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SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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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

Women's History Month - recognizing Janet Yellen



Today, I want to recognize Janet Yellen. Janet was born on August 13, 1946 in New York, New York. She received her economics degree from Brown University in 1967 and received her Master's and PhD in economics from Yale University in 1971, the only woman to do so out of two dozen candidates that year.

I selected Ms. Yellen as I want to recognize her as the 73rd Secretary of the United States Department of the Treasury. Ms. Yellen believes in making the American economy one that allows all workers to succeed. She believes in "efficiency wage theory." The idea is that paying workers more than the market wage boosts productivity and ends up being worth it for the employer.

A fun fact is a song has been written about her in the style of the musical *Hamilton*. "Who's Yellen Now?" features vocals and lyrics by Dessa with production by Lazerbeak and Andy Thompson. Listen to it [here](#).

Information this week

Extreme weather advisory in place

Extreme rain and wind is expected to hit Solano County this week. A flood watch and wind advisory was put in place March 9. The flood watch will last through Sunday, March 12 while the wind advisory will end at 4pm today.

Solano OES will send out updates as the weather progresses. Please make sure you're signed up to receive emergency notifications from [AlertSolano](#).

If you are in Benicia and need sandbags to prevent flooding, self-serve filling stations are open at East E Street lot and Benicia Corporation Yard.

Reminder: Spring Forward on Sunday



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday as Daylight Savings time starts!

CPUC updates

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has some upcoming events and news to keep you up-to-date on all things public utilities. Click [here](#) to view their events, including free workshops and public meetings. To read recent news and updates from CPUC, click [here](#).

Public notices

Feedback needed for a community needs assessment



invested in.

The Community Action Partnership (CAP), Joint Powers Authority of Solano is creating their strategic plan for the next two years. Your feedback is vital to ensure the needs of unhoused and income insecure people in Solano County are prioritized and

In order for this plan to be as successful as possible, CAP needs to hear from as many people as possible. There are two ways to contribute. Attend the Community Needs Assessment Forum on **Wednesday, March 22nd at 11:10am** (register [here](#)), or fill out a brief survey by **March 31**. The survey can be found in [English here](#) or [Spanish here](#).

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

For more information, view the full-size flyer [here](#).

Reminder: Bay Ferry 2050 survey

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority wants to hear from YOU! The Bay Ferry 2050 project is still seeking responses to their survey to help shape the future of ferry service in the San Francisco Bay Area. All survey participants will be automatically entered to win a \$50 Clipper Card or a San Francisco Bay Ferry water bottle. Complete the short survey [here](#).



Updates from around Solano County

Hours extended for \$5 Lyft vouchers in Benicia

Benicia Mayor Steve Young has announced an extension of hours for the \$5 Lyft program in Benicia. \$5 rides will now operate until **11pm**. Previously the program ended at 9pm. If you would like to take advantage of this program, use code 5Benicia in the Lyft app. This offer is only valid for Lyft rides within Benicia.

Overnight warming shelter open in Vallejo

In response to the extreme temperature drop this week, the Vallejo room on the backside of Vallejo City Hall, below the library, will be open **today, March 10 and tomorrow, March 11** as an overnight warming shelter from **8pm to 7am**. If you are interested in using this service, please bring your own blankets. One small bag or personal item is allowed with you. If you need transportation to the location, SolTrans is offering free fare if you mention to the driver that you are going to the warming shelter.

Mocha Mommas Thrive virtual group



Registration is now open for the Solano County Black Infant Health Program Mocha Mommas Thrive group, a 9-week virtual group focused on culturally-affirming discussions about parenthood, nurturing, village support, resiliency, and much more. This group is open to any Black/African American identifying pregnant, parenting, bonus-parenting, or caretaker, female identifying person, ages 16 years old and over, living in Solano County. The group will

meet **every Wednesday from March 15 to May 3, 5:30pm - 7:30pm**. The last session you may join the group is March 29. Register for the group [here](#), or view the flyer [here](#) for the Zoom meeting info.

