



September 15, 2023

**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**



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**National Pow-Mia Recognition Day**

Today, is National Pow-Mia Recognition Day. Please take a moment and reflect on the Americans who served our county and did not come home. Please also remember those Americans who were captured and spent time as a POW. - Monica

**Congrats!**



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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



I wanted to extend a congratulations to Solano Community College President/Superintendent Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., who announced she will be retiring next June. Celia is a staunch supporter of our college students, and it has been a pleasure to work with her to ensure our community continues to have access to quality education.

## Rosh Hashanah

On Friday September 15 at sunset starts Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. To all of our Jewish Community members, I wish all of you a Happy Hebrew year 5784.

## Information this week

### Solano County website redesign

#### 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

**Take the Solano County website redesign community survey  
and tell us how we can make the website work for you!**

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT**

Solano County is upgrading our website, <https://www.SolanoCounty.com>, and we need your input. Please take a short survey to tell us how we can make the Solano County website work for you. The community survey is open now until September 22, 2023.

Take the community survey by scanning  
the QR code with your smartphone  
or by visiting the survey link online at  
<https://ows.io/qs/lmgypwef>



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Take the community survey by scanning the QR code (above) with your smartphone or by clicking [here](#).

## Highway 37 public notice



SCAN TO JOIN THE MEETING

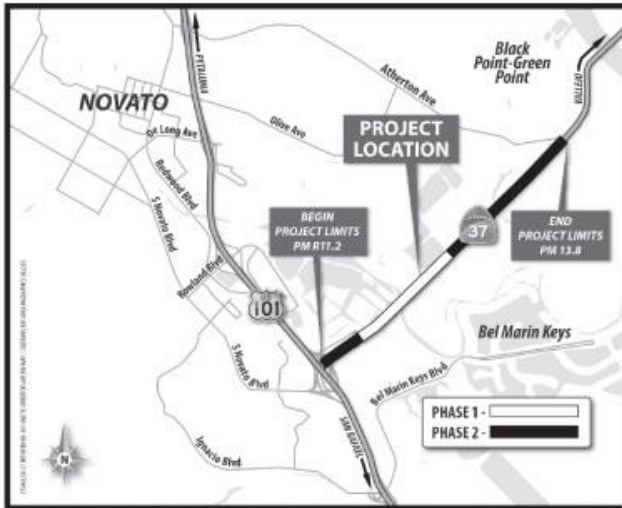


# PUBLIC NOTICE



SCAN TO VIEW 360 TOUR OF ALTERNATIVES

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE STATE ROUTE (SR) 37 FLOOD  
REDUCTION PROJECT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2021110045)**



**WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to reduce flooding from stormwater overtopping and adapt to the projected 2130 sea level rise on SR 37 from Post Mile (PM) R11.2 to 13.8, in Marin County, California. The Project would replace the Novato Creek Bridge and construct a causeway at an elevation of 35 feet in 2 phases. The causeway would extend from U.S. 101 to Atherton Avenue.

Caltrans, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Assessment for the proposed State Route (SR) 37 Flood Reduction Project is available for public review and comment. The document is available through this [link](#).

The proposed Project would be constructed in two phases.

- Phase 1: Caltrans would replace the Novato Creek bridge with a longer structure at the elevation of 35 feet, install two temporary transition bridge structures tied into existing grades, improve two existing local access roads, replace culverts, and regrade an existing drainage channel. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2027.
- Phase 2: Caltrans would construct the rest of the causeway from the 101/37 intersection to Atherton Avenue Undercrossing to an elevation of 35 feet. Caltrans proposes to remove the existing Simonds Slough Bridge, reconstruct the on and offramps at Hanna Ranch Road, Marsh Drive, and Atherton Avenue, install Type 85 barriers, and replace two culverts. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2041, subject to funding availability.

Comments are welcome on the Draft EIR/EA during the 45-day public comment period from August 25 to October 8, 2023, via email to: [SR37FloodProject@dot.ca.gov](mailto:SR37FloodProject@dot.ca.gov), or postal mail to Skylar Nguyen, Caltrans District 4, P.O. Box 23660, MS: 8B, Oakland, CA 94623-0660.

