



Solano County *California*

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

October 4, 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

Rosh Hashanah



Happy New Year to our Jewish residents!

Rosh Hashanah is one of Judaism's holiest days and begins at sunset on Wednesday.

The two-day celebration marks the start of the Jewish New Year and is filled with traditions, like eating a round challah and saying prayers near a body of water.

This year, the holiday will start at sunset on Oct. 2 and end at sundown on Oct. 4. The exact date of the holiday varies every year — last year it started on Sept. 15 — but is almost always in September or October.

Rosh Hashanah is the only Jewish holiday that is two days long, both inside and outside Israel. It's called "yoma arichta", translated as "a long day" because the 48-hour celebration may be thought of as one extended day.

Rosh Hashanah is often treated as a time to reflect on the previous year and focus on hopes for the coming year.

Information this week

New information on California Forever

We want to keep our constituents informed, so here goes:

California Forever is currently redefining the description of the project once again, this time to follow the county's standard planning process, which must include an environmental impact report to meet the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA. Their goal is to again take their updated development plan to the voters of Solano County in 2026.

Typically, going through the CEQA process is a nightmare for developers and is a long process with having to adopt all feasible mitigation measures. Including impacts, concerns and challenges from state agencies, local agencies, environmental groups, and the general public, who are callously termed as "sensitive receptors".

We will keep you updated, as we receive updates.

Indigenous Peoples' Day



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

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

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

San Francisco Fleet Week 2024

It's back.

San Francisco's annual Fleet Week event is just a few days away. Anticipated events like the Air Show, Parade of Ships, ship tours, and the headlining Blue Angels will take place above, in, and around the San Francisco Bay next week.

Fleet Week SF 2024 gets underway Monday, Oct. 7 and runs through Monday, Oct. 14. Events take place across all seven days.

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

Participate in Operation Green Light this Veterans Day



This Veterans Day, NACo and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join [Operation Green Light for Veterans from November 4–11, 2024](#).

- **By shining a green light**, county governments and our residents will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported.
- **Getting started:** Need ideas for lighting your county up in green? Find suggested materials [here](#).
- **Outreach resources:** Our [Operation Green Light toolkit](#) includes a resolution template, printable flyer, sample press releases, social media graphics and more.

California eliminates written driving test for most people 70 and older renewing their license

Californians 70 years old and above will no longer need to take the written driver test, the DMV announced this week.

As of Oct. 1, those older drivers whose licenses expire as of 2024 won't need to take the written knowledge test. DMV officials noted that the requirement was a policy, not the law.

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

Californians can order free COVID tests again. How to get yours

Updated rapid tests are expected to be able to detect newer variants just 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](#).

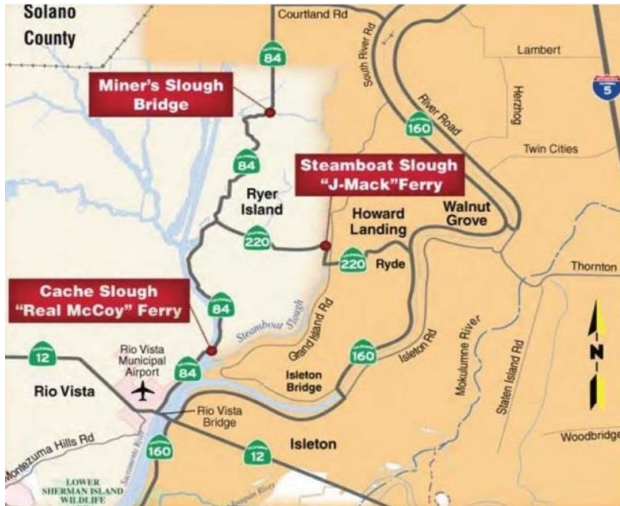
Partial shutdown of I-680 planned this weekend in East Bay: Here's what to know

Partial closures on a stretch of Interstate 680 in the East Bay are planned this weekend for an ongoing paving project, according to Caltrans.

The two left lanes of southbound I-680 will be closed between Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon and the I-580/I-680 connector in Pleasanton from 9 p.m. Friday through 4 a.m. Monday, according to the agency's website.

