



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

September 20, 2024



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Important Numbers
Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

Information this week

More secure EBT cards are coming to California. Here's when they'll go out



Californians will get cash and food assistance on more secure cards early next year — about six months later than promised, prolonging a massive recent theft wave that has been taking more than \$15 million every month from the state's poorest families.

New electronic benefits transfer cards that come with embedded microchips for security were originally supposed to go out to families this summer. They've been delayed, said state [Department of Social Services](#) spokesperson Theresa Mier, "due to the complex technological changes required."

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

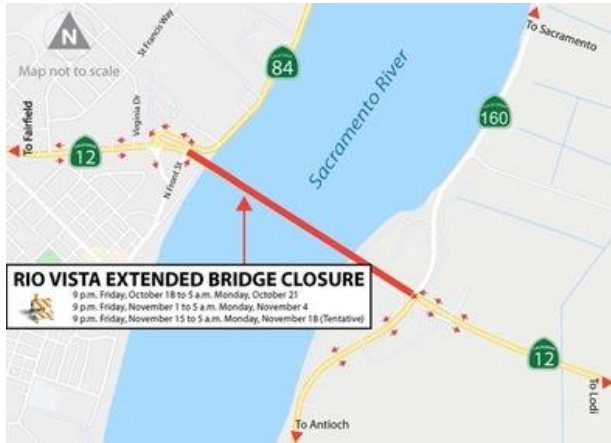
Can you be too old to drive in California? See state guidelines for seniors

For many Californians, driving symbolizes a sense of independence and freedom. What happens when age begins to interfere with safe driving?

According to the California Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, which maps statewide crash and injury data, reported that there were 583 fatal crashes involving older adults in 2023.

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

Rio Vista Bridge Scheduled for Multiple 55-Hour Closures



Caltrans is advising motorists of a scheduled closure of the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madere Memorial Bridge) on State Route 12 (SR-12) just east of the City of Rio Vista due to a paving project.

The \$11.24 million project through the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program will require multiple 55-hour weekend closures for the work to be completed.

The project will make necessary bridge repairs and updates by rehabilitating the roadway surface, placing polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck, replacing bridge rails, installing bridge approach slabs, and constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant switchback ramps.

These upgrades will improve motorist and non-vehicular bridge users' safety, restore bridge deck integrity, comply with ADA accessibility requirements and expand access for pedestrians and non-motor vehicles, and improve the overall ride quality.

The 55-hour weekend bridge closure schedule will lessen total project workdays and help avoid the wait times during peak commute hours during the work week.

Motorists could encounter additional travel times of up to two hours using the described detours (see maps provided) from Rio Vista to Sacramento County on SR-12 across the Sacramento River. Please allow for extra travel time to reach your destination, especially for scheduled appointments and work schedules.

All work on road construction projects will be suspended on weekends and holidays. Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment or material availability, or other unexpected events.

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

CLOSURE DATES:

- 9 p.m. Friday, October 18 to 5 a.m. Monday, October 21
- 9 p.m. Friday, November 1 to 5 a.m. Monday, November 4
- 9 p.m. Friday, November 15 to 5 a.m. Monday, November 18 (Tentative)

Applications Open for Cal Water's 2024 Firefighter Grant Program

As part of Cal Water's ongoing commitment to--and partnerships with--local first responders, they are now accepting applications for their sixth annual [Firefighter Grant Program](#).

Fire departments serving any part of Cal Water's service areas are encouraged to [apply](#) for the chance to help offset costs associated with fire protection efforts, equipment, training, and education.

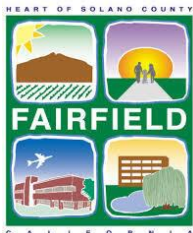
Applications are due by September 30, and grant recipients will be notified in late fall.

