



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**May 31, 2024**



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**Pride Month**



In June, we celebrate and recognize Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising. The purpose of the commemorative month is to



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**Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk**

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**Area Agency on Aging**

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recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history; locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Stonewall Riots occurred due to a raid by New York City police on the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village on June 28th, 1969. Angered by police harassment and social discrimination, the events of June 28th sparked six days of protests and galvanized the gay rights movement. America's first gay pride parade was held on the one-year anniversary of the riots.

The Department of Defense celebrated its first Pride Month in June of 2012 following the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in 2011.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Federal and local policies and practices are growing in acknowledging and focusing on LGBTQ youth. Numerous national advocacy groups and other organizations are also giving greater attention to LGBTQ youth in their work. Encouraging greater acceptance and support for all youth, including those who are or are perceived to be LGBTQ, will make communities, schools, and other settings safer, better places for all youth.

**LIST OF FLAG RAISINGS & OTHER EVENTS:**

June 1: 10 am, Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum (734 Marin Street, Vallejo). Also at the Museum, Ego Artform Exhibit by Doris Fish

June 2: 12 to 5 pm, Suisun Pride Event, Suisun (520 Solano Street, Suisun City)

June 3: 10 am, Vallejo City Hall (555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo)

June 3: 11 am, Benicia City Hall (250 East L Street, Benicia)

June 4: 9 am, Pride Proclamation at Solano County (675 Texas Street, Fairfield)

**U.S. Social Security**

(800) 772-1213

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

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800 799 4889

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800 971 0016

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877-565-8860

## Information this week

### County Auditor-Controller set to retire after more than 34 years of public service to the community



A Solano County press release:

After more than 34 years of dedicated public service to the community, Phyllis S. Taynton, Solano County Auditor-Controller, will retire from County service on June 5, 2024. Her departure marks the end of a three-decade long career in the County's Auditor-Controller's Office, including six years as the County's elected Auditor-Controller.

Ms. Taynton started her career in public service with Solano County on January 8, 1990. Since then, she has been promoted several times, including being elected to serve as the County's Auditor-Controller on June 5, 2018. Over the span of her career, Ms. Taynton has played a key role in the development and oversight of some of the County's most important financial documents, including the recommended and adopted budgets, the single audit report, the award-winning Popular Annual Financial Report, and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Her department also played a critical role in the coordination, development, and implementation of a new County-wide property tax system.

As the Auditor-Controller, Ms. Taynton has served in several leadership positions, including as a financial expert on the County's Pension and Debt Advisory Committee, and as a member of the California State Association of County Auditors, where she served on the Association's Legislative Committee and as Chairperson of the Policies and Interpretations Committee and Accounting Standards and Procedures Committee. Most recently, in 2019 she was appointed by State Controller Betty Yee to serve on the Advisory Committee on County Accounting Procedures.

Starting June 6, 2024, Sheila Turgo, Assistant Auditor-Controller, will assume a leadership position over the Auditor-Controller's Office as the Acting Auditor-Controller.

# Solano County lays out California Forever initiative ballot qualification process and timelines



Solano County press release:

County officials are issuing this alert to inform the public of the ballot qualification process and timeline ahead, as set forth under state elections law, for the “REZONING OF 17,500 ACRES OF LAND IN EAST SOLANO COUNTY

TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMUNITY” Initiative (also known as “California Forever” or “East Solano Plan”).

“This initiative to redesignate a large tract of land in eastern Solano County from agriculture to urban land uses has and will continue to generate a robust debate about the future of Solano County if it qualifies for the November ballot,” said Bill Emlen, Solano County Administrator. “The Board of Supervisors (Board) wants to ensure the community understands the process and the Board’s role in the weeks and months ahead.”

## **April 30 – June 12, 2024**

Solano County Registrar of Voters has 30 business days, not including holidays or weekends, to conduct a random sample of 3 percent of signatures submitted to see if it can be projected that there are at least 14,369 valid signatures (110 percent of the total required).

