



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

April 11, 2025



Information this week

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.



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Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

Positions	Job Posting Opened
Animal Care Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator (Extra Help)	04/07/2025
Latent Print Examiner II	04/07/2025
Public Safety Dispatcher (Supervising)	04/07/2025
Current Solano County Sheriff's Office employees are invited to apply for this promotional opportunity	

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](#).

Low-Income Oversight Board looking for new member



CALIFORNIA
Public Utilities Commission

The Low-Income Oversight Board, which advises the California Public Utilities Commission on the impacts of utility policy on low-income

communities, is looking for a new member. Expertise in rural low-income issues is especially sought for this position and local government representatives and community advocates are encouraged to apply. Please see the [announcement](#) for more information.

Justice in Aging

From a press release:



Recently, the House of Representatives passed a new budget resolution that calls for cutting trillions from Medicaid, SNAP, and other essential programs that older adults rely on to meet their daily needs. With the Senate already having approved the budget blueprint, the House's vote paves the way for lawmakers to draft legislation to implement these unprecedented cuts to health care and food assistance for millions of people across America—all to finance tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations and immigration enforcement.

“For months, the message to lawmakers across the country has been clear: reject cuts to Medicaid and SNAP. With this vote, Congress ignored their constituents and chose billionaires. They are prioritizing tax breaks for the wealthy and making the people they were elected to serve pay for them by stripping health care and food assistance from older adults, disabled people, and millions more,” said Kevin Prindiville, Executive Director of Justice in Aging.

“But we are not done fighting. Every day is an opportunity to remind lawmakers that we are counting on them to do right by seniors and reject cuts to Medicaid and SNAP. We will continue to tell stories that show older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers, and families

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF
HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR
SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

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THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT
FOR THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

deserve access to vital health and long-term care. Together, we can protect Medicaid and SNAP and ensure this harmful budget does not become law.”

Republican leaders want to move quickly aim to vote on the bill to enact these cuts by Memorial Day. **Take action today!**

- Call your Senators and Representative and demand that they protect Medicaid, SNAP and other programs older adults rely on: [use this tool](#) or call 202-224-3121.
- Write to your members of Congress using our [template letter](#).
- Share your story. Use Caring Across Generation’s tools to tell your story [in writing](#) or [via video](#).

Learn more about what’s at stake and what advocates can do in [Justice in Aging Medicaid defense resources](#).

Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Open Now



The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, in partnership with the Marie Harrison Community Foundation, is pleased to announce the third year of the Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship! They’ve awarded scholarships to 16 students in the first two years of the program and plan to award another

12 students this year.

This \$5,000 scholarship supports college students who demonstrate a passion for improving environmental health and air quality in the overburdened frontline communities of the Bay Area. The Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship continues the legacy of Marie Harrison, an environmental justice leader and supporter of impacted youth. Ms. Harrison spent decades working to bring environmental health and social justice to the Bayview Hunters Point community in San Francisco. She passed away in May 2019. Her actions inspired environmental justice communities throughout the Bay Area and California.

For more information about the scholarship, [visit the application form](#). **Applications are due May 30.**

For questions or more information, please contact Daniel Madrigal: dmadrigal@baaqmd.gov

Little Hoover Commission Receives Governor's Reorganization Plan for Review



From a Little Hoover press release:

The Little Hoover Commission received today Governor Gavin Newsom's [government reorganization plan](#) to create two new agencies — a California Housing and Homelessness Agency and a Business and Consumer Services Agency.

The Commission will now formally begin its independent review of the proposal, as required by [state law](#). The [Governor's transmittal letter \(PDF\)](#), [full plan \(PDF\)](#), and [proposed bill language \(PDF\)](#) are available for public review on the Commission's website.

"As an independent state oversight agency, our responsibility is to provide a nonpartisan assessment of whether this proposal will create more effective government that will better serve Californians," said Pedro Nava, Chair of the Little Hoover Commission. "Our Commission — composed of public members and legislators, of Republicans and Democrats, of people with varying backgrounds and experiences — will add a balanced perspective on this proposal from the Governor."

The Commission will host public hearings in the coming weeks to gather input from stakeholders, policy experts, and Californians. Dates and locations for these hearings will be [announced soon](#) on the Commission's website. The public will have opportunities to provide both oral and written comments during the review process.

Under California's governmental reorganization process, the Governor must submit reorganization plans to the Little Hoover Commission at least 30 days before sending them to the Legislature. The Commission then has 30 days after legislative submission to complete its review and issue recommendations.

Throughout its history, the Little Hoover Commission has evaluated more [than 25 reorganization proposals](#), providing fact-based assessments to assist the Legislature in its consideration of these plans.

