



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

September 6, 2024



Information this week

Solano County to open fish and wildlife propagation fund grant cycle for fiscal year 2024-2025

A Solano County press release:

Solano County Parks, in coordination with Solano County Parks and Recreation Commission, is pleased to announce the official launch of the fiscal year 2024-2025 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant cycle, beginning September 7, 2024.



The Solano County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund, under the direction of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, uses funds from fish and wildlife related fines and forfeitures in Solano County for projects and programs involved in the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife.

The fiscal year 2024-2025 (FY2024/25) grant cycle is funded for up to \$10,000 with a maximum grant request up to \$2,500 with no match requirement necessary. Grant funding is available to units of government, including special districts organized under federal, state, or local laws, accredited educational institutions, and private non-profit with current 501(c)(3) status. The impact of these grant dollars can be large, with past funded projects including support for environmental education materials for classrooms, field trips, habitat restoration and protection, and wildlife protection and recovery work.



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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

DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION / QUESTIONS

(707) 784-8960

Starting September 7, 2024, the application materials can be found on the Solano County Parks website at <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/countypark/grants.asp>. Applicants can also request a copy of the application materials and ask questions by contacting Chris Drake, Solano County Parks Services Manager at (707) 784-6765 and CRDrake@SolanoCounty.com.

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

To apply for funding, submit one un-bound application by or before Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5 p.m. to the Department of Resource Management, 675 Texas St., Suite 5500, Fairfield, attention: Chris Drake, Parks Services Manager. Once submitted, applications are given to the evaluation committee to assess and rank against the criteria included in the application materials. Please note, emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

PRESENT YOUR PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION

All applicants are welcome to attend the September 12, 2024, Parks and Recreation meeting located at the County Administration Center – MP Rooms 1600-1620, 1st Floor, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield at 10 a.m. for the opportunity to have up to 5 minutes to speak or present on their applied for project. After evaluation and ranking the committee will provide a recommendation to the Solano County Board of Supervisors who will make the final determination for funding.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

Officer Matthew Bowen Memorial Traffic Signal



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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

Play 4 All Park, in partnership with Officer Matthew Bowen's family and friends, are seeking donations to build a solar-powered signal that will be located in the main rotunda (to be re-named "Bowen Blvd."), and will operate like a regular control signal, helping children learn crossing safety.

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

A commemorative bronze plaque will be placed on the signal. If donations exceed the original goal, funds will be used to build a pedestrian crossing signal.

Matthew (Matt) Bowen was born in Fairfield, California, on April 10th, 1992. He was raised in Fairfield and attended Rodriguez High School. He then went on to pursue his dream of becoming a police officer. In 2019,

Matt graduated from the Napa Police Academy and began his career with the Concord Police Department.

Following the police academy, Matt earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Arizona State University while working full-time as a Police Officer. In 2023, Matt transferred to the Vacaville Police Department to work closer to home to spend more time with his wife and kids. In January 2024, Matt began training to become a motorcycle traffic officer. On July 11th, 2024, Matt tragically lost his life when he was killed in the line of duty at the age of 32.

Matt married his wife Elizabeth in 2020 and bought their first home in Dixon, California to start their family. They had two children: their first son was born in 2021, and their second in 2023. Matt could often be found at Play4All Park with his sons on his days off from work. Play4all Park held a special place for Matt and Elizabeth as it was a place of inclusivity where all could enjoy and have fun.

Your donation to Play4All Park would help honor Officer Bowen by building a memorial that helps children learn how to use the crosswalk to cross the road safely.

To donate, click [here](#).

Parent Leadership Training Institute of Solano: Empower Yourself, Empower Your Community

The Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) in partnership with the Children's Network of Solano is excited to announce the launch of the 2024 Parent Leadership Training Institute of Solano. This program is designed to empower parents, caregivers, and community members with the skills, knowledge, and connections needed to become strong advocates for their families and communities.

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) is more than just a program—it's an opportunity to be the voice your community needs. Participants will gain invaluable tools to create positive change and drive meaningful impact within Solano County. Whether you're passionate about advocating for your child's education, improving local policies, or fostering community engagement, PLTI provides the platform to make a real difference.

Program Highlights:

- Kick-Off Event: **Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- Weekly Evening Classes Begin: Wednesday, September 25
- Location: Fairfield-Suisun Adult School, 900 Travis Blvd., Fairfield

Classes are held weekly, offering a supportive environment where participants can learn and grow together. As part of the commitment to making this program accessible to all, PLTI is free of charge. Additionally,

childcare and dinner are provided during each session, and Spanish translation services are available.

