



# Solano County *California*

## **SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**September 22, 2023**



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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**

(707) 784-7485

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

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## **California Native American Day**

Today is California Native American Day. This day celebrate the distinctive culture of the Native American people indigenous to California. In 1998, the California Assembly passed AB 1953, which made Native American Day an official state holiday observed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in September.

## **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Between September 15th and October 15th, National Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the culture, contributions and histories, of those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

## **Information this week**

## **Solano Public Health recommends updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines**



The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division is recommending the updated monovalent COVID-19 vaccine for everyone six (6) months and older to protect them against severe COVID-19 illness this fall and winter. Additionally, Solano Public Health recommends residents get their annual flu vaccine, county officials announced.

Individuals five (5) years of age and older, regardless of previous vaccination, are recommended to receive a single dose of the updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals six (6) months through four (4) years of age who have been previously vaccinated are recommended to receive one (1) or two (2) doses of the updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, depending on history and timing of previous COVID-19 vaccine doses. Unvaccinated individuals six (6) months through four (4) years of age are recommended to receive three (3) doses of the updated Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or two (2) doses of the updated Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine. An updated COVID-19 vaccine dose can be given at least two (2) months after receipt of a prior COVID-19 vaccine dose.

In addition to getting the updated COVID-19 vaccine, residents six months and older should also get their annual vaccination for influenza. Timely flu shots help prevent a disease that hospitalizes hundreds of thousands and kills tens of thousands of Americans every year. The start of the flu season is unpredictable, and the vaccine takes two weeks to become fully effective once administered.

Individuals who are interested in getting the updated monovalent COVID-19 vaccine should reach out to their healthcare provider. To find COVID-19 vaccine clinics near you, call your local pharmacy, or visit vaccines.gov or myturn.ca.gov. For a list of Solano County community clinics providing low-cost to no-cost flu shots, visit [www.SolanoCounty.com/flu](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/flu).

## Invasive mosquito found in Solano County



(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

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, in coordination with the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District (SCMAD), have confirmed detection of the Aedes aegypti mosquito in Solano County. This invasive mosquito was first detected on September 11 in Dixon, the county announced this week.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is not native to California and typically live in tropical, subtropical and in some temperate climates. This mosquito can spread diseases such as Zika, yellow fever, dengue, chikungunya and other viruses. They are small, dark mosquitos with white markings and banded legs. Because these mosquitos live near and prefer to feed on people, they are more likely to spread these viruses than other types of mosquitos. The mosquito may be active around dusk and dawn but bites most often during the day and often bites indoors.

Residents should eliminate all sources of standing water on their property to control the species, including flowerpots, spare tires, untreated swimming pools and drainage ditches, which are common breeding sources of the Aedes aegypti mosquito.

For additional tips visit <https://www.SolanoMosquito.com/Prevention>. Any unmaintained swimming pools and stagnant water should be reported by calling the SCMAD at (707) 437-1116.

## Rural Development Modernization Act (H.R. 5359)

On September 8, 2023, the *Rural Development Modernization Act* ([H.R. 5359](#)) was introduced in the 118th Congress by Representative Jim Costa (D-Fresno).

The bill would seek to update the population threshold for rural communities under programs carried out by the Department of Agriculture. This would open up additional funding and programmatic opportunities for jurisdictions that are larger than the existing thresholds but still have high levels of need within their populations. This recognizes the impacts of poverty and a lack of housing and services within communities that, while they are still rural, may have slightly larger populations. The programs currently included in the bill are related to broadband, rural water projects, housing, and energy.

The bill has been referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Financial Services. For more information, contact Eric Will, Policy and Local Assistance Manager, at [ewill@rcrcnet.org](mailto:ewill@rcrcnet.org).

## Job search

Are you in the market for a new job or maybe even a career change? The Sacramento Bee service journalism team put together some

opportunities for well-paying state jobs, jobs that don't require degrees and even teaching positions.

Sift through the openings they picked out and take a chance at a new job!

- These [open California state jobs](#) pay \$10,000 to \$32,000 a month. Here's who is hiring.
- These California state jobs are hiring — and they [don't require a college degree](#).
- This California school [district will pay you to become a teacher](#). Here's how it works.

