

December 2023 e-Newsletter | District 3



## Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season

Season's Greetings Neighbor,

Tis the season to be jolly is the moto. I enjoy seeing all the holiday decorations and lights going up on homes and businesses within District Three and throughout the county. We may not have snow to make snow people or angels in Solano County, but we are just a few hours' drive from the Sierras, where we can indulge in snow activities and winter sports.

When my sons, Michael and David were alive, my husband and I took them and our daughter, Amber, to Lake Tahoe when they were little. We purchased sleighs and winter gear and drove to Lake Tahoe for an overnight stay. Amber, my only living child, was a preteen and was excited to go on the trip too. My husband and I were a young couple at the time and could not afford much, but we made the most of everything despite the hardship of raising three children (two with disabilities). We could not afford to give Christmas gifts, so I baked cookies and delivered them to family and friends as presents. We were fortunate that we had family that would help us out when we were experiencing tough times. I know the holidays can be a

difficult time for many families, especially for single parents who are trying to make ends meet. The season is also difficult for those who have loss loved ones such as myself.

Today, wage earners in the rental market must earn three times the rent while the average minimum wage earner makes approximately \$16.00 an hour. A new law to increase wages for fast food workers to \$20.00 an hour in California will not go into effect until April 1, 2024. The law will require fast- food chains with more than 100 locations nationally to comply. Even with the increased hourly wage the average person trying to afford a 2-bedroom apartment in Solano County needs to make approximately \$38.00 an hour, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition's, Out of Reach – California 2023 report. Therefore, it is imperative that we build affordable housing within city limits near resources and build workforce housing for teachers, fire fighters, police officers and farmworkers.

Since, I know it is difficult for families to make ends meet especially during the holidays, I plan to adopt a family for Christmas and give donations to the Ray and Joan KROC Center Salvation Army and Catholic Charites of Solano-Yolo. If you can help, please give to a charity you trust to deliver joy this holiday season to a struggling family. Your act of kindness will go a long way.

May you enjoy celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. May God bless you and your family.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year,

Wanda and staff



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## Local Holiday & Cultural Celebrations

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SUISUN CITY PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS  
ON THE  
*Waterfront*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2  
2:00-8:00PM

- HOLIDAY MARKET & LIVE MUSIC • 2:00PM
- LIGHTED BOAT PARADE • 5:30PM
- SANTA'S ARRIVAL • 6:15PM
- TREE LIGHTING & FIREWORKS • 6:30PM
- PICTURES WITH SANTA • 6:30-8:00PM



CHABAD JEWISH CENTER OF SOLANO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SUISUN PRESENTS

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# 3RD MENORAH LIGHTING AND CHANUKAH CELEBRATION ON THE SUISUN WATERFRONT AT SUISUN CITY HALL



JOINED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DIGNITARIES

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 • 7PM**

701 CIVIC CENTER BLVD, SUISUN CITY

HOLIDAY FOODS: HOT LATKES, DONUTS & CHANUKAH COOKIES  
RAIN OR SHINE. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



FREE EVENT OPEN TO ALL.  
SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE  
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# MENORAH LIGHTING

IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD

PRESENTED BY CHABAD OF SOLANO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD

## December 11

5:30-7:30 pm on the County Lawn  
Corner of Texas and Jefferson Streets



**FREE EVENT OPEN TO ALL - RAIN OR SHINE**  
**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**  
**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

PARKS &  
RECREATION  
*fairfield*  
CALIFORNIA

(707) 428-7584  
JSEGURA@FAIRFIELD.CA.GOV  
WWW.FAIRFIELD.CA.GOV/EVENTS  
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# Donate New Coats and New Unwrapped Toys

