

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

May 17, 2024



This newsletter, I will take a point of personal privilege. Last week, I was able to attend my daughter's graduation. The University of Arizona: College of Humanities awards Alicia Brown (right) a PHD in Spanish.

I am very proud of her. Standing next to her is Professor Ana Maria Carvalho from the College of Humanities: Spanish & Portuguese. Dr. Carvalho completed her Ph.D. at UC Berkeley where Alicia did her undergraduate work.

I thank my readers for letting me share the good news.

Brown v. Board of Education



I would like to take a moment and reflect on the 70th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case: *Oliver Brown, et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka, et al.* AKA *Brown v. Board of Education*.

On May 17, 1954, the United States Supreme Court ruled that state laws allowing racial segregation in public schools are unconstitutional. This decision struck down the doctrine of "separate but equal" which was accepted law, at that point, for more than 50 years.

The case originated from Topeka, Kansas when the public school system refused to enroll a local black student at the school nearest her home, instead forcing her to take a bus to a segregated black school. It should be noted that *Brown v. Board* was a consolidated cases that included additional families from four states.

This unanimous court decision helped to ignite the Civil Rights movement in the United States.

We are all better because of this decision.

The Supreme Court's 1954 Opinion, reads, in part, as follows:

"Today, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments. Compulsory school attendance laws and the great expenditures for education both demonstrate our recognition of the importance of education to our democratic society. It is required in the performance of our most basic public responsibilities, even service in the armed forces. It is the very foundation of good citizenship.

Today it is a principal instrument in awakening the child to cultural values, in preparing him for later professional training, and in helping him to adjust normally to his environment. In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms."

Information this week

Public Health officials warn against drinking raw milk due to risk of bird flu



A press release from Solano County:

Public health officials in Solano and Yolo counties are advising residents to refrain from consuming raw milk or raw dairy products, such as raw-milk cheese, due to the recent detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus (H5N1), commonly known as bird flu, in dairy cows and their milk.

Avian influenza has been spreading among wild birds worldwide since 2021, with subsequent infections identified in domestic poultry flocks and now in dairy cattle in the United States. Since March, avian influenza has been confirmed in 35 dairy herds across 9 states. Notably, raw milk from infected cows has been found to contain very high levels of the avian influenza virus.

During the current dairy cow outbreak, one person is known to have been infected with avian influenza, a dairy worker in Texas who experienced mild symptoms and subsequently recovered. However, little testing has been done in people and workers may be reluctant to report symptoms.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have conducted tests on pasteurized milk and dairy products from retail stores, revealing the presence of avian flu virus particles but no live virus. This underscores the effectiveness of pasteurization in inactivating avian influenza virus in milk.

Not all milk sold in California is pasteurized. The sale of raw, unpasteurized milk is permitted in California, although health officials have long cautioned against its consumption due to associated health risks. Raw milk can harbor various pathogens capable of causing severe illness and death, including tuberculosis, salmonella, E. coli, and now, avian influenza virus.

Rather than wait for people to contract avian influenza by consuming raw milk before issuing a warning, local health officials are acting based on preliminary data to warn about the potential for contracting avian influenza by consuming raw milk and milk products. The potential symptoms in humans who consume

raw milk contaminated with avian influenza virus are unknown. On farms with cows infected with avian influenza, several cats that consumed raw milk developed severe neurological disease and died.

For more information about raw milk safety, visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's webpages at www.fda.gov/food/milk-guidance-documents-regulatory-information/questions-and-answers-regarding-milk-safety-during-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-hpai-outbreaks#rawmilkcheese, and www.fda.gov/food/resources-you-food/raw-milk, or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's webpage at www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/rawmilk.

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

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](#)

BART may need tax dollars to keep running as pandemic funding is drying up

As money is starting to dry out, BART is looking for new ways to find funding.

To watch the news report, click [here](#).

Feds pledge \$3.4B to bring Caltrain, high-speed rail to Salesforce center

The decadeslong quest to connect Caltrain and high-speed rail to the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco has taken a giant leap forward with a federal pledge of \$3.38 billion to the effort, according to the agency managing the project.

The new cash commitment from the Federal Transit Administration, which requires local matching funds, represents 41% of the current estimated cost of [The Portal project](#).

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

La Nina is on its way back. An atmospheric scientist explains what to expect

One of [the big contributors](#) to the record-breaking global temperatures over the past year – El Nino – [is nearly gone](#), and its opposite, La Nina, is on the way.