The Little Hoover Commission is America's only permanent, independent citizens commission working to improve state government. A nonpartisan oversight agency created in 1962, the Commission includes 13 Commissioners appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders. The Commission's mission is to investigate state operations and promote efficiency, economy and improved service

Food Bank's Nourish Gala



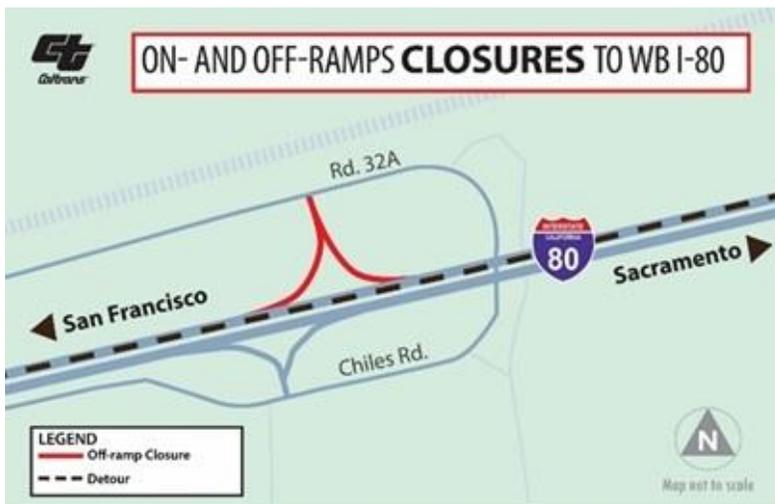
Get your tickets now to celebrate the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano's 50th golden anniversary.

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](#).

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).

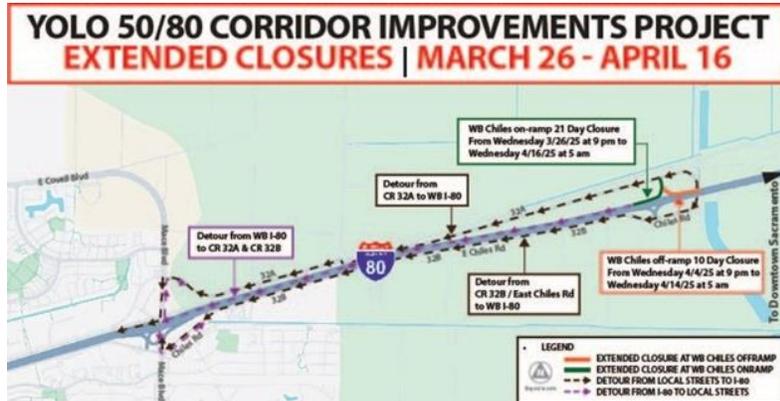
OTHER CLOSURES FOR TONIGHT:

- 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](https://twitter.com/CaltransDist3) and on Facebook at [CaltransDistrict3](https://www.facebook.com/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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The Bay Area’s first turbo roundabout sent crashes soaring. Commuters and experts say it’s still a better intersection

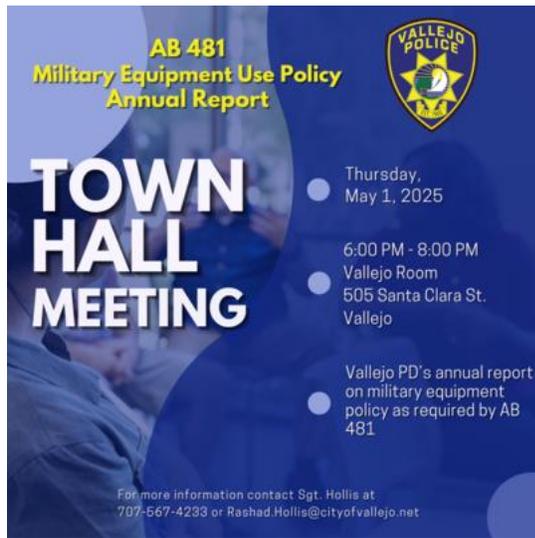
When a [turbo roundabout rolled into the southernmost corner of the Bay Area early last year](#), it became the first-in-the-state adoption of a successful Dutch traffic innovation — a multi-lane roundabout shaped like a cartoon hurricane.

And while the roundabout in San Benito County, far south of San Jose, was meant to improve safety, [it brought with it a wave of confusion and a spike in accidents](#) that saw drivers colliding at rates many times higher than before it was installed.

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

Public meetings

Vallejo PD to host community town hall meeting



The Vallejo Police Department (VPD) is inviting the community to attend an upcoming Community Town Hall meeting on **Thursday, May 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Vallejo Room located at 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.**

VPD will present its annual report on our Assembly Bill (AB) 481 - Military Equipment Use Police. Vallejo residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this upcoming town hall meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, you will be able to view the recorded meeting the following day on our website, Vallejopd.net.