Since the program launched in 2019, Cal Water has **provided more than \$854,000 in grants to local fire departments.**

Last year, grants ranged from \$5,400 to \$36,900. These grants funded ballistic helmets and vests, bleeding control supplies, new hoses and nozzles, thermal imaging cameras, medical emergency training equipment, and water-tight batteries that power Jaws of Life rescue equipment.

Public hearings

Fire Prevention Town Hall on October 12 at Nelda Mundy Elementary School



The public is invited to a Fire Prevention Town Hall on **Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Nelda Mundy Elementary School at 570 Vintage Valley Drive**, hosted by Fairfield Fire Marshal Steven Conti.

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

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

Updates from around Solano County

Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Announces Future Leaders Scholarship for 2024



ACCEPTING
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS FOR 2024

ARE YOU FROM SOLANO COUNTY AND A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL OR FRESHMAN IN COLLEGE?

The Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce wants to help support 3 students with a \$1,000 for their educational journey.

- **Deadline for to submit Scholarship Applications is October 4, 2024**
- **Scan the QR code for details and instructions**

FOR MORE INFO

📞 707-999-2966
🌐 www.solanohcc.com
✉ info@solanohcc.com

[#shccfutureleadersscholarship](https://www.instagram.com/shccfutureleadersscholarship)

The Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SHCC) is proud to announce the launch of its **2024 Future Leaders Scholarship** program. This scholarship is designed to support and empower high school seniors and college freshmen from Solano County as they pursue higher education and work toward becoming the leaders of tomorrow.

As part of their commitment to fostering educational growth and providing opportunities for local youth, the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be awarding **three scholarships of \$1,000 each**. This initiative is aimed at students with strong ties to their communities who demonstrate academic achievement and a commitment to making a positive impact.

Scholarship Details:

- **Amount:** \$1,000 (3 scholarships will be awarded)
- **Eligibility:** Open to **high school seniors** or **college freshmen** who reside in Solano County.

- **Deadline for Application: October 4, 2024, at 11:55 p.m.**
- **Award Announcement:** Scholarships will be presented at the Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's **Annual Gala on November 8, 2024.**

Application Instructions:

1. **Complete the 2024 Application Form**
2. **Submit an essay (500-700 words) or a short video** addressing the following:

- Your personal background.
- Your future goals and aspirations.
- Your involvement in school and the community.
- How this scholarship will help you achieve your academic and career objectives.

- Submit the essay or video along with proof of enrollment and academic records by **October 4, 2024.**

For additional information, visit www.solanohcc.com, or contact at info@solanohcc.com or **(707) 999-2966.**

To apply, click [here](#).

Congregate meal program

Enhancing the health and well-being of Solano County Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities through nourishing meals, connection, and community engagement.

new & EXCITING
CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM

Come for nutritious meals, friendship, and fun!

- Yummy lunches, completely re-imagined with YOU in mind!
- Engaging conversation and social opportunities
- Guest speakers—Help us choose the topics!

Voluntary contributions are accepted, but not required. Come as often as you like!

Meal Reservations are Required
 Please email us, or call this new phone number to make your lunch reservation.
(707) 684-4376
info@innovativehealths.com

Lunch Service Begins JULY 15TH, 2024

Visit our website for more information:
innovativehealths.com/congregate-meals-program

LOCATIONS & HOURS

BENICIA SENIOR CENTER
 1201 E 2nd St., Benicia
 Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FAIRFIELD ADULT RECREATION CENTER
 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield
 Mon-Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FLORENCE DOUGLAS CENTER
 333 Amador, Vallejo
 Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

MCBRIDE SENIOR CENTER
 91 Town Square, Vacaville
 Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:00 AM

RIO VISTA SENIOR CENTER
 25 Main St., Rio Vista
 Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:50 AM

JOSEPH NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER
 611 Dr. Sullivan
 Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

DIXON SENIOR MULTI-USE CENTER
 201 S 5th St., Dixon | Coming Soon!

FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER
 Vallejo | Coming Soon!

To view the September menu, click [here](#).

