



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

April 4, 2025



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(707) 784-6100

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(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

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(707) 784-6765

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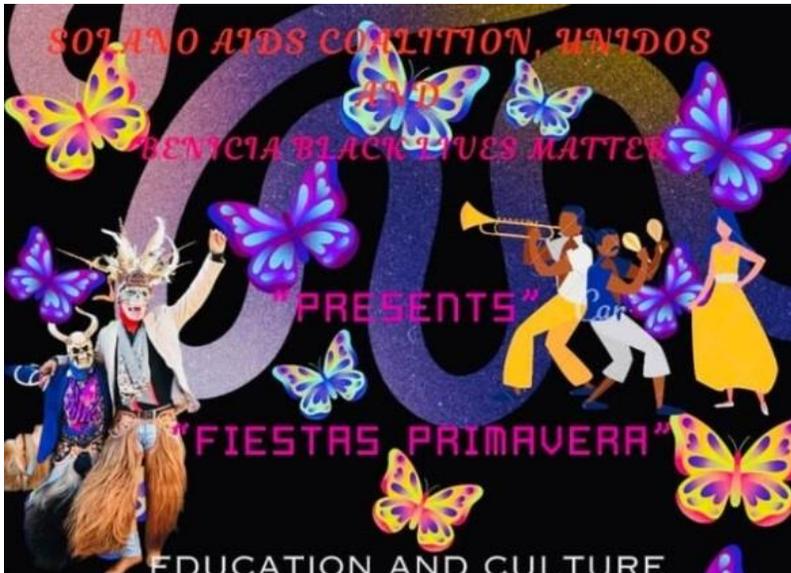
(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

Fiestas Primavera Hosted by Solano AIDS Coalition



The Solano AIDS Coalition in partnership with UNIDOS, Benicia BLM, and with the Collaboration of Benicia Performing Arts Foundation will be hosting the Fiestas Primavera/ Spring Festival on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Benicia City Park.

The festival offers attendees a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a Inviramental of cultural experiences that showcase the rich history of human migration and the contributions of various cultures to the development of Benicia. From music and dance performances to art exhibitions and culinary delights, the Spring Festival promises a day filled with excitement and discovery.

One of the key highlights of the festival is the exploration of the cultural heritage of Mexico, Latin America, Cuba, Haitian and Native American communities. Through a series of engaging presentations, attendees will have the chance to learn about the traditions, customs, and values that have shaped these diverse cultures and continue to influence the fabric of society in Benicia.

Furthermore, Fiestas Primavera serves as a platform for honoring the ancestral roots of California and recognizing the significant impact of different cultural groups on the development of the region. By showcasing the unique contributions of each community, the Fiestas Primavera Festival fosters a sense of appreciation and respect for the cultural diversity that will makes Benicia a vibrant and inclusive place to live.

Fiestas Primavera festival is not just a celebration of cultural heritage; it is also a testament to the power of unity and collaboration. By bringing together people from various backgrounds, the festival promotes a sense of togetherness and mutual understanding, creating a stronger sense of community and solidarity among residents of Benicia.

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

Historic ships begin to arrive at Mare Island



(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE
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800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

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800 799 4889

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877-565-8860

The 1895 lumber schooner C.A. Thayer arrived at Mare Island on Friday, April 4. The Thayer is the first of five historic vessels that will be moved from the National Park Service's Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco to Mare Island. The vessels are expected to stay at Mare Island for a few years as the Hyde Street Pier is repaired. For more information, click [here](#).

Photo: John Glidden

Update from Congressman John Garamendi



From Congressman John Garamendi's Office:

Donald Trump and Pete Hegseth have failed our troops, compromised national security, and embarrassed our country. This week a reporter from The Atlantic was mistakenly added to a group chat with Trump's most senior national security officials where they discussed classified war plans.

This is as horrifying as it is reckless. Our servicemembers could have been killed if this classified information became public. For the safety of our military and our country, those responsible must be held accountable.

Recently, Congressman Garamendi went on NewsNation to hold Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and others accountable for this national security nightmare. To view the interview, click [here](#).

Answering Your Questions at My Recent Town Hall

Last week, we had incredible participation in my virtual Town Hall, where I discussed Trump and Musk's latest unconstitutional actions and their attempts to cut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. This was the second townhall I held in two weeks.

It was a great chance to hear from constituents like you and discuss the work I am doing to fight for our communities. There will be more townhalls to come, and rest assured we will notify you here and on my social media.

If you missed the town hall or would like to watch the event, a recording is available on my [YouTube page](#).

Trump is Illegally Dismantling the Department of Education

Donald Trump has officially declared war on America's students. His illegal order to eliminate the Department of Education will devastate children and families nationwide, from preschool through college. As the father of public school teachers and grandfather of 14 school-aged children, this order is not only illogical, it's personal.

Trump does not have the authority to dismantle a federal agency by executive order—this is yet another unconstitutional overreach by his administration and Congressional Republicans. Let's be clear: Republicans and DOGE are cutting education funding to pay for tax cuts for their billionaire friends.



John Garamendi  
@RepGaramendi



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His illegal order to eliminate the Department of Education hurts our already struggling schools and will devastate children and families nationwide

I will work with House Democrats to challenge this order in court

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If allowed to stand, this reckless action will have disastrous consequences for our schools, including skyrocketing class sizes, mass firing of teachers, deep cuts to special education programs, higher college costs, and widespread harm to millions of students. It will also eliminate the enforcement of key civil rights protections, endangering nearly half of all students in the United States.

I will work alongside House Democrats to challenge this unlawful order in court and push for legislation that strengthens—not destroys—America's education system. Our children's future depends on it.

Republicans are Cutting Your Healthcare Benefits

Trump and Republicans are pushing the largest Medicaid cut in history to fund tax breaks for billionaires. If Trump and Republicans have their way, millions of people, including over 300,000 in my district who rely on Medicaid, could lose their healthcare.

Social Security is an earned benefit that Americans count on to retire with dignity. I strongly oppose these DOGE cuts and other policies that will cut benefits and make life harder for seniors. If you need help with

your Social Security benefits or are having a difficult time reaching the Social Security Administration, my office is here to help.

Please visit <https://garamendi.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency> for information on how we can help, and fill out [this form](#) for assistance.

Solano County accepting applications for new County Administrator



Solano County Administrator Bill Emlen has announced his intent to retire in 2025. The Board of Supervisors has begun looking for his replacement.

To view the job brochure, click [here](#).

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

To view other Solano County job opportunities, view below.

Positions	Job Posting Opened
County Administrator	03/31/2025
Literacy Program Assistant (Senior) <i>*Current Solano County Library employees are invited to apply for this promotional opportunity*</i>	03/31/2025
Social Worker III	03/27/2025

NOTE: To be considered for the recruitment(s) listed above you must submit an application by the date indicated in the job announcement. The new eligible list(s) resulting from the above recruitment(s) may replace an existing eligible list; therefore, interested candidates are encouraged to apply for the current recruitment.

If you have any questions regarding the recruitments listed above, please contact the assigned HR Analyst listed in the job posting.

For general inquiries, please contact recruitment@solanocounty.gov.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Solano County career opportunities, review the [Job Opportunities](#).

Information this week

Bataan Death March



The Bataan Legacy Historical Society will commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the Bataan Death March on **Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio (1 Lincoln Boulevard, San Francisco, CA)**. This solemn event honors the bravery and sacrifices of the approximately 75,000 Filipino and American troops who endured the harrowing march after the fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942.

The ceremony will feature participation from various military branches, local law enforcement, veterans' organizations, and descendants of those who served. Please note that this event is organized by the Bataan Legacy Historical Society and is not affiliated with the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with other Bay Area historical organizations in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, we are pleased to share this event and encourage those interested in military history to attend.

For more details, please visit the Bataan Legacy Historical Society's website at <https://www.bataanlegacy.org/future-events.html>.

A May 2024 article:

Vallejo Army soldier who died in Philippines prison camp during WWII accounted for

The remains of a U.S. Army soldier from Northern California who died as a prisoner of war in the Philippines during World War II have been accounted for, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced Tuesday.

[Pvt. 1st Class Marcus A. Engesser](#), 21, of Vallejo was accounted for in September 2023, but the DPAA said his family just recently received their full briefing on his identification.

