



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**November 3, 2023**



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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

**Veterans Day**



**Assessor/Recorder**

(707) 784-6200

**Resource Management**

(707) 784-6765

**Registrar of Voters**

(707) 784-6675

**Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

The Solano County Administrative Center, along with local libraries, will be closed county will be closed on **Friday, November 10** in observance of Veterans Day.

**Area Agency on Aging**

**2023 Veterans Day ceremonies**



The city of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department is in full swing planning the 2023 Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Fairfield. This year's parade theme is "Saluting America's Veterans" and is sponsored by VW and BMW of Fairfield.

The parade will **begin at 12:30 pm on Saturday, November 11**, with a flyover from our Travis Air Force Base. The route will travel down Kentucky Street to Great Jones

then turn up Texas Street to Washington.

The Commemoration Ceremony and Concert, hosted by Travis Air Force Base and conducted by

The Fairfield/Suisun City American Legion Reams Post 182 will kick off the festivities at **10am inside the Downtown Theatre located at 1035 Texas Street**. Admission to both events is free and open to the public.

Those interested in participating in the parade, or have questions regarding the activities, contact Special Events Coordinator, Juan Segura at [jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov) or (707) 428-7584.

**Volunteers are needed from 10am to 2pm** to serve as parade pacers and/or parade ambassadors. Contact Program Coordinator Karen Rees at [krees@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:krees@fairfield.ca.gov) or (707) 428-7767.

## Six Flags honors Veterans



**From Friday, November 10 to Sunday, November 12**, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom will honor and celebrate all who served. Veterans, active duty and retired military personnel will be given complimentary park admission with valid military ID.

Veterans, active duty and retired military personnel are eligible to receive complimentary park admission. Family of veterans, active duty and retired military personnel are eligible to receive: \$19.99 park admission (up to 4 in group)

(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

Valid Military ID required, and all redemptions will take place at the front gate.

The park is open 12 to 6pm. For more information, click [here](#).

## Vallejo Veterans events



The city of Vallejo will host a Veterans Day Ceremony, at **11am on Saturday, November 11**, Behind Vallejo City Hall, 3 Capitol Street.

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the Mare Island Naval Cemetery on **Sunday, November 12, at 11am**, 167 O'Hara Court on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

## TB exposure

Contra Costa Health Department has a message. If you have gone to California Grand Casino in Martinez since 2018, you have been exposed to TB. CC's health department is urging you to get tested.

## Information this week

### Change Your Clocks and Check Your Smoke Alarm Batteries



Remember to move your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5! Take the opportunity to change your smoke alarm batteries. Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery

is low, replace the battery right away. When replacing a battery, follow the manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.

## Solano County Fair Association seeks CEO



The Solano County Fair Association Board of Directors announced it is looking for a new chief executive officer.

The Board sees this as an opportunity to recruit a visionary and experienced CEO who is passionate about fostering community engagement, making a positive impact on the health and well-being of the Solano County communities,

serving as a refuge in times of emergency, and creating unforgettable memories and experiences for the people of Solano County, the association announced in a press release.

To view the announcement, click [here](#).

The closing date for receiving applications is Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

## Service Academy nominations



Congressman John Garamendi is accepting service academy nominations through to December 1.

Every year, Congressman Garamendi is able to nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies:

- U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY;
- U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD;
- U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), Colorado Springs, CO;
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, NY.

If you are interested in joining the brave men and women who selflessly serve our country, Congressman Garamendi's Office is

encouraging you to learn more about the nomination process by clicking [here](#).

## Unpaid Tolls and Penalties in the Bay Area? Find Solutions Here!



The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified Housing Authorities to alert low-income families about the Bay Area Toll Payment Plan initiated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) in August.

This plan will aid eligible individuals in settling outstanding toll debt, preventing DMV holds on vehicle registration. In addition, penalty waivers are available to all drivers. The Bay Area Toll Payment Plan is accessible to drivers who have used Bay Area bridges or express lanes and owe at least \$100 in tolls, violation penalties, and DMV fees after any applied waivers.

Detailed income and application requirements can be found by clicking [here](#). To request a waiver or inquire about overdue toll violations, call 877-BAY-TOLL.

## New USPS address change policy customers should know about

[The United States Postal Service](#) (USPS) has implemented a new address verification policy, which can be done online, in person at a retail office, or by mail. To read more, click [here](#).