Fairfield Community Services Foundation

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy and Coat Drive

For Kids ages 3 - 15 years

November 17<sup>th</sup> - December 15<sup>th</sup>



Cash  
Donations



## Drop off locations

All Fairfield Fire Stations

Bank of Stockton - 2407 Waterman Blvd

Fairfield City Hall - 1000 Webster St

Fairfield Community Center - 1000 Kentucky St

Fairfield Police Department - 1000 Webster St

Fairfield Suisun Chamber of Commerce - 1111 Webster St

Hopkins Honda & Acura - 2499 Auto Mall Pkwy

Macy's - Solano Town Center

Paradise Valley Estates - 2600 Estates Dr

Paradise Valley Golf Course - 3950 Paradise Valley Dr

Rancho Solano Golf Course - 3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy

Republic Services - 2901 Industrial Ct

Valley Strong - 1499 Oliver Rd

The Wiseman Company locations:

2420 & 2450 Martin Plaza      2480 Hilborn Road

5030 & 5140 Business Center



*Thank you for your support!*



*Black Women Organized for Political Action*  
SOLANO • NAPA CHAPTER

# *Holiday Party*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023  
6:00 P M - 9:00 P M

———— **EARLY BIRD** ————

\$20.00 SINGLE • \$40.00 COUPLES  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2023

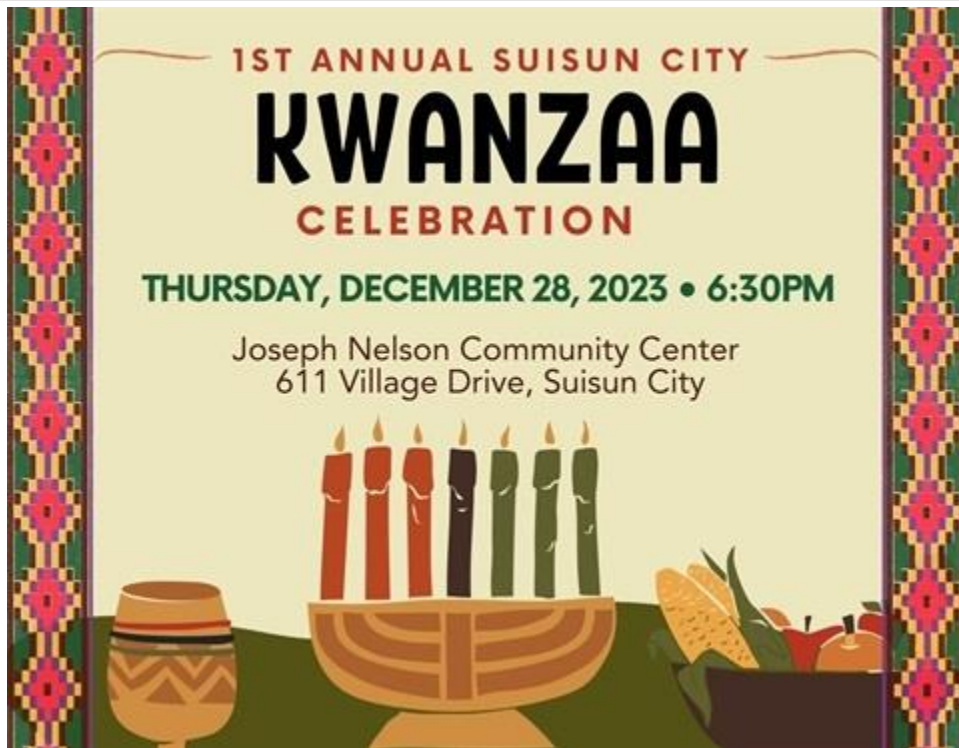
NOVEMBER 28, 2023 - DECEMBER 16, 2023  
\$25.00 SINGLE • \$50.00 COUPLES

MARINIA LOUNGE  
700 MAIN STREET • SUITE 106  
SUISUN CITY, CA 94585

EVENTBRITE INFO/LINK

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-women-organized-for-political-action-solano-napa-chapter-holiday-party-tickets-765666518167>





## **News from the Governor's Office: Prepare Your Home for the Winter Weather - safety tips and more**

With winter on the horizon, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) would like to remind Californians of important tips for preparing their homes for colder weather. It's a great idea to begin planning for winter weather now, before it arrives.

