



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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MTC Item



METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission held two webinars this week 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 webinars presented two future scenarios of the Bay Area – one with freeway pricing, and one without. A video recording will be posted to www.mtc.ca.gov/FasterFreeways. Feedback and questions can be submitted by emailing info@bayareametro.gov.

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

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

The community is also encouraged to reach out to the 21-member MTC board with any questions, concerns you may have with this project. They can be reached by clicking [here](#).

Congrats!



Left to right, back row: Tanya Bik, Michael Delgado, Garret Slody, Spencer Ball, Vinny Glover, David Sanders, Ripley Leonard, Daniel Delgado Front row: Aurora Velarde, Nehmat Sekhon, Michele Gaines, Lila Green, Cozette Calderon, Mariska Jedzinak-Webb, Bella Cannon, Olivia Biber, Morris Hirakawa

Congratulations to the Benicia High School Debate Team which participated in the Golden Gate Speech Association Parliamentary Debate Tournament at San Ramon Valley High School! Ten Benicia debaters won trophies, earned by prevailing in a majority of their debates!

Information this week

Veterans Day



(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

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.

Benicia Veterans Day

BENICIA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL

VETERANS DAY EVENTS



EVERYONE INVITED!



Canteen opens and Breakfast served at 9AM!

We also ask help with our winter programs:

- o Used Coat, Gloves, Socks, and Hats Drive benefitting adults and children at our local shelters.
- o Canned Food Drive benefitting our local food bank.

Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
 1150 First Street
 Benicia, CA 94510
 707-745-4769

Saturday, November 11, 2023
 Come join us this Veteran's Day for any or all of our plans: Fellowship with Veterans, Traditional flag ceremonies, breakfast served by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 3928 and American Legion Auxiliary Post 101, our Veteran's Day program with music performed by the **Diablo Regional Concert Band**, a barbecue lunch provided by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 101, and lots of other fun.

SCHEDULE	
8:00am	Raise Flags at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
8:30am	Raise Flags at Benicia City Cemetery
9:00am	Raise Flags at Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery
9:00am	Breakfast at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
11:00am	Veteran's Day Program
Noon	Barbecued Hamburgers and Hotdogs
4:00pm	Cake Cutting
4:30pm	Lower Flags at Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery
4:45pm	Lower Flags at Benicia City Cemetery
5:00pm	Lower Flags at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
After...	Leftover BBQ, coke, soft drinks, adult drinks, games, music, fun!



Veterans Day will be celebrated at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall with a breakfast at **9am** and **Veterans Day Program at 11am on Saturday, November 11**. The memorial hall is located at 1150 First Street (entrance on 1st floor, in back).

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)

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](#).

Veterans Day in Fairfield

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 or (707) 428-7584.

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.

County finance departments collaborate to address property tax system transition backlog; working individually with property owners impacted by delays

The Solano County Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk, Auditor-Controller and Assessor-Recorder's Offices are working together to assist Solano County property owners to resolve tax bill issues as the departments test, prioritize and work through a series of backlogs and delays that have caused disruptions during the roll-out and implementation of the County's new property tax system, the county announced this week.



Earlier this year, the County transitioned to a new property tax system, replacing a 40-year-old legacy program that was antiquated and no longer able to receive information technology support. As with the transition to any new major software platform, some delays are to be expected. In a few instances, as a result of the transition, some Solano County property owners have experienced issues with their property tax bills, including receiving a tax bill under the prior property owners name, a tax bill that does not reflect the reduction in value from a Prop 19 transfer, and/or a new property owner not receiving a tax bill at all.

Working in collaboration, the Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk, Auditor-Controller and Assessor-Recorder Offices are taking steps to complete the transition to the new software platform and close the backlog of outstanding issues. In the meantime, the departments and their staff are aware of the specific issues raised by taxpayers, including the backlog and delays, and are working to make sure that property tax bills, prorated tax bills and refunds go out to residents quickly and accurately.