## A shortage of teachers for computer science classes puts California near the bottom of a national instruction ranking

Only 40% of California high schools offer computer science classes. A new law aims to make it easier to certify computer science teachers. To read more, click [here](#).

## Federal Funding Account Objection Period Notice

The Objection Period for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Federal Funding Account's first application window opened on Monday, October 23 and will close on **November 20, 2023, at 5**



**p.m.** Pacific Standard Time. The Federal Funding Account's main webpage will display a link to the [Broadband Grant Portal's](#) Objection page.

During the Objection Period, interested parties may review Federal Funding Account application project summaries and submit objections. An objection must meet the criteria in [Decision 22-04-055](#), Appendix A, section 12, including identifying and discussing errors of fact, policy, or statutory requirements that the application has contravened.

Responses to objections are due at 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, 28 days from the service date of any objection. Responses to objections should provide evidence refuting the objection, including identifying and discussing errors of fact, policy, or statutory requirements in the objection.

All objections and responses must be made through the [Broadband Grant Portal](#), which will serve notice of the objection or response to the California Advance Services Fund distribution list. Interested entities should consider adding the Broadband Grant Portal email, [noreply@salesforce.com](mailto:noreply@salesforce.com), to their safe senders list.

An objection or response made outside the Broadband Grant Portal or after the deadline will not be considered. Further information on the objection process is available in the Federal Funding Account's [Administration Manual](#). Instructions on how to use the Portal are available in the [Broadband Portal User Guide](#).

The Federal Funding Account, established in accordance with [Senate Bill 156](#) (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021), is a vital part of our \$2 billion grant program. Stay informed by subscribing to updates about the CPUC's broadband funding programs [here](#).

For immediate questions or concerns, please email: [federalfundingaccount@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:federalfundingaccount@cpuc.ca.gov).

## Where to Stream all the Peanuts Holiday specials this Fall



It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown! As the holiday season rolls around, everyone's favorite gang is coming back to the screen to celebrate the festivities in October, November and December. For more

information, click [here](#).

## Medicare Open Enrollment

From now until December 7, those already enrolled in Medicare can make changes to their current health plan and those who now qualify can enroll. Existing health and drug plans can make

changes to their cost, coverage, and provider/pharmacy network each year, so it's important to review which plans best fit your needs.

If you make less than \$22,000 per year (\$30,000 for married couples), you may qualify for "Medicare Part D Extra Help." This program could cut your Medicare Part D drug costs to no more than \$4.15 for generic prescriptions and \$10.35 for brand-name drug prescriptions.

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

## Wreaths

Benicia Main Street Fundraiser is selling wreaths. Sherwood Forest Farms is the company. Phone (707) 745-9791. [www.sherwoodforestfarms.com](http://www.sherwoodforestfarms.com)

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## Public hearings

### Link21 virtual office hour

Link21 will host a virtual office hour to allow the community to ask Link21 Team members questions about the Link21 Program and these important topics. The office hour will be from **6 to 7pm, Monday, November 6**.

To register, click [here](#).

Link21 is a long-range transportation program sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridor) to transform the train network serving the 21-county Northern California Megaregion, which includes the greater San Francisco Bay Area, the Monterey Bay area, the Sacramento area, and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

The office hour will be from **6 to 7pm, Monday, November 6**. To register, click [here](#).

To request American Sign Language and other accommodations, email [inquiries@Link21Program.org](mailto:inquiries@Link21Program.org) or call 855-905-Link (5465) at least three days in advance of the meeting date.

## Faster Freeways – Exploring the Potential of Pricing

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will conduct a [public webinar](#) as part of the [Next Generation Bay Area Freeways Study](#),

which seeks to better understand the feasibility of all-lane tolling on freeways with robust parallel transit in 2035.

The webinar will present two future scenarios of the Bay Area – one with freeway pricing, and one without. Participants will then weigh in on the tradeoffs between those two scenarios and provide feedback on potential pricing strategies and complementary strategies that could be funded with freeway toll revenue.

**Webinar Information** There will be two opportunities to attend the virtual event live. Both presentations will be the same, so participants need only attend one webinar.

- **Webinar #1** Tuesday, November 7 from 12 to 1:30pm. [Participate on Zoom](#) Webinar ID: 824 4356 6350 Passcode: 075326 Phone: (408) 638-0968
- **Webinar #2** Wednesday, November 8 from 5 to 6:30pm. [Participate on Zoom](#) Webinar ID: 872 8030 7682 Passcode: 930760 Phone: (408) 638-0968

No registration is required in order to attend. Public input will be used to further refine the study's analysis before a final recommendation is presented to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in 2024.