### **TIPS FOR WEATHER PROOFING YOUR HOME**

- Clean your gutters. After autumn leaves begin to fall off trees, make sure your gutters are clear. When gutters back up, they may overflow.
- Check your trees. Check for any branches or dead trees that could fall on your home or a neighbor's home when winter storms arrive.
- Inspect your chimney and flue. Make sure your chimney and flue are safe to use before you start building fires for the season.
- Make sure your smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm are in good condition. As you begin to use heaters and fireplaces to keep your home warm, it's important both of these detectors work properly.
- Visit [myhazards.caloes.ca.gov](https://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov) to check the hazards in your area. Determining hazards, particularly the potential risk for flooding in the winter, can help you know what to prepare for.



## **WHAT TO DO IN A POWER OUTAGE**

- As you prepare your home for winter, make sure you know what to do in the event of a power outage. If your power goes out:
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.
- If you use a generator, only use it outdoors, at least 20 feet away from your home. Do not use a generator in rain or wet conditions, and place a fire extinguisher nearby, just in case.
- Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.

## **SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS TIPS**

Making sure the members of your household know what to do during an emergency or extreme weather event is an important part of preparing your home for winter. These safety tips are helpful in any disaster:

- Get alerts so you know what to do. You can sign up to receive alerts from your county via cell phone, home phone, email, text message and, in some cases, TTY devices.
  - Make a plan to protect your people. Think about who you want to connect with during an emergency. Write down their names and contact information. Pick one person outside the area who won't be affected by your local disaster. You and your contacts can check in safe with them.
  - Pack a Go Bag with the things you need, in case you must leave your home. Essentials include cash, medication, cell phone charger, first aid kit and important documents. Cal OES has tips for building your go bag here.
  - Build a Stay Box for when you're unable to leave your home due to storms or flooding. In some cases, it may be safer to stay home. Add items to your Stay Box to prepare for at least three days without electricity, such as water, food for you and your family and food for pets.
  - Help friends and neighbors get ready. Think about who around you may need help during an emergency. Discuss needs with one another to ensure everyone gets through the disaster safely.
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**Solano County Supervisor Wanda Williams,  
Black Women Organized for Political Action Solano/Napa Chapter &  
Solano County Health and Social Services**

**Presents**

**Healing Our Future:  
Addressing Black Maternal and Infant Health  
in Solano County**

**A Seminar for the Community and Practitioners**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024  
Doors Open at 11:00 am  
Program at 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Solano County Events Center  
601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA**



**Sponsorship Opportunities Available:**

**Lunch Sponsor  
Sponsor to provide diapers  
Gifts for mothers  
Food Distribution  
Media Sponsor  
Booth Space Available**

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**COUNTY UPDATE:**

**Aedes aegypti mosquito detected in Solano County; help  
prevent the transmission of vector-borne diseases**

SOLANO COUNTY – The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, in coordination with the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District (SCMAD), have confirmed detection of the Aedes aegypti mosquito in Solano County. This invasive mosquito was first detected on September 11, 2023 in Dixon.

The Aedes aegypti mosquito is not native to California and typically live in tropical, subtropical and in some temperate climates. This mosquito can spread diseases such as Zika, yellow fever, dengue, chikungunya and other viruses. They are small, dark mosquitos with white markings and banded legs. Because these mosquitos live near and prefer to feed on people, they are more likely to spread these viruses than other types of mosquitos. The mosquito may be active around dusk and dawn but bites most often during the day and often bites indoors.

“We are continuing to conduct surveillance throughout the area, and we plan to do everything we can to eradicate this mosquito to protect our residents from the potential disease risk of this invasive mosquito,” says Richard Snyder, Solano County Mosquito Abatement District Manager.

**STEPS TO HELP REDUCE THE RISK**

Early detection provides the best chance at eradication. Residents should eliminate all sources of standing water on their property to control the species, including flowerpots, spare tires, untreated swimming pools and drainage ditches, which are common breeding sources of the Aedes aegypti mosquito. For additional tips visit <https://www.SolanoMosquito.com/Prevention> Any unmaintained swimming pools and stagnant water should be reported by calling the SCMAD at (707) 437-1116.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME:**

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