



January 20, 2023 e-Newsletter



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## Be prepared for future tax-based benefits by filing taxes this year – even if you don't owe anything:



With tax season swiftly upon us, it's a good idea to file even if your income is below the filing threshold. This [article from Cal Matters](#) explains that many benefits like stimulus checks and gas refunds are based on tax returns and if you're not filing, you're potentially missing out on these benefits. The article also

includes resources to get free help with your taxes if you meet certain criteria.

### [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

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## A reminder to get your COVID-19 vaccine boosters:

COVID-19 was the third highest cause of death in America in 2021 and continues to affect lives. Help protect yourself and others by staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccine. A joint statement by the CDC and FDA, [summarized by the New York Times](#)



assures that vaccines pose no risk to your health and there is no evidence that any vaccine from any company increases risk of stroke. Find your nearest vaccination site by visiting <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to schedule your free booster today.

## FYI: Sustainable groundwater management

On Wednesday, the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area invited Tim Godwin, a policy advisor for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), to discuss upcoming challenges California may face in making this valuable resource sustainable for the future. Tim talks about what groundwater is and how it's important to California, what SGMA is and what it does, and more. You can [watch a recording](#) of the event for free on YouTube if you'd like to learn more.

**Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

**Area Agency on Aging**

(707) 784-8960

**U.S. Social Security**

(800) 772-1213

## Just published: Fairfield Housing Element Draft

The Housing and Community Development has published its comment letter after reviewing the draft of the Housing Element. [You can read it here](#). Community input is crucial to the planning of housing in Fairfield. If you have any comments on the letter, please send them to Dave Feinstein (dfeinstein@fairfield.ca.gov) by January 25, 2023.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

## Volunteers needed: Martinez refinery white powder leak

If you or someone you know lives near Martinez, Pacheco, or surrounding unincorporated areas, Contra Costa County Health Services is seeking volunteers for an independent investigation and risk assessment on a white-powder leak that occurred at the Martinez refinery on Thanksgiving last year. Apply online at <https://cchealth.org/hazmat/> or by emailing [hazmat.arpteam@cchealth.org](mailto:hazmat.arpteam@cchealth.org). The deadline to apply is January 27. If you need assistance applying, please call 925-655-3200.

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

## Upcoming events in Solano County:



**Fentanyl Town Hall:** The Fairfield-Suisun United School District is hosting three town halls to educate the community on the recent spike in fentanyl overdoses. With drug overdose responsible for one-third of all accidental deaths in the U.S. in 2021 ([SOURCE](#)), learn more about how to recognize and prevent overdoses and fight against the current opioid crisis.

>> Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer.

CRISIS TEX LINE

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

### Annual Crab Feed

**Fundraiser:** Supporting the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall, the annual Crab Feed Fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023; doors open at 5:30pm with dinner to be served at 7pm. The event promises a raffle, bake sale, and live entertainment. All proceeds go to supporting veterans and veterans' programs. If you would like to know more about the event, you can [read the letter](#) from the veteran's hall secretary here. Only 200 seats are available so get your ticket today from the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall!



>> Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer.



**Save the date - NorCal Career Fair:** The Workforce Development Board of Solano County will host the NorCal Career Fair on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Solano Community College. Featured employers and more details to come but at least 60 different businesses will be present.

>> Click [HERE](#) to see the flyer.

## Events I attended:

**Friday, January 13,** I attended the retirement dinner for Dr. Tony Ubalde. The event was held at the Filipina Community Center. My connection with Tony has been through education. He served on the Solano Community College Board from 2004-2008 and on the Vallejo City Unified School District Board of Education from 2011 to 2022. The best part of events like this is hearing all the good stories. I wish you the best, Tony, in the next chapter of your life.

**Saturday January 14,** I attended the service Celebrating the Life of Mayor Harry Price. At the Board of Supervisor's meeting many of us mentioned that speaking after Harry was not what you wanted to do. Harry was a great speaker. At the Celebration, Chuck Timm, a former student of Harry's, stated that here he is the last speaker and now he had to follow the family who were great speakers like their Dad and Grandfather. Many of us smiled and laughed at that comment.

I want to **thank everyone** who worked hard on the event. To the police who were outside in the rain, the city staff who spent hours working to make the event a success, and the members of Mount Calvary Baptist Church who let all of us use their facility: thank you. To Harry's family, thanks for lending your Dad/Grandad to all of us. The City of Fairfield is better because of his leadership.

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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 our website and follow us 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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