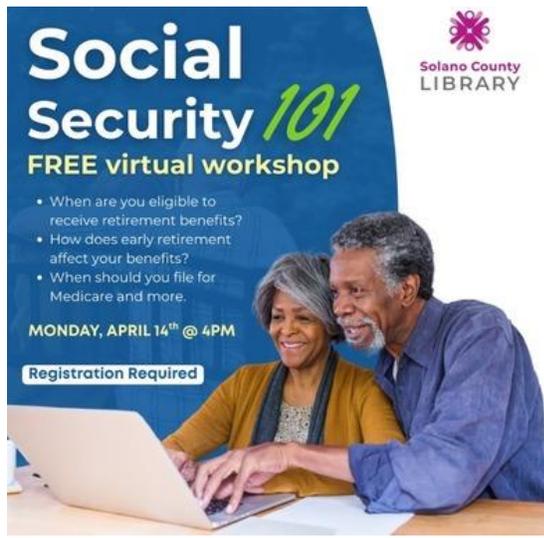
Community Corner

JFK Library April Events Calendar



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

Social Security 101



Social Security 101
FREE virtual workshop

- When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
- How does early retirement affect your benefits?
- When should you file for Medicare and more.

MONDAY, APRIL 14th @ 4PM

Registration Required

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Learn how to use My Social Security online account, other online services and have your other questions answered.

Questions to be answered include:

- When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
- How does early retirement affect your benefits?
- When should you file for Medicare and more.

Registration is required. A Zoom link and password will be emailed to participants a few days before the event. Please use the [registration link](#) or call 1-(866) 572-7587 to register.

Ink marbling for teens craft event



Solano County LIBRARY
Web: solanolibrary.com
Phone: 1-866-572-7587
E: solanolibrary

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

  **FREE**

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.

Books & Blankets

BENICIA READS

You bring the blankets, we'll bring...
BOOKS, MUSIC, MAGIC, FOOD, MORE!!!

City Park
First Street @ Military East
(1149 1st Street)

BENICIA READS is a partnership between Benicia Unified School District & the City of Benicia

FREE FAMILY FUN
Books & Blankets
Saturday, April 26
10am-12pm
@ City Park

MAGIC with DANTE at 10:30

Activities for kids and families

Sponsors:

BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
VALERO
MILKMAN CREATIVE CO.
ANOTHER CHAPTER

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Books & Blankets event at the **City Park in downtown Benicia! On Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to noon**, you'll find books, music, a magician, food, and more, all free for the whole family! The library is a proud sponsor for this event, where all you need to bring is a blanket.

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

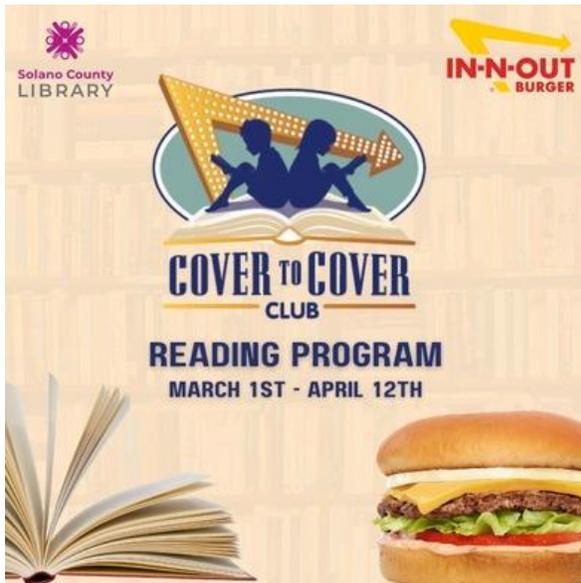
County Events Center
601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533
Map and directions attached

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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LIBRARY

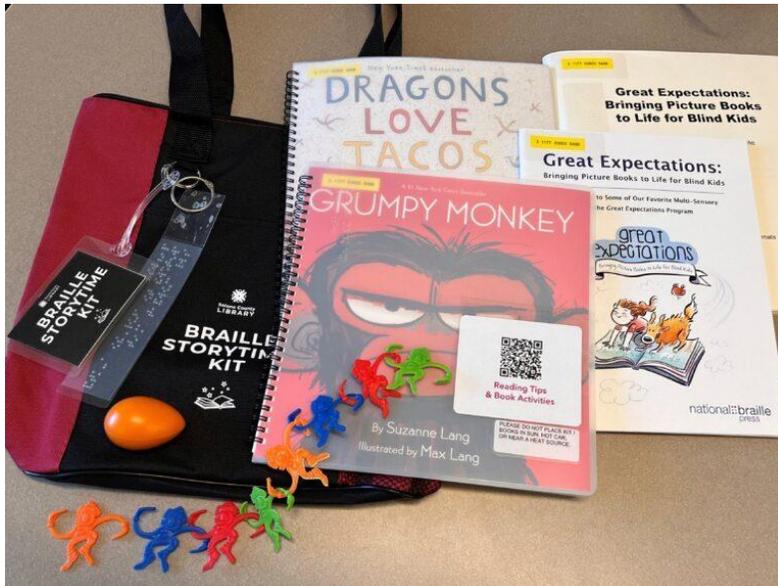
Web: solanocounty.com
Phone: 707-784-1526
Facebook: [solanolibrary](https://www.facebook.com/solanolibrary)

