



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**August 23, 2024**



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**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**

**Information this week**

**Alert Solano**



All Solano County residents should have these 2 important emergency notification systems on their phones. You can register on Alert Solano or get an app for Watch Duty. The app is free. As wildfire season is in full effect, it is paramount that all residents are notified and provided with the critical information needed to take protective action for them, their families and neighbors who may need extra help. Let's all get through this fire season safely!

Please see links below for registering or downloading the app on your phones.

<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/oes/alertsolano/information.asp> (707) 784-8960

<https://www.watchduty.org/>

## Social Security breach update as lawsuits filed

Several lawsuits have been filed over a huge data breach involving an estimated 2.9 billion Social Security records.

Eight class-action lawsuits have been filed against Florida-based Jerico Pictures, which operates as National Public Data, after criminals put a database of personal details—including [Social Security numbers, names, addresses and contact details](#)—up for sale on the dark web in April 2024.

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

## USDA is hiring



The California offices of the **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** Rural Development are seeking a qualified public affairs specialist to join their team.

The California State Office is hiring a public affairs specialist. This is a great opportunity to help tell the stories of rural America and advance USDA Rural Development's mission throughout California. If you're a public affairs professional looking to work in Alturas, Bakersfield, Davis, Fresno, Indio, Merced, Modesto, Moreno Valley, Santa Rosa, Visalia, or Yreka, California.

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

## Here's how to find out if your Social Security number was included in last week's massive data breach

Pentester, a cybersecurity firm, has set up a tool to let you see if your data was part of the breach. Use a web browser to navigate to [npd.pentester.com](http://npd.pentester.com) and enter your first and last name and birth year. You'll see a list of breached accounts, including the last four digits of the leaked Social Security numbers.

### 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

## What should I do if my Social Security number was included in the breach?

NPD is advising people who might have been affected to closely monitor their financial accounts. Most Americans don't keep close tabs on their checking and saving balances and don't examine every item on their credit card bills—and hackers count on that.

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

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## Public hearings

### Fairfield Forward 2050: Draft General Plan Update available for public review

The public review period for the Draft General Plan Update, Draft CAP, and **DEIR ends on September 9, at 5 p.m.**



Copies of the draft documents will be available for review at the City of

Fairfield Community Development Department (1000 Webster Street, Second Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533), Fairfield Civic Center Library (1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, CA 94533), and Fairfield Cordelia Library (5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533).

Please send your comments, including your name, to Jessie Hernandez at 1000 Webster Street, Second Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533 or [jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov) by the deadline.

## Open House

Please join the city of Fairfield at the Fairfield Forward 2050 Open House on **Saturday, August 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location is Fairfield Community Center, Lakeside Rooms A & B, 1000 Kentucky Street.**

At the Fairfield Forward 2050 Open House, you can:

- Learn more about what's in these documents
- Speak with staff, and share any comments or questions

Fairfield Forward 2050 consists of a General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). If adopted, the General Plan Update would guide future land use decisions in the City of Fairfield, providing a long-term vision for the future and, through its policies and implementing actions, indicating how that

vision would be achieved over the next 25 years. The Climate Action Plan (CAP) would address the community's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and demonstrate how the City will comply with State GHG emission reduction targets.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) analyzes how adopting and implementing the goals, policies, actions, and projected buildout of the Fairfield Forward 2050 project. An EIR is intended to inform decision-makers and the general public of the potential significant environmental impacts of a proposed project. The proposed project will result in unavoidable significant impacts with regards to agricultural resources, mineral resources, and transportation.

Visit [www.fairfieldforward.com](http://www.fairfieldforward.com) for more information.

## **Notice of 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period: LAFCO Project No. 2024-03 Solano County Mosquito Abatement District Municipal Service Review**



Solano LAFCO has released the public draft of the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District (SCMAD) Municipal Service Review (MSR) for a 30-day public review and comment period extending until **September 12**.