Vallejo seeks new communications and public information officer

The city of Vallejo is pleased to offer the following employment opportunity:

Communications and Public Information Officer



The application period for this position closes October 7, 2024.

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

Local Marines to celebrate Corps' 249th birthday



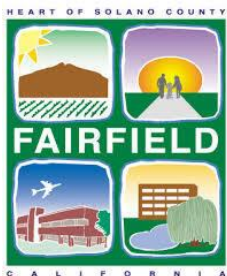
The Solano County Marine Corps League Charles 'Bud' Hallam Detachment No. 1486 is inviting the community to celebrate the U.S. Marine Corps' 249 birthday on Nov. 16.

The event, 5:30 p.m. to midnight, will be held at the Sunrise Banquet Hall and Event Center, 620 Orange Drive, in Vacaville.

Tickets are \$140 each and include a complementary cocktail hour, dinner, dancing, and a photo booth.

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

Nominate Fairfield's next Grand Marshal for the Veterans Day Parade



Do you know someone who deserves to be the next city of Fairfield Grand Marshal? The city is taking nominations now for the Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal! This year's theme is "Never Forget, Forever Honor."

To nominate an individual, email the following information to Program Coordinator Juan Segura at jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov **no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 3.**

- Nominee's Full Name
- Branch of service
- Years of service
- A brief description of their contributions to the community

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

Empowered Aging seeks Community Engagement Manager



Empowered Aging is hiring a Community Engagement Manager effective immediately. This position will support Empowered Aging's fund development, outreach, and volunteer efforts and will be a

critical part of the management team.

The position serves the three counties we support - Solano, Contra Costa, and Alameda - but will be primarily located in the Fairfield office with some regular travel to the other two locations.

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

Restaurant Week is happening October 6-12



Fairfield's lively culinary scene will be on display during Restaurant Week, October 6 to 12. The city invites food enthusiasts to explore the diverse and tasty offerings of Fairfield's finest restaurants while enjoying special Restaurant Week offers.

Restaurant Week 2024 will feature exclusive menus that highlight each restaurant's unique style. From fine dining to casual eateries,


participating restaurants will offer specially priced multi-course meals or discounted menu items designed to give diners a taste of what makes Fairfield a culinary destination.

The community is invited to savor the flavors of Fairfield during Restaurant Week 2024. Whether you're a lifelong resident or visiting for the first time, this is a fantastic opportunity to experience the culinary excellence that defines the city of Fairfield.

For more information, including a list of participating restaurants and special offers, click [here](#).

Trunk or Treat at Solano Community College




SOLANO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**TRUNK OR TREAT
FALL FEST SALE &
POP UP SHOPS**

Save the Date! Get ready for a spooktacular day at the Fall Fest Sale & Pop-Up Shops!

Join the SCC Entrepreneur Club at Solano College on **Thursday, October 31** from **11 AM to 7 PM** for a fun-filled day the whole family will enjoy!

What's in store?

- Shop local vendors for unique fall gifts
- Safe trick-or-treating
- Bounce house fun

And more exciting activities!

... Plus, learn about Solano College's awesome programs & entrepreneurial students.

All proceeds benefit the SCC Entrepreneur Club!

Where?
Solano College, Parking Lot 2, 4000 Suisun Valley Rd, Fairfield

FREE ADMISSION - Register or secure your vendor table [HERE](#)

Mark your calendars and bring your friends for an unforgettable fall celebration!

Fall into ARTumn

Dennis Ariza of Fairfield-Arts
along with Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce
invite you to:

“Fall into ARTumn”



Friday, October 25, 2024
4:00 -7:00pm

Fairfield Arts- #StudiotoGallery
710 Jackson Street
Fairfield

There will be art, snacks, drinks, music
And of course there will be....Poetry!

Poets can check out the art on September 24th
www.fairfield-arts.com

No need to send your poem ahead of time; just bring a copy
Poetry reading will begin at 5:00pm

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!

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](#).

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>

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.