Caltrans will host a hybrid public meeting on **Thursday, September 21 from 6 to 7:30pm**. Community members may participate in the meeting virtually via Webex (<http://bit.ly/3YZzIRP>) or in person at the Margaret Todd Senior Center, 1560 Hill Rd, Novato, CA 94947.

In this meeting, Caltrans will provide an overview of the Project and its purpose and need, the current build alternative, and the potential environmental impacts of the Project.

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## Public notices

### Fire Prevention Week from October 8 to 14

"Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention is the theme for Fire Prevention Week, this October 8 to 14, 2023. This year's focus on cooking safety works to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe.

First of all, how many smoke alarms do you have in your home?

The National Fire Protection Association has some great tips:

- Install alarms on **every** level of the home, especially the kitchen, and yes, the basement, too!

- Install smoke alarms in **every** sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.

- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound!

- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall and at least 10 feet from the stove.

- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms that have strobe lights and bed shakers.

October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week and a great time to assess your supply of smoke alarms. It's a small price to pay for your safety. Look for weekly safety tips on our social media platforms. For more information, visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/>

### Volunteers sought for annual Solano County Coastal Cleanup Day events

Solano County and its cities have partnered, again, with Solano Resource Conservation District to serve as the countywide coordinator for the 39th California Coastal Cleanup Day.



Supporting agencies throughout Solano County are hosting more than 60 cleanup sites for this event that takes place on **Saturday, September 23 from 9am to 12pm**. More than 2,500 local Solano volunteers participate in the countywide Coastal Cleanup Day events every year by converging at creeks, parks, open spaces, city trails and trash hot spots to remove thousands of plastic cigarette filters and thousands of pounds of plastic bottles, single use food containers and wrappers, grocery bags, and more.

For a complete listing of Solano County partners and community cleanups, click [here](#).

## **BENICIA**

Join the city of Benicia and Benicia Litter Pickers for Coastal Cleanup Day. Meet at the Alvarez Ninth Street parking lot on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am to noon to receive supplies and choose your favorite beach, park, or neighborhood to collect litter.

Volunteers are also invited to participate throughout the month by cleaning up their neighborhoods, parks and other local areas. Trash from inland areas flow downstream to the coast, so cleaning up helps prevent marine debris.

For more information, click [here](#).

## **City of Vallejo Housing Element**



The public review draft of the City of Vallejo Housing Element is being released up to October 24 in order for the public to review and provide comments, before it is sent to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Department for its initial review.

The Planning Commission, the Housing and Community Development Commission and the City Council will also each hold public meetings to consider this document. The purpose of each public meeting will be to provide an overview of the public

review draft of the Housing Element, provide an outline for the review process itself, and to ensure that the public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments on document. No action will be taken at any of these meetings.

Written comments on the public review draft of Housing Element Update must be submitted prior to the deadline of October 24, 2023, either via email to [Margaret.Kavanaugh-Lynch@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Margaret.Kavanaugh-Lynch@cityofvallejo.net) or in person or by first class mail to:

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Planning Manager

555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo CA 94590

**The public review draft of the Housing Element may be found in the following locations:**

Here on the City's Website <https://www.myvallejo.com/3eu>

Here on the Solano County Collaborative Website: <https://solhousingelements.com/housing-elements/>

And a physical copy of the document is located on the second floor (planning counter) at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 and may be reviewed during regular hours of Monday through Thursday, 9am to 12pm, and 1 to 3pm.

### **Public Meeting Dates and Locations**

**Planning Commission Date:** September 18 at 7pm.

**Housing and Community Development Commission:** October 5 at 7pm.

**City Council:** October 24 at 7pm

**Each of these meetings are held at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California. Members of the Public will be able to participate in-person or remotely via Zoom.**

A Housing Element is a state required element of a City's General Plan. The Housing Element must be updated every eight years and includes goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that address the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing in city limits. In addition, the Housing Element Update identifies sites appropriate for the development of multifamily housing. The Housing Element Update also includes other amendments necessary to comply with recent changes in State law. Prior to the submittal of the Draft to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review and comment, a Draft Housing Element has been prepared and now available for a 47 day public review and comment period. It is longer than the 30 day mandated public review period so that the community members will have the ability to share their comments at the City Council meeting on October 24, 2023.

## **PROSMP Survey**



An electronic survey has been created to allow Fairfield residents to share their input on what types of park amenities are important, what kinds of recreational programs and activities are desired, and what other things the city should consider as it relates to parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails.

