



## SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

March 8, 2024

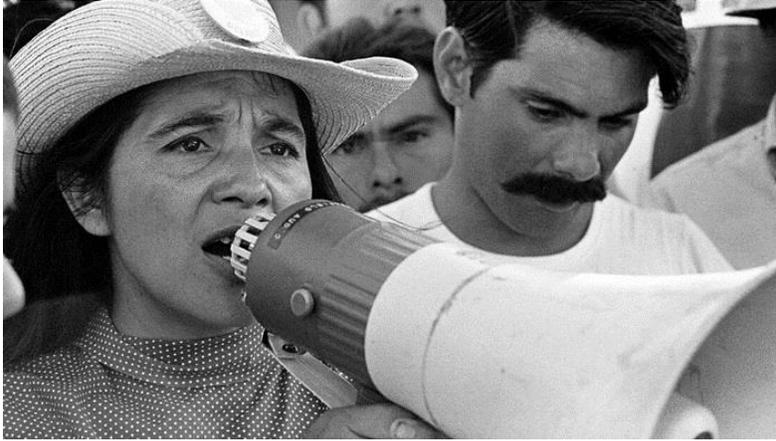


- [Information this week](#)
- [Public hearings](#)
- [Updates from around Solano County](#)
- [Upcoming events in Solano County](#)
- [Events I attended this week](#)
- [Looking for a job? Consider these links](#)
- [Newsletter photo](#)

## Daylight Saving Time

It's already here, Daylight Saving Time begins this coming Sunday, March 10, at 2am, and as we get ready to spring forward, remember to set all of your non-internet connected clocks, watches and timers one-hour ahead.

## Women's History Month moment



**Dolores Huerta** is a living civil rights icon. She has spent most of her life as a political activist, fighting for better working conditions for farmworkers and the rights of the downtrodden, a firm believer in the power of political organizing to effect change.

And yet, her role in the farmworker's movement has long been overshadowed by that of Cesar Chavez, her longtime collaborator and co-founder of what became the United Farm Workers of America union. That's true even when it comes to credit for coining the movement's famous slogan, *Sí se puede* — Spanish for "Yes, we can" — which inspired President Obama's own campaign battle cry and has often wrongly been attributed to Chavez. (Obama acknowledged Huerta as the source of that phrase when he awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.

Huerta's evolution from a teenager outraged by the racial and economic injustices she saw in California's agricultural Central Valley to a key architect of the nationwide boycott of grapes that led to the first farmworker union contracts. At its height, an estimated 17 million people stopped buying grapes.

Huerta was 25 when she became the political director of the Community Service Organization, run by influential community organizer Fred Ross. That's where she met Chavez, and in 1962 the two teamed up to form what became the UFA, organizing farmworkers who toiled for wages as low as 70 cents an hour, in brutal conditions.

In 1965, the grape workers struck, and Huerta was a leading organizer. She faced violence on the picket lines — and sexism from both the growers she was staring down and their political allies, and from within her own organization.

She tells the story: "When we had our first constitutional convention for the National Farm Workers Association and we were having elections and Cesar [Chavez] was running the meeting, he stepped down from the dais and came up to me. He said, "Who's going to nominate you for vice president?" And I said, "Oh, I don't have to be on the board. I just want to serve all the women out there." How many of us have thought that way?"

"And he said, "You're crazy." So, I did — I grabbed somebody to nominate me. But if Cesar hadn't told me to, I wouldn't have thought about it. And I think that's a problem with us as women — we don't think we need to be in the power structure, that we need to be on those boards where decisions are being made. Sometimes we think well, I'm not really prepared to take that position or

that role. But I say [to women out there]: Just do it like the guys do it — pretend that you know. And then you learn on the job.”

As she approaches nine decades of life, Huerta remains outspoken and indefatigable. Through her Dolores Huerta Foundation, she continues to work with agricultural communities, organizing people to run for office and advocating on issues of health, education and economic development.

## International Women’s Day

Today, March 8, is International Women’s Day. It is a day celebrating the achievements of women. The theme this year is Inspire Inclusion. All of us need to create environments where all women are valued and respected.

