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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

**Recognizing Bay Area politician March Fond Eu**



*"Surely anything is possible in a country where a Chinese girl...can grow up to be called Miss, Mrs., Dr., Assemblywoman, and Secretary of State."* - March Fong Eu, 1978

The month of March is Women's History Month. This first Friday I am honoring March Fong Eu. Ms. Eu was born in Oakdale, California on March 29th, 1922.

She had a rich education, first earning her B.S. in dentistry from UC Berkeley, a Master's degree in education from Mills College, and a Doctorate in education from Stanford.

Ms. Eu was a woman of many firsts. In the '50s she became a dental hygienist and was the first woman to chair UC San Francisco's dental hygiene department. She served on the Alameda County School Board for three terms and was the first woman and Asian American to be elected and serve as president for the board between 1961 to 1962. In 1966 Ms. Eu was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the city of Oakland and parts of Castro Valley. She served four terms.

In 1974, she was elected California Secretary of State. Not only was she the first woman to be Secretary of State for California, but she was also the first Asian American woman ever elected to a state constitutional office in the United States and she did it with a

historic margin of 3 million votes. Ms. Eu was elected to the Secretary of State office five times. As Secretary of State, Ms. Eu revolutionized elections in California by increasing voter registration drives, introducing voter registration by mail, providing absentee ballots to anyone who requested them, and even added candidate statements in the ballot pamphlets. She even expanded her efforts to a federal level, working with the Federal Voting Assistance Program that made sure U.S. military members and their families could vote from wherever they were stationed.

Ms. Eu was also an advocate for archives, especially for preserving California history. As Secretary of State, she was successful in getting an archives building constructed in Sacramento. That building was completed in 1995 and houses the Secretary of State California Archives, the California History Museum, and acts as the central office for the Secretary of State. On March 25, 2019, the complex was officially renamed the March Fong Eu Secretary of State Building. This is the first California state office building named after an Asian American woman.

Recognizing her work as an ambassador for California, in 1994 President Clinton nominated her for an ambassadorship. She served as the Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia from 1994 to 1996.

On December 22, 2017, she passed away at the age of 95.

This only scratches the surface of her accomplishments. I encourage you to read more about her life and her work, including her beautiful calligraphy and paintings. One great resource is [this article](#) from Google Arts & Culture, which includes some amazing pictures from her time in the California state legislature and beyond.

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I would like to give a special thanks to Marvin and Jeri of Hermits Roost for providing this week's header photo. This photo is of the Howell Mountains' Twin Sisters peak last week when it snowed.

If you have any photos from District 2 you'd like to share that can be featured in the weekly newsletter header, please send them with your name, the city you live in, and the location of the photo to [MEBrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:MEBrown@solanocounty.com). You will be credited by name for your contribution.

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## Information this week

### California Regional Water Quality Control Board report

#### 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 TEXT LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

The February edition of the Executive Officer's Report from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, is now available to read. Click [here](#) to read more on the progress Fairfield has made to clean up water affected by dry cleaners in Downtown Fairfield, an update on how the recent winter storms impacted the Bay Area, and more updates on water in the Bay Area.

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## Updates from around Solano County

In an emergency...

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The Solano County Office of Emergency Services and Zonehaven have officially launched the Know Your Zone campaign for Solano County residents to be aware of evacuation zones and orders. Zone names and boundaries will be sent out in emergency notifications so you are encouraged to write down the zones of your homes, workplaces, schools, and loved ones to stay informed. Visit [community.zonehaven.com](https://community.zonehaven.com) to look up addresses on the interactive map and Know Your Zone!

## Updates on Mpox and COVID-19 from Solano Public Health

Healthy Solano has shared some important updates on the state of Mpox and COVID-19 in the county.

**Mpox:** The state of emergency for mpox was ended in California on January 31. There are 44 total cases in Solano County after over 800 doses of the vaccine were administered between August 2022 - December 2022. If you would like to receive the mpox vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider. There are no minimum eligibility requirements to receive the vaccine so if you may be at risk, you are encouraged to get vaccinated. You can visit [MyTurn.Ca.Gov](https://MyTurn.Ca.Gov) to make an appointment, or visit the [County website](#) for more information.

**COVID-19:** The state of emergency for COVID-19 ended on February 28, 2023. However, this does not mean that COVID-19 is gone and Solano County will continue using guidance from the California Department of Public Health for procedures on exposure and isolation, masking, testing, vaccinations, and more. For up-to-date information, visit [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov) or the [Solano Public Health website](#).

While the OptumServe/LHI testing and treatment sites in Vallejo and Vacaville have closed, the Community Health Hub at Solano Town Center in Fairfield is still offering testing and vaccination

clinics are still open around the county. To get information on vaccines and testing in Solano, visit the COVID-19 page [here](#).

## PAL food pantry for students



The student food pantry at Fairfield PAL is re-opening beginning March 21, 2023. Enrolled middle and high school students, ages 13-18, **can get free food on Tuesdays from 5 pm - 7 pm** at 2256 North Texas Street, Fairfield. Offerings include canned fruits and veggies, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, soup,

and more! A PAL membership is not required to take advantage of this program. To view a larger version of the flyer, click [here](#).

## March Calendar for the Benicia Veterans Hall

The Benicia Veterans Hall has released their calendar for the month of March. It includes dates, times, and locations of meetings and events.



Some events include the free home safety kit giveaway on March 18 and the Crab Feed on March 25. **The Hall will be closed March 6-11 for work on the fire alarms.** Click [here](#) to read the full calendar.