Despite some backlog issues and delays, the new property tax system comes with several enhancements for property owners, including a public access site with current and historical assessed property values, property tax data, including current and prior tax bills, payment history, online fillable forms and an e-cart for convenient payments. Visit the Tax Collector [Public Access website](#) today for more information.

GETTING ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Anyone experiencing an issue with their property tax bill is encouraged to contact the relevant County office to receive immediate assistance from staff, including the Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk, Auditor-Controller and Assessor-Recorder. Please consider the following options, including:

[Solano County Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk](#)

Customers with inquiries in the following areas are encouraged to contact the Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk's Office at (707) 784-7485, by email at TTCCC@SolanoCounty.com, and in-person at 675 Texas Street, Suite 1900, Fairfield, during office hours, 8:30am to 4pm, Monday – Friday.

- Payment of taxes
- Collection of taxes
- Refunds of taxes (due to overpayment)
- Tax sales/auction
- Delinquent bills
- Request for copy of ALL types of tax bills (secured, unsecured, supplemental)
- Amount of taxes paid
- Power to sell/impending power to sell of property

Solano County Auditor-Controller's Office

Customers with inquiries in the following areas are encouraged to contact the Auditor-Controller's Office at (707) 784-6283, by email at Prop@SolanoCounty.com, and in-person at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2800, Fairfield, during office hours, 8am to 5pm, Monday – Friday.

- Tax rates
- Refund of taxes (due to value corrections)
- Supplemental refunds
- Adjustment in amount of special assessments (increase, decrease or cancellation)

Solano County Assessor-Recorder's Office (A/R)

Customers with inquiries in the following areas are encouraged to contact the Assessor-Recorder's Office at (707) 784-6210, by email at Assessor@SolanoCounty.com, and in-person at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2700, Fairfield, during office hours, 9am to 4pm, Monday – Friday.

- Appraisal and valuation
- Transfer of base value
- Supplemental proration (due to previous / subsequent events)
- Exemption (homeowner, disabled veteran, nonprofit, etc.)
- Address change
- Release of lien from property via public research area in A/R lobby (special assessments)
- Business, mobile homes or marine craft queries
- Deeds via public research area in A/R lobby (grant, quit claim, trust, etc.)

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**.

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.

How will California public transit agencies spend \$5 billion?

Remember when California's transit agencies were barreling towards a "fiscal cliff"?

In June, the Legislature and governor agreed to a [\\$5 billion lifeline in the budget](#) as transit agencies' ridership slowly recovered from the COVID shutdowns. You might also recall that the deal [took some convincing](#) due to the state's overall budget deficit, and reports of mismanagement at Bay Area Rapid Transit.

So where does ridership and financial planning stand now?

To continue reading, 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 5pm** 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, 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: federalaccount@cpuc.ca.gov.

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](#).

MTC, Lyft Announce Plans to Grow and Improve Bay Wheels Regional Bikeshare System



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Lyft last week announced a drop in both annual membership prices for the Bay Area's Bay Wheels regional bikeshare program and members' e-bike usage fees, as well as the addition of more than 2,000 next generation e-bikes to the Bay Wheels fleet and the rollout of 55 additional docking stations in San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville. These measures are aimed at improving Bay Wheels' long-term sustainability by growing ridership and reducing operational costs.

The cost of an annual Bay Wheels membership will drop to \$150 from \$169 and the cost for members to use a Bay Wheels e-bike will drop to 15 cents per minute from 20 cents per minute. In addition, monthly members will now automatically transition to an annual membership at no additional cost when they renew for five consecutive months. MTC next year will launch a pilot program to provide reduced-cost annual memberships for Bay Area college students.

Bay Bridge Closure: APEC Security Measures Will Close Bridge Lanes, Causing Traffic Chaos

Two lanes of the Bay Bridge will shut down as part of security precautions during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation ([APEC](#)) summit in San Francisco this month, likely causing traffic chaos.

