



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN DECEMBER 17TH, 2021 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

CORONAVIRUS

The omicron variant is highly contagious, is spreading fast, and is more resistant to the vaccines. Preliminary studies show that booster shots provide much stronger protection than the original dose(s). It is incredibly important to get your booster shot and to get vaccinated if you have not done so already. The omicron variant has the potential to undo all the progress we have made. We cannot allow that to happen.

The Solano County mass vaccination clinic at the Fairgrounds will be closed for the holidays. Saturday December 18th is the last day it will be open until January 7th. Capital City Pharmacy in downtown Vallejo will continue to be open with hours from 9-1pm on the 24th and 10am to 6pm on the 27th. Capital City continues to offer walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations. To see where to get your vaccines, please visit:

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp.

<https://www.capcitypharmacy.com/>

As we approach the holiday gatherings, please be mindful that we are still in a pandemic. If you plan on having a large gathering, it is a good idea to take a COVID-19 test before the event and a few days later. Solano County still has COVID-19 testing sites throughout the county.

There is a testing site Monday-Friday (subject to holiday hours) at the Norman King Center in Vallejo (appointment required). There is also one in Vacaville. The county also has a rapid testing site at the Solano Mall in Fairfield. It is near the Applebee's and the movie theater. To see where to get tested in Solano County, please visit:

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_community_testing_sites.asp

As you probably know, the state has reissued the statewide mask mandate. We must now wear masks in all indoor public spaces. I fully support this and

**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**

(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

urge everyone to wear their masks in public. Given how easily transmissible the omicron variant is, it is important that we take all the steps we can to protect our community.

This week, the United States has surpassed 800,000 deaths from COVID-19. My heart breaks for everyone we have lost. We owe it to those we lost to do everything we can do stop the spread of this virus.

MARIN CLEAN ENERGY

MCE will be building a solar project near Lake Herman. This will be the largest renewable energy project in Solano County. For more information, please visit: <https://www.mcecleanenergy.org/mce-news/mce-announces-largest-renewable-energy-project-in-solano-county-2/>

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

The Association of Bay Area Governments has released the proposed final RHNA numbers. This will determine how much housing each city and county is required to permit. For more information, please visit: <https://abag.ca.gov/tools-resources/digital-library/proposed-finalrhnaallocationreport2023-2031pdf>

VALERO REFINERY INCIDENT

Valero’s flaring event resulted in a petroleum-based product falling on homes and cars. It is recommended that any produce impacted by the residue be thrown away. Valero is responsible and should pay for any cleanup costs or damage. To make a claim, please call 800-678-9335.

SOLTRANS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

To see the holiday bus schedule for SolTrans, please visit: <https://soltrans.org/news/service-alert/service-alert-holiday-services-2022/?fbclid=IwAR1VIMIGuNwBlvXDZ8KP51wNwT1Gb7xxlcw51I9-Z-FcaoD20hX4f41FuVM>

I-80 SIX BRIDGES MEETING

There will be a meeting on December 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm. For more information and the login link, please visit the latest edition of the Vallejo Weekly on page 25: https://issuu.com/cityofvallejo/docs/vw_vol9_issue50?fr=sNWM1MjM4OTE1MzY

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

741741
THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH
866-488-7386
TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT
FOR THE
TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY
877-565-8860

There will be an event for Wreaths Across America at the Benicia Arsenal Cemetery and the Mare Island Cemetery. The Benicia Arsenal event will be at 8:00 am and the Mare Island event will be at 9:00 am. This is an annual event to honor those who have sacrificed their lives in service to America. It is to ensure we remember their sacrifice.

GRANTS FOR CHARGING STATION

The Bay Area Air Quality District is offering grants to install publicly accessible charging stations for cars. For more information, please visit: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/businesses-and-fleets/charge>

EVICTION ASSISTANCE

The court and the county are partnering to help navigating rental relief and the eviction process. The court's legal assistance center can be reached at 707-207-7355.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

12/17/2021 LA Times Page 8:

Federal officials warn of holiday scams. The writer of this article, David Lazarus, was exchanging emails with a holiday scammer when the warning came.

Here are the problems: 1) gift cards. Any online request for untraceable, nonrefundable gift cards is a scam. 2) The scammer said he couldn't buy the gift cards himself. He's holed up with COVID-19. According to the Federal Trade Commission, pandemic-related scams have soared since the beginning of 2020. Nearly 280,000 fraud reports involving COVID have been filed with the agency, with losses approaching \$650 million.

Finally, the scammer said he tried purchasing gift card online but had no luck. That's just silly. There are tons of sites that sell gift cards. You can also purchase directly from individual retailers, including Google Play.

Scammers do not take a holiday, and the top thing on their list right now is stealing people's hard-earned money. (FBI's recent announcement) Make sure you are dealing with an actual nonprofit group. Check it out on site such as Charity Navigator and CharityWatch.

Before you open your wallet, always examine the web or email address of a suspicious request or offer. Extra letter or characters tell you it's not the real deal.

Please be careful and have a safe holiday season.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

As you finish your holiday shopping, please support our local businesses. There are many options in our community Erikson's Ranch has amazing Jellies and Jams. The Benicia Mainstreet offers Benicia dollars that can be spent at many of the downtown businesses. In Vallejo, Liled's has delicious homemade candies and treats. These are examples of our amazing local businesses. The more money we spend here, the more money stays here.

For more information about local businesses, please visit:

<https://www.visitbenicia.org/>

<https://beniciamainstreet.org/>

<https://www.visitfairfieldca.com/>

<https://www.visitvallejo.com/>

<https://liledscandykitchen.com/>

<https://www.ericksonranch.com/>

JOBS

SOLANO COUNTY JOBS: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

CITY OF BENICIA

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

CITY OF FAIRFIELD JOBS: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

CITY OF VALLEJO JOBS: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

Thank you for reading this update. Please stay safe, wear your masks, get your vaccines/boosters, support our local businesses. This will be my last update for the 2021 year. I wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season.

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.