## **By June 12, 2024**

The Registrar of Voters will announce if the random sample of signatures does or does not meet the threshold to qualify the initiative to be placed on the November 2024 ballot. If it does not meet the threshold, the Registrar may take an additional 60 business days to count and verify all signatures. If it does meet the threshold, the Registrar will present it at the next regularly scheduled Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 25, 2024.

## **June 25, 2024**

At the Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Registrar will present the results of its initiative signature sampling count. (The agenda for this meeting will be available on June 21, 2024 [here](#)). At this meeting, the Board would have three options: 1) adopt the initiative (i.e., change the County’s land use as outlined in the initiative), 2) place the initiative on the November ballot, or 3) order a report assessing impacts of the initiative before placing it on the ballot. Should the Board order the report, that report would need to be presented to the Board within 30 days.

**July 23, 2024**

At the Board meeting, the impact report would be presented. Following consideration of the report, the Board may adopt the initiative or place the initiative on the November ballot. (The agenda for this meeting will be available on July 19, 2024 [here](#)).

## Link21



Link 21 Equity Advisory Council sent this information on May 21, 2024. The meeting was held on May 21 from 1 to 3:45pm. Presentation materials will be available via

Legistar at <https://bart.legistar.com>

The next meeting is July 16, 2024 at 6pm.

Therefore, knowing about this program is important:

LINK 21 is a long-range transportation program sponsored by BART and Capitol Corridor. Together with partners (FYI, I do not know who they are), LINK 21 will transform the train system within the 21 county Northern California Mega region which includes the greater San Francisco Bay area, the Monterey Bay area, the Sacramento area and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

This week's newsletter has information concerning a bill sponsored by Senator Dodd to help fund the SMART train. SMART is the Sonoma Marin Area Train. This is the train that has been discussed to expand the rails to run on HWY 37. The goal is to bring SMART up to the Napa Airport and pick up the train rails that run in Cordelia which will take the train to the Capitol Corridor rails. The Napa Valley Register newspaper has had articles such as PROPOSED PASSENGER RAIL LINE THROUGH NAPA COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING. This concept was one of the proposals. SMART would wrap around NAPA.

- Monica

## **California DMV will no longer process these services at offices**

If you dread going to the [California DMV](#), don't worry, the agency prefers that you handle your DMV-related tasks away from the office.

In its efforts to move more services online, the DMV is stopping in-office service for several simple tasks. To read more, click [here](#).

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## Updates from Solano County

### **Solano Mobile Crisis Team now serves entire County 24/7/365**



Solano County press release:

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health division, in partnership with Pacific Clinics, California's leading provider of community-based mental health and substance use services, announce that Solano Mobile Crisis can now be accessed by calling (707) 806-0866 and is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year countywide.

Mobile Crisis team members are certified first responders trained to prevent or de-escalate crisis situations and provide support in the community to an individual needing to be placed on an involuntary 72-hour psychiatric hold, otherwise known as a 5150.

One of the main goals of mobile crisis is to provide trauma-informed care to those experiencing a mental health crisis by utilizing a team of mental health specialists and peer specialists with lived experience and expertise supporting youth and the unhoused. After the team responds to a call, they meet with the individual(s) in person and connect them to resources at the time of service.

All team members are trained by law enforcement in crisis response and conversely, law enforcement agencies triage and receive support from the mobile crisis team during their debriefs or in daily situations needing co-responses. The Suisun Police Department has also donated part of their office to house the Pacific Clinics mobile crisis team after hours to ensure their safety.

The program serves all of Solano County's participating jurisdictions, including Benicia, Dixon, Vallejo, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, Travis Air Force Base (TAFB) and unincorporated Solano County areas — more than 850 square miles.

## Vallejo Housing Authority Hosts Landlord Symposium to Expand Affordable Housing



The [Vallejo Housing Authority](#) (VHA) will host an upcoming Landlord Symposium aimed at recruiting landlords to become partners in the Housing Choice Voucher program, increasing housing

opportunities for participants in Vallejo, and incentivizing landlords to expand the affordable housing stock in the City.

The symposium will be held on Thursday, June 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library, Joseph Room, located at 505 Santa Clara Street, in downtown Vallejo.

