



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**May 10, 2024**



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**Information this week  
Nebraska Street closure pilot**



The Vallejo City Unified School District, in partnership with the city of Vallejo, will be piloting a Nebraska Street closure pilot to



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**Important Numbers  
Resources and Dates**

**District 2 Office**

(707) 784-3031

**Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office**

(707) 784-6100

**Veterans Services**

(707) 784-6590

**Health & Social Services**

(707) 784-8400

**Assessor/Recorder**

(707) 784-6200

**Resource Management**

(707) 784-6765

**Registrar of Voters**

(707) 784-6675

**Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

**Area Agency on Aging**

(707) 784-8960

enhance safety and security for students, staff and surrounding community. **During the period of May 6 - June 7, Nebraska Street will be closed to through traffic between Amador and Pierce Streets on school days only, Monday through Friday, 9am - 4pm (not on weekends or holidays).**

As a result of this closure pilot, you may need to make some adjustments to your traffic routines.

For questions, comments, and concerns, call (707) 556-8921 x50293 or email [nebraskapilot@vcusd.org](mailto:nebraskapilot@vcusd.org)

## Dixon May Fair



When: May 9 to 12, 2024

Where: 655 S. First Street, Dixon, CA 95620

Ages 13+: \$10 (if purchased by 5/8) or \$10-15/gate

Ages 5-12, 65+ & Military: \$10

Children 4 and under: FREE

The Dixon May Fair has been the longest-running district fair in California since 1875. Every May, for four days, the Sacramento Valley farming community shows off the bounty of the land, from livestock and produce to the agricultural machines at work. The annual event at the Dixon Fairground offers fun for the whole family.

Find excitement in the Grandstand arena as both locals and visitors enter the Flying U Bull Riding (Friday), Tractor and Truck Pulls, (Saturday), and the Demolition Derby on Sunday. Tickets for these events traditionally sell out, so early purchase is recommended. Live music features Outlaw Mariachi, a tribute to Tom Petty, the Ariel Jean Band, Latin Touch, Robby James and the Streets of Bakersfield, and Rhythm Method Trio.

Following Saturday's parade, the Picnic Lawn comes alive with the return of the Classic Car Show, and on Sunday a lineup of Latin Music featuring Alerta Maxima and Los Canarios de Michoacan will be featured.

## 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

For most, the fair isn't the fair without a spin on one of the many carnival rides. Purchase a Smart Card and load it up for a worry-free ride experience on a selection of spectacular rides.

## Become a volunteer!



**EMPOWERED Aging** Become a Volunteer!

Join us as we work to protect the rights and quality of life of older and dependent adults living in long-term care facilities throughout Solano County!

Ombudsman volunteers are called to facilities to mediate, negotiate, and bring about resolution between residents, facilities, and family members. They empower residents and work cooperatively with all parties to bring about change and progress.

Learn more about training, commitment, and the application process by visiting our website below!



[www.EmpoweredAging.org](http://www.EmpoweredAging.org)

## Northern CA Freedom Mapping Showcase

Join teachers, students, and members of the [California Subject Matter Project](#) as the community celebrates the efforts of everyone involved in the Ethnic Studies Freedom Mapping initiative.

Classroom teachers from around the state have teamed up with members of the California Math, History, Writing, and Physical Education Projects to develop an interdisciplinary, project-based Ethnic Studies curriculum. Join in to discuss how these resources might work in your school's community.

**The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 370 Dwinelle Hall (Level G) University of California Berkeley, CA 94720-2550.**

Questions can be emailed to [ucbhssp@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbhssp@berkeley.edu)

To register, click [here](#).

## Little Hoover Commission Offers Recommendations for CEQA Reform



The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) remains an essential tool to protect the state's environment, but can be improved through targeted, limited reforms, the Little Hoover Commission concluded in a recent report.

The new report, [CEQA: Targeted Reforms for California's Core](#)

[Environmental Law](#), recommends six reforms to CEQA, including a raising of the standing requirement for filing a CEQA lawsuit, a restriction on late submission of public comment, and a broad exemption for infill housing.

The Commission also recommended in-depth study of several issues related to CEQA. CEQA was signed into law in 1970 with the goal of protecting and enhancing the environmental quality of California. It requires agencies to review projects to assess potential impacts to the environment, disclose those impacts to the public, and mitigate them to the extent possible. CEQA has been an important player in countless environmental victories, especially in disadvantaged communities that often bear the brunt of negative environmental impacts.