## Covid tests

Every U.S. household can request a new shipment of free tests, starting Monday, Sept. 25. To read more, click [here](#).

## Unclaimed money

California is holding on to billions in unclaimed property. How can you get your money? To find out how, click [here](#).

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## Public Notices

### Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project

The rate of siltation in the Napa River has drastically increased in the last decade resulting in an increased dredging frequency from once every 4 years to once every 1.5 to 2 years. Each dredging episode costs WETA nearly \$2 million, an expense expected to increase over time.

The Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project will relocate the float away from the basin area where the heaviest accumulation of sediment occurs, thereby, reducing the need to dredge frequently and saving WETA up to approximately \$21 million over the next 20 years.

Just as important as the cost savings this project would have on strained budgets, dredging and low tide episodes are also disruptive to passengers and service operations. Due to the amount of siltation filling in the ferry terminal basin leading up to scheduled dredging projects, WETA has had to cancel service during low tide events, leaving passengers with no direct transit option to San Francisco. Additionally, each dredging episode takes approximately two to four weeks to complete, during which time WETA must establish a

temporary terminal using a temporary float and alternative gangway and redirect passengers.

The goal of the Vallejo Terminal Reconfiguration Project is to reduce the frequency of dredge events and provide more suitable berthing configurations for the ferry vessels that will maximize service efficiency while minimizing disruption to passengers.

To take the survey, click [here](#).

## Construction Apprenticeship Programs

**CTWI**  
Construction Trades Workforce Initiative

OFFICE LOCATION:  
Vallejo Adult School  
436 Del Sur Street  
Vallejo, CA  
Ph: (707) 556-8850  
<https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>

**Prepare for Union Apprenticeships!**



**Registration is open!**

**Students must register online for Vallejo Adult School classes.**

 SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

 VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CDE Course Title: Academic  
Transitions/ASK

**Vallejo Adult School**

**Class is FRFFI!**



**Prepare for Construction Apprenticeships!**

Vallejo Adult School, in partnership with Construction Trades Workforce Initiative, sponsors this **free** CONSTRUCTION TRADES TEST PREPARATION course to help students improve construction math skills and successfully pass the Apprentice Exams for the local unions. Unions include Plumbing, Pipefitting, Welding, HVAC, Sprinkler fitting, Electrician, Sheet Metal and more!

**CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays**  
**6:00 – 9:15 PM**

**Online Registration is open**  
**<https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>**

Do you know anyone interested in a career that offers a living wage, on-the-job paid training, paid health benefits, and a secure pension plan? Then applying to one of the many Construction Apprenticeship Programs in the area might be a good fit.

The minimum qualifications for most apprenticeship programs include being at least 18 years old, a high school diploma, reliable transportation, and passing a basic math test.

For some people, the inability to pass the math test is a stumbling block in gaining access to these apprenticeship programs. The Vallejo Adult School, in partnership with CTWI, The Construction Trades Workforce Initiative, offers a unique math class designed specifically to help those interested in passing an Apprenticeship Entrance exam. In a low stress environment, the class helps students master fractions, decimals, percentages, basic algebra, and basic geometry problems that they will encounter on the Apprenticeship Entrance exams.

This free class is offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9:15pm, at the Vallejo Adult School, 436 Del Sur St, Vallejo, (707) 556-8850. Online registration is open at <https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>

The Construction Trades Test Prep class prepares students for the following trades:

Electrical workers

Elevator Constructors

Heat and Frost Insulators

Ironworkers, Laborers

Operating Engineers

Painters

Plumbers

Pipefitters

Sheet Metal Workers

Sprinkler Fitters

Stationary Engineers

Teamsters

## **Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Services**



Each year, Benicia residential households receive three large item pickups, four on-call recycling/green waste cleanups (which also includes household batteries and CFL lightbulbs), three garbage cleanups. These services are all free for Benicia residents.

Other free benefits include curbside pickup of household hazardous waste, used oil/oil filters, e-waste, access to sharps and pharmaceuticals disposal, and kitchen pails for collecting organics/food waste.

Call (707) 747-0608 with questions or to arrange pickups.