While the program primarily targets FSUSD families, it is open to all residents of Solano County. Don't miss this chance to make a difference—both for your family and your community. Join PLTI and start your journey toward becoming a powerful advocate for change.

PLTI is a family civics initiative of the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity.

For more information or to register, please contact Monica Soriano, PLTI Site Coordinator, at msoriano@childnet.org, (415) 684-5072, or visit childnet.org/PLTI

Scammers Draining Cash Directly From ATMs, Emptying Bank Accounts Without Debit Cards in Sophisticated Scheme: Cybersecurity Researchers

Cybersecurity researchers say scammers have found a sophisticated way to drain bank accounts directly from ATMs – without needing a debit card in hand.

Experts at the cybersecurity software firm ESET [say](#) they've discovered a dangerous and unprecedented type of malware they're calling NGate.

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

Volunteers Needed for Opening Day Events



The Solano Land Trust is in need of many hands for its upcoming **Sunday Supper** event on **Sunday, October 6 at Joyful Ranch!** Sunday Supper is the largest donor fundraiser of the year and is one of our most important events. The Land Trust cannot

function properly throughout the rest of the year without the success of this event, and this event cannot function without the dedicated and necessary hands of volunteers!!

Donors will be treated to live music; beers and wines; gourmet, local food made on-site by a private chef; live music; an auction, silent auction and dessert auction; and more all on a beautiful outdoor property!

Solano Land Trust will need 60+ volunteers to run this event. Please note that there is a **training for all positions on Saturday, September 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Rush Ranch Nature Center** (with exception of Set Up and Tear Down Crews).

[For Role Descriptions and General Information, click here.](#) [To Sign-Up, click here.](#)

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 by the deadline.

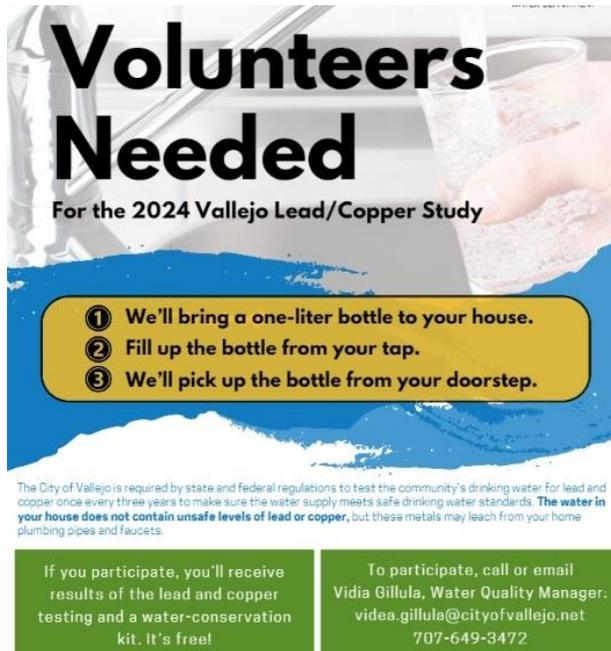
Fairfield Forward 2050 consists of a General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). If adopted, the General Plan Update would guide future land use decisions in the City of Fairfield, providing a long-term vision for the future and, through its policies and implementing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

Updates from around Solano County

Vallejo water volunteers needed



Volunteers Needed

For the 2024 Vallejo Lead/Copper Study

- 1 We'll bring a one-liter bottle to your house.
- 2 Fill up the bottle from your tap.
- 3 We'll pick up the bottle from your doorstep.

The City of Vallejo is required by state and federal regulations to test the community's drinking water for lead and copper once every three years to make sure the water supply meets safe drinking water standards. **The water in your house does not contain unsafe levels of lead or copper**, but these metals may leach from your home plumbing pipes and faucets.

If you participate, you'll receive results of the lead and copper testing and a water-conservation kit. It's free!

To participate, call or email Vidia Gillula, Water Quality Manager: videa.gillula@cityofvallejo.net 707-649-3472

City of Vallejo seeks applicants for Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee



A city of Vallejo press release:

On July 12, 2022, the Vallejo City Council created a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC). The COC shall consist of 7 regular members appointed by the Mayor and City

Council as set forth in the ordinance (Ordinance No. 1866 N.C. (2d)). Six of the regular members are appointed based upon Council voting district. Members appointed by the Mayor may reside anywhere in the City.

Due to terms expiring on October 10, 2024, the City is seeking qualified District 1, 3 and 6 applicants and one at-large applicant interested in serving on the Commission each for a 2-year term.

