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District 2 e-Newsletter

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Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

Information this week

**Public invited to comment on
environmental assessment for proposed
Scotts Valley Casino and Tribal Housing
Project development in Vallejo**



A Solano County press release:

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is now accepting public comments on the environmental impact assessment for the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

proposal for a Casino and Tribal Housing Project located in Vallejo.

The BIA issued an Environmental Assessment of the Scotts Valley Casino and Tribal Housing Fee-to-Trust Project on July 8 – initiating a 30-day public review period – analyzing the potential impacts that could result from the development of a gaming facility, including an eight-story casino with restaurants, bars, and a ballroom for events. In addition to a casino, the proposed project would also include the construction of 24 single-family residences, a tribal administration building, parking garage and a 45-acre biological preserve area on a 160-acre property located within and

adjacent to the City of Vallejo boundary in Solano County, near the intersection of Interstate 80 and Highway 37. The casino facility would be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The public is invited to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians Casino and Tribal Housing Project, including any potential issues, concerns and alternatives that have not yet been raised during the BIA's review of the proposal, which includes transferring a 160-acre property into federal trust status for the benefit of the Tribe for gaming purposes.

After receiving feedback from the public on its environmental assessment, the BIA will decide whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to further analyze the effects of the proposed development or proceed on the basis of lesser environmental analysis. The federal actions necessary to implement the Proposed Project trigger the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For this Environmental Assessment, the BIA will serve as the Lead Agency for compliance with NEPA.

ACCESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

Visit <https://www.ScottsValleyCasinoEA.com> and click on "Environmental Assessment" at the top of the page. The Environmental Assessment, including all appendices, can be downloaded as PDF documents. An electronic version of the documents that are compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 can be provided upon request to Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, at (916) 978-6165 or by email at chad.broussard@bia.gov.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments on the Environmental Assessment must be mailed or hand-delivered to one of the following contacts by or before August 7, 2024, including:

By Postal Mail:

Mail Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, at 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820, Sacramento, CA 95825. Include your name, return address, and the caption: "EA Comments, Scotts Valley Casino and Tribal Housing Project," on the first page of written comments.

By Electronic Mail:

Email Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region,

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

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877-565-8860

at chad.broussard@bia.gov. Use "EA Comments, Scotts Valley Casino and Tribal Housing Project" as the subject of your email.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

A virtual public hearing will be held on July 23, 2024, starting at 6 p.m., PST, and will run until the last public comment is received. The public can register to attend the public hearing by clicking this [LINK](#) and/or visiting the <https://www.ScottsValleyCasinoEA.com> website.

COUNTY INVOLVEMENT

It should be noted that Solano County does not have regulatory jurisdiction or decision-making authority over whether a casino opens on land the federal government has taken into trust for gaming for a tribe.

FasTrak scammers are back with a new twist to trick drivers



Folks, I'm resharing this warning. Please read this March 2024 article and stay vigilant!

"A FasTrak scam that hit the [Bay Area last month](#) has returned with a slicker look, and a more sophisticated trap to draw money from unsuspecting drivers.

Over the past week, drivers throughout the Bay Area have received text messages from a sender posing as the region's toll collector, directing them to one of several websites to pay FasTrak charges."

To continue reading, 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](#).