## Parent Project

*They Need You Now More Than Ever*  
**Parent Project**  
*Empowering Parents & Transforming Teens*



Parent Project was created specifically for caregivers to learn tools needed to guide their teens towards success.

Caregivers will learn and practice specific prevention and intervention strategies for all types of behaviors.



**Starts Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Every Wednesday for 9 weeks**

194 Bella Vista Road, Vacaville 95687

Scan QR code to register



For more information contact:  
[YouthServicesReferral.cityofvacaville.com](http://YouthServicesReferral.cityofvacaville.com)  
707-449-1860

The Parent Project is a 9-week parenting class, which gives parents concrete, concise tools to change any negative or unwanted behavior. Parents will be given the tools to improve school attendance and performance, understand and communicate with children, provide structure and supervision, and utilize love and affection. The next round of classes starts on **Wednesday, October 4 from 6 to 8pm**, at 194 Bella Vista Road in Vacaville. The classes will be held every Wednesday.

For more information, contact [youthservicesreferral@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:youthservicesreferral@cityofvacaville.com) or by calling (707) 449-1860.

## **Childbirth Prep Course**

Are you looking for a childbirth preparation course? The Preparation for Birth Childbirth Course is designed to share ways to elevate your birth experience and take the fear out of birth. Whether you are pregnant or a support person, this course is designed to increase your knowledge and help you understand the true unfolding of labor and birth, whether you are preparing for an unmedicated, augmented, or surgical delivery.

To access the courses, click on the links below. For more information, Contact Davon Crawford at [davoncrawford@gmail.com](mailto:davoncrawford@gmail.com) or visit [www.divinebirthright.com](http://www.divinebirthright.com).

Link to YouTube channel with access to my free mini course: (3 secrets to a better birth)

<https://youtu.be/mdj6p4VLKKw?si=7H0A1V7vNcFpqTkE>

Link to full course:

<https://divinebirthright.thinkific.com/courses/preparingforbirthwithdavon>

## **Fire Prevention Week from October 8 to 14**

"Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention is the theme for Fire Prevention Week, this October 8 to 14, 2023. This year's focus on cooking safety works to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe.

First of all, how many smoke alarms do you have in your home?

The National Fire Protection Association has some great tips:

- Install alarms on **every** level of the home, especially the kitchen, and yes, the basement, too!
- Install smoke alarms in **every** sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound!
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall and at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms that have strobe lights and bed shakers.

October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week and a great time to assess your supply of smoke alarms. It's a small price to pay for your safety. Look for weekly safety tips on our social media platforms. For more information, visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/>

## **Volunteers sought for annual Solano County Coastal Cleanup Day events**

Solano County and its cities have partnered, again, with Solano Resource Conservation District to serve as the countywide coordinator for the 39th California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Supporting agencies throughout Solano County are hosting more than 60 cleanup sites for this event that takes place on **Saturday, September 23 from 9am to 12pm**. More than 2,500 local Solano volunteers participate in the countywide Coastal Cleanup Day events every year by converging at creeks, parks, open spaces, city trails and trash hot spots to remove thousands of plastic cigarette filters and thousands of pounds of plastic bottles, single use food containers and wrappers, grocery bags, and more.

For a complete listing of Solano County partners and community cleanups, click [here](#).

### **BENICIA**

Join the city of Benicia and Benicia Litter Pickers for Coastal Cleanup Day. Meet at the Alvarez Ninth Street parking lot on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am to noon to receive supplies and choose your favorite beach, park, or neighborhood to collect litter.

Volunteers are also invited to participate throughout the month by cleaning up their neighborhoods, parks and other local areas. Trash from inland areas flow downstream to the coast, so cleaning up helps prevent marine debris.

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

## City of Vallejo Housing Element

The public review draft of the City of Vallejo Housing Element is being released up to October 24 in order for the public to review and provide comments, before it is sent to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Department for its initial review.



The Planning Commission, the Housing and Community Development Commission and the City Council will also each hold public meetings to consider this document. The purpose of each public meeting will be to provide an overview of the public review draft of the Housing Element, provide an outline for the review process itself, and to ensure that the public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments on document. No action will be taken at any of these meetings.