Citizens' Oversight Committee

The COC is established to independently review and advise upon the City's expenditure of proceeds generated by the transactions and use tax. The Committee shall meet at least twice each calendar year and more frequently, if necessary, to discharge the responsibilities of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall not receive a stipend for their service. Any additional responsibilities and duties of the Committee shall be established by resolution of the City Council except as otherwise set forth in Vallejo Municipal Code Section 3.09.170.

The COC shall annually review and report on (a) the City's proposed and actual expenditure of proceeds generated by the transaction and use tax and (b) the independent annual audit required by Chapter 3.09. The Committee's report shall be submitted to the City Council for review and discussion at a public meeting of the City Council and shall be available to the public.

The City shall provide such staff resources as are reasonably necessary to assist the Committee with the discharge of its duties under this chapter. The Committee shall not have authority to hire or retain its own staff, consultants, or contractors.

Qualifications to be a Committee Member

Members shall be residents of the corresponding Council District of the appointing Councilmember for Districts 1, 3 and 6. A member appointed by the Mayor may reside anywhere in the City. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of 2 years and such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council.

Applications will remain open until 5 p.m., Friday, October 4, 2024.

Interview dates will be announced shortly after the application closes. Applicants must attend the interview in order to be considered for appointment to the COC.

Apply for the COC
by <https://cityofvallejo.formstack.com/forms/mpcoc>

Peña Adobe Historical Society Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Dancers from Folklorico Juvenil - Danzantes Unidos de Vacaville and Ballet Folklorico de Woodland will join the Peña Adobe Historical Society as they kick off National Hispanic American Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities. Hispanic Heritage Month 2024 begins on **Sunday, September 15 and runs through Tuesday, October 15.**

This event commemorates how Latino and Hispanic communities have influenced and contributed to American society. The entertainment program will also include whip master, Francisco Pulido, from Rancho El Zapotillo in Dixon, and his horse Brownie. Pulido has been roping for over forty years and will be demonstrating his roping and riding skills for visitors.

Award winning vocalist Jimena Izquierido of Woodland will return for her third appearance at Peña Adobe to share her powerful voice with park

visitors. Jimena has been celebrating her Hispanic Heritage and singing since she was 7 years old.

Churro My Heart, a Fairfield-based churro vendor will be offering sweet churros to park visitors from 11am-2pm. The Pena Adobe is one of the oldest structures in Solano County, dating back to 1842, when the Juan Felipe Pena and Manuel Vaca families settled in Vacaville. The park is also home to the Mowers-Goheen Museum, with its artifacts from the area's settlement, as well as the Willis Linn Jepson Memorial Garden and the Indian Council Ground. Volunteers, including two fifth generation Peña descendents will offer tours of the museum, the adobe and the grounds.

The event is free.

The Pena Adobe Regional Park is located in picturesque Lagoon Valley off of Interstate 80, 4699 Pena Adobe Road. The Pena Adobe Historical Society can be reached at 1-707-447-0518 or by e-mail at penaadobe@gmail.com.

Solano County sends support letter for a Better Pathway for the Bay-Delta



The Solano County Board of Supervisors sent the following letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom:

Dear Governor Newsom,
On behalf of the Board of Supervisors,
representing Solano County in the

Sacramento River Basin, we encourage you and your administration to support the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (previously known as voluntary agreements) and the associated benefits for communities, farms, businesses, the environment, and the public.

We specifically urge the State Water Board to identify the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes alternative in its final Staff Report and forthcoming program of implementation as the State Water Board's best pathway for updating the Sacramento/Delta portions of the Bay-Delta Plan. This approach is directly aligned with Solano County's priority to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh.

We remain concerned with the other alternative, the State Water Board's proposal for a 55 percent unimpaired flow into the Delta. This simplistic approach would go beyond what is needed for environmental needs and would result in a substantial amount of water being put out to the ocean without any benefit. This in turn would be devastating to both the economy and the environment in the Solano County, adversely affecting the availability of critical water for cities and rural communities (some of which are disadvantaged), farms, wildlife, salmon and other fisheries, and recreation.

We support a healthy Delta, but the unimpaired flow approach proposed by the State Water Board will redirect impacts upstream and will likely fail to achieve its goal of protecting Delta water quality, nor have a significant beneficial impact on salmon. The potential impacts to this region are not abstract, we experienced dry year impacts in Solano County in 2022. For context, within the region, hundreds of square miles of farmland was fallowed in 2022. A report by the University of California Davis estimated that there was \$1.3 billion in lost economic value, 14,300 jobs lost, \$732 million in lost labor income, and devastated supply chains (see the October 27, 2022, Congressional Record, Recognizing the University of California, Davis Report on "Drought Ravaging California's Sacramento Valley").

