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Information this week

Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management

On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host a public hearing to discuss amendments being made to the State Implementation Plan. These amendments would change the rules in order to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide emissions that come from gas-fired space and water heaters. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement or visit the District's [website](#) to access the meeting via Zoom.

Public notices



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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

Department of Technology releases public survey on internet use and adoption

The California Department of Technology has released their public survey on internet use and adoption. This information will inform California's State Digital Equity Plan and help California design solutions to ensure that all California residents have access to high quality and affordable internet service, devices, skills training, and digital support. The survey is available in 14 languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Persian/Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, and Khmer. It is a 10-15 minute survey.

To view the survey, click [here](#).

Double your CalFresh/EBT dollars with Market Match

Want to put more fresh fruits and vegetables on your family's table? Double your budget for fresh fruits and veggies, up to an additional \$10 per farmers' market visit, when you make a purchase with your CalFresh/EBT (food stamp) card at your local farmers' market.

Fairfield Farmers' Market – Jefferson St. & Texas St., Fairfield.
Thursdays 3 to 7pm from May 4 through September 28

Vallejo Farmers' Market – Georgia St. & Marin St., Vallejo.
Saturdays from 9am to 2pm year-round.

Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting (PB) vote underway



The city of Vallejo announced the Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting vote will be held until June 30. Vallejo residents, including those living in the unincorporated areas, are invited to vote on which community projects to improve the city that will go to the Vallejo City Council for funding approval.

Residents are allowed to vote for up to two projects on the 10-proposal ballot. Projects are either infrastructure (e.g., park updates, street safety improvements, etc.) and programs and services (e.g., youth programs, spay and neuter services, etc.)

(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

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

Residents 14 years and older can vote online at www.pbvallejo.org, or in-person in City Hall, and a cell phone number and valid Vallejo address are required for online voting.

Visit myvallejo.com/pb8 to read the complete proposals.

Residents can visit polling booths at:

Pista Sa Nayan, 850 Nimitz Avenue, Saturday, June 3, 11am to 6pm.

Second Friday Art Walk, Downtown Georgia Street, Friday, June 9, from 5 to 9pm.

Saturday Farmer's Markets, downtown Georgia Street, Saturday, June 10, 9am to 2pm.

Vallejo Juneteenth Parade & Festival, Barbara Kondylis Waterfront, Saturday, June 17, 11am to 5pm.

Application period open for new Measure P committee

The City of Vallejo is accepting applications for its new Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), which was created to independently review and advise upon the City's expenditure of proceeds generated by the transactions and use tax. The COC will consist of 7 regular members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Six of the regular members will be appointed based upon Council voting district. Members appointed by the Mayor may reside anywhere in the City.

The COC will review and report on (a) the City's proposed and actual expenditure of proceeds generated by the transaction and use tax and (b) the independent annual audit. The Committee's report shall be submitted to the City Council for review and discussion at a public meeting of the City Council and shall be available to the public.

Members shall be residents of the City of Vallejo. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of 2 years, and such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council.

Applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applications will remain open until **5pm on Friday, June 16**.

Vallejo accepting applications for new Police Oversight and Accountability Commission



The City of Vallejo is seeking applicants for the newly created Police Oversight and Accountability Commission (POAC), to review investigations of serious incidents and bias incidents involving the police department and to make recommendations to the Chief of Police and/or the City Manager. The POAC will also make recommendations on police department policies, police department training, and community relations

issues. POAC may also conduct public outreach related to its purpose and function.

The POAC shall consist of 7 regular members and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Six of the regular members will be appointed based upon Council voting district. Alternate members must be one youth member between the ages of 18-25 and one additional community member from any district. Alternate members may participate in POAC meetings but do not vote unless there is an absence by a regular (voting) member.

Members must pass a formal background check before they can serve and must complete the FPPC financial conflict of interest reporting forms (Form 700).

The applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applications will remain open until **5pm, Friday, June 16**.

National Night Out registration open

The city of Fairfield will host its 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO) on **Tuesday, August 1st, from 5 to 8 pm**.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event, promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

During NNO, neighbors host potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQ's to block parties, ice cream socials, and much more! This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration for NNO 2023 opened Monday, May 1 and closes Monday, July 17th at 5 pm. Registration is free and allows Fairfield officials an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants will receive an official NNO2023 gift basket. To register your neighborhood, click [here](#).

Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort #8

Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT) Group will be hosting an 8-week sisterhood group, which will help assess, develop and redefine our thoughts about healthy mothering. Conversation topics to be covered include nurturing parenting, attachment, discipline, communication, goal setting, and much more.

To register, click [here](#). This group will take place virtually each Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:30pm from October 18 to December 6, 2023. The last session date to join this cohort is Wednesday, November 8.

California Health Medical Reserve Corps' Solano Community Health Hub

With the end of the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19, Solano Public Health will no longer support testing and vaccination efforts at the Solano Town Center Mall. CHMRC will continue operations for the foreseeable future at the Solano Community Health Hub and offer services such as rapid COVID-19 testing, wellness screenings, and blood drives.

The Solano Community Health Hub is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11am to 6pm.

For more information about CHMRC and the services they provide, visit <https://www.californiahealthmrc.org/>.

Updates from around Solano County

Travis AFB to conduct readiness exercises

Travis Air Force Base will be conducting a two-day readiness exercise on **June 5 and 6**. Exercises fine-tune and advance Airmen's readiness and ability to execute and sustain rapid global mobility around the world.

The local community will hear an increase in voice notifications and alarms. Additionally, patrons may experience increased gate entry times during periods throughout the day. All base exercise notifications heard over the installation's Giant Voice system will be prefaced with an "Exercise Exercise Exercise" reminder. Sirens and alarms heard from the base are used to simulate a realistic environment in which base personnel can properly train and respond in the event of a real-world incident.

For additional information, contact the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office by email at 60AMWPA@us.af.mil or by phone at (707) 424-2010.

Mare Island Brewing Co. benefits BHM

Mare Island Brewing Co. has released a new beer benefiting the Benicia Historical Museum, called “War Bond” California Common. A dollar from every pint sold at their First Street Taphouse will be donated to the Benicia Historical Museum. During WWII, Mare Island’s workforce raised nearly \$76 Million in war bonds – enough to pay for every one of the submarines built there.

Join the “Bond Drive” for the Benicia Historical Museum at First Street Tap house on **Wednesday, June 7th**, 440 First St. when \$2 from every pint will be donated.

Suisun Valley Review is available

The Solano Community Colleges' Suisun Valley Review has released its 39th annual issue earlier this month. Its celebratory release reading was held in the Quinton Duval Reading Area of the SCC Library and featured many local writers featured in this year’s issue. SVR’s featured writer, Nancy Au, read and presented the 2023 Quinton Duval Award in Creative Writing. Congratulations to the award winner, Audrey Duremdes, for her poem, “Things It Took from Her,” and to Scott Cohen for his Honorable Mention for the poem, “Effigy to Orange.” The 2023 Issue is available for sale for \$8.00 by contacting Michael.wyly@solano.edu.

Summer reading program



Starting Thursday, June 1, come to any Solano County library branch to sign up and get your summer reading challenge pamphlet. The pamphlet is full of reading challenges like “Read a book that teaches a skill” or “read a book that is recommended by a friend.” There are 10 challenges in the pamphlet in total.

Decide how many of the challenges in the pamphlet you think you can complete by July 31st. You can do one challenge, 2 challenges or all 10! It is up to you! Once you complete your challenges, come back to the Solano County Library branch you originally signed up at by July 31st to get your prize.

The prize for kids (ages 0-12) is a brand new free book of their choice (off the book cart) at the library while the teens (ages 13-18) get to order any book they want from Amazon that does not exceed \$15. The library will order it for them!

Adults who complete the program will get a custom enamel pin. Not only that, but all who are signed up for the program will also be entered into weekly drawings for additional prizes! The weekly raffle drawings will be for Oakland A's and SF Giants tickets.

Summer Youth Employment Program

The Workforce Development Board of Solano County is offering a five-week paid work experience program **starting July 5th**. Work experience will be focused on Climate Transition projects in the Fairfield, Suisun and Vallejo region concentrating on water, land, restoration, sustainable agriculture, and climate education. For more information, contact Matt Moon-Bailey at mmoonbailey@solanowdb.org.

Upcoming events in Solano County

Trucks of the Trade event

The City of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department will present the Trucks of the Trade event in partnership with the Solano County Fairfield Cordelia Library in June.