The rightmost lane of I-80 westbound and the leftmost lane of I-80 eastbound will shut down from Nov. 14 at 5 a.m. to Nov. 17 at 9 p.m., according to Caltrans. To continue reading, click [here](#).

Transportation board approves purchase of machine to bore South Bay BART line

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority said Monday it authorized the purchase of the transit tunnel boring machine to complete the five-mile underground section of the VTA BART Silicon Valley extension into downtown San Jose and Santa Clara. To read more, click [here](#).

Public hearing

Town Hall Event on the regional housing bond measure



The League of Women Voters Bay Area will host a town hall meeting on the proposed Regional Housing Bond Measure from **6 to 7pm, Monday, November 13**, via Zoom.

Don't miss this chance to hear an update on the proposed affordable housing bond measure from Kate Hartley, Bay Area Regional Housing Finance Authority Director.

This is your second opportunity to learn from Director Hartley about the BAHFA bond measure proposed for the November 2024 ballot. If you missed the League of Women Voters Bay Area's first Regional Conversation on the measure, it is posted on the [LWVBA website and our YouTube channel](#).

More information is available on the [BAHFA website here](#). There are two FAQs on the website under Related Articles that are a great place to start your research.

To register, click [here](#).

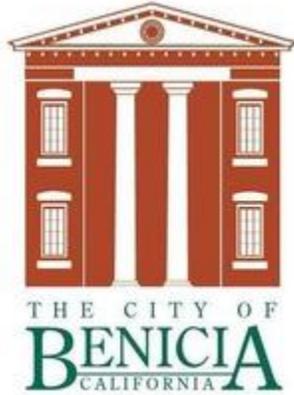
Solano County Planning Commission



The Solano County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider **Lot Line Adjustment application No. LLA-23-03 by Flannery Associates LLC to transfer 17.71 acres of land** between adjacent lots under their ownership, within the Exclusive Agriculture A-160 zoning district. Both properties are entered into an active Land Conservation Contract (Williamson Act Contract No. 724).

The hearing will be held on **Thursday, November 16, 7pm** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center, 1st Floor, 675 Texas Street, in the city of Fairfield.

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.

Updates from around Solano County Point-In-Time Count 2024 Volunteer recruitment

Register to Volunteer Today!

Solano
**POINT
IN TIME
COUNT**

JPA
CAP Solano



What is a Point-in-Time Count?

The Point In Time (PIT) Count is a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. This is a requirement by HUD to be conducted every other year.

The PIT Count provides data that is used to determine funding from the State and Federal Government to help provide better programs and services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

When: January 31, 2024
Time: 5:30AM – 10:00AM

For more information or to sign up to volunteer:
Visit <https://solano24.pointintime.info/>
or scan the QR Code from your mobile device



For any additional questions, please reach out to:

Becky Farris
PIT Coordinator
rlfarris@solanocounty.com

The Community Action Partnership Solano Joint Powers Authority is looking for volunteers to help with the Point-In-Time (PIT) count next January. The PIT count is a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

This is a requirement by **United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** to be conducted every other year. The PIT Count provides data that is used to determine funding from the State and Federal Government to help provide better programs and services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. How can you participate:

1. Register to volunteer on the [Volunteer Registration Portal](#)
2. Reach out to family, friends, and co-workers to volunteer for the count

Take part in the [PIT Count 2024 Community Information and Planning Session](#) on November 29.

Benicia Fire Toy Drive



The Benicia Fire Department is now accepting toys for donation to local kids in need. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to any of the fire department's collection bins by **December 10**. New stuffed animals are also accepted.

Santa Claus is also visiting the Benicia Fire Department at Fire Station 11, 150 Military West, on **Saturday, December 9 from 3 to 6pm**. When you come to get your picture taken, you can also bring your toy for donation.