Written comments on the public review draft of Housing Element Update must be submitted prior to the deadline of October 24, 2023, either via email to [Margaret.Kavanaugh-Lynch@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Margaret.Kavanaugh-Lynch@cityofvallejo.net) or in person or by first class mail to:

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Planning Manager

555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo CA 94590

**The public review draft of the Housing Element may be found in the following locations:**

Here on the City's Website <https://www.myvallejo.com/3eu>

Here on the Solano County Collaborative Website: <https://solhousingelements.com/housing-elements/>

And a physical copy of the document is located on the second floor (planning counter) at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 and may be reviewed during regular hours of Monday through Thursday, 9am to 12pm, and 1 to 3pm.

### Public Meeting Dates and Locations

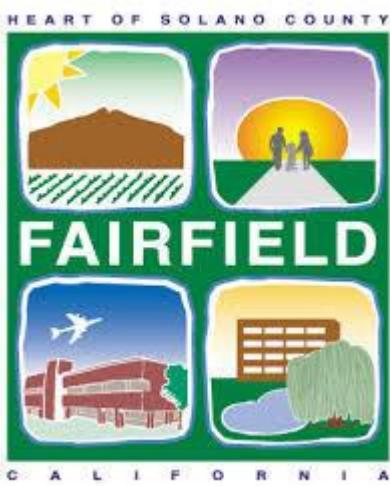
**Housing and Community Development Commission:** October 5 at 7pm.

**City Council:** October 24 at 7pm

**Each of these meetings are held at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California. Members of the Public will be able to participate in-person or remotely via Zoom.**

A Housing Element is a state required element of a City's General Plan. The Housing Element must be updated every eight years and includes goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that address the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing in city limits. In addition, the Housing Element Update identifies sites appropriate for the development of multifamily housing. The Housing Element Update also includes other amendments necessary to comply with recent changes in State law. Prior to the submittal of the Draft to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review and comment, a Draft Housing Element has been prepared and now available for a 47 day public review and comment period. It is longer than the 30 day mandated public review period so that the community members will have the ability to share their comments at the City Council meeting on October 24.

## **City of Fairfield seeks applications for Measure P Oversight Committee**



The City of Fairfield is accepting applications for two seats on the Measure P Oversight Committee. The unexpired term ends June 30, 2028. Applicants must be Fairfield residents and taxpayers. In November 2012, Fairfield voters passed Measure P, a one-cent transaction and use tax ordinance. In November 2016, Fairfield voters extended it through March 31, 2033. The ordinance directs the City Council to establish a five-member oversight committee to review expenditures of revenues collected pursuant to the ordinance.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, 4th floor. Download the application or request one by mail or email by contacting Deputy City Clerk Esther Beavers at (707) 428-7402 or [cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov). Completed applications may be submitted via mail, email, or in person.

The application deadline is **5pm, Friday, September 29**.

For information, visit [fairfield.ca.gov/measure\\_P](http://fairfield.ca.gov/measure_P). If you need additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (707) 428-7402.

## **Benicia Lyft rides**

# \$4\* LYFT RIDES IN BENICIA

\*\$3 FOR LOW-INCOME QUALIFIED

FOR: VETERANS, SENIORS (65+), AND ADA ELIGIBLE

TO APPLY, CALL 1-800-535-6883



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)

## Solano Mobility

Did you know? Solano Mobility offers a multitude of programs for commuters and travelers who live or work in Solano County. Some programs include:

- **Guaranteed Ride** - If you ride the Solano Express Blue, Green, Red or Yellow Line to travel to work in Solano County, or to travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can receive an Uber Voucher to use if your Solano Express route is cancelled.
- **Amtrak + Lyft** - If you are a resident or employed in Fairfield, Suisun City, or Vacaville, the Amtrak + Lyft Program provides participants a 10-ride Amtrak pass plus 10 free Solano County train station Lyft connections, all for \$20.
- **Guaranteed Ride Home** - If you use a commute alternative like transit, carpool, or vanpool to travel to work in Solano County or travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can get reimbursement for your emergency ride home.
- **Bucks for Bikes** - Do you ride your bike to work? Are you considering it? Solano Mobility offers an incentive that will

reimburse 60% of the cost of a new bicycle for commuting up to \$300.

