



Solano County *California*

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

July 5, 2024



Information this week

Thank you to Dr. Hernandez



I had the honor to meet Fatima E. Hernandez, Doctor of Pharmacy, at Touro University California, during a vaccine clinic last month.

Dr. Hernandez's team did a great job. I hate shots but the team was kind and understanding. I did not feel a thing.



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Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

It's vital that our representatives in Congress and Sacramento prioritize providing funding to make sure everyone has access to their immunizations

Buffalo Soldiers coming to Peña Adobe



Buffalo Soldiers are coming Pena Adobe Park on Saturday, July 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pena Adobe Park, 4699 Pena Adobe Road.

Company G of the 10th Cavalry, better known to history as the Buffalo Soldiers, will be riding out of western history and into Peña Adobe Park again this year. The Buffalo Soldiers are a living history group that was established in the Sacramento area almost 30 years ago. The group recreates the black cavalry units that served in the Old West from 1866 to 1891.

Company G's goal is to tell the story of the Buffalo Soldiers' history visiting schools, community organizations, churches and public events.

They will have two tables with artifacts of the buffalo soldiers' history on display and members, dressed in the uniform depicting 1874, will be on hand to talk with park visitors.

In addition to the Buffalo Soldiers, the Solano County Sheriffs' Posse will be at Peña Adobe.

The Sheriffs' Posse has been part of the Solano County Sheriffs' Office for more than 70 years and is comprised of volunteers who use their horses and equipment to help the department with search-and-rescue efforts, emergency services and as public ambassadors.

Come to the Peña Adobe Park, bring a picnic lunch and meet the members of the Sheriffs' Posse and see their amazing horses! Learn the important role horses played when the Peña and

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

Vaca families were raising cattle back in the mid 1800's on their ranch which later became the city of Vacaville.

For Information call, (707) 447-0518, and/or click [here](#).

PHOTO CAPTION: Company G of the 10th Cavalry, better known as the Buffalo Soldiers, will be riding back to Peña Adobe Park on Saturday.

PG&E's PSPS communication process



Hello, all --

My office contacted PG&E to gather information on how the company reaches out to customers included in Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). PG&E provided this infographic and I wanted to share with the community.

PSPS are when utilities companies temporarily turn off power to specific areas to reduce the risk of fires caused by electric infrastructure.

Here is more information about the PSPS [process](#).

- Monica

California Invests More than \$2 Billion to Fuel Economic Opportunity, Increase Access & Protect the State's Vital Transportation Infrastructure



Caltrans

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) this week approved more than \$2 billion to improve and maintain a transportation system that serves as the backbone for the world's fifth largest economy. The approved funding will support the next generation of transportation projects, ranging from bridge maintenance and rail system upgrades to enhanced railroad safety features and increased access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

These benefits will help power economic opportunity as well as mitigate the effects of climate change. The latest allocations include more than \$483 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and approximately \$443 million from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Solano County:

\$7,405,000 allocation on State Routes 29, 37, 80, and 780 at various locations. This project will install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), Advanced Warning Beacons (AWBs), and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs), modify free right-turn lanes, and upgrade crosswalk markings. These pedestrian and bicyclist enhancements will reduce the number and severity of collisions.

\$4,900,000 allocation on State Routes 12, 29, 37, 80, 113, 505, and 780 in various locations. This project will install Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) systems and countdown timers and upgrade crosswalk markings. These pedestrian enhancements will reduce the number and severity of collisions within marked crosswalks at signalized intersections.

\$2,547,000 allocation at the Vallejo Maintenance Station, Fairfield Maintenance Station, and Dixon Maintenance Station. This project will replace perimeter fencing, gates, and masonry walls to improve security measures

County Child Support Services to update lobby hours



A Solano County press release:

Beginning July 1, the Solano County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) will be updating their lobby hours of operations due to cuts in State DCSS program funding. Customers are still able to meet with staff between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the lobby doors will remain open for customers to make their child support payments using the department's self-service kiosk. Additionally, customers are able to drop off any child support related documents in a secure drop box located in the lobby.

ACCESSING SERVICES / QUESTIONS

Direct any questions to ChildSupport@SolanoCounty.com, text (707) 241-4201 and by phone at (866) 901-3212 for the automated phone system and to speak to a case manager.