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

## City of Fairfield seeks applications for Measure P Oversight Committee

The City of Fairfield is accepting applications for two seats on the Measure P Oversight Committee. The unexpired term ends June 30, 2028. Applicants must be Fairfield residents and taxpayers. In November 2012, Fairfield voters passed Measure P, a one-cent transaction and use tax ordinance. In November 2016, Fairfield voters extended it through March 31, 2033. The ordinance directs the City Council to establish a five-member oversight committee to review expenditures of revenues collected pursuant to the ordinance.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office at Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, 4th floor. Download the application or request one by mail or email by contacting Deputy City Clerk Esther Beavers at (707) 428-7402 or [cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov). Completed applications may be submitted via mail, email, or in person.

The application deadline is **5pm, Friday, September 29**.

For information, visit [fairfield.ca.gov/measure\\_P](http://fairfield.ca.gov/measure_P). If you need additional information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (707) 428-7402.

## Benicia Lyft rides

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) will pay a portion of your Lyft rides throughout the City of Benicia, and to Springtowne Center in Vallejo. These rides are valid only to specific destinations and between the hours of 6am-9pm for Benicia residents. To qualify you must be an older adult (65+), a veteran, or ADA eligible. If your pickup or drop-off is outside the specified areas, the discount is not valid. More questions? Call the mobility call center: [1-800-535-6883](tel:1-800-535-6883)



## Solano Mobility

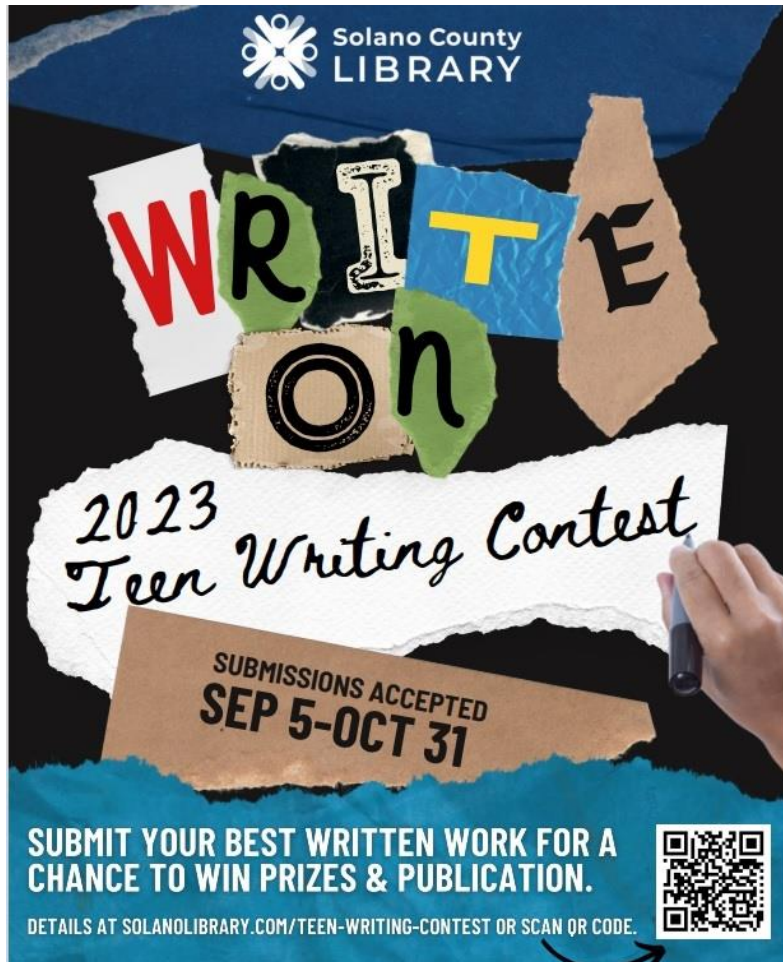
Did you know? Solano Mobility offers a multitude of programs for commuters and travelers who live or work in Solano County. Some programs include:



- **Guaranteed Ride** - If you ride the Solano Express Blue, Green, Red or Yellow Line to travel to work in Solano County, or to travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can receive an Uber Voucher to use if your Solano Express route is cancelled.
- **Amtrak + Lyft** - If you are a resident or employed in Fairfield, Suisun City, or Vacaville, the Amtrak + Lyft Program provides participants a 10-ride Amtrak pass plus 10 free Solano County train station Lyft connections, all for \$20.
- **Guaranteed Ride Home** - If you use a commute alternative like transit, carpool, or vanpool to travel to work in Solano County or travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can get reimbursement for your emergency ride home.
- **Bucks for Bikes** - Do you ride your bike to work? Are you considering it? Solano Mobility offers an incentive that will reimburse 60% of the cost of a new bicycle for commuting up to \$300.

