

Supervisor Wanda Williams District 3 e-Newsletter

May 2024

Dear Neighbor,

May is here, and spring flowers are blooming. The bumblebees are buzzing about, pollinating flowers, vegetables, and plants. Some families are preparing for elementary school promotions, high school proms, college graduations, and celebrating Mother's Day. I love this time of year because the weather is mostly mild and enjoyable, and I can go from meetings to community events without carrying around a heavy coat. Ah, the simple pleasures of life we sometimes take for granted, but my goal this year is to stop and smell the flowers, plan opportunities to spend time with my family, call a few old friends, and spend more time outdoors walking. I want to share a few of my favorite places to go for a walk: the walking trails in and around Suisun City, Suisun City's waterfront, Solano Land Trust Open Space parks, the waterfront in Vallejo, and on the University of California, Davis campus, which is my alma mater.

There are many festivities taking place this month, and I have included a few in my May newsletter. This year, I am a co-sponsor of the 2nd Annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration in Suisun City, which will be held on Sunday, May 5th, at the Suisun City Waterfront from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. There will be a lot of family fun activities, and I will be one of the Car Show Judges. Come by my Adopt-A-Neighborhood booth and say hello.

Wanda Williams

Remember our fallen heroes this Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th



Freedom does not come easy. The liberties we enjoy today came from heavy sacrifice. So, on this Memorial Day, let's pause to remember Memorial Day's purpose.

Originally called "[Decoration Day](#)," Memorial Day dates back to the 1860s and commemorates those who died while serving in the U.S. Civil War, which ended in 1865. In the years following, Americans paid tribute to soldiers by [decorating their graves and saying prayers](#), according to the History Channel. Following World War I, it was changed to Memorial Day to honor American soldiers who died in any war. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day and a number of federal holidays to Mondays. The change was designed to schedule certain holidays so that workers had a number of long weekends throughout the year,

Supervisor Williams to Highlight County Resources at Faith Leaders Breakfast for National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May when people are encouraged to pray and meditate. In 1952, President Harry Truman signed a resolution that required each succeeding president to declare a National Day of Prayer.

The National Day of Prayer invites people of all faiths to pray for the nation. This year commemorates the 73rd year of the observance with the theme, "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World."

Supervisor Wanda Williams will observe National Day of Prayer with a breakfast for faith leaders in Solano County. The breakfast will be hosted at BayNorth Church in Fairfield. Representatives from the Solano County Department of Health and Social

Services will do a presentation on resources that are available for members of the faith community. For more information contact (707) 914-5936.

**SOLANO COUNTY SUPERVISOR
WANDA WILLIAMS**

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FAITH LEADERS
BREAKFAST**



**TO DISCUSS CREATING A RESOURCE
HUB FOR THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**



SENIOR PASTOR SAM MORRIS

**BAYNORTH CHURCH
LIFE CENTER BUILDING
2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, FAIRFIELD
COSPONSORED BY BAYNORTH CHURCH**



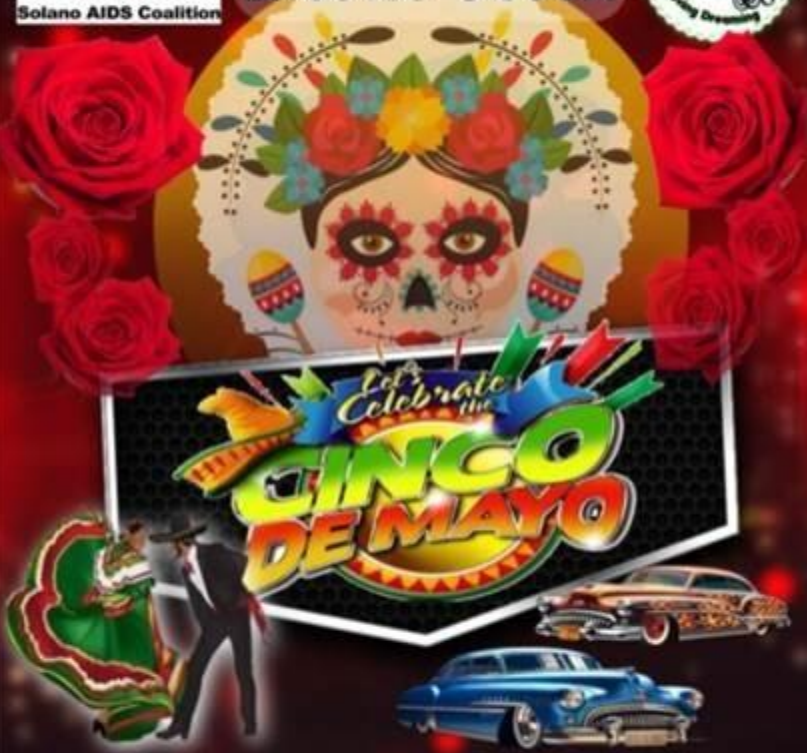
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2024 Cinco De Mayo Weekend Celebrations in Solano County