ABOUT SOLANO COUNTY DCSS

The Solano County Department of Child Support Services provides a neutral go-between for parents and can help both parents avoid court and assist with navigating the child support system. DCSS staff can assist customers with the following services, including establishing paternity, locating parents, establishing child support orders from the court, establishing medical support orders from the court, enforcing child and spousal support orders, modifying child support orders and collecting and distributing child support payments. Visit the DCSS website at <https://www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/DCSS> for more information to link directly to DCSS support professionals and for additional self-service options.

Scammer victim speaks about their experiences

Scammer victim speaks about their experiences:

"I hung up the phone last summer thinking the Xfinity customer service representative had been really helpful. I needed to make a late payment and take care of the current bill. The rep took my information over the phone, I saw the payments post on my account and thought nothing more of it.

Only I wasn't really talking to an Xfinity employee. A few weeks later, my Wi-Fi stopped working. I contacted Xfinity again and the

representative told me the company discontinued my internet for nonpayment."

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

Hearing on Artificial Intelligence and Food Insecurity



Last week, the Little Hoover Commission completed its virtual public hearing on artificial intelligence and food insecurity. They were joined by:

- **Nolan Sullivan**, Agency Director, Yolo County Health and Human Services
- **Ilias Tagkopoulos**, Professor of Computer Science at UC Davis and Director of the Artificial Intelligence Institute for Next Generation Food Systems (AIFS)
- **Rikin Gandhi**, CEO and Co-Founder of Digital Green
- **Hilary Seligman**, Professor of Medicine and of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UC San Francisco
- **Adam Dondro**, Director of the Office of Technology and Solutions Integration and Agency Chief Information Officer for California Health and Human Services
- **Julia Erdkamp**, Executive Director of the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS)

To watch, click [here](#).

Minority Health Month



July is BIPOC/Minority Mental Health Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the unique mental health challenges faced by historically underserved and underrepresented populations

including Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino/a/x and People of Color.

This month, Solano County Behavioral Health will focus on promoting equitable mental health care and addressing the disparities that exist in services for these communities who often encounter barriers to mental health care, including stigma, cultural misunderstandings, and lack of access to culturally and linguistically responsive services.

In Solano, approximately 61% of the county population is identified as a race other than White/Caucasian. Persons who are Caucasian/White represent 39% of the population; 26% Hispanic/Latino; 14% African American/Black, 14% Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI); and 6% other race/ethnicity groups. At least 43% of the population speaks a language other than English often benefitting from linguistically appropriate or preferred services.

For resources, and/or more information, click [here](#).

Public Hearings

Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program

The Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission invites
input on the Draft 2025
Transportation
Improvement Program



and the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis
for the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

The [Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) is a funding document that helps implement the public's policy and investment priorities reflected in [Plan Bay Area 2050](#), the region's long-range plan. Updated every two years, the TIP reflects the Bay Area's near-term transportation investment priorities and helps some of the most significant projects and programs become a reality. It includes projects that support all modes of travel, such as transit, highways, bridges, local streets and roads, biking, walking and freight movement.

The Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP is also available for public comment. The Conformity Analysis demonstrates that both the TIP and the plan comply with federal transportation air quality regulations.

The public comment period for both documents will remain open through 5 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024.

Written comments will be accepted online at mtc.ca.gov/TIP, via email to info@bayareametro.gov (include “Draft 2025 TIP Comments” in the subject line) and by mail to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Attn: Draft 2025 TIP Comments, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Members of the public are also invited to submit oral comments during MTC’s July Programming & Allocations Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

- The meeting agenda, Zoom link and accessibility instructions will be posted online to MTC’s [Meetings & Events page](#) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date.
- See [detailed instructions for participating on Zoom](#).

Questions? Contact MTC's Public Information Office at (415) 778-6757.

Working For You: How the CPUC Assists and Advocates for California ratepayers



CALIFORNIA
Public Utilities Commission

**Join the California
Public Utilities
Commission (CPUC) on
Wednesday, July 17
from 10 a.m. to noon to**

learn how the CPUC works on behalf of California ratepayers.

Representatives from the Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB) will provide an overview of CAB’s role at the CPUC and share resources and useful information on how consumers can use the complaint process to address billing and service quality issues.

The Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) will also be on hand to discuss its advocacy on behalf of California utility customers and how it promotes safe, reliable, and affordable utility service.

There will be a Q&A session after the presentations to provide attendees an opportunity to ask questions on the topics discussed.

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

Solano County Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Ordinance Development



Join the Solano County Planning Division to discuss the development of a new ordinance for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in unincorporated Solano County.

Your participation is essential in shaping regulations that enhance energy security, drive economic prosperity, and support the transition to clean energy. Share your questions, concerns, and feedback to help shape the future of local energy storage regulations.

A public meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 18, at the County Administration Center, Board Chambers, 675 Texas St, Fairfield, 95433

Why Attend?

- Learn about the ordinance development process
- Engage with experts on key focus areas such as fire safety, agricultural impacts, community benefits, and recycling
- Provide your input to help shape the future of BESS in Solano County

Key Focus Areas

1. Siting and Land Use
2. Fire Safety Standards
3. Agricultural Impact Mitigation
4. Community Benefits
5. Decommissioning and Recycling

On January 23, 2024, Solano County enacted a two-year moratorium on the approval of front-of-the-meter battery energy storage systems to allow planning staff time to develop land use standards that ensure public safety, health, and welfare.

The Planning Services Division is engaging stakeholders and the general public for input and guidance in this process.

About the Technical Working Group

The Technical Working Group consisting of stakeholders from

various sectors, meets monthly to advise on the ordinance development.

TWG Members:

- **Priscilla Yeaney:** Solano County Assistant Agriculture Commissioner
- **Michael O'Connor:** Fire Chief Representative
- **Robyn Rains:** Solano County Emergency Services Manager
- **Scott Murtishaw:** California Energy Storage Alliance Executive Director
- **Sarah Dunn:** Community Member
- **Andrew Dye:** Solano County Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials

For more information and updates, contact energystorage@solanocounty.com or call (707) 784-6765. You can also click [here](#).

Stay Informed

Click to [join the email list](#) and receive updates on the BESS ordinance development process.

Updates from around Solano County

American Rescue Plan Act Request for Qualifications



The Solano County Administrator's Office is accepting applications from non-profit organizations who are seeking funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received by the

County of Solano.

Applicants may propose projects that meet eligibility under one of the following Treasury Categories as outlined in the ARPA 2022 Final Rule, 2023 Interim Final Rule, and any related subsequent guidelines published by the U.S. Treasury:

- (1) Public Health
- (2) Negative Economic Impacts
- (3) Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters

(4) Title I Projects (activities that are eligible under Community Development Block Grants).

The Solano County Board of Supervisors may make funding available for projects as ARPA SLFRF funding becomes available before December 31, 2024. While it is the intent of the Board to fund a limited number of projects based on this RFQ, there is no guarantee any projects will be funded as a result of this RFQ. **Responses due: August 14, 5 p.m. PST**

Mandatory Applicants' Conference:

Thursday, July 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. PST

The Applicants' Conference will be held via Microsoft Teams and requires advance registration. Register for the Mandatory Applicants' Conference at: <https://forms.gle/iBRKRf6Hs9ZYXdRE7>

>> Click [HERE](#) for the [RFQ](#)

>> Click [HERE](#) for the Attachment A – [ARPA RFQ 2024-01 Application](#)

>> Click [HERE](#) for the Attachment B – [Solano County Contract](#)

Vallejo City Unified School District launches new website



A press release from the Vallejo City Unified School District:

The Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) is excited to announce the launch of its new website, which is still accessible at the same domain: vcusd.org.

The new site, designed with our community in mind, features a responsive design for mobile users, a consistent and clear layout, and an accessible user interface to serve our diverse audience better.

VCUSD's website is a working project and will continue to undergo updates and enhancements as we grow for the 173,000 users who visited our website during the 2023-24 school year.

"The new website is a wonderful tool to help showcase the talents of our students and staff at Vallejo City Unified School District," said Victorio Suarez-Hevia, Webmaster Supervisor. "We hope the site will provide a more seamless experience for our families and community. As the needs of our students change, we can adapt and continually update the site as necessary."

If you encounter any errors or need assistance navigating the new site, don't hesitate to contact the district at communicationsoffice@vcusd.org

Benicia Police Department Introduces the PersonSafe Alert Program



The Benicia Police Department (PD) launched a new program at their Child ID event on Thursday, June 27. The program is called PersonSafe Alert.