For those who cannot attend live, a video recording will be posted to [www.mtc.ca.gov/FasterFreeways](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/FasterFreeways). Feedback and questions can be submitted by emailing [info@bayareametro.gov](mailto:info@bayareametro.gov).

## Implementation Working Group (IWG) Plenary Meeting for Building Appliances



**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** On March 15, 2023, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District adopted amendments to [Rule 9-4: Nitrogen Oxides from Fan Type Residential Central Furnaces](#) and [Rule 9-6: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Boilers and Water Heaters](#).

These rules govern point of sale emission standards for small, typically residential and commercial, water and space heating systems.

Space and water-heating appliances generate a large portion of nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from sources in the Bay Area. NOx is formed during natural gas combustion when ambient nitrogen and oxygen combine at high temperatures. The amendments will substantially reduce NOx emissions from these appliances and therefore secondary particulate matter formation. The implementation of these rule amendments will be a multiyear effort, spanning from 2024 to 2031.

As part of the amendments, the Air District has convened the Implementation Working Group (IWG). The IWG is comprised of over 40 invited stakeholders representing a variety of stakeholder



segments. The purpose of the IWG is to provide input to Air District staff's periodic reports to the Board of Directors on the implementation of the Building Appliances Rules and to provide the Air District staff with insights on the technical readiness of the market and equitable transition to compliant appliances, so as to not unduly burden any income class or professional group. As such, the IWG provides a forum for invited members to discuss technical and equity aspects of implementing the Building Appliances Rules.

The third IWG plenary meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 7 from 1 to 4pm** virtually via Zoom. Members of the public may attend in listen-only mode with the opportunity to provide public comments at the end of the meeting. To attend the meeting please [use this link](#).

A meeting agenda can be accessed in advance of the meeting on the [Building Appliances](#) web page. IWG meetings will be held on a quarterly basis and notifications will be sent out prior to each meeting.

Simultaneous interpretation is available upon request at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting date. For language interpretation, contact Anna Lee at [alee@baaqmd.gov](mailto:alee@baaqmd.gov), or (415) 852-1445.

Para información en español, llame al (415) 749-4609

中文聯絡電話 (415) 749-4609

Nói Tiếng Việt xin gọi (415) 749-4609

## Benicia Parks, Trails, Open Space Master Plan



The city of Benicia began the process of updating the 1997 Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan in 2021. After extensive community input, the Parks and Community Services Department has completed a draft of the Master Plan for public review.

The document is in its final form regarding recommendations provided by the community for improvements to the parks, trails and open space system. The draft was presented to the Parks, Recreation, and

Cemetery Commission on Oct. 18, 2023, at which time public input on the draft was welcomed.

The document will go back to the Commission in January 2024. In the interim, the community is welcome to review the draft and provide comment for consideration by the Commission. [Submit comments here](#).

The deadline to submit a comment is December 10, 2023.

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## Updates from around Solano County

### City closer to selecting engineering firm for Lopes Road Project



In mid-March, the hillside west of Lopes Road became saturated from the series of winter rainstorms, causing a failure that affected the city of Benicia's water supply line and other underground utilities. The city of Fairfield is partnering with Benicia to receive financial support through public assistance grants. Both cities are also working to ensure that the restoration is completed in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

In August, Fairfield requested a proposal soliciting design and engineering services to restore the Lopes Road hillside, roadway, and underground utilities and received two proposals in September, both of which were evaluated by staff from both cities. Staff is currently awaiting approval from both city councils in December.

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

## Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging Request for Proposals

The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging is excited to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) to support services to seniors and disabled adults. Services include senior nutrition, case management, transportation, visiting, ombudsman, legal assistance, home care assistance, emergency aid and assistance.

The deadline for proposal submission is January 17, 2024 at 5pm.

For more details or to apply to the RFP, click [here](#). Contact Nesmith Despabiladeras at [nadespadilaeras@solanocounty.com](mailto:nadespadilaeras@solanocounty.com) or at (707) 784-6322 for any questions.