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

State Route 220 (SR-220) J-Mack Ferry will be Dry Docked for Required Hull Inspection



Caltrans has scheduled a long-term closure of the State Route 220 J-Mack Ferry. The closure starts Sunday Night, September 29, and will continue for approximately 2-3 months.

The closure is needed to perform repairs and federally mandated Coast Guard inspections. Per Coast Guard regulations, the J-Mack ferry cannot operate until the boat is drydocked, the hull has been inspected at its 5-year interval, and the inspection is completed.

The Delta's companion ferry, the Real McCoy Ferry (SR-84) can be used for crossings, while the J-Mack Ferry is out of service. However, due to ongoing mechanical repairs please be advised that both ferries could be out of service at any given time. Caltrans urges the public to plan all travels around the delta region to avoid any delays.

Drivers are encouraged to use Caltrans Quickmap for the latest highway conditions. <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> For the latest information, call the Caltrans Ferry Update Line at (510) 622-0120.

Please note that Caltrans has scheduled three upcoming 55-hour full weekend closures on the SR-12 Rio Vista Bridge. The closures are needed to perform needed repairs including roadway surface and bridge deck repairs, replacing bridge rails, installing bridge approach slabs and installing ADA compliant pedestrian ramps. Detours will be in effect.

Expect delays.

- 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)

The State Route 84 Miners Slough Bridge can also be used to access Ryer island, and the Rio Vista Bridge can be used to access the City of Rio Vista.

More information, click [here](#).

Estuary & Ocean Science Center's annual Marine Lab Open House



Celebrate the Estuary & Ocean Science (EOS) Center's annual **Marine Lab Open House**, a day of discovery. You are invited to experience science in action at San Francisco State University's Estuary & Ocean Science Center at the [Romberg Tiburon Campus](#), the only marine lab on the San Francisco Bay.

- Meet San Francisco Bay critters at our touch tanks and exhibits.
- Chat with local marine scientists.
- Listen to the sounds of CA coastal whales and dolphins.
- See how we partner with nature to reduce climate change impacts.
- Grab a bite at the food truck or the Hog Island oyster bar.

Admission and parking at our Open House are free.

3150 Paradise Drive, Tiburon CA 94920

Sponsored by The Barbara & Richard Rosenberg Institute for Marine Biology & Environmental Science

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 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 [here](#).

Public hearings

Supervisors to receive update on Board priority areas



A Solano County press release:

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024, staff will host a facilitated Board Priority Workshop where Board members will receive an update on department workplans, and progress made in priority areas established last year. The Board will also consider providing direction to staff in implementing Board priorities, with a focus on economic development and agriculture preservation and development.

Last year, on April 18, 2023, the Solano County Board of Supervisors hosted a Board priority setting session, giving Board members an opportunity to share and discuss their top priorities for the County. During the meeting, Board members identified several topic areas, which were grouped into five major categories, including (1) economic development, (2) agriculture preservation and development, (3) housing, (4) County workforce development and (5) County services – regulations and policies.

ATTENDING / WATCHING THE PRIORITY SETTING MEETING

The public is invited to join the Board of Supervisors at their priority setting meeting starting at 2 p.m. in the Board Chambers, located at 675 Texas Street in Fairfield, located on the first floor. A live stream of the meeting will also be available starting at 2 p.m. on the [Solano County website](#), which will also be archived and available for viewing.

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will meet on **Wednesday, 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](#).

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 Immunization Clinics in Solano County



Solano Public Health will be hosting immunization clinics in Solano County throughout the month of October.

To find dates and times, please visit the [County website](#) for more information.