If you have a person in your household that has unique needs, or an elderly person with cognitive impairments, you are encouraged to fill out the registration form available at www.ci.benicia.ca.us/PersonSafeAlert. Forms can also be picked up at the Benicia Police Station located at 200 East L Street.

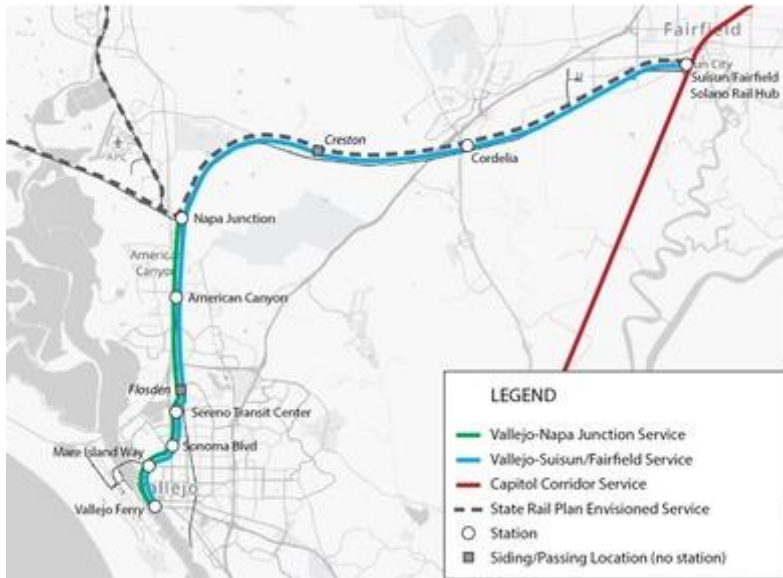
The information provided will allow Benicia PD to enter notes into a confidential database regarding an individual and the related address, that can be used to the benefit of emergency personnel/officers and the person noted.

Benicia PD's goal is to have positive and safe interactions with community members, and the registration form has the option to provide specific and detailed information including any unique needs or behaviors.

You can provide as much or as little information as you wish, but the more information that is provided, the better the PD can serve the community. All information is kept confidential. You are encouraged to also submit a current photo with the registration form. Once registered, Benicia PD will send an email on an annual basis to update the information provided.

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

STA Board Approves Solano Rail Crossing Plan & Vallejo Passenger Rail Study



On June 12, 2024, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board approved the *Vallejo Passenger Rail Study*. The study found that there is a significant travel demand from Vallejo to the North Bay counties, specifically to Napa and Solano through the Solano Rail Hub.

The Study recommends working with regional and state partners to advocate for the inclusion of rail service in Vallejo in the next California State Rail Plan. The STA and the City of Vallejo have identified future engagement with Caltrans, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and the appropriate adjacent counties to begin working on advancing concepts of rail service in Vallejo.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Vallejo Passenger Rail Study. Have questions or comments on the Vallejo Passenger Rail Study 2024? Share your feedback.

Lecture/Tour: Absorbing the Shock of Port Chicago: Losing Weapons Transshipments Across the Pacific Theater



The Allied invasion of Europe was a little over one month old and the Pacific Campaign was ramping up when a tremendous explosion obliterated the Navy's ammunition transshipment facility at Port Chicago in the North Bay Area of San Francisco. In an instant, 320 lives were snuffed out and the supply of needed ammunition was cut off to the largest battlefield the world had ever seen.

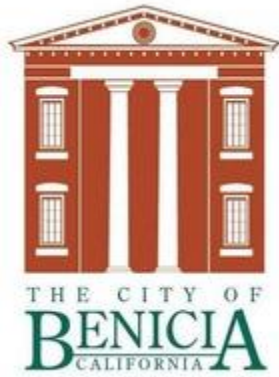
Join for this free lecture/tour program to learn more about criticality of Port Chicago to the fight in the Pacific, and the role that Mare Island played in both the refusal of black sailors to return to work under unsafe working conditions and their vital role in supplying desperately needed ammunition to those at the point of the spear.

The program will begin at St. Peter's Chapel with a 30-minute presentation. Attendees are then invited to drive up to the Mare Island Preserve for a tour of some of the sites presented in the lecture. This program is presented as part of the 80th commemoration of the explosion at Port Chicago.

