



# Solano County *California*

**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**June 7, 2024**



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## **D-Day 80th Anniversary**



**Caption:** American troops storm the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. Photo by: Robert F. Sargent/Getty Images

### **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

**Dear Readers:** The following are the remarks made by me at Tuesday's board meeting (June 4) as we remembered D-Day.

Omaha, Utah, Sword, Juno, Gold. Five words of liberation.

Eighty years ago, this week, more than 156,000 allied soldiers, comprised primarily of Americans, British, and Canadians, landed on five Normandy beaches to begin the process of freeing France and the rest of Europe from the clutches of Nazi tyranny.

The price of freedom came with 10,000 Allied casualties with more than 4,400 killed, including nearly 2,500 American soldiers. Most of those killed that fateful day, remain in Europe, forever remembered in marble for their sacrifice to save Europe and the world from Nazi domination.

We must never forget those sacrifices. Tyranny never sleeps so we must remain steadfast in denouncing tyranny. To stay silent in the face of tyranny is an insult to the soldiers who never came home from those beaches 80 years ago.

I respectfully ask that this meeting be adjourned in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on June 6, 1944.

Also, if you have a moment, please take some time to read this great Times-Herald article about the Jacque family. Their father, Louie Jacque, who passed away in 2016, fought in Normandy.

[Jacque family remembers father who fought in Normandy – Times Herald Online](#)

## 2024 Solano County Fair June 13 to 16



The Solano County Fair will celebrate its 75th anniversary when it opens to the public for several days of fun from June 13 to 16.

**Thursday, June 13,** will be Family Ag Day. Gates open at 4 p.m.

**Friday, June 14,** will be Super Friends Day. Gates

open at noon.

**Saturday, June 15,** will be Junior Livestock Auction/Out at the Fair@ Day. Gates open at noon.

**Sunday, June 16,** is the last day of the Solano County Fair. Gates open at noon.

### 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 more information about activities/events planned for each day of the Fair, click [here](#).

## Juneteenth festivals



**VALLEJO JUNETEENTH**  
Festival & Parade  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**  
**PARADE @ 9:00AM - 10:30AM**  
SONOMA BOULEVARD & TENNESSEE STREET  
**FESTIVAL @ 11AM - 5PM**  
CELEBRATING FREEDOM BARBARA KONDYLIS WATERFRONT GREEN  
301 MARE ISLAND WAY, VALLEJO  
[www.vallejojunteenth.com](http://www.vallejojunteenth.com)



4th Annual Benicia Black Lives Matter  
**JUNETEENTH**  
CELEBRATION  
Saturday | June 15th | 12-5pm  
Benicia Public Library  
150 E L Street, Benicia  
NEW VENUE!!  
Live Music | Food & Drinks  
Kid's Activities | Vendors  
Co-Sponsored by the Benicia Public Library | [benicialibrary.org](http://benicialibrary.org)  
[BeniciaBlackLivesMatter.com](http://BeniciaBlackLivesMatter.com)  
@BeniciaBlackLivesMatter



3RD ANNUAL  
**JUNETEENTH**  
CELEBRATION  
June 15th & 16th  
at the Suisun City Waterfront  
Suisun City (Youth) Commission  
R.E.A.L. Fairfield

The Juneteenth Family Block Party will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 15, and Sunday, June 16 on the Suisun waterfront.



## Information this week

### Cooling Centers



As summer temperatures begin to soar, community members are reminded that each Solano County library location is a cooling center.

For hours and locations of Solano County libraries, click [here](#).

### RCRC Launches Eighth Annual Rural County Photo Contest



The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is holding its eighth Annual Rural County Photo Contest through June 30, 2024. The contest invites individuals to submit their photographs capturing life in rural California and showcasing the beautiful scenery, activities, communities, history, and charm of RCRC's 40 member counties.

**Photo entries should be sent to [photocontest@rcrcnet.org](mailto:photocontest@rcrcnet.org). All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2024, be the original work of the submitter, and include:**

- Location where the photo was taken, including the county in which it was taken; and
- Photographer's full name and email address.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$300 gift card, and the winning photograph will be unveiled at the September RCRC Board of Directors Meeting.

The second-place finalist will receive a \$150 gift card and the third-place finalist will receive a \$75 gift card.

Full contest details are available on the RCRC website by clicking [here](#).

## Teaching Reconstruction in the Secondary Classroom



Reconstruction was a critical turning point in American history. For nearly 150 years, historians have researched the varying impacts of this 7-year period in which Americans aimed to expand political and civic equity grounded in Black grassroots agitations for freedom.