### Information this week

## Solano I-80 Express Lanes Project



Caltrans and the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) began construction of the Solano I-80 Express Lanes project in May, 2022, a three-year \$244 million project to add express lanes on Interstate 80 between Red Top Road in Fairfield and the Leisure Town Road in Vacaville just east of the I-80/I-580 Interchange.

Upon completion of the three-year project, two new 18-mile express lanes - one eastbound and one westbound - will be available to motorists traveling through central Solano County, bringing congestion relief, and encouraging transit use and carpooling in the busy corridor. The project involves two major components, (1) Building new express lanes and (2) Converting existing carpool lanes into express lanes.

Caltrans will build ten miles of new express lanes in the median of I-80 between Airbase Parkway in Fairfield and Leisure Town Road in Vacaville, just east of the I-505 Interchange. Later, workers will convert eight miles of bi-directional carpool lanes into express lanes between Red Top Road and Airbase Parkway in Fairfield.

The joined facilities will create two 18-mile-long express lanes that will vastly improve transit travel times, particularly because the stretch between Air Base Parkway and Leisure Town Road is not currently served by carpool lanes. The project will combat growing traffic congestion in the Fairfield-

Vacaville corridor. At Air Base Parkway, the busiest location, about 215,000 vehicles pass through daily.

The project is estimated to be completed by Spring 2025.

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

## Celebration of Life for Dennis Albright

The local community is invited to celebrate the life of Dennis Albright, who passed away on Feb. 8, 2024.

The celebration of life will take place from **1 to 4pm, Saturday, March 9** at Green Valley Country Club, 35 Country Club Drive in Fairfield.

To RSVP, please click [here](#).

- When the webpage opens, you will see Dennis' name in white letters on a purple background. Do **NOT** scroll down.
- Instead, on the right half of the page, click on "**CONTINUE**"
- Click on the "plus" sign button to indicate how many attendees will be in your party.
- Enter the names of each attendee.
- Enter your email address & click "**CONTINUE**".
- You will get a confirmation email from RSVPIFY.

### DIRECTIONS to GREEN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB:

- From the northern outskirts of Vallejo, head north on I-80 towards Fairfield, and drive for approximately 7.2 miles.
- Take Exit 40 toward Green Valley Road, and drive for 0.8 miles.
- Turn left onto Green Valley Road toward Chapman University/Vallejo. Drive for 3.2 miles.
- Turn left onto Country Club Drive. Continue for 0.3 miles, until you arrive at the Green Valley Country Club, 35 Country Club Drive.

## USPS warns not to use blue mailboxes at certain times

[In a press release](#), the Postal Service explained that collection bins have become very attractive to thieves looking to steal identities or checks, especially at specific times and on specific days.

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

## MTC to seek State Legislature's approval to put Bay Area transportation measure on 2026 ballot



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) voted last week to pursue legislation in Sacramento this year that would enable Bay Area voters to consider a transportation revenue measure as early as November 2026.

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

## Target vandalism



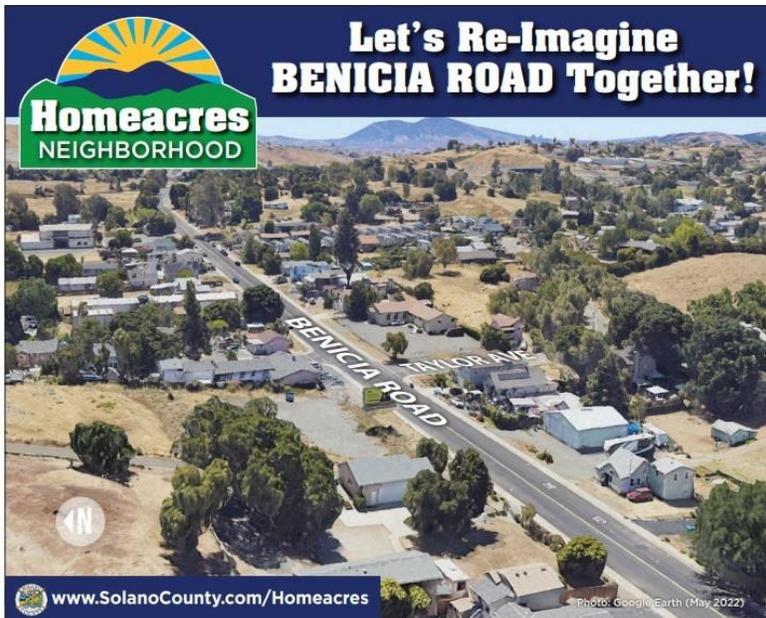
Vallejo police are asking for the community's help in identifying a person of interest in a suspected arson that caused over \$3 million in damages to a Target store on Saturday. The fire was started at approximately 3 p.m. at the Admiral Callaghan Lane location.