IRS issues nationwide warning

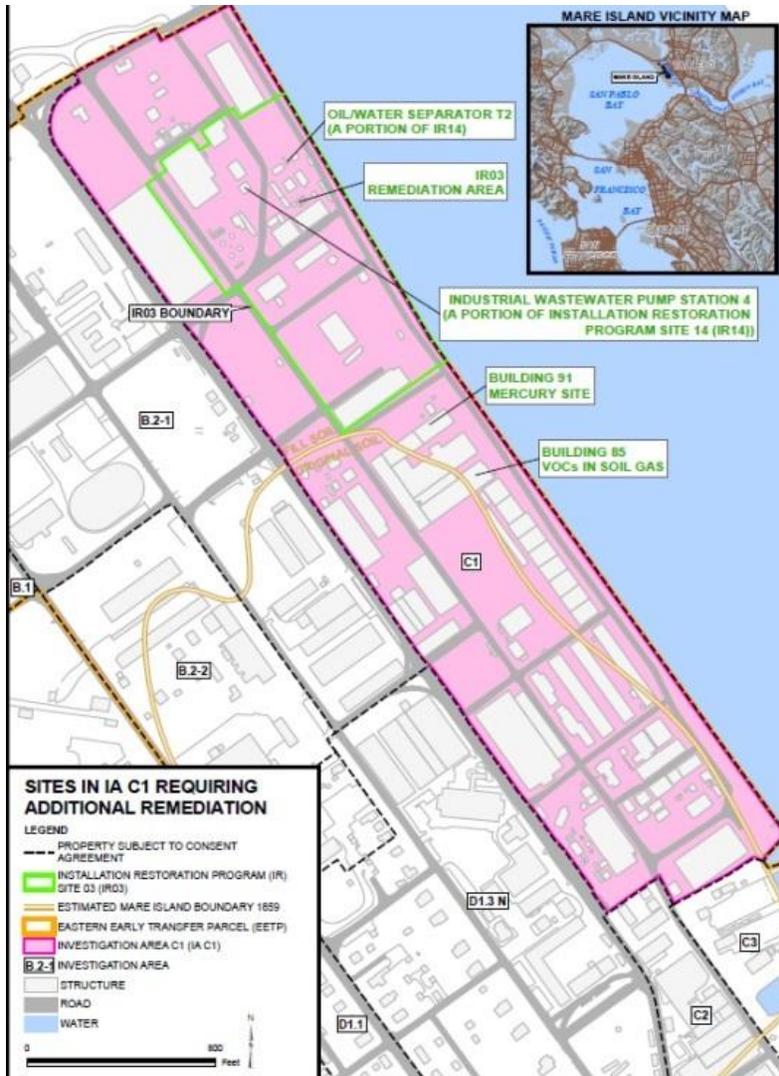
Another day, another scam.

This time, the Internal Revenue Service is warning taxpayers not to fall victim to a new emerging scam involving the purchase of clean energy tax credits.

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

Public hearings

Community Update - Mare Island Investigation Area C1



The California Department of Toxic Substances Control encourages the community to review the attached Community Update for an 83-acre portion of Mare Island in Vallejo, CA 94592 known as [Investigation Area C1](#).

It announces the public comment period from **July 8 – August 6, 2024** for the [draft Remedial Action Plan](#) and [CEQA Initial Study](#).

You are invited to the next Mare Island Restoration Advisory Board meeting to learn about Investigation Area C1 and provide feedback.

Date: **Thursday July 25, 2024**

Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Location: Mare Island Conference Center, 375 G Street, Vallejo, CA 94592

Online: Microsoft Teams link <https://tinyurl.com/MINSRAB-Jul24>, Meeting ID: 289 175 288 264, Passcode: pa7fxT

To join by phone, call (833) 240-9982, enter Conference ID 484577766#.

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.

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.

Link21's Online Open House Closes July 19

There's one week left until Link21's Online Open House closes on July 19, so head over



to Link21OpenHouse.com to learn more about Link21's planning progress that will help determine which train technology - standard-gauge (Regional Rail) or broad-gauge (BART) - will operate in the new underground train crossing of the San Francisco Bay.

The Link21 Online Open House showcases our recently completed analysis of the different benefits that the train technologies can provide, such as service, mobility, and equity. This important milestone is the first step toward defining a project that will provide riders with enhanced and more reliable train options for traveling throughout the Northern California Megaregion.

The interactive, self-guided, online public meeting allows you to view updates through animated maps and engaging Program information anytime, 24/7, from your desktop or mobile device.

Simply visit Link21OpenHouse.com through July 19 to participate when it's most convenient for you!

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.

Hearing on Artificial Intelligence and State Government and Business Meeting



On Thursday, July 25, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on artificial intelligence and state government beginning at 10 a.m.

The hearing will be conducted via Zoom and will also be accessible at 925 L Street, Suite 175, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

The Commission will hold a business meeting immediately after the hearing which will also be accessible to the public. Members of the

public are encouraged to listen to the hearing by joining online or by phone.

Click the URL to join online: <https://bit.ly/3XVReaX> To join via phone, call toll-free from the U.S. by dialing (888) 788-0099. The webinar ID is 952 8090 9407. The passcode is 487928.

The commission highly recommends that members of the public access the hearing through the Zoom app. Please visit the Zoom website for [instructions](#) on how to download the Zoom app onto a computer or smartphone.