Supporting local farmstands

Solano Land Trust wants to remind you to support local farmstands! Eating locally is one way to help the environment and there are many resources including farmstands and community-supported agriculture (CSAs) that make this possible. For a featured list of places to support in Solano County, check out [this link](#).



Free workforce training sessions

The Workforce Development Board of Solano County has a couple of new free training sessions this month.

The 21st Century Entrepreneurship Workshop: Think of your own career as an entrepreneurship with this workshop! Topics will include accessing the gig economy, building career value, and developing a career playbook to grow your career and income over time. This virtual workshop is on **Thursday, March 16 from 9 am - 3 pm**. View the flyer for more information [here](#).

Food Manager Certificate Trainings: All restaurants with five or more employees are required to have a certified food-manager on duty while open. If you or someone you know would like to be certified, attend one of two free trainings on **March 27 or March 28 from 9am - 3pm**. These trainings will be at 500 Chadbourne Rd., Fairfield. View the flyer for more information [here](#).

To register for either training, please contact Matt Moon-Bailey at mmoonbailey@solanowdb.org or call (707) 863-0222.

Summer jobs with Benicia Rec



Benicia Rec has two exciting summer job opportunities, both beginning May 17, 2023. Apply to be a Rec Leader at Adventures Day Camp or a Lifeguard at James Lemos Pool. Please note that for the lifeguard position, certification classes are happening in March and during Spring Break. To

apply for either of these jobs, click [here](#), or view a larger version of the flyer for more information [here](#).

Discuss Vallejo's future at the Economic Development Strategic Plan meeting

Vallejo Council Members Mina Loera-Diaz and JR Matulac are co-hosting a public discussion on the new economic development plan for Vallejo, made possible by funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Join the discussion at The Lodge at Glen Cove on **Thursday, March 30 at 6 pm** to share your ideas and make your community's voice heard. Click [here](#) to register, or view the [flyer](#) for more information.

Homelessness resources from Vallejo

The City of Vallejo has a webpage full of resources for homeless and unhoused people. This page also includes news and updates on programs for unhoused people for both the city and county. To view the webpage, click [here](#).

Clean Air Art Contest for students



The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is accepting artwork submissions from local students for the 2023 Clean Air Art Contest. Students may choose one of the following prompts to inspire their work:

- Walking and Biking to School is Good for the Air
- Turn the Key, and Be Idle Free
- Spare the Air – Leave Your Car at Home
- Clean Air is Important to Me Because...

Three winners from four grade divisions (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) will win an Amazon gift card. Entries are due **March 31 by 4 pm**. For more information and entry forms, click [here](#). To view the flyer, which includes specifics of submission requirements, click [here](#).

Upcoming events in Solano County

Solano Land Trust events



Solano Land Trust has a few upcoming events centered on the abundant open space and farmlands around us. Check them out:

Volunteer appreciation and recruitment: Current and prospective Solano Land Trust volunteers are invited to Journey Downtown @ the Library, 300

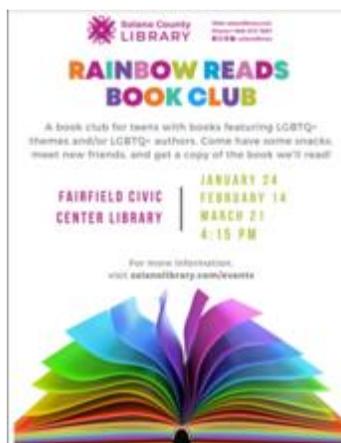
Main Street, Vacaville, on **Saturday, March 11 from 5 pm to 7 pm**. The event promises \$10 for all you can eat pizza and a raffle. For more information, click [here](#).