The SCMAD's sphere of influence (SOI) and service boundary is coterminous with the Solano County boundary. The District is not proposing to amend this boundary. The District is consistent with State law and has adopted policies and practices that ensure it continues to operate efficiently and effectively. Therefore, the draft MSR preliminary findings support and recommend that the SCMAD SOI be reaffirmed.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000 (CKH) requires LAFCO to adopt and periodically update the sphere of influence for special districts and municipalities concurrently or subsequently to the preparation of a MSR.

Please send comments to Tyra Hays at [Thays@solanolafco.com](mailto:Thays@solanolafco.com)

[Solano County Mosquito Abatement District MSR Draft](#)

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## Updates from Solano County

### Governor joins Board of Supervisors, others against Vallejo casino



Gov. Gavin Newsom has joined the band of opponents to the proposed tribal casino and housing project in Vallejo.

The letter states that Newsom is “concerned that these specific projects are proceeding in a manner that would sidestep the state, ignore the concerns of tribal governments and other local communities, and stretch the 'restored lands' exception beyond its legal limits – while failing to adequately consider whether there might be a better way.”

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

### Glen Cove election community meeting

A poster for a community meeting. The background is a photograph of a community meeting in progress. The poster features the Glen Cove Community Association logo at the top left. The main text reads "Community Meeting" in large, bold letters. Below this, the location is given as "AT GLEN COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 501 GLEN COVE PARKWAY, VALLEJO, CA 94591". To the right, two boxes state "Free & Open to Glen Cove Residents" and "Food for Purchase on Site". At the bottom left, the date and time are "Thursday, September 26, 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM". At the bottom right, the speakers are listed as "Candidates forum for Mayor and City Council District 3". A dark blue bar at the very bottom contains the contact information: "For More Information: info@glencovevallejo.com".

**GLEN COVE**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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# Community Meeting

AT GLEN COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
501 GLEN COVE PARKWAY  
VALLEJO, CA 94591

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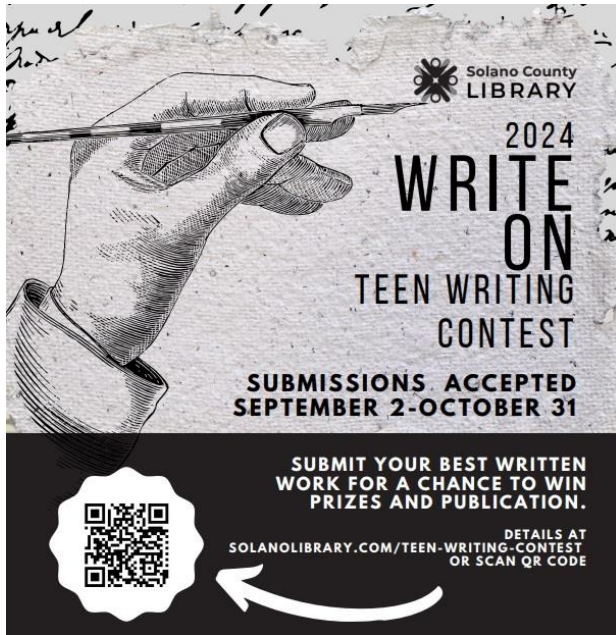
**Thursday**  
**September 26**

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Speakers include:  
Candidates forum for  
Mayor and City Council  
District 3

For More Information: [info@glencovevallejo.com](mailto:info@glencovevallejo.com)

## Teen Writing Contest



This year the library is looking for Solano County teens between the ages of 12 and 18 to submit their best short stories and poems! Those who win will each get a \$25 gift card and have their work published in the library's Write On Magazine which comes out every fall!

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

## Soltrans' August 2024 service change



Solano County Transit (SolTrans) will make schedule adjustments and minor route changes effective [Sunday, August 11, 2024](#). These changes are

part of an ongoing commitment to providing efficient and timely public transportation for the community.