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

CAL FIRE to conduct prescribed burn in Green Valley to mitigate wildfire risk



From a Cal Fire press release:

As part of the Green Valley Shaded Fuel Break, CAL FIRE is planning to conduct a prescribed burn in Solano County's Green Valley **during the week of April 14–18**, pending favorable weather conditions and permissible burn days.

This effort is part of the Green Valley Shaded Fuel Break in partnership with the Green Valley Fire Safe Council. The controlled burn is being coordinated with local fire agencies and the Solano County Office of Emergency Services. It will adhere to local air quality district regulations and the CAL-VTP environmental requirements to ensure safety and compliance with air and environmental quality standards.

“Controlled burns are a critical tool for protecting communities and restoring forest resilience,” said CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Robert Wettstein. “This operation is carefully planned to prioritize public safety and environmental stewardship.”

Drivers near upper Green Valley Road, Rockville Road and McCreedy Court should exercise caution in the event of reduced visibility. Always use caution while driving near prescribed fire operations due to fire personnel and equipment in the area and avoid active burn areas.

Updates will be shared via the Green Valley Fire Safe Council Facebook pages and through CAL FIRE LNU social media channels.

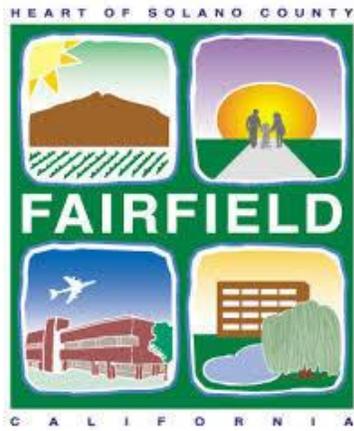
Details of the Operation:

Location: Targeted areas are in the wildlands northwest of upper Green Valley Road and to the north of Rockville Road and McCreedy Court.

Schedule: **Ignition planned between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, with crews monitoring the burn until fully extinguished.**

Smoke Impact: Residents may experience temporary smoke. Individuals with respiratory conditions are advised to close windows, limit outdoor activity, and contact healthcare providers if needed.

Fairfield seeks consultants to support the implementation for Fairfield Forward 2050



From the city of Fairfield:

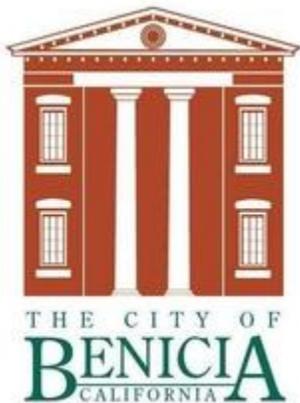
Fairfield is now accepting Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the first phase of implementing Fairfield Forward 2050, which includes the City's General Plan Update (General Plan), Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan (CAP). This RFP invites qualified consultants to submit proposals that align with the city's goals and policies while meeting state-mandated deadlines.

Consultants are encouraged to propose customized scopes of work that demonstrate their capacity to advance multiple priorities simultaneously. Don't miss your chance to help shape the future of Fairfield and support the city's vision for a sustainable and thriving community!

Proposals must be received by 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 30 at Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, Second Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533 or via email to Senior Planner Jessie Hernandez at jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov.

View and download the full RFP at www.fairfield.ca.gov/gp

Benicia board vacancies



The following Boards and Commissions currently have vacancies:

- [Arts and Culture Commission](#)
- [Board of Library Trustees](#)
- [Building Board of Appeals](#)
- [Community Services Commission](#)
- [Community Sustainability Commission](#)
 - **Special Vacancy:** One (1) student term, student with junior or senior standing who resides in Benicia
- [Economic Development Board](#)
- [Historic Preservation Review Commission](#)
- [Housing Authority](#)
- [Industrial Safety Citizen Oversight Commission](#)
- [Open Government Commission](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)

Information on meeting days and times is available [here](#). **Applications open on Monday, April 7 are due by Monday, May 12, at 4 p.m.**

Any citizen interested in serving on any City Commission or Board is encouraged to file an application with the City Clerk's Office by filling out the application and supplemental application for the board or commission of interest.

Applications are available through the links or may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 250 East L Street. You may also request the application forms by calling the City Manager's Office at (707) 746-4228.