This event is designed to welcome new partnerships and provide comprehensive training opportunities to new and existing partners in the program. Attendees will benefit from a presentation by a NorCal Fair Housing representative, focusing on fair housing rights and laws, ensuring landlords are well-informed about their legal rights and obligations.

### Key highlights of the symposium include:

- An introduction to the VHA and an overview of the Housing Choice Voucher program.
- MythBusters session addressing common misconceptions about participants and correcting inaccuracies.
- Information about financial incentives for new and current landlords, including expedited inspection processes for new units, a dedicated email for landlord concerns, a Loss Mitigation Fund, timely monthly payments, and competitive contract rents.

Landlords and property managers interested in attending can register by clicking [here](#).

## Meals on Wheels of Solano County

Meals on Wheels is always seeking new volunteers to deliver meals to local homebound seniors in Solano County. Even if it's once per day, once per week, or once per month, you will be making a difference in the lives of the seniors we serve. Volunteer today at [www.mealsonwheelssolano.org/volunteer](http://www.mealsonwheelssolano.org/volunteer) or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Anthony Lim, at [alim@mowsc.org](mailto:alim@mowsc.org).

*Box Fan Drive:*

Meals on Wheels of Solano County is holding its second Box Fan Drive to keep our senior clients cool and safe during this excessive heat! You can drop off your donations to the Meals on Wheels office in Suisun, or shop via the Amazon Wishlist (you are not limited to the fan on our wishlist, any fan will do).

Please reach out to the development manager at [tdorman@mowsc.org](mailto:tdorman@mowsc.org) with any questions.

To sign up, click [here](#).

## Villages Transform the Experience of Aging



Caption: Carquinez Villagers at co-founder Judie Donaldson's memorial bench dedication

Serving the safety and social needs of seniors takes a Village. Operating with only part-time staff, members and volunteers at Carquinez Village keep their eyes and ears open for information and resources that can enrich the Carquinez Village membership experience. We are members of the national Village to Village Network (VtV), which puts us in touch with nearly 300 villages with a shared mission of helping older adults remain in the place and community they call home. Our Executive Director, Jennifer Hanley, serves on the Board of Directors and chairs the Communication Committee for VtV, ensuring that Carquinez Village has access to best practices throughout the country and is at the forefront of the national village movement.

At the state level, we stay informed through our local Area Agency on Aging about the California Master Plan for Aging. California is one of a handful of states that has adopted such a plan to address



the critical needs of the growing population of older residents. California's multi-year plan aims to establish a strong framework for better linking and accessing existing resources and services, and to support new ones. The Village model is mentioned in this plan as one of the emerging community-based models for addressing isolation. During the pandemic, when most of us experienced the toll on our health and well-being, Villages utilized Zoom, visits at a distance, and friendly phone calls to bridge the disconnection many of us were experiencing. Villages listen; villages respond; villages activate.

At the county level, we are directly connected and engaged on issues of local aging. Director Hanley serves on the Solano County Master Plan for Aging Advisory Committee, and Board Member Linda Chandler is a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. This affords us a two-way conduit for sharing the Village model and ensuring that the needs of local seniors are heard. We receive current information regarding access to county services such as the availability of laptops to ensure seniors are connected, upcoming seminars, health fairs, and other programs and events occurring throughout both Napa and Solano counties. In addition, we are regularly apprised of legislative bills that will benefit seniors, and we can have input in this process.

Carquinez Village is presently the only Village in Solano County and serves older adults in both Vallejo and Benicia. We are nearly 160 members strong with a vibrant group of compassionate volunteers, many of whom are members, at the heart of our organization. Services include small home repair, access to a cadre of social events, essential rides, and ongoing educational programming. There are many opportunities for any member or volunteer to become involved and give back. We partner with numerous community organizations, working together in support of our missions. We give back to the public by sponsoring a monthly Speaker Series at the Benicia Library and offering evidence-based public courses such as the fall prevention series "A Matter of Balance." At every turn, we grow stronger. We are built on connections.