More specifically, the "unimpaired flow" approach will have two significant effects in our region:

- Evacuate critical water in storage and prevent the diversion of water throughout our region, which will significantly affect precious water supplies for all these purposes. This is particularly true in dry years like we have seen this decade, where water available in storage is critical to helping Californians get through these challenging times. In other words, we will go backward under the State Water Board approach-not forward-in our efforts to better prepare for the next drought in California.

- Less surface water available will lead to significant additional groundwater pumping throughout the region, which will make our efforts to implement sustainable groundwater management envisioned under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) more difficult. In our region, the groundwater resources are currently sustainable, and we will continue to work hard with other local agencies to assure that our precious groundwater resources remain sustainable into the future.

The State Water Board proposal will make our collective efforts to achieve groundwater sustainability more difficult if not impossible. In summary, we encourage your administration to abandon the flawed "unimpaired flow" approach instead, we recommend that you pursue an integrated approach in the Agreements to support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes where water is used for a specific environmental purpose that is compatible with important flood protection and other water uses in the region. We believe that this 21st century approach to water management will better serve the Sacramento River Basin and more effectively protect Delta water quality.

We encourage your administration to embrace an approach that achieves your water quality goals for the Delta without redirecting impacts to the Sacramento River Basin.

Final Weekend of 2024 Outreach Program at Lake Berryessa



From a Solano Resource Conservation District press release:

Since May, Solano Resource Conservation District's team of interns has spent each weekend at Lake Berryessa, meeting with and talking to boaters and other lake visitors. They have shared clean water protection strategies with 1,500 boaters and provided 700 California Boater kits, that includes three oil absorbents, coupons and other tools to help manage the engine effluent from small vessels.

This season represents the 19th year of the program and interns have interacted with more than 75,000 boaters. Environmental outreach interns raise awareness about the importance of clean boating practices and offer tools to make those practices easy. Interns ask boaters to take a brief educational survey to learn more about water protection and resources available to them.

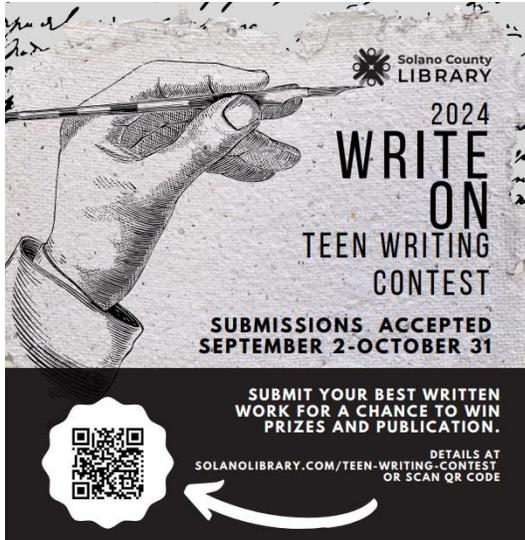
Interns encourage visitors piloting inboard motor boats to take a minute to install an oil absorbent into the bilge of the boats, and provide information about disposing of used absorbents and acquiring a replacement each year. These oil absorbents absorb oil and repel water. They can be returned for oil recycling curbside in some cities, at a local Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility, or at an oil absorbent exchange station located at Lake Berryessa or Sandy Beach Park in Rio Vista.

The Solano RCD Boater Outreach Program is a partnership between many local and state partners, including Solano County Water Agency, Napa County, Solano County, the cities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo, California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission, and the CalRecycle Used Oil Payment Program.

You can find year-round information about clean boating, including videos and more information on used oil recycling at solanorcd.org/boaters.

Photo caption: Environmental outreach interns at one of their boat supply pop-up stations during summer 2024.

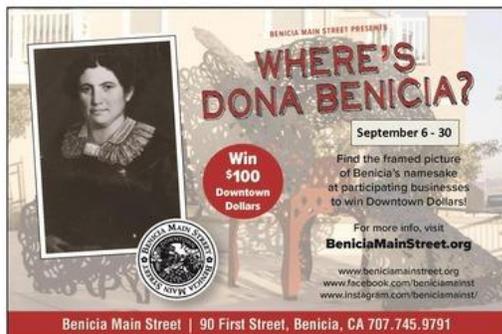
Teen Writing Contest



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](#).

“Where’s Doña Benicia?” Contest in September



Benicia Main Street is celebrating the city's namesake with a unique shopping promotion from **September 6 to September 30**. Visitors to Benicia's shops on First Street can enter a drawing to win \$100 in Downtown Dollars, redeemable at dozens of downtown businesses, by locating a framed photograph of Doña Benicia inside participating stores.