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the 1862 anniversary of Mexico's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated throughout the country.



MAY 4TH 2024
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Música - Cultura - Tradición



200-250 Georgia St. Vallejo CA 94590



Sunday, May 5th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, on the Suisun City Waterfront.



WINGMAN'S SPORTS BAR

CINCO DE MAYO

FIESTA!!!

**FREE
MAY 4**

7PM-10PM
All Ages Until 9PM

CULTURAL DISHES
SPECIALITY COCKTAIL MENU



 **WINGMAN'S** BLDG 400 **707-424-0032**   @60FSS | WWW.TRAVISFSS.COM

Solano County challenges youth to fight fentanyl with ‘One Pill Can Kill’ video contest

Building on Solano County's campaign to inform the public about high overdose rates and the growing dangers of fentanyl cloaked as prescription drugs, Solano Public Health has launched its first "One Pill Can Kill" Video Contest. This initiative invites Solano County youth to create compelling videos that raise awareness of the risks of fentanyl-laced pills and promote healthier choices. Winning high school and college students can earn up to \$1,500 for their efforts.

Video Contest
#OnePillCanKillSolano

SOLANO PUBLIC HEALTH VIBE

70 people die from fentanyl overdoses each year in Solano County. One fatal street pill—containing an Opioid, Adderall or Xanax—can kill.

GIFTS & RECOGNITION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- 1st Prize | \$1,500
- 2nd Prize | \$1,000
- 3rd Prize | \$750
- Runner-Up | \$250

Help spread the word about the dangers of fentanyl by producing a 15- to 120-second video. Win a prize... and you might even save a life!

LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP @ VIBESOLANO.COM

“This contest is a creative way for young people to have fun, spread the word—and maybe even save a life,” says Robin Cox, MPH, CPH, Solano County’s Health Promotion & Community Wellness (VibeSolano) Bureau Chief. “Knowing the source of any pill taken is critical to prevent an overdose. Teens may take street pills thinking they’re Oxycodone, Adderall or Xanax, risking potential death if they are counterfeits laced with fentanyl.”

For more information, visit the County's website [here](#).

2024 McCormack Ranch Sheepdog Trials

To benefit Solano Rural Defense Organization

May 4th & 5th 2024

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**Get tickets on Eventbrite,
at RioVision Gallery
or scan QR code**



**McCormack Ranch, Montezuma Hills Rd.
Rio Vista, CA**

African American County Supervisors meet up at California State Association of Counties (CSAC)



Supervisors: Justin Cummings (Santa Cruz), Cassandra James (solano) Wanda Williams (Solano) and Holly Mitchell (Los Angeles) meet up to discuss opportunities to better serve their Districts.

Supervisor Williams served as the keynote speaker for a reception hosted by the League of California Cities African American Caucus and the Black Elected Officials of California. Held last month at the CSAC Convention in Sacramento, a large contingency of elected and appointed officials attended the event.





Supervisor Williams previously served on the Board of the League of Cities' African American Caucus during her service as a member of the Suisun City Council.

The reception helped close out the CSAC Conference where more than 400 county supervisors, Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), department heads, and other leaders, representing the State's 58 counties, convened in Sacramento County

last week for the 2024 CSAC Legislative Conference to amplify the collective voices of California's Counties in the State Capitol. The conference was hosted concurrently with the League of California Cities annual legislative conference to bring together the shared priorities of local leaders from both the city and county level to Sacramento.

Upon Words: An afternoon of poetry



City of Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry. Upon Words, features two inspiring Bay Area poets, Rosa Lane and Erin Rodoni. Open mic to follow.

The event takes place on Saturday, May 11, 2024, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, located at 1150 Kentucky Street in Fairfield.



