



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

September 13, 2024



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In memoriam

I dedicate this newsletter to three people who have recently died.

Michael Stanley, a dear friend, who had been ill for a while is now, not hurting. He was a wonderful man. Kind, quiet, caring, just a nice person. He was an avid local activist supporting environmental justice issues and a strong supporter of the Vallejo LGBTQ+ community. He also was active in many Vallejo political campaigns throughout the years. He was one of our senior wisdom keepers, who shared his wisdom with our community younger wisdom seekers. He will be sadly missed but is forever in the hearts of his community members. His service is this Monday, Sept. 16th, at the Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo at 3pm.

While looking for Michael’s obituary, I found out that Burky Worel passed away. He passed earlier on Aug. 12th. Burky loved taking cruises, hiking and the great outdoors. He had a great sense of humor and always made me laugh, I will miss him.

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

Mrs. Herrera, Jenric's Mom passed away. Jenric, is a colleague of mine at work. We are always talking about family. Jenric took good care of his Mom. He plans to honor her by wearing Teal to promote Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in September. On Sept. 25th, at 9 a.m., a Mass will be held at the Saint Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 826 Santa Clara St., in Vallejo.

(707) 784-8960

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

Information this week

Homeacres Home Rehab

Homeacres Neighborhood Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Homeacres Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program aims to enhance the quality of life for residents, preserve affordable housing, and revitalize the community. Solano County is offering financial assistance to help eligible homeowners repair and improve their homes.

Financial Assistance

- Deferred Payment, Low-Interest Loans: Receive up to \$80,000 in financial aid.
- Emergency Repair Grants: In limited cases, grants

Eligibility

- Homeownership: You must **own** and **live** in the home that needs repairs.
- Income: Low- to moderate-income households residing in the **unincorporated** areas of the Homeacres Neighborhood are eligible.

Is Your Home in Need of Repairs?

We understand that keeping up with repairs can be tough, especially for those on a tight budget. That's why Solano County is excited to introduce a program that helps homeowners like you make essential repairs and improvements.



How Can the Funds be Used:

- Roof Repair or Replacement.
- Foundation Repair (cracks, uneven floors).
- Electrical Repairs (rewiring, switch repair).
- Windows and Insulation.

Application and Information:

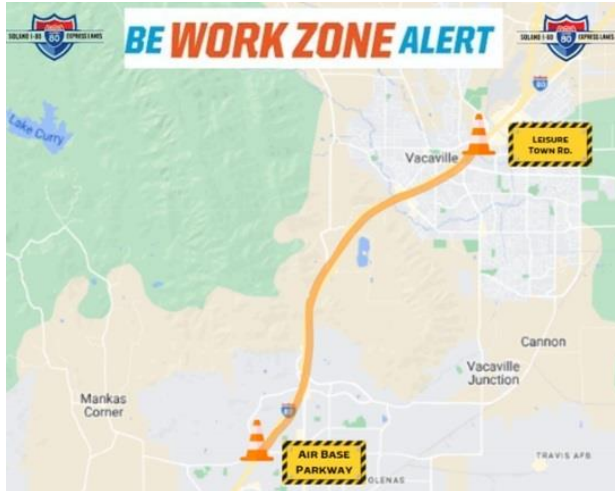


Department of Resource Management
675 Texas Street, Suite 5500
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 784-6765
SolanoCounty.com/Homeacres
HomeRehab@SolanoCounty.com



*Funds are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. **Don't miss out on this opportunity to make essential repairs to your home!***

Nighttime Lane Closures Scheduled for the Interstate 80 Express Lane Project For Paving Work



Caltrans has scheduled nightly lane closures on Eastbound and Westbound I-80 between Air Base Parkway in Fairfield and Leisure Town Rd in Vacaville. The work is scheduled nightly between Monday to Saturdays.

Crews will be paving and striping the final stretch for the I-80 Express project. Various traffic lanes on eastbound and westbound I-80 will be closed at various times overnight.

At least one traffic lane on westbound I-80 and one traffic lane on eastbound I-80 will always remain open. This paving work will continue through Fall 2024.

The I-80 Express Lanes project is on-going and is estimated to be completed by Fall 2025. All work is weather and dependent. Please be advised that temporary striping will be placed on the highway for the lane lines until the paving and final striping is complete.

