

Supervisor Wanda Williams District 3 e-Newsletter  
2024

October

Dear Friend,

As we prepare to transition into October and embrace the fall season, it's wonderful to drive around District Three and see the community getting into the spirit! I've noticed many residents starting to decorate for Halloween and Harvest Festivals, and I'm looking forward to the beautiful colors of autumn and the cooler days ahead.

October is also an important month for voters in our district. You can expect to receive your ballot in the mail starting October 4, 2024, as noticed by the Solano County Registrar of Voters Office. Beginning October 7, the county building will serve as a voting location. You can vote on the second floor of the County Administration Building at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, as well as the Suisun City Hall, 701 Civic Center Blvd., and the Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street. Please remember that political messaging is not allowed inside the county building.

I encourage everyone to take some time to research the candidates and ballot measures before casting your vote. Your participation is vital to our democracy!

The last day to vote by mail or in person is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, as we approach October 15, let's celebrate the end of National Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15. This is a great opportunity to learn about the significant contributions

and rich culture of Hispanic and Latinx communities to American society, particularly here in California.

Just a friendly reminder, to register to vote, confirm your registration and update your mailing address if you have moved with our Registrar of Voters office. I have included the website: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/default.asp?os=io&ref=app>



Solano County Supervisor, District 3

**"Putting People First"**



A life-changing habit: Five reasons why you should vote in every election

**Does voting matter? The clear answer is "yes!"**



By *Bernadette Kinlaw*

Voting is a key element of civic engagement and a critical part of the democratic process. As the late civil rights icon and U.S. Rep. John Lewis said, “The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democracy.”

Voting can change your life. Here are five reasons to vote:

**In a democracy, you get a say in things that are important to you.** [Your vote holds elected officials accountable](#) for their actions. It forces them to listen to you and the issues that most concern you. Your vote is your report card on lawmakers. If you’re not content with the job an elected official has done, you can use your vote to remove that official from office.

**The policies shaped by elected officials affect your life.** While federal elections typically have the largest voter turnouts, voting in your state and local elections is just as important. What happens in your town, city and state will affect your everyday life. Laws at the local level affect taxes, health and public safety, education, recreation, economic development and more. States regulate issues like health care and tenants’ rights. They determine how long children stay in school, manage infrastructure, spur job creation and do much more.

**You pay taxes.** Your vote gives power to the people who will spend your tax money. Help ensure that money is used in a responsible and efficient way by voting.

**Rights are not necessarily guaranteed.** Voting is one of the many privileges of living in a democratic society. While every American citizen has the right to vote today, we are seeing [attacks on voting equity](#), including gerrymandering, voting restrictions, misinformation and election intimidation. Voting is a critical right we must protect, and that begins by exercising our right to vote in elections at every level of government.

**You matter.** [Young voters](#) bring diverse points of view on issues affecting their generation. Engaging in the process early will help make it a habit throughout your life, providing you with the opportunity to shape the future.

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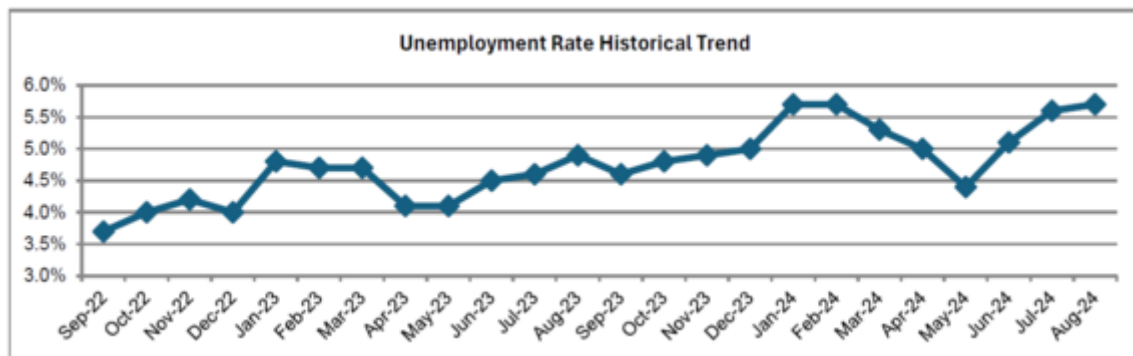
[Read the entire article here](#)

## FUN FACTS: Can you guess the answer?

- Where was the first U.S. Post Office in Solano County? (See end of newsletter for answer)

## Solano County Unemployment Trends and Raw Data for August 2024

- The unemployment rate in Solano County was **5.7 percent in August 2024**, up from a revised 5.6 percent in July 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 4.9 percent.
- This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.9 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



# Current job opportunities available in Solano County

## **Administrative Assistant to Executive/Senior Management (Administrative Secretary) in the Health and Social Services, Public Health Services Division:**

Job description: The Administrative Secretary performs a variety of complex administrative duties in support of a department head, assistant department head, division manager, or other senior-level manager. You may be responsible for a variety of sensitive and/or complex administrative matters using independent judgment in applying established practices and procedures; responding to requests for information from board members, supervisory staff or public; on-going or re-occurring projects, supervising the work of clerical support staff, and/or secretarial work which require the application of specialized knowledge (such as document preparation and processing procedures).

## **Legal Secretary (Entry) (Special Help)**

Under general supervision, performs a variety of complex clerical and administrative support work in connection with the preparation, processing, coordinating and/or filing of criminal and/or civil cases; performs related duties as required.