Tickets are free, but there are a limited number. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Photo Caption: Army General Douglas McArthur, President Roosevelt, Adm. Leahy his Chief of Staff, and Adm. Nimitz meet at Pearl Harbor in 1944 to plan the invasion of Japan.

Benicia increases fees



Starting July 1st, a 9.4% adjustment will be made to the following city of Benicia Impact Fees:

- Library Impact Fees
- Parkland Improvement Impact Fees
- Transportation Impact Fees
- Water Capacity Fees
- Wastewater Capacity Fees.

Click [here](#) to view the Notice of Modified Impact Fees and Capacity Fees memorandum.

The City of Benicia Master Fee Schedule will be increased by 4% based on the April 2024 CPI-W Index (annual change) for the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA area.

Click [here](#) to view the Master Fee Schedule.

1st Saturday donations

1ST SATURDAY DONATIONS
FOR OUR UNSHELTERED NEIGHBORS

TOGETHER, WE CAN. TOGETHER, WE WILL!

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT:
Sleeping Bags
Tarps & Tents
Can Openers
Water
Batteries (all sizes)
Pet Food
Deodorant

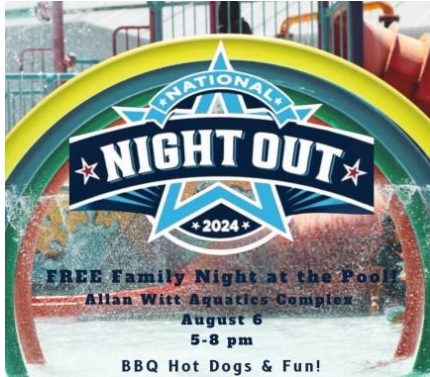
SADLY, AT THE MOMENT WE CAN NOT ACCEPT:
Bars of Soap
Lotion
Shampoo/Conditioner
Hand Sanitizer
Masks

1st Saturday Drop-Offs
Moose Lodge #468 - 337 Nebraska St. Vallejo Parking Lot
To schedule your drop-off, email: admin@vallejogether.org



(707) 238-2296 | www.vallejogether.org | admin@vallejogether.org

National Night Out



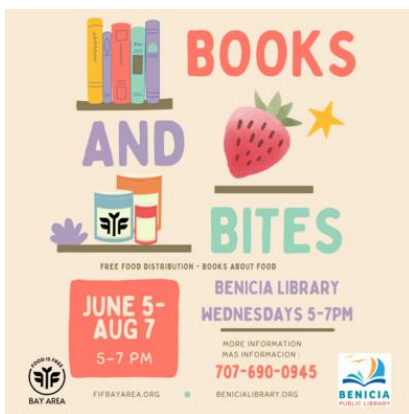
The city of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its 2024 National Night Out event on **Tuesday, August 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex located at 1741 W. Texas Street.**

National Night Out is a time for neighbors to get together and connect with each other. Come celebrate with the Parks and Recreation Department as we party at the pool!

You bring bathing suits and towels, and the city will provide hot dogs, chips, and beverages. All families are welcome at this free event!

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

Books and Bites



Soltrans eliminates paper passes

On Monday, July 1, Solano County Transit (SolTrans) will eliminate paper passes as a fare payment option on all Local Routes and



Express Lines. Paper passes will continue to be accepted on Paratransit buses.

This crucial change is part of their broader strategy to modernize public transportation in Solano County and ensure a smoother, more efficient ride for all passengers. SolTrans already offers several digital fare payment methods to ensure a seamless transition for its riders:

- **Token Transit**: A user-friendly mobile app allowing riders to purchase and activate passes directly from their smartphones. Simply download the app, purchase your fare, show the activated pass to the driver, and board your bus. It's that easy – Tap, Show, and GO!
- **Clipper Card**: A versatile contactless smart card that supports both cash value and various passes. The Clipper Card is the all-in-one transit card used for contactless fare payments throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **Clipper START Card**: A means-based fare program offering eligible riders a 50% discount.
For those who prefer traditional payment methods, SolTrans will continue to accept exact cash and coins for purchasing one-way fares and day passes onboard all local and express buses.