Please drive with caution and alertness. Be Work Zone Alert and expect travel delays. Caltrans will update its X page at <https://twitter.com/CaltransD4> on the latest highway conditions, and drivers are encouraged to check out Caltrans Quickmap <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

Americans Have Just Weeks Left Until New Social Security Rule Goes into Effect

A change to [Social Security applications](#) is going into effect at the end of the month.

About 70 million people receive [Social Security payments](#) every year, with some qualifying for [Supplemental Security Income](#) (SSI) if they're disabled or [senior Americans](#) who meet certain eligibility requirements. One of the eligibility requirements stipulates that Americans cannot earn more than \$1,971 in income per month to qualify for the payments. However, that rule is changing slightly.

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

Updates from around Solano County

Homebound Books



The Benicia Public Library is initiating the "Homebound Books" program. This initiative aims to bring library resources directly to older adults and individuals with disabilities who are unable to visit the library in person.

Nationally, older adults are among the most frequent users of public libraries, yet many encounter difficulties physically accessing library facilities due to age-related mobility issues or disabilities. The "Homebound Books" program aims to bridge this gap by delivering library materials directly to their homes.

How it works:

- Fill out the online application.
- Based on your responses staff will curate personalized book selections. If you request specific titles, we will try to fulfill those requests before creating a personalized list.
- Check-outs will be limited to 5 items per patron, including books, audiobooks, magazines, and movies.
- Deliveries are provided once a month, on the second Wednesday, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Special instructions will be made available for delivery in case patrons want contactless delivery, as well as to note any information that will allow for a smooth, efficient delivery.

Those temporarily homebound due to injury or health condition, are welcome to apply for this service if they will be unable to get to the library for six or more weeks.

For questions, contact Alex at achellsen@ci.benicia.ca.us or call 707-746-4357. To apply, click [here](#).

September Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) report



Former Solano County Supervisor Jim Spring serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) representing Solano County.

To view his September report, click [here](#).

MTC's original focus was to plan for the expansion of the Bay Area's transportation network. The work has grown to include transportation planning, financing, coordination and management, and making sure transportation investments work with housing and development.

Artist rendition NAMI workshop



From Monica: I attend the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) workshop held on Sept. 10. The picture you see was done by the artist Timothy Foss.

This link leads you to his website. <https://www.morebelief.com/>

The Solano County California chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness is a grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy non-profit organization dedicated to improving and helping families and individuals affected by mental illness.

NAMI Solano County includes the communities of Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, Vacaville, Vallejo and as well as communities within Napa County.

NAMI Solano County is one of 70 affiliates of NAMI California and one of over 1,000 affiliates of the national organization, the National Alliance on

Mental Illness, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia with more than 220,000 members.

Vallejo Fire Department First to Administer Life-Saving TXA in Solano County



A Vallejo Fire Department press release:

The Vallejo Fire Department is proud to announce that our Firefighter Paramedics are the first medical professionals in Solano County to administer Tranexamic Acid (TXA), a groundbreaking medication used to reduce uncontrolled bleeding in trauma patients.

Introduced at the end of August 2024, TXA has already been successfully administered three times, with each case yielding positive results.

TXA works by stabilizing blood clots, preventing excessive blood loss in patients with severe injuries. Its timely administration can be critical in improving patient outcomes, giving trauma victims a better chance of survival during transport to local area hospitals. The Vallejo Fire Department's use of TXA marks a significant leap forward in emergency medical care within the region.

Fire Chief Drayton stated, "We are incredibly proud to be the first in Solano County to administer TXA. This life-saving drug enhances the advanced care our paramedics deliver to the community, ensuring the highest level of emergency response when every second counts."

The Vallejo Fire Department remains committed to adopting leading-edge medical practices, and the introduction of TXA reflects the department's ongoing dedication to improving patient care in the field.

Blood drive



Thursday, September 19
Clock Tower
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Register today for the City of Benicia Blood Drive on **Thursday, September 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Clock Tower** to support patients during their time of need. Appointments are encouraged.

Please note: Donors should arrive well-nourished and hydrated with photo identification. The donation process takes approximately one hour.

Visit <https://donors.vitalant.org/> and use blood drive code "BeniciaFire" to schedule your appointment.