Whether that's a relief or not depends in part on where you live. Above-normal temperatures are still [forecast across the U.S. in summer 2024](#). And if you live along the U.S. Atlantic or Gulf coasts, La Nina can contribute to the [worst possible combination of climate conditions for fueling hurricanes](#).

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

Why You Should Never Leave Dryer Lint Out For Birds To Use As Nesting Material

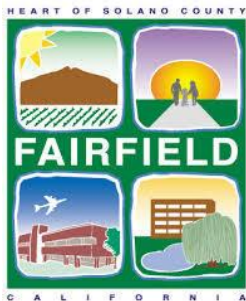
You might be among the many bird enthusiasts who attempt to aid the flying animals in their nest building by leaving materials out for them to use. Scattering piles of appropriate items in your yard can help make it easier for birds to build their nests around your home. Some people gather materials like twigs, dead leaves, or feathers, which are all perfectly safe for birds to use.

However, other items are not only useless when it comes to nest building, but can even harm the winged creatures. Dryer lint is a perfect example. You should never leave this out for birds because it contains harmful chemicals and is not water-resistant enough to be used to build a nest.

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

Public hearings

Fairfield City Council meeting



On Tuesday, May 21, the Fairfield City Council will receive a report on the proposed updated recommendations to Ordinance 2020-04 for the Use of Electric Bikes (E-bikes) at Rockville Hills Regional Park.

The council will discuss the item and provide direction to city staff.

To review the staff report, click [here](#).

The Fairfield City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 inside the Harry T. Price Memorial Council Chamber, 1000 Webster Street.

Members of the public can observe the meeting on Comcast Cable Channel 26, ATT U-Verse 99, and web-streamed live at www.youtube.com/user/FFCATV/live. The public may join the meeting via Zoom at <https://fairfieldca.zoom.us/j/89060213840?pwd=UUd0WlpEMStLemcxbld4dzVMK3Z5dz09> or via phone (408) 638-0968, Webinar ID: 890 6021 3840, Passcode: 7074287400

Hearing on Artificial Intelligence and State Government

On Thursday, May 23, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on artificial intelligence and state government at 10 a.m., followed by a business meeting. Both meetings will be conducted in the Filoli Visitor Center Meeting Room located at 86 Cañada Road, Woodside, CA 94062, and via Zoom.

Members of the public can attend the hearing in person or listen to the hearing by joining online or by phone. Click the URL to join online: <https://bit.ly/4buNXmu>. To join via phone, call toll free from the U.S. by dialing (888) 788-0099. The webinar ID is 991 4704 6765. The passcode is 472052.

Public comments will be heard at the end of the public hearing and at the start of the business meeting and will be limited to three minutes per speaker and to a total of 60 minutes. Remote attendees may indicate to staff that they wish to make public comment by using the “raise” hand feature in Zoom or sending an email to littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov with your question and the phone number from which you have joined the hearing.

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

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

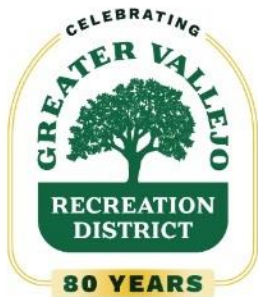
Updates from Solano County

Bay Area waterfront cities selected for new ferry terminals

Several new [ferry](#) terminals are underway for three Bay Area cities, with hopes to ease commuters off the road and onto the water. The expansion is part of the San Francisco Bay Ferry's [2050 Service Vision](#), recently adopted by its Board of Directors.

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

Camps for Kids



What's your kid got planned for the summer? Get 'em up, moving and socializing with one of our fun summer camps. The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) has camps centered around cooking, Lego toys, outdoor adventures, sports, movie making and so much more. Signups are open now!

[Click here for more information.](#)

La Raza Lawyers Association of Solano County's 21st Annual Scholarship Dinner



The La Raza Lawyers Association of Solano County will be holding their 21st annual Scholarship Dinner on Tuesday, May 21. The La Raza Lawyers Association of Solano County has been in existence for the past twenty-four years.

This year, the Association will award multiple scholarships of \$1,000 each. The scholarship program is designed to provide our professional encouragement and public recognition to high school seniors of

Latino/Hispanic heritage entering higher education. The scholarship is awarded irrespective of immigration status.