According to the Benicia Historical Museum, “Doña Benicia came from a long line of strong women. Her mother was one of the first woman

winemakers in Sonoma County. At the age of 17, she traveled for four weeks by mule while pregnant to reach her husband, General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo and was the mother of 16 children of which ten survived to adulthood. After the founding of Benicia, named after her, she began to go by that name instead of Francisca and was thereafter known as Doña Benicia.”

Shoppers simply find a framed photo of Doña Benicia and e-mail the store name, and the secret code word printed on the back of the frame to Benicia Main Street at info@beniciamainstreet.org to enter the drawing.

Earn one entry for each store – or score a double entry by purchasing an item at the store and showing the receipt to Benicia Main Street, located at 90 First St.

Participating merchants include: Adobe Second Chance Thrift Shop, Angel Heart 4 You, Antiques on 1st, Aquarian Plants/The Courtyard Salon, Artcentric, Benicia Main Street, Benicia Plein Air Gallery, Benicia State Capitol, Bookshop Benicia, Cartel Crystals, Daughter of Luna Floral Design, Elisa’s Cottage, Framed on First, Gallery 621, Happy Life Pottery, HQ Gallery, Le Sparkly Chateau, Mozart, Earhart & Me, NY2CA Gallery, Pink Arrows Boutique, Pups N Purrz, Roberto’s Fine Jewelry, Rosie Mae Uniques, Sepay Groves Olive Oil, Sips, Sparkly Ragz, The Filling Station Goods & Gifts, The Little Art Shop, Two Days Jewelry, Willow Jewelry/ Steve Deutsch woodwinds, Yummi Mart, and Zeppelin Comics.

For more info on Where’s Dona Benicia, visit Benicia Main Street at the historic train depot building at the waterfront end of First Street, 90 First St., or contact us at (707) 745-9791 or online at beniciamainstreet.org.

Women of the Year program

Congressman John Garamendi is currently accepting nominations for the Annual Women of the Year Awards. Do you know a woman making a difference in your community? **Nominations are due Monday, September 9th, 2024.**



The 2024 Women of the Year honorees will be recognized in October, with more details to come. Following the honorees recognition, Congressman Garamendi will host a conversation about some of the critical issues important to women and families in our communities.

What topics would you like to see Congressman Garamendi address?

- Reproductive Rights
- Affordable Child Care and Early Education
- Reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act
- Women's Economic Empowerment
- Safety and Freedom from Violence
- Fairness for Pregnant Workers
- Equal Rights Amendment

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

Vallejo JFK Library's September calendar of events



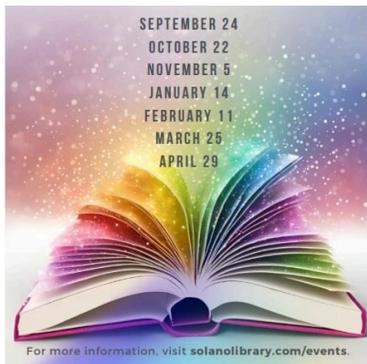
The Vallejo JFK Library's September calendar of events, click [here](#).

Rainbow Reads Book Club

RAINBOW READS BOOK CLUB

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
4 - 5:30 PM

A book club for teens with books featuring LGBTQ+ themes and/or LGBTQ+ authors. Come have some snacks, meet new friends, and get a copy of the book we'll read!



Fall cleanup day in Vallejo

FREE FALL CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
100 SOLANO AVE. VALLEJO, CA 7:00AM-12:00PM

ACCEPTED	• FURNITURE	• METAL OBJECTS
• APPLIANCES	• GARBAGE & YARD WASTE	• REFRIGERATORS
• ELECTRONIC WASTE <small>(anything with a plug)</small>	• MATTRESSES	• TIRES <small>(up to 2 per household)</small>
NOT ACCEPTED	• HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	
• CHEMICALS	• PRESSURE TREATED WOOD	
• COMPRESSED AIR, HELIUM, OR PROPANE TANKS	• SHARPS OR MEDICAL WASTE	
• CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS		

This event is for Vallejo residents only.
Participants will need to enter from the **NORTH SIDE of SONOMA BLVD.**
Vehicles: Pickups with trailers and vans are OK, however, **NO box trucks allowed!**

This is a City of Vallejo & Recology sponsored event. This event is open to Vallejo Residents **ONLY** and proof of residency will be required to participate. **NO commercial businesses or contractors are allowed.**
For more information, please call (707) 552-3110 or (707) 649-3512.