The Commission's recommendations include:

- In order to lessen the use of CEQA for non-environmental goals, the Commission recommends strengthening the requirements needed to sue for alleged violations of the law. The state should adopt the standing requirement of the National Environmental Protection Act.
- The Legislature should revise CEQA to limit the submission of public input that occurs after a public comment period.
- The state should exempt all infill housing from CEQA review.
- The state should provide funding for additional judicial training regarding CEQA.
- The Legislature should reaffirm that courts should show greater deference to statute and CEQA guidelines.
- The state should develop clearer parameters for significance thresholds and mitigations.

The report also recommended in-depth study of five additional topics related to CEQA:

- The creation of specialized CEQA courts.
- Translation of CEQA documents.
- Bonding requirements for plaintiffs.
- The effect of Vehicle Miles Traveled analysis.
- Locking in analytical models for some reasonable period of time.

The Commission's full report and recommendations can be found on the Little Hoover Commission website [here](#)

# New Research Finds Bay Area Needs \$9.7 Billion to 'Unlock' 40,000 Affordable Homes in Predevelopment Pipeline



[Enterprise Community Partners \(Enterprise\)](#) (link is external) and the [Bay Area Housing Finance Authority \(BAHFA\)](#) released the [Bay Area Affordable Housing](#)

[Pipeline 2024 Report](#), which analyzes affordable housing projects in various stages of predevelopment and identifies solutions for moving them toward completion.

The updated research reveals there are now 433 projects in various stages of predevelopment that would create more than 40,896 affordable homes across the nine-county Bay Area. These would account for nearly a quarter of the 180,000 affordable homes the state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan determined are needed in the Bay Area by 2031.

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

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## Public hearings

### Help Inform MTC's 2024 Equity Priority Communities Update



**The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the Bay Area's designated Equity Priority Communities and invites feedback on the proposed changes by May 15.**

(MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have developed a draft update to the geographies of the region's [Equity Priority Communities](#) (EPCs), which help inform long-range planning efforts such as [Plan Bay Area 2050+](#), as well as funding and public engagement priorities.

While the methodology remains consistent with past updates, proposed changes to Bay Area EPCs include census tracts and updated thresholds of demographic variables based on the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data (2018-2022).

MTC and ABAG invite your feedback on the [Draft 2024 EPC update](#), which includes:

- A [technical memo](#) detailing the proposed changes;
- An [interactive map](#) visualizing the proposed EPCs using the latest census tract geographies; and
- [Comparison maps](#) showing the changes in EPCs since the last update.

Those wishing to give feedback on the proposed changes to designated Bay Area EPCs are encouraged to do so by filling out the comment form on the MTC website: [www.mtc.ca.gov/2024EPC](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/2024EPC). Comments also may be submitted via email to [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org) using the subject line “EPC Update.”

Following the comment period, staff will review and leverage the feedback received to inform the Final 2024 EPC Update. The update will then be incorporated into the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint, currently slated for adoption in fall 2024, and will be used in the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Analysis Report in 2025, among other important deliverables.

## Upcoming Virtual Quarterly Healthy Solano Meeting

Join the upcoming Virtual Quarterly Healthy Solano Meeting on **Thursday, May 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** Agenda will be sent out when available. Meeting will be accessible via the links below.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 233 904 478 293

Passcode: cNGYum

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## Updates from around Solano County

### Red Top Road Widening Project Update



Streetlights have been installed within the median and along the southern side of Red Top Road. Unfortunately, a second theft of the pump station has halted work on Red Top Road.

The new pump station is critical to project completion as underground water valves and pipes are located beneath the roadways and the station must be operational prior to disconnecting the old pump station and finishing the roadway. The contractor has ordered replacement parts and once they are installed, and the pump station is energized, work can continue.

For more information and to stay informed, visit <https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/redtop>.

## Older Americans Month Celebration

Both Napa and Solano Counties together are celebrating Older Americans Month.

The 2024 theme is *Powered by Connection*, which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being. Together, Napa and Solano Counties, and the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging, understand the vital role that connectedness plays in supporting independence and aging in place by combatting isolation, loneliness, and other issues.