Engesser was among those reported captured when U.S. forces surrendered to the Japanese in Bataan, DPAA said. The captured forces were subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and the survivors of the march were held at the Cabanatuan POW camp where more than 2,500 POWs perished.

To continue reading, click [here](#).

Help Shape How Millions in Community Funds Are Spent



The Air District is preparing to distribute over \$124 million in funding to support local communities overburdened by air pollution — and they need your input!

This funding comes from penalties collected from industry and businesses

that violate Air District regulations. Your feedback will help shape how these funds are used to reduce air pollution and improve health outcomes in your community. The Air District want to hear from you about:

- Community priorities and needs
- The types of projects that should be funded (e.g., research, education, infrastructure)
- How funds should be distributed
- The best ways for us to communicate with you

Take the Survey or join a live workshop on **Tuesday, April 8, from 5 to 6 p.m., (via Zoom)** where officials will review the survey and answer questions. The survey can be found [here](#).

Share Your Thoughts on Plan Bay Area 2050+ Implementation Priorities



Following the [adoption of the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint](#) in January 2025, staff from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are drafting near-term implementation actions that will advance Plan Bay Area 2050+ strategies (including recommendations from the parallel [Transit 2050+](#) effort) through the year 2030.

These preliminary action ideas are largely compiled from brainstorming sessions held with partners and stakeholders last year and require further refinement between now and this summer. Staff provided an [update to the MTC Policy Advisory Council](#) at their February 2025 meeting laying out a timeline for developing Plan Bay Area 2050+ implementation actions, including opportunities for further engagement.

To that end, we invite you to participate in a comprehensive survey to help propose and prioritize preliminary draft implementation actions for Plan Bay Area 2050+. This survey and associated feedback will inform the Draft Implementation Plan, which will be released for public comment along with the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report this summer. Following public comment, additional feedback will be integrated prior to Final Plan adoption in early 2026.

Your early-stage input will shape the Implementation Plan so that it reflects partner priorities from across the region. Your unique subject matter expertise will be crucial to developing an ambitious yet achievable Implementation Plan so we can effectively advance the long-range plan's vision over the next several years.

What to Know Before You Take the Survey

The survey offers a "choose-your-own-adventure" approach to providing input on any and all of the four plan elements – Transportation, Housing, Economy and Environment. If you plan to provide input on more than a few strategies, be sure to set aside sufficient time to complete the survey.

To help contextualize the questions in the survey, staff have prepared a short [explainer video](#). Links to relevant reference documents are included to provide further context where appropriate.

[Complete the Survey.](#)

The survey will remain open until **Monday, April 7**.

Office Hours

If you have additional comments or questions about Plan Bay Area 2050+ implementation, you can schedule a 30-minute meeting with element-specific MTC/ABAG staff using the links below. We encourage partner agencies and local jurisdictions who are leading or supporting complementary initiatives to use this time to share relevant actions that could inform our work.

[Transportation – Transit](#) (This includes [Transit 2050+](#))

[Transportation – Non-Transit](#)

[Housing](#)

[Economy](#)

[Environment](#)

Questions

For questions about the survey or implementation, please contact Michael Germeraad at mgermeraad@bayareametro.gov.

Schedule changes on most routes starting Monday, April 7

A message from the Water Emergency Transportation Authority/San Francisco Bay Ferry:

Starting Monday, April 7, schedule changes on most San Francisco Bay Ferry routes will take effect. These changes will improve afternoon scheduling gaps, improve trip spacing, and increase system reliability.



Change highlights:

- Departure time adjustments between 5-10 minutes for afternoon trips across most routes
- New mid-day trips on the Alameda Seaplane route
- More weekend service on the Richmond route
- Temporary discontinuation of Pier 41 Short Hop
- Later weekday evening departures from S.F. on the Oakland & Alameda and Alameda Seaplane routes

Check out the details on our [schedule change](#) page and sign up for [Bay Alerts](#) for real-time service notifications.

Off-Ramp Closure Delayed on Westbound Interstate 80 in Yolo County



From a Caltrans press release:

Caltrans is alerting motorists of an update to the ramp closures for the ongoing Interstate 80 (I-80) and U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) Pavement Rehabilitation Project in Yolo County.

The Chiles Road on and off-ramps along westbound I-80 will be directly affected by the anticipated weather expected in the area. Since materials related to this repaving work can't be placed in wet conditions, some current shifts have been cancelled, and the westbound Chiles Road off-ramp closure that was scheduled for this weekend has been postponed until next week.

Caltrans urges motorists to review the new schedule and to plan for additional travel time.

CHILES ROAD CLOSURES:

- The Chiles Road off-ramp (EXIT 78) closure from westbound I-80 has been rescheduled for **9 p.m. Friday, April 4 through 5 a.m. Monday, April 14.**
- The Chiles Road on-ramp (County Road 32A) to westbound I-80 closure, which began Wednesday, **will remain closed until 5 a.m. Wednesday, April 16.**

SUGGESTED DETOUR:

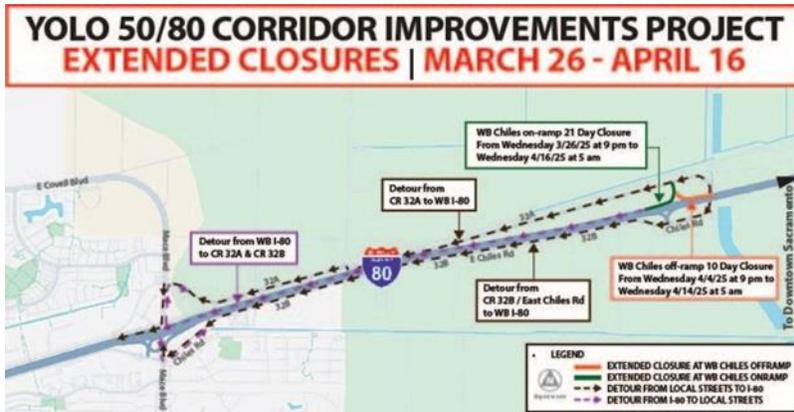
- Westbound I-80 motorists can use Mace Boulevard (EXIT 75) as an alternate entrance and exit for I-80 (see maps).

OTHER CLOSURES FOR TONIGHT:

- Westbound 50 mainline (between Jefferson and 50/80 interchange):
 - Westbound 50 lanes #1 and #2 will be closed tonight from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for emergency striping work.
 - Westbound 50 lane #3 will be closed from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. for k-rail work.
- Westbound Jefferson off-ramp will NOT be closed tonight.
- Westbound Jefferson/275 on-ramps, Harbor on/off ramps, and westbound US 50 – eastbound I-80 connector:
 - The on ramps will close at midnight and open at 5 a.m.
 - The off-ramp and connector will close at the same time when westbound lane #3 is closed (1 a.m. – 5 a.m.)

The work zone is from just west of the Yolo Causeway along I-80 and US 50 in West Sacramento. The speed limit has been reduced to 55 miles per hour 24/7 for the safety of workers and motorists. Work is scheduled to begin as listed but is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather conditions, availability of equipment and/or materials, and construction-related issues.

The extended lane closures will help to minimize the duration of the work and improve workers’ safety.



This \$280 million project includes \$47 million from Senate Bill (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually, shared equally between state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects partially funded by SB 1. To view the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov, which contains data on state and federal funding.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert” and slow in

construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue updates on X [@CaltransDist3](#) and on Facebook at [CaltransDistrict3](#). For real-time traffic information, click on [Caltrans' QuickMap](#) or download the QuickMap app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

56-Hour Closures scheduled to begin in March for Rio Vista Bridge



From a Caltrans press release:

Caltrans is advising motorists of six scheduled weekend closures of the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madere Memorial Bridge) on State Route 12 (SR 12) for ongoing repairs.

This \$27.2 million project is funded through the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program and will require multiple 56-hour weekend closures for the work to be completed because of the limited width of the bridge to allow for heavy equipment access.

The project is making necessary mechanical repairs, replacing the movable deck span and replacing bridge rails.

During the weekend closures that are scheduled between March and June, the contractor will replace the movable span bridge deck concrete, and 60 steel stringers needed to extend the service life of the bridge.

Due to the limited width of the existing bridge deck, 56-hour weekend bridge closures are necessary to facilitate safe access to the work for contractor and Caltrans personnel.

The 56-hour weekend bridge closure schedule will lessen total project workdays and help avoid the wait times at peak commute hours during the week.