<small>If you participate, you'll receive results of the lead and copper testing and a water-conservation kit. It's free!</small>	<small>To participate, call or email Vidia Gillula, Water Quality Manager. vidia.gillula@cityofvallejo.net 707-649-3472</small>
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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

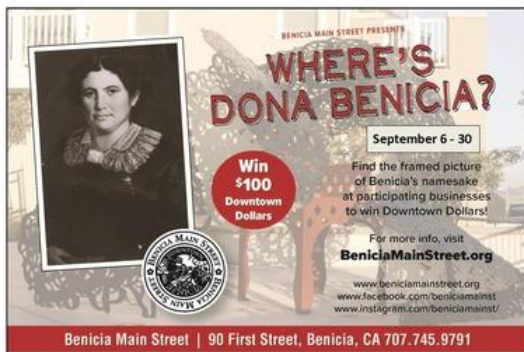
Classes are held weekly, offering a supportive environment where participants can learn and grow together. As part of the commitment to making this program accessible to all, PLTI is free of charge. Additionally, childcare and dinner are provided during each session, and Spanish translation services 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

“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.”

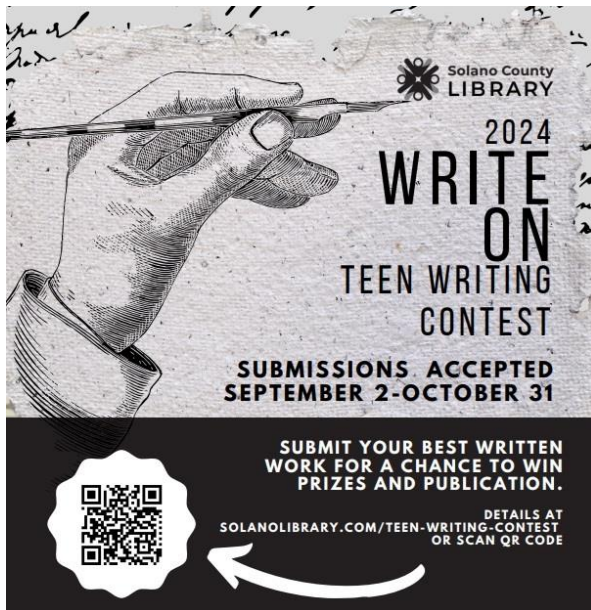
Shoppers simply find a framed photo of Doña Benicia and e-mail the store name, and the secret code word printed on the back of the frame to Benicia Main Street at info@beniciamainstreet.org to enter the drawing.

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.

Teen Writing contest



The poster features a hand holding a quill pen against a background of faint handwriting. The Solano County Library logo is 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 in the bottom left, with a white 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](#).

Fall 2024 Plant Sale announced



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](#).

September calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The September calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

September 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

A poster for an 'Open Show' event. The poster features a red curtain on the left and right sides. In the center, there is a white background with a red sun icon in the top left corner. The text reads: 'Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce and the Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association invite you to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit'. Below this, the words 'Open Show' are written in a stylized font, with 'Open' in red and 'Show' in yellow. At the bottom, the dates 'September 11 - October 26' are listed, and the website 'www.fairfield.ca.gov/poet' is provided.

Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce and the Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association invite you to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit

Open Show

September 11 - October 26

www.fairfield.ca.gov/poet

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.

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/>

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

Woolner Avenue update



Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity is nearing completion of three new homes on Woolner Avenue in the city of Fairfield.

All underground utilities in the street and on-site have been successfully installed, inspected, and approved, and the generous donation from Whirlpool of kitchen appliances has been installed in all homes. As the finish line is approached, the organization is gearing up for a special dedication ceremony in mid-November to celebrate this milestone.

Habitat Fact of the Month: ReStore Celebrates 13 Years!

Did you know that the Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity just celebrated the 13th anniversary of the Humanity ReStore?!