Both counties are committed to creating communities for all ages and stages of life and looking for ways to strengthen relationships across the region. The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging is one example of taking a regional approach to services. Several programs offered cross county lines, including Hello, Molly! Care calls, Line Dance classes, and Community Garden projects.

The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging operates under a Joint Exercise Power Agreement (JEPA) between the two counties. The

JEPA recognizes the power of creating regional programs and services that lift up longevity.

For more information about N/S AAA services, visit the [website](#)

## Are you a Solano County parent?



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**LENDING LIBRARY**

**ARE YOU A SOLANO COUNTY PARENT?**  
WE OFFER VARIOUS PARENT SERVICES & RESOURCES!

**PARENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & ONLINE CAFÉS**

**RESOURCE & REFERRALS INCLUDING THE HELP ME GROW PROGRAM & MUCH MORE!**

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**Contact Us Today!**  
Main: 707.863.3950 Fax: 707.863.3975  
421 Executive Court North, Fairfield, CA 94534-4019  
Office Hours: **M, W, Th, F** 8:30AM-5PM  
**Tuesdays:** 12:00PM-5PM  
Closed every first Friday of the month  
[www.solanofamily.org](http://www.solanofamily.org)

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## Events hosted at the Fairfield PAL Center during May

Discover all the latest activities for Fairfield, Suisun, and Travis teens to level up their afternoons this month! There is something for everyone to eat up this month—even pizza thanks to our pal's from the Matt Garica Foundation and lasagna thanks to the Fairfield Suisun Rotary! Events include Call of Duty Laser Tag, Girls Circle and much more.

The Fairfield PAL Teen Center is located at 2250 North Texas Street. For more information, call (707) 330-8757.



## Into the Light



 FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE  
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION  
INVITES YOU TO WRITE A POEM TO AN ART PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT



# INTO THE LIGHT

SOLANO TOWN CENTER GALLERY  
1350 TRAVIS BLVD., #D-II, FAIRFIELD, CA  
(INSIDE THE SOLANO TOWN CENTER MALL)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of art on the poem by 10:00am May 25th  
fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com  
Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

**Exhibition Dates:**  
May 22nd - June 29th, 2024

**Art can be seen at the Gallery:**  
Wednesday - Sunday 11:00am - 6:00pm  
or online at [fvaa-arts.org](http://fvaa-arts.org)

**Art Reception and Poetry Reading**  
Saturday, May 25th  
4:00-8:00pm

## Spring into Giving



MAY 4TH - MAY 18TH  
**SPRING INTO GIVING**

Help stock the Benicia Family Resource Center's community closet with emergency items for local families. When you drop donations to Benicia Main Street, you will receive a 10 - 15% off discount card with participating downtown merchants.

**NEW ITEMS ONLY: DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, BABY SHAMPOO & SOAP, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, DEODORANT, HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, BODY WASH**

Passports available at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street, upon donation.  
[BeniciaMainStreet.org](http://BeniciaMainStreet.org)



## Xplore Solano App



Getting outside in Solano County  Find adventure close to home.

In 2021, Solano Land Trust inspired a partnership bringing together the Cities of Fairfield and Vacaville, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD), Solano County Office of Education, Solano County Parks, Solano Transportation Authority, Solano Public Health and

Park Rx to create Xplore Solano, a community app connecting Solano County residents to places to go and things to do outside.

Powered by the OuterSpatial app, each partner organization posts to the Xplore Solano Community account with events, activities, trails, parks, and more. Xplore Solano offers families one convenient app to find where to go and what to do outdoors in Solano County.

So, download the OuterSpatial app and get outside today.