Starting Sunday, August 11, 2024, departure times for all four Express lines ( [Blue](#), [Green](#), [Yellow](#) ) will be adjusted to ensure a reliable transfer window between Express buses and the new BART service schedules. This strategic alignment maintains the number of Express trips serving BART, with one exception on the [Red Line](#) at the 9 a.m. hour. Two overlapping trips have been consolidated into one, which allows for a highly requested 3:30 p.m. trip on the Red Line from El Cerrito del Norte BART.

Several minor adjustments have also been made to improve overall service efficiency and connectivity:

- Reverse Commute Trips: Travel times for reverse commute trips on the Express lines have been scaled back to better reflect actual travel conditions, reducing the need for buses to hold at time points.
- [Route 2 Northeast Vallejo](#) Adjustments: The last departure time for Route 2 from the Vallejo Transit Center (VTC) has been adjusted to 4:05 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. These changes ensure better connections from Express lines to the last local service from VTC and improved alignment with other routes.
- New Alignments on Routes [7A Clockwise](#) and [7B Counterclockwise](#) to Gateway Plaza: Routes 7A and 7B have been realigned to include new routing around Redwood and Rotary. Additionally, new stops on Redwood have been added to serve that neighborhood better.

These adjustments are based on feedback from passengers and aim to provide a more reliable and convenient service. All passengers are encouraged to review the updated schedules at [SolTrans.org](https://soltrans.org), or at the Vallejo Transit Center Ticket Office.

## Ribbon cutting to kick off first zero-emission transit vehicles

The city of Fairfield's transit service, FAST, will publicly unveil its first three 35-foot Gillig Battery-Electric, Zero-Emission Buses at a ribbon cutting ceremony

on **Thursday, August 29 at 11 a.m. at the Fairfield Transportation Center, 2000 Cadenasso Drive.**



This event marks FAST's first zero-emission transit vehicles as part of an effort to transition to 100% zero-emission fleet by 2040.

In 2017, FAST was awarded \$1.2 million to purchase zero-emission buses through the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program. In 2022, FAST was awarded another \$12 million through the same program for battery-electric buses, infrastructure, and workforce development. The locally manufactured 35-foot Gillig Battery Electric Buses are the first of eight battery-electric buses.

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

## Parent Leader Training Institute of Solano

Do you know of any parents who want to see changes in their community?

The Children's Network of Solano County is recruiting parents for the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI), which is scheduled to begin in late September. This free, 20-week in-person program is designed to empower parents and caregivers to become advocates for children.

PLTI offers leadership training, resources, and civic skill development for any adult interested in bringing about meaningful change for children, families, and communities. To accommodate families, free childcare services and dinner are provided.

Additionally, Spanish translation services ensure that language is not a barrier to participation.

Reach out to Monica Soriano at [msoriano@childnet.org](mailto:msoriano@childnet.org) for more information.

## School is back in session at Glen Cove Elementary



A message from the Glen Cove Community Association:

Monday through Friday, between 12 to 3 p.m., parents line up to pick up their students at school. It often results in a line of 4-5 cars at a standstill on Glen Cove

Parkway.

As you are driving south on Glen Cove Parkway approaching Glen Cove Elementary, stay in the left-hand lane. You do not want to be driving the speed limit on Glen Cove Parkway, round the curves by the school and run into a stopped car in front of you.

Be aware and drive safely.



# National POW-MIA Recognition Day



## National POW-MIA Recognition Day

Vacaville Veterans Memorial Building Association  
549 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 447-6364

August 20, 2024

The Vacaville Veterans Organizations and Auxiliaries cordially invite you to attend the National POW/MIA Recognition Day Closing Ceremony to be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

The ceremony will be held at the Solano County Vietnam Veterans Memorial located at 630 Merchant Street in Vacaville.

