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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

Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day



Today marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a day to remember the 6 million Jewish people who lost their lives in the Holocaust as well as the millions of other victims of Nazism. Visit ushmm.org to learn more about commemoration activities and to watch livestreamed events that educate and honor the lives of those lost.

Information This Week

SNAP hot food waiver



In response to the recent storms and flooding in California, the Department of Social Services and Food and Nutrition Services has approved a hot food waiver for SNAP EBT recipients in select counties through February 20, 2023, effective immediately. Solano County is included under this waiver. The waiver qualifies purchases of hot, pre-prepared foods from SNAP authorized retailers like grocery stores. You can read the approval letter [here](#) for more information.

What it means if you see a negative balance on your middle-class tax refund debit card

Have you noticed a negative balance on your tax refund debit card? It's caused by common issues like internet connection problems or technical glitches that can then misrepresent your balance, [KCRA reports](#). If there's a negative balance on your card, California's Franchise Tax Board says there's no need to pay it back.

Tax
Collector/Treasurer/County
Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

Still haven't received your middle-class tax refund? There's still time to claim it

The California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is still processing and sending out as many as 1.4 million inflation relief tax refunds. If you believe you should have received yours by now and haven't yet, you are encouraged to call the FTB at 800-542-9332 on weekdays between 8am and 5pm. You can read the full report from KTLA [here](#).



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

Chromebooks for seniors and people with disabilities

Independent Living Resources of Solano & Contra Costa Counties is providing seniors and people with disabilities with a Chromebook or tablet to help them stay connected to family and friends. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this resource, please contact Julie Berry at 925-363-7293. You may also view the flyer [here](#).

Recycling discount for Benicia seniors

If you're a Benicia resident who is 60 years or older, you qualify for a discount on trash and recycling services. Sign up today by completing an application with the City of Benicia Finance Department (250 East L Street) or by calling 707-746-4225.

How to keep your kitchen compost pail clean



This week the City of Benicia weekly newsletter provided some helpful tips on keeping your kitchen compost pail clean. In case you missed it, here are the tips – thank you to the City of Benicia for providing this information:

- Wash the pail regularly with soap and water.
- Sprinkle baking soda into the pail to reduce odors.
- Line the pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or a **BPI certified compostable bag**. Options available online and at local retailers.

- Empty the pail regularly, ideally every day or so.
- Food scraps decompose faster in hot temperatures. Finding a cool, dry place to store your pail will slow down this process and further reduce odors.

Golden State Warriors educate about financial aid in new PSA

In an effort to educate California students about applying for financial aid for school, the Golden State Warriors have partnered with the California Department of Education and the Student Aid Commission to create a new PSA to help high school seniors understand the available aid to help pay for college. Read more about story [here](#) or watch the PSA [here](#).



Public Notices

County storm damage survey

Solano County is fielding survey responses to calculate damages throughout the county caused by the recent storms. Please fill out the survey by clicking [here](#) or by visiting the [Solano County Website](#).

Civil Grand Jury application

Are you a civic-minded, community-oriented citizen who would like to represent Solano County and help keep county government accountable? Consider applying for the Solano County Civil Grand Jury. Applications are open now – view the application [here](#), which includes information about qualifications. Any information provided is confidential. Completed applications can be returned to:

Grand Jury Office
Superior Court of California
Solano County, CA
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, California 94533

Public notice: Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet pier and pass channel maintenance

To restore safe navigation depths in the area, the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration has recently applied for a permit to conduct maintenance and dredging on the Suisun Float Pier in Benicia. No permanent negative effects are expected but comments from the public are being solicited through February 19, 2023

to help evaluate the impact of the project. To learn more and to learn how to submit any comments, view the [public notice here](#).

Fire Hazard Severity Zones – comment period extended

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has extended its written comment period for review of the updated State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) notice and map. Written comments are now being accepted through April 4, 2023. Comments may be submitted one of three ways: by email to fhszcomments@fire.ca.gov, by mail to:

Office of the State Fire Marshal
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
Attn: Scott Witt, Deputy Chief

Or by hand or courier to:

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Office of the State Fire Marshal
C/O: Scott Witt
California Natural Resources Building
715 P Street, 9th floor
Sacramento, CA 95818

For more information, please view the notice [here](#) or visit the FHSZ [website](#).