## Pathway programs at Solano Community College



### Pathway Programs

- ▶ California Law School Pathway- Consists of 21 high school law academies, 28 community colleges, 11 undergraduate universities and 14 law schools  
▶ <https://calawpathways.org/>
- ▶ Medical School Pathway- Partnership with Napa Valley College and Napa-Solano Kaiser Permanente in Vallejo  
▶ <https://residency-ncal.kaiserpermanente.org/pre-med-students/>
- ▶ Avenue M- Medical School Pathway with UC Davis  
▶ <https://avenuem.ucdavis.edu/>
- ▶ Pathway programs with Touro U California for Pharm.D., FNP, and DO
- ▶ Pathway to Sonoma State includes housing, scholarships, early assistance with financial aid application.  
▶ <https://welcome.solano.edu/ssu-guaranteed-admissions-and-degree-completions-options/>
- ▶ BS degree in Biomanufacturing to MA, Ph.D.  
▶ <https://welcome.solano.edu/biomanufacturing/>

The Spring semester is almost over. If you are graduating from high school and not sure what you want to do. Here are some Pathways, Solano Community College is offering that you might not have heard about. If you are not sure what you want to do, take some General education classes that will transfer to a 4-year institution. Make an appointment and see/talk to a counselor. Time will march on, what will you do with your time?

To apply to Solano Community College, click [here](#).

## City of Vallejo seeking commission applicants

The city of Vallejo is accepting applications from residents interested with serving on one of the City's boards and commissions.



There are currently openings on the following boards, commissions, and committees:

- [Beautification Commission](#)(2) terms expire 6/30/28

- [Civil Service Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Design Review Board](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Housing & Community Development Commission](#) (1) term to expire 6/30/28
- [Housing Authority](#) (1) tenant commissioner term to expire 12/31/24
- [McCune Collection Commission](#) (3) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Participatory Budget Steering Committee](#) (6 members & 3 alternates) terms expire 6/30/25
- [Planning Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Surveillance Advisory Board – Districts 1, 2, and 3 Members Only](#) Districts 1 & 3 terms to expire 1/2/25 and District 2 term to expire 1/5/27
- [Sister City Commission](#) (1) term to expire 6/30/27
- [Solano Commission for Women & Girls](#) (1) Vallejo representative can be youth or adult. Term to expire 4 years from date of appointment.

**For City Boards and Commissions**, except for the Civil Service, McCune Collection, and Sister City Commissions, the Surveillance Advisory Board, and the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, all appointed members must complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, within 30 days of appointment. **All City Board and Commission members** must complete AB 1234 Ethics training and file a Certificate of Completion within 30 days of appointment.

In most instances, to be eligible for appointment, applicants must be residents of the City of Vallejo. Information regarding the duties of each board and commission and specific criteria for appointment may be found within each application. With some exceptions, appointments are typically for a term of 4 years.

Interviews with the City Council are tentatively scheduled for the evenings of June 3 and 10. Applicants must attend the interview to be considered for appointment on a board or commission.

Application forms and supplemental questionnaires are accessible in several ways:

- The City's website, located on the [Boards and Commissions page](#)
- At City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 555 Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor, Vallejo, CA
- By Email at [abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net), or by phone at (707) 648-4527

By UP Postal Mail: City of Vallejo, C/O City Clerk, PO Box 3068, Vallejo, CA 94590

**The application period will remain open until a sufficient number have been received in the City Clerk's Office.**

## **Vallejo accepting applications for Building Standards Code Appeal Board**

The Vallejo City Council has created a Building Standards Code Appeal Board (BSCAB). The BSCAB shall consist of 5 members from the disciplines of Design Professional, Fire Protection, Engineering, Industrial Safety, General Contractor, and General Industry or Business Representative. Members are nominated by the fire code official, the chief building official, or the city manager, subject to confirmation by a majority of the city council.

The City is seeking qualified design professional and general contractor applicants interested in serving on the Board for a one-year term.

The purpose of the BSCAB shall be to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the chief building official or fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of the California Building Standards Codes, including but not limited to the Building Code, Fire Code Residential Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Energy Code, Historical Building Code, Existing Building Code, Green Building Standards Code, and the Referenced Standards Code.

### **The duties and powers of the BSCAB are to:**

1. Hear appeals as described in [Chapter 12 of the Vallejo Municipal Code](#)
2. Exercise any other duties, functions, or powers assigned to the BSCAB as prescribed by the city council, pursuant to resolution or ordinance.

### **Qualifications to be a Board Member**

The board shall consist of members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to hazards of fire, explosions, hazardous conditions, fire protection systems or building construction and voting members must not be employees of the city of Vallejo. Given the specialized qualifications required of the board, members of the board shall not be required to be residents of the city of Vallejo.

**Applications will remain open until the City Clerk's Office has received a sufficient number of applicants with design professional and general contractor experience.**

Apply for the BSCAB by clicking [here](#).