Motorists could encounter additional travel times of up to two hours using detours from Rio Vista to Sacramento County on SR 12 across the Sacramento River. Please allow for extra travel time to reach your destination, especially for scheduled appointments and work schedules.

CLOSURE DATES:

- 2nd: 9 p.m. Friday 4/11 - 5 a.m. Monday 4/14
- 3rd: 9 p.m. Friday 4/25 - 5 a.m. Monday 4/28
- 4th: 9 p.m. Friday 5/09 - 5 a.m. Monday 5/12

- 5th: 9 p.m. Friday 6/06 - 5 a.m. Monday 6/09
- 6th: 9 p.m. Friday 6/20 - 5 a.m. Monday 6/23

Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment or material availability, or other unexpected events.

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Food Bank’s Nourish Gala



Get your tickets now to celebrate the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano’s 50th golden anniversary.

You’ll enjoy dinner, entertainment, amazing silent auction and live auction packages, and a powerful look at how the food you help the Food Bank provide can change lives — plus, plenty of time to roam the multi-level museum, open only to gala attendees.

The gala will take place at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 26, Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506.

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

Public meetings

Stationary Source Committee Meeting for Building Appliances Flexibilities Discussion



On Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m., the Air District's Stationary Source Committee will discuss potential amendments to [Rule 9-6: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Boilers and Water Heaters](#), focusing on nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from small natural gas-fired water heaters

(under 75,000 BTU). These appliances are currently subject to a zero-NOx compliance deadline of January 1, 2027.

At the meeting, Air District staff will provide an information update, outlining possible options and pathways for future rule amendments, based on findings from the multi-stakeholder Implementation Working Group (IWG). These discussions aim to ease the transition for impacted parties and facilitate smooth and equitable implementation. This hybrid meeting will be open to the public.

Staff previously presented an informational update to the Board of Directors in December 2024, sharing key takeaways from the IWG process. View the [full staff report](#) summarizing research findings and additional background.

Additional information on this rule and Implementation Working Group effort can be found on the [Building Appliance Implementation Working Group web page](#).

The meeting will take place at Air District Headquarters, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. To view the meeting remotely, click [here](#).

Community Corner

Want information on how to make some changes around your home? Then "Jumping into Solutions" might be for you.

These series of videos were created by Pat Toth-Smith, Kathy Kerridge, Bart Sullivan, June Mejias plus more.



Have you thought about buying or leasing an electric vehicle (EV), but not sure you can afford it or how they work? Our episode gives the beginner a detailed but easy to

understand dive into the world of EV's from the perspective of a longtime owner and an expert in EV's.

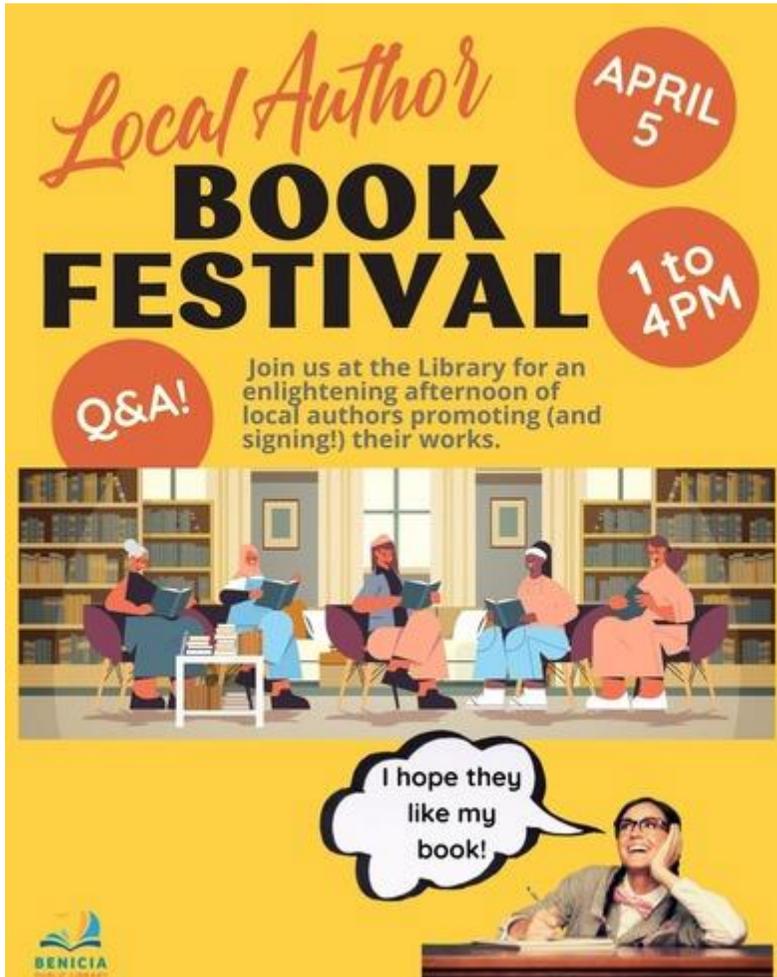
To view the episode, click [here](#).

JFK Library April Events Calendar



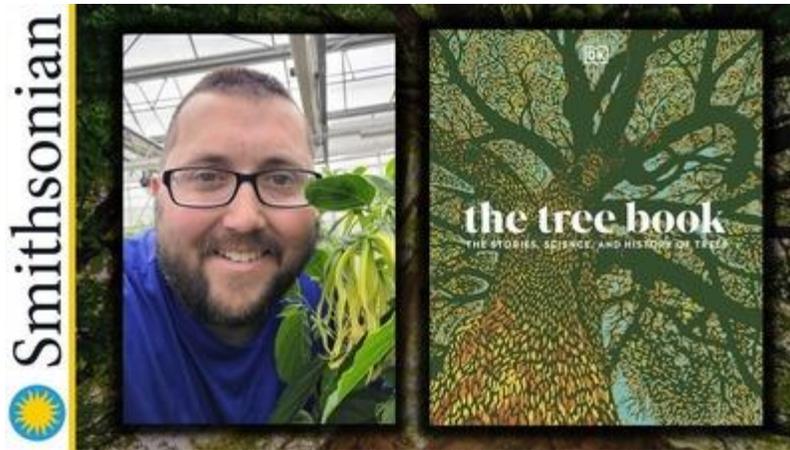
JFK Library April Events Calendar can be found [here](#).

Book Festival



Did you know that Benicia boasts some local authors? Or that you could borrow many of their titles from the Benicia Public Library? Most exciting of all, did you know that more than 40 (!!) of them will be at the library for the first Local Author Book Festival? Now you do. See you **Saturday, April 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. 150 East L Street.**

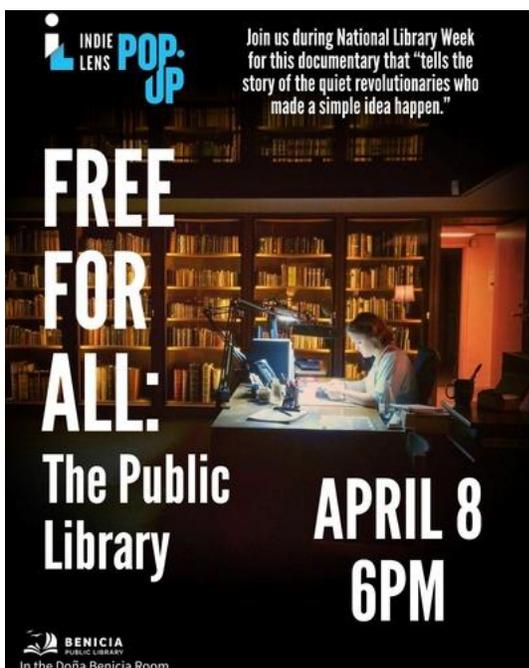
The Stories, Science, and History of Trees with Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming



Join the Benicia Public Library as Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming, guides us through the secret world of trees as is revealed in the beautiful and absorbing guide to the giants of the plant world—The Tree Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Trees on **Tuesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. via digital live-stream in partnership with Benicia Public Library!**

To register, click [here](#).

Free for All: The Public Library



Celebrate (and investigate) the history of public libraries! Join the Benicia Public Library for a screening and community-driven conversation at **6 p.m., Tuesday, April 8.** The library is located at **150 East L Street.**

Ink marbling for teens craft event



Solano County
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INK MARBLING CRAFT FOR TEENS

CREATE A UNIQUE WORK OF ART

USING THE JAPANESE ART FORM SUMINAGASHI.