To learn more, click [here](#).

## Teen writing contest



Since 2017, the Solano County Library has held a teen writing contest where local teens are encouraged to submit their best short stories and poems to win

prizes and get published. The contest will return this year **and goes until 11:59pm on October 31.**

Teens who win will get a \$25 gift card and will also have their work published in the 2024 Write On Magazine which will come out in the fall of 2024.

For more information, click [here](#).

## Write a poem to an art piece

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce, in collaboration with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association, invites the community to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit "*Out of the Box.*" Exhibition dates: September 30 – November 4. Art reception and poetry reading is happening on **Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 6pm.** at the Solano Town Center Gallery, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D-8 (Inside the Solano Town Center Mall).

Art can be seen at the Gallery or at [Solano Town Center Gallery | fsvaa \(fvaa-arts.org\)](#)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of art on the poem by **5 p.m. on October 12** at: [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com). Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

## Plan Bay Area 2050+

Plan Bay Area 2050 is a 30-year regional plan that charts a course for a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all residents through 2050 and beyond.

Community input is crucial for this plan. There will be four total engagement rounds over the course of the [Plan Bay Area 2050+ planning process](#), with a tentative plan adoption date scheduled for Fall 2025:

- Round 1 (ongoing, Summer-Fall 2023): Draft Blueprint development
- Round 2 (Spring 2024): Final Blueprint development
- Round 3 (Fall 2024/Winter 2025): Implementation Plan development
- Round 4 (Spring 2025-Summer 2025): Draft Plan/EIR public comment period; Implementation Plan Partnership Phase

Specifically with respect to the current Round 1 engagement period, remaining opportunities include:

A [webinar and Q&A](#) scheduled for **Thursday, October 19, from 1-3pm.**

The subject of this webinar will focus on the core planning and technical assumptions that will inform the development of the plan, including our Regional Growth Forecast, work-from-home projections, as well as financial needs and revenue forecasts, among other areas. Registration is not required; a webinar

ID, passcode, and option to add an invite to your calendar are available at the link above.

"Office Hours" opportunities over the month of September and October. Appointments for focused discussions on each of the four plan elements are available, or you can book an appointment for more general Plan Bay Area 2050+ discussions. See the link above to view availability by plan element and book your appointment.

Please email [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org) with questions about office hours.

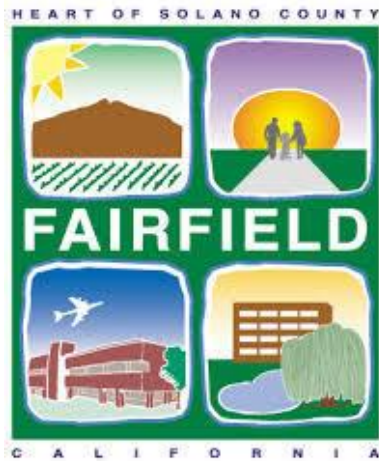
These "Office Hours" provide an opportunity to meet on a 1-on-1 basis or in a small group setting directly with MTC/ABAG staff, to discuss topics or priorities of most interest to you and your organization, as relate to the Draft Blueprint phase.

Written comments are also welcome by email to [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org), or by mail to MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105

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## Updates from around Solano County

### Fairfield energizes first pilot public EV charging site



The City of Fairfield announce that its first pilot public EV charging site is now open and available for use. The four 50kW DC fast chargers are located in the Allan Witt Sports Complex parking lot and are capable of simultaneous charging.

The City partnered with EVCS to install a total of 31 DC Fast chargers and 27 Level 2 chargers across eight strategic locations: three downtown, two at park-and-rides, and three at community parks. All chargers will be powered by 100 percent renewable energy and will allow commuters the opportunity to fast charge their vehicles throughout Fairfield, gaining about 100 miles of range after only 30

minutes of charging. Six of the eight locations will feature Level 2 chargers designed for longer charging sessions.