This year's keynote speaker is Richard "Dog" Brenneman who served in the US Air Force. Brenneman served in the Cold War from 1965 to 1991, the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1973, and the Persian Gulf War during 1991. While serving in Southeast Asia, Brenneman flew 51 1/2 missions until 8 November 1967 - a bad day. Richard "Dog" Brenneman spent 1,954 days in captivity and was released during Operation Homecoming and returned home 14 March 1973. He was on the same plane as Senator John McCain. He ended up at Travis AFB where he continued to serve until his retirement in 1993.

The Vacaville High School Band will be participating in the ceremony for their 33<sup>rd</sup> year. We hope that you will be able to join us for this incredibly special ceremony that will pay tribute to our former prisoners of war who served this nation in time of crisis, as well as a time to remember those that are still listed as missing in action and the families who still wait.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend by sending your RSVP to [lynn.jewell53@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.jewell53@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

\*Limited Seating will be available and you will need to park behind Vacaville City Hall

Vacaville Veterans: American Legion Post 165 & Auxiliary, AMVETS Post 1776, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 84, Marine Corp League Hallam Detachment #1486, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7244& Auxiliary

POW - MIA ... Lest We Forget

## Corporation Yard - Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off



Beginning on **October 1, 2024**, oil-based paints can now be dropped off at the city of Benicia's Corporation Yard Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off on **Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. The location is 2400 East Second Street**

Previously only latex paint was accepted. Oil base items include:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: acrylic, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, under-coaters
- Stains, shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints.

This facility will also continue to accept light tubes, CFLs, household batteries, car batteries (No EV), motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, latex paint, and aerosols. No charge to Benicia residents.

Other chemicals need a HHW Door-to-Door appointment for pickup. Look for the HHW button at [RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA](http://RepublicServices.com/BeniciaCA) to schedule a free appointment (non-business accounts only). For more information, click [here](#).

## 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 August 10 through September 1, 2024**

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

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.

## Open Show



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce, in collaboration with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association, invites you to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit "Open Show," from **September 11 to October 26 at the Solano Town Center Gallery at 1350 Travis Boulevard, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Starting September 10, you can also view the art online at [www.fvaa-arts.org](http://www.fvaa-arts.org). **There is an Art Reception and Poetry Reading on Saturday, September 21, from 4 to 6 pm at the Gallery in Suite D-8 on the second floor.**

Send Suzanne your poem in a Word document or pdf with a picture of art above the poem **by Wednesday, September 18, at 5 p.m.** at [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com)

Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

## Arts Benicia



The galleries will reopen on August 17 for **A Stitch in Time: Contemporary Textile & Fiber Art** exhibition. Juried by Aimee Le Duc, and sponsored in part by Happy Life Pottery, this exhibition is sure to surprise, enlighten

and inspire you with the wide range of techniques, materials, and concepts.

**An opening reception will take place on Family Art Day on Sunday, September 29, 1 to 3 p.m.** This event is free and will take place at the Commanding Officer's Quarters at 1 Commandant's Lane.

Be sure to mark your calendar and buy your tickets now for the upcoming **Champagne, Chocolate, and Blues** event, on Sunday, October 6, 4 to 6 p.m., <https://artsbenicia.org/champagne-chocolate-blues-2024/>

Arts Benicia is featuring tastings of sparkling wines and crémant from Terrie Patterson-Boisset Collection, Champagne, Cava, non-alcoholic sparklers, and delicious chocolate treats, with music by Alvon, Ambassador of the Blues.

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

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

Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia? The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of our programs. With your sponsorship support, we can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to our community. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing us at [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org) or visiting <https://artsbenicia.org/sponsorship/>

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

## Benicia Artist Bodil Fox Presents “An Uncommon Thread” at NY2CA Gallery

Bodil Fox invites you to her solo show, “An Uncommon Thread,” at NY2CA Gallery from August 15 to September 29, at 617 1st Street, Benicia.