## Touro University California's National DPP Lifestyle Change Program



**NATIONAL DPP LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM**

The National DPP (Diabetes Prevention Program) Lifestyle Change Program is a **FREE** 1-year program proven to reduce your risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

**Distance-Learning Program**  
Come join us!

Register before **Nov 4th, 2023**  
Sessions **Saturdays 10am**

Click the link to find the registration form:  
<https://linktr.ee/diabetestuca>

Or scan the QR code with your phone!

Please contact us if you have any questions:  
Phone: 707.638.5970 or  
Email: [alee26@touro.edu](mailto:alee26@touro.edu)

Are you at **RISK** for Diabetes?  
Do you have **Pre-Diabetes**?  
Did you have **Gestational Diabetes**?  
If **YES** - this program is for **YOU!**

- ✓ This group program focuses on healthy eating, increasing physical activity, reducing stress, problem solving and losing a modest amount of weight.
- ✓ Reduce your risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke!
- ✓ Available throughout Solano County



Touro's Diabetes Research Education and Management (DREAM) Team is offering a free 1-year program proven to reduce your risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

The program focuses on healthy eating, increasing physical activity, reducing stress, problem solving and losing a modest amount of weight.

**Register before Saturday, November 4.** Sessions are virtual and on Saturdays at 10am. To register, click [here](#).

For questions, reach out to [alee26@touro.edu](mailto:alee26@touro.edu) or call (707) 638-5970.

**National Homeless Awareness Week – Clothing Collection Drive**

**National Homeless Awareness Week**  
November 13th - 17th

# CLOTHING DROP OFF

Accepting new or gently used jackets, coats, pants, hats, socks, gloves, hoodies, and thermals for men, women and children

**Collecting Dates:**

<b>Monday November 13, 2023</b> 355 Tuolumne St., Vallejo Multi-Purpose Room 2109 9:30AM - 12pm	<b>Tuesday November 14, 2023</b> 1119 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville Conf. Room 1-101 9:30AM - 12pm	<b>Thursday November 16, 2023</b> 275 Beck Ave., Fairfield HSS-Green Room 9:30AM-12PM
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**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 20 JACKETS!**

**More Information**  
Andrea Franco  
afranco@solanocounty.com



Solano Public Health's Determinants of Health Program is hosting a clothing donation drop-off for the unhoused community during National Homeless Awareness Week from November 13 to 17.

Help support the program reach their goal of collecting 20 jackets! They will be accepting *new or gently used* jackets, coats, pants, hats, socks, gloves, hoodies and thermals for men, women and children. For questions, contact Andrea Franco at [afranco@solanocounty.com](mailto:afranco@solanocounty.com).

Dropoff locations:

**9:30am to noon, Monday November 13,** 355 Tuolumne St. Vallejo, CA Multi-Purpose Room 2109

**9:30am to noon, Tuesday, November 14,** E. Monte Vista., Vacaville, CA Conference Room 1-101

9:30am to noon, Thursday, November 16, 275 Beck Ave.,  
Fairfield, CA HSS-Green Room

## Meet the Doula Night



SOLANO HEALS  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

www.douladoula.org | info@douladoula.org  
Supporting birthing and postpartum families in Solano County and the surrounding areas

**MEET THE DOULA NIGHT**  
LOCATION: KAISER VALLEJO @ 975 SERENO DR, VALLEJO, CA 94589  
(ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN CONFERENCE ROOM 8+9)

**JOIN US NOVEMBER 16, 2023  
AT 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

WE WILL BE SHOWING A CLIP OF A SHORT FILM THAT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DAVON CRAWFORD, IS FEATURED IN CALLED "BORN FOR THIS"

SCAN TO REGISTER

OR CLICK TO REGISTER

<https://www.douladoula.org/learn-the-doula-care-tips-2023-11-16/>  
<https://www.douladoula.org/learn-the-doula-care-tips-2023-11-16/>

Logos for Aliados Health, FIRST5 SOLANO, SOLANO PUBLIC HEALTH, and SOLANO HEALS.

Solano Public Health’s Solano HEALS, in partnership with Doula Doula, Aliados Health, First 5 Solano, will host a Meet the Doula Night at Kaiser Vallejo on **Thursday, November 16, from 5:30 to 7:30pm**, Kaiser Vallejo, 975 Sereno Drive, Vallejo – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Conference Room 8&9.

Join for an evening of mingling and getting to know doulas who can support you during your pregnancy and birth journey. For more information, email [info@douladoula.org](mailto:info@douladoula.org).

To register, click [here](#).