## Reminder: Home rehabilitation for veterans, seniors, and disabled homeowners



Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) is still accepting applications for their home rehabilitation project through **Friday, March 31, 2023**. This free project aims to help bring safety and healthy living through home renovation and is open to low-income

veterans and surviving veteran spouses, seniors, and disabled people who own a home. If you or someone you know qualifies for this project, you are encouraged to apply. To read more about qualifications, view the flyer [here](#) or download the application [here](#).

## Vallejo Adult School classes

The Vallejo Adult School is offering two **free** classes in Construction Apprenticeship and Workplace English. These classes can help you prepare for Apprentice Exams for local unions and

develop communication skills for the workplace. To register, click [here](#). For more information, including class schedules, view the flyers for [Construction Apprenticeship](#) or [Workplace English](#).

## FYI: Public hearing for new signs in Benicia

On **Thursday, March 16 at 10 am**, a public hearing will be held by the Solano County Zoning Administrator regarding new signage at Secure Space Storage in Benicia. The proposed signs include a monument sign, two wall signs, and two directional signs. The signs will not have a negative effect on the environment and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. If you are interested in attending the hearing, it will be held at the County Administration Center in Fairfield, 675 Texas Street, on the fifth floor.

## MTC February Report and Briefing



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has published their February report containing information on Measure 3 being upheld by the State Supreme

Court, a new Highway 37 partnership agreement, a newly secured grant to modernize and expand railways in the Bay Area, and more. Read the full report [here](#).

MTC has also released their briefing for January and February, containing news on their new executive director Andrew Fremier, improvements coming to Highway 37 to make it more climate-friendly, California state budget changes that may impact local transportation, affordable housing, and more. [Click here](#) to read the full briefing.

## Solano Transportation Authority newsletter

The February edition of Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) STATUS newsletter has just been published.

Click [here](#) to read about the eight newly-elected STA Board alternates, the \$11.9 million STA has received from MTC for seven projects around Solano County, how the California Supreme Court's dismissal of the Regional Measure 3 lawsuit will allow various corridor projects to move forward, and much more.



## Arts Benicia updates and events



Arts Benicia has provided some information on upcoming events and happenings - check them out:

**Next Generation**

**Exhibition:** From March 25 - April 23, Arts Benicia will be featuring over 200 artworks from Benicia youth, kindergarten through high school. Drawing, paintings, sculptures, and other visual art will be on display. A free public reception celebrating these works will be held on **Sunday, March 26 from 1 pm - 3 pm.**

**Visit the Arts Benicia Gallery:** The gallery is open in the Commanding Officer's Quarters at 1 Commandant's lane, **Thursday through Sunday, 1 pm - 5 pm.** To learn more, visit the [Arts Benicia website](#).

**Art classes for adults:** Interested in learning how to use watercolors, oil paints, or reduction woodcutting? Register for these classes and more by checking out the art class schedule [here](#). Most classes are open to beginners.

**Volunteer opportunities:** Arts Benicia has a variety of volunteer positions open. For information on how to volunteer, send an email to [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org).

For full details on all of these updates, view the news document [here](#).

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Violins of Hope



**This Sunday, March 5 at 4 pm,** Chabad of Solano is hosting the tour of Violins of Hope. At this event, four violins that survived the the Holocaust will be played by Vacaville resident and violinist Alina Solodovnikova-Adams. Once played by Jewish musicians, these violins will make music once more, transforming an act of hate into an act of love and resilience. Get tickets for this special performance [here](#). The photo included here is sourced from the Daily Republic article about the event, which you can read [here](#).

### Yarn painting for teens



Teens are invited to the Fairfield Civic Center Library on **Tuesday, March 7 at 4 pm** to participate in yarn painting! Use yarn, washi tape, cardstock and contact paper to make easy and fun masterpieces. No sign-up is required. For more information, view a larger version of the flyer [here!](#)

## Events at the Benicia Historical Museum

The Benicia Historical Museum has a number of great events coming up in March - check them out!



**First Friday at the Museum:** Get your tickets for First Friday, **Friday, March 3, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.** Come enjoy music from the Dennis Dove band and food and drinks from the Ike's Grill food truck! Tickets are \$15 at the door or online [here.](#)

**Images of America: The Benicia Arsenal:** Continuing their History Talks series, the museum will host authors Allan Gandy and Jim Lessenger as they present their newest work about the Benicia Arsenal on **Saturday, March 11 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.** Get your tickets [here.](#)

**Roaring '20s Trivia Night:** Think you know the 1920s? Registration is open now for the Museum's trivia night. There will be two ways to win a prize - place 1st in the trivia competition or win the costume contest. Registration for a group of 8 is \$220 while individual registration is \$30. Get your tickets for the event on **Friday, March 24 from 6 pm - 9:30 pm** [here.](#)

**Callie's Kids Camp:** Registration is open for Callie's Kids Camp, a summer program for kids ages 7-12 that runs from June - July. Spots are filling up fast so act soon! To view weekly themes and register, view the website [here.](#)

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## Events I attended this week

On **Friday, February 24**, I was invited to SEIU's 1021 party held at the Nelson Center in Suisun. It was fun to see friends in person. The food was great.

**Tuesday, February 28**, I attended the Benicia City council meeting. During public comments I said good-bye to city Manager Eric Upson. I thanked him for his leadership in the police department

as well as the City manager. Erik always treated me with respect and kindness. His leadership will be missed as I always felt Erik took great care of the citizens of Benicia.



This week I was also a featured guest in About Town with Ana Petero, produced by the wonderful people in the Solano Community College Communications department. Check out my interview on YouTube [here!](#)

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## 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](#)

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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.