These charging stations are the result of an ongoing collaboration between the City, EVCS, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

## Solano Period Project

**Menstrual Hygiene is a Human Right**

Help us provide period products to Solano County residents in need. All products collected are distributed to shelters and community organizations in our county.

<p>Make a donation &amp; we will purchase the products</p>	<p>Purchase products directly from our Amazon wishlist</p>	<p>Help us spread the word &amp; reach out if you want to be involved</p> <p><a href="mailto:FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com">FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com</a></p>
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The Solano Period Project is a joint endeavor between the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and our partner non-profit the Friends of the Solano Commission.

The Solano Commission for Women and Girls is working with Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and with the help of the Friends of the Solano Commission to [collect donations](#) and period products through an [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help out individuals in our county who are experiencing homelessness.

For more information, email [FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com)

## Restaurant Week coming in October

Love food? Then you're in for a treat this October. Mark your calendars for Restaurant Week in the city of Fairfield **from October 1-7**. During the week, restaurants throughout Fairfield will be featuring special deals, menu items, and discounts for you to enjoy at no charge.

For a full list of participating restaurants (updated daily), click [here](#).

## STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee has open positions

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Pedestrian Advisory Committee is currently looking for members to represent the following:

City of Dixon  
City of Vacaville  
City of Suisun City  
County of Solano  
Member-at-Large  
Member-at Large (Solano Community College)

The STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) advises the STA on the development of pedestrian facilities as an active mode of transportation in Solano County. The PAC is responsible for making funding recommendations for Solano Countywide pedestrian projects and participates in the development and review of comprehensive pedestrian plans. Each of the seven (7) cities (Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo); County of Solano; Three (3) Members-at-Large. The PAC generally meets on the first Thursday of each even month.

To apply for any of the open positions, find the form [here](#) and email to the STA staff lead for the PAC - Associate Planner, Kathrina Gregana, at [kgregana@sta.ca.gov](mailto:kgregana@sta.ca.gov)

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Trash Mob

The City of Fairfield will be hosting a "Trash Mob" Community Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, September 16 from 9 to 11am**, on Lopes Road (across from the Arco AM/PM gas station at 105 Lopes Road along the chain link fence).

Participants will be removing trash along the fence line. Snacks and water will be provided during the morning safety brief! The City of Fairfield 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](mailto:krees@fairfield.ca.gov).

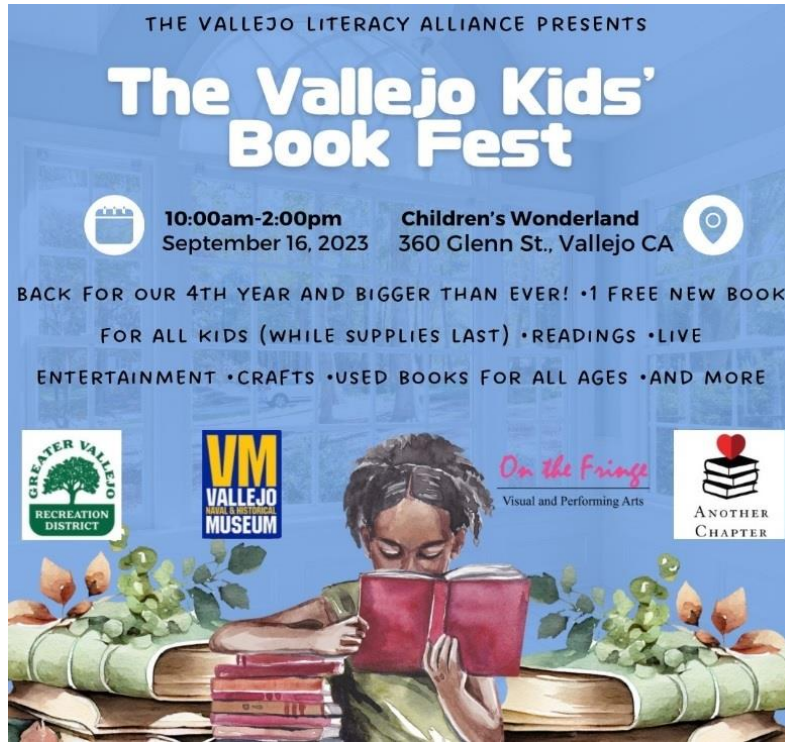
### Get the Rush!