## In-Person IHSS Career Pathways courses in Solano County



Daily homecare providers will have a chance to attend free trainings at Solano Community College from November 14 to November 30.

Courses offered are:

- [CPR and First Aid](#)
- [Body Mechanics, Heavy Transfers, and Mechanical Lifts](#)
- [Personal Care for a Consumer Confined to a Bed](#)

Each course is 6.5 hours in length and is free. If you're an IHSS certified homecare provider, you're eligible to receive compensation for completing each course.

## Volunteer opportunities for Sister City



The city of Fairfield is continuing its tradition of student exchanges with Sister City Nirasaki Japan this winter.

Fairfield is seeking volunteers to participate in the Sister City Committee to assist with planning the annual exchanges and possibly host students and chaperones.

Students from Nirasaki Japan will be visiting in early December, and the Sister City Committee will meet virtually on Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm, October through December to prepare for and manage their visit.

For more information about joining the Sister City Committee or hosting students, send an email to Anna Guiles:

[aguiles@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:aguiles@fairfield.ca.gov), or visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/sistercity](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/sistercity).

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Garage Sale



The Mensa Christi Ministry at St. Catherine of Siena Parish will host a garage sale from **10am to 3pm on Saturday, November 4**, by the Church trailers in front of the school gym, 3450 Tennessee Street in the city of Vallejo.

The event will be cash only, and all proceeds will go towards purchasing hygiene care kits and toiletries for the homeless.

For more information, please contact Helen Dris: (707) 853-0206.

## Teen Paint Night



Web: [solanolibary.com](http://solanolibary.com)  
Phone: 1-866-87-ASKUS  
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram icons followed by [solanolibary](http://solanolibary)

# TEEN PAINT NIGHT WITH INSTRUCTOR RHEA

Teens, join us for a fun-filled painting event  
with instructor Rhea Gardner!

Supplies and a canvas will be provided for each teen!  
Sign up now before spots are full!

\*Registration opens October 8.

FAIRFIELD CIVIC  
CENTER LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
4:00 PM

For more information go to [solanolibary.com/events](http://solanolibary.com/events)



Is your teenager looking for great fun for free? The Solano County Library is hosting a teen paint night at **4pm, on Wednesday November 8**, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street. Supplies will be provided.

To register, click [here](#).

## Veteran Business Resources Fair

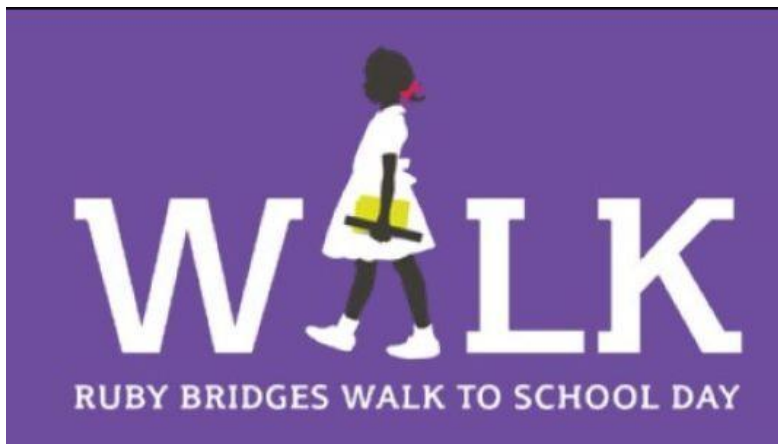


No matter where you are on your entrepreneurial journey, there are government resources for veterans like you.

Network with leaders from the Solano-Napa Small Business Development Center, Veterans Business Outreach Center, and the Small Business Administration (SBA) during a Veteran Resource Fair on **Thursday, November 9, from 10am to noon**, in the Harry Price Conference Room at the Daily Desk, 490 Chadbourne Road, in Fairfield.

Preregistration is encouraged. To register, click [here](#).

## Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day



On **Tuesday, November 14**, the school children of Benicia and their parents are invited to participate in the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.

Who is Ruby Bridges? Why are we walking to school for her? Come find out on Sunday, November 12 at 2pm., as the Benicia Public Library invites children, families, teens, and adults of all ages to the launch of a new program series: "We Are All Related." **The library is located at 150 East L Street.**

The inaugural "We Are All Related" event will celebrate Ruby

Bridges and help children get ready for the annual Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.