In November 2023, the SolTrans Board approved the initiative to go paperless. Starting in January 2024, SolTrans staff began extensive outreach efforts to inform and assist riders with the transition. These efforts included hosted events at the Vallejo Transit Center (VTC), where staff provided hands-on assistance and information about the new digital fare options. This proactive approach ensures that riders are well-prepared and comfortable with the upcoming changes.

All SolTrans paper passes expire and are not refundable or exchangeable. Current passes expire Sunday, June 30, 2024, and will no longer be valid for travel after the expiration date.

By embracing digital payment options and eliminating paper passes, SolTrans continues to lead the way in creating a more efficient, eco-friendly public transportation system. We are dedicated to providing our riders with the best possible service and appreciate your support during this transition.

Solano County Transit (SolTrans) has been the public transportation provider for south Solano County since July 2011.

Fairfield seeking new Poet Laureate

The city of Fairfield is accepting applications for a poet laureate. Fairfield's Poet Laureate Program is a person selected to serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the literary arts, particularly poetry in the city of Fairfield. The term is 2024 through to 2026.

The Poet Laureate is called upon to create and read poetry at civic events such as public ceremonies and dedications. This person will act as a resource on the topic of poetry should the city or Fairfield City Council need that expertise. This person will also have the opportunity to conduct poetry workshops or staged readings.



You may download the application for Poet Laureate [here](#).

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Download the Planning Commission Application or Poet Laureate Application by clicking on the links above or request one by mail or email by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (707) 428-7402, or cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov.

Completed applications may be submitted via mail or email.

Mail or In-person: City Clerk's Office, 1000 Webster Street, 4th Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533

New MCE website

It's easier than ever to find rebates, incentives, and information about clean energy options for MCE customers in Marin, Napa, Solano and Contra Costa Counties.



Bay Area residents, businesses, contractors, and job seekers have the latest details and tools at their fingertips to save money and energy while confronting climate change.

Since launching in 2010, MCE has grown to serve 1.5 million residents and businesses while offering an expanding suite of cutting-edge clean technology services. The not-for-profit, public

electricity provider has invested over \$246 million to uplift the local economy, create green jobs, and support cleaner air for all.

Visitors can navigate through MCE's offerings and quickly find out which programs they are eligible to participate in.

- The [Rebate & Incentive Finder](#) provides a customized list of offerings based on each person's needs, including federal, state, local, and MCE incentives that can be combined to maximize savings.
- The [Explore Programs & Offers](#) page helps residents, businesses, organizations, and industry partners to easily filter and identify ways to save energy and money.

MCE's website is available in several languages, enhancing its accessibility for customers.

The new site features a refreshed brand and logo, which reflect the environmental and health benefits of renewable energy. New brand colors are inspired by the stunning landscapes and flora of MCE's member communities across Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano Counties.

MCE's website URL remains the same: mceCleanEnergy.org

Mobile Crisis Hotline: Available 24/7

In critical moments when someone is experiencing severe mental health challenges such as suicidal thoughts, feeling homicidal, or unable to care for themselves due to mental illness, the Solano County Behavioral Health mobile crisis services offer immediate support.

Available everyday round-the-clock, whether by phone or in-person, our passionate team is dedicated to providing reassurance, guidance, and professional intervention

Save the number and share: (707) 806-0866

July calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The July calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

July 5: Hamburgers by American Legion Aux, Kevin and Patty
9 Boys Under the Hood meeting, Hot dogs;
10 AMERICAN LEGION / AUX meet at 1800 hours,
12 Hamburgers by VFW
16 House commission meeting 1830 hrs.
17 SONS AMERICAN LEGION meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs;

19 Hamburgers by VFW AUX
26 American Legion cooking hamburgers

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

Upcoming events in Solano County

BBQ Hoe-Down at the ARC



The city of Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department invites you to participate in for a good old-fashioned Country BBQ Hoe-Down **Thursday, July 11 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center (ARC) located at 1200 Harry Price Drive.**

Get ready to have a boot-scootin' finger-popping good time at the ARC. Indulge in a mouth-watering homestyle BBQ lunch and step it up with the lively country line dancers.

The event costs \$15 per person.

To purchase tickets, sign up at the ARC or click [here](#). For more information, call (707) 428-7421.