The exhibition showcases her innovative fiber techniques and materials, including fragile concrete, ornate copper, pleated paper, and thermoplastics. Her work is playful, materials-based, and often conceptual, inspired by textiles and uncommon techniques.

Mark your calendars for September 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., for “Threads in Motion: Hands-on Textile Art Experience,” featuring fiber artists and performances by the Benicia Chorus.

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### 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](mailto:krees@fairfield.ca.gov) or call (707) 428-7767 to sign up. Students can earn community service hours for school!

## Library Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Freedom Summer



The Benicia Public Library will present a special program about the 1964 Freedom Summer at **2 p.m., on Saturday, August 24 at the Benicia Public Library.**

Freedom Summer 1964 was a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement, where hundreds of volunteers, primarily college students, traveled to Mississippi to register African American voters, establish Freedom Schools, and challenge the systemic racism that had long pervaded the region. This summer of activism played a crucial role in advancing civil rights and social justice in the United States.

The event will be emceed by Alice Fried of the Solano County League of Women Voters and will include former Benicia Poet Laureate Mary Susan Gast (2020-2023), who participated in Freedom Summer as a college student, will share “Gifts from Freedom Summer –1964” followed by a character interpretation of Fannie Lou Hamer. Hamer, who rose from humble beginnings in the Mississippi Delta to become one of the most important, passionate, and powerful voices of the civil and voting rights movements and a leader in the efforts for greater economic opportunities for African Americans, will be brought to life by local performer and activist Linda Youngblood Wright.

The event will also include refreshments and an opportunity for Q&A about Freedom Summer 1964 and continued efforts to protect voting rights across our country. Join in as the community remembers, reflects, and recommits to the ideals of justice, equality, and freedom for all.

The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 E L Street. For more information about the library, click [here](#).

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Benicia Cub Scouts



The Kiwanis Club of Benicia will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in support of Benicia Cub Scouts 7108!

**The entire Benicia community is invited to join the dinner on Saturday, August 24, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Saint Paul Church, located at the corner of East J and First Street.**

To ensure the success of this event, you are encouraged to spread the word and invite everyone you know.

Visit [Kiwaniis4Cubs.org](http://Kiwaniis4Cubs.org) to reserve your seat and show your support for the Benicia Cub Scouts.

Last year's Spaghetti Feed was crucial in covering the costs of reserving Camp Herms for the Cub Scouts' Father's Day Weekend Cub-O-Rama. Thanks to the community's generosity, nearly 100 young scouts enjoyed a variety of activities at no cost.

Additionally, the Cub Scouts organized a campout at Camp Herms, where over 100 participants enjoyed camping, dinner, live performances, dessert, and breakfast for just \$5.00 per person.

Your participation in this Spaghetti Fundraiser will make a significant impact on the lives of the children in our community who are part of Cub Scouts. The Scouting program provides invaluable adventure and leadership opportunities, helping young boys and girls develop skills that will shape them into future leaders and boost their confidence.

The Cub Scouts will also be creating exciting raffle baskets for the event, offering participants the chance to win fantastic prizes.

## Drought tolerant roses presentation

*~You are cordially invited to a special presentation on:*

### ***Drought Tolerant Roses***

**Sunday August 25, 2-4pm**



Darrell Schramm, a retired professor from the University of San Francisco, will give a presentation on drought tolerant roses. Darrell cultivates about 187 roses among the many plants in his Vallejo garden. Author of *Rainbow: a history of the rose in California*, Darrell serves on the board of Heritage Roses Group, the oldest heirloom rose organization in the world, and edits its quarterly magazine, *The Rose*.