To learn more, click [here](#).

## Teen writing contest



Since 2017, the Solano County Library has held a teen writing contest where local teens are encouraged to submit their best short stories and poems to win prizes and get published. The contest will return this year **and goes until 11:59pm on October 31**.

Teens who win will get a \$25 gift card and will also have their work published in the 2024 Write On Magazine which will come out in the fall of 2024.

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

## Write a poem to an art piece

FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE IN  
COLLABORATION WITH THE FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY  
VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO WRITE A  
POEM TO AN ART PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT

**"Out of the Box"**

SOLANO TOWN CENTER GALLERY  
1350 TRAVIS BLVD., D-8, FAIRFIELD, CA.  
(INSIDE THE SOLANO TOWN CENTER MALL)

Art can be seen at the Gallery  
or online at [fva-arts.org](http://fva-arts.org)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of the art to [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com). Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

Exhibition dates:  
September 30th – November 4th

Due Date to send the poem:  
5:00pm October 12th

Art Reception and Poetry Reading:  
Saturday, October 14th - 4:00-6:00pm

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce, in collaboration with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association, invites the community to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit *"Out of the Box."* Exhibition dates: September 30 – November 4. Art reception and poetry reading is happening on **Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 6pm**. at the Solano Town Center Gallery, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D-8 (Inside the Solano Town Center Mall).

Art can be seen at the Gallery or at [Solano Town Center Gallery | fsvaa \(fva-arts.org\)](#)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of art on the poem by **5 p.m. on October 12** at: [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com). Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

## Plan Bay Area 2050+

Plan Bay Area 2050 is a 30-year regional plan that charts a course for a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all residents through 2050 and beyond.

Community input is crucial for this plan. There will be four total engagement rounds over the course of the [Plan Bay Area 2050+ planning process](#), with a tentative plan adoption date scheduled for Fall 2025:

- Round 1 (ongoing, Summer-Fall 2023): Draft Blueprint development
- Round 2 (Spring 2024): Final Blueprint development
- Round 3 (Fall 2024/Winter 2025): Implementation Plan development
- Round 4 (Spring 2025-Summer 2025): Draft Plan/EIR public comment period; Implementation Plan Partnership Phase

Specifically with respect to the current Round 1 engagement period, remaining opportunities include:

A [webinar and Q&A](#) scheduled for **Thursday, October 19, from 1-3pm.**

The subject of this webinar will focus on the core planning and technical assumptions that will inform the development of the plan, including our Regional Growth Forecast, work-from-home projections, as well as financial needs and revenue forecasts, among other areas. Registration is not required; a webinar ID, passcode, and option to add an invite to your calendar are available at the link above.

"[Office Hours](#)" opportunities over the month of September and October. Appointments for focused discussions on each of the four plan elements are available, or you can book an appointment for more general Plan Bay Area 2050+ discussions. See the link above to view availability by plan element and book your appointment.

Please email [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org) with questions about office hours.

These "Office Hours" provide an opportunity to meet on a 1-on-1 basis or in a small group setting directly with MTC/ABAG staff, to discuss topics or priorities of most interest to you and your organization, as relate to the Draft Blueprint phase.

Written comments are also welcome by email to [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org), or by mail to MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105

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## **Updates from around Solano County Solano Period Project**

**Menstrual Hygiene is a Human Right**

Help us provide period products to Solano County residents in need. All products collected are distributed to shelters and community organizations in our county.

Make a donation & we will purchase the products

Purchase products directly from our Amazon wishlist

Help us spread the word & reach out if you want to be involved  
[FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com)

The Solano Period Project is a joint endeavor between the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and our partner non-profit the Friends of the Solano Commission.

The Solano Commission for Women and Girls is working with Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and with the help of the Friends of the Solano Commission to [collect donations](#) and period products through an [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help out individuals in our county who are experiencing homelessness.

For more information,  
email [FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com)

## Restaurant Week coming in October

Love food? Then you're in for a treat this October. Mark your calendars for Restaurant Week in the city of Fairfield **from October 1-7**. During the week, restaurants throughout Fairfield will be featuring special deals, menu items, and discounts for you to enjoy at no charge.