Amid violent white supremacy, African Americans fought for political, social, and economic advancements for their communities and would ultimately lay the groundwork for movements for equality that would come to define the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

This summer the California History Social Science Project Statewide Office is hosting a 3-day seminar where classroom teachers can explore more deeply Reconstruction as a transformative moment in American history.

Scholars and teacher leaders will collaborate with attendees to discover new ways to bring to their students an updated approach to studying Reconstruction, one that focuses on resistance, transformation, and joy. Through daily presentations from leading experts in the field, followed by lesson ideas, 8th, 11th, Government, and Ethnic Studies teachers will find both content and strategy support for deepening their discussions of Reconstruction and defining their unit of study.

- **Date:** July 16-18, 2024
- **Location:** Zoom
- **Time:** 9:00am-1:00pm PST
- **Who:** Secondary Educators
- **Cost:** \$285

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

## California’s largest reservoir project in decades clears environmental court challenge

California is one step closer to building its largest water storage facility in nearly 50 years, after a court ruled in favor of the Sites Reservoir project following a challenge by environmental groups.

The Yolo County Superior Court issued the 65 page [ruling](#) late last week, marking a possible end to the project’s environmental litigation. The relatively quick ruling stands in contrast to a typical, multi-year litigation period under the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

To continue reading, click [here](#).

## 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.

## Why California families are getting a tax surprise for health care

For families seeking affordable health insurance, the state's health insurance marketplace, Covered California, can provide major relief. But if they're not careful, [they can get hit by an unexpected federal tax bill](#).

As CalMatters health reporter [Ana B. Ibarra](#) explains, enrollees can sometimes unknowingly receive too much aid if they underestimate their income the following year, or if they fail to report that they lost a dependent. This "excess" aid is connected to the federal Affordable Care Act, and is collected by the federal government when people file their taxes.

To continue reading, click [here](#).

## Selective Service



Remember that Federal Law requires nearly all male US citizens and male immigrants, 18 through 25, register with Selective Service.

When you register with the Selective Service, you're helping ensure a secure future for your community and the United States of America.

By registering, a young man remains eligible for jobs, state-based student aid in 31 states, Federally-funded job training, and U.S. citizenship for immigrant men.

If you are 26 or older, it's too late to register. If you failed to register by age 26 and are seeking benefits associated with Selective Service registration, [click the link](#) to learn more about next steps.

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

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## Updates from around Solano County

## 2024 Summer Reading Challenge



**Registration:** June 1 – July 31, 2024

**Who Can Join:** All ages

**How It Works:**

**Readers:** Track reading minutes on a gameboard.

**Non-readers:** Track fun activities on a gameboard.

**Prizes:**

**Children:** Free book at registration; second book, tote bag, and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the gameboard.

**Teens:** Free book, tote bag, and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the gameboard.

**Adults:** Enamel pin, tote bag, and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the gameboard.

**Extras:**



Automatic entry into weekly drawings for Oakland A's. San Francisco Giants tickets, and ferry passes.

Prizes must be picked up at a Solano County Library branch (no mail delivery).

For more information about events at the various library locations, click [here](#).

## Cook the Book



Did you know that the Benicia Public Library has a book club that meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month devoted to food? The club is called COOK

THE BOOK.

If you enjoy cooking, cookbooks, or taking pictures of food this club is for you. The club meets at 12 p.m. in the Edna Clyne Room inside the Benicia Public Library, 150 E L Street.

Email Patrice for the info: [psartor@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:psartor@ci.benicia.ca.us) or call 707-746-4343. Bon appetit.

## Expanded Mobile Crisis Services

Solano County Behavioral Health is excited to announce that our Mobile Crisis Team now has a direct number for public access: **(707) 806-0866**.



This dedicated number allows individuals experiencing an urgent mental health crisis to connect directly with our Mobile Crisis Team without needing to go through 911. The team operates 24/7/365, ensuring continuous support for those in need.

Mobile Crisis services are designed to assist individuals facing severe mental health crises, such as suicidal thoughts or plans, potential danger to themselves or others, or grave disability due to a mental health disorder. This team will attempt to de-escalate and safely plan with the individual at their home, in the community, or over the phone. If necessary, they will arrange transportation to the Crisis Unit or an emergency room.

This service is available to everyone in Solano County, regardless of insurance. Additionally, calls to 911 or the 988 Suicide Lifeline will continue to be routed to our Mobile Crisis Team when appropriate, with law enforcement support provided if needed. We also coordinate with community partners, such as Vallejo's Integrated Health Resource Team (IHART) community response team, to ensure comprehensive care.