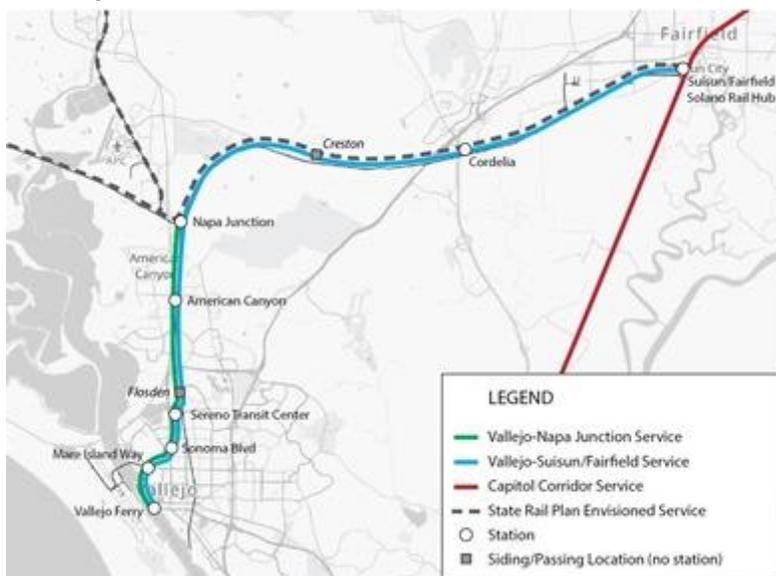
During the hearing, members of the public may indicate to staff that they wish to make public comment by using the “raise” hand feature in Zoom or sending an email to littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov with your question and the phone number from which you have joined the hearing.

Public comments will be heard at the end of the hearing and will be limited to three minutes per speaker and to a total of 30 minutes.

The hearing may be canceled without notice. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Little Hoover Commission at (916) 445-2125 or LittleHoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, July 18.

Updates from around Solano County

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.

Community Survey for city of Vallejo Police Chief Candidate



The poster features the logos of the City of Vallejo and the Vallejo Police Department at the top left. The main title is "Vallejo Police Chief Recruitment Community Meetings Survey". Below the title, the text reads: "We hope you enjoyed listening and discussing with Executive Recruiters Bob Hall & Associates and City Manager, Andrew Murray about what you would like to see in Vallejo's next Police Chief." It then asks for community input to shape the future and provides a link to the survey: <https://cityofvallejo.co/3XM9PpZ>. A QR code is prominently displayed in the lower-left quadrant. Contact information for questions is provided in the lower-right: P: 707.648.4363 and E: human.resources@cityofvallejo.net. The background of the poster shows a scenic view of Vallejo at dusk with a boat on the water.

**Vallejo Police Chief Recruitment
Community Meetings Survey**

We hope you enjoyed listening and discussing with Executive Recruiters Bob Hall & Associates and City Manager, Andrew Murray about what you would like to see in Vallejo's next Police Chief.

Share your thoughts and help shape the future of our community.

Use the link or QR code to participate in the Vallejo Police Chief Recruitment feedback survey.

Your input matters! <https://cityofvallejo.co/3XM9PpZ>

Questions?
P: 707.648.4363
E: human.resources@cityofvallejo.net

To access the survey, click [here](#).

Math for the Trades Apprenticeship Preparation Class

Do you know anyone interested in a career that offers a living wage, on-the-job paid training, paid health benefits, and a secure pension plan? Then applying to one of the many Construction Apprenticeship Programs in the area might be a good fit.

The minimum qualifications for most apprenticeship programs include being at least 18 years old, a high school diploma, reliable transportation, and passing a basic math test.

For some people, the inability to pass the math test is a stumbling block in gaining access to these apprenticeship programs. The Vallejo Adult School, in partnership with CTWI, The Construction Trades Workforce Initiative, offers a unique math class designed specifically to help those interested in passing an Apprenticeship Entrance exam.

In a low stress environment, the class helps students master fractions, decimals, percentages, basic algebra, and basic geometry problems that they will encounter on the Apprenticeship Entrance exams.

This free class is offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9:15 p.m., at the Vallejo Adult School, 436 Del Sur St, Vallejo, 707-556-8850.

Online registration is open at <https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>. Fall classes begin August 19.