Just Jazz: Concert Celebration of Recovery and Restoration

NAMI Solano kick-off our [NAMI Walks Solano 2024](#) with a Special Celebration of the Recovery and Restoration achieved through the Solano County Diversion Program. They will celebrate the



clients on this journey and the various organizations who continue to develop and support the "Help not Handcuffs" model adopted to support our community.

Diversion programs for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) play a crucial role in promoting recovery and improving health outcomes. These programs are designed to divert individuals away from the criminal justice system and towards mental health treatment and support services. The value of a Diversion Program for individuals with serious mental illness is significant, encompassing improved mental health outcomes, reduced recidivism, community integration, cost-effectiveness, individualized holistic care and public safety.

These programs align with a recovery-oriented approach, emphasizing the importance of providing comprehensive support to individuals with mental health conditions to help them lead meaningful and fulfilling lives.

NAMI Solano County has supported these important initiatives with our time, passion and community commitments. Support, Education and Advocacy is vital to Nami's Mission and the Diversion Program has been a valued resource making a positive impact in the lives of our community.

The event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 13, at 407 Capitol Street, in downtown Vallejo.

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

Critterock



The first annual CRITTEROCK will benefit two North Bay Area rescue organizations - Underdog Animal Rescue and Solano County Friends of Animals.

The beautiful Empress Theatre in Vallejo will be the backdrop for this amazing show featuring a pedigreed band of CAMP JEFF - rockers from Boston, Tower of Power, Big Brother & the Holding Company, Starship, Satriani and more.

Critterock will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14 at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in downtown Vallejo.

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

Vallejo Reptile and Oddities Expo



The Vallejo Reptile and Oddity Expo returns this summer at the Solano County Fairgrounds.

The expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 20 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 21, at the Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive in the city of Vallejo.

This is the first and only expo to bring you the best vendors in the reptile and oddity community with prices that fit any budget. Professional breeders will be in attendance to offer a large selection of snakes, lizards, tortoises, amphibians, isopods, scorpions, tarantulas, and more for you to purchase at the expo.

You can buy all the supplies you need to set up any cage, including live plants, bowls, logs, hides, tanks, and other habitat essentials.

Also in attendance will be vendors who will bring you all kinds of handmade items such as homemade chocolate, horror-themed bath bombs and soaps, unique displays, amazing taxidermy, and many more unique and one-of-a-kind items for purchase.

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

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 ★ 3:30 TO 7:30 PM

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



Food Trucks
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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

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](#).

Wine tasting in Benicia

Wine Tasting with Vino Noceto



Sunday, July 21, 2024
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia

Serving an array of luscious Vino Noceto wines paired with delicious appetizers, live music by the **Happy Jazz Trio**, evocative art, and wonderful company.

\$40 members/\$50 non-members

Purchase Tickets on Eventbrite:

<https://WineTastingVinoNoceto.eventbrite.com>

Happy Jazz Trio Features:



Karl Hartman
Bass



Marc Zollinger
Guitar



Lillian Yee
Vocals

*All proceeds go to support Arts Benicia
21+ event*

The Arts Benicia Gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the Commanding Officer's Quarters, in the historic Benicia Arsenal.

Inquiries? Email us at: info@artsbenicia.org or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

Taste of Downtown



Downtown Fairfield is set to sizzle with culinary delight as the highly anticipated Taste of Downtown event returns on Thursday, July 25. Presented by the city of Fairfield, this gastronomic celebration promises an unforgettable evening of gourmet indulgence, community spirit, and urban charm.

Attendees will embark on a delectable journey through the Heart of Downtown Fairfield, where they will sample dishes from downtown restaurants, bars, and cafes. From innovative small plates to artisanal tastings, the Taste of Downtown showcases the diverse and vibrant culinary scene that Fairfield has to offer.

Whether you're a seasoned foodie or simply looking for a fun night out, this event promises something for everyone! Come out and enjoy great food with your friends, neighbors, and the downtown community at **The Taste of Downtown on July 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. in Downtown Fairfield.**

For more information, including purchasing tickets, click [here](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/taste).

Waterfront Festival

The popular summer event is back with a splash! Benicia celebrates its picturesque waterfront locale with two days of live music, microbrew tastings, arts & crafts marketplace, delectable gourmet foods, and kids' activity area.