The Grand Opening was in August of 2011. Back then, there was just one employee, an 8,500-square-foot store/warehouse, and projected annual sales of \$100,000. Today, there are 10 employees, a 17,500-square-foot facility, and annual sales exceeding \$1,000,000. This incredible growth wouldn't have been possible without the support of the ReStore volunteers, staff, donors, and customers. Remember, when you shop or donate at the ReStore, you're helping build homes right here in our community!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

ReStore Volunteer Appreciation Week

Last month, Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week at the ReStore and it was a wonderful opportunity to honor the hard work and dedication of amazing volunteers.

A special thanks to Felicia Desboine, our Community Outreach Coordinator, for organizing this event and ensuring that the volunteers felt valued. Felicia spent time getting to know the volunteers, assisting on the floor, and hosting a relaxed gathering space to have meaningful conversations. She expressed her gratitude for their ongoing commitment, and many volunteers humbly shared they didn't need any recognition—they simply love contributing, which truly shows their unwavering dedication.

Upcoming events in Solano County

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!

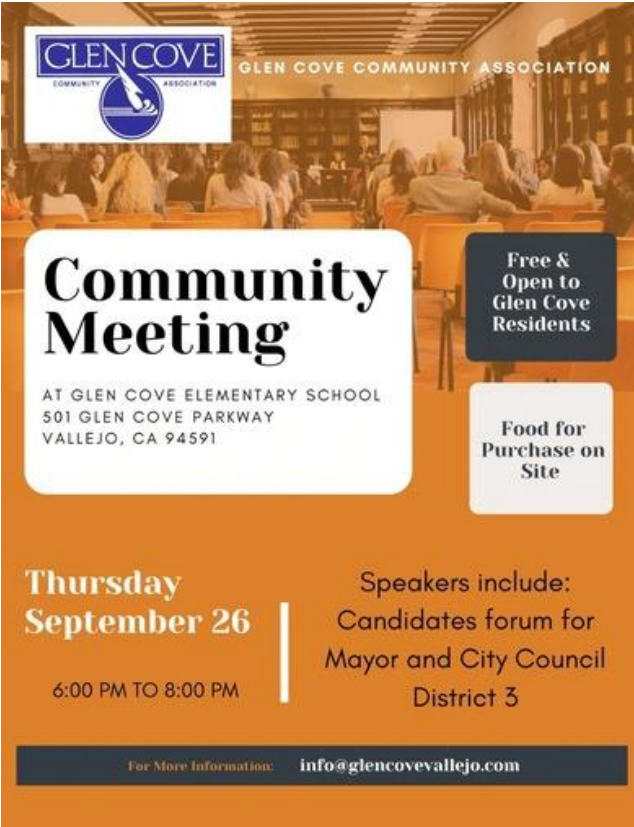
Accessible parking and restrooms will be available, and food will be available for purchase.

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 stylized blue and white emblem. The text 'GLEN COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION' is displayed in the top right corner. The main title 'Community Meeting' is prominently displayed in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title, the location is specified as 'AT GLEN COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 501 GLEN COVE PARKWAY, VALLEJO, CA 94591'. To the right of the title, two dark blue callout boxes state 'Free & Open to Glen Cove Residents' and 'Food for Purchase on Site'. The date and time, 'Thursday September 26 | 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM', are listed on the left side. On the right side, the speakers are identified as 'Speakers include: Candidates forum for Mayor and City Council District 3'. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the contact information: 'For More Information: info@glencovevallejo.com'.