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>

Officer Matthew Bowen Memorial Traffic Signal



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.

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.

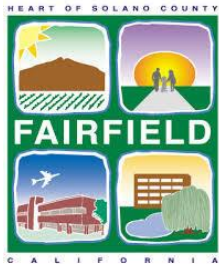
Matt married his wife Elizabeth in 2020 and bought their first home in Dixon, California to start their family. They had two children: their first son was born in 2021, and their second in 2023. Matt could often be found at Play4All Park with his sons on his days off from work. Play4all Park held

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](#).

Fairfield Municipal Utilities Unveils MyFMU App



Fairfield Municipal Utilities (FMU) is excited to introduce the MyFMU app, a cutting-edge solution that enables our customers to view and pay their utility bills from any mobile device, including smartphones and tablets. Now available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, the MyFMU app simplifies utility account management with unparalleled convenience.

With the MyFMU app, customers can say goodbye to mailing checks. Whether you are at home, on the move, or juggling a busy schedule, you can pay your bills anytime and anywhere (within the USA). The app eliminates the need for trips to City Hall or the inconvenience of traditional mail-in payments, giving you full control over your account management.

In addition to bill payments, you can monitor your usage, manage payments, and receive real-time updates and important information directly from Fairfield Municipal Utilities.

For additional information, visit our website at www.fairfield.ca.gov/myfmu.

American Legion Poker Tournament



**"United We Stand"
Poker Tournament**
Vacaville Veterans Hall
549 Merchant St. Vacaville, CA 95688
October 26, 2024 @ 5 PM

 \$75 toplay
  Must be 21 toplay
  Free Beer & Food
Food service from 4 - 5pm

 Visa Gift Cards (5)
Top Prize \$500 GC
  \$70 Early Bird by 10/15
\$25 Rebuys

















**Purchase your
Tickets Here.**

Scan the QR Code or text 707-365-8384



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: vidia.gillula@cityofvallejo.net
707-649-3472

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

Peña Adobe Historical Society Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Peña Adobe Historical Society

"Making California History Come Alive"

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.

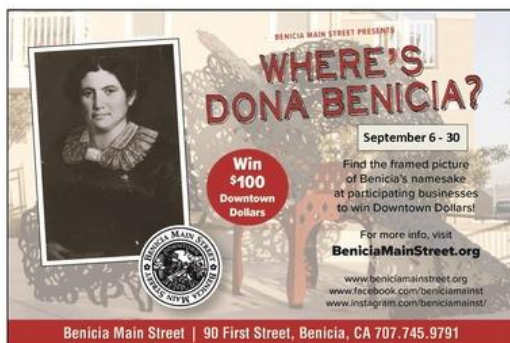
Award winning vocalist Jimena Izquierido of Woodland will return for her third appearance at Peña Adobe to share her powerful voice with park visitors. Jimena has been celebrating her Hispanic Heritage and singing since she was 7 years old.

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.

“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.

Library offers free yoga series



Have you always wanted to incorporate yoga into your life but can never find the time? This month, the Benicia Public Library is hosting a series of yoga classes to introduce exercises you can do at work. This will include chair yoga and other simple stretches to reduce stress and tension,

increase blood flow, flexibility, and mindfulness, and improve focus, mood, and sleep quality.

These short, introductory classes will be offered on **Sunday afternoons in September (15, 22, and 29) at 12:15 p.m. in the Doña Benicia Room**, led by local instructor Amy Raupach. No registration is required. Please bring a towel or mat. The library is located at 150 E L Street.

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!!



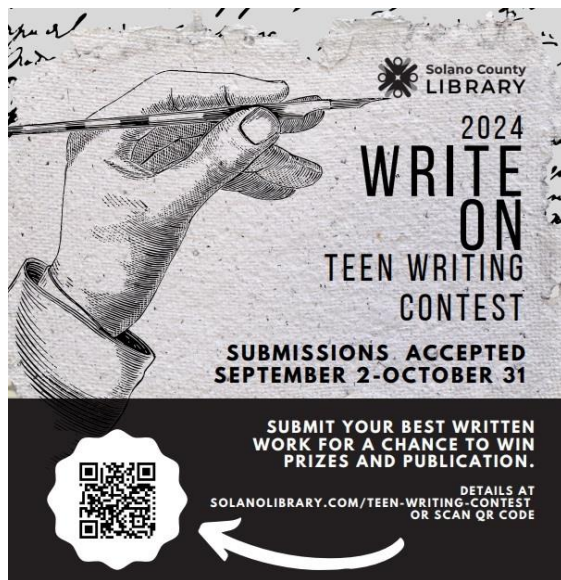
Donors will be treated to live music; beers and wines; gourmet, local food made on-site by a private chef; live music; an auction, silent auction and dessert auction; and more all on a beautiful outdoor property!