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

## **Solano County's Fresh Start: Comprehensive Criminal Record Relief Program**



A criminal record can make finding employment, obtaining housing, enrolling in and funding an education, and securing other civic opportunities very difficult.

The good news is that there are options for you to move forward, even if you have made mistakes in the past. From reducing felony convictions to misdemeanors to dismissing/expunging your criminal record to getting Certificates of Rehabilitation, the Solano County Public Defender is pleased to help you with your Fresh Start!

Please contact the Public Defender to start the process at (707) 784-6700 or [freshstart@solanocounty.com](mailto:freshstart@solanocounty.com) with any questions, or apply [here](#).

## **Link21 stakeholder update**

View the [Link21 May 2024 Stakeholder Update](#) to learn about Program updates and upcoming engagement and outreach activities.

Link21 is a long-range transportation program sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridor). Together with partners, Link21 will transform the train system within the 21-county Northern California Megaregion which includes the greater San Francisco Bay area, the Monterey Bay area, the Sacramento area and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

## **110 people gather to support the 2024 World Environment Day**



A press release from the Solano Resource Conservation District:

On Saturday June 1, under 75° sunny skies 110 people attended the 4th Annual World Environment Day Cleanup and Celebration at Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano.

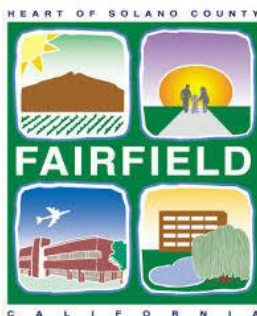
In just three hours, volunteers from all over the county combined efforts to remove 270 pounds of trash, including 99 pounds of recyclables from the shores of both lakes. They planted 500 grasses, sedges and wildflowers and celebrated their work afterward with a delicious picnic lunch from Upper Crust Bakery paid for by Volunteer Solano/CVNL.

Each participant was able to make take-home seed packets to bring the cleanup and restoration sentiment home with them, along with a commemorative World Environment Day T-shirt from by Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield. Putah Creek Council was there providing canoe tours on Lake Solano and educating the public about the significance of this valuable resource. The 2024 World Environment Day theme of “Our Land, Our Future” focused on acting now by planting native species, rebuilding our soils and protecting and restoring our water resources.

This theme is particularly meaningful to Solano County, as Lake Berryessa provides water to nearly half a million people, as well as agriculture operations and businesses. It is also a beloved recreation site for the over half a million people who visit each year to boat, swim and explore the shores. In California, water is always a precious commodity and protecting those resources is a top priority. Keeping Lake Berryessa clean, healthy and supportive of all the needs of people and wildlife is the responsibility of all who use its waters.

Solano County Water Agency has been committed to educating both recreational and municipal users, partnering with Solano RCD to provide a long running Boater Education program at the Lake each summer to offer person-to-person education about clean and green boating practices.

## Fairfield to host the 2024 Independence Day Parade on July 4



A city of Fairfield press release:

The city of Fairfield will host the 2024 Independence Day Parade in Downtown Fairfield on Thursday, July 4. The theme for this year’s parade is – “An American Journey”.

The Parade will step-off at 10 a.m. from the corner of Webster and

Kentucky Street, continue down Kentucky Street to Great Jones, then turn up Texas Street to Washington. The review stand is located at the intersection of Texas Street and Madison Avenue on the south side of the street.

Can't make the parade? You can watch the livestream on Comcast Channel 26 or on-demand at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/live](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/live).

ADA parking is available at the Downtown Theatre parking lot - as space allows.

Individuals and groups interested in participating in the parade will find an entry form on our webpage. Categories for judging include band, commercial, equestrian, float, military, novelty, vehicle, and walking. Winners from each category will receive a \$150 prize. Sweepstakes and Best Use of Theme will receive a \$250 prize. Entries are due by June 13 at 5:00 p.m. Entries will be accepted until June 20 at 5:00 p.m. with a \$25 late fee.

Approximately 40 volunteers are needed to help with participant check-in, staging, and pacing. You can sign up to volunteer on our webpage. Volunteers may use this opportunity to complete community service hours.

For more information, visit our website at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/july4](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/july4).

## JFK Library events for June



### Summer Reading June 1-July 31

Sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program for all ages! Track reading minutes or activities on a gameboard.

Participants will receive various prizes upon registration and completion. They are also entered into weekly drawings for ferry passes, as well as Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants baseball tickets. Pick up prizes at your local Solano County library branch!

