



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN FEBRUARY 18TH, 2022 UPDATE

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

In honor of Black History Month, I want to recognize Vivien Thomas. Thomas was a crucial part of the team that performed the first successful surgery for Blue Baby Syndrome. This was a groundbreaking surgery.

Despite having no formal medical training, Thomas was crucial to the operation and the research behind it. This surgery would later save thousands of lives and lay the foundation for modern cardiac surgery. Thomas later trained many surgeons at Johns Hopkins University to perform heart and lung operations.

Thomas was not given the credit he deserved during much of his lifetime. His story is featured in a movie called *Something the Lord Made*.

To learn more about Thomas, please

visit: https://www.msm.edu/Prospective_Students/admissions/PipelinePrograms/VivienThomas/com/mhealth_trainingprograms_vivien_bio.php

To see what resources are available for Black History Month from the Library of Congress, please

visit: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.gov/for-teachers/>

CORONAVIRUS

The state has lifted mask mandates in many indoor settings. Vallejo (as of this writing) still has a mask mandate in place. Masks are still required in all indoor spaces IF you are UNVACCINATED. Masks are still required for school staff and students, in healthcare settings, long-term care facilities, prisons, public transportation, and some other places. I strongly encourage everyone to continue wearing masks. Although our numbers have improved, we still high numbers in Solano County.

The most important thing we can all do for our community is get vaccinated and boosted when eligible. Please encourage all your friends to get vaccinated/boosted.

To see mask guidance from the state, our numbers, where to get tested, where to get a vaccine, and more information, please visit:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

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

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

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

SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

STA's monthly newsletter provides information on what is happening with transportation in Solano County. To see the newsletter, please visit: <https://sta.ca.gov/february-status-2022/>

SUPPLEMENTAL COVID-19 SICK LEAVE

A new law offers sick leave for those who have missed work because of COVID-19. It is retroactive to January 1, 2022. For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/02/09/governor-newsom-signs-paid-sick-leave-extension-expanded-relief-for-small-businesses-and-historic-package-to-promote-innovation-and-entrepreneurship-in-california/>

BEWARE OF SCAM EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES

Please be vigilant about scams and malicious messages. The IRS will never call you about a tax debt. They will send that through the post office. Do not click links that are suspicious. Be especially suspicious of emails claiming you owe money or are receiving money from institutions you don't usually do business with. If it looks suspicious verify directly with the business by calling them with a phone number you know is accurate or an email you know is accurate.

Scam emails and text messages are being sent out more and more. Please be very careful before clicking links you don't recognize. Please be vigilant in protecting your personal information.

SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SRCO) FREE FIELD TRIPS

SRCO is offering free field trips to our 3rd and 6th grade students in Solano County. These field trips will explore Solano County's open space. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Marianne Butler from the SRCO at marianne.butler@solanorcd.org. It is extremely important to show the next generation the importance of open space.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SAFER FROM WILDFIRES PROGRAM

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara has partnered with multiple agencies to enact the Safer from Wildfires program. For more information, please visit: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/200-wrr/saferfromwildfires.cfm#:~:text=Safer%20from%20Wildfires%20is%20an,businesses%20by%20reducing%20wildfire%20risk>.

REBATES FOR WATER SAVING

The Solano County Water Agency has rebates for saving water. Examples include buying efficient washing machines, installing water saving landscaping, and more. For more information, please visit: <https://www.scwa2.com/water-efficiency/rebates-programs/>

POTENTIAL UPCOMING ISSUES WITH MEDI-CAL

When the state emergency order is lifted, there may be issues for some enrollees in the state Medi-Cal program. Legal Services of Northern California has a great resource if you may be impacted. For more information, please visit: <https://lsnc.net/#cat-anchor-6>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/02/14/1080295015/why-millions-on-medicaid-are-at-risk-of-losing-coverage-in-the-months-ahead>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) SOLANO SURVEY

NAMI is conducting a survey to develop their strategic plan. To complete the survey, please visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0pYxTq6B3l1GRfyoTDiKggTgknmhpX_AL3JDziBIV3FsL4Q/viewform

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) ONLINE RENEWAL

If you need to go into to DMV to renew your license, you will need to fill out an application online. They have computers at DMV for you to use, but those are often in high demand. It will move much

faster if you fill out your renewal application online. You will need to create an account with the DMV. For more information, please visit: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/>

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY DISTRICT (BAAQMD) WORKSHOP

BAAQMD will be holding a workshop on Thresholds of Significance on March 10th at 6pm. For more information, please visit: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/news-and-events/workshops>

PROPOSAL TO MAKE HIGHWAY 37 A TOLL ROAD

There is a proposal to make Highway 37 a toll road. I am opposed to making Highway 37 a toll road. Solano County already pays more in tolls than we receive in benefits. It is simply not fair for us to pay anymore tolls. To learn more about the proposal, please visit: <https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/vallejo/dodd-introduces-pair-of-bills-to-fund-highway-37-work/>

BENICIA AIR MONITORING MEETING

There will be a zoom meeting to discuss air monitoring in Benicia on Thursday March 3rd at 7:00 pm. For more information, please visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IThYBb9JTRuj-ChO79TAxA

BAAQMD HEARING BOARD OPENING

BAAQMD is looking for a member of the public to serve on the Hearing Board. This is a volunteer position but will pay \$400.00 for every meeting attended. If you are interested, please visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/3397505-0/hearing-board-member>

JOBS

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

CITY OF BENICIA: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/benicia>

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

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

BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=874&catID=0>

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL

DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=876&catID=0>

VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=879>

GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT: <https://www.gvrd.org/current-job-openings>

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE YOUTH CONSERVATION

CORPS: <https://www.nps.gov/jomu/learn/management/youth-conservation-corps.htm>

Thank you for reading my most recent update. Please stay safe, spread kindness, support our local businesses, wear your masks, and get vaccinated/boosted.

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.