Trucks of the Trade will allow kids to see different types of vehicles and meet the people who drive them. The event is free but registration is recommended. All types of trucks and vehicles will be there including a trash truck, bus, fire truck, police vehicles and more!



The poster for the Trucks of the Trade event features the title "TRUCKS of the TRADE" in a stylized font. Below the title are two images: a close-up of a large tractor tire and a red fire truck. The event details are listed in a blue box: "Saturday June 3, 2023 9 AM - 12 PM" at the "Fairfield Cordelia Library Parking Lot, 5050 Business Center Dr.". A yellow box contains the text: "Does your kid love all things transportation? Come see different types of vehicles and meet the people who drive them! This FREE event will take place rain or shine." A QR code is provided with the instruction "Scan here to register!" and a note: "This is a free event. Registration is recommended." An image of a green trash truck is also shown. At the bottom, contact information for the City of Fairfield is provided.

The event will be held in the parking lot of the Fairfield Cordelia Library on **Saturday June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The library is located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

for more information, call (707) 399-4101 or email communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov.

World Environment Day

Solano and Yolo county residents are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano on **Saturday, June 3rd at 9am** to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds. The event will allow residents to remove trash debris, plant wildflower plugs, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including kayak tours of Lake Solano.

A free lunch will be served to all participants, who should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

Lake Solano County Park, approximately 4 miles west of Winters, CA, on Pleasants Valley Road just south of Highway 128. Volunteers that choose to assist with trash cleanup activities will cleanup at Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano. Parking fees will be waived with a pass provided to event registrants in advance.

This water is also the primary source of irrigation water for growers in the region. Also filling and leaving Lake Solano is Putah Creek, a vital ecological link between the neighboring mountain range and the Yolo Bypass.

To register, click [here](#).

Fairfield City Council Heart to Heart listening tour in District 2



Mayor Cat Moy and the Fairfield City Council will host a listening meeting on **Saturday, June 3rd from 11am to 1pm** at the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster Street. Come and meet Councilmember Scott Tonnesen who represents District 2. You do not need to live in a specific district to attend!

These meetings will give residents the chance to interact with elected officials more closely, meet department heads and staff, learn about City projects, ask questions, and provide input.

The next session will be held on Saturday, June 24, with Vice Mayor Pam Bertani, at One Lake Journey Coffee at 5350 One Lake Drive. The Vice Mayor represents District 6.

For the full list of future meeting dates and locations, click [here](#).

Resource Fair

The city of Fairfield Homeless Services Division and Fairfield Police Department Homeless Intervention Team with their quarterly Homeless Outreach Partnership Engagement event on **Wednesday, June 7th from 10:30am to 4pm** on the Solano County Lawn located at 600 Texas St. Individuals can connect with local resources for housing, shelters, employment, food, medical, mental health, and Veterans services.

Volunteers needed for trash mob community cleanup

The City of Fairfield will be hosting a "Trash Mob" Community Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, June 10th from 9 to 11am** at the Linear Park Trail, located at Texas Street to Dover Avenue.

The trash mob will be removing trash and graffiti. Snacks and water will be provided. The city will provide all necessary supplies and safety gear to volunteers during the Trash Mob.

To register, call Program Coordinator Karen Rees at (707) 428-7767 to sign up or email krees@fairfield.ca.gov.

74th Annual Solano County Fair

The Solano County Fair returns for its 74th year from **June 15 to June 18**. There is free admission for military personnel - active, retired, and dependents with a valid ID.

OPENING DAY: Thursday, June 15 from 4 to 10pm. Family Ag Day - Free admission for all.

Friday, June 16, noon to 10pm

Saturday, June 17, noon to 10pm. 1:30pm - Junior Livestock Auction. 5pm - Out At The Fair Photo. 6pm - Lucha Xtreme. 9pm (Approximately) - FIREWORKS! - Sponsored by Jelly Belly

Sunday, June 18, noon to 10pm. 2pm - Jaripeo - Mexican-style rodeo & concert (Additional admission required).

For more information, contact the Solano County Fairgrounds at (707) 551-2000. Fair is located at 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo.