For a full list of participating restaurants (updated daily), click [here](#).

## **STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee has open positions**

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Pedestrian Advisory Committee is currently looking for members to represent the following:

City of Dixon  
City of Vacaville  
City of Suisun City  
County of Solano  
Member-at-Large  
Member-at Large (Solano Community College)

The STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) advises the STA on the development of pedestrian facilities as an active mode of transportation in Solano County. The PAC is responsible for making funding recommendations for Solano Countywide pedestrian projects and participates in the development and review of comprehensive pedestrian plans. Each of the seven (7) cities (Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo); County of Solano; Three (3) Members-at-Large. The PAC generally meets on the first Thursday of each even month.

To apply for any of the open positions, find the form [here](#) and email to the STA staff lead for the PAC - Associate Planner, Kathrina Gregana, at [kgregana@sta.ca.gov](mailto:kgregana@sta.ca.gov)

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## **Upcoming events in Solano County**

### **Arts Benicia**



Arts Benicia will open a new exhibition this month, Shadow, juried by Renny Pritikin. Each of the approximately 75 artworks in this show utilize shadow in a prominent way. **The public opening reception will take place on**

**Saturday, September 23, from 4 to 6pm**, with Skillet Licorice providing musical entertainment! Please mark your calendars. The exhibition runs through October 29.

There will be opportunities to get involved with Arts Benicia during the November sale of Mark Untener's exquisite ceramic artwork; and the December Holiday Spirits social event; and opportunities for artists – our calls for entry for Properties of Water and the Carquinez Review.

The Arts Benicia gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the **Commanding Officer's Quarters**, in the historic Benicia Arsenal. Gallery hours are **Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm**. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in

1860, an important and interesting part of our town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers **art classes for adults**, many of which are open to beginners. As summer provides more free time for fun and creativity, consider checking out the new classes listed on our website. For our full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes>

**Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia?** The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of our programs. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing us at [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org)

**Inquiries?** Email us at: [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org) or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

## Lotería for Adults

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by playing a few rounds of Loteria at **2:30pm, Saturday, September 23, at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive. Loteria is a Mexican game of chance similar to bingo that uses images instead of letters and numbers. Learn about the history of Loteria, win small prizes, and enjoy complementary snacks while supplies last.

More information can be found at [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com) or by calling 1-866-572-7587.



## Fall Fun Night

Kids and teens are back to school and the library can help! Sign up for a full access library card and learn about library resources during fall fun night on **Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive.

Complete three activities on the event card and be entered for a chance to win a prize!

5 to 6pm: Teen Anime Café. Watch manga and enjoy Japanese snacks. Ages 12 – 18.

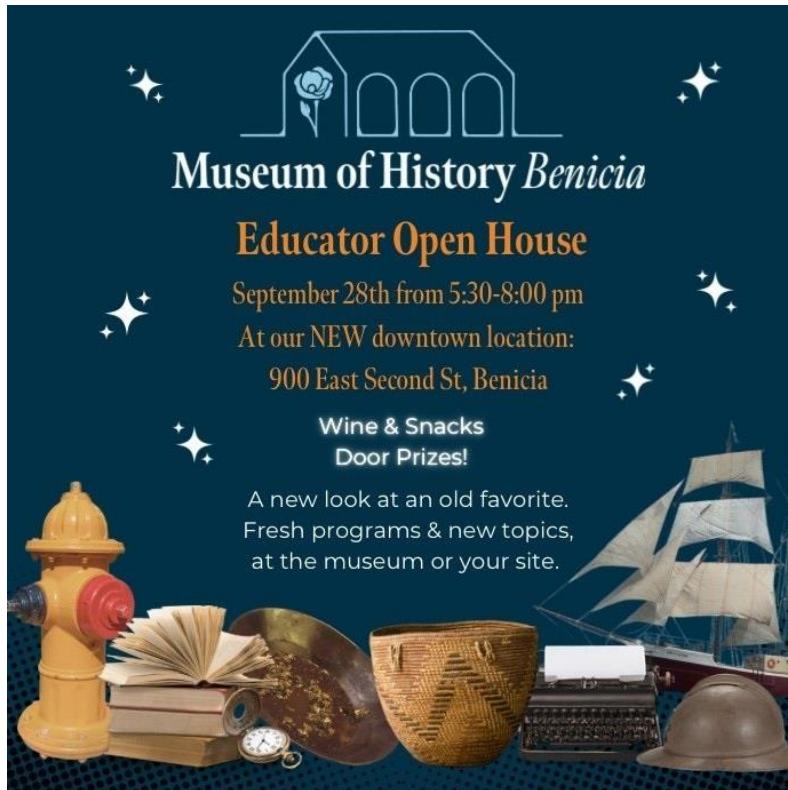
6pm: Park Ranger Teri shares information and nature items from local parks. (ages 5 and up)