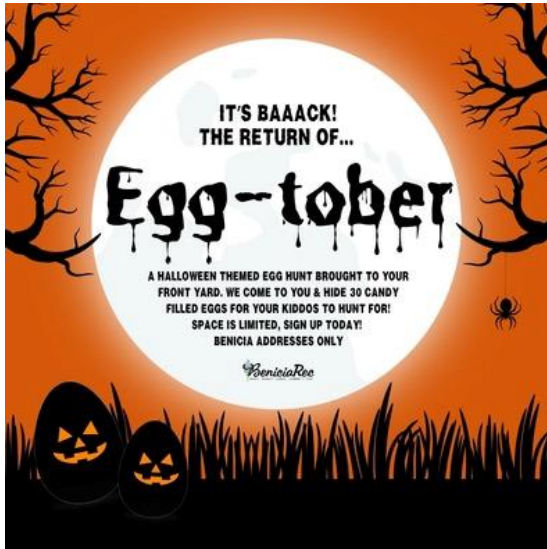
GVRD pumpkins



Come to Children's Wonderland in the city of Vallejo all month long to pick pumpkins, make your way through the hay maze and have more fall fun. **Open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, closed on Tuesdays.

Children's Wonderland is located at 360 Glenn Street.

Egg-tober



Give your kiddos a hide-and-seek adventure to celebrate Halloween. The city of Benicia will hide 30 candy-filled Halloween eggs in your front yard.

One delivery per address - Benicia addresses only. *Peanut free candy can be requested at time of purchase. If you want to hide the eggs on your own, you can request to have them left at your front door in a Halloween bag. Additional special requests for hiding places can be added at the time of purchase.

Time of delivery will be 2 to 4 p.m.; limit of 10 deliveries per day.

Delivery Dates: 10/29, 10/30, 10/31

I know times are hard, but, if possible, please donate what you can. The cost is \$30 dollars per family. However, if you can afford 10 dollars, the Benicia Parks and Community services will make it work.

Make the check-out to the City of Benicia, 250 East L. St. Benicia, Ca 94510

If you have more questions email: kkerr@ci.benicia.ca.us

Please send you check by Oct. 15.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN - Monica

City of Vallejo releases RFP for operator of Homeless Navigation Center



The city of Vallejo has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a qualified operator for the new Vallejo Homeless Navigation Center. This facility will provide shelter and critical services to individuals and couples experiencing homelessness in the community, offering them support and resources that contribute to stability and self-sufficiency.

Vallejo is seeking an operator that prioritizes an equitable and inclusive approach, ensuring fair access to services and shelter for all participants. The operator must demonstrate a strong commitment to equity, working closely with the community to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for both participants and surrounding neighborhoods. This includes gathering feedback from those served and implementing data-driven strategies to continuously enhance service delivery, while fostering positive relationships with local residents to address concerns and ensure the Navigation Center is a beneficial resource for all.

The Vallejo Navigation Center will provide 125 shelter beds. In addition to shelter, the center will offer individual case management, access to social and medical services, and job training to help participants develop skills that support their journey to stability.

The selected operator will manage the center's daily operations and deliver wrap-around services, focusing on a Housing First philosophy that emphasizes harm reduction, trauma-informed care, and low-barrier entry to shelter.

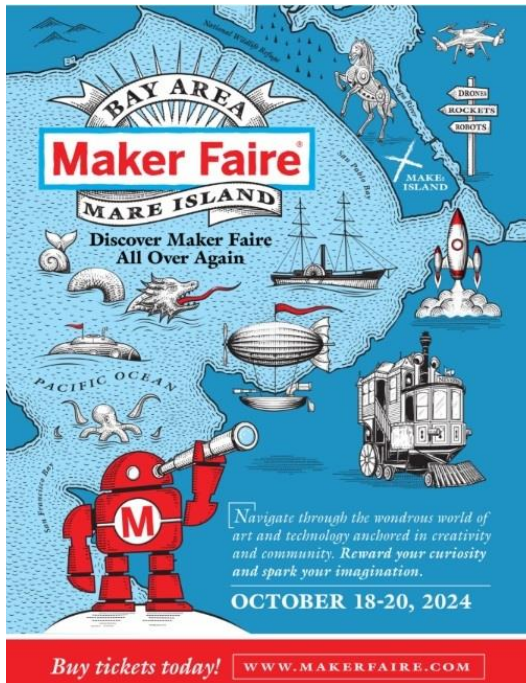
Vallejo plans to execute a two-year Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with the selected provider, with the possibility

of contract extensions based on performance. Proposals can be submitted through the City's procurement system at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/42510/portal-home> under the project title "Vallejo Homeless Navigation Center." The deadline for proposal submissions is October 18, 2024.