Teens and tweens are invited to come to the Fairfield Civic Center Library to create a unique bookmark or postcard using the Japanese art form "suminagashi" or ink marbling.

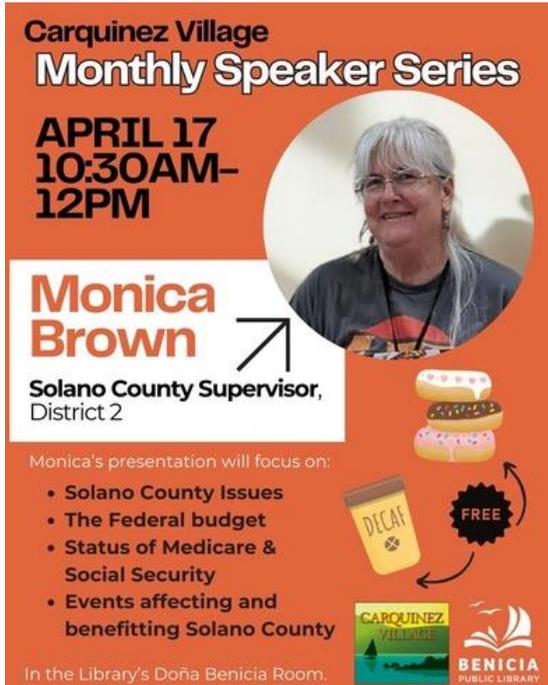
TUESDAY, APRIL 15
3:30 - 4:45 PM

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

The Solano County Library will be hosting an ink marbling program for teens on **Tuesday, April 15, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street in the city of Fairfield.**

This program will allow teens to use the Japanese art form known as "suminagashi" or ink marbling to create a beautiful postcard or bookmark.

Carquinez Village Monthly Speaker Series



**Carquinez Village
Monthly Speaker Series**

**APRIL 17
10:30AM-
12PM**

**Monica
Brown** 

**Solano County Supervisor,
District 2**

Monica's presentation will focus on:

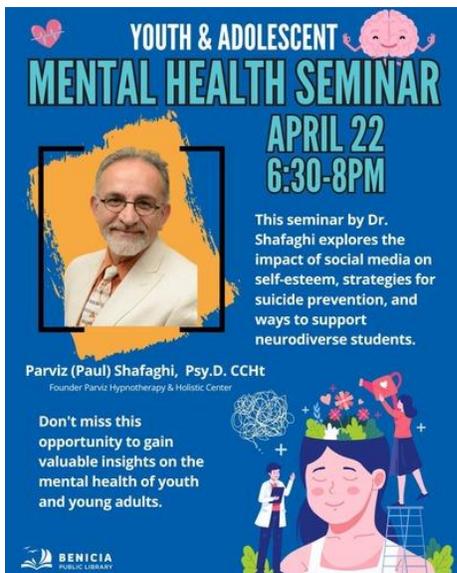
- Solano County Issues
- The Federal budget
- Status of Medicare & Social Security
- Events affecting and benefitting Solano County

In the Library's Doña Benicia Room.



Monica Brown, your District 2 Solano County Supervisor, will be the next speaker at the Carquinez Village Monthly Speaker Series. Free doughnuts and decaf coffee will be provided. **The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 East L Street.**

Youth & Adolescent Mental Health Seminar



**YOUTH & ADOLESCENT
MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR**

**APRIL 22
6:30-8PM**



This seminar by Dr. Shafaghi explores the impact of social media on self-esteem, strategies for suicide prevention, and ways to support neurodiverse students.

Parviz (Paul) Shafaghi, Psy.D. CCHt
Founder Parviz Hypnotherapy & Holistic Center

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights on the mental health of youth and young adults.



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

Our Best to You

The Benicia Poet Laureate Program celebrates National Poetry Month with:

Our Best to You

**APRIL 27
2-4PM**

Come listen to the favorite poems of many local poets laureate! Come read your own favorite (3 minute maximum).

In the Doña Benicia Room. Luscious treats will be served! Door prizes will be given out!

Hosted by Katrina Monroe, Benicia Poet Laureate

BENICIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Benicia Public Library is located 150 East L Street.

30th Annual Library Literacy Celebration

30th Anniversary Literacy Celebration

Celebrating the Past, Inspiring the Future

Solano County Library Literacy Services invites you to help celebrate the achievements and efforts of literacy students, and to recognize literacy tutors and volunteers for their dedication to their community.

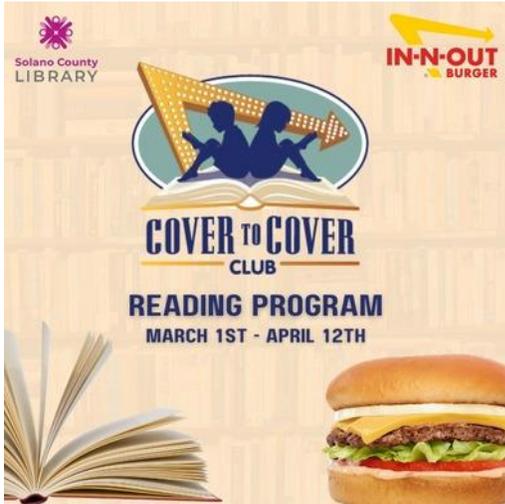
Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 11AM - 1:30PM

County Events Center
601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533
Map and directions attached

Seating is limited and lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP for you and your guests by April 18, 2025
Literacy@SolanoCounty.com or 707-784-1526

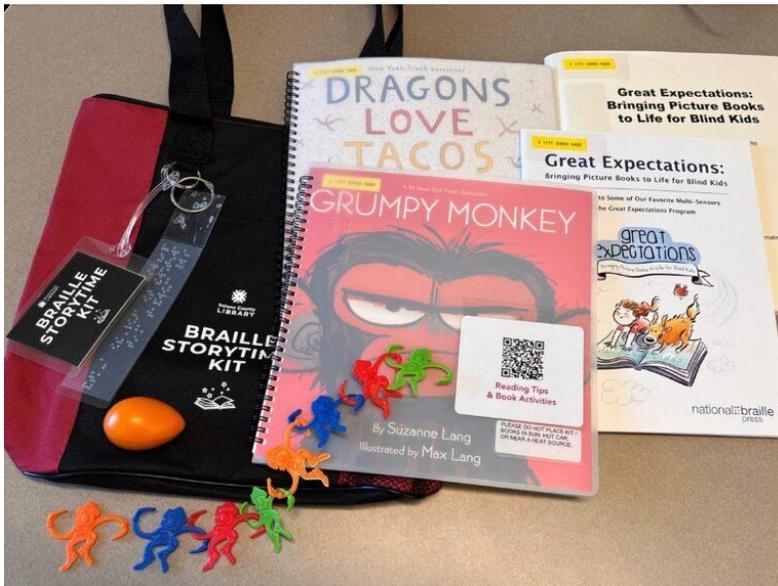
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Solano County reading program



It's back! Stop by your local Solano County Library and sign up for In-N-Out's Cover to Cover Reading program. Kids ages 4-12 can earn one hamburger or cheeseburger for every 5 books or 300 pages they read! Each child may earn up to 3 burgers during the program.

Braille Storytime Kits



The Solano County Library offers Braille Storytime Kits, a hands-on way for children who are visually impaired to enjoy stories. Each kit features songs, tactile play, movement, listening, and word games to bring picture books to life.

What's inside:

- ✓ 2 braille/English picture books
- ✓ Engaging activities
- ✓ Guides in braille & English
- ✓ Link to online resources

Borrow with your library card for up to 3 weeks! To view the collection, click [here](#).

New exhibits, new times, free admission



Curator Beverly Phelan, and a team of dedicated volunteers have been hard at work putting up **three new exhibits at the Museum of History Benicia**:

- **“On a Clear Day”** takes you on a journey through time, showcasing Benicia’s transformation with historic maps dating back to 1847 and aerial photography through 1980.
- **“Looking Back. . .1995”** is a collection of artwork created by Benicia Middle School students from 30 years ago, capturing the beauty of our local landmarks through their talented eyes.
- **“They Made a Difference: Women in Benicia’s Past”** honors 15 remarkable women whose contributions have helped shape the Benicia we know and love today.