630 to 730pm: Read to a Dog (ages 5 – 12)

630 to 730pm: Tote bag decorating and bookmark scratchers (ages 5 – 18).

More information can be found at [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com) or by calling 1-866-572-7587.

## MoHB Educator Open House



Educators of all kinds are invited to join the Museum of History Benicia's Educator Open House from **5:30 to 8 pm, Thursday, September 28** at 900 East Second Street. Learn about new programs for schools, families and homeschoolers. Share thoughts on programs in development, and what would be interesting to see from us in the future. Each attendee will receive a gift and be entered into a drawing for teacher memberships or a free rental of one of our traveling trunks.

Adults only. Use this form to RSVP by  
9/25. <https://forms.gle/T2nWeqgtewjU2NRJ8>

## Junk in the Trunk

The City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its biannual "Junk in the Trunk" event on **Saturday, September 30 from 9am to 12pm** in the Fairfield Community Center Parking Lot at 1000 Kentucky Street.

Community members are encouraged to bring their goods to the community garage sale or buy some treasures! Junk in the Trunk will serve as a space where people in the community can bring their household items to sell right out of the trunk of their car. Seller fees are \$30 for two parking spots or \$55 for three spots. General admission is free to the public.

For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## 5ht Street Project Town Hall



**WHEN**  
September 30, 2023  
10a.m. - 12p.m.

**WHERE**  
Norman King Center  
545 Magazine Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

**WHY**  
Voice your opinion on how your local streets will look  
and function with this new street calming plan

Vallejo Councilwoman Tina Arriola and city of Vallejo staff will hold a town hall discussion about street calming along 5th Street. The town hall will take place from **10am to noon, Saturday, September 30**, at the Norman C. King Center, 545 Magazine Street.

## Glen Cove summer gathering



Summer is almost over! And the Glen Cove Community Association is hosting a community gathering to celebrate and usher in Fall. The event will include live music, food trucks, and the opportunity to build community and camaraderie with Glen Cove neighbors.

Bring your family, your friends, and your picnic gear and join us for a fun way to wind down the summer! The event is taking place at the grassy open space right after the entrance to Glen Cove Waterfront Park located off Whitesides Drive from **2 to 6pm, Sunday, October 1**.

**RSVP with your full name, #of adults over 21, # of children attending [here](#)**

## **A Virtual Fair Housing Law and Practice Seminar**

The community is invited to attend a virtual fair housing law and practice seminar, which will serve as an overview of federal and state

fair housing law for public and private housing providers, property managers, and other housing industry professionals.

The seminar will be held from 12 to 2pm on Tuesday, October 10, via Zoom. The free seminar is presented by Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California. To register, click [here](#).

## Plant sale



The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is having its fall native plant sale on-line to the general public, from **October 3 to 9** with pickup locations in Benicia and Fairfield.

A link to the on-line store and a list of plants available for purchase will be posted on the homepage the Chapter's website [www.jepson.cnps.org](http://www.jepson.cnps.org) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON](https://www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON). All plants are grown at the Chapter's nursery in Vallejo.

