland, an aquatic complex, community centers and more. To request more information or to rent a space, contact

GVRD [here](#).

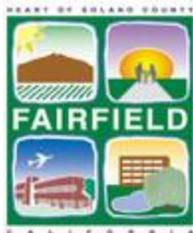
Fairfield Youth Commission - apply now!

The City of Fairfield is seeking motivated young individuals, ages 13-21, to fill six seats on the Youth Commission. The term is from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, and gives Fairfield youth the opportunity to make changes in their community by working directly with city commissioners. The application deadline is **April 4 at 5pm**. To learn more, click [here](#).

If you are interested in applying, pick up an application at the City Clerk's Office at Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, 4th floor.

Applications may also be downloaded or requested by mail by contacting Deputy City Clerk Esther Beavers at (707) 428-7402 or cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov.

News from the city of Fairfield



The City of Fairfield has released their newest newsletter - click [here](#) to read it. Some highlights include:

City Council Listening Tour, District 5: Mayor of Fairfield Catherine "Cat" Moy and Fairfield City Council members are visiting District 5 on **Saturday, March 25 from 11am - 1pm** as part of their listening tour of Fairfield. Come meet city leaders, ask questions, and provide input at Bethel Community Church, 600 E. Tabor Ave.

Prescription drug takeback: Safely and anonymously drop off any no longer needed prescription drugs on **Saturday, April 22** at 1000 Webster Street (Fairfield police station).

Rockville park and open spaces closed until March 23

Due to the recent heavy rain and floods, open spaces and parks in Rockville will remain closed until at least March 23. Staff is taking this time to monitor flooded trails and remove downed trees that are a hazard. For more information, you are welcome to call Park Ranger Teri Luchini (707) 249-3434.

Reminder: Free home safety kits for veterans and active military members

A reminder that Rebuilding Together Solano County will be offering free home safety and disaster preparedness kits to veterans, active military, and military family members. These kits are valued at \$175. To receive a kit, please bring a driver's license (with Solano County address) and your military ID, VA card, or DD-214 Discharge Documentation to the Benicia Veterans Building **this Saturday, March 18** between **10am - 2pm**. A raffle for grocery gift cards, raised garden boxes, and garden hoses will also be held at the giveaway. For more information, including a full list of items included in the kits, view the full flyer [here](#).

Reminder: Home rehabilitation for veterans, seniors, and disabled homeowners

Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) is still accepting applications for their home rehabilitation project through **Friday, March 31, 2023**. This free project aims to help bring safety and healthy living through home renovation and is open to low-income veterans and surviving veteran spouses, seniors, and disabled people who own a home. If you or someone you know qualifies for this project, you are encouraged to apply. To read more about qualifications, view the flyer [here](#) or download the application [here](#).



Educational programs at Benicia Historical Museum

Attention all teachers and educators! Did you know Benicia Historical Museum has educational programs that you can book for your next fieldtrip, home school group outing, or scout trip? Programs are available with a wide variety of topics for grades K-8. Click [here](#) to learn more!

STATUS newsletter for March



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has published their March newsletter. Click [here](#) to read more about updates from the STA Board Meeting on March 8, State funding priorities for transit projects in

Solano County, changes coming to Solano Express routes in April, the new Walk or Wheel school commute program in Benicia and Vallejo, and much more.

Public notices

Senator Bill Dodd to discuss artificial intelligence

On **Tuesday, March 21 at 6pm**, Senator Bill Dodd will host a virtual town hall to discuss rapidly developing artificial intelligence (A.I.) technology, the implications it may have on consumer privacy, protection, and regulations that may be needed. He will be joined by qualified guests including privacy advocates, ethics experts, law professors, and the creator of AI program ChatGPT. The event will be livestreamed in numerous places. Click [here](#) to learn more and get a link to the livestream.

Water updates from the Northern California Water Association



The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) has published an update and outlook for NorCal water in 2023. With the recent storms and floods, there are some interesting developments with surface water supplies and water allocations that you can read about [here](#).

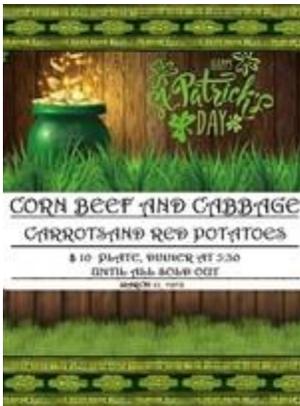
Comment period open for MTC Public Participation Plan

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is drafting a new Public Participation Plan. This gives Bay Area residents the opportunity to join the conversation with MTC's planning and funding decisions and help to improve quality of life in and around the Bay over the next three decades. To read the draft Plan and submit comments, click [here](#). Public comments are due by **Monday, April 10 at 5pm**.