Vallejo is requesting applications to serve on a number of the city's boards, commissions and committees



The city of Vallejo is requesting applications to serve on a number of the city's boards, commissions and committees. Vallejo residents who are interested in serving on an advisory body are invited to submit an application and supplemental questionnaire for consideration.

There are currently openings on the following boards, commissions, and committees (click links to access applications):

Measure P Oversight Committee (MPOC) – Districts 4 & 6 only (District 4 term to expire 10/10/25 and District 6 term to expire 10/10/26)

Police Oversight & Accountability Commission (POAC) – District 1 and 6 members only (term to expire 2/27/28)

Surveillance Advisory Board (SAB) – Districts 1, 3 & 6 and 1 At-Large Members only (terms to expire 1/2/29)

All appointed members must complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, within 30 days of appointment. All City Board and Commission members must complete AB 1234 Ethics training and file a Certificate of Completion within 30 days of appointment.

In most instances, to be eligible for appointment, applicants must be residents of the City of Vallejo. Information regarding the duties of each board and commission and specific criteria for appointment may be found within each application. With some exceptions, appointments are typically for a term of 4 years.

Applications for these three appointments will remain open until 5 p.m., Friday, April 18. Applicant interviews are scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 23. Applicants must attend the interview to be considered for appointment on a board or commission.

Application forms and supplemental questionnaires are accessible in several ways:

The city's website, located on the [Boards and Commissions page](#)

At City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 555 Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor, Vallejo, CA

By email at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net, or by phone at (707) 648-4527

By UP Postal Mail: City of Vallejo, C/O City Clerk, PO Box 3068, Vallejo, CA 94590

First 5 Solano Community Responsive Mini Grants now available



First 5 Solano Community Responsive Mini Grants are now open for activities occurring July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

First 5 Solano has now created a more flexible way to fund your event(s) or activity(ies). Grants will provide \$500-\$5,000 based on your needs and proposed ideas. First 5 Solano Mini Grants can fund things such as:

- **Community Engagement Events:** For one-time events or activities, Community Responsive Mini Grants can provide up to \$500 per event to connect with parents, caregivers and/or providers to increase awareness about a topic or resource available in the community. Examples: Community baby shower or early literacy lap read.
- **Professional Development Opportunity:** For Professional Development Opportunities, such as hosting or attending conferences or training, Community Responsive Mini Grants can provide up to \$3,000 per event, to strengthen the skills of Solano County providers for children ages 0-5. Professional Development Opportunities may be one-time (such as a one-day training) or over a time-period (such as a weekly training over 6 weeks). Examples: Lactation Education Certification training or Trauma Informed Care conference.
- **Material and Equipment Purchase:** Community Responsive Mini Grants can be used to support the purchase of equipment or materials up to \$5,000 to provide assistance for specific activities or services to children ages 0-5 and their families. Materials or equipment may be used for purposes including, but not limited to education, keeping children and families safe, make space appropriate for young children, etc. Examples: Purchase of new

curriculum or purchase of furniture to create age-appropriate space in an office. (Please note: First 5 Solano follows best practices on limiting on the use of digital devices for young children and will not approve requests for screen-based learning, including tablets or computers.)

- Time-Limited Program: Community Responsive Mini Grants can be used to support Time-Limited Programs for up to \$5,000. Time-Limited Programs must be time-limited in nature and need to establish how many children, families or providers will be served, and what the intended outcome will be. Examples: A 6-week art class for children and grandparents focusing on Latino culture or a 10-week parent leadership training.

The application period will close at 4 p.m. on April 28, 2025.

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

Solano Resource Conservation District kicks off its High School Biomonitoring Program



From a Solano Resource Conservation District press release:

Solano County high school students are evaluating the health of local creeks this spring as part of the Solano County Biomonitoring Program, led by Solano Resource Conservation District. From identifying hundreds of macroinvertebrates found in a creek's substrate to measuring the levels of dissolved oxygen in the water, students get a taste of authentic scientific field work while contributing to a sixteen-year-long data set recording biological and chemical data from the county's waterways.

By the end of May, seven hundred fifty students from fourteen different high schools around Solano County will have participated in the community science program, which includes three classroom lessons taught by Solano RCD staff and a field trip to a local creek. Data they gather will be added to a data set maintained by Dr. Patrick Edwards, Senior Instructor in the Environmental Science and Management

Department at Portland State University and Director of the Environmental Professional Program.

By the end of the program, students understand the health of a creek through the lens of stream ecology, emphasizing the physical, chemical, and biological assessments performed on the creek. One classroom lesson before the field trip helps students practice skills, they will use to assess the physical environment in and around the creek, such as the tree canopy and stream discharge rate. A second pre-field trip lesson focuses on identifying macroinvertebrates and understanding their importance in evaluating creek health. Students also complete two online learning modules to learn more about the human impact on their watershed and the chemical assessment tests they will conduct.