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.](#)

Teen Writing Contest



The poster features a hand holding a pen, with the Solano County Library logo in the top right. The text reads: '2024 WRITE ON TEEN WRITING CONTEST', 'SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED SEPTEMBER 2-OCTOBER 31', 'SUBMIT YOUR BEST WRITTEN WORK FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES AND PUBLICATION.', and 'DETAILS AT SOLANOLIBRARY.COM/TEEN-WRITING-CONTEST OR SCAN QR CODE'. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, with an arrow pointing to it.

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](#).

Republic Services annual rate changes



In March 2022, the Fairfield City Council approved Resolution 2022-53, the solid waste franchise agreement between the city of Fairfield and Republic Services. The franchise agreement, among other things, stipulates service rates for waste collection services.

As a part of the agreed-upon terms, service rates may be adjusted on an annual basis. Per section 6.3 of the franchise agreement, Republic Services is requesting a 4.50% rate increase for collection services for Calendar Year 2025.

Rate adjustments are permitted based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI.) Per the franchise agreement, if the CPI Republic Services Annual Rate Changes exceeds 4.50% for the previous 12-month average, the total rate adjustment for the following year will not exceed 4.50%. If CPI changes are lower 4.50%, the rate adjustment will be equal to the CPI value.

For the previous period (July 2023-June 2024), the CPI rose by 6.43%, as such, Republic Services is entitled to a 4.50% rate increase.

Rate adjustments take effect annually on January 1, 2025.

For more information or to view the approved rates, visit: www.fairfield.ca.gov/recycling

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.

DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION / QUESTIONS

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.

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.

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.

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.

Vallejo JFK Library's September calendar of events



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

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](#).

Moonlight Masquerade



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

September calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The September calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

September 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.

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.

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.

Arts Benicia



The gallery is open from Thursday to Sunday between 1 to 5 p.m. 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 displays a diverse array of fiber art techniques, materials, and concepts. Families are invited to join in for a free **Family Art Day on Sunday, September 29, from 1 to 3 p.m.** for art-making activities inspired by the exhibition.

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/>

There will be 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.

On Thursday, September 19, 6 to 8 p.m., Arts Benicia will kick off its *Art Talks and Timely Conversations* series with **The Business of Art**, in conversation with leading art business expert **Alan Bamberger** and moderated by artist **Lordy Rodriguez**. For more information and tickets: <https://artsbenicia.org/business-of-art/>

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 the Arts Benicia website. For full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

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

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Upcoming events in Solano County

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



Solano AIDS Coalition

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!

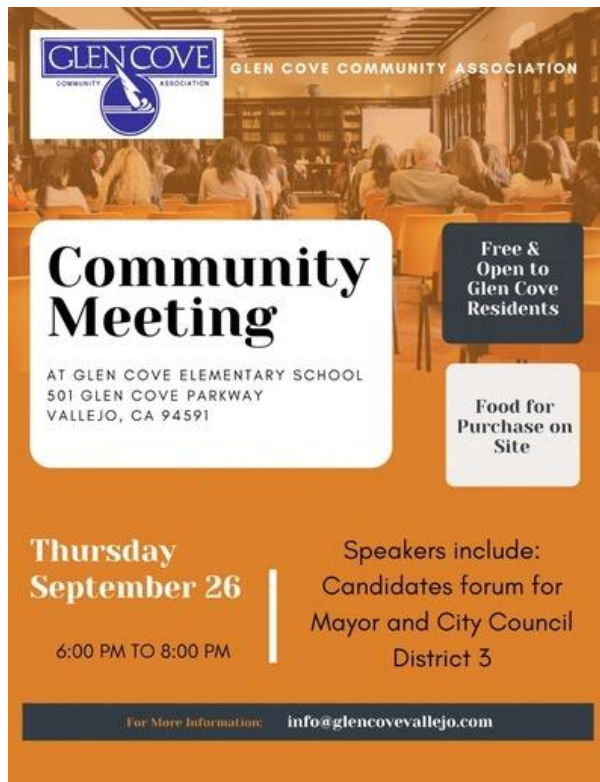
Accessible parking and restrooms will be available, and food will be available for purchase.

