

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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Information this week

Californians Can Order Free COVID Tests Again. How to get yours



Updated rapid tests are expected to be able to detect newer variants just Health & Social Services as a new COVID variant arrives in California.

Americans can now order another round of free

COVID-19 nasal swab tests that will be delivered to homes.

Each household can get four tests through COVIDtests.gov. Already have some at home? Check here to see if your tests' expiration dates have been extended.

To continue reading, click here.

Why lanes on the Bay Bridge are closing every weeknight for 8 months

Nighttime drivers on weeknights can expect congestion while crossing the oldest bridge into San Francisco until the spring.

Starting Thursday, Caltrans is closing one to two far right lane on the westbound side of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on weeknights for routine inspection and maintenance of the cables, Caltrans spokesperson Lori Shepherd



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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

(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

told SFGATE. The closure starts at the Yerba Buena Island Tunnel and ends at the downtown San Francisco side of the bridge.

To continue reading, click <u>here</u>.

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 <u>Firefighter Grant Program</u>.

Fire departments serving any part of Cal Water's service areas are encouraged to <u>apply</u> 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

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will meet on **October 9 at 9 a.m.** inside the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612 and via Video and Teleconference.

To view the agenda, click here.

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

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

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

Indigenous Peoples' Day



In observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day, all Solano County libraries will be closed on Monday, October 14th.

Additionally, all Solano County libraries will open at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 25 for staff training.

Fairfield Weekly now available in Spanish

The city of Fairfield is dedicated to ensuring that all residents have access to the information they need to stay in the know. To meet this goal, we are now publishing the Fairfield Weekly in Spanish. The weekly enewsletter contains department updates that affect Fairfield.



The city's website also provides Spanish,
Tagalog, and Vietnamese translation options
and the website chatbot, Archie, can translate user requests in up
to 71 languages.

For more information, visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/semanario.

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

National Diabetes Prevention Program Fall 2024 Virtual Session

The Fall 2024 Virtual Session for the National DPP Lifestyle Change Program is holding an informational session on **Tuesday**, **October 1**. If you are at risk for diabetes, have pre-diabetes, or had gestational diabetes, this program is for you. It focuses on healthy eating, weight loss, increasing physical activity and much more. To register, click here.

Free Mandated Reporting & Community Supporting for volunteers

Volunteers in programs like Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other activity-based youth groups are invited to join for a free mandated reporter training.

This session complies with AB 506 and fulfills the state requirement for volunteers working with children. To register for your spot, click here. Location is still TBD, but it will take place on **Tuesday**, **November 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.**

Volunteer for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11



Even beauty queens need help! You can come to their rescue by volunteering as a stager or pacer for the Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 11! Stagers will assist with getting entries ready and pacers will help with entry timing down Texas Street.

You can signup by clicking here. This is also a great way to get community hours for school!

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.

Photo credit: City of Fairfield.

Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Announces Future Leaders Scholarship for 2024

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 <u>www.solanohcc.com</u>, or contact at **info@solanohcc.com** or **(707) 999-2966**.

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.

Congregate meal program



To view the September menu, click here.

Trunk or Treat at Solano Community College



To secure a vendor table, 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.

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 <u>here</u>.

Teen Writing contest



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

For more information, click here.

Fall 2024 Plant Sale



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.

Solano County jobs

Solano County is looking to hire for the following positions. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about any of the positions below, please check out our <u>Job Opportunities</u>.

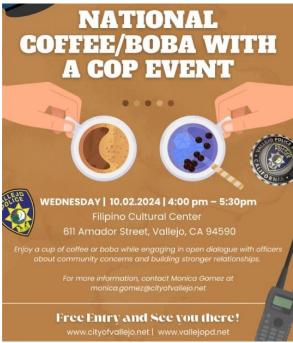
	Positions
А	dministrative Assistant to Executive/Senior Management (Administrative Secretary)
	College Intern
	Courier
	Deputy County Counsel I-IV – DOQ
	District Attorney Investigator, Supervising
Curr	ent Solano County District Attorney employees are invited to apply for this promotions opportunity
	Closing 9/271
	Health Services Manager (Senior)
	Legal Secretary (Entry) — Extra Help
	Paralegal

Upcoming events in Solano County

Fall cleanup day in Vallejo



Coffee/boba with Vallejo police



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.

Vallejo Waterfront Weekend Behind the Fences 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 Historian, Dennis Kelly and as well as Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) docents will be on hand to provide the fascinating histories and tales behind these historic spots as the community peers inside the Haunted Armory Building 77, *Old 84* Mare Island Prison, and the original Mare Island Stables (the second oldest building on the Island).

The tour will take place on Saturday, October 5, at 1:30 p.m., and will begin and end at Savage & Cooke, 1097 Nimitz Ave, Vallejo, CA 94592.

All proceeds from this event support the ongoing mission of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation.

Note: This tour busses from location to location but involves approximately a 1/4 mile of walking over uneven ground, and the buildings we are entering are not public buildings and therefore not ADA accessible.

To purchase tickets, click here.

Glen Cover summer shindig



Ballet Folklorico



Whirling skirts, bright colors, and festive music are coming to the Benicia Public Library! The Vallejo-based dance troupe Son de Metztli Grupo Folklorico will give a spectacular demonstration of traditional Latin American dances highlighting the cultures of several countries in this celebration of National Hispanic Heritage (Sept 15-Oct 15) at 1 p.m., Sunday, October 6.

The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 E L street.

Performance will last approximately one hour.

Senior Resource Fair



Benicia's Community Services Department has partnered with local non-profits to provide an afternoon of free health screenings and flu vaccinations!

There will also be opportunities to learn about other resources such as transportation options and meal services.

The event will be hosted at the Benicia Senior Center, 1201 East 2nd Street, on Wednesday, October 9 from 1 to 4 p.m.

No preregistration required! If you have any questions, call at (707) 746-4285.

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.

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

American Legion Poker Tournament



Moonlight Masquerade



Events I attended this week

Saturday, September 21, was Coastal Clean-up Day: I went to Benicia and was assigned to the Benicia Community Park. I spent 90 minutes picking up the little pieces of trash that we do not think about when putting crème in our coffee for example. I found a pink water bottle and onesie left on the hill. I put both items on the rock by the fence. The weather was nice. People were friendly and were appreciative of the effort. My only comment is please clean up after your animal.

The evening was spent in Fairfield. I attended the Fairfield Community Services Foundation fundraiser. The company at the table was nice. Music was wonderful. I love Sting's FIELD of GOLD. Thank you for playing it. There was a lot of good food. A very nice event.

Thursday, September 26, I attended the Vallejo Chambers Alliance, plus Benicia and American Canyon event held at the Solano Community College's Auto Tech Center in Vallejo. The place was full and fun to say to friends.

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 <u>HERE</u> to access the website and follow on Facebook <u>@SolanoCountyJobs</u>. Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

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CITY OF BENICIA
CITY OF FAIRFIELD
CITY OF VALLEJO
SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT
POST OFFICE
GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT
YOUTH JOBS CORPS
CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS
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.