On field trips so far this year, students from Fairfield High School and Early College High School have visited Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center in Fairfield, where they assessed the health of Union Avenue Creek. They discussed how the chemical assessment data might explain the number and types of macroinvertebrates in the water there. Students from Vanden High School visited Laurel Creek in Fairfield, braving a few sudden rain showers, and had a spirited debate about the results of their turbidity test.

Shea Kinser, Education Program Manager at Solano RCD, noted that students are often surprised at how enjoyable they find the experience in the field. "As students take quiet moments to search through their trays for macroinvertebrates or squint at their test tubes to read their phosphate test results, you can see their interest grow. Providing this unique experience in the field allows students to gain a greater appreciation of their local waterways and their role in protecting them."

In a lesson in their classroom after the field trip, students calculate the Index of Biotic Integrity using the macroinvertebrate data they collected on the field trip, which gives them another way to evaluate the creek's health. Along with their observations about the creek's habitat, and the chemical data they collected, Solano RCD educators lead a discussion with students about the health of the creek.

Students leave the program's last lesson with an understanding of how they can help improve the health of the creek and how they can get more involved in being stewards of our water in Solano County, whether that's through volunteering at a cleanup event or exploring careers in water.

Solano Resource Conservation District's Solano County Biomonitoring Program is free to participating schools and is made possible through funding from the Solano County Water Agency; Solano County Department of Resource Management; Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District; Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District; and the City of Benicia. Program partners include the City of Fairfield, City of Vacaville, City of Vallejo, and Greater Vallejo Recreation District.

To learn more about the Solano County Biomonitoring Program and Solano RCD's other education programs, visit www.solanorcd.org or email education@solanorcd.org.

Photo caption: Vanden students with probe. By: Solano Resource Conservation District.

Rodriguez High School 2004 and 2005 reunions



RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 2004 + 2005 20 YEAR REUNION

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025 AT 6PM
VILLAGE 360, SUISUN VALLEY, CA

\$70/PERSON MARCH 1ST-APRIL 30TH
\$80/PERSON MAY 1ST-JUNE 20TH

Come join in for a night of reminiscing and catching up with old friends as the Rodriguez High School classes of 2004 and 2005 celebrate their 20-year reunions! Enjoy great music from a DJ, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar to keep the celebration going!

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces and celebrate the good times we shared back in the day. Letterman jackets and Rodriguez gear are encouraged!

Class of 2006 and staff are invited as well! Letterman jackets and Rodriguez gear are encouraged!

Take advantage of the early bird pricing by purchasing your ticket(s) by May 1 at \$70 per person. After that date, tickets will be \$80 per person. Hosted by your 2004 & 2005 ASB & Class Officers.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#). For more information, follow the Instagram page: [rhs_20year_reunion_0405](#)

GVRD Ribbon Cutting at Cunningham Pool



From a GVRD press release:

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) is pleased to announce the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cunningham Aquatic Complex's exciting new upgrades. The ceremony will take place on **Thursday, April 17, at the Cunningham Aquatic Complex, located at 801 Heartwood Ave, Vallejo, CA, 94591. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m., with the official ribbon cutting promptly beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

This ribbon cutting marks the completion of phase two with significant improvements to the Aquatic Complex, which have been ongoing since the COVID-19 pandemic. These upgrades include enhancements to the registration office, new ADA-compliant restrooms and showers, and the addition of gender-neutral restrooms on the pool deck. Additionally, the complex has seen new pool deck concrete, plumbing, plaster, and the addition of a children's pool, all of which have greatly improved the facility's accessibility and functionality.

"We are thrilled to invite the public to join us in celebrating these important improvements at Cunningham Aquatic Complex," said General Manager Lanusse. "These upgrades reflect our commitment to providing high-quality recreational spaces that serve the diverse needs of our community. We couldn't have achieved this without the strong support of our residents and local leaders."

In addition to the ribbon cutting ceremony, guests will enjoy complimentary snacks, giveaways, and an opportunity to tour the newly updated facilities. The first 50 attendees will receive a free recreational swim pass, valid for one entry during the 2025 summer season.

This project was made possible thanks to Measure K tax funding, which provided critical support for Phase 2 of the Aquatic Complex project list. GVRD extends its sincere gratitude to the Vallejo residents, local council members, county supervisors, and assembly members whose continued advocacy and support have been vital in advancing these important upgrades.

“We are very grateful to our local leaders, including GVRD Board of Directors, Briseño, Judt, Starnes, Aliga and Stewart, Mayor Source, City Council Members, Matias, Matulac, Lediju, Palmares, and Gordon. We also like to thank Solano County Supervisors Brown and James and Assembly Member Wilson, for their commitment to building positive memories in Vallejo through investments in our recreational facilities,” added General Manager Lanusse.