Visit **Fridays and Saturdays**, from **1 to 4 p.m.** — and the best part? Admission is now free for everyone.

The museum is located at 2060 Camel Road in Benicia. For more information, click [here](#).

Updates from around Solano County

Fresh Air Vallejo Awarded Environmental Justice Data Grant to Empower Community Voice



From a Fresh Air Vallejo press release:

Fresh Air Vallejo (FAV), a leading community-based environmental justice organization, is proud to announce that it has been awarded a major grant to build local capacity to share meaningful information and local wisdom to promote environmental justice. This funding will enable FAV, its partners, and local community members to collect, analyze, visualize and share critical environmental and health information and to

identify desired solutions and offsets to offset current and historical harms.

The grant aims to boost engagement and amplify community voices in the creation of Vallejo's Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan as required by SB1000. The work will encourage residents of Vallejo's most environmentally impacted communities to use their knowledge and support them with accessible data as they design a healthier future for Vallejo. Since major planning efforts are upcoming—such as Vallejo's General Plan updates, plans to address sea-level rise and climate change, and early discussions about the future of Highway 37—this grant arrives at a crucial time to strengthen community engagement and representation in decision-making.

“For too long, decisions about Vallejo's future have been made without the voices and the data that truly reflect the realities of our most vulnerable communities,” said FAV Executive Director, Liat Meitzenheimer. “This grant allows us to change that by equipping residents with the resources to advocate for their health, well-being, and a more just and sustainable city.”

The initiative will involve a multi-phase approach over the next 18 months including:

- Community Engagement & Collaboration – Partnering with local organizations to ensure inclusive participation
- Data Collection & Analysis – Gathering essential information on air quality, pollution sources, health outcomes, and community infrastructure using a mix of citizen science and expert-supported research, along with non-traditional documentation such as citizen photos.
- Data Visualization & Solution Identification – Creating accessible reports, presentations, and community workshops to empower residents in sharing their vision for a brighter future in multiple planning forums.
- Long-Term Sustainability – Developing new generations of leadership for ongoing community-driven knowledge building, voice and participation efforts.

This project directly supports FAV's long-term vision: a Vallejo where pollution is mitigated, environmental injustices are addressed, and all residents—especially marginalized and vulnerable communities—can live in a healthy and thriving environment.

Fresh Air Vallejo will soon begin hosting community charrettes and workshops to gather local insights and ensure the data collection plan reflects residents' priorities. Interested community members, local organizations, and policymakers are encouraged to participate.

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

Solano County celebrates National Public Health Week 2025



A message from Solano County:

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, is observing April 7-13, 2025, as National Public Health Week, a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are

important to improve our nation. This year marks the 30th anniversary of National Public Health Week and the community is invited to join Solano Public Health to celebrate successes, look ahead to upcoming challenges and create a vision for the future.

“National Public Health Week gives us the opportunity as a community to come together and celebrate the work being done every day to protect and improve the well-being of our communities,” said Bela T. Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Health Officer. “We sincerely thank our Public Health staff for their continued dedication to the prevention of disease and injury, as well as the protection and promotion of health and equity for Solano.”

Every day of National Public Health Week focuses on a public health topic, including, It Starts Here – Your Health is Our Mission; Climate Action Starts Here – Championing Resilience for Health; Health Equity Starts Here – Optimizing Health for All; Advocacy Starts Here – Amplifying Voices for Public Health; and The Future of Public Health Starts Here – Strengthening the Public Health Workforce.

Solano Public Health provides a variety of services vital to making the community a safe and healthy place to live including vaccination clinics, tuberculosis control, home visits for moms and babies, preparing for public health emergencies, WIC services and promoting oral health education. In 2024, for example, the Solano Oral Health Education Program provided vital oral health services to students in Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Child Start and Early Head Start across Solano County. The program conducted screenings for 609 students, administered fluoride varnish to 305, and completed 295 Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments. Additionally, 910 students participated in educational lessons on oral health, promoting better habits and awareness from an early age. A focus on oral health at a young age helps improve the health and well-being of our youngest residents and their families.

Throughout this week and the month of April, Solano Public Health will host events to promote National Public Health Week 2025 and highlight the work of our Public Health programs that strive to address the root causes of health disparities and promote health equity for all.

Events include a Walk with the Health Officer, Public Health Education and Learning sessions, Yoga and Zumba during lunch hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Consider following Solano Public Health on Facebook @SolanoCountyPH and online at <https://www.SolanoCounty.gov/PH>.

Free compost giveaway April 12 for Fairfield residents

The city of Fairfield and Republic Services is hosting a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents on **Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until supplies run out.**



The event will be held at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield.

Master Gardeners from UCCE Solano will also be onsite to offer guidance on composting and share other horticultural tips. The compost will be delivered in bulk, and residents are required to bring their own containers to collect the compost.

Please note that trailers will not be permitted at the event. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for residents to use. **Proof of residency will be required to participate.**

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

California native plant sale

Spring 2025

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE

On site Sale & Online Order Pickup*

Saturday, May 3, 2025
10 am to 2 pm

1400 East Second Street, Benicia
*Pickup may also be available in Fairfield

Online Ordering
April 21-27

Sales open April 19-20 for CNPS members

For more information:



www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

WILLIS LINN JEPSON CHAPTER
Email: contact@jepson.cnps.org



The Solano County chapter of the California Native Plant Society ([the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter](#)) is having a native plant sale on Saturday, **May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1400 East 2nd Street in the city of Benicia.**

Growing plants native to our local area promotes biodiversity and helps restore California's rich, natural beauty. Native plants:

- provide nectar for local pollinators like butterflies and bees
- are host plants for caterpillars, which are then crucial food for baby birds
- offer seeds and berries for adult birds to eat
- serve as shelter for small animals
- help heal our soil
- need less water than other plants, and
- some are even fire resistant

Anyone can grow native plants - even without a yard or garden. Many of them do very well in containers on a stoop or balcony!

All plants are grown at our nursery in Vallejo (which always needs more volunteers!), and proceeds help fund the nursery and other chapter activities that promote California native plants.

You can pre-order plants from our chapter website April 21-27, or shop in-person on May 3 with the opportunity to get gardening advice from chapter members. A list of species available during the pre-order sale will be posted on our website soon.

Visit <https://www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson> or email contact@jepson.cnps.org with questions.

Special offer for Solano County



**SPECIAL OFFER FOR
- SOLANO COUNTY -**

We have a special offer to help **households with children ages 0-5** get fully furnished! Your clients can receive essential furniture—delivered **FREE** to your client's home in Solano County.

Thanks to a grant from First 5, we're offering this incredible deal:

- Service fee waived**
- Free delivery**
- Limited time offer!**

For more details or to apply, email us at: services@makeithomebayarea.org



Make It Home Bay Area offering to help households with Children ages 0-5 get fully furnished! Your clients can receive essential furniture - delivered free to your client's home in Solano County.

Service fee waived, free delivery, limited time offer!

For more details or to apply, email: services@makeithomebayarea.org

Congregate Meal program



Enhancing the health and well-being of Solano County Older Adults through nourishing meals, connection, and community engagement.

new & EXCITING
CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM

Come for nutritious meals, friendship, and fun!

- Yummy lunches, completely re-imagined with YOU in mind!
- Engaging conversation and social opportunities
- Guest speakers—Help us choose the topics!

Voluntary contributions are accepted, but not required. Come as often as you like!

Meal Reservations are Required two days in advance.

To make a meal reservation, you can:

- Go to one of the sites from 11-1 pm
- Call or text (707) 684-4376
- Email info@innovativehealths.com

Visit our website for more information:
innovativehealths.com/congregate-meals-program



LOCATIONS & HOURS

BENICIA SENIOR CENTER
1201 E 2nd St., Benicia
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FAIRFIELD ADULT RECREATION CENTER
1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield
Mon-Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FLORENCE DOUGLAS CENTER
333 Amador, Vallejo
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

MCBRIDE SENIOR CENTER
91 Town Square, Vacaville
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

RIO VISTA SENIOR CENTER
25 Main St., Rio Vista
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:50 AM

JOSEPH NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER
611 Dr., Suisun
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

DIXON SENIOR MULTI-USE CENTER
201 S 5th St., Dixon
Tues & Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

To view the April menu, click [here](#).