# Solano County's New Job Applicant System



Solano County has moved their job applicant system to NeoGOV. Applicants will no longer be able to apply to County positions via JobAps or have login access. All applicants must apply via NeoGOV

at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/solanocounty>. Current openings in the Health and Social Services Department include [College Intern](#), [Epidemiologist \(Senior\)](#), [Clinical Psychologist \(Entry\)](#), [Health Education Specialist Senior](#) and [Public Health Nurse](#). Check out [NeoGOV](#) for more information and apply today!

## May is Mental Health Month

May 30th, 2024

# GROW THROUGH

WHAT YOU GO THROUGH

A comedy show for Mental Health Month

Featuring Northern California comedy group

## 1° OF SEPARATION

A Look at Depression and Suicide

A Funny and Sincere

**Vallejo ZIP Library**  
505 Santa Clara St. Vallejo  
11:30am-1:30pm

**Fairfield Civic Center Library**  
150 Kentucky St. Fairfield  
2:00pm-4:30pm

**Vacaville Town Square Library**  
1 Town Square Plc. Vacaville  
5:00pm-7:00pm

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**MAY 7** **Climate & Culture Collaborative**  
3:30pm - 5pm | Solano County Office of Education | Virtual  
General group focused on topics related to school climate and culture for any individuals working within or with schools. Will focus on wellness for education personnel.  
Register w/ Dr. Jennifer Buzulich  
[jbuzulich@solanocoed.net](mailto:jbuzulich@solanocoed.net)

**MAY 8** **Parent Open House**  
11am - 1pm | Solano County Behavioral Health | Children's Mental Health Clinic - 2301 Courage Drive Fairfield, CA  
Solano County Behavioral Health will be providing an Open House for Parents/Caregivers who have kids with behavioral health needs a chance to come learn about our services, how to access resources, and engage with other parents.  
Email Katerina Condero [KACondero@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:KACondero@SolanoCounty.com) or [SolanoMHS@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:SolanoMHS@SolanoCounty.com) or call 707-794-8320 for more information

**MAY 8** **(Bilingual) Strengthening Families Mental Health**  
5:30 - 7:30pm | Solano County Office of Education | Sullivan Language Immersion Academy 2195 Union Avenue Fairfield, CA  
Family Workshop (English & Spanish) Parents will be able to build upon skills to further support family engagement and wellness. Engaging conversations around healing Learn family strategies to enhance family culture Expressive art activities for children and youth. Registration is required.  
Gabriela Salazar  
[gsalazar@solanocoed.net](mailto:gsalazar@solanocoed.net)  
(707)846-7688

**MAY 11** **Out of the Darkness Walk**  
8am | American Foundation for Suicide Prevention | Angelo Rodriguez High School, 5000 Red Top Road, Fairfield, CA 94533  
Be a part of the walk and join thousands of students across the country to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Together we can bring mental health conditions like depression and anxiety out of the darkness and put a stop to this loss of life. Walk to support a friend or loved one, or yourself.  
Shari Papadopoulos, Walk Chair  
[afsp.campuswalk.solanocounty@gmail.com](mailto:afsp.campuswalk.solanocounty@gmail.com)  
Website: [supporting.afsp.org/event/solano](http://supporting.afsp.org/event/solano)



## May calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The May calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

- May 10 VFW Auxiliary cooking hamburgers;
- 11 Armed Forces week starts
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup, Children of Fallen Patriots Day.
- 14 House commission meeting 1830 hrs.
- 15 SONS AMERICAN LEGION meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs; Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 17 American Legion cooking hamburgers Gary & Chris
- 18 Harold Bray monument, Paul Ruiz band to play, Armed Forces Day
- 19 Yard cleaning of hall, and paint touch-ups, 0930
- 20 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup
- 22 National Maritime Day is a United States holiday created to recognize the maritime industry. Observed on May 22, the date in 1819 that the American steamship Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first ever transoceanic voyage under steam power.
- 24 Sons of The American Legion cooking hamburgers
- 27 Memorial Day event; Sons cooking hamburgers and hot dogs

free, donations, open to public  
31 The American Legion Aux cooking hamburger

The Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall is located at 1150 1st Street in downtown Benicia.