The Cunningham Aquatic Complex serves as a vital community hub for recreation and fitness, and these upgrades will further enrich the experience for residents and visitors alike.

For more information, please visit www.gvrd.org or contact recreation@gvrd.org

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) provides diverse recreational opportunities, including parks, trails, and aquatic programs, to the Vallejo community. GVRD is committed to enhancing the well-being and quality of life for all residents by maintaining accessible, inclusive, and enjoyable spaces for leisure, fitness, and community activities.

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](#).

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.

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: contacts@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



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Service fee waived, free delivery, limited time offer!

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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
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\$70,450	\$80,500	\$90,550	\$100,650	\$108,700	\$116,750
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For further details, visit www.RebuildingTogetherSolanoCounty.org.

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.CL.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](#).

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



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 30, Arts Benicia celebrated the opening of their bi-annual exhibition Next Generation, a most extraordinary display of the creative endeavors of the youth of our community, from Kindergarten through High School.

The reception, which brought 500 hundred persons to the gallery that afternoon, was an amazing experience for each child or teen to see their work on the wall of the gallery, and to share their sense of pride and artistic identity with family and friends.

"We never cease to enjoy watching these young artists bloom with the promise of creativity and curiosity about the arts," the group said in a press release. "We invite you to visit the gallery during April and experience their work and share in our joy."

Arts Benicia would also like to remind the community about their upcoming **Family Art Day on Sunday, April 27, 1 to 3 p.m.** Family Art Day is an opportunity for youth and families to explore and think about art and make art together. The annual showcase of Arts Benicia members' art follows in late May. Arts Benicia is looking forward to another celebration of regional talent and creativity in Art of a Community.

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/>

April calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

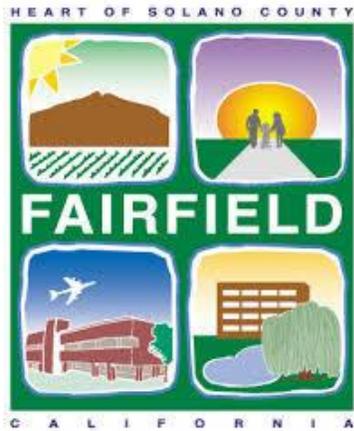


The April calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall, can be found [here](#).

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

Upcoming events in Solano County

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](#).

Benicia Parkinson's Community Awareness Rally

PARKINSON'S 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

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

APRIL 12, 2025

REGISTER ONLINE @  
www.beniciparkinsons.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



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

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

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



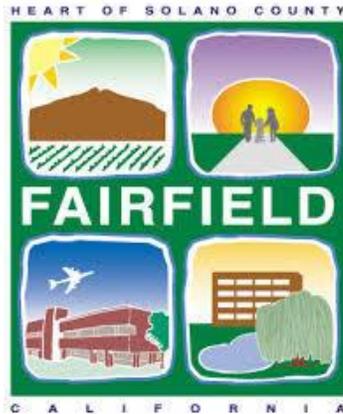
A seminar for the community and practitioners on **Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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](#).



Spring Festival at Nut Tree



Join in for a free Spring event featuring animals, arts & crafts, bounce house, live DJ, raffles, and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

The Spring Festival at Nut Tree Plaza will take place on Saturday, April 12, from 1 to 4 p.m.

To reserve a spot, 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



The poster for the Spring Paint Party Annual Fundraiser features a circular logo on the left with the text 'VALLEJO TOGETHER'. The main title 'Spring Paint Party' is written in a large, stylized font, with 'Annual Fundraiser' in a smaller font below it. To the right, the event details are listed: 'Friday, April 18th', '6 pm to 9 pm', and 'Moose Lodge #468'. A 'MOOSE' logo is also present. The bottom half of the poster is divided into two images: on the left, a person is shown painting a pink flower on a canvas; on the right, a framed painting of a yellow bicycle with a basket of colorful flowers is displayed. The text 'Paint your own, size 11x14' is written above the bicycle painting.

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](#).

Earth Day: Benicia



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>

Earth Day: Vallejo



April 26: Earth Day Heroes Needed!



What?

Help us celebrate **Earth Day** and enhance one of Vallejo's beautiful waterways! Join us at Blue Rock Springs Creek from **9 to 11:30 a.m.** for a cleanup throughout the creek corridor.

Park for free at the Wardlaw Dog Park lot, then follow the path behind the dog park and cross the bridge. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, and gloves. It's a family-friendly event (if you are under 18, you must be accompanied by an adult). We'll provide tools, buckets, water and refreshments. For questions or to RSVP, email Info@VallejoWatershedAlliance.org or call (707) 652-7812. We hope to see you there!

Where?