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

---

## Public hearings

### Benicia Road Design Workshop



The Solano County Department of Resource Management Planning Services Division is hosting a three-day design workshop inviting Homeacres property owners and residents to help identify ways to envision a safer and more attractive neighborhood along the County portion of Benicia Road.

The workshop will be occurring **Thursday March 14 through Saturday March 16 at the Vallejo JFK Library-Joseph Room** at 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Drop in visits and discussions are available every workshop day from 10am to 5:30pm.

Volunteer architects from around the region are committed to participating and sketching designs in real-time for area residents and developers to get a glimpse of Benicia Road's potential future. This is the first-time Solano County Planning will be hosting this type of workshop which is more widely known as a design charrette.

The focus area is between Glen Cove Road/Rollingwood Drive and Homeacres Avenue.

## **Listening sessions for Solano's Master Plan for Aging**

Input is needed from older adults, people living with disabilities, caregivers, LGBTQ+ individuals, stakeholders, and community leaders to participate in Listening Sessions during April and May 2024.

Residents will have an opportunity to provide input – confidentially – on what they feel are unmet needs and proposed solutions to best support residents in awareness and access to services and supports, affordable housing, enhancing transportation and more. Sessions will be scheduled at Solano Senior Centers and online via Zoom.

If you would like to host, attend or help with a listening session, email Dr. Norma Lisenko at [normalisenko@innovativehealths.com](mailto:normalisenko@innovativehealths.com). Visit [www.mpasolano.com](http://www.mpasolano.com) for more information.

---

## **Updates from around Solano County**

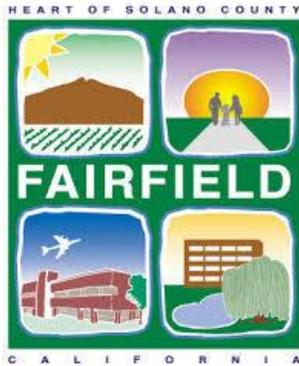
### **Fairfield PAL Kajukenbo Club Accepting New Members**

The Fairfield PAL Teen Center's Kajukenbo Club is accepting new members! The Fairfield Kajukenbo Club trains on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4pm.

Class size is limited and open to the first 20 students to sign in each day. No late admittance is allowed. No special equipment or experience is required.

For more information or to sign up, call (707) 330-8757.

### **Applications open for Sister City summer exchange program**



The city of Fairfield's Sister City Program is looking for local high school students and a chaperone who would like to participate in a three-week student exchange visit to Nirasaki, Japan this summer. This will be the first student exchange trip for Fairfield students since the program was suspended in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Exchange students will be immersed in the local life of Nirasaki. They will stay with host families, attend local schools, and visit historical and cultural sites. Students entering the 9th through outgoing 12th grade (during the exchange period) are eligible to apply. The first meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity will be held via Zoom on Thursday, March 21.

Fairfield's sister city, Nirasaki, Japan, is located in the beautiful Yamanashi Prefecture. Famous for grapes, peaches, wine, textiles, jewelry, and Mt. Fuji, the city is located about 90 miles from Tokyo. Nirasaki has been Fairfield's Sister City for over 50 years and the student exchange program has been ongoing for 35 years.

