



Supervisor Wanda Williams District 3 e-Newsletter | Spring 2023

Dear Friends,

I want to thank the voters of District Three for your support and trust by electing me as your Solano County Supervisor.

I am the first African American woman elected to the Solano Board of Supervisors, and I am proud to represent an ethnically and culturally diverse district of 90,000 residents.

District 3 encompasses Suisun City, a portion of Cordelia, the western portion and the eastern region of Fairfield, and it is home to Travis Airforce Base. Travis attracts military personnel and their families from all over the world which adds to the diversity of the people who work and live here. From our breathtaking views of rolling hillsides, to our up-and-coming agricultural wine region to our lovely Mediterranean weather, we have a lot to be proud.

Enjoy a glass of wine at one of the bustling and growing wine tasting destinations nestled inside the beautiful Suisun Valley. Enroll in classes at Solano Community College - a premiere education center. Visit the Suisun Wildlife Center to learn about its wildlife rescue and educational programs. Shop and dine at the many small and medium owned thriving businesses near residential areas. There is something for everyone in District 3.

Also, a cultural destination, District 3 is home to many must-see historic gems. The Suisun Marsh is one of the largest coastal wetlands in California. About 1.5 million geese and ducks and about 200 different bird species migrate there annually. Not far from the beautiful Suisun City Waterfront District is the County's first railroad station and home of the Western Railway Museum. The museum is located along the former mainline of the Sacramento Northern Railway.

As your public servant, it gives me great pleasure and honor to present to you my inaugural monthly electronic newsletter highlighting my first 100 days in office. In future newsletters you will find information about local events happening in District 3, progress on my priorities and about County services and programs.

If you need assistance or you want to learn about County resources, please contact my office. Remember, my staff and I are here to help you.

Warm Regards,

Wanda Williams

Solano Celebrates Juneteenth



Members of the Tri-City NAACP and the Suisun City Youth Commission accept a resolution from the County Board of Supervisors and a proclamation from Supervisor Williams

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, holds cultural and historical significance for African Americans and many Black people around the world. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the date when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, announcing the long-awaited news of freedom to the 250,000 Black people still enslaved on plantations in the state. Their freedom finally came two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the Civil War.

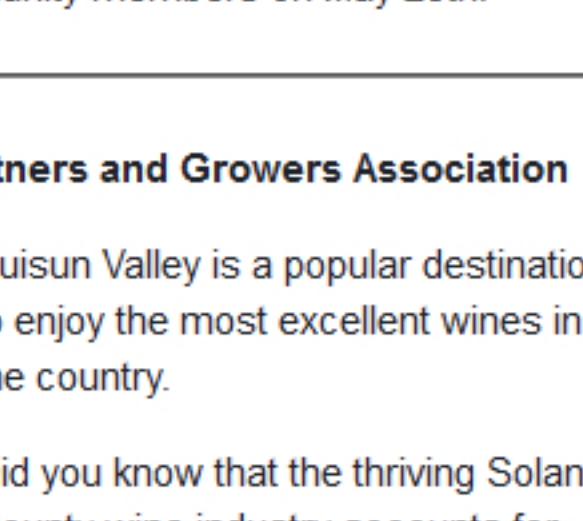
Following a successful campaign for national recognition, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth Independence Act in 2021, and Juneteenth was finally established as a federal holiday.

Communities across the United States, and in other countries around the world, including Ghana, Japan, Honduras, Taiwan and Trinidad, celebrate Juneteenth with family reunions, festivals parades, concerts, pageants speeches and educational events.

Click [HERE](#) to preview the Board of Supervisors Juneteenth resolution.

Board of Supervisors recognize Asian American and Pacific Heritage Month

In May, I sponsored a resolution recognizing Asian American and Pacific Island (AAPI) Heritage Month.