Visit Rush Ranch for a morning of free and educational outdoor activities from **10am to 12:30pm, Saturday September 16**. Attractions include the blacksmith shop, marsh walks, and Rush Ranch Outfitters.



While the event runs two hours, the park is open to the public until sunset. Rush Ranch is located at Rush Ranch, 3521 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun City.

## Vallejo Kids' Book Fest



The Vallejo Literacy Alliance will host the Vallejo Kids' Book Fest from **10am to 2pm, Saturday, September 16** at Children's Wonderland, 360 Glenn Street, Vallejo.

Each child will receive a free book (while supplies last). There will be readings, live entertainment, crafts and used books for all ages.

This event is held in Partnership with: [Greater Vallejo Recreation District](#), [Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum](#), [On the Fringe Visual and Performing Arts](#), and [Another Chapter](#).

## The Belle of Amherst



The Benicia Public Library will host a special performance of *The Belle of Amherst* by William Luce, starring Shiv Harris, directed by Carlene Coury, on **Saturday, September 16 at 2pm**, at the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street.

This one-woman show depicting the life of Emily Dickinson opened on Broadway in 1976. The performance at the Library will be a shortened version of the original. The

performance will take place in front of the fireplace at the west end of the Library.

## Solano Connected Digital Equity Consortium Kick-Off



Tech Exchange and Solano County invite the community to the Solano County Connected Digital Equity Consortium Kick Off from **9:30am to noon, Tuesday, September 19**, at the *Joseph A Nelson Community Center, 611 Village Drive, Suisun City*.

The kick-off will include Solano County representatives sharing key updates about digital equity initiatives throughout the state. Speakers include: Ulises Zatarain, Executive Director Tech Exchange, Patrick Messac, Director of #OaklandUndivided, and Anne O, Chief Management Officer, California Emerging Technology Foundation.

To register, click [here](#).

## Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia will open a new exhibition this month, *Shadow*, juried by Renny Pritikin. Each of the approximately 75 artworks in this show utilize shadow in a prominent way. Members and participating artists are invited to themember preview on **Thursday, September 21, from 6 to 7pm with the public opening reception on Saturday, September 23, from 4 to 6pm**, with Skillet Licorice providing musical entertainment! Please mark your calendars. The exhibition runs through October 29.

There will be opportunities to get involved with Arts Benicia during the November sale of Mark Untener’s exquisite ceramic artwork; and the December Holiday Spirits social event; and opportunities for artists – our calls for entry for Properties of Water and the Carquinez Review.

The Arts Benicia gallery is located at 1 Commandant’s Lane, Benicia, in the **Commanding Officer’s Quarters**, in the historic Benicia Arsenal. Gallery hours are **Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm**. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of our town’s history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers **art classes for adults**, many of which are open to beginners. As summer provides more free time for fun and creativity, consider

checking out the new classes listed on our website. For our full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes>

**Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia?** The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of our programs. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing us at [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org)

**Inquiries?** Email us at: [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org) or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

## Touro University California's Success with Diabetes September 2023 session



The Diabetes Services at Touro University California will provide a free weekly program to help you learn how to live a healthier life with diabetes starting **September 22**. In this free

interactive 6-session program, you will learn how to understand your lab values, medication management, and exercises of all skill and age levels. To register, click [here](#). For more information, email [mramsey2@touro.edu](mailto:mramsey2@touro.edu) or call (707) 638-5970

## Junk in the Trunk

The City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its biannual "Junk in the Trunk" event on **Saturday, September 30 from 9am to 12pm** in the Fairfield Community Center Parking Lot at 1000 Kentucky Street.

Community members are encouraged to bring their goods to the community garage sale or buy some treasures! Junk in the Trunk will serve as a space where people in the community can bring their household items to sell right out of the trunk of their car. Seller fees are \$30 for two parking spots or \$55 for three spots. General admission is free to the public.

For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## Glen Cove summer gathering



Summer is almost over! And the Glen Cove Community Association is hosting a community gathering to celebrate and usher in Fall. The event will include live music, food trucks, and the opportunity to build community and camaraderie with Glen Cove neighbors.