The Construction Trades Test Prep class prepares students for the following trades:

Electrical workers

Elevator Constructors

Heat and Frost Insulators

Ironworkers, Laborers

Operating Engineers

Painters

Plumbers

Pipefitters

Sheet Metal Workers

Sprinkler Fitters

Stationary Engineers

Teamsters

Two suspects arrested for stealing 'substantial amount' of merchandise across Solano County: police

Two suspects were arrested Tuesday in connection to a "substantial amount" of merchandise being stolen from multiple stores across Solano County, the Fairfield Police Department (FPD) said. Bags full of merchandise (pictured below) were stolen from retailers, including Target and Walgreens.

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

Community invited to groundbreaking at Allan Witt Park July 22



The community is invited to attend the Allan Witt Community Park All Inclusive Playground Project Groundbreaking Ceremony on **Monday, July 22 at 9 a.m. at 1741 W. Texas Street.**

The ceremony marks a significant milestone in the park's renovation and advances the city of Fairfield's efforts to create significant change to and activate the park in a positive way.

The project is approximately three acres and is east of the aquatics center and south of the dog park. Proposed improvements include the installation of drainage, water, sewer, and electrical utilities, concrete pathways, asphalt roads and parking lots, picnic areas, shade shelters, a gateway entry arch, play equipment, decomposed

granite paving, ramps, a prefabricated restroom building, retaining walls, fencing, landscaping, and irrigation.

Construction will kick off in late July and will continue through summer 2025. Working days will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once construction has commenced, the construction area will be delineated with construction fencing prohibiting public access for the duration of the project. Construction hours and days will be restricted during special events at the park

For more information about the demolition work, visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/allanwitt, or contact Caroline Vedder, Senior Civil Engineer, at cvedder@fairfield.ca.gov or (707) 428-7485.

Visions of the Wild

VISIONS OF THE WILD

A CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS AND ARTISTS

Call for Contributors: Communal photography project at The Temple Art Lofts Gallery in downtown Vallejo as part of the ninth annual Visions of the Wild festival, September 13-14, 2024.

The theme of this year's festival is Re+Generation, which celebrates our communal resilience, renewal, and restoration.

As part of the festival, we are planning a community photography project and are seeking Solano County contributors.

Have you seen changes to the natural beauty of Solano County? Has your family lived in Vallejo or other parts of Solano County for generations? We are looking for members of the community to contribute "then and now" photos. These photos should illustrate how an element of nature has changed, for better or worse, over several decades. "Then and now" photos will be displayed in an exhibition as part of the Visions of the Wild festival.

Example 1: Maybe you are living in a house that has been in your family for many years and you have a photo of your grandparents in the backyard with a young tree they planted, and now today that same tree has grown and shades your house. Take a photo of yourself replicating your grandparents' photo, and then share both the old and new photos with us.

Example 2: Maybe you grew up in an area that now looks very different, and you have photographs from when you were young that you can replicate to show how it's changed. A path on your walk to school, a place your family would picnic, or a building that's been replaced by a natural park.

Example 3: Maybe you don't have personal photos from decades past but are interested in the history of Solano County. There are many historical photographs in the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, for example. You can replicate a historical photo that depicts how the nature of the area has changed over time.

Please email your photography contributions in a .jpeg format to info@visionsofthewild.org by July 31.

Please Include:

- Your name
- The approximate dates of both photos
- The approximate location where the photos were taken.
- Any related story that might add context for both photos.

Please call or text Robin Gross at (707) 853-5655 with any questions, comments, or concerns.

31 JULY DEADLINE DATE

Regional and local ballot measures



Two more regional and local measures have been placed on the November ballot:

They include Suisun City's [Measure S](#) which asks voters to renew a 1% sales tax at a 1.75% rate and extend the tax

for 15 years. Arguments for/against must be submitted to the Suisun City Clerk by August 16

The [Regional Measure 4 Resolution - Bay Area Housing Finance Authority \(BAHFA\)](#).

In November 2024, Bay Area residents could potentially vote on a regional bond measure to generate \$10 to \$20 billion to build more affordable homes and help keep existing homes affordable.