County seeks individuals to serve on the Assessment Appeals Board to conduct property assessment disputes

A Solano County press release:



The County is looking for individuals interested in serving on the Assessment Appeals Board. A position on the Board requires a minimum of five years of professional experience in the State of California as one of the following:

- Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant
- Licensed Real Estate Broker
- Attorney at Law
- Property Appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization
- Property Appraiser certified by the Office of Real Estate Appraisers
- Property Appraiser certified by the State Board of Equalization

Individuals appointed to the Assessment Appeals Board are required to complete a self-study training course and will meet approximately once a month to hear appeals on real and personal property.

Compensation for Board duties include:

- \$100 per half day
- \$200 for a full day
- \$400 per day per consecutive hearing days due to complex assessment appeal cases
- \$25 per hour for document review and preparation time for complex assessment appeal cases

All applications, including required documentation outlined in the application must be filed with the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by September 13, 2024. For applications visit the Solano County website at www.SolanoCounty.com, click on "Clerk of the Board," and then "Advisory Boards and Committees," and complete an [application](#). Applicants can also contact Veronica Lake, Deputy Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board at (707) 784-6126 or VALake@SolanoCounty.com.

About the Assessment Appeals Board

The Solano County Assessment Appeals Board is a quasi-judicial body composed of three members appointed by the Board of Supervisors to conduct hearings on property assessment disputes. Acting based on relevant evidence submitted at the hearing, it is the role of this board to

make a fair, impartial decision on all property assessment disputes appealed between taxpayers and the County Assessor's Office.

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. **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

Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

Fall 2024 Plant Sale announced



**CALIFORNIA
NATIVE PLANT SALE**

Perennials, Shrubs & Groundcovers for
a beautiful, wildlife-friendly garden

ON-LINE SALE
STARTING SATURDAY 8AM
September 23 - 29, 2024
Go to www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson for link to on-line store

PICKUP on Oct. 5, 2024
at locations in Benicia and Fairfield

IN-PERSON SALE
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM
1400 East Second Street, Benicia

Scan me to see CA Natives!



California Native Plant Society
Willis Linn Jepson Chapter - Solano County
For more info: (707) 365-1854 or contact@jepson.cnps.org

The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society has announced dates for its fall native plant sale. Online sales are **September 23 to 29**.

Sales open earlier on September 21 to members! Online orders must be picked up on October 5 in Benicia or in Fairfield anytime between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plants will also be available for sale at the Benicia pickup location, 1400 East Second Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The link to the online store will be activated on the website, www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson on September 23 at 8 a.m. Chapter members will have the link emailed to them on September 21.

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 or visiting <https://artsbenicia.org/sponsorship/>

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

Fairfield PAL Teen Center – Sew Savvy Program

Sew Savvy is a unique and versatile sewing program designed to empower students with practical skills in tailoring and fashion. The program consists of two key parts:

- **Traditional Sewing Workshops:** Students will have the opportunity to engage in fun, hands-on projects like making hats, bags, and even pajama pants! These sessions are designed to be creative, educational, and above all, enjoyable. Workshops take place every Thursday at 4PM.
- **Private Tailoring Appointments:** For those with specific clothing needs, students can schedule one-on-one appointments with a professional seamstress. Whether it's hemming pants, fixing a zipper, or replacing a button, students will not only get their clothing repaired but will also learn how to do it themselves. This part of the program offers access to all the necessary materials and equipment, along with expert mentorship and support. Appointments available starting on September 26, 2024.

A Free PAL Teen Center membership is required. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact (707) 330-8757

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 to schedule a free appointment (non-business accounts only). For more information, click [here](#).

September calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The September calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

September 6: Hamburgers by Sons of The American Legion

10 Boys Under the Hood meeting, **Hot dogs;**

11 AMERICAN LEGION / AUX meet at 1800 hours, Judy's Hot dogs; **Patriot Day, officially known as National Day of Service and Remembrance**

13 Hamburgers by American Legion Aux, Kevin and Patty

17 House commission meeting 1830 hrs.; **Citizenship Day and Constitution Day. There is also Constitution Week 17-23**

18 **SONS AMERICAN LEGION** meet at 1900 hours; Judy's Hot dogs; **Air Force Birthday**

20 Hamburgers by VFW; **Patty doing her POW-MIA Day special**

24 Ms. Stephany Rae Birthday

27 Hamburgers by VFW AUX

28 **VFW District meeting**

29 **Gold Star Mother's Day**

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

NAMIWalks Solano - Walk for Mental Health



NAMIWalks Solano - Walk for Mental Health, scheduled for Saturday, October 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lagoon Valley Park, Vacaville.