For a list of Reading Program events at all branches, visit [solanolibrary.com/summer-reading](http://solanolibrary.com/summer-reading).



### Henna With Rachel June 15 1-2:30 PM

Learn about this ancient art and get your own free henna tattoo! Henna tattoos are temporary, though they can last up to 10 days. This event is intended for ages 12-18. Please register at [solanolibrary.libnet.info/event/70520187](http://solanolibrary.libnet.info/event/70520187).

### JFK Library Evening Book Club June 17 6-7:30 PM

This month's story is an LGBTQIA+ romance about two twenty-something gaming rivals. Come discuss *Conventionally Yours* by Annabeth Albert.

Conrad Stewart is popular and charming, though he fears his life is falling apart, as he could become homeless. Alden Roth is an intelligent perfectionist, who feels damaged inside because of crippling anxiety.

These two rivals get stuck on a cross-country road trip to an epic gaming tournament. Can they look past their rivalry and form something very special? Copies are available at the front desk.

## Mare Island Founders Day 2024



Step back in time and join the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for a blast from the past! Celebrate 170 years of Mare Island's history at the Founders Day extravaganza.

**On Sunday, September 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.**, immerse yourself in family fun, live music, silent auctions, and more. Entry is free, with paid activities for all ages. Don't miss this nostalgic celebration! Remember to bring your own chair for a comfortable day of festivities!

The festival will take place at the Admiral's Mansion, 1065 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island.

For more information, click [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](#).

## 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](#).

## June calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The June calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

**June 7:** VFW cooking hamburgers

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9 "National Flag Week" which will be June 9–15, 2024

10 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup;

11 Boys Under the Hood meeting, Hot dogs;

12 AMERICAN LEGION / AUX meet at 1800 hours, installation and dinner; Women Veterans Day

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14 VFW Auxiliary cooking hamburgers; Army Birthday; Flag Day

15  
16 Father's Day  
17 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup;  
18 House commission meeting 1830 hrs.  
19 SONS AMERICAN LEGION meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs;  
Juneteenth National Independence Day  
Act in 2021, creating an official federal holiday recognizing the end  
of legal slavery in the United States  
20  
21 American Legion cooking hamburgers Chris, he'll need some  
help please  
22  
23 Coast Guard Auxiliary birthday  
24 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup;  
25  
26  
27 PTSD Awareness Day  
28 Sons of The American Legion cooking hamburgers  
29 5th Annual Rib Cookoff hosted by Sons of The American Legion

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

## 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>

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### June Wine Walk in Benicia



Celebrate summer with a wine tasting in Downtown Benicia **from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 15**. Stroll downtown, sample wines, and discover the unique retailers in Benicia.

Wine Walk celebrates summer with a wine tasting in Downtown Benicia. Different wines will be poured at participating downtown shops, providing an enjoyable outing to “sip, stroll, and shop” with friends.

Tickets are \$35 advance for a single ticket and \$65 advance for pair of tickets. Day of event all tickets are \$40--no price break on buying a pair of tickets. Ticket price includes 15 tastes. Participants must be age 21 and over.

Check-in starts at 12:30pm at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street. Map of tasting locations and wristband will be provided per ticket holder at check-in.

Each ticket holder **MUST** be present at check-in. Rain or shine event.

Note: Due to COVID precautions a plastic glass will be offered at each pouring location.



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

## Open Mare Island Self-Guided Tour



Join the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for its second Open Mare Island, featuring self-guided walking/driving tours of historic Mare Island. Docents will be stationed at four locations to present the area and answer questions, including St. Peter's Chapel and the Naval Cemetery.

**The tour will take place on Sunday, June 23, from noon to 2 p.m., and start at the Quarters Coffee House, 1015 Walnut Avenue, on Mare Island.**

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

## Hike and Write event



Due to an illness, the original Hike and Write event for June 2 was rescheduled to June 30.

The hiking level is **medium** and will be about 2 miles. A docent will be leading the group, sharing history and stories. **Bring pen, paper, water and snacks. Wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.**

Please email Suzanne at [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com) by **Thursday, June 27** if you are coming. A headcount is needed.

Please let Suzanne know if you are able to come, even if you were on the list for June 2.