This initiative is made possible through funding and partnerships with the city of Vallejo, County of Solano, CAP Solano JPA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, California Department of Housing and Community Development, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, and NorthBay Health.

To stay updated on the Vallejo Homeless Navigation Center project, subscribe to the [MyVallejo project page](#).

Maker Faire on Mare Island



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

Solano Land Trust Sunday Supper Online Auction



The Solano Land Trust is hosting an exclusive online auction! Get ready to bid on a unique selection of experiences and items, all available online and separate from the dinner event auction. The auction will help the Solano Land Trust continue its mission of conserving land.

Featured Auction Items:

- Private Jewelry Party by Laura Ann Designs
- Private Yoga Hike at Patwino Worrtila Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park
- Kayaking for Four + Gift Card to Cast Iron Grill & Bar
- Private Tour and Tasting at Bread & Butter Winery in Napa Valley
- Hooby's Brewing Experience for Eight People
- Put a Child on the Land Program

The auction closes on Monday, October 7. To view the auction, click [here](#).

The Mission of Solano Land Trust Inspire a love of the land and preserve it for people, food, and the natural environment.

The work we do goes beyond conserving land; it's also about ensuring people's relationship to the land remains strong. The land trust is committed to building a conservation and stewardship ethic in the community by supporting values based on common ground and engaging the future leaders and land stewards who will come after to take care of this land.

Solano Land Trust was founded in 1986 as the Solano County Farmlands and Open Space Foundation as a result of open space advocates, land developers and a municipal government working together to benefit the whole community. This unusual genesis created the structure for a board of directors that reflects all sides of land-use issues united in the mission to preserve the agricultural legacy and natural landscapes of Solano County and enhance people's relationship to the land.

With your support, Solano Land Trust has permanently protected over 22,000 acres of natural areas and agricultural lands.

Addressing Benicia's pothole problem



Last week, three Benicia residents were invited to observe a pothole filling operation on Park Road. Filling potholes is not the preferred way to maintain a road, but due to limited funding it's

often the only option available for keeping a road functioning.

Filling potholes on a busy street like Park Road is not a simple task. The operation requires advanced planning, material procurement, equipment staging, safety meetings, and traffic control. Each pothole must be dug out, cleaned, coated, filled with cold mix asphalt, and compacted.

City crews fill 500 potholes and perform 75-100 more extensive patch-and-paves each year. It is just one of the ways the city keeps traffic flowing on Benicia's 200 lane-mile road network.

Have a pothole? You can report it on the City's SeeClickFix site or download the app. You can also report other issues in your neighborhood, such as damaged trees and graffiti.

Are you interested in the condition of the City's roadway and curious about what can be done? Check out the Benicia Roads web page or join us at our Public Works engagement events.

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

Halloween Block Party

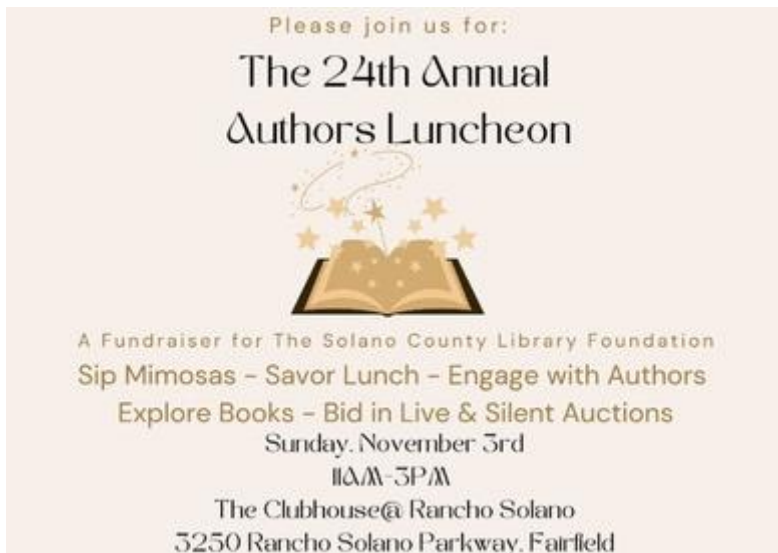


Mare Island Company is bringing back the Mare Island Halloween Block Party for its second year on Saturday, October 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. This free event will be held at the historic Walnut Avenue on Mare Island. Events include:

- Over 15 food trucks to satisfy your cravings
- Our pumpkin patch where you can decorate your own spooky creations
- Plenty of opportunities for trick-or-treating
- Tesla car displays for you to check out (Halloween inspired of course)
- A selection of wine, beer, and mocktails to enjoy
- Music by DJ Turn Up to keep you dancing
- Costume contests for families, kiddos, and your furry four-legged friends

To RSVP, click [here](#).

24th Annual Authors Luncheon



Join the Solano County Library Foundation for their annual Authors Luncheon, a fundraiser benefiting the Solano County Library Foundation. This event features engaging author talks, a delightful lunch, mimosas, book exploration, and exciting live and silent auctions. By supporting this event, you help fund vital programs that promote literacy and education throughout Solano County.

To purchase tickets and/or or to view the speakers list, click [here](#).

Dancing under the Stars

Dancing Under The Stars



New Year's Eve Gala Fundraiser
December 31, 2024
Veterans Memorial Hall, 1150 First Street Benicia (Quant Room Upstairs)

Celebrating:

- *100th Anniversary of the California State VFW Auxiliary
- *80th Anniversary of the Benicia VFW Post

Program:

- 1800 (6:00 PM) NO Host Cocktails Upstairs
- 1900 (7:00 PM) Buffet-Style Dinner by Italian Chef Leandro Colaciello
- 2030(8:30 PM) Dessert and Dancing

Includes:

- *Commemorative Picture for each couple
- *Complimentary Champagne toast at midnight

Let's ring in the New Year together while honoring our rich history and our veterans' bravery!

Tickets \$65 each – Ticket Sales begin September 1, Tickets are limited supply
18 and older please

Purchase tickets at the Veterans Club or by calling 707-400-3606 for digital payments.

October Events at Fairfield PAL Teen Center

Join the Fairfield PAL Teen Center for free events throughout the month of October! Events include Boxing/ Kajukenbo, Soroptimist Girls Circle, video games, sewing, and much more. sKREAMz Haunted Attractings is also hosting the Blood Harvest haunted house every Friday and Saturday in October.

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

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 sign up by clicking [here](https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/vetparade). This is also a great way to get community hours for school!

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](#).

Halloween Spooktacular Event downtown October 31



This year's Halloween Spooktacular event promises festive fun and ghoulishly good times! Put on your costume and bring the family downtown on **Thursday, October 31 from 3 to 6 p.m.**, for an afternoon filled with candy, creativity, and community spirit.

Fairfield's vibrant downtown will undergo a fun and spooky transformation where kids can enjoy:

- Trick-or-Treating – Visit participating businesses for delicious treats and delightful surprises.
- Kids' Crafts – Make spooky crafts, decorate pumpkins, and create Halloween-themed art projects.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to celebrate Halloween with your family and neighbors. Check in at the corner of Jefferson and Texas Streets when you arrive!

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!

To secure a vendor table, click [here](#).

Witching Wine Walk

BENICIA MAIN STREET

Something's brewing...

WITCHING WINE WALK
OCTOBER 19, 2024 1-5 PM

AGES 21 AND OLDER
\$35 ADVANCE/\$65 ADVANCE PAIR/ \$40 DAY OF EVENT

On **Saturday, October 19** from **1 to 5 p.m.**, hundreds of thirsty ghouls descend downtown Benicia on a witchy Fall afternoon to

taste over a dozen wines offered at more than 30 First Street boutiques and galleries. Costumes welcome!

Advance tickets are \$35 each and \$65 for two. Day-of event tickets are \$40. Ticket price includes up to 15 tastes and a souvenir wine glass. Participants must be age 21 and over.

Tickets can be purchased in person at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street, or online [here](#).

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](#).

October calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The October calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

October 4: Hamburgers by The American Legion

7 open to anyone who wants to cook something

8 **Boys Under the Hood** meeting, **Hot dogs**

9 **AMERICAN LEGION / AUX** meet at 1900 hours, Judy's Hot dogs

11 Hamburgers by Sons of The American Legion

14 Patty and Kevin cooking Monday dinners for your enjoyment

15 House commission meeting 1830 hrs

16 **SONS AMERICAN LEGION** meet at 1900 hours; Judy's Hot dogs;

18 Hamburgers by American Legion Aux, Kevin and Patty

21 Patty and Kevin cooking Monday dinners for your enjoyment

25 Hamburgers by VFW;

28 Patty and Kevin cooking Monday dinners for your enjoyment

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

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 e-newsletter 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.

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](#).

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.**

Upcoming events in Solano County

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.

Native American Heritage Day at the Adobe



The Peña Adobe Historical Society will celebrate Native American Heritage on **Saturday, October 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Meet author Richard Burrill who has published seven books on Ishi, the last surviving member of the California Native American Yahi tribe. Ishi was discovered in 1911 in Oroville, CA and was taken to UC Berkeley where anthropologists studied him. Burrill's newest book "Unvanquished: Ishi's Story of Survival, Resilience, and Forgiveness" details those first four months of Ishi's life in San Francisco from Sept. 4, 1911, to Dec. 31, 1911.

The Cache Creek Conservancy was founded in 1996 with a mission to restore, preserve and protect the Cache Creek watershed. They operate from and manage the Jan T. Lowrey Cache Creek Nature Preserve in Woodland, CA. The [Tending and Gathering Garden \(TGG\)](#) is a collaborative effort between the Native American community and the Conservancy to demonstrate traditional land and plant management practices of California's native people. Situated on 3-acres in the Cache Creek Nature Preserve, the TGG is home to culturally significant native plants found within the Cache Creek watershed. Visit the Conservancy's booth and learn about the important work they do.

Drums are a universal instrument used by cultures all around the world. Since 2009, Richard Flittie's inspiration for making drums has come from his Mother's Native American traditions of the Oglala Lakota and Sioux. Richard's passion for drums has led him to make, and teach others to make, nearly 1,000 drums! Come see Richard's drums and enjoy the calming, healing and joy that comes from playing drums.

"Kalpulli" is the term that refers to group or family, the social organizing principle in cities throughout the Central American Aztec Empire. "Anahuak" is the name for water from the four sacred directions. The Kalpulli Anahuak Aztec Dancers, who recently danced at the 7 Generations Tribal Council Annual Summer Powwow at Solano College, will demonstrate Aztec dances for park visitors.

Come to the Peña Adobe and tour the former home of the Peña family and Museum. Make a corn husk doll! Make a shell necklace on a Native American pump drill! Learn about the Native Americans who lived here long before the Vacas and Peñas arrived in 1841.

The Peña Adobe Regional Park is located off I-80, at the Peña Adobe exit. **This event is free!** For questions call (707) 447-0518 or e-mail penaadobe@gmail.com.

Vallejo Waterfront Weekend Behind the Fences Bus Tour

❖ ❖ ❖ OCTOBER 5, 2024 @ 1:30PM ❖ ❖ ❖

**VALLEJO WATERFRONT
WEEKEND**



❖ ❖ ❖ VISIT MIHPF.ORG/EVENTS FOR TICKETS & MORE INFO ❖ ❖ ❖

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

A blue poster with a yellow sun and white clouds at the top. The text reads: 'SAVE THE DATE', 'GLEN COVE END-OF-SUMMER GATHERING', 'Live music, food trucks, games and more!', 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024', 'Glen Cove Waterfront Park'. At the bottom, it says: '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.' and 'For more info, please contact: adriana@glencovevallejo.com'.

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

The event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 6.

Ballet Folklorico



Whirling skirts, bright colors, and festive music are coming to the Benicia Public Library! The Vallejo-based dance troupe Son de Metzli 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.