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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](#)

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
- ELECTRONIC WASTE (anything with a plug)
- FURNITURE
- GARBAGE & YARD WASTE
- MATTRESSES
- METAL OBJECTS
- REFRIGERATORS
- TIRES (up to 9 per household)

NOT ACCEPTED

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

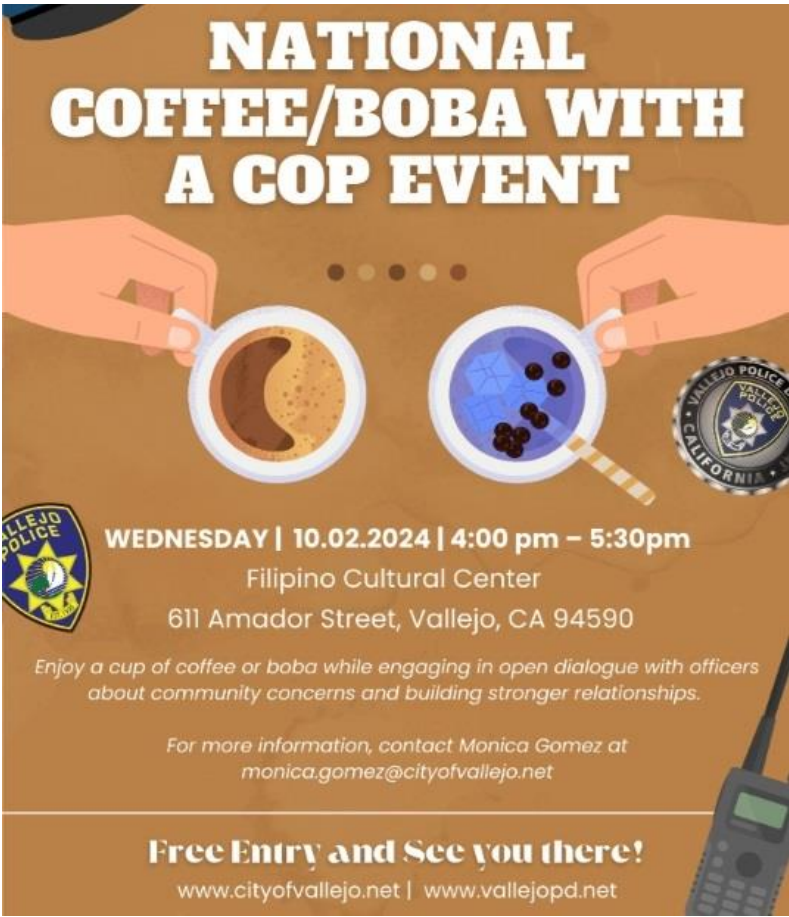
This event is for Vallejo residents only.

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.



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.

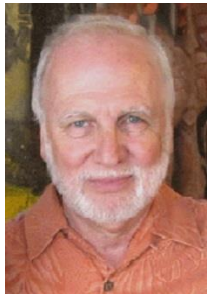
This event is part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness and supporting survivors of intimate partner violence.

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

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](#).

American Legion Poker Tournament

A promotional poster for the American Legion Poker Tournament. At the top left is a red and white circular logo with a star. The text reads: **"United We Stand" Poker Tournament**, **Vacaville Veterans Hall**, **549 Merchant St. Vacaville, CA 95688**, and **October 26, 2024 @ 5 PM**. Below this, it lists: **\$75 to play**, **Must be 21 to play**, and **Free Beer & Food** (with a note 'Food service from 4 - 5pm'). It also mentions **Visa Gift Cards (5)** with a **Top Prize \$500 GC**, and **\$70 Early Bird by 10/15** with **\$25 Rebuis**. A row of logos includes Pacific Community Lenders, Inc., Bridge View, and Solano Mortgage. Below the logos is a photograph of a hand holding two Aces (Ace of Spades and Ace of Hearts) over a poker table with stacks of chips. At the bottom left is a QR code and the Venmo logo. The text at the bottom says: **Purchase your Tickets Here.** and **Scan the QR Code or text 707-365-8384**.

Moonlight Masquerade



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

Events I attended this week

Today is MIA-POW Remembrance Day. I attended the ceremony held near the memorial at Vacaville City Hall. The Vacaville High School band played the Star-Spangled Banner. While the ceremony was somber, the weather was perfect. We need to remember soldiers who paid the price for the rest of us to be free.

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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SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT



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.