News from around Solano County

Healthy Solano Updates

Healthy Solano has shared a number of events and announcements. The following is taken directly from their newsletter. To view more and access flyers for events, you can take a look at their [Google Drive](#).

1. Homeless Outreach Partnership Engagement 2023 Event

The Fairfield Police Department is excited to announce their upcoming annual Homeless Outreach Partnership Event / Community Resource Fair 2023 scheduled for **Wednesday, March 1, 2023 from 12:00PM – 4:00PM** at 1234 Empire St. in Fairfield. The event is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and will offer services including mental health screenings, housing referrals, VA assistance, and a limited bicycle giveaway.

2. Funding Opportunity for Triple P Services

First 5 Solano is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals for delivery of Triple P services to families with children ages 0-5 countywide. Triple P is an evidence-based program which provides parents with practical strategies to build strong, healthy relationships with their children, confidently manage children's behavior and prevent future problems from developing. Funding available through this RFP is up to \$1,125,000 (\$375,000 per year for 3 years) beginning in FY2023/24.

Potential proposers must attend a Mandatory Proposer's Conference on **Thursday, February 2, 2023 from 1:30pm-3:30pm** via Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82322725339>

Meeting ID: 823 2272 5339

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+16699006833, 82322725339# US (San Jose)

A complete proposal submission is due no later than **Monday, March 6, 2023, 5pm PST**. To view the complete RFP and attachments, please visit: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/first5/current_opportunities_for_funding.asp

3. Women's Recovery Response: 2023-2024 Grant Funding Opportunity

The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) is soliciting applications for the Women's Recovery Response Grant to support the existing and emerging needs of women in California who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the second round of grant funds administered by the Commission and is available on a rolling basis through fiscal year 2023-2024.

Applications are due by **4PM on February 17, 2023**. There will be a technical assistance webinar for applicants held at 1PM on February 3, 2023. To apply and for more information, visit <https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/womens-recovery-response-2023-2024-grant-funding-opportunity/>.

4. LHI / OptumServe Testing and Treatment Sites

The LHI / OptumServe testing and treatment sites located in Vacaville and Vallejo are now closed. Please reach out to your healthcare provider if you want to get tested for COVID-19 or receive treatment options.

For additional resources, please visit solanocounty.com/covid19

5. California Pathways into Public Health (Cal-PPH) Fellowship Program now accepting applications

The California Pathways into Public Health (Cal-PPH) Fellowship Program is now accepting applications for their next cohort and the start date is in May 2023. This is a unique job-training program for individuals interested in a public health career, including robust training plus work placement in a local health department. The

fellowship is paid and will run for 13 months. Applications are due by **midnight on Monday, February 13, 2023**.

For more information about the Cal-PPH Program, visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/CA-PHC.aspx>. To apply, click [here](#). Check out the Google Drive for the program flyer.

6. Vaccinations ending at the Community Health Hub

COVID-19 and flu vaccinations will no longer be available at the Community Health Hub located at the Solano Town Center Mall in Fairfield **after Saturday, January 28**. We encourage you to reach out to your healthcare provider if you are interested in getting vaccinated.

Additional community vaccination clinics are still available throughout Solano County. Please visit solanocounty.com/covid19 for additional information and locations.

SolTrans Winter Newsletter

SolTrans has just published their Winter 2023 newsletter. Click [here](#) to read more about the \$2 million they've just received to purchase electric buses, their bus stop enhancement project, employment opportunities, and more.

Upcoming events in Solano County



Ink marbling event for teens and tweens: Know a tween or teen in your life that enjoys arts and crafts? On **Tuesday, February 7 at 4pm** the Fairfield Civic Center Library is hosting a craft session where teens get to use ink marbling to create either a bookmark or postcard to take home. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Volunteer mixer: Current and prospective volunteers in Solano County are encouraged to attend the Solano County volunteers mixer on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 5pm-6:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St., Fairfield. Information on 2023 volunteer opportunities, social time, and refreshments are all part of the event!