Upcoming events in Solano County

Corned beef and cabbage dinner at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day today with a \$10 plate of corned beef and cabbage, carrots, and red potatoes! Dinner is served at **5:30 today, March 27, at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall**. Plates are available while supplies last.

Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame

See a new class of local sports legends get inducted into the Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame this **Saturday, March 18 from 4pm - 8pm**. Tickets are still available for \$70 and you can get yours at [this link](#).

Fishing in the City

Do you have a child ages 7-15 who is interested in learning to fish? Come to the Fishing in the City event at Lake Chabot in Dan

Foley Park in Vallejo, **Saturday, March 25 from 8am - 11am.** The event is free!

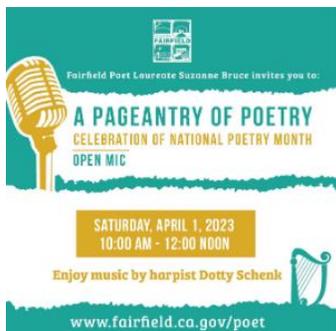
Benicia Historical Museum happenings

Roaring '20s Trivia Night: Think you know the 1920s? Registration is still open for the Museum's trivia night. There will be two ways to win a prize - place 1st in the trivia competition or win the costume contest. Registration for a group of 8 is \$220 while individual registration is \$30. Get your tickets for the event on **Friday, March 24 from 6 pm - 9:30 pm** [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](#).

A Pageantry of Poetry in Fairfield



April is National Poetry Month! To kick off the month, join Solano County poets laureate on **Saturday, April 1 from 10am - 12pm** for a poetry reading and open mic at the pond behind Fairfield Civic Center Library. Music will be provided by harpist Dotty Schenk. Poets may also sell their books at the event.

National Poetry Month in Vallejo

Celebrate poets of all ages and their poetry all April with five poetry reading events at Alibi Bookshop in Vallejo.



1. Tuesday, April 11, 6:30pm - Vallejo Poets: 8 featured Vallejo poets will read their work.

2. Thursday, April 13, 6:30pm - Young Vallejo Poets (featured readers and open mic): Student poets from Vallejo's junior high and high schools will read their work.

3. Thursday, April 20, 6:30pm - Open Mic: Poetry Celebration!: Open invitation to come and read a poem. All are welcome to read your poem or just come and listen. MC: Jeremy Snyder.

4. Thursday, April 27, 6:30pm - Book Club Poetry Share: Karen Finlay's monthly book club celebrates Poetry Month

by inviting everyone to bring a poem to share by a poet they've never read before. All are welcome.

5. Sunday, April 30, 1pm - Vallejo Invitational: Three guest poets will come to Vallejo to read their work. Hosted by Jeff Kingman.

To read more about these events, read the news release [here](#).

Earth Day events in Benicia



On **Saturday, April 22** the City of Benicia is hosting an Earth Day/Sustainability Fair at the Benicia Public Library! The event promises many engaging activities like an electric vehicle petting zoo, succulent swap and seed sharing, arts and crafts

for kids, and many local businesses will be present to talk about their sustainability efforts. Other activities such as a tour of the wastewater treatment plant and cleanup of Alvarez Ninth Street Park are also on the agenda.

On the same day, Benicia will also host the Diversity Festival, Benicia Main Street Art Festival Scavenger Hunt, and more! For full details, view the Benicia newsletter [here](#).

Seeking sponsors and bands

Greater Vallejo Recreation District is getting ready to put on their summer concert series and is seeking sponsors and bands to participate! If you are interested in being a sponsor, click [here](#), or if your band is interested in playing, click [here](#).

A welcome to my new intern

Last week I shared about my new board aide. As a final note this week, I'd like to welcome my new college intern, Kaitlin Price, who started working in my office last week. Her primary responsibility is writing up and editing the newsletter you're reading now!

Kaitlin is currently a student at San Jose State University's School of Information, pursuing her Master's degree in Library and Information Science. A graduate of Solano Community College and California State University, Monterey Bay, she has worked in and around Solano County since 2014. She hopes the experience gained working in the District 2 offices will one day help her become a great librarian.

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:

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[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

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[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

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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.