Bring your family, your friends, and your picnic gear and join us for a fun way to wind down the summer! The event is taking place at the grassy open space right after the entrance to Glen Cove Waterfront Park located off Whitesides Drive from **2 to 6pm, Sunday, October 1.**

RSVP with your full name, #of adults over 21, # of children attending [here](#)

**Plant sale**



The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is having its fall native plant sale on-line to the general public, from **October 3 to 9** with pickup locations in Benicia and Fairfield.

A link to the on-line store and a list of plants available for purchase will be posted on the homepage the Chapter's website [www.jepson.cnps.org](http://www.jepson.cnps.org) and Facebook

page [www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON](https://www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON). All plants are grown at the Chapter's nursery in Vallejo.

On-line customers must agree to pick up their plants on **Saturday, October 14**, anytime between **10am and 2pm** at either pick-up location. Email your questions to [contact@jepson.cnps.org](mailto:contact@jepson.cnps.org)

Plants still available after the close of the on-line sale will be available for purchase at the Benicia pickup location, 1400 East 2nd Street, on **October 14, 10am to 2pm**.

## Fairfield to host Compost Giveaway Day

The City of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 7** at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield. No appointment is necessary; however, proof of residency is required. Master Gardeners from the UCCE Solano will also be onsite to provide residents with information about compost uses and other horticultural tips and tricks.



The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents are asked to bring their own containers to fill up and take home. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for residents to use. No limit on compost while supplies last.

For questions related to the Compost Giveaway Day or for general questions regarding solid waste and recycling, contact the Fairfield Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division at (707) 428-7528.

## Annual Sunday Supper



# Sunday Supper

OCTOBER 8, 2023

JOYFUL RANCH  
4:00PM - 7:00PM

LIVE MUSIC | DINNER | AUCTION

Multi-course dinner by Chef Lindsey Chelini of Backdoor Bistro  
Complimentary wine and beer provided by the Suisun Valley Vintners  
Exclusive auction items from Solano County purveyors

Individual tickets: \$155     Table for 8 people: \$1,200

For more information, visit [solanolandtrust.org](http://solanolandtrust.org)  
or email Michelle Dickey at [michelle@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:michelle@solanolandtrust.org)



The Solano Land Trust will host its annual Sunday Supper from **4 to 7pm, Sunday October 8** at Joyful Ranch in Pleasants Valley, 8212 Pleasants Valley Road in Vacaville.

The evening will be filled with uplifting stories, project updates, dessert, exclusive live and silent auctions. In addition, you also have the opportunity to sponsor "Put a Child on the Land".

**To purchase tickets, click [here](#).** For more information, contact Laura Livadas at [laura@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:laura@solanolandtrust.org) or call at (707) 718-4444.

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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, September 8,** I spent the morning at Rancho Solano to help with the golf tournament event being held by Solano Community College Athlete Department to raise funds for the sports program. The morning weather was cool. It was fun to see old friends and enjoy being outside. Remember, our students still need our support. If you can, attend a game. Currently, women's soccer and volleyball are the sports being played.

**Saturday, September 9,** I had the pleasure of attending AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY held at the Fairfield Civic Center Library. The event was hosted by Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce. Ms. Bruce was able to feature California's Poet laureate, Lee Herrick. It was a pleasure to hear Mr. Herrick. He read many of his own pieces and a robust Q&A was held. The reading ended with Mr. Herrick reading his piece **My California**. Please look it up and read it. It is a very moving piece.

**Monday, September 11,** I attended the moving tribute of this day in Benicia. There is something very solemn when seeing all the flags with the pictures and information of many firefighters who died that day. A few of us talked about what we were doing that day 22 years ago. I think about our history and wonder did those folks who were alive when Pearl Harbor happen and 22 years later, reflect that the generation they see in school, church, grocery stores understand the significance of that day. As the last 22 years have flown by, we need to let this group of young adults know the significance of this day.

**Tuesday, September 12,** I attend the Fairfield City Council meeting. The city is still working on the General Plan. When you read Fairfield Forward 2050, that is the General Plan. If you can, watch the council meeting. There is a lot happening. <https://fairfield.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=5301&MeetingID=369>

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## Newsletter photo

9-11 Ceremony in the city of Benicia. Photo: Monica Brown.

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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.