The festival will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday July 27 and Sunday, July 28.

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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Art of Community Art Exhibit



The Artiszen gallery is collaborating with Mare Island Art Studios (MIAS) to present the Art of Community Art Exhibit!

This exhibition celebrates the diverse artistic talents within the Vallejo community and will unfold over three consecutive weekends, each offering its own unique flavor. Embracing the old school Artiszen 'Art of Community' style, they aim to bring the community together and celebrate that magical "Vallejo Art Renaissance" that began 10 years ago, while looking forward to a future filled with even more community art!

This month-long exhibit will showcase the incredible talents of local artists and celebrate our vibrant community. Here's what you can expect:

Dates of Show/Open Gallery Times

Weekends Aug 10- Sep 1, 2024

Saturdays 12 to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 4 p.m.

August 10: Opening Artist's Reception, featuring both familiar artists from Artiszen's past shows and exciting new talents as well as refreshments

August 17: Fashion Market and Upcycle Fashion Show showcasing local talent and sustainable fashions on the runway; vendors offering fun vintage/steampunk/homemade clothes, accessories, and jewelry; as well as delicious food, refreshing drinks, and a selection of beer and wine

August 24: Celebration Day, an extravaganza of live music, delectable food, and crafted cocktails.

In addition, a month-long community art project featuring a "CommuniTree" will run concurrently, inviting community members to decorate and inscribe messages on it. The goal is to transform this into a permanent and dynamic outdoor installation at the Mare Island Art Studios.

Compost giveaway



Save the date, there will be a free compost giveaway on **Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alvarez Ninth Street Park in the city of Benicia.**

- Bring your own containers.
- No bags please.
- For Benicia Residents only and by appointment to reduce waiting time.

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

33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival



Join the community at the 33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival in downtown Fairfield from **11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, August 17** and from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, August 18.**

A variety of tomatoes to sample and buy, live music and performances, beer and wine gardens, kid's activities, a car show, and more!

This year's festival will bring back tomato alley, a tomato eating contest, two beer and wine gardens, two stages, ten bands, a car show, and so much more! Premiering this year is a "Salsa & Salsa" class and canning demonstration.

Want to be a vendor?

Contact Juan Segura at (707) 428-7584 or jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov.

The vendor deadline is July 22 at 5 p.m.

Trash mob



The next city of Fairfield Trash Mob is scheduled on **Saturday, August 24, from 9 to 11 a.m., across from AM/PM at 105 Lopes Road.**

Contact Karen Rees at krees@fairfield.ca.gov or call (707) 428-7767 to sign up. Students can earn community

service hours for school!

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](#).

Saturday in the Park



Help Play 4 All Park raise funds to kickstart their Phase Two Expansion!

Let's get the ball field, dog park and park trail built!

Tickets are now available online - Buy individual tickets or reserve a table for eight. We also have three levels of sponsorships available. You can sign up online to donate items for our raffle and silent auction.

Play4All Park was built from the ground up by the community - they rely on your generous support to make this amazing park even better!

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

Events I attended this week

Saturday, June 29, I attend the BBQ ribs cook-off at the Benicia Veteran's Hall. As usual, the event was a lot of fun. This year, there was corn on the cob, baked potato, and bake beans that were delicious. The ribs, of course, were great, but you could only choose up to 6. Nice to see friends and enjoy a Saturday afternoon with good food and a nice play list.

Wednesday, July 3, was the Torchlight parade held in Benicia. I was in the parade riding in a Mustang (car) driven by Bob. He was a delight and enjoying the adventure. He dropped me off at the library and who should come around the corner but the My Once Upon A Time characters. Yes, Barbie was one. I told her I loved her movie. The group was so polite and took pictures with many of the kids, which also meant me. I had a few minutes to talk with the group and they are college students. A shout-out to Nancy's Main Street group for bringing them back yearly to the parade(s).



Thursday, July 4, I rode in an electric car called the Fisker. I had Bob again as my driver. I saw 4 sets of twins along the parade

route and loved the bubbles. Saw lots of friends and just had a good time celebrating the Birthday of America. I would not want to live in any other country.

May everyone stay cool and enjoy the rest of the weekend with family and friends.

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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Supervisor Brown during the 2024 Torchlight Parade in the city of Benicia.



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.