Arguments for/against must be submitted to [Santa Clara County ROV](#) by Tuesday, July 23 based on [BAHFA Special Abbreviated Calendar](#) instructions on submitting arguments can be found on their [BAHA Electronic Submittal of Primary Arguments and Rebuttals](#) page

Ribbon cutting



The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at Terrace Park at 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 17.

GVRD has invested over \$250,000 in improvements to Terrace Park on Daniels Ave. The State of California Prop. 68 Water Bond Act of 2018 will provide \$177,952 of the funding.

"We believe that upgrading the amenities in our parks will help more people stay active, spend time outdoors, and build stronger relationships with their neighbors," the district said in a press release.

On June 5, 2018, California voters passed Proposition 68 - the \$4 billion "Parks, Environment, and Water Bond Act of 2018" Funds were available for local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvement grants to local governments on a per capita basis.

Grant recipients were encouraged to utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors. Staff chose to use the funding to replace both playgrounds at Terrace Park, which is a GVRD owned property.

The 2–5-year-old and 5–12-year-old play structures were replaced and a pour and play surface was added.

BAAQMD annual report



The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has released its 2023 annual report:

[2023 Annual Report \(baaqmd.gov\)](https://baaqmd.gov)

Solano County Library has new mobile app



Solano County Library has a new mobile app to make it even easier to find your next read, see upcoming events and programs, and reserve a group

study room.

Download the app for free by searching "Solano County Library" on the App Store and Google Play. Once downloaded, the app offers user-friendly navigation on the following features:

Explore the Online Catalog: Search the catalog, check availability, and reserve titles in real-time.

24/7 Digital Library Features: If you're looking for more library resources, our 24/7 Digital Library offers more titles on the Libby,

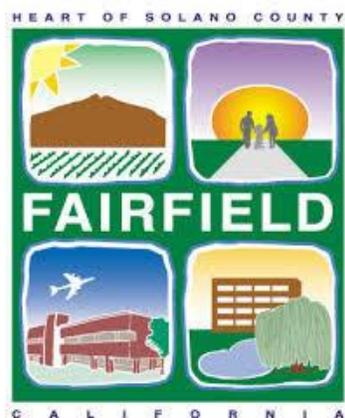
by OverDrive and hoopla apps, and links to our complete Digital Library on our website.

Plan Your Events Schedule: Browse upcoming events by Age Group, Event Type, and Date Range. For events requiring registration, you can easily register on the app; even better, it will automatically populate your contact information. Less typing!

Reserve a Room: Say you're out and about and need a quiet space to study. Now you can book a group study room on the go. As long as there's space available at your library, you can be in a study room in minutes.

Scannable Library Card: You forgot your library card at home and are ready to check out? No problem! Pull up the app and click "My Card" for a scannable library card. For iPhone users: Add your library card to Apple Wallet with just one click.

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](#).

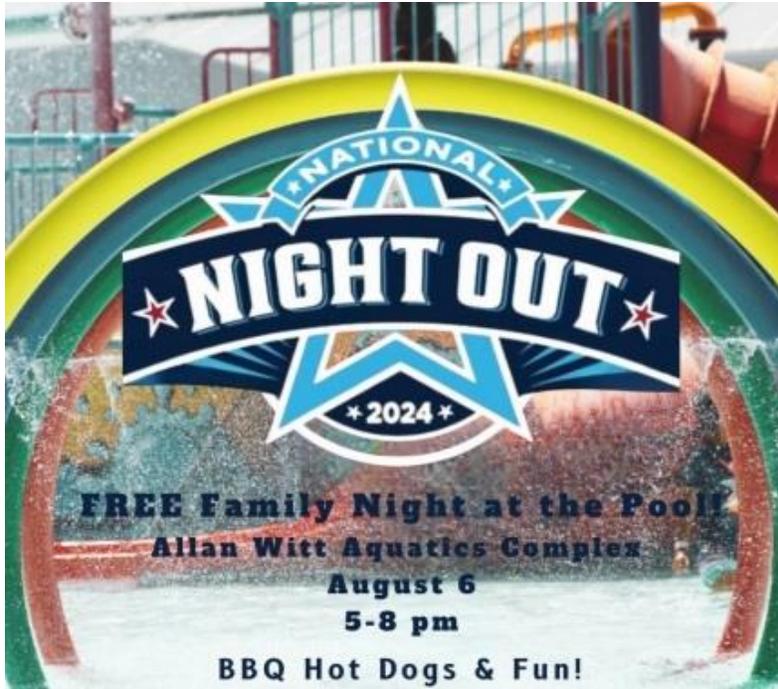
The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2024.