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



The poster features a background image of a community meeting in progress. At the top left is the Glen Cove Community Association logo, which includes a blue circle with a white figure and the text 'GLEN COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'. The main title 'Community Meeting' is in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, the location is listed: 'AT GLEN COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 501 GLEN COVE PARKWAY, VALLEJO, CA 94591'. To the right, two dark blue boxes contain the text 'Free & Open to Glen Cove Residents' and 'Food for Purchase on Site'. At the bottom left, the date and time are 'Thursday September 26' and '6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM'. At the bottom right, the speakers are listed as 'Speakers include: Candidates forum for Mayor and City Council District 3'. A dark blue footer bar contains the text 'For More Information: info@grencovevallejo.com'.

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

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

Fall cleanup day in Vallejo



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

ACCEPTED

- APPLIANCES
- FURNITURE
- METAL OBJECTS
- ELECTRONIC WASTE (anything with a plug)
- GARBAGE & YARD WASTE
- REFRIGERATORS
- MATTRESSES
- TIRES (up to 8 per household)

NOT ACCEPTED

- CHEMICALS
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
- COMPRESSED AIR, HELIUM, OR PROPANE TANKS
- PRESSURE TREATED WOOD
- CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS
- SHARPS OR MEDICAL WASTE

This event is for Vallejo residents only.

Participants will need to enter from the **NORTH SIDE of SONOMA BLVD.**

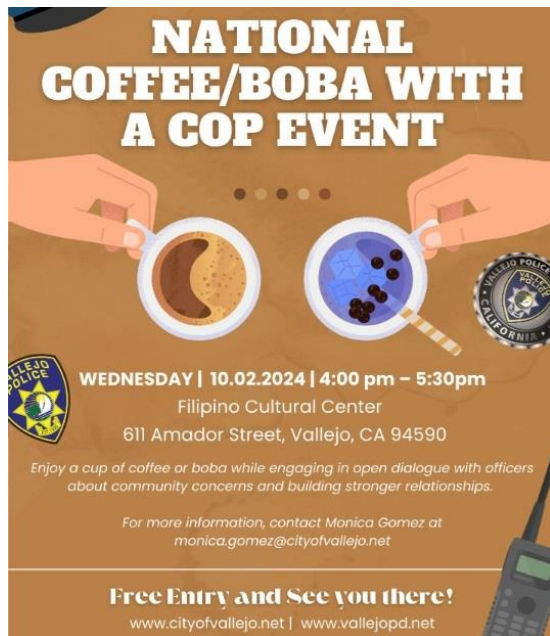
Vehicles: Pickups with trailers and vans are OK, however, **NO box trucks allowed!**

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.

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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

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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



SAVE THE DATE

GLEN COVE END-OF-SUMMER GATHERING

Live music, food trucks, games and more!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
Glen Cove Waterfront Park

Interested in volunteering to help with this event or others? The GCCA is a community-based organization that runs 100% on people who are willing to share their time or talents to bring our community together.

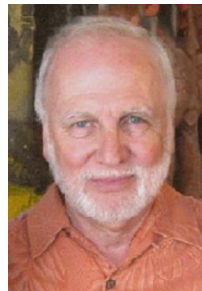
For more info, please contact: adriana@glencovevallejo.com

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.



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](#).

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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Newsletter photo

September 11 remembrance in the city of Benicia on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Many of us remember what we were doing 23 years ago when the attack occurred. I went to Benicia to sit and reflect on the lives lost, the babies born who never saw the family member who died that day, and a nation that is still dealing with all the trauma of that day. Near sunset, the bagpipe played Amazing Grace. Maybe one day we will learn to be kind to others. - Monica

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.