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### AAPI Cultural Night



### CalFresh Resource Fair in Vallejo



In celebration of CalFresh Awareness Month, the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano's CalFresh Outreach team will be hosting a free Community Resource Fair in

Solano County, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 11 at Vallejo City Park, 425 Alabama Street.**

On-site eligibility screenings and application assistance for CalFresh will be available. If you are interested in being a vendor, reach out to [CF@foodbnakccs.org](mailto:CF@foodbnakccs.org).

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


# Upon Words

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce  
invites you to an afternoon of poetry

## Upon Words


POETRY OPEN MIC

**FEATURING TWO INSPIRING POETS:**



**Rosa Lane**

Author of four poetry collections including *Called Back* (forthcoming, Tupelo Press); *Chouteau's Chalk* (2019, UGA Poetry Prize); *Tiller North* (2016, Sixteen Rivers); *Roots and Reckonings* (chapbook). She won the 2023 Morton Marcus Memorial Poetry Prize and has appeared in the *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Catamaran*, and elsewhere. [www.rosalane.com](http://www.rosalane.com)





**Erin Rodoni**

Author of three poetry collections: *And If the Woods Carry You* (SIR Press, 2021), *Body, in Good Light* (Sixteen Rivers Press, 2017), and *A Landscape for Loss* (NFSPS Press, 2017). She won the 2017 Montreal International Poetry Prize, and her poems have appeared in *Blackbird*, *Poetry Northwest*, and the *Fairy Tale Review*. [www.erinrodonipoet.com](http://www.erinrodonipoet.com)

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Fairfield Civic Center Library  
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Questions?  
Email: [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com)



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry called **Upon Words** with Bay Area poets Rosa Lane and Erin Rodoni.

Open Mic to follow. The event will take place from **3 to 5 p.m.**, **Saturday, May 11**, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

## Glen Cove Community Garage Sale



**The Glen Cove Community Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 11.**

As a reminder, Glen Cove residents need to be a member of Glen Cove Community Association in good standing to be on the map of homes participating in the event. Email [info@glencovevallejo.com](mailto:info@glencovevallejo.com) with your name, address, and phone number or call



707-563-1226 and leave that information plus your email address.

## Free Day at Museum of History, Benicia



## 2024 Solano Student Art Showcase

The Solano County Office of Education Youth Development Department is hosting their 2024 Solano Student Art Showcase, with the goal of recognizing youth resilience during COVID by supporting all types of youth artists and to promote mental wellness in addition to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention through art.

The live event will have performances of spoken word, music, dance and theater, as well as informational booths from community partners. **It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, Solano County Fairgrounds Drive inside McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo.**

For more information, visit the website [Solano Student Art Showcase](#).

## Butterfly Festival



**From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday, May 19**, the Monarch Milkweed Project and the Vallejo People's Garden will host the largest Butterfly Festival ever held on the West Coast. Up to 6,000 attendees are expected to attend the Mare Island event, which will take place 860 Nimitz Ave at the Coal Sheds and Mare Island Promenade.

Artisans and small businesses will sell their art, wares, and many fantastic sustainable goods. Community groups will lead pop-up workshops on a wide range of exciting topics, including hands-on free activities. Food vendors and food trucks will offer a variety of cuisines, including vegan and gluten-free options.

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

## Community Resource Fair in Suisun



The city of Suisun is hosting a Community Resource Fair on **Sunday, May 19 from 12 to 4 p.m.** at the Suisun City Waterfront and is looking for vendors to share resources and services available for individuals, families, children and seniors.

To register, fill out this [application](#). For more information, contact [ahernandez@suisun.com](mailto:ahernandez@suisun.com) or [jdawson@suisun.com](mailto:jdawson@suisun.com).

## Speakers Series: Moffett Field



Join Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for a captivating journey through the rich history of Moffett Field! From its humble beginnings in 1931 as a Navy base for observation aircraft to today's Moffett Federal Airfield, witness how this iconic site has played a vital role in shaping our nation's aviation legacy.

Captain Tom Spink, USN (Ret), a seasoned aviator and Chairman of the Board for the Moffett Field Museum, will guide participants through Moffett Field's fascinating evolution. Delve into each era, from the majestic USS Macon of the LTA era to the cutting-edge innovations of NASA and Google.