One More Time – Communities of Recovery Conference: The Solano Recovery Project will host their One More Time conference on **Friday, February 9** at the

County Events Center. The event will feature keynote speakers and panels all centered around supporting the needs of the community, intervention and prevention, and recovery-oriented care. Join community leaders and recovery advocates in sharing, learning, healing, and growing from issues related to substance abuse and mental health. For more information and to purchase your ticket for the event, visit the official EventBrite [invitation here](#).

San Francisco Bay Area Flyway Festival: The Mare Island Heritage Trust will be hosting the 28th annual San Francisco Bay Area Flyway Festival celebrating the migration of shorebirds, ducks, geese, hawks, and songbirds. After three years, the event is back in-person on Mare Island, **February 10-12** with a virtual festival to be hosted on the group's [Facebook page](#) where more information can be found. The event promises to be held rain or shine!



Rebuilding Together: Boxes full of home safety items will be provided at no cost to veterans, courtesy of Rebuilding Together Solano County. To receive a box, you must fill out a form and show ID to prove veteran status. Around 200 boxes will be available for pickup. A raffle is planned for the event as well. The event will be in the Casagrande room at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall from **10am-2pm on Saturday, March 18, 2023**.

A colorful flyer for a 'Crab Feed' fundraiser. At the top, it says 'BENICIA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL' and 'CRAB FEED'. Below that, it says 'COMMUNITY FUND RAISER'. A large, cartoonish red crab is the central image. A speech bubble from the crab says 'Come join me for a great "me" feed and a fun, fabulous evening!'. Below the crab, it lists 'Fresh Crab - Salad - Pasta - Garlic Bread' and 'Raffle - Bake Sale - Music and Entertainment'. It also says 'Bring your own crab butter' with a small image of a butter stick. The price is '\$75 Per Person'. The date is 'March 25, 2023'. The time is '-5:30 PM No Host Cocktails' and '-7:00 PM Dinner Served'. The location is 'Where: 1150 First Street, Benicia'. It says 'LIMITED TO 200 SEATS!'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets are sold in advance at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall 1150 First Street, Benicia' and 'Contact The Vets Hall at 707-745-1769'. There are logos for Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover, and a 'SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER' logo.

Reminder – Crab Feed fundraiser: Tickets are still available for the crab feed fundraiser at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall! The event is **Saturday, March 25**; doors open at 5:30pm with dinner to be served at 7pm. To view a larger version of the flyer, click [here](#) or read the letter from the hall's secretary [here](#).

Upcoming events in Fairfield

If you're not subscribed to the Special Events in Fairfield page, here's a brief preview of some upcoming events. More information on each can be found [here](#) along with a link to subscribe to the page

- February 11 – Dancing With My Star (for families with children ages 4-12)
- March 9 – Luck O' the Irish Dinner
- March 14 – Stride and Ride (walking or biking trail at Paradise Valley Golf Course)
- March 29 – Dog Daze Picasso Pups
- April 22 - Blues, Brews, & BBQ Cook-off

Events I attended this week

On **Friday January 20th**, I attended the Benicia Chamber of Commerce 76th Annual Installation Dinner and Business of the Year Awards. I enjoy this event because I can see so many friends. The event was held at the Clocktower.

When I am inside the facility, I always think of the history of this Fortress. In 1856 Franklin Callender, the new arsenal commander, requested the money to build a new storehouse. The clock tower material came from Benicia sandstone. I leave the rest of the story for you to uncover.

Thursday January 26th I attended the Solano County Sheriff's Employee Recognition Ceremony. New hires took the oath of office and received a pin. The recognition ranged from promotions, years of service, and performance awards. The event was fun, and I appreciated the family members who attend. I do adore all the children that are able to be present including the 3-week-old (very cute!).

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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