Our Village provides peace of mind and a safety net of services to help address transportation, housing, isolation, and healthcare for those aging in place. Each county throughout the state is charged with gathering information about the needs of older adults and identifying services that are effective, as well as pinpointing gaps in services that are not yet met. The success of our work will come through connection and will provide the infrastructure for allowing older adults to enjoy healthy aging. Help us succeed. Connect with us!

The month of May is National Older Americans Month, and the theme for 2024 is 'Powered by Connection'. Through connection, we make a difference.

To learn more about Carquinez Village and our mission to connect, support, and inspire older adults in Benicia and Vallejo, visit [CarquinezVillage.org](https://CarquinezVillage.org) or call (707) 297-2472.

For links to our social media and to read and subscribe to our monthly newsletter, visit <https://linktr.ee/CarquinezVillage>.

## Special event volunteers needed for Solano County Fair



Organizers are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join the Solano County Fair, where you'll have the unique opportunity to be part of our vibrant community event. As a volunteer, you'll contribute to the fair's success and enjoy the perks of **Free Parking** and **Free Admission**:

### Ag Day

Thursday, June 13, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Two to three volunteers to hand out goodies to people coming to the fair.

### Super Friends Day

Friday, June 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Five to six people to assist with check-in and putting wristbands on guests. Guests are from local facilities for the developmentally disabled.

**To volunteer, contact Kelly Fletcher to schedule your volunteer slots. (707) 592-2328**

### McCormick Hall Home Arts/Fine Arts Building

Two to three volunteers per shift as extra eyes at all the entrances and on the floor during the fair.

**2-4 hour shifts available.**

### Building Hours:

Thursday, June 13, 4 to 8 pm

Friday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 15, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 16, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please contact Mary Ann Burkett to schedule volunteer slots for this building, (925) 234-1105

## Call For Artists Region Extended



Solano County Transit (SolTrans) is extending its reach beyond Solano County, by now inviting artists from Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda,

San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Yolo, and Sacramento counties to submit their work to help the agency celebrate sustainable transit.

Embracing the theme of sustainability and connectivity within the Bay Area, artists are encouraged to weave narratives that resonate with passengers and onlookers alike, reflecting SolTrans' dedication to advancing a greener transit future.

Artists interested in this public art opportunity are encouraged to submit their entries before **Wednesday, June 24, 2024**. Up to three finalists will be handpicked to craft preliminary designs, with one artist ultimately selected to bring their digital masterpiece to life on a SolTrans all-electric bus.

This marks SolTrans' third Call for Artists in the past decade, following successful collaborations with local art communities, including wrapping the inaugural all-electric bus in 2015, adorning the revamped Operations & Maintenance Facility in Vallejo in 2016, and introducing six art installations at the Vallejo Transit Center in 2021.

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

## Arts Benicia



The **Solano Water Stories: Artists Voices** exhibition is now open. This exhibition funded by the **California Creative Corps, a program of the California Arts Council**, as part of a larger grant project

titled Stewarding our Resources: Solano Artists Create, Collaborate, and Educate.

The project is engaging artists in creating original material to be used to educate Californians about water conservation and climate mitigation. The exhibition features commissioned works by thirteen Solano County artists who draw upon their diverse community experiences to explore and communicate the grant themes through artwork. The exhibition runs through June 23, at **The Temple Art Lofts, at 707 Marin Street (at Virginia St.), in Vallejo**.

Arts Benicia's exhibition is in conjunction with **Brush Strokes for Earth**, an exhibition presented by **The Vallejo Center for the Arts**,

also a CCC Grant recipient. Gallery hours at the Temple Art Lofts are **Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 4 pm and during Vallejo Art Walk, Friday, June 14, from 5 to 9 pm.**

Two other exhibitions will open this Saturday June 1 with an opening reception from 4 to 6 pm. **I. We, They. Celebrations of Gender** is juried by **Thea Quiray Tagle** and features works of all media. The exhibition will run until July 21. We are also pleased to show work by Solano Community College art students in **Fresh Perspectives: Artwork from Solano Community College**. The exhibition will run during the same period as I. We. They. Celebrations of Gender and is located in the upstairs galleries. These events are free and will take place at the Commanding Officer's Quarters at 1 Commandant's Lane.