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

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](#).

National Night Out in Vallejo

National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Vallejo Police Department. Over 38 million people nationwide are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other neighborhoods throughout Vallejo in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2024!

National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for and participation in local crime prevention efforts

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQs to block parties. Some additional event ideas include but are not limited to community giveaways, games, contests, food, and fun.

For further questions about National Night Out, contact the Vallejo Police Department at Monica.Gomez@cityofvallejo.net or call Monica Gomez at 707-648-4540.

We look forward to meeting you and your neighbors at your National Night Out event this year!

NNO Glen Cove

This year, the **Glen Cove National Night Out** will take place on Tuesday, August 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Glen Cove Waterfront Park (off Whitesides Dr.).

Come and meet your neighbors, enjoy food, fun, entertainment, and learn how to keep our neighborhoods safer. Bring your own picnic essentials or food will be available for purchase on site.

Individual communities throughout Glen Cove may also be hosting events. Please [contact your local development representative](#) to find out if a block party is planned for your neighborhood.

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes neighborhood camaraderie and public safety. NNO seeks to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while *bringing back a true sense of community*. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Glen Cove Community Association is co-sponsoring this event. For more information, please contact Elissa Stewart at eshanksstewart@yahoo.com. Glen Cove advertisers and residents with a business may set up a free information table.

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](#)

Women's purses targeted by thieves in Vacaville, police seek suspects

The Vacaville Police Department announced Wednesday it has seen an uptick in the number of cases where thieves are targeting women's purses while shopping. The department released images of three suspects.

Thieves are sometimes using an accomplice to distract victims while another takes items from the unattended purses, according to police. "Other times the thief will just steal items while the purse is momentarily unattended for mere seconds," Vacaville PD said.

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

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.

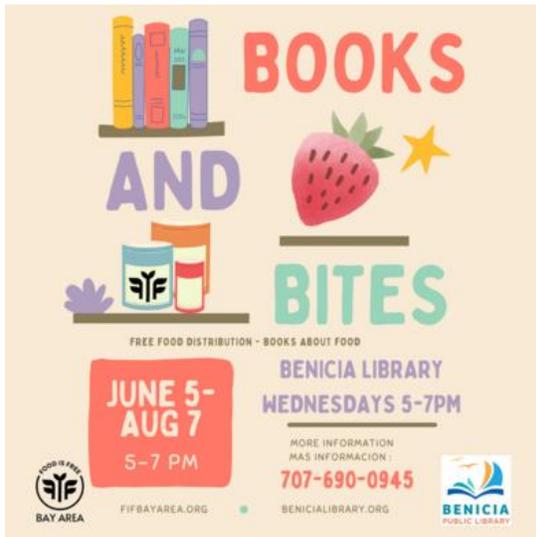
The new site, designed with our community in mind, features a responsive design for mobile users, a consistent and clear layout, and an accessible user interface to serve our diverse audience better.

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

Books and Bites



July calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The July calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

July 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

Just Jazz: Concert Celebration of Recovery and Restoration

Featuring:

AWESOME SAUCE

BLAIR BRYANT

STABE WILSON

NAMI Solano County
National Alliance on Mental Illness

JUST JAZZ

Diversion Program Celebration
+ NAMIWalks Kick Off Dual Event

JULY 13 2-5 PM

Join us for a celebration of recovery, restoration, inspiration, music, food, and fun!

407 Capital Street Vallejo, CA 94590

Scan QR code for Information & Tickets or Register at www.givebutter.com/JUSTJAZZ

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

and our Partners:

NAMIWalks Solano Kick Off

It's official.. We are hosting our 1st NAMIWalks Solano Event coming October 19th! Let's kick it off with some jazz!

For more information or to sign up to join us on 10/19 scan this QR code or visit www.namiwalks.org/solano

Sponsors: KAISER PERMANENTE, CRESTWOOD, Recology

Partners: Pacific Clinics

NAMI Solano kick-off our [NAMIWalks 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](#).

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](#).

The event will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Friday, July 19 inside St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

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.

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.