Collection bin locations:

- Fire Station 11 (150 Military West)
- Fire Station 12 (601 Hastings)
- City Hall (250 East L)
- Benicia Public Library (150 East L)
- Senior Center (187 East L)
- Community Center (370 East L)
- All Benicia Starbucks locations

Call (707) 746-4275 for more information.

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 or at (707) 784-6322 for any questions.

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, or visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/sistercity.

Upcoming events in Solano County

Food is Free

Free food will be distributed from **10am to noon, Saturday, November 11**. Come to the loading dock ramp behind the Benicia Public Library (150 E L Street) from the Senior Center parking lot. Brought to you by ARPA funds from Solano County. Sponsored by the Benicia Public Library and Food is Free Bay Area.

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:

Monday November 13, 2023 355 Tuolumne St., Vallejo Multi-Purpose Room 2109 9:30AM - 12pm	Tuesday November 14, 2023 1119 E. Monte Vista., Vacaville Conf. Room 1-101 9:30AM - 12pm	Thursday November 16, 2023 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.

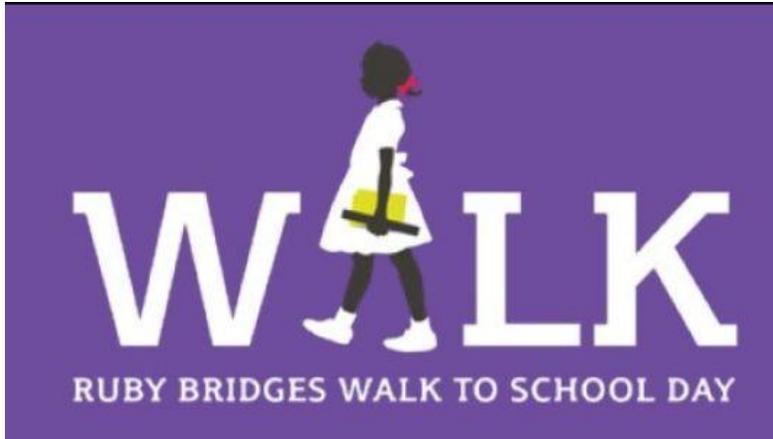
Dropoff locations:

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

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.

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 November 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, 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

Career and trades expo



CAREER & TRADES EXPO

Explore Career Education: Discover our diverse CTE programs.

Connect with Employers/Trades Organizations: Network with Solano County's best.

Hands-On Demos: Engage in interactive experiences.

Resource Hub: Access valuable tools for your career journey.

Student Support: Get guidance from our student services team.



NOVEMBER 15TH, 12:00PM—3:00PM
SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BLDG. 1400-CAFETERIA

Solano Community College will host a career and trades expo from **noon to 3pm, Wednesday, November 15**, at Solano Community College Main Campus inside the 1400 building, 4000 Suisun Valley Road in the city of Fairfield.

Fairfield PAL Teen Center's Girls Circle

Fairfield PAL Teen Center

Girls Circle



The Friendship Fix
Come join us for the complete guide on making friends, keeping friends, dealing with friend feuds and more!

starts
NOV. 15
Wednesdays | 4pm-6pm

Space is limited.
Please call 707 330 8757 to sign up.

The Girls Circle model is a structured support group for that integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills training in a specific format designed to increase positive connection, personal and collective strengths and competence in girls. Made possible with support from the Soroptimist International of Central Solano County.



A Fairfield PAL Teen Center membership required.

Join the Fairfield PAL Teen Center's Girls Circle, The Friendship Fix! This is a support group that provides girls a chance to consider their relationships with themselves, their emotions, and how they connect with others.

The group meets on Wednesdays at the PAL Center in Fairfield and dinner is provided. Begins on **Wednesday, November 15 and runs through February 7, 2024 from 4 to 6pm**. The Fairfield PAL Center is located at 1000 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

For more information or to sign up, call (707) 330-8757.

