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SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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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

Honoring Tom Bradley



This first Friday in February, I want to honor Thomas Bradley. Tom, the grandson of a slave, attended UCLA on an athletic scholarship where he ran track and played football. In 1940 he joined the

police academy. While working as a police officer, he attended Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant and after 21 years as a police officer, he retired and began practicing law. In 1963 he ran for LA city council. He won, becoming the first Black person to serve on the council. Perhaps most importantly, he was the first Black mayor of Los Angeles. He served for 20 years (5 terms). He ran for California Governor in 1982 and 1986 but lost to George Deukmejian both times. The 1982 loss coined the political term "the Bradley effect" (to which I leave the research on what this means to you, the reader).

Today, his legacy is still felt. LAX is named for him. The International Terminal was dedicated on June 11, 1984. The 23rd Olympic Games were held in LA that July so many saw his name. As Mayor he worked to get the funding to expand the airport. When I fly into

LAX, I think of him and what he accomplished. I do wish he had become our governor.

[\[Photo source\]](#)

Information This Week

Presidents' holidays: County buildings closed February 13th & 20th

All Solano County buildings will be closed Monday, February 13, 2023 for Lincoln's birthday and Monday, February 20, 2023 for Washington's birthday (Presidents' day). County buildings will re-open the following day at 8am.

Urgent alert for Glen Cove residents

This is an urgent reminder to Glen Cove residents to pick up your mail daily and to not leave it overnight. Yesterday, February 2, a U.S. postal worker's mail keys were stolen around New Bedford Court. The stolen keys open cluster mailboxes in and around Glen Cove. More information to come from the Glen Cove Community Association as soon as more is known.

Get your at-home COVID-19 tests for free while you still can



Beginning May 11, COVID-19 will no longer be considered a public health emergency. With this means an end to the free program for at-home tests so make sure to get your four free tests from the federal government while you still can. I recently requested my own

set of tests [here](#). You can read more about the end to the program from [Time Magazine](#).

Reminder: Home safety kits for veterans and active military members

A reminder that Rebuilding Together Solano County will be offering free home safety and disaster preparedness kits to veterans, active military, and military family members. These kits are valued at \$175. To receive a kit, please bring a driver's license (with Solano County address) and your military ID, VA card, or DD-214 Discharge Documentation to the Benicia Veterans Building on **Saturday, March 18** between **10am-2pm**. A raffle for grocery gift cards, raised garden boxes and garden hoses will also be held at the giveaway.

**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

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT
FOR THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

For more information, including a full list of items included in the kits, view the full flyer [here](#).

Bay Ferry 2050 survey

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority wants to hear from YOU! The Bay Ferry 2050 project is seeking responses to their survey to help shape the future of ferry service in the San Francisco Bay Area. All survey participants will be automatically entered to win a \$50 Clipper Card or a San Francisco Bay Ferry water bottle. Complete the short survey [here](#).



Environmental outreach intern openings

Solano Resource Conservation District has announced four openings for Environmental Outreach Interns. This paid opportunity allows interns to build valuable communication, public relations, teamwork, and leadership skills, all while providing environmental education to boaters and visitors of Solano County boat launches and Lake Berryessa. If you're an undergrad, graduate student, or recent college graduate in an environmental science or public relations-focused major, you're encouraged to apply. To read more about the position, qualifications, and to apply, view the announcement [here](#). Applications will be reviewed on **February 28**.

Food bank looking for local growers



The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano is looking for local vendors, growers, and producers to buy fresh produce from. If you or someone you know is interested in participating,

view the presentation [here](#) for more information. If you would like to learn more about the program, contact:

Janae Crawford
Food Purchasing Coordinator
Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
(925) 849-8374
jcrawford@foodbankccs.org

"Picture Climate Change" Student Photo Content



What does climate change mean to you? The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is accepting submissions from students grades 5-12 for their photo contest answering this question. Students are encouraged to submit photos that show their perspective on the impact of

climate change. Winners will be featured on NOAA's Regional Collaboration Network website in the spring. The deadline to submit is **February 15 at 11:59pm**. To read more about the categories, rules, and to submit, visit the contest page [here](#).

Suisun Valley Review now accepting submissions

Calling all writers and artists! Solano Community College's premier literary magazine, *Suisun Valley Review*, is now accepting submissions for their Spring 2023 issue. Any and all poetry, short fiction, and works of visual art are considered for publication by the magazine's team of editors. You do not need to be a student to submit. View their submission guidelines [here](#) or submit your work [here](#).



Updates from around Solano County and beyond

Updates on the Montezuma Wetlands restoration project

The California Water Board for the San Francisco Bay Area has recently published the Executive Officer's Report for February 2023. In it is an update on the ongoing restoration of the Montezuma Wetlands and a summary of the technical review team's activities in the area. Read the encouraging updates [here](#) on pages 3-5.

Free fare on Suisun Micro Transit



Need to get around Suisun City or Fairfield? Suisun's new Micro Transit system has extended their **free** fare through February. The service offers door-to-door service in Suisun along with service to nine locations in Fairfield: Fairfield Transportation Center, David Grant Medical Facility, Solano County Government Center, Sutter Medical Campus, NorthBay Medical Center, Kaiser Medical Offices, Ole Health Clinic, DaVita Dialysis Center, and the Solano Health and Social Services Center.

View the flyers [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.

Upcoming events in Solano County:

Mare Island Specific Plan Community Workshop

Mare Island Company is hosting a workshop dedicated to community input to help shape the new Mare Island specific plan. Discussion will be centered around housing and community facilities on Mare Island. The event is on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6pm** at Suite Treatments, 3729 Sonoma Blvd. In-person attendance is encouraged but the event will also be hosted on Zoom. Register for this event [here](#).

Solano County Family Justice Learning Series

The Solano Family Justice Center is hosting a workshop for service providers who work with victims and survivors of interpersonal violence. Kyle Gee, a self-help attorney, will present on domestic violence restraining orders. The event will be held at the Solano Family Justice Center, 604 Empire St., Fairfield on **Wednesday**,

February 15 from 10am-11:30am. Reserve your free spot [here](#) or view a larger version of the flyer [here](#).

Events I attended this week:

Tuesday night I attended the workshop on Fentanyl put on by the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. The event was held at the Public Safety Academy. Here is just one statistic: more than 100,000 died last year of an overdose in the U.S. Two-thirds of those fatalities were due to fentanyl. To learn more visit, VibeSolano.com. The discussion also included the use of Narcan in helping to prevent overdoses.

Wednesday I was invited to attend a lunch time debate with the Benicia High School debate team. The topic was "should football teams be allowed on high schools?" At least 50 students attended and the two debate teams did a great job. They did not change my mind as I love football, but the arguments used on the pro/con side were thoughtful. I appreciate the invitation from Advisor/Coach Ms. Gaines.

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](#)



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.

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