Applications for the summer visit are available online at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/sistercity](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/sistercity)

For more information, please contact Anna Guiles at (707) 428-7399, or email [sistercity@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:sistercity@fairfield.ca.gov).

## Benicia Public Library events



Benicia Public Library events: Crochet for Beginners - March 14, 21, and 28 from 12 to 1pm. Learn basic stitches and how to make a scarf, then a hat, then something fancy. Yarn and crochet hooks provided.

**WE ARE ALL RELATED AUTHOR EVENTS: Time all events are from 2 to 4pm.**

**March 16:** Rafael Lopez

**April 13:** Joanna Ho,

**April 20:** Dashka Slater

**May 4:** Isabel Quintero

**May 18:** Nidhi Chanani

The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 E L Street.

**Are you using your green yardwaste cart for food and food-soiled paper?**



Senate Bill 1383 - Composting organics is the law. It's easy and a simple way to slow climate change. SB 1383 is a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants by reducing organic waste disposal to 75% by 2025. Organic waste in landfills releases 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Residents must:

- Subscribe and participate in your curbside organics program
- Properly sort your organics into the GREEN cart
- NOT put organics in your trash cart

NOT put organics, including yard waste, in your on-call trash cleanup - Use an on-call organics cleanup instead.

One of the provisions of the law requires auditing of residential garbage, recycle, and organics carts, so it's important for the proper sorting of material into each cart. Want more information? Go to [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/faq](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/faq) for Frequently Asked Questions or go to [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](http://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) How do you get your food scraps to your green cart? It's easy. Use a food waste pail. To keep it clean, you can line it with a newspaper, a paper bag, or a 6400 series BPI-Certified Compostable bag (the only type of compostable plastic that can be accepted). If you don't have a pail, contact Customer Service at (707) 747-0608 to request one. The pail is FREE! Important: Compostable plastics such as cold cups and utensils do not break down completely in our composting process. These should go in your garbage

## **Vaccine clinics in March 2024**

**FREE FLU SHOTS, TDAP AND COVID-19\* VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA** 

\*For 19+ years uninsured individuals

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, March 7, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Hogan Middle School 850 Rosewood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591 <i>inside the gymnasium</i> 
Thursday, March 14, 2024	12:00-2:00 PM	Joseph A Nelson Community Center 611 Village Dr, Suisun City, CA 94585 
Saturday, March 16, 2024 <small>Supporting Solano Public Health</small> 	10:00-1:00 PM	Balm in Gilead Church of God in Christ 2201 Boynton Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533 <i>During the Annual Community Health &amp; Resource Fair</i>
Thursday, March 21, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Vallejo High School 840 Nebraska St. Vallejo, CA 94590 <i>inside the Finney MPR (next to the Baseball Field)</i> 



Touro-Solano Public Health Mobile Vaccine Clinics in March 2024.

**Teen photo contest extended**



Solano County Library's teen photo contest is returning this year!

**It runs to March 15.**

Teens between the ages of 12 and 18 are encouraged to submit their photos in one or more of the following categories:

- Album Cover (a photo you think would make a great music album cover)
- Architecture
- Animals
- Food/Drinks
- Landscapes
- Library (pictures of the inside/outside of your favorite library)

-Nature

-People & Portraits

-Special Effects

-Your Choice/Miscellaneous

Ten (10) winning photos (one from each category) will be chosen and posted in the library branches! Also, one grand prize winner will be chosen from the 10 winning photos! The grand prize winner will get one session learning from a professional photographer!

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

## Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort #10



SOLANO COUNTY BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM PRESENTS

### *Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT)*

FREE VIRTUAL GROUP SERIES (COHORT #10)

**9-Week  
Group Series Begins:**

**Wednesdays,  
April 10, 2024  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Additional Dates (Wednesdays):  
4/17/24, 4/24/24, 5/1/24, 5/8/24,  
5/15/24, 5/22/24, and 5/28/24**

**In-Person Graduation: 6/5/2024**

**Full details on eventbrite:**

[Here](#)

Expand your sisterhood village  
while enhancing your  
motherhood journey!