Benicia Fire Department Open House

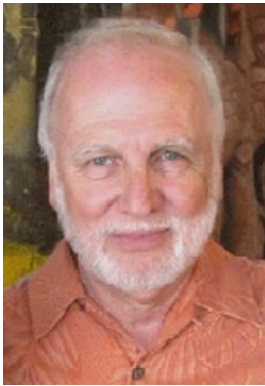


The Benicia Fire Department Open House is on **Saturday, October 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Fire Station 11, 150 Military West. This is a free event and is open to all.

There will be fire station tours, fire extinguisher demonstrations, fire prevention information, Hands-Only CPR training, face painting, a jump house, food, and all kinds of emergency response vehicles and equipment for kids to tour.

For more information call (707) 746-4275.

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.

5th annual Family Fall Fest



The 5th annual Family Fall Fest will be held at City Park for a day filled with fun activities for the whole family. From pumpkin decorating to a pop-up pumpkin patch with Mau & Associates, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on the delicious food trucks and live music performances throughout the day.

Bring your friends and family for a day of laughter and memories. Come in costume to trick or treat with the seasonal craft vendors, pick out holiday gifts and enjoy free entertainment on stage, including a photobooth and DJ Beetlejuice, presented by State Farm Stephanie Scanlan. Benicia cheerleaders will be performing along with other special guests! TBG Productions

The fest will be held on **Sunday, October 13 from 12 to 5 p.m. inside City Park, 150 Military W, in the city of Benicia.**

NAMIWalks Solano - Walk for Mental Health



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

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

To register, click [here](#).

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

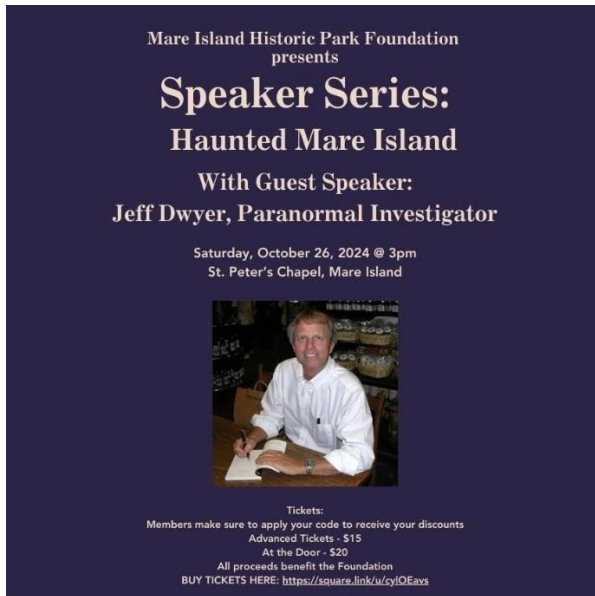
**Fairfield Arts- #StudiotoGallery
710 Jackson Street
Fairfield**

*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

Speaker Series: Haunted Mare Island



Unlock the mysteries of Mare Island's paranormal past with the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation next Speaker Series event on **Saturday, October 26 at 3 p.m.** The speaker will be Jeffrey Dwyer, Ph.D., a professional paranormal investigator and acclaimed author.

Dr. Dwyer's talk, "Haunted Mare Island," delves into the eerie and intriguing phenomena that have been reported by visitors and residents alike. With a focus on haunted places within the San Francisco Bay area and several locations on Mare Island itself, Dr. Dwyer brings a wealth of expertise and firsthand experiences to the table.

Having graced over 100 radio programs and made multiple TV appearances on channels like Discovery and Travel, Dr. Dwyer is not only a seasoned investigator but also an accomplished public speaker.

Prepare to be captivated as he shares his insights, stories, and perhaps a spine-chilling tale or two from his adventures in the world of the supernatural. Don't miss this thrilling opportunity to delve into the unknown at the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation's Speaker Series!

The event will be held at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island.

To purchase a ticket, click [here](https://square.link/u/sylQEvns).

American Legion Poker Tournament



**"United We Stand"
Poker Tournament**

Vacaville Veterans Hall
549 Merchant St. Vacaville, CA 95688

October 26, 2024 @ 5 PM

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

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View of Golden Bear at Cal State Maritime University, from Capital Corridor Amtrak train. 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.