Fairfield Juneteenth celebration

2nd Annual Fairfield Juneteenth Celebration

Community Celebration
All Are Welcomed to Attend



Juneteenth

Saturday, June 17, 2023

SOLANO ANNEX
(Next to old Courthouse)
601 Texas Street
Fairfield, Ca 94533
11:00 am to 7:00 pm

More Info: 707-673-2148 or
info@solanoblackchamber.com

*Live Music * Speakers
* Kids Activities *
* Dancing *

Sponsored By:




The 2nd annual Fairfield Juneteenth celebration will be held on **Saturday, June 17th, from 11am to 7pm**, next to the old courthouse, 601 Texas St. There will be speakers, live music, dancing and activities for the kids.

For more information call (707) 673-2148 and/or email info@solanoblackchamber.com.

Mare Island Historic Park Foundation speaker series

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation continues its speaker series with Shackleton's Voyage on **Sunday, June 18th from 2 to 3:30pm**, at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Ave, Mare Island.

Captain Scott Shackleton, US Navy, Retired, will discuss his fifth cousin, Sir Ernest Shackleton, and his polar expedition from 1914 to 1917. The miraculous survival of the entire expedition crew earned Shackleton worldwide fame, even though his goal to cross

the Antarctic on foot was never realized. Captain Scott Shackleton will also discuss the fulfillment of his family's dream when he set foot on the South Pole in 2009.

Tickets are limited. \$15/per person for advance purchase and \$20 at the door. Mare Island Historic Park Foundation members are free. All proceeds benefit the Foundation. For details and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Poetry at the Clocktower

Plan now to attend a festive and uplifting historic event at Benicia's Clocktower at **3pm, Sunday, June 25th** at 1189 Washington Street.

Benicians and friends will gather to celebrate our homeplace, to tell its story and join in song. This free event sponsored by the Benicia Public Library will feature California's Poet Laureate Lee Herrick, and outgoing Poet Laureate, Mary Susan Gast.

Visual artwork portraying life in Benicia will be on display, along with ZipOdes "94510" by Benicia residents. A super highlight will be the premier showing of "Benicia Our Home," a film portraying scenes of Benicia accompanied by over 200 Benicians in song.

Teen Anime Café

The Solano County Library will host a Teen Anime Cafe on **Tuesday, June 27th at 4:15pm**, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.

Teens who attend will get the chance to watch anime from the anime streaming service Crunchyroll while also eating Japanese snacks and reading manga!



Free doula training available

In an effort to improve health disparities for Black women and their babies, Divine Birthright and Solano HEALS (Health Equity for African American/Black Lives) are partnering with First 5 Solano and Aliados Health to host a free (16 hour) exclusively Black doula training and certification for Solano County residents.

Cohort 1 begins **July 1**. Doula training includes: childbirth education, anatomy of pregnancy, comfort measures, lactation

support, adult and infant CPR and so much more! All applicants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to be considered. Please send all inquiries to solanoheals@gmail.com by June 23.

Events I attended this week

Monday, May 29, was Memorial Day. I attended the ceremony at Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery in Benicia. Traditions are very important. The Diablo Regional Concert Band played. Their first song of the day was God Bless America. Oren Rae, past commander, was Master of Ceremonies. The scouts placed flags on the graves. Mayor Steve Young, the honored guest speaker, spoke from the heart about the importance of the day. The observance was respectful. A fitting ritual to remind us that freedom is not free.

Tuesday, May 30, I attended the special meeting of the Vallejo City Council. The topic was the Mare Island CFD informational presentation by the MISTEA resident group. It was an excellent presentation concerning the lack of fairness over the taxes paid by the residents.

Wednesday, May 31, I attended the Evergreen Academy Spring Commencement Class of 2023. Seeing high school students receiving their diplomas is one of the delights of this job. A diploma opens doors to the next chapter of your life. May your next chapter, graduates, be filled with happiness and joy.

Another event on Wednesday, was an evening meeting with the Sandy Beach Community to discuss the water system report concerning fire safety. A thank you to the county staff, the City of Vallejo Fire Department, and the two consultant groups that have provided the expertise in this project. Many residents attended. The discussion was engaging as we work together to come up with solutions to keep everyone safe.

Thursday, June 1, I went to Vallejo City Hall to observe the raising of the Pride Flag. Remember to be kind to everyone. Love is Love.

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

Graves at Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery in Benicia on Memorial Day 2023. Photo by Monica Brown.



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.