



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>. UPDATE**

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

I want to address what I am sure is on many of your minds. The county public health officer, Dr. Bela Matyas, made extremely insulting comments to the Vallejo Times Herald. I found his comments appalling and totally inappropriate, especially for someone who is tasked with the health and welfare of the ENTIRE county.

I sent Matyas an email demanding a public apology. As only one of five supervisors, I do not have the authority over the health officer. However, I want it noted that I condemn his comments. He owes all of you a public and complete apology for his inappropriate and insulting comments.

**CORONAVIRUS**

I know all of us wish Covid-19 was behind us. However, the coronavirus is still very much present, and we are seeing hospitalizations, infections, positivity, and all indicators of the virus at levels that are far too high. The good news is that vaccines are extremely effective at preventing the disease and preventing severe outcomes in the small percentage of vaccinated people who do get infected.

I say this in every update, and I will continue to say it, please get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated not only protects you, but it protects our entire community. If you have not been vaccinated, I plead with you to get vaccinated. We are hearing too many stories of people who were not vaccinated and then wished they were vaccinated as they end up in the ICU. If you know someone who is not vaccinated, please encourage them to get vaccinated.

Solano County has many opportunities to get vaccinated at no cost. The Solano Mall (1350 Travis Blvd in Fairfield) offers rapid coronavirus tests and vaccinations every Tuesday,

**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

Thursday, and Saturday from 10am-7pm. You may walk in without an appointment or schedule an appointment by calling 707-784-8655.

Our healthcare workers are put at risk as they are exposed to those infected in the hospitals. Our children are at risk as those under 12 are not eligible for the vaccination. We are seeing children catching coronavirus in alarming numbers. Vaccines are the way to prevent this.

I know many of you have requested a mask mandate be issued in Solano County. I have told the County Administrator and the Public Health Officer that I want a mask mandate in Solano County. The health officer has made it clear that he will not issue a mandate on his own. As only one supervisor, I do not have the power to order the health officer to implement a mask mandate or to implement one. Only the entire Board of Supervisors has that power.

The city councils of Benicia and Vallejo have approved mask mandates in their respective cities. I wrote letters of support to both councils in support of a mask mandate and I am thankful to both Benicia and Vallejo for approving the mandate.

I want to thank Touro University for their efforts to get our community vaccinated. Aside from getting residents vaccinated against coronavirus, they are also vaccinating our young people for their required immunizations.

To see where to get a vaccine, our coronavirus numbers, how to get your digital vaccine record, and more, please visit:

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus\\_links/covid\\_19\\_vaccines.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp)

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/solano-surpasses-40000-covid-cases-adds-4-deaths-to-pandemic-total/>

<https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67>

**Resource Management**

(707)  
784-6765

**Registrar of Voters**

(707)  
784-6675

**Tax Collector /Treasurer/County Clerk**

(707)  
784-7485

**Area Agency on Aging**

(707)  
784-8960

**U.S. Social Security**

(800)  
772-1213

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

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<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/reporting-glitch-pours-more-than-1000-covid-cases-on-top-of-solano-total/>

888-628-  
9454

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/08/30/whats-the-risk-of-indoor-dining-if-youre-fully-vaccinated-heres-what-one-expert-says/?utm\\_email=E40484D5044D55E4240534E103&g2i\\_eui=OXfXRSdvm8lI8%2fpWn50mRWcCVoOelBrM&g2i\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_source=listrak&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mercurynews.com%2f2021%2f08%2f30%2fwhats-the-risk-of-indoor-dining-if-youre-fully-vaccinated-heres-what-one-expert-says%2f&utm\\_campaign=bang-mult-nl-pm-report-nl&utm\\_content=curated](https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/08/30/whats-the-risk-of-indoor-dining-if-youre-fully-vaccinated-heres-what-one-expert-says/?utm_email=E40484D5044D55E4240534E103&g2i_eui=OXfXRSdvm8lI8%2fpWn50mRWcCVoOelBrM&g2i_source=newsletter&utm_source=listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.mercurynews.com%2f2021%2f08%2f30%2fwhats-the-risk-of-indoor-dining-if-youre-fully-vaccinated-heres-what-one-expert-says%2f&utm_campaign=bang-mult-nl-pm-report-nl&utm_content=curated)

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**CALTRANS ADVISORY**

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**Solano County** – Caltrans Bay Area has re-opened the Magazine Street Overcrossing at Interstate 80 (I-80) in south Vallejo. The re-opening happened at 2:00 PM, Friday afternoon, August 27, 2021 to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians who need to access Magazine Street. Crews were able to increase the vertical clearance to 16 feet, 6 inches to meet the federal standards.