The Arts Benicia Gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the Commanding Officer's Quarters, in the historic Benicia Arsenal. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of our town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Inquiries? Email [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org) or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

## PG&E Gas Meter Maintenance Work



### Gas meter maintenance work

As part of our commitment to providing safe and reliable energy, we are conducting important gas meter maintenance work throughout our service area.



#### What we are doing

- Replacing a device that is attached to the gas meter, which communicates gas usage to PG&E.
- Ensuring customers continue to receive accurate and timely bills.

#### What to expect

- PG&E crews will perform this work.
- Work will take 30 minutes or less to complete.
- Gas service should not be interrupted.
- Safe and clear access to the meter is needed. If we cannot access the meter, customers will need to set up an appointment.
- Work will be conducted at no cost to the customer.



For more information about this important maintenance work, please visit [pge.com/gasmeterupdate](http://pge.com/gasmeterupdate) or call us at 1-866-743-0263.



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PG&E crews will be resuming gas meter maintenance work on approximately 75,000 gas meters in the Sacramento Division, including parts of Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter and Yolo counties, beginning in early June. This work is expected to be

completed by the end of October but may last throughout December given missed appointments and/or unforeseen delays.

During this work, PG&E crews will be replacing a device attached to gas meters, primarily at residential properties, which communicates gas usage back to PG&E's secure network. This helps to ensure that PG&E can provide accurate and timely bills. This maintenance work will take less than 30 minutes to complete and should not interrupt service.

## Filing process opens for city council and mayoral seats on July 15



Three Fairfield City Council seats are open for election on November 5, 2024: Districts 2, 4, and 6. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, live in the respective district, and be registered to vote in that district. All open seats are four-year terms until 2028. The city clerk and city treasurer seats are also up for election and candidates must be registered to vote within Fairfield city limits.

Persons interested in running for these seats may obtain candidate nomination papers from the City Clerk's Office beginning Monday, July 15, 2024. The deadline for filing nomination paperwork is 5 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2024, unless an incumbent does not file by that time, in which case the filing period for that seat will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

The city clerk has made an informational video, "So You Want to Run for City Council," and checklist which details the steps needed to run for office. Both can be found at <https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/election>.

Potential candidates may obtain a Candidate's Handbook beginning July 15, 2024, by making an appointment with City Clerk Karen Rees, by calling (707) 428-7767 or emailing: [klrees@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:klrees@fairfield.ca.gov).

The City Clerk's Office is located on the fourth floor in City Hall at 1000 Webster Street, Fairfield. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, but City Hall will be closed on Fridays: July 19 and August 2, 2024.

Potential candidates are required to comply with the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulation which requires filing a State of California Form 501, "Candidate Intention Statement," prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contributions, or expenditure of any personal funds, related to the upcoming election. Potential candidates may contact the FPPC at 1-866-275-

3772, for information and assistance with FPPC filing requirements or visit [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

## Registration for National Night Out 2024 is open

Fairfield neighborhoods are invited to participate in National Night Out this year on **Tuesday, August 6, from 5 to 8 p.m.** On this day, residents in neighborhoods throughout Fairfield are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend an evening outside with neighbors, Fairfield Police, Fairfield Fire, and city officials.



National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie that make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Neighborhoods host a variety of events ranging from small potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQs to block parties, ice cream socials, and more. This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration is free and open for Fairfield's National Night Out and closes July 22 at 5 pm. Your event must be registered for Fairfield Police, Fairfield Fire, and/or City of Fairfield representatives to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants receive an official NNO2024 gift basket for your party. Register and discover how your neighborhood can participate at <http://fairfield.ca.gov/NNO>.