Topics Include:  
Nurturing, Attachment,  
Parenting, Self-Care, Discipline  
Communication, Goal Setting,  
Relationships, and more!



Registration: [Here](#)

Solano Public Health's Black Infant Health Program is offering their virtual 9-week Mocha Mommas Thrive series that will begin on **Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30pm and will be held online.**

Expand your sisterhood village while enhancing your motherhood journey. Topics that will be covered include nurturing, attachment, parenting, self-care, discipline, communication, goal setting, relationships and more!

To register, click [here](#).

## **Tobacco Free Solano seeking new coalition members**

Be a changemaker for your community! The Tobacco Free Solano Collaborative is looking for residents and community partners with a passion to promote smoke-free policies to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke here in Solano County.

You will work with some amazing people on educating about tobacco advocacy and changing policy to protect our community.

If you are interested in joining the coalition, contact Traci Osborne at [TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com) for an invitation. Meetings are quarterly from 3 to 4:30pm.

## **Hero Girls Fire Camp**

Ever wanted to use a chainsaw, climb an aerial ladder, or cut a car apart? This is your chance to have fun and learn some firefighting skills!

Hero Girls Fire Camp is free and is happening on the weekend of April 13 & 14 for girls ages 14-18. Registration is now open. Click here for more information and/or to [register](#).

## **Humane Society fundraiser**

Looking to add some sweetness to your Easter celebration? See's Candies Easter Fundraiser is here to help! Treat your family and friends to a delectable range of chocolates and candy, all while making a positive impact on the lives of animals in need at the Humane Society of the North Bay (HSNB).



When you make a purchase, 20-50% of your order will be donated to this worthy cause. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make a positive impact this Easter - the online store is open until March 15th, giving you just enough time to receive your treats before Easter.

To order, click [here](#).

## **Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health's Five-Year needs assessment community survey**

What health challenges does your community face? Solano Public Health's Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Bureau's Five-Year Needs Assessment reviews the health of Solano County mothers, infants, children and adolescents as well as the health systems that serve them.

Your input for the next needs assessment will help us paint a clear picture of our community health needs and help us create action plans for future programs and services.

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

## Solano Express 2 for 1 Promotion

Solano Mobility, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority, is welcoming back Solano Express riders with this special limited time offer, available now to June 30, 2024.

Riders who purchase a 31-Day Pass can receive a Clipper Card (\$125 cash value, limit one per household). All Solano County workers and residents aged 18 and over are eligible. Use on regional transit service on Solano Express, San Francisco Bay Ferry, and BART.



For more information and to sign up, visit [www.solanomobility.org](http://www.solanomobility.org), call (800) 535-6883, or click [here](#).

## Solano County Fair seeks performers for 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee

The Solano County Fair announced that applications are now open for performers to be considered for the 75th Annual Solano County Fair - Diamond Jubilee, scheduled to take place from June 13 to 16.

The fair is actively seeking talented performers to showcase their skills and entertain the diverse audience which attends the fair each year. Whether you specialize in music, dance, magic, comedy, or any other form of entertainment, you are invited to apply and become part of this historic celebration.

To submit your application, click [here](#).



## Solano Public Health Seeking coalition members for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention collaborative

The Solano County Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention Collaborative is looking for residents and community partners with a passion for youth substance use prevention.

Drug use deaths and overdoses are on the rise, and the collaborative wants to hear from the community about how it can protect the community. If you are interested in joining the coalition, contact Traci Osborne at [TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com) for an invitation.

Meetings are quarterly from 3 to 4:30pm.