To reserve a warm meal at any of the seven (7) sites, clients can:

1. Call or text: 707 | 684-4376
2. Email the general email: info@innovativehealths.com
3. Go to one of the sites and reserve onsite with an IHS site host

Reservations are required at least two (2) days in advance. If you have a large group (4+) attending, please give at least one (1) week notice.

Spring 2025 Vaccine Clinics Hosted by Solano Public Health



FREE VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA

First come, first served. While supplies last.



*Eligibility requirements may apply.

Date	Time	Location	Vaccines
Thursday, March 27, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, April 24, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 15, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 22, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Health & Social Services Multipurpose Room 2101 Courage Dr, Fairfield, CA 94533	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 29, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Public Health Multipurpose Room 2109 355 Tuolumne St, 2nd Floor Vallejo, CA 94590	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+




<https://www.solanovaxfacts.com>
 Facebook: @Solano Public Health

These free events target low-income and/or uninsured residents in Solano County. Now is the time for families to get their students vaccines required for school. Flu levels are still high! It's not too late – everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu vaccine to prevent serious illness and hospitalization.

2025 Veteran Home Rehab Applications deadline on April 30

From a Rebuilding Together Solano County press release:

Rebuilding Together Solano County provides our home rehabilitation services to veteran and surviving spouses of veterans, seniors and disabled homeowners residing in Solano County. Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy living environment for low-income veteran homeowners and community facilities.



Our services are provided free to qualified and selected homeowners. Do you know of someone, or do you qualify yourself for our home rehabilitation program?

How to apply:

1. Complete Veteran / Military 2025 Homeowner Application
2. By 04/30/25 Mail the completed Application and all supporting documentation to RTSC, PO Box 5996, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Contact Rebuilding Together Solano County
at: Ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com for further information.

Qualifications Required:

- One or more household members must qualify as Military (Active, honorably discharged, retired or a surviving spouse of military)
- Own and live in a single family residence located within Solano County. Home to be stick-built;
- The following items must be paid current:
 - 1) Mortgage(s)
 - 2) Property Taxes
 - 3) Homeowner's Insurance;
- Potential homeowners cannot own other property or units unless located on the property of the primary residence;
- Household Income must fall below the low-income guidelines for Solano County (less than 80% of Area Median Income for 2024-2025)

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
\$70,450	\$80,500	\$90,550	\$100,650	\$108,700	\$116,750

For further details, visit www.RebuildingTogetherSolanoCounty.org.

The Six Triple Eight



Please consider watching this important movie. - Monica

During World War II, 855 women joined the fight to fix the three-year backlog of undelivered mail. Faced with discrimination and a country devastated by war, they managed to sort more than 17 million pieces of mail ahead of time.

The film can be found on Netflix. The trailer can be found [here](#).

Homeacres Home Rehab Program



The Homeacres Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program aims to improve housing conditions, safety, code compliance, and revitalize the community.

Solano County is offering financial assistance to help eligible homeowners repair and improve their homes.

Is Your Home in Need of Repairs?..

We understand that keeping up with repairs can be tough, especially for those on a tight budget. That's why Solano County is excited to introduce a program that helps homeowners like you make essential home repairs and improvements.

Financial Assistance

- Low-Interest Loans for up to \$80,000 with a 30-year term and a unique deferred payment option. Make NO monthly payments throughout the entire loan period!
- Emergency Repair Grants: Only offered in limited cases.
- Funds are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligibility

- Must be the homeowner and live on the property needing repairs.
- Open to low-to moderate-income residents of **unincorporated** Homeacres Neighborhood (see map on reverse)

Approved Use of Funds

- Health & safety repairs & upgrades
- Roof repair or replacement
- Foundation repair (cracks, uneven floors)
- Electrical repairs, heat-pumps, solar installation
- Window upgrades & attic insulation

Application and Information



Department of Resource Management
675 Texas Street,
Suite 5500 Fairfield, CA 94533

(707) 784-6765

SolanoCounty.com/HomeacresHomeRehab
HomeRehab@SolanoCounty.com

Please Review the Application Guidelines Carefully to Determine Your Eligibility.

Public CPR & AED course

In Person Class



CPR & AED COURSE

April 25, 2025 or June 18, 2025

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Benicia Fire Department
150 Military West

Cost: \$75
Fee includes AHA certification card



REGISTER NOW: WWW.CI.BENICIA.CA.US/RECGUIDE

The Benicia Fire Department is offering American Heart Association (AHA) HeartSaver CPR & AED courses on April 25 and June 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Fire Station 11, 150 Military West.

The fee is \$75, and it includes your AHA CPR certification card and workbook.

There are limited spots available, register today. This course is an instructor-led course that teaches adult and child CPR and AED use, infant CPR, and how to relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a course completion card, valid for two years. If needed, please contact your employer prior to enrollment to ensure that you are selecting the correct course.

To register, click [here](http://WWW.CI.BENICIA.CA.US/RECGUIDE).

Fairfield BUILD Launches April 22

The city of Fairfield is excited to introduce Fairfield BUILD (Building, Utilities, Inspections, Land & Development), a new online permitting system launching April 22.

This upgraded platform will replace the outdated TRAKiT System and provide a transparent, accessible, and user-friendly experience for residents, businesses, and the building community. With 24/7 online access, users will be able to apply for permits, schedule inspections, and track project progress in real-time from any device.



The system also features automated workflows to expedite processing and secure online payment integration for a seamless experience.

To ensure a smooth transition, TRAKiT will go offline on April 10 at 5 p.m., and permitting and plan review services will be limited for six business days while records are transferred. To prepare, the Planning Services counter will be closed on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Building Permitting will be closed on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. through April 22.

Fairfield BUILD will be available to the public at 10 a.m. on April 22. For more information and updates, click [here](#).

Molly's Angels



Since 1999, Molly's Angels has been dedicated to supporting Napa Valley seniors through free services like medical transportation, care calls, and handmade cards—fostering connection and well-being in the community.

Thanks to support from the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging, the Molly Cares friendly calling program has expanded to Solano County. This no-cost program pairs local seniors with volunteer callers for weekly check-in calls, offering companionship, and when needed, connecting those in need of vital resources with services in their community.

Solano residents can participate in Molly Cares in two ways: as a volunteer caller, connecting with seniors through weekly phone calls or as a participant, receiving calls and enjoying friendly conversation and support.

For more information, visit their [website](#) or call (707) 224-8971.

April calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The April calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall, can be found [here](#).

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

Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association 9th Annual Student Art Show



Fairfield-Suisun City
Visual Arts Association

and

Fairfield Poet Laureate Emerita, Suzanne Bruce



invite students to write poems inspired by art from the
9th Annual Student Art Show

Students

Want to express your voice through poetry
written in response to student art?
Please join us for this ekphrastic experience!

Exhibit will be at the Solano Town Center Gallery
March 19 – April 13, 2025

Reception and Award Gala: March 29, 3:00- 6:00pm

Poetry Reading: April 5, 4:00- 6:00pm

Solano Town Center Gallery
1350 Travis Blvd, Fairfield
(inside the Mall- 2nd floor- #D-8)
Open Wed thru Sun, 11am to 6pm

Art may be viewed at the Gallery or online beginning March 19th

<https://fvaa-arts.org>

Please have students send poems to Suzanne Bruce at

fairfieldpoetlaureate.emerita@gmail.com

by April 3rd- 5:00pm.

*For questions, also email Suzanne

Ekphrastic*

LET YOUR WORDS EMBRACE ART!

An Ekphrastic Event and Opportunity for Poets and Prose Writers

Featuring the Art of Nanette Wylde

Co-hosted by Benicia Literary Arts and the Benicia Poet Laureate

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 5:30 to 7pm
at NY2CA Gallery, 617 First Street, Benicia**

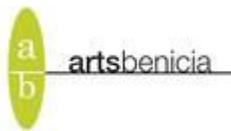
**Poets and short prose writers --
here's how to have a "Wylde" time!**

- 1) **Visit the NY2CA Gallery:** Starting Thursday, March 20, and continuing Thursdays through Sundays, noon - 5pm, until 5pm on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Poets and writers of short prose (400 words or fewer) can visit the NY2CA Gallery at **617 First Street in Benicia** and seek their inspiration.
- 2) **Complete the form** in the Gallery with your name, email address, and the title of the art you selected to write to.
- 3) **The deadline to submit** your written ekphrastic prose or poetic inspiration is **noon on Friday, April 18, 2025**. Remember, the maximum length is 400 words or fewer. **Send your finished work in pdf** to Becky Bishop White, beckydabish@gmail.com, by noon on Friday, April 18.
- 4) **Then Celebrate! Come to the NY2CA Gallery** at 5:30pm on Saturday, April 19, 2025 and participate in the reading!