The purpose of the event is to walk to promote mental health awareness and to reduce stigma; to raise funds for NAMI Solano's free, top-rated mental health programs; and to build community and let people know they are not alone.

To register, click [here](#).

Upcoming events in Solano County

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 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.

Free compost giveaway for Fairfield residents



The city of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield.**

No appointment is necessary, but proof of residency is required. Master Gardeners from the UCCE Solano will be onsite to provide residents with information about compost uses and other horticultural tips and tricks.

The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents should bring their own containers/bags to fill up and take home. Residents can take as much compost as they want while supplies last. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for use. Limit one trip per resident.

The compost is from Northern Compost (Yolo County) and is listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in organic production, approved as an Organic Input Fertilizing Material by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and is certified with the United States Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance. The

compost is made from recycled green material, food waste, and woody material collected from residential organic carts.

Compost giveaway events are part of the city's sustainability and Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) goals. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to volunteer at the giveaway, please contact Karen Rees at (707) 428-7767.

For questions related to the compost giveaway or for general questions regarding solid waste and recycling, contact the Fairfield Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division at (707) 428-7528.

Vallejo Flights & Lite Bites Festival



This event is all about flight, fun for kids and adults, and supply plenty of activities for the kid in all of us. It will take place from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 14 at the Barbara Kondylis Waterfront Green, 301 Mare Island Way in the city of Vallejo.**

Plan to spend the day, bring a blanket and grab your lite bites to watch the kites, drones, planes and more... and make sure to visit the numerous vendors that will be on hand.

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

Solano AIDS Coalition's Fiestas Patrias

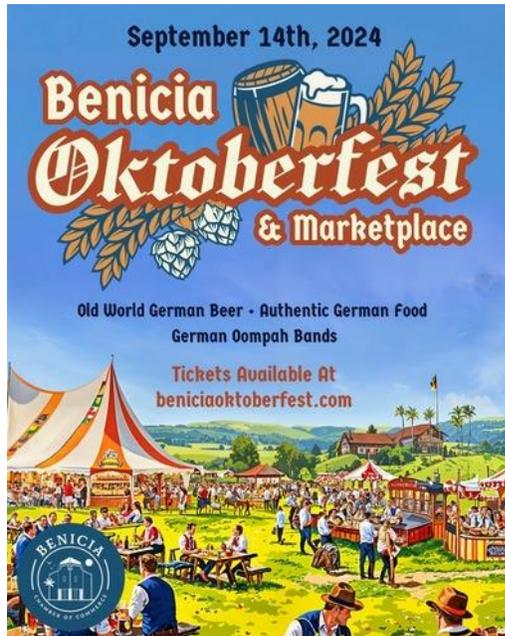
The Solano AIDS Coalition's is hosting Fiestas Patrias in Vallejo on **Saturday, September 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Downtown Vallejo.**

This event aims to bring together the Hispanic community in Vallejo and celebrate the rich culture and traditions. If you are a vendor or non-profit that would like to attend, click [here](#).



For more information, reach out to solanoaidscoalition@yahoo.com.

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](#).

Kaiser Vallejo to Host Adapted Car and Transportation Expo



Wondering how driving can be adapted for individuals with disabilities or how to use accessible forms of public transportation? Eager to discover recreation and travel options for individuals with mobility challenges? How about getting an up-close look at some amazing, adapted vehicles?

Kaiser Foundation Rehabilitation Center (KFRC) invites you to join Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center on **Saturday, September 21** for an exciting and inclusive car show and transportation expo.

This special event will showcase a diverse range of vehicles, from modified hot rods and innovative daily drivers to public transportation options. The Get Out and Go Show celebrates accessible transportation solutions and highlights the remarkable people and organizations making a difference in the community.

KFRC is accepting registrations for community partners and individuals with adapted vehicles. Whether you have an adapted classic car, a modified hot rod, or any other vehicle that pushes the boundaries of mobility, we'd love for you to be part of this inspiring event!