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, Wednesday, November 15**, at the Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street in the city of Vallejo.

Upcoming Virtual Educational Session hosted by Solano Local Food Alliance

The Solano Local Food Alliance will be hosting an educational session where you can learn about planning, zoning, farmland and cities! The class will be held from 4 to 6pm, Thursday, November 16.

Hear from experts on zoning and planning and what steps must take place when development is proposed on farmland. The forum will focus on planning and zoning in Solano County, the county's orderly growth initiative in its general plan, regional planning, the impact of various forms of development, and what legal questions arise.

To register, click [here](#).

Meet the Doula Night

SOLANO HEALS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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

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

OR CLICK TO REGISTER

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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 – 2nd 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.

To register, click [here](#).

Nor-Cal Regional Juried Art Show

**SUZANNE BRUCE, FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE
& FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION**

invite poets to write to art pieces selected for the 60th Annual
Nor-Cal Regional Juried Art Show.
Poets may go to the gallery or visit the website: fvaa-arts.org

FSVAA Solano Town Center Gallery
(Inside the Solano Town Center Mall)
1350 Travis Blvd. #D-8, Fairfield, CA.

Poems need to be 42 lines or less. Please attach a picture of the art to
put with your poem. All poems will be printed out and placed in a
binder for the Gallery to be available during the duration of the exhibit.

Contact Suzanne if you have any questions.

THE EXHIBIT DATE: November 17, 2023 - January 7, 2024 AWARDS NIGHT: Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 4-6 pm	POEM SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, November 30, 2023 - 5 pm Email word doc or pdf format to: fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com	POETRY READING: Saturday, December 2, 2023 4 - 6 pm
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The Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association and Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites poets to write to art pieces selected for the 60th Annual Nor-Cal Regional Juried Art Show.

The juried art show will take place from November 17, 2023 to January 7, 2024. The art awards night is **November 18**.

That is a fun night to meet the artists and see the multitude and variety of art! Poems must submitted by Thursday, November 30.

There will a separate poetry reading from **4 to 6pm, Saturday, December 2**.

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon



Thanks Giving
Dinner 

Thursday,
November 23, 2023

Celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Turkey Dinner and all the trimmings will be prepared and served by our staff and volunteers.

FREE!!! Reservations required.

91 Town Square Pl, Vacaville, CA 95688

(707) 469-6660



The city of Vacaville McBride Senior Center invites all seniors in Vacaville and the surrounding area for its Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on **Thursday, November 23 from 12 pm to 1:30pm**. The McBride Senior Center is located at 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville.

Registration is required. To register, call (707) 469-6660

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.

HIV/AIDS Walk Vallejo 2023



The Solano AIDS Coalition will be hosting their very first AIDS Walk in Vallejo on **December 1 at 12pm**. Join as they celebrate the lives lost due to this disease and show your support to those affected. This annual observance is aimed at raising awareness of the global epidemic of AIDS and the spread of HIV. The AIDS

Walk will start at 355 Tuolumne Street and end at 555 Santa Clara Street in downtown Vallejo.

For more information, call (707) 450-5861.

Women and Money Conference



WORKSHOPS:

- The Basics of Personal Finance
- Women Empowering Women: Breaking the Barrier on the ABCs of Women and Money
- Empowered Through Home Ownership: Expert Insights, From Credit to Closing
- We Spend More Time Preparing for a One Week Vacation than for 30 Years of Retirement: Let's Start Planning
- An Educational Workshop For Women; Planning for the Future



Keynote Speaker: Courtney Bolger
Realtor | DRE 02048878
EXP Realty of California, Inc.
*Building Dreams, Bridging Gaps:
Unlocking the Path to Homeownership*



REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Free event! Scan the code (left) or at the link below before Nov 28th:
tinyurl.com/wmconference2023

Event Partners:



For more info: FriendsofSCWG@gmail.com solanocommissionwomensgirls.com

The first county-wide Women and Money Conference will be from **9am to 1pm on Saturday, December 2** at the Solano County Events Center, 601 Texas Street in the city of Fairfield.