This class is the entry level in the Legal Secretary series and is characterized by the responsibility to provide clerical and administrative support in the preparation, processing, coordination, tracking and filing of cases. This class is distinguished from the Legal Secretary position in that the latter has responsibility for more technical aspects of the work and has more discretion in decision making.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about amazing career opportunities, please check out our [Job Opportunities](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [recruitment@solanocounty.com](mailto:recruitment@solanocounty.com).

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# Supervisor Williams Congratulates the Workforce Development Board 2024 Solano County Workforce Heroes



On Wednesday, September 18th, Supervisor Williams served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Solano County Workforce Development Board' (WDB) annual Celebrating Solano's Workforce awards at Travis Credit Union in Vacaville.

The occasion recognized local individuals, small businesses and leaders in business. She also presented the prestigious Career Advisory Organization of the Year Award to the Solano County WDB. This award is an international

"Innovation and Excellence" award provide by CorporateWire, an international business magazine based in London.

Supervisor Williams took time to acknowledged WDB Executive Director Heather Henry for her work and dedication to assuring that the WDB provides opportunities to all communities, and recognized her staff for helping individuals to have what they need to assist businessowners to hire individuals with different capabilities.

Supervisor Williams was proud to participated in giving out awards to the "Hero" awardees. Visit the Solano County WDB to learn more <https://solanoemployment.org/>



*Pictured here are all the WDB nominees.*

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

Mount  
Calvary  
Baptist Church

FREE



BOUNCE HOUSES



FACE PAINTER



FOOD



COSTUME CONTEST



FUN FOR ALL AGES

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 31, 2024

6PM - 9PM

1735 ENTERPRISE DRIVE, BLDG. 3, FAIRFIELD, CA

@MCBCFS







## Information you can use:

### Maritime Heritage Grants available

The California Office of Historic Preservation is accepting applications through November 12 for Maritime Heritage Grants.

The focus will be on maritime heritage resources that are historically under-represented and/or are of statewide or national importance and increasing opportunities for the public to visit and learn about maritime heritage.

[Learn more and apply.](#)

## Delta Science Tracker Webinar

The Delta Science Program is hosting a public webinar on October 8, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., to share information about the Delta Science Tracker. The webinar will introduce attendees to the major features of the web-based tool, explain its uses and the benefits it provides to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta science community members, and demonstrate how it is being used to assess progress toward implementing the [2022–2026 Science Action Agenda](#). Researchers, managers, decision-makers, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

## BrightLife Kids Behavioral Health Support

BrightLife Kids, a CalHOPE program, provides personalized support for California families. Kids ages 0-12 get free, expert coaching for sleep issues, worry, social skills and more. Live 1:1 video sessions, secure chat, on-demand content and more. For more information, visit their website [here](#). To sign up for support, click [here](#). For additional support that provides an outline of services and how to navigate through the registration and scheduling process.

## The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline is Live!

The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline is funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and powered by Postpartum Support International, is available 24/7, 365 days a year, in English or Spanish and other languages by request.

Staffed by licensed and credentialed perinatal mental health and healthcare providers, childbirth professionals, and certified peer specialists, the Hotline provides immediate and informed access to support, understanding, brief intervention, and resources to all pregnant, postpartum, and post-loss individuals AND their partners and families.

Call or text the Hotline anytime to connect. **You do not need a diagnosis to reach out for help. National Maternal Mental Health Hotline: 1-833-943-5746**

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## CalTrans announces Rio Vista Bridge Upcoming Weekend 55-Hour Closures

CalTrans is advising motorists of a scheduled closure of the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madera Memorial Bridge) on State Route Highway 12, just east of the City of Rio Vista due to an improvement 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 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. Closure dates and times are included below:

State of California • Department of Transportation

## TRAFFIC ALERT

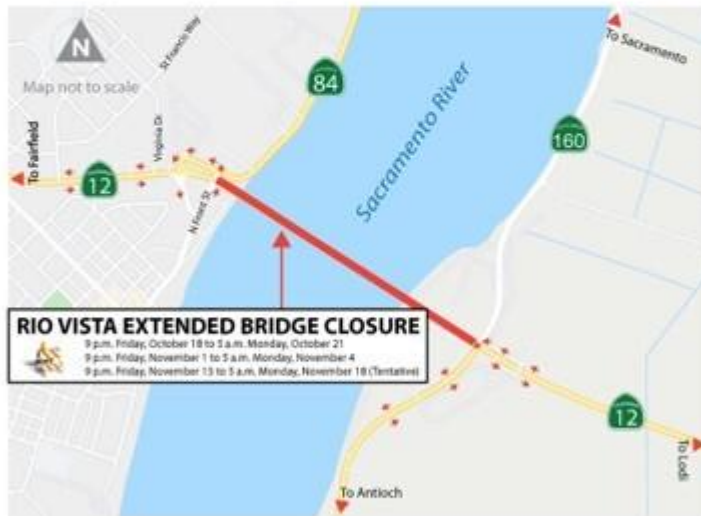


Sacramento River. Please allow for extra travel time to reach your destination, especially for scheduled appointments and work schedules.

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.

### 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)



Find projects that are building California's climate-friendly future at [Build.ca.gov](http://Build.ca.gov) and [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](http://RebuildingCA.ca.gov).



**Answer to this month's Fun Fact:**

The City of Benicia was the first city in Solano County to have a U.S. Post Office. It was established on November 8, 1849. Vallejo housed the County's second post office in 1851, when the city became the state capitol. However, it eventually closed. No other post office was available in Solano County until April 18, 1854.

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