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Caltrans will continue to increase the vertical clearance on four overcrossings which cross over I-80 in the City of Vallejo just north of the Carquinez Bridge.

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The bridges will be worked on one at a time, starting with Springs Road (**Completed Spring 2021**), Magazine Street (**Completed Summer 2021**), Benicia Road, Georgia Street, Tennessee Street, and Redwood Street.

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Caltrans Bay Area will start working on Benicia Road Overcrossing at I-80 and will close off Benicia Road Overcrossing to the public starting in early Sept. 2021. Caltrans will provide additional details regarding the closing of the Benicia Road overcrossing starting in September 2021 as soon more information becomes available.

To learn more about I-80 Six Bridges project, click on Caltrans Bay Area webpage. <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/d4-vallejo-80-six-bridges-elevate>

877-565-8860

### **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION AND DAY OF SERVICE**

There will be a day of service event on Friday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. After the ceremony, volunteers may remain and assist in cleaning headstones. For more information, please call 707-693-2460

### **BENICIA LIBRARY OFFERING DELIVERY OF MATERIALS**

Once a month, the Benicia library will be offering delivery of materials to those who are homebound or still limiting their outside activities because of the continuing pandemic. For more information about delivery and other events and services at the Benicia library, please visit: <https://www.benicialibrary.org/>

### **I-680 TOLL LANE STARTED**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has announced that there will be an additional 22 miles of express lane on southbound I-680 throughout Contra Costa County. I do not agree with toll roads and would not have made this decision. However, MTC has announced the change and I want to make sure you are informed.

For more information, please visit: <https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/i-680-express-lane-tolling-has-started>

### **PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON GREEN VALLEY SHORT-TERM RENTAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

The Planning Commission will be hearing an appeal of a notice of violation and order to abate violations. The notice of violation is regarding unpermitted short-term rental activity in Green Valley. The hearing will be held September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the county building at 675 Texas St in Fairfield.

You may be at the meeting in person or call into the meeting by dialing: **1-415-655-0001** and entering **Access Code 2454 267 4784** on your phone. You may send any comments to the planning commission about this item at [planning@solanocounty.com](mailto:planning@solanocounty.com).

### **CARDIOVASCULAR GENETIC TESTING FRAUD**

There have been reports that people on Medicare have been receiving fraudulent genetic tests claiming to test for cardiovascular disease. The goal of this scam is to get personal information and attempt to bill Medicare for medically unnecessary tests. If Medicare refuses to pay, you could be liable for paying for this test. This could run into the thousands of dollars.

The steps you should take are:

1. Be sure that any recommendation about genetic testing comes from your doctor
2. Don't give personal information to anyone calling you claiming you need a genetic test
3. Make sure that any genetic testing done is covered by your Medicare plan
4. If you received a test kit that was not medically necessary, please report this your local Senior Medicare Patrol at 855-613-7080

### **GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT 10-YEAR PLAN**

GVRD has released its draft 10-year plan. To see the plan, please look at: <https://gvrđ.specialdistrict.org/files/a10408463/V.13+GVRD+Comprehensive+Master+Plan.pdf>

To submit comments on the plan, please email: [publicforum@gvrđ.org](mailto:publicforum@gvrđ.org)

### **SOLANO 360 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

The Solano 360 Implementation Committee will be meeting on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. There will be a presentation from the IRG team on the proposed land plan and land uses for the Solano360 project.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=35530>

### **SAFEQUEST FUNDRAISER**

SafeQuest Solano will hold a fundraiser on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at the Back Road Vines in the Suisun Valley. For more information, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-from-the-heart-tickets-165030547811>

### **KYLE HYLAND FOUNDATION WALK**

The Kyle Hyland Foundation will hold a walk to raise awareness about suicide prevention. The walk will start at 10:00 am at the Benicia Teen Center at 1135 Church St in Benicia. The date is September 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to join the walk, you may join the ceremony at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street park at 11:00 am or at the Benicia Teen Center at 12:00 PM.

### **JOBS**

JOBS AT SOLANO COUNTY

<https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

JOBS AT THE CITY OF BENICIA

<https://agency.governmentjobs.com/benicia/default.cfm>

JOBS AT THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

JOBS AT THE CITY OF VALLEJO

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

CALTRANS JOBS

Caltrans is hiring more than 200 people to keep the Bay Area clean. Although the job fair has passed, you can still apply. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/clean-california-caltrans-to-hire-more-than-200-people-to-help-keep-bay-area-clean/>

Thank you for taking the time to read my most recent update. Please stay safe, spread kindness, wear your masks, get vaccinated, and support our local businesses.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2.



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.



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