**The Hike & Write will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, June 30, Lynch Canyon, 3100 Lynch Canyon Road.**

## 3rd Annual "Country Night at Rush Ranch"

★ JOIN SOLANO LAND TRUST FOR OUR ★

**COUNTRY NIGHT  
AT RUSH RANCH**

FEATURING  
**LOCKED-N-LOADED**  
**MYRIAH MONET AND THE LITTLE FRIDAYS**

**SAT. JULY 20, 2024 ★ 8:30 TO 7:30 PM**

**Rush Ranch Open Space**  
3521 Grizzly Island Rd. Suisun City, CA



Food Trucks  
★  
Local Wine & Beer  
★  
Live Dancing  
★  
Dessert Auction & Raffle  
★  
Proceeds go to  
Solano Land Trust

Tickets \$35 ★ [solanolandtrust.org/country-concert](http://solanolandtrust.org/country-concert)

Thank you to our generous sponsors:



Join the Solano Land Trust for a concert in the park at its 3rd Annual "Country Night at Rush Ranch" **which will take place from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20.**

### Local Entertainment by:

- Opening Band MYRIAH MONET AND THE LITTLE FRIDAYS
- and Headliner LOCKED-N-LOADED

There will be a silent auction (including a signed Guitar by LOCKED-N-LOADED) along with food trucks by Buckhorn Grill and Di Filippo Wood Fired Pizza

### Local Artisan Vendors:

- Brazelton Farms
- OK Corral
- Rush Ranch Outfitters Shop
- Laura Ann Designs Hand-made Jewelry

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the evening or donate a raffle item, please reach out to [Laura@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:Laura@solanolandtrust.org)

**Day of Event:** Please make sure you dress appropriately for the weather. The event will be under the eucalyptus trees there will be shade and sunshine. Bring your own chair, blanket, sunscreen, etc. Entrance will open at 3 p.m.

**Ticket Details:**

\*Ticket Details: Ticket sales end 24 hours prior to the event.

\*Tickets are transferable and nonrefundable

**Beverage Details:** Wine & Beer will be available for purchase, no outside alcohol is allowed \*No coolers allowed.

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

## Speakers Series: USS Langley



The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation will host Dr. David Winkler, renowned naval historian and retired Commander of the U.S. Navy, for a captivating discussion on his latest book, “America’s First Aircraft Carrier: USS Langley,” published by the Naval Institute Press.

**The event will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, at St. Peter’s Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island.**

Dr. David Winkler brings a wealth of knowledge from his extensive career as a naval historian. With over 25 years as the staff historian at the Naval Historical Foundation and roles with the National Maritime Historical Society and Naval War College, his contributions to naval history are profound. Dr. Winkler’s academic background includes a Ph.D. in history from American University

and numerous publications, including "Cold War at Sea" and "Amirs, Admirals, and Desert Sailors."

Tickets are limited! Purchase your tickets today.

- Advanced Tickets: \$15
- MIHPF members receive a \$5 discount
- Tickets at the door: \$20

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

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## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, June 1**, was a busy day. I attended the Pride Flag presentation at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum at 10 a.m. Then, I walked to Alibi Bookshop to celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> year in operation in downtown Vallejo. Not only did I buy books, I bought a book bag to carry them. Then it was off to Mare Island for the Pista sa Nayon celebration. The event was bigger than last year. Many, many people attended.

**Sunday, June 2**, I went to the Pride celebration in Suisun. I walked around talked to friends and just enjoyed the happiness of the community gathering to let everyone know that LOVE IS LOVE. Then off to Benicia for the last author under the series WE ARE RELATED. Nidhi Chanani writes graphic novels. YES, I bought some books. I have so enjoyed listening to the authors. I have learned so much and being introduced to new writers has broaden my exposure to children's literature.

**Tuesday, June 4**, I attended the Vallejo City Council meeting.

**Wednesday, June 5**, At the Benicia Library, I attended the first food give away sponsored by Food is Free Solano on a Wednesday evening. I learned what to do and hope this can continue during the summer. More information when I hear about it.

**Thursday, June 6**, I attended the Five Keys graduation held at the Kroc Center in Suisun City. I met Ms. Carla at another event several months ago and she invited me. There were 11 students who received their High School diploma.

In the evening, I was able to attend the Rodriquez High School graduation. This is one of my favorite events as the Early College High School (ECHS) students received their high school diploma with the ROD students. I believe 32 students from the (ECHS) also received their AA degrees. The ECHS program is a program I worked on when I was a trustee at Solano Community College, as well as, when I taught at Green Valley Middle School.

Congratulations to everyone who graduated no matter what degree or certificate you received. You worked hard and deserve the recognition. You rock CLASS OF 2024. May the next chapter in your life bring you much happiness.

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## Newsletter photo

The Pride, American, and California State flags outside Vallejo City Hall. Photo: John Glidden.



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.