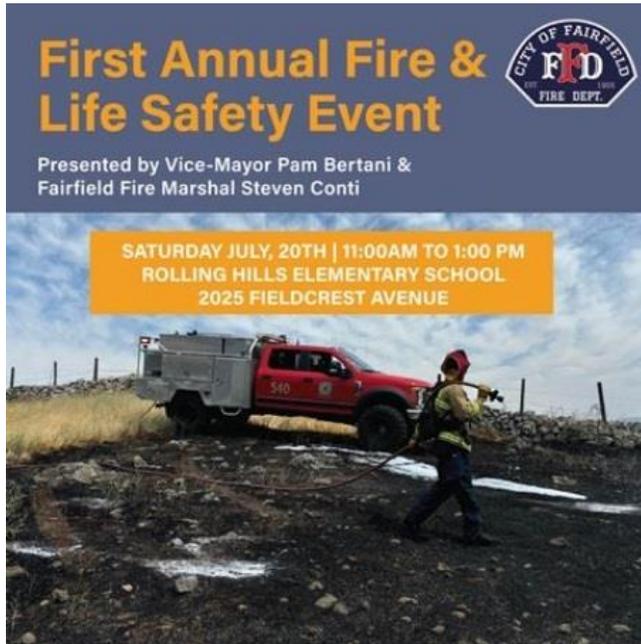
This is the first and only expo to bring you the best vendors in the reptile and oddity community with prices that fit any budget. Professional breeders will be in attendance to offer a large selection of snakes, lizards, tortoises, amphibians, isopods, scorpions, tarantulas, and more for you to purchase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

Public Safety event at Rolling Hills Elementary



The public is invited to the “First Annual Fire & Life Safety Event” on Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Rolling Hills Elementary School, 2025 Fieldcrest Avenue in the amphitheater, in the city of Fairfield.

The event is hosted by Vice-Mayor Pam Bertani and Fairfield Fire Marshal Steven Conti.

Topics of discussion will include: wildfire/defensible space, earthquake preparedness, evacuation procedures (Know Your Zone), how to protect life and property, residential sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and summertime safety tips.

For more information, email sconti@fairfield.ca.gov.

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
★
Local Wine & Beer
★
Line Dancing
★
Dessert Auction & Raffle
★
Proceeds go to
Solano Land Trust

Tickets \$35 ★ 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

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).

Neon Night Swim Teen Event



The city of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with the Fairfield Community Services Foundation for the inaugural “Neon Night Swim” teen event on from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, July 26 at the Allan Witt Aquatic Complex located at 1741 W. Texas Street.

The Aquatic Complex will transform into a neon theme party for local teens 13-19 years of age. A live DJ, food trucks, neon swag, jumbo games, and photo booth are just a few of the planned activities.

This event promises an unforgettable evening of music, fun, and neon vibes! The cost is \$15 per participant and pre-registration is required by July 19.

This is a ‘lock in’ event so don’t miss out on the chance to get your glow on to the beat of a live DJ!

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

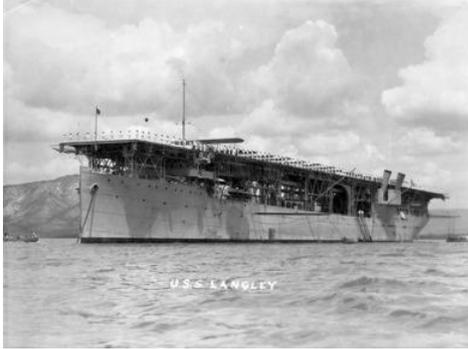
Waterfront Festival

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](#).

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

Wednesday, July 10, I went to the JFK Library in Vallejo to observe a reading program sponsored by the Solano County Library. I met with many of the children's tutors, and yes, one tutor was one of my former students. She plans to teach high school science.

I then went to the Benicia Library where the non-profit Food is Free, with a grant from the library and \$3,750 donated by my office (using the Community Fund money each Supervisor receives) to help fund the purchase of food for our families in Benicia. On Wednesday, we had 80 families come and get food. This program will end on Wednesday August 7, as this was a summer program to help supply families with food when students are not in school to get their breakfast and lunch.

Looking for a job? Consider these links

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please consider a career with Solano County. Click [HERE](#) to access the website and follow on Facebook [@SolanoCountyJobs](#). Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

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[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

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Newsletter photo

Vallejo Waterfront. 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.