## March calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The March calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

March 8 American Legion hamburgers with Gary and friends

13 **AMERICAN LEGION / AUX** meet at 1900 hours, Hot Dog night; **K9 Veterans Day**

15 **American Legion will celebrate its 102nd birthday**; hamburgers with Sons of The American Legion

19 **House commission meeting 1830 hrs.;** **Hot dogs with Boys Under the Hood**

20 **SONS AMERICAN LEGION** meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs

21 **Rosie the Riveter Day**

22 hamburgers with American Legion Auxiliary

29 hamburgers with VFW, National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. There are 5 objectives with Vietnam Commemoration and the other four are:

- Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war
- Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens
- Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war
- Recognize contributions by our Allies

The Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall is located at 1150 1st Street in downtown Benicia.

---

## Upcoming events in Solano County

### St Pat's Beer Crawl

**Saturday  
March 9th  
1pm-5pm**

luck of the IRISH

*St. Patrick's Day*

**BEER CRAWL**

Let out your Irish cheer and sample craft beers inside participating downtown businesses. Wearing green is encouraged, but not required to have fun!

Ages 21 and older  
\$30 Advance/\$40 Day of Event

**BENICIA MAIN STREET**  
DOWNTOWN  
**BENICIA**

Tickets available at Benicia Main Street  
90 First Street, or online at  
[BeniciaMainStreet.org](http://BeniciaMainStreet.org)  
**707.745.9791**

**On Saturday, March 9 from 1 to 5pm**, St. Patrick's Day Beer Crawl brings Irish cheer to Downtown Benicia. A variety of craft beers will be poured at participating downtown shops, providing a fun-filled opportunity for Irish-themed revelry.

Tickets are \$30 advance for a single ticket and day of the event the price increases to \$40. Participants must be age 21 and over. Check-in starts at 12:30pm at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street. Map of tasting locations and ID wristband will be provided per ticket holder at check-in.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street, or online [HERE](#).

EventBrite tickets close at 11:59 pm Friday, March 8, but tickets can still be purchased in the store day of starting at 12 noon.

## **Movers & Shakers Breakfast Summit**

The Vacaville Chamber's **annual Movers & Shakers Breakfast Summit will be held March 13, at 8am inside** Vacaville Opera House, 560 Main Street, Vacaville.

This is the Vacaville Chamber's premier advocacy event of the year, bringing together policymakers and business leaders from throughout the county. The event will once again feature a State of the City presentation by Vacaville Mayor John Carli and City Manager Aaron Busch, along with a plated breakfast and networking.

Following the presentation, the city will be providing bus tours of select Vacaville sites for attendees to see first-hand what's in store for Vacaville's fantastic future.

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

## Viewing of "The 50"



The Solano County Probation Department will host a screening of "The 50" on **Friday, March 15, at 5pm, at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in Vallejo.**

This event is supported by a federal grant under the Opioid Response program, with funding provided by the California Department of Healthcare Services.

The film documents the first 50 men to complete the California State Prison Solano [Occupational Mentor Certification Program \(OMCP\)](#), and takes us through their journey to become Certified Substance Abuse Counselors while incarcerated.

Several of the certified counselors work locally with Solano County youth so this presents an exciting opportunity for young people to learn from those with lived experiences and likely similar environmental experiences.

To register, click [here](#).

## “A Poetry Affair”

★ Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce ★  
is hosting

**A POETRY AFFAIR**  
*a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose*

The gala will feature past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo with Special Guest:  
**California State Poet Laureate**  
★ Lee Herrick ★

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**  
**2:00PM – 4:00PM**  
**FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
**1150 KENTUCKY STREET, FAIRFIELD**

Poetry Open Mic to follow



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting "A Poetry Affair," a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose featuring past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City and Vallejo with Special Guest: California State Poet Laureate Lee Herrick.

Poetry open mic following the reading of the poets laureate.

**The gala will take place between 2 to 4pm, Saturday, March 16, inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.**

## **Teatime chat**

Join Touro's Mobile Diabetes Education Center (MOBEC) for their Teatime Chat at the Florence Douglas Center in Vallejo on **Thursday, March 21 from 10 to 11am**. The Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street in Vallejo.

Living and aging means feeling great, doing what you love to do with the people you care about. Come enjoy some tea and find out about a lifestyle change program that can help you achieve your health goals with the support and care from a Certified Lifestyle Coach.