Blue Rock Springs Creek (park at Wardlaw Dog Park and cross bridge behind park.)
1805 Ascott Parkway

Earth Daze Festival

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 300 Block of Virginia Street in downtown Vallejo. Visit TheEverWonder.org for more information.

Thanks to our Partners



Vallejo Watershed Alliance
707-652-7812
Info@VallejoWatershedAlliance.org
VallejoWatershedAlliance.org



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.

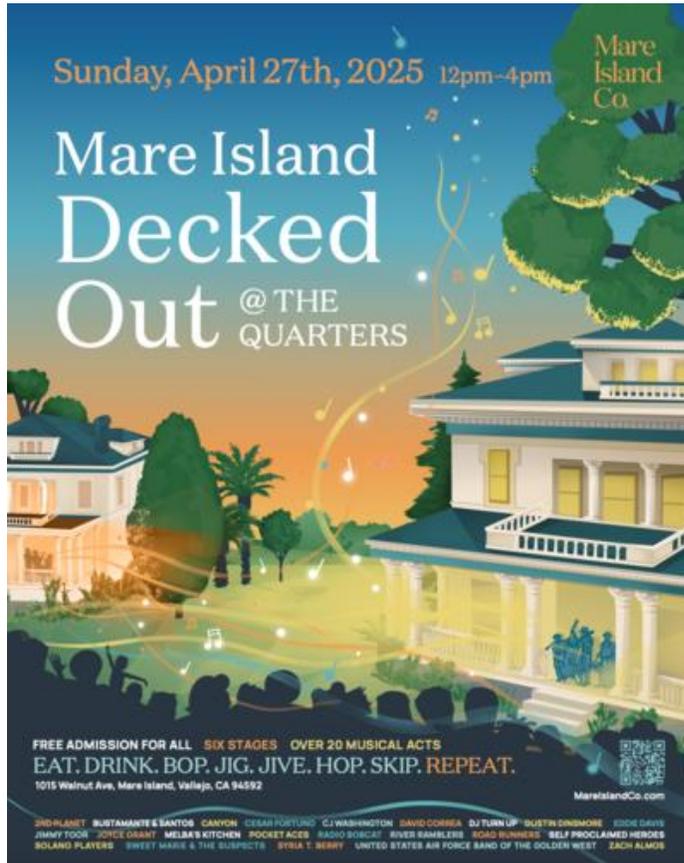
The Solano County American Indian Symposium is tailored to engage with the indigenous community through panel discussions and presentations.

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.**

Mare Island Decked Out at The Quarters



Bunco

Delta Xi Chapter
of
Delta Kappa Gamma
Presents a Fundraiser for our Chapter Projects

Bunco for Books



Tuesday, April 29, 2025
5 pm social hour/dinner Bunco starts at 6 pm
Tickets are \$30.00

Solano Event Center
601 Texas St., Fairfield

Ticket includes: Salad Supper, Dessert and a Glass of Wine/tea/coffee

Silent Auction/Raffle Sales for gift baskets or gifts

Mark your calendars now. Invite friends to join the fun.

Call Dorothy Smart(707-688-5945), Gayle Korn (707-480-75710, with questions

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

Tuesday, April 8, I attended the Rising Sea Level Rise working Group. We met in Vallejo. This working group is in support of the Solano Bayshore Adaptation Planning project led by Solano County and the FF-Suisun Serwer District with funding from the Governor's Office of land use and climate innovation.

For more Information reach out to nhuntington@greenbelt.org

Wednesday, April 9, I attended the Solano County Office of Education Board meeting. Current Superintendent Lisette Estrella-Henderson has submitted her retirement papers effective Sept. 1. I wanted to hear from the trustees what would be the procedure to replace her. With all the turmoil in Washington and the fate of the Department of Education, this replacement is crucial.

Thursday morning, April 10, I attended the 2025 Career Fair held at Solano Community College. There were 89 employers. The rules are you must have job openings.

Jobs ranged from the United State Postal Service (Apply Online: usps.com/careers)

Napa county, Solano County, school districts, just to name a few: (www.governmentjobs.com/careers/solanocounty.com)

Email WDBEvents@solanowdb.org

I will have more information next week.

Everyone knows that food is expensive. If you need help paying for groceries, you may be eligible for CALFRESH. There are Income Guidelines. For example, if your household size is 3 people and your gross Monthly Income Limit is \$ 4,304 you might qualify. Please call (925) 603-3316 or foodbankccs.org/calfresh

I know times are hard. A total of 330 truckloads bound for food banks across the state has been suspended, according to the California Association of Food Banks. As we approach Passover and Easter, if you can donate, please try. I plan to donate \$300 to Food is Free Solano. I will send my check to 77 Solano Square # 265 Benicia, Ca 94510. Fifbayaea.org

Please keep an eye out for your neighbors. We need to help each other.

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 sun shining in the city of Vallejo. Photo: John Glidden



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.