Hike and Write: Join Solano Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce to hike around the Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park and write poetry along the way! Let your observational skills guide you. The hike will take place **Sunday, March 19, from 1 pm to 4 pm**. To RSVP, send an email to fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com.

Earth Day Cleanup at Grizzly Island: On **Saturday, April 22 from 9 am to 12 pm**, Solano Land Trust is coordinating one of eleven clean up events around Solano County in recognition of Earth Day. Join them at Grizzly Island to clean up debris in and around waterways.

Teen Rainbow Reads book club

Teens are invited to the Rainbow Reads Book Club on **Tuesday, March 21 at 4:15 pm** at Fairfield Civic Center Library. This club features books with LGBTQ+ themes and authors while giving teens the chance to enjoy snacks and socialize with friends! Copies of the next book club pick will also be given out. Click [here](#) to view a larger version of the flyer.



Trans Day of Visibility rally



On **Friday, March 31 at 4 pm**, the Solano Pride Center is hosting a rally celebrating Trans Day of Visibility. The event will be held at 675 Texas Street in Fairfield. This is a day for awareness around transgender people and their rights as well as honoring the contributions of trans and non-binary people everywhere. The event is free - all you need to do is show up.

Out of the Darkness: Campus walk for suicide prevention

Register today for the Out of the Darkness campus walk at Rodriguez High School, happening **Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 10 am**. This event is in association with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to raise awareness for suicide prevention for teens and young adults. There is no fee to register but fundraising and sponsorship opportunities are available. To register, donate, or to get more information, click [here!](#)



Fashion show with Safequest Solano



You're invited to an afternoon of elegance, fun, and fashion! Safequest Solano is hosting a fashion show at the Jelly Belly Events Center on **Saturday, April 29 at 3 pm**. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$75 at the door if still available. All proceeds go to supporting survivors of domestic abuse and their families. Limited sponsorship opportunities are also available. To get your tickets, click [here](#). To view a larger version of the flyer, click [here](#).

Events I attended this week

Friday, March 3rd I attended the Solano Winds Community Concert Band. The concert presented The Legacy of Clifton Williams. The music was wonderful.

Sunday, March 5th, I attended the Violins of Hope concert held at Chabad of Solano County. Four violins that survived the Holocaust were on display. Ms. Solodounikova-Adams played 8 pieces of music, two per violin. The piece from "Schindler's List" by John Williams was the most moving Holocaust-related music to me. As I listen to the music, I recalled pieces of the film in my mind. The event was very moving.

Tuesday March 7th, I attended an event at the public library in Fairfield on Kentucky Street. The librarian, Elizabeth, set up an art project as an afterschool activity. It was fun talking to the students who came. I met Elizabeth online when I was asked to read essays. This was the first time I was able to meet her in person. I

would like to remind everyone that all our libraries have many free and fun activities. I enjoyed the afternoon.

Later, I attended the Vanden basketball game playoff held at Solano Community College. One of my colleagues has a child who plays on the team. WHAT A GREAT GAME. The gym was packed. Cheerleaders added to the ambiance. The young men played so well. Game went into overtime. The team had a great season. A big thank you to the College for working hard to accommodate the need for a bigger venue for the game. Gentlemen, you made Solano County proud.

Welcome to my new board aide

As one final note this week, I'd like to take a moment to welcome my new aide, John Glidden.

Longtime Vallejo journalist John Glidden joined the District 2 office last week as a board aide. John is tasked with working with officials in the cities of Benicia and Vallejo to ensure a smooth working relationship between those cities and my office. He also works to resolve any constituent complaints that may arise.

Prior to joining Supervisor Brown's office, John co-founded the Vallejo Sun online publication, with two other regional journalists in September 2021. He has written for the Vallejo Times-Herald, The Appeal, Fairfield Daily Republic and the Solano Tempest, the student newspaper at Solano Community College. A Vallejo native, John continues to maintain roots in the town he calls home. He has three daughters.

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.

Header image of Vallejo courtesy of John Glidden