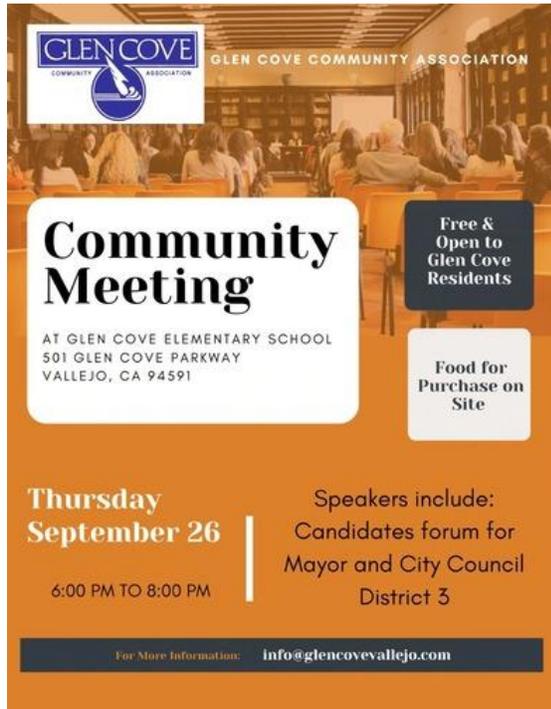
Accessible parking and restrooms will be available, and food will be available for purchase.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, at the Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center, 975 Sereno Drive, follow the signs to Lot 7.

Have questions or need more information? Steve at (707) 651-3883 or stephen.g.schmidt@kp.org or Wyatt at (707) 651-2198 or wyatt.h.smith@kp.org

To register vehicles: <https://forms.office.com/r/atV4Vx5HP4>

Glen Cove election community meeting



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Community Meeting

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

Free & Open to Glen Cove Residents

Food for Purchase on Site

Thursday
September 26
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

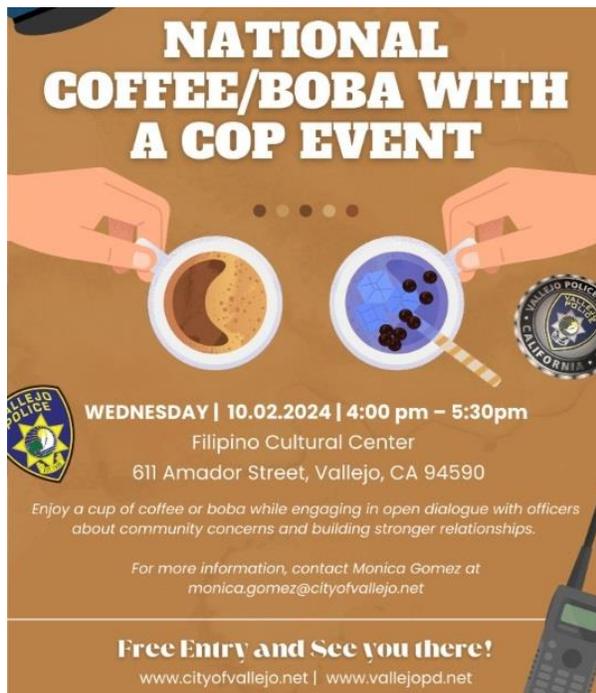
Speakers include:
Candidates forum for
Mayor and City Council
District 3

For More Information: info@glencovevallejo.com

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

Para leer la versión en español, [haga clic aquí](#)

Coffee/boba with Vallejo police



NATIONAL COFFEE/BOBA WITH A COP EVENT

WEDNESDAY | 10.02.2024 | 4:00 pm – 5:30pm
Filipino Cultural Center
611 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

Enjoy a cup of coffee or boba while engaging in open dialogue with officers about community concerns and building stronger relationships.

For more information, contact Monica Gomez at monica.gomez@cityofvallejo.net

Free Entry and See you there!
www.cityofvallejo.net | www.vallejopd.net

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.

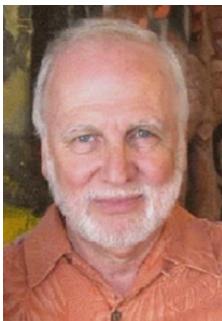
This event is part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness and supporting survivors of intimate partner violence.

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

Glen Cove 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.

Monica's thoughts

Next Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 is the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist's attacks in New York, Shanksville, Pa. and the Pentagon. Please take moment to reflect what transpired. I remember that day, and I find it hard to believe the event was 23 years ago. I usually put some little flags in my yard. I keep hoping for peace.

Wednesday, September 4: There was once again a shooting at a school. Four people died, including two 14-year-old students and two teachers. This is the first shooting for the 2024/25 school year.

I think of the song written by Pete Seeger, Joe Hickerson and Bert Paige; WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE and a phrase from the Lyrics "when will they ever learn" I am waiting. As I write this, yes, I am in tears. Everyone went to school that day, and for four people, they did not go home. There will be trauma for many for a lifetime. How long must we wait?

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](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

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[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

A fire started last weekend in lower Green Valley by someone target shooting. Please be careful and mindful about fire dangers! Thank you to Cal Fire, Napa Fire volunteers who dropped retardant on the fire. Photo: Monica Brown



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.