Six-year-old Ruby Bridges stepped into the history books November 14, 1960, when she became one of the first students to integrate William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. Since 2018, students have celebrated Ruby's courage by walking to school making Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day the perfect opportunity to teach children about the civil rights movement and make connections to our ongoing, collective efforts to end racism.

## Benicia virtual town hall meeting



The city of Benicia is beginning work on a new strategic plan. On **Tuesday, November 14 at 5pm**, the Benicia City Council will host a special meeting to determine approximately five Strategic Goals to serve as guideposts for the alignment of all City programs.

Please log into the virtual community open house at 6pm using [this link](#). It is recommended that guests join the meeting on a computer as staff will be sharing a visual presentation, offering polling questions, and taking questions through the chat function. However, if you would like to listen into the meeting via phone you can do so by calling 1(253) 205-0468 and using meeting ID: 811 2405 1184.

If you have any questions about the strategic planning process, contact Tommy Conkling at Moss Adams via email at [tommy.conkling@mossadams.com](mailto:tommy.conkling@mossadams.com).

## NorthBay to offer grief support during the holidays



The holiday season can be a time of grief, when remembering the loss of loved ones. To assist people having such feelings, NorthBay Hospice & Bereavement will hold grief-support meetings during this challenging time.

The "Grief During the Holidays" support series, via Zoom, will be held from **6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings Nov. 14 through Dec. 19.**

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to join the group, which are free and open to all. However, space is limited.



Registration is required. Email [RobinHunt@NorthBay.org](mailto:RobinHunt@NorthBay.org), or call (707) 646-3517.

## Dog Daze in Cordelia Community Park

The city of Fairfield's Parks & Recreation Department will host their upcoming Dog Daze event at the Cordelia Dog Park, 1300 Gold Hill Road, Fairfield from **10 to 11am on Wednesday, November 15**.

Dogs in sweaters! Do we need to say more? Put your pup's best winter gear on and come out to the park! Socialize with other owners while your pup gets to play.

This event is free and open to the public! For more information, visit our website at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events)

## Vallejo Police Department Town Hall



The Vallejo Police Department is hosting a town hall meeting on the proposals received for the Integrated Health and Resource Team (IHART) program. IHART will provide trauma-informed response and linkages to social services over arrest in Vallejo through the VPD and its community partners.

The town hall will take place from **6 to 8pm, Thursday, November 15**, at the Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street.

## Shop Small Business Saturday

The city of Fairfield is partnering with Boss Con to celebrate Small Business Saturday with a vendor market pop-up downtown on **November 25 from 12 to 5pm**. The downtown offers a variety of unique shops, food, and activities to enjoy and the pop-up will add even more to the fun, festive atmosphere.

Plan on checking off all of the items on your holiday list while supporting small businesses on Shop Small Saturday!

For more information, contact Keisha Mamaril at [kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov).

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## Events I attended this week

**Wednesday, November 1**, I attended the Vallejo City Unified School District board meeting. The Greater Vallejo Recreation District wrote a grant and was able to receive around \$8 million dollars to be used at Franklin Middle School to fix the grass, plant trees, picnic tables and a whole lot more. Trustee John Fox was mentioned as a mover and shaker to get the school district to form a partnership with GVRD. John is an example of how the city of Vallejo working with partners can improve the city. I look forward to the improvements. The community should be excited over a place for our students to play.

**Thursday, November 2**, I attended the Solano County Probation Staff Recognition and Awards. I have not laughed so much in a long time. It was so much fun, and the food was great. Then at 2pm the Sheriff Office held their Employee Recognition Ceremony. New hires are pinned and sworn into office and folks who have worked 15 to 30 years are honored. The afternoon was fun. Families attend, and the desserts are great. One can never have enough chocolate.

**Friday, November 3**, I attended the unveiling of the van for Innovative healths.com, a non-profit. The Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging, a board I serve on and this year I chair, used capacity building money and paid for the van for the non-profit. Norma, who runs Innovative Health, serves seniors. I am excited as we expand our efforts to help our seniors. In future, newsletters, I will provide you with updates.



Unveiling of the van for Innovative healthss.com non-profit on Friday, November 3. The Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging used capacity building money and paid for the van for the non-profit. Photo: Monica Brown.

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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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## Newsletter photo

Supervisor Brown stands next to newly unveiled van for Innovative healthss.com non-profit on Friday, November 3. The Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging used capacity building money and paid for the van for the non-profit.



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.