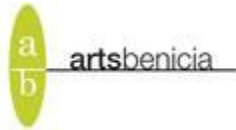
This year's recipients include students from Armijo High School, Dixon High School, Early College High School, Fairfield High School, Jesse Bethel High School, Rio Vista High School and Will C. Wood High School. All recipients will be introduced and awarded a certificate, as well as the opportunity to make a brief speech or statement to the audience, which often includes judges, lawyers, community representatives, and family members.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Kelly Trujillo, former member of the La Raza Lawyers Association, and now Judge of the Solano County Superior Court.

The Scholarship Dinner and Ceremony will take place on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the County Events Center, 601 Texas Street in Fairfield.

Tickets for the dinner are \$65 and can be purchased by clicking [here](#) or by contacting Deputy District Attorney Matt Olsen at (707) 784-6800 or Deputy Public Defender Leslie Buentello at (707) 784-6700.

Arts Benicia



Mark your calendars for the opening of **Solano Water Stories: Artists Voices**, an 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 will feature 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 opens May 25 and 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. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, May 25, from 2 to 4 pm, and is free and open to the public.

Two other exhibitions will open in early June. **I. We. They. Celebrations of Gender**, juried by **Thea Quiray Tagle**, will open on June 1 with an opening reception from 4 to 6 pm. An Artist and Member Preview will be held on Thursday, May 30, from 6 to 7 pm. The exhibition, featuring works of all media, will run until July 21. Work by Solano Community College art students in **Fresh Perspectives: Artwork from Solano Community College** will also be shown.

The exhibition will run during the same period as I. We. They. Celebrations of Gender and is located in the upstairs galleries. We hope you will plan to join us at the members preview and opening reception.

These events are free and will take place at the Commanding Officer's Quarters at 1 Commandant's Lane.

Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults and youth, many of which are open to beginners. Consider checking out the new classes listed on the Arts Benicia website. For full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia? The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of Arts Benicia programs. With your sponsorship support, they can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to our community. To find out

more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing info@artsbenicia.org or visiting <https://artsbenicia.org/sponsorship/>

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Older Americans Month



Gary Vostry is a perfect example of how Older Americans find the power to recover through connection.

Grieving the loss of Sarah, his wife of fifty years, Gary read about Carquinez Village (CV), a Benicia/Vallejo organization of seniors helping seniors, from a flyer in the Benicia library.

Learning that there was a CV grief group, he joined the group and began to pull, slowly, out of his pain. "There were tears shed," he admitted, smiling at the sad memory.

Then he began joining a few CV activities, a true medicine to begin replacing Gary's feeling of loss with a sense of belonging. "I am so grateful to Carquinez Village," he said recently.

A pharmacist since 1965, he is now working one day a week making drug compounds for hospices and nursing homes. "Compounding isn't taught in schools anymore, so I also mentor Touro pharmacy students," he explained.

He has become very involved in CV activities like bocce ball, attending lectures, going on the Christmas ferry cruise, and taking the lead on Vallejo Friday Walks. That group has expanded the walks to now include visiting Mare Island sites and taking a monthly ferry ride to San Francisco to walk there!

"I live in Glen Cove and made wine from grapes I grew by the side of my house ... but it wasn't very successful," Gary recalled with a wry smile. "Then I heard about guys with a 'winery' in the CV newsletter." As you can see, he helped the "3 Old Guys Winery" press and bottle their new wine.

Gary summarized: "Joining CV has been more beneficial than I ever could have imagined by connecting me with new friends and activities."

Written by Greg Plant, Carquinez Village

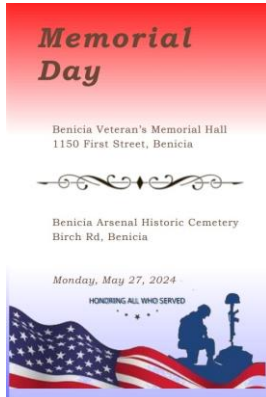
Empowered Aging Elder Justice event

A vertical event poster with a yellow and orange background. The text is as follows:
- Top section: "EMPOWERED Aging" with a colorful sunburst logo.
- Middle section: "SAVE THE DATE" in white text on a teal background.
- Below that: "Elder Abuse Awareness Forum: ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH & FINANCIAL CRIMES" in white text on a teal background.
- Location: "SOLANO COUNTY EVENT CENTER, 601 TEXAS ST, FAIRFIELD" in orange text on a teal background.
- Registration: "Registration required, more information coming soon!" in white text on a teal background.
- Date and Time: A large orange vertical bar on the right contains the date "06 26 24" in white, and "9am - 12:30pm" in smaller white text below it.
- Bottom: A colorful sunburst logo.