To RSVP, call (707) 638-5970 or email [tuc.mobec@touro.edu](mailto:tuc.mobec@touro.edu)

## **Solano AIDS Coalition's Fiestas Primavera**

The Solano AIDS Coalition is hosting their Fiestas Primavera Spring Fest event in Benicia on **Saturday, March 23 from 10:30am to 5pm**.

The festival is a Mexican/Latino Indigenous tradition to celebrate and honor the coming of spring and is an opportunity for all communities to unite in an energetic celebration of change and renewal, to learn about our history and the history of human migration, and to honor a culture which has contributed significantly to making Benicia what it is today.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact [solanoaidscoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:solanoaidscoalition@yahoo.com) or by calling (707) 450-5861.

## **Tolkien Reading Day**



## TOLKIEN READING DAY

Celebrate the life and works of J.R.R. Tolkien  
with crafts, a Zoom reading from selections of his works  
hosted by the Tolkien Society,  
and a viewing of the theatrical version of  
*The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*.

And of course, part of the fun will be dressing up  
in your finest attire.  
So whether you're Hobbit, Elf, Dwarf, or person of Gondor,  
join us for a celebration of all things Tolkien!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**  
**12 - 4 PM**

**FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**



**Solano County**  
**LIBRARY**

Web: [solanolibrary.com](http://solanolibrary.com)  
Phone: 1-866-572-7587  
f @ o s solanolibrary

**On Saturday, March 23**, the Solano County Library will host a Tolkien Reading Day program from **12 to 4pm** at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.

This program will celebrate the works of *Lord of the Rings* author, J.R.R. Tolkien.

There will be crafts, snacks, a zoom reading from selections of his works hosted by the Tolkien Society and a showing of the theatrical film, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*.

This program is for all ages and cosplaying is encouraged.

### **Women Making History program**



In honor of Women's History Month, Cal Maritime's Community Engaged Learning office is sponsoring an afternoon tea and artistic expression from **2 to 4pm, Sunday March 24**.

Embark on a unique journey of self-expression and watch your creativity come to life on canvas. All supplies will be included.

Cal Maritime is located at 200 Maritime Academy Drive in the city of Vallejo.

To register, click [here](#).

## **Holi festival - Benicia**



The Holi festival of colors will take place from **2 to 5pm, Sunday April 7** at city park along First Street in Benicia. The event will be hosted by the non-profit Helping Hand Indo-American.

---

## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, March 2:** I attended the crab and shrimp fundraiser at Solano Community College (SCC). If you attended SCC imagine the commons completely packed with people. I love shrimp. It was fun seeing friends and just having an enjoyable night knowing the money raised goes to help our students with tuition, books and other expenses. Remember an educated work force is what society needs to grow our economy.

**Sunday, March 3:** I attended the speakers' series held at St. Peter's Chapel Walnut Ave. on Mare Island. The topic was The Cold War: Mare Island Secret War Beneath the Waves. History is always fun. Yes, saw friends.

After the Speakers Series program, I went to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum to attend: The Jewish People- Stories, Voices, Visions: A Multi-Media Art Exhibit. The Presentation: Jewish Community of Solano County by authors Rachel Lessem and Shoshana Deutschwer-Nurik was

very informative of the history of the local Jewish Community. It is my hope the book will get published as I would like to buy one.

**Wednesday, March 6:** Henderson Elementary school teachers and chaperones with the funding through the Solano RCD (Resource Conservation District) took 92 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to the Glen Cove Waterfront Park to learn about water, why it is important to keep the environment clean, planting native plants, and just being outside. It was a wonderful day, and I was delighted to be able to watch their activities.

**Thursday, March 7:** I attend the Measure P (Vallejo) discussion of where the sales tax money raised should be spent. I am glad the oversight committee is asking for community input. My thoughts are think of a one -year plan, 5 year, and a 10- year plan. Economic development is important. What are businesses looking for when they look at Vallejo? Nothing should be done in haste.

---

## 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](#)

---

## Newsletter photo

The view from the Glen Cove Waterfront 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.