→ Questions? Contact Becky Bishop White: beckydabish@gmail.com
Note: If you can't make it to the gallery to view the art, photos will be posted online.
Email Becky for the link after March 21.



Arts Benicia



On March 22, Arts Benicia opened their bi-annual exhibition Next Generation where they will showcase the creative endeavors of the youth of the community, from Kindergarten through High School.

Please join for **Family Art Day on Sunday, April 27, 1 to 3 p.m.** Arts Benicia is committed to the next generation of artists stems from their belief that the arts enhance the quality of life in the community and enrich us as individuals. Thank you for also supporting access to arts education for the youth in our community.

On Thursday, March 6, Arts Benicia celebrated the opening of the newest Arts Benicia Presents venue, Compass Real Estate at 615 First Street, Benicia. The inaugural exhibition features the exquisite artwork

of Paula Boas, longtime artist member of Arts Benicia. **The exhibition is on view at Compass until May 29.**

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 p.m. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of the town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults and youth, many of which are open to beginners. Consider checking out the new classes listed on the Arts Benicia website. For 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 the Arts Benicia programs. With your sponsorship support, they can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to the community. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing info@artsbenicia.org or visiting <https://artsbenicia.org/sponsorship/>

NAMIWalks Solano



From a NAMIWalks press release:

NAMIWalks will take place at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Vallejo Waterfront.

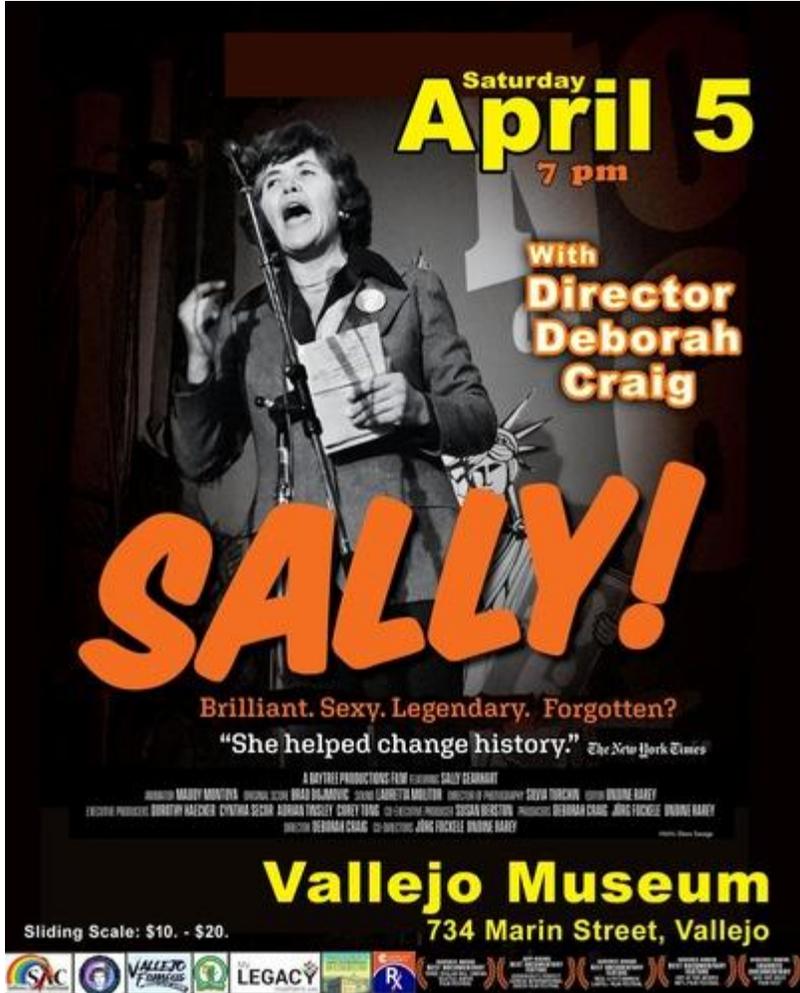
You are NAMIWalks. And so is your family member or friend. Or a future friend, for that matter. Each one of you can proudly wear the 2025 participant T-shirt that says I am NAMIWalks and a smile that says We are NAMIWalks. "We," the first two letters in welcome. No matter where you're coming from, where you're going, or what you're up to before and after the event. No matter your background, if you care about moving the needle of mental wellness here in our community and beyond, you are welcome. Join the joy today. Why wait? The need is now, after all. The more money we raise, the more people NAMI can help. Through our free, top-rated programs, our life-saving support, education, and guidance and the power to turn up the volume on advocacy and awareness.

Together, we have the strength to lift hope itself — through our commitment, unity and laughter leading up to, and of course on, Walk Day.

Registration is live, so let NAMIWalks begin in your life.

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

Upcoming events in Solano County
SALLY! documentary



SALLY is a new documentary about Lesbian leader Sally Gearhart (1931-2021) She was a professor at San Francisco State University where she established one of the first Women's Studies programs in the US. Sally worked against homophobic legislation and alongside Harvey Milk.

The director is Deborah Craig. Her film A GREAT RIDE about aging lesbians featured Sally and played at the Empress film club in 2018.

The documentary will be shown at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street in downtown Vallejo.

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

Free Career Fair: 2025 NorCal Hiring Event



Connect with top employers and explore exciting career opportunities at the 2025 NorCal Career Fair, on **Thursday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, 1400 Building, in the city of Fairfield.**

Join the Workforce Development Board of Solano County and Solano Community College for a day of networking and hiring. This free event is your chance to find your next career move. Register [here](#)

Benicia Parkinson's Community Awareness Rally



Listen to our Keynote speaker talk about Precision, Partnering & Personalized Care. Dr. Khandhar will be joined by experts in nutrition, mental health and joy, connection and discovery. Then visit and connect with various pharmaceutical companies and organizations who provide Bay Area communities with information on solutions and resources that will help in a family's Parkinson's journey.

DR. SUKETU KHANDHAR
CHIEF OF NEUROLOGY &
MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR MOVEMENT DISORDERS PROGRAM
KAISER PERMANENTE, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

BILL CAWLEY
MEMORIAL WALK
BENICIA CITY PARK,
FIRST & K ST.
CHECK-IN STARTS
AT 8:00 AM

BENICIA VETERANS HALL, 1150 FIRST ST.
9:30am-1pm
Hall opens at 9:00am

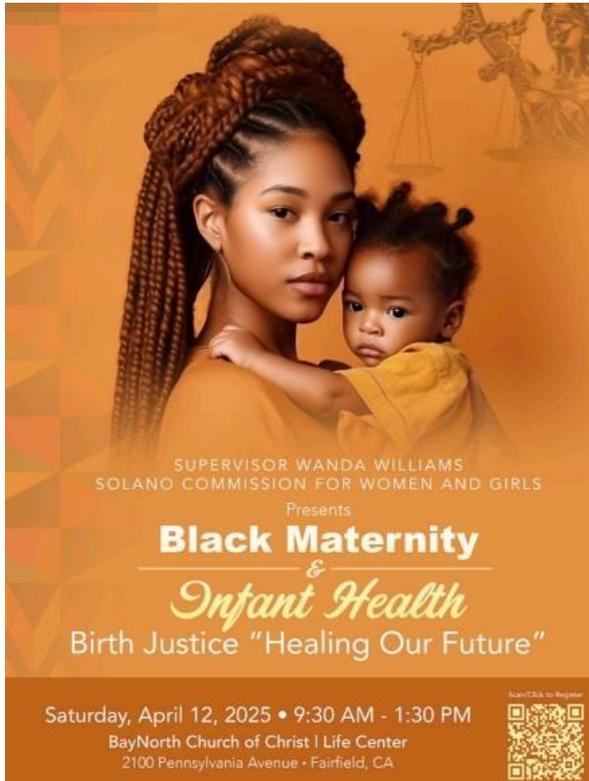
APRIL 12, 2025

REGISTER ONLINE @  
www.beniciaparkinsons.support
Register by 3/21/2025 for a customized T-shirt

Sponsored by the Benicia Lions Club, Benicia Kiwanis Club,
Benicia Community Foundation, Valero & Biagi Bros.
Hosted by the Benicia Parkinson's Support Group

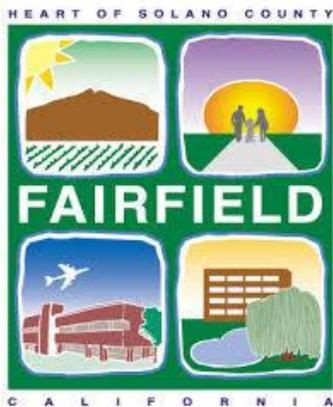
For more information, and/or to register, click [here](#).