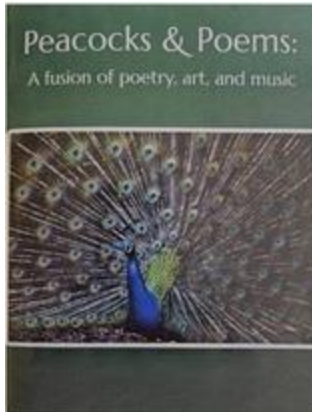
*~The McCune Collection~*  
**Lower-level of JFK Library Bldg  
505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo CA**

*~Finger food & light refreshments will be served~*

(Enter through the sliding doors from the parking lot behind City Hall)  
Details & map: [www.mccunecollection.org/about](http://www.mccunecollection.org/about)

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

## Peacocks & Poems Anthology



"Peacocks & Poems: A fusion of poetry, art, and music" book celebration will take place **from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 25 at Mangels Vineyards, 4529 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.**

This will not be a poetry reading, but rather a celebration of these expressive collaborations. Even if you are not in the anthology, the community is invited to come and enjoy this gathering of creative voices. Book photograph by Terry Murray.

## Speaker Series: Future of Transit in Solano County

The poster is for a 'Speaker Series' event titled 'Future of Transit in Solano County'. It features a central image of a blue and white ferry boat on the water. The event is scheduled for September 5th, 2024, from 12:00PM to 1:30PM. The event is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Three speakers are listed at the bottom: Seamus Murphy (Executive Director, Water Emergency Transportation), Phil Pierce (Senior Public Policy Manager, Zoox), and Matt Schrap (CEO, Harbor Trucking Association). The Soiano logo is at the top left of the poster.

**Soiano**  
SPEAKER SERIES:  
**FUTURE OF TRANSIT IN SOLANO COUNTY**  
September 5th, 2024 | 12:00PM - 1:30PM

SPONSORED BY:  
**KAISER PERMANENTE**

**Seamus Murphy**  
Executive Director  
Water Emergency  
Transportation

**Phil Pierce**  
Senior Public Policy Manager  
Zoox

**Matt Schrap**  
CEO  
Harbor Trucking  
Association

To register, and/or for more information, click [here](#).

## Kaiser Permanente's Community Health Fair



Kaiser Permanente is hosting a Community Health Fair at the Vacaville Medical Center on **Saturday, September 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The hospital is located at 1 Quality Drive.



Join Kaiser Permanente to celebrate health, wellness and community with flu shots, a blood drive, blood pressure screenings and much more.

## Benicia Oktoberfest



Indulge in the spirit of Oktoberfest as you are presented with the best of German culture right here in Benicia. From traditional Bavarian music to mouthwatering food, this event promises an unforgettable experience for all.

Grab your lederhosen or dirndl and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere. The marketplace will be bustling with local vendors. Explore the stalls and discover handmade crafts, artisanal goods, and much more.

**The event will take place on Saturday, September 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Benicia Marina Green, corner of First and B Street, Benicia.**

Enjoy a day filled with laughter, games and community. [Purchase Tickets on https://beniciaoktoberfest.com](https://beniciaoktoberfest.com)

## Pawtoberfest



**Mark your calendars for September 14! From 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Benicia Clock Tower will be the place to be for the most exciting celebration in town - Pawtoberfest!**

Sip on the finest brews and wines. Traditional German Cuisine: Delight in mouth-watering dishes. Live Music & Dance: Enjoy great music and impressive dance performances. Exciting Raffle: Try your luck and win amazing prizes!

Dessert Dash: Win your favorite dessert in this thrilling event. Live & Online Auctions: Bid on incredible items, both in-person and online.

All proceeds directly support the Humane Society of the North Bay.

**The Benicia Clock Tower is located at 1189 Washington Street in the city of Benicia.**

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

## **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](#).

## Founders Day, 'Behind the Fences' VIP Bus Tour



Join in on a unique journey by bus to three rarely seen *Behind the Fences* locations on the historic Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Local Historians Dennis Kelly and Brendan Riley as well as Mare Island Historic Park Foundation docents will be on hand to provide the fascinating histories and tales behind these historic spots as we peer inside the **Haunted Armory Building 77**, **Old 84 Mare Island Prison**, and the original **Mare Island Stables** (the second oldest building on the Island).