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### World Environment Day

The poster for World Environment Day Cleanup at Lake Solano features a blue sky background with a tree made of leaves. Text on the poster includes: 'Join us on June 1, 2024 for our annual World Environment Day Cleanup!', 'Celebrate', 'WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY at Lake Solano', 'Learn more and find your site at... CleanUpSolano.org ...or follow the link in our bio!', and 'Sponsored by: Board of Supervisors, Health &amp; Community Services, and Solano2024'. There is also a small circular logo for the event.

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.**

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 [cleanupsolano.org](http://cleanupsolano.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.

## Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon 2024



**VALLEJO PISTA SA NAYON**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024**  
**MARE ISLAND COAL SHEDS**  
11AM - 6PM

**FREE FERRY**  
RIDE THE VALLEJO FERRY!  
**FILIPINO FOOD**  
20+ FOOD VENDORS KAIN NA!

**MAIN Stage**  
DJ, SINGERS, ALTERNATIVE SHOWS,  
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ARTIS + MORE!  
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KIDZ FUN, CRAFTS, WEAVING WORKSHOPS

**Weaving Generations of Filipino Culture & Tradition**

Logos for sponsors: Vallejo, Solano County, NBC, and others.

You are cordially invited to join in celebrating the Philippine Independence Day and Philippine Cultural Month at the 38th annual, Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon Festival.

This year's theme is "*Weaving together Generations of Filipino Culture and Traditions*". From dazzling performances to mouthwatering culinary delights, each event experience will tell a story of unity, joy, and cultural pride.

**Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 1 at the** Mare Island Coal Sheds, 850 Nimitz Avenue on Mare Island in Vallejo.

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

## 'We are Related' speaker series



The last author under the series "WE ARE RELATED" is Nidhi Chanani, who is an illustrator and an artist. She has written books such as

What Will My Story Be, and the Shark Princess series. The Benicia Library will be hosting Ms. Chanani **Sunday, June 2, from 2 to 3pm**. I look forward to attending the event.

I have been fortunate to attend the entire series. I thank everyone who was part of the effort to bring the authors to Benicia. - Monica

## Yard Waste event in Benicia



The Benicia Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Republic Services are hosting the annual Citywide Yard Waste and Weed Abatement Clean-up Program.

This free annual program is for Benicia residents who need to clear their property of weeds and other vegetation. Only green waste/vegetation will be accepted at this event, excluding palm fronds. Tree branch cuttings shall be limited to 4 inches in diameter.

This event is open to Benicia residents only and is intended for use



by homeowners. No commercial dumping will be allowed. Proof of residency will be required to gain entry.

**The event will be held on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Benicia Corporation Yard – 2400 East Second Street.**

Questions: Contact Benicia Fire Department at (707) 746-4275.

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## Events I attended this week

I was honored to be invited to attend the 104th Firefighter I & II Academy Graduation Ceremony, **Saturday, May 25**. Many people might not be aware that Solano Community College's district includes Winters. Firefighting is one of many certificates the college offers. There were 29 graduates. The keynote speaker was Jessica Fleshman, Battalion Chief, from the Fairfield Fire Department.

The audience was made up of family and friends who took numerous pictures to celebrate this event. I enjoy attending these events as our students move on to another chapter in their lives.

**Monday, May 27**, was Memorial Day. I attended the ceremony held at Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery. The Diablo Regional Concert Band played songs such as the National Anthem, God Bless America, and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Oren Rae, Past Commander of VFW Post 1928 & American Legion Post 101, was the Master of Ceremonies. A moving speech was given by Sergeant First Class (Retired) Pete McMullen, Vietnam Combat Veteran.

I enjoyed the Fly-Over done by the T-38 Talon from Beale Air Force Base. The jets flew so fast. I am amazed by what our pilots can achieve.

For lunch at the Vet's Hall, I had a bar-a-que hot dog with 3 sides.

The day was a proper reflection on the men and women who have given their all. The last song played at the cemetery was Amazing Grace.

When you see our men and women in uniform, please thank them. They protect us every day.



Supervisor Brown reads a Memorial Day resolution, passed by the Solano County Board of Supervisors, at the Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2024. Photo: Terry Scott, vice mayor of Benicia.

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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:

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Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024. Photo: Monica Brown

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