FARMERS MARKET

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EVERY THURSDAY
MAY 2ND TO SEPTEMBER 26TH
COUNTY GREEN, DOWNTOWN

3PM - 7PM



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Congressman John Garamendi and Supervisor share a moment at the Congressman's annual Basque BB.Q on Saturday, April 27th in Valley Springs.



FUN FACTS: Can you guess the answer?

- In 1991, John Garamendi became the first person ever elected by voters to this position in California. Can you guess the position?

(See end of newsletter for answer)

CELEBRATE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: VOLUNTEER AT LAKE SOLANO

On Saturday, June 1st, Volunteers are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano County Park to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds, remove trash debris collecting along waterways that serve as drinking and irrigation water for Solano County, plant wildflower seeds, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including a kayak



tour of Lake Solano. A free lunch will be served to all participants. Registration is required and can be completed at cleanupsolano.org under the World Environment Day tab. Pre-registration for the event and the opportunity to receive a free World Environment Day event t-shirt closes on Wednesday, May 30 at 5:00PM. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection. Parking fees will be waived with a pass provided to event registrants in advance.

The Solano Resource Conservation District coordinates the annual World Environment Day event in partnership with Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield, Solano County Water Agency, Solano County, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership, and Volunteer Solano.

For more information, email Marianne Butler, Event Coordinator marianne.butler@solanorcd.org

Please join Solano County Farm Bureau & The Vacaville Museum for a mixer May 9th, 6-8 p.m. Speaking on Legacy Chuck Wagner from Caymus Winery, Supervisor Wanda Williams & Supervisor elect Cassandra James
213 Buck Avenue, Vacaville



Vacaville Museum
A Center for Solano County History

U.S. Department of Transportation awards infrastructure grant to prevent flooding of Highway 37

This funding is just one part of a comprehensive, regional project by the Bay Area counties and Caltrans to rebuild Highway 37 and keep it safe for commuters.

Congressman John Garamendi, 8th District, announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a [\\$20 million grant to begin rebuilding State Highway 37](#) to prevent coastal flooding in Solano, Napa, and Sonoma Counties. For more information about his announcement [Click Here](#).

County selects new probation chief



Dean Farrah has been selected as Chief Probation Officer for Solano County. He was selected after a nationwide recruitment by the Solano County Superior Court, in coordination with Solano County Board of Supervisors. Farrah, who has been serving as the department's Interim Chief of Probation for the past six months, assumed the new role on April 28, 2024.

"The judges of the Solano County Superior Court are unanimous in their belief that Dean Farrah is extraordinarily well-qualified to serve as our next Chief Probation Officer," said Alicia Jones, Presiding Judge, Solano County Superior Court. "He has worked as a probation professional for nearly three decades, and we look forward to his leadership in working with the Court, the County, and the community in coordinating services

and programs for adult and juvenile offenders to encourage rehabilitation and reduce recidivism."

As Chief Probation Officer, Farrah will provide leadership, direction, and oversight to a department of 228 employees, the administration of a \$55 million-dollar annual operating budget, and assume responsibility for all juvenile and institutional operations, including field and court programming. As part of his role in the community, Farrah will serve as Chair of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and the Community Corrections Partnership, and as a member of the Solano County Law Enforcement Administrators Association.

Farrah was hired to serve as the Superintendent / Division Chief of the Probation Department's Juvenile Detention Facility for the Solano County Department of Probation in 2016. He was promoted to Chief Deputy Probation Officer in 2021 where he served in the role for two years. In July 2023, Farrah was appointed as the Interim Chief Probation Officer when Christopher Hansen, the former Chief of Probation retired. Since then, Farrah has been managing all department operations, including the coordination and direction of all Probation-related activities with the Courts and County administration.

Answers to This Month's Fun Fact:

As a result of the passage of [Proposition 103](#) in 1988, the elected office of the California Insurance Commissioner was created in 1991. Previously, the position was held by a person appointed by the Governor. The ballot measure required insurers "roll back" their rates 20 percent. Proposition 103 devised a process enabling

consumer participation in the setting of insurance rates, and allowed consumer "intervenor" witness fees and expenses in some cases.

John Garamendi, now United States Congressman, 8th District, was the first person ever elected by voters to serve as Insurance Commissioner for California. He held the seat from 1991 to 1995. .

Happy Memorial Day May 27th

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