The speaker's series will take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 19 inside St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Ave, Mare Island, Vallejo.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

## Vallejo PD to host town hall meeting on Military Equipment Use policy

The Vallejo Police Department will host a Community Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, May 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.** inside the Vallejo Room located at 505 Santa Clara Street in downtown Vallejo.



The town hall will be about the department's new Military Equipment Use policy.

Vallejo residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this upcoming town hall meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, you will be able to view the recorded meeting the following day at [Vallejopd.net](http://Vallejopd.net).

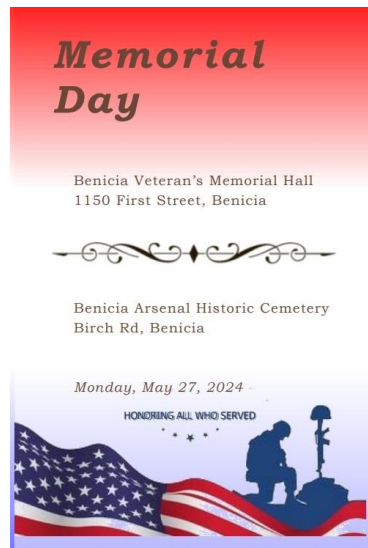
## Trash Mob

Volunteers are needed for Trash Mob on **Saturday, May 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. at 2030 North Texas Street (empty lot).**

Students can earn use this opportunity to fulfill community service hours. Snacks, water, and cleaning supplies are provided!

Contact Karen Rees at [krees@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:krees@fairfield.ca.gov) or call (707) 428-7767.

## Memorial Day



*Memorial Day*

Benicia Veteran's Memorial Hall  
1150 First Street, Benicia

Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery  
Birch Rd, Benicia

Monday, May 27, 2024 -  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

## World Environment Day



Volunteers are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano 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.

Participants will also 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.

**The event will be held on Saturday, June 1. Registration check-in begins at 9 a.m. Sandwiches will be provided after trash cleanups and group photos conclude. 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 p.m.**

Lake Solano County Park, approximately 4 miles west of Winters, CA, on Pleasants Valley Road just south of Highway 128. Volunteers that choose to assist with trash cleanup activities will cleanup at Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano. Parking fees will be waived with a pass provided to event registrants in advance.

Registration is required and can be completed at [cleansolano.org](http://cleansolano.org) under the World Environment Day tab. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

For more information, contact Marianne Butler, Event Coordinator, at [marianne.butler@solanorcd.org](mailto:marianne.butler@solanorcd.org) or (707) 678-1655.

## Hike and Write



In conjunction with the Solano Land Trust, Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting her 4th Hike and Write from **1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at Lynch Canyon, located at 3100 Lynch Canyon**

**Road, Fairfield. Parking is \$5.**

The hiking level is **medium** and will be about 2 miles. A docent will be leading the group, sharing history and stories.

**Bring pen and paper. Bring water and snacks. Wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.**

Please email Suzanne at [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com) by Thursday, May 30, if you are coming. There needs to be a headcount.

For questions, email Suzanne: [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com)

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## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, May 4**, I was invited to attend the commencement at Cal Maritime. What a day! The rain and wind were heavy Saturday morning.

My second event was attending the Innovative Health Solutions Line Dancing at the Clocktower. There were instructors to help with line dancing. This event was from 1 to 6 p.m.

My third event was the WE ARE ALL RELATED AUTHOR EVENT held at the Benicia library. This week's author was Isabel Quintero. She read two books; *My Papi has a motorcycle* and *Mama's Panza*. Both books were wonderful. Isabel discussed how she came up with her ideas. The motorcycle book was based on what she and her dad did when he came home from work. The other book was about our bodies and not to feel ashamed. I enjoyed my time with her.

I then went back to the line dancing event at the Clocktower. A late lunch was being served which was great. I had time to talk with friends. Just a nice afternoon as the rain tapered off.

My last event was attending the Kyle Hyland Foundation fundraiser. There was live music, lots of food, and heaters, as this was an outdoor event. Many people attended.

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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

Officer's quarters on Mare Island in the City of Vallejo. Photo:  
Monica Brown.

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First elected in 2016, Monica represents District 2 on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. District 2 encompasses the city of Benicia, the portion of Vallejo south of Georgia Street, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley and a portion of Fairfield.