On-line customers must agree to pick up their plants on **Saturday, October 14**, anytime between **10am and 2pm** at either pick-up location. Email your questions to [contact@jepson.cnps.org](mailto:contact@jepson.cnps.org)

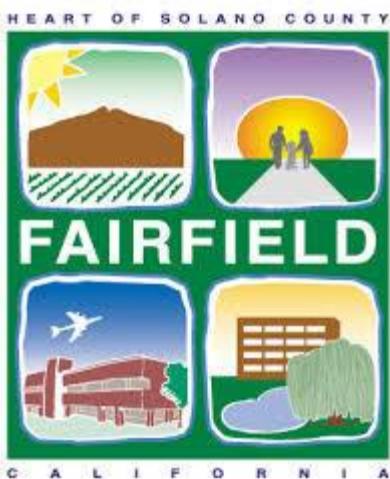
Plants still available after the close of the on-line sale will be available for purchase at the Benicia pickup location, 1400 East 2nd Street, on **October 14, 10am to 2pm**.

## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Mariela's Music Time

Mariela's Music Time is an educational, energetic and interactive bilingual performance for children & families. The event will take place

at 4pm, Tuesday, October 3 at the Fairfield Cordelia Library at 5050 Business Center Drive. For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## Fairfield to host Compost Giveaway Day



The City of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 7** at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield. No appointment is necessary; however, proof of residency is required. Master Gardeners from the UCCE Solano will also be onsite to provide residents with information about compost uses and other horticultural tips and tricks.

The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents are asked to bring their own containers to fill up and take home. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for residents to use. No limit on compost while supplies last.

For questions related to the Compost Giveaway Day or for general questions regarding solid waste and recycling, contact the Fairfield Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division at (707) 428-7528.

## "Generations" Documentary Screening and Q&A



Vallejo filmmaker TJ Walkup will be showing 'Generations,' a feature-length documentary film exploring the unique Filipino-American immigrant story in the

San Francisco Bay Area city of Vallejo, California based on the book "Filipinos in Vallejo" by Mel Orpilla, the film's narrator. This new Directors cut will have additional footage not shown before in previous screenings. Join our celebration of local Filipino history and culture through film and connect with the community around you. Light refreshments will be available.

The event will take place from **1 to 4pm, Saturday, October 7, at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive. For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## Annual Sunday Supper

# *Sunday Supper*

OCTOBER 8, 2023

JOYFUL RANCH  
4:00PM - 7:00PM

LIVE MUSIC | DINNER | AUCTION

Multi-course dinner by Chef Lindsey Chelini of Backdoor Bistro  
Complimentary wine and beer provided by the Suisun Valley Vintners  
Exclusive auction items from Solano County purveyors

Individual tickets: \$155      Table for 8 people: \$1,200

For more information, visit [solanolandtrust.org](http://solanolandtrust.org)  
or email Michelle Dickey at [michelle@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:michelle@solanolandtrust.org)



The Solano Land Trust will host its annual Sunday Supper from **4 to 7pm, Sunday October 8** at Joyful Ranch in Pleasants Valley, 8212 Pleasants Valley Road in Vacaville.

The evening will be filled with uplifting stories, project updates, dessert, exclusive live and silent auctions. In addition, you also have the opportunity to sponsor "Put a Child on the Land".

**To purchase tickets, click [here](#).** For more information, contact Laura Livadas at [laura@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:laura@solanolandtrust.org) or call at (707) 718-4444.

## Star Wars Reads

Celebrate Star Wars Reads Month with stories, activities, and a chance to meet costumed characters from the Star Wars universe. Great for families and Star Wars enthusiasts. The event starts at 130pm, Saturday, October 14 **at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive. For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, September 15**, I attended the POW/MIA remembrance held in Vacaville and Benicia. The ceremonies were very moving. Maybe one day, everyone will come home.

**Saturday, September 16**, I attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Book Fest reading held at the Children Wonderland Park in Vallejo. I read a book about the 10 pumpkins, and yes, the audience had to count. The event gave out so many books. Literacy was the theme. It was fun seeing the young kids get their face painted, picking out their book, and fresh food was available. The weather was cool. A perfect day was had by all. A shout out to everyone who volunteered and to Ms. Kidder.

**Thursday, September 21**, I attended the VCA annual Mixer held at the Solano Community College Vallejo Auto Tech Center. I was on the college's governing board when the building was built. Talking with the instructors, they have more students wanting to take the classes then room. He told me, the college is looking to add more sections. The event was a success.

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## Newsletter photo

Flowers at the Cordelia Community Park. Photo: Monica Brown.



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.