Healing Our Future: Addressing Black Maternal & Infant Health Birth Justice



A seminar for the community and practitioners on **Saturday, April 12 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Spring Egg-Dive-Aganza



Join the city of Fairfield on **Saturday, April 12 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex (1741 W Texas St, Fairfield)** for an egg hunt like never before!

Instead of searching on land, you'll be diving in to find eggs in the pool! Enjoy fun games, exciting prizes, and a special visit from Ms. Allie and Mr. Gator!

All attendees must register, and the event is \$15 per person. To register, click [here](#).

Speaker Series: The Magic of the Organ

Join the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation in “All Things Organ” and surround yourselves in the resonant and inspiring sounds of the beautiful St. Peter’s Chapel Pipe Organ, the fourth pipe organ installed in 1966. The chapel organ is carefully and expertly maintained by the internationally famous Schoenstein & Co. (Est. 1877), organ builders, of Benicia.



Presenters include the world-renowned Jack Bethards, Chairman and Tonal Advisor for Schoenstein & Co., and Bret Barner, a skilled chapel organist, who frequently showcases his expertise and artistry through organ performances during special chapel events. This event will bring together the rich history of the Chapel organ accompanied by musical demonstrations that showcase its sublime sound. The occasion will highlight the organ’s evolution over time, from its inception to its present-day operation, and feature performances that exhibit its remarkable tonal capabilities. By combining historical context with live music, the event promises to be a unique and enriching experience, allowing attendees to appreciate the Chapel organ’s beauty and significance.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 13, from 4 to 5 p.m., at St. Peter’s Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Paint Party 2025



**Spring
Paint Party**
Annual Fundraiser

Friday, April 18th
6 pm to 9 pm
Moose Lodge #468



6-7 pm - Networking & Appetizers
7-9 pm - Sip & Paint

\$50 per person includes:
Instruction, materials/supplies,
appetizers, one glass of wine,
& one raffle ticket

Prizes, music & no host bar

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Will you be Fairfield's next BBQ Master?



Will you be Fairfield's next BBQ Master at the Blues, Brews & BBQ Cook-Off on **Saturday, April 19, 12 to 4 p.m.**?

Enter the chicken or rib categories, or both! One fee covers all entries. Rib entries will automatically be entered in the People's Choice category and juried judging will be based on Kansas City Barbecue Society rules.

Purchasing a VIP ticket will get you a plateful of saucy, flavorful contestant BBQ ribs, two adult beverages (21 and over), and the chance to vote on the best ribs! VIP's will also enjoy prime shaded seats near the band and a luxury restroom.

VIP tickets sold out last year, so get yours early by clicking [here](#).

Save the Date: Earth Day Cleanup



Save the date for the annual Earth Day Cleanup Event on **Saturday, April 26, from 8 to 11 a.m.** Meet at the 9th Street Park to pick up supplies.

From there, you are free to choose your favorite beach, park, or neighborhood to collect litter. Return to location to have your litter weighed and disposed of.

Bags, buckets, gloves, and a limited supply of litter grabbers will be available, but feel free to bring your own. **All participants are required to sign a waiver.** Forms will be available at the event or feel free to print one and bring with you to save time.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/stormwater>

Fairfield Police teams with DEA for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



From a city of Fairfield press release:

On Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Fairfield Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day **at 1000 Webster Street**. On that day, the DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs anonymously from approximately 5,000 locations nationwide.

For more than a decade, the event has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded, old, unwanted, or expired medications that too often become a gateway to addiction. Since its inception, Take Back Day has removed 19.2 million pounds (9,600 tons) of medication from circulation.

Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container with the cap tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information or to find a collection site near you, click [here](#).

Solano County American Indian Symposium



Join for a captivating Solano Symposium with special guests delving into American Indian topics on history, healing and sustainability organized by Partnership Healthplan of California.

The Solano County American Indian Symposium is tailored to engage with the indigenous community through panel discussions and presentations.

Partnership HealthPlan of California is a non-profit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer

Medi-Cal benefits through local care providers to ensure Medi-Cal recipients have access to high-quality comprehensive cost-effective health care.

The symposium will take place from **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 27, at Touro University California at 1310 Club Drive on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.**

Homeless Outreach Partnership Event on April 30

HOMELESS.OUTREACH.PARTNERSHIP.ENGAGEMENT

H.O.P.E.
RESOURCE FAIR



From the city of Fairfield:

The Homeless Services Division is hosting a Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (HOPE) on **Wednesday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Liberty Church, (2641 N Texas St.) in Fairfield.**

Volunteers are needed to assist at the event. Resources available for the unhoused will include food, Medi-Cal, Cal-Fresh services, mobile showers, and more! Attendees may also ride the bus to the event for free on April 30. Simply board the Route 3 bus and let the driver know you are attending the HOPE event.

Homeless Services is looking for service providers that can assist with housing, prevention, and support services for the unhoused at the event and are now accepting vendor applications.

Interested parties can request a vendor application from Delaney Dombrowski at ddombrowski@fairfield.ca.gov. **The deadline to apply is April 18.**

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call (707) 428-7679.

Junk in the Trunk



Clean out your garage and make some extra cash at Junk in the Trunk on **Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Laurel Creek Community Park, 2986 Guld Drive.**

Seller spots: \$30 (2 spaces) | \$55 (3 spaces). Reserve your space now, by clicking [here](#).

Behavioral Health Resource Fair



Mark your calendars! Solano County Behavioral Health is hosting a Resource Fair on **Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield.**

This outdoor event will bring together a variety of organizations that are eager to share valuable resources and support with the community. We invite local organizations to participate—it's a great opportunity to connect with the public and showcase your services.

For inquiries or to apply, please contact WRU@solanocounty.gov. **Don't wait—the application deadline is April 11.**

Maykers Market



From the city of Fairfield:

The city of Fairfield continues to support the local and small businesses by bringing the community together with a spring edition of Maykers Market - Mother's Day Special Edition.

Come join on May 10, from 12 to 5 p.m. in Downtown Fairfield! This event will showcase downtown businesses and feature a vendor market pop-up with local artisans, crafts, baked goods, and more!

Do you have something to sell? Booth prices are low and interested vendors may click [here](#) no later than April 14.

Contact vendors.fairfieldsuisun@gmail.com for more information.

Events I attended this week

Thursday, April 3, I spent the morning with 13 Benicia students and their teachers exploring Cal State (soon to be Cal Poly) Maritime Academy. I met the teachers when the school district was showing casing different CTE classes. This CTE class is looking at engineering. Our local institution provides classes (and degrees) to fix ships, run the ships, and certificates for folks to serve on the Coast Guard ships. The weather and view were perfect.

In the afternoon, I made it back to the county building for the Solano County Sheriff Employee Recognition Ceremony. I always enjoy attending the ceremony to see our new hires get pinned, congratulating those employees who have been promoted and saying "goodbye", to those who have retired. I also love seeing all the younger members of their families. Everyone enjoyed the ceremony.



Benicia students touring Cal State (soon to be Cal Poly) Maritime on Thursday, April 3 with Supervisor Monica Brown.

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](#)

Healthy Solano internships



INTERNSHIPS:

[Behavioral Health Internship Program](#)

Solano County Behavioral Health **hosts a dynamic internship**

program for master's level clinical students and Doctoral psychology students. To learn more, go to <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bh/internships.asp>.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Internship Coordinator at BHIntern@solanocounty.gov

Please note, Solano County has moved their job applicant system to [NeoGOV](#)

Newsletter photo

Trans Day of Visibility held at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum in downtown Vallejo on Monday, March 31. Photo: Wanda Madeiros



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.