In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, recognized annually in June, Empowered Aging is holding an interactive educational event featuring experts in elder abuse, elder mental health, and victim rights. This half-day event will provide both timely and topical information for community members and high-quality, ongoing education for professionals working with older adults.

Join for an excellent opportunity to position your agency in front of our estimated 100 guests - professionals in the field of aging, elder justice, mental health, law enforcement, and long-term care, and community members in need of resources.

Memorial Day



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 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

Are you a Solano County parent?



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.

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, 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](#).

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
Vallejo 3PK Library
505 Santa Clara St, Vallejo
11:30am-1:30pm
Fairfield Civic Center Library
110 Kennedy St, Fairfield
2:00pm-4:30pm
Vacaville Town Square Library
1 Town Square Plz, Vacaville
5:00pm-7:00pm

GROW THROUGH
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
2024 EVENT CALENDAR
WHAT YOU GO THROUGH

MAY 14
(Spanish) Strengthening Families Mental Health
5:00 - 7:30pm | **SCOE Strengthening Families Event** | Crutchen Higgins Elementary School 1525 Pembroke Way Dixon CA
Taller familiar: Los padres podrán desarrollar habilidades para apoyar aún más el compromiso y el bienestar familiar. Conversaciones atractivas en torno a la curación Aprender estrategias familiares para mejorar la cultura familiar Actividades artísticas expresivas para niños y jóvenes. Es necesario registrarse.
Gabriela Salazar
gsalazar@scococonet.net
(707)446-7588

MAY 18
Mental Health Action Day
Mental Health Action Network
Action looks different for everyone. Mental Health Action Day encourages and empowers everyone to take action for themselves, for their loved ones, or for their community based on what works for them. If you have concerns about your or someone else's mental health, please contact a medical professional or call 988 for a free, confidential conversation. To learn more about mental health actions you can take based on what you're feeling or experiencing, visit: <https://www.mentalhealth4health.us/>

MAY 19
African American Community Mental Health Conference
9:30am - 2pm | Mt. Calvary Baptist Church | 1735 Enterprise Dr BLDG 3, Fairfield, CA 94533
African American Community Mental Health Conference that will address crucial topics and discussions that will help support families.
Ashley Caldwell
MCBC Young Adults Member
(707)208-5703

May calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The May calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

- May 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.

Upcoming events in Solano County

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](#).



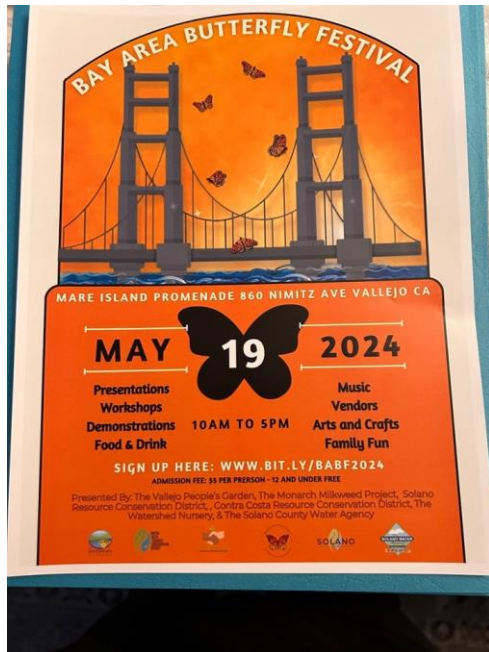
Vallejo Garden Tour



The Vallejo Garden Tour starts at the **Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum at 734 Marin Street on Sunday, May 19 at 10 a.m.** You will then be given a map of the participating gardens. The tour then includes several wonderfully diverse gardens in and around Vallejo. Each garden has been selected by master gardeners, who will be on hand to answer questions. You may go to all the gardens or as many as you want to, in any order. Sun, flowers, and exercise!

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

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 or 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.

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 or call (707) 428-7767.

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 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 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 by Thursday, May 30, if you are coming. There needs to be a headcount.

For questions, email Suzanne: fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com

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