The workshop will include the basics of personal finance, women empowering women, among others.

The conference is made possible by your support and from a grant the Friends of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls received from the California Commission on the Status of Women.

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

December Cultural Celebrations: Poetry Open Mic

Solano County LIBRARY

FAIRFIELD

FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE IS HOSTING:

DECEMBER
CULTURAL
CELEBRATIONS

POETRY OPEN MIC

LET'S CELEBRATE THE MANY DECEMBER HOLIDAYS THROUGH FESTIVE VERSE. DAVID BELT, ARMIJO HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER, WILL BE PLAYING THE VIOLIN FOR US!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023
1:00PM - 3:00PM
FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
1150 KENTUCKY STREET, FAIRFIELD

*POETS MAY BRING THEIR BOOKS TO SELL
*10% OF SALES DONATED TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting a December Cultural Celebrations Poetry Open Mic from **1 to 3pm, Saturday, December 9**, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street in the city of Fairfield.

Violinist David Belt will also be performing. Poets may sell their books (10% of sales to be donated to Friends of the Library).

Back to Basics Class available

The Benicia Adult Education is offering a Back to Basics Class: A Sampler on Self-Sufficiency Living. It is a 16-week course that will cover topics such as growing food and herbs at home, beekeeping, keeping chickens, various methods of gardening, composting and making kombucha.

Tuition is \$250 and students will earn a certificate. The class begins on January 20, 2024 and runs through May 4, 2024. Classes are on Saturdays from 10 to 11am and will be held at the Benicia Adult School at 350 East K St., Room 7. To register, click [here](#).

Solano Community College crab and shrimp feed

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Crab & Shrimp Feed

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Captain Bob's Dive Bar
OPEN LATE!

Fresh Dungeness crab and extra jumbo sized shrimp, pasta, salad and garlic bread. Rotisserie chicken option with special order. Delightful ice cream desserts available from ITS-IT.

Enjoy Captain Bob's Dive Bar with a live band & dancing, plus frozen margaritas, pina colodas, micro brews on tap from Heretic and fine wine from Suisun Valley.

\$75

Event Location & Time
Solano Community College
Student Center/Bookstore (1400 Bldg.)
4000 Suisun Valley Road
Fairfield, CA 94534
Saturday, March 2nd
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Dive Bar till about 10:00 p.m.

Early Bird price \$70 during November. Large parties of 20-38 may sit at one table at the \$70 price (no additional discount). Sponsorships start at \$500. Call Curt or Eileen at 707-864-7199.

Wellcome to the islands!
Wear your island or nautical garb and have more fun!

All proceeds benefit the SCC Educational Foundation.
To purchase tickets call Eileen Amick at 707-864-7199 or go to our event webpage below:
<https://foundation.solano.edu/event/2024-crab-shrimp-feed/>

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The Solano Community College Educational Foundation will hold a crab and shrimp feed on **Saturday, March 2, 2024** inside the 1400 building at 4000 Suisun Valley Road, in the city of Fairfield. The early bird price is \$70 through the month of November.

For more information, and/or to buy tickets, click [here](#).

Events I attended this week

Monday, November 6, I attended the Salute to Local Government sponsored by the realtors held in Vallejo. I enjoyed talking to folks, I never have the time to visit. A good time was had by all.

Tuesday, November 7, I attended the Benicia City Council meeting. The main issue for me was the unanimous support of the local sales tax which allowed the tax to be placed on the March Primary Election. Every election is important.

On a personal note: Saturday is Veteran's Day. Please take the time to reflect on the men and women who serve our country. If possible, attend an event, which are listed in the newsletter. With all the strive in the world today, we still live in the best country. Be kind and try to do a good deed each day.

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](#)

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[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.