Your tour will begin with a glass of Road 31 Wine Co. sparkling wine before you board the bus and conclude with post-tour specialty cocktail from Savage & Cooke distillery.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 14 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Savage & Cooke, 1097 Nimitz Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo. Cost is \$75.

***Note: There will be disembarking at each location, with approximately 1/4 mile of walking over uneven ground.***

## Coastal Cleanup Day 2024

**Saturday, September 21 will mark the 40th anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day.**

The city of Benicia will celebrate Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21, at Alvarez Ninth Street Park.

To check cleanup locations, and/or for more information, click [here](#).

## Vest's Empowerment Walk/Stroll-A-Thon

Join VEST and the Wellness Center at Solano Community College for the first Annual 2024 Empowerment Walk/Stroll Against Domestic Violence.

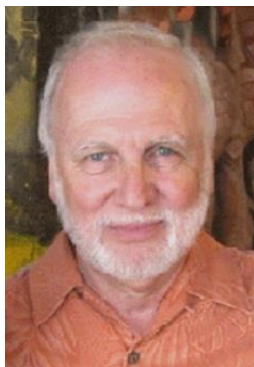
This event is part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness and supporting survivors of intimate partner violence.

**It will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 5 at Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, in Fairfield.**

## Glen Cover summer shindig



## Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce presents David Alpaugh



David Alpaugh will be Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce's featured reader in October! **The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 12 inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.**

After his reading, there will be an Open Mic.

David is a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of California, Berkeley, David teaches poetry for the UC Berkeley Extension

and at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's Cal State East Bay Campus. A popular performer of his own poetry, he hosted monthly poetry readings in the SF Bay area for fifteen years and has been a finalist for Poet Laureate of California.

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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, August 16**, I was honored to be invited to the Investiture of Marlo S. Nisperos as Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California County of Solano. I delight in attending these ceremonies. The honoree has friends who give a short speech about their relationship and what a wonderful choice for the county that their friend is picked to be a judge. (The reception was fun.)

**Saturday, August 17**, I attended the Tomato/Wine Festival in Fairfield. I waited until late afternoon with the heat. I walked and saw friends and checked out the vendors. There was music and food up and down the street. I took the time to sit under a tree and watched the families play in the fountain in front the county building. No matter what activity, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

**Sunday, August 18**, I attended the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation Events- speaker's series. Sunday's program discussed how the naming of the first U.S. Navy ship for Mr. Trinidad occurred. There is so much history on Mare Island. I am always learning.

**Wednesday, August 21**, I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi, open space park. This is a new park located at 2061 Rockville Road. Grand opening is tomorrow Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking fees are 5 dollars per vehicle. The website is: [solanolandtrust.org/patwino-worrta-kodoi-dihi](http://solanolandtrust.org/patwino-worrta-kodoi-dihi) Bring water, hats, and sunscreen. Come and enjoy.

Later in the day, I drove to Vallejo and was one of 4 other elected leaders to be on the Leadership Panel to discuss Community and Public Service with students from Vallejo and Benicia. Ms. Grace, a city of Vallejo employee, ran the session. A few examples of our discussions were what are the elements of a health community and what are our rights as citizens. The students were engaged, and the evening flew by. Truly an enjoyable night.

**Thursday, August 22**, I was at the quarterly Employee Recognition Ceremony held by the Solano County Sheriff's Office. Over 20 folks were new hires ranging from being a deputy sheriff to an account clerk to an evidence tech. (We still are looking for folks.) I enjoy this program as family members are invited to attend. Yesterday there was a cute set of twins. I enjoy seeing the interaction of the children. One person came up to me and stated freedom is hearing the laughter of the children. They feel safe. I agree.

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## Newsletter photo

Supervisor Brown at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new open space park, Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi. The name of this park means “Southern Rock Home of the Patwin People” in the Hill Patwin Language.



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.