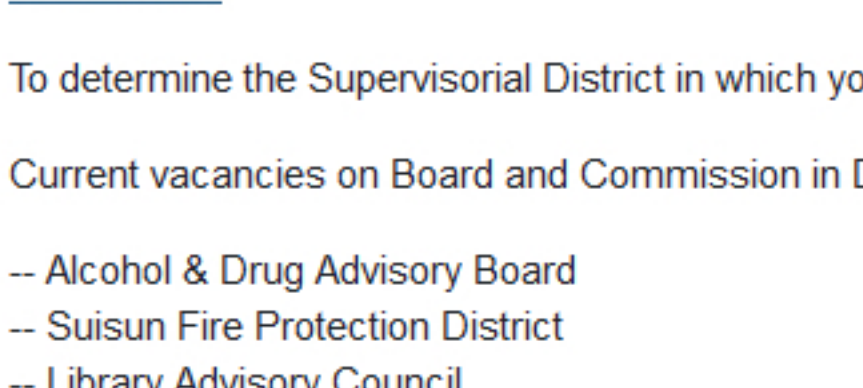


May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the Chinese immigrant workers' substantial contributions to the completion of the first transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

The AAPI community is diverse in Solano County; Over 73,300 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders reside in Solano County with Filipinos being the largest at 17 percent of the total Asian population.

I recognized C.C. and Regina Yin, founders of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) and other community members on May 25th.

National Wine Day Recognizes Suisun Valley Vintners and Growers Association



Suisun Valley is a popular destination to enjoy the most excellent wines in the country.

Did you know that the thriving Solano County wine industry accounts for approximately 122,500 tourists visits to wineries and \$79.1 million in annual tourism spending?

Chuck Caymus, owner, CAYMUS-SUISUN Vinyards

Volunteers needed to serve on County Boards and Commissions

Are you interested in serving on a County Board or Commission?

Residents in District 3 are needed to serve on Solano County Boards and Commissions. Board Members and Commissioners are responsible for reviewing a wide range of policy and program areas. They advise the Board of Supervisors on a wide range of issues from health care to the arts. If you are interested in completing an application to apply for a specific Board or Commission, please contact the Clerk of the Board's Office at (707) 784-6100 or visit [Solano County - Advisory Boards and Committees](#)

To determine the Supervisorial District in which you reside click [here](#).

Current vacancies on Board and Commission in District 3 include:

- Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board
- Suisun Fire Protection District
- Library Advisory Council
- In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
- Solano Cemetery District
- Solano County Fair Board of Directors Arts Council

Centurian and Rosie the Riveter Honored by Solano Board of Supervisors



Mrs. Elizabeth Tate is one of the City of Suisun's wonderful centenarians. She was born on February 2, 1923, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. I was so proud to learn that Mrs. Tate is a Rosie the Riveter.

"Rosies" are women who answered our Nation's call by entering the defense workforce during World War II.

In 1941, Mrs. Tate trained and worked as a machinist and defense worker at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. She was part of the biggest defense workers of the time and was transferred to Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco where she served till the end of the war in 1945.

I was so honored to present Mrs. Tate with a proclamation in recognition of her 100th birthday at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on February 28, 2023.

May and June are traditionally months when we celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations. Did you know that the traditional cap and gown dates back to the early 13th and 14th centuries when universities began forming throughout Europe?

Congratulations Graduating Seniors



On Saturday, May 20th, I joined 16 graduates and their very proud friends and family at the Solano Community College Black Student's Recognition Ceremony.

I gave the keynote address to the graduating class of 2023. I encouraged the graduates to reach back and help those coming up behind them.

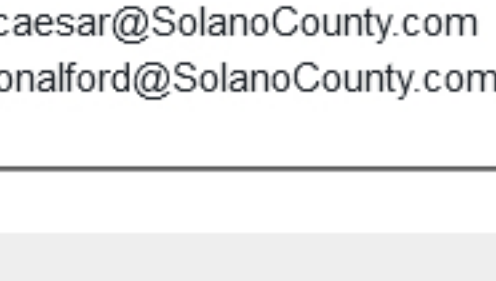
The ceremony included a moving tribute to their ancestors, many who did not have an opportunity to attend college because they faced racial and/or financial obstacles.

I challenged the graduates to stay engaged in their community and seek a career in public service.

It was great to return to Solano Community College where I graduated in 2017, earning three Associate Degrees, while serving on student government as the Senator of Humanities.

Congratulations to all 2023 Graduates!

Reach for the Stars and never give up on your dreams!



Meridian West Homes Groundbreaking

On May 10th, I attended the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Meridian West subdivision in Suisun City. Meridian West will be a 71-unit single family community located at the former location of Crystal Middle School on the city's west side.

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