



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

October 18, 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

Ride Free to Vote 2024



We're free to vote, SolTrans is Free to Ride. Ride free all day on Tuesday, November 5 on all local and paratransit service

SolTrans, which operates in the cities of Vallejo and Benicia, will offer free rides on all local and paratransit services on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, to help community members access the polls.

Exercising the right to vote is so important, that SolTrans wants to make it as easy as possible to get to the polls. Free rides will be on all local routes for all riders, and paratransit trips will be free for all ADA-eligible persons. Reservations are required for Paratransit service, please follow normal protocol to book a paratransit trip on or before November 1.

To find your Solano County polling place and check your voter status, visit [Solano County Registrar Voters](#). Riders can plan their travel early.

For help planning your trip, customers can plan a trip with SolTrans' [trip planner](#). Be ready to provide the starting address and the address of the polling place you will be traveling to.

Solano County still looking for poll workers



John Gardner, Solano County Assistant Registrar of Voters, has confirmed that the county is still accepting applications for poll workers on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

There are positions open at the Solano County Registrar of Voters on Election Day/night too.

Those interested should email pollworker@solanocounty.com or visit the [pollworker link](#) directly to apply.

John also said that ballots should be 98%+ delivered on Friday, Oct. 11 – but if someone hasn't received their ballot, they should reach out to the Solano County Registrar of Voters on Tuesday, Oct. 15 as the county administration will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. (closed on Monday). Those seeking more information about their ballot can send an e-mail over the weekend to elections@solanocounty.com and staff can research it.

ALSO -- John confirmed that poll workers will be given a commemorative pin for their service (see above for similar pins).

Bay Area winds to gain power; planned electrical shutdowns begin

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



A mid-autumn wind storm that was gearing up Thursday to blitz the Bay Area with significant force brought with it the promise of [public safety power shutoffs for about 8,000 PG&E customers](#).

As of 7 p.m., Pacific Gas & Electric Co. was starting the process of de-energizing power lines in Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties.

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

For Solano County:

De-energization started on Thursday with estimated restoration for the vast majority of the impacted customers is planned for Saturday, October 19 at 5 p.m. A smaller number of customers (approximately 40) could go longer with estimated restoration on 10/20 at 1600 hours.

Customers can look up their addresses to see if they will be impacted and for how long at <https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/outage-tools/outage-map/>

Also, a reminder of our Community Resource Centers:

Green Valley Country Club

35 Country Club Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534. **Hours:** 8 am – 10 pm on impact days

Solano Community College

2001 North Village Parkway, Vacaville, CA 95688. **Hours:** 8 am – 10 pm on impact days

Red Flag closures for Rockville and open spaces

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for the area. The city of Fairfield will close Rockville Hills Regional Park, Spyglass Open Space, and the Serpas Ranch/Rolling Hills Open Space at all entry points starting at **11 p.m. on Thursday, October 17 and continuing through Saturday, October 19, opening Sunday morning, October 20.**

The closures directly result from the high fire danger amid expected high winds. They are a precautionary measure to ensure public safety.

For more information on these closures, call Fairfield Fire Marshal Steven Conti at (707) 428-7550. Contact Gary Sponsler at (707) 580-4701 for park-specific details.

Cal Fresh



CalFresh

GET HELP WITH YOUR GROCERY BUDGET

CalFresh is a nutrition program that can help seniors get food every month.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH!

Common myths about CalFresh for seniors

- "Other people need CalFresh more than I do."**
CalFresh is available for everyone eligible, including seniors. In fact, special rules help make it easier for seniors to get CalFresh.
- "It's too hard to apply for CalFresh"**
Our friendly Food Bank outreach coordinators will help you find out if you may be eligible and start the application process with you.
- "I own my own house so I won't qualify"**
You can have savings, a house and cars and still get CalFresh.

Jeanette Orta, 925-914-7782
CalFresh Outreach Coordinator Hablo Español

1-925-603-3316
foodbankccs.org/calfresh

FOOD BANK
of Contra Costa & Solano

For more information, 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](https://www.covidtests.gov). Already have some at home? Check [here](#) to see if your tests' expiration dates have been extended.

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

Public hearings

Building Appliance Rules Public Learning Session

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting a public learning session on **Tuesday, October 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** virtually via Zoom regarding adopted amendments to [Rule 9-4: Nitrogen Oxides from Fan Type Residential Central](#)

[Furnaces](#) and [Rule 9-6: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Boilers and Water Heaters](#) (“Building Appliance Rules”). Members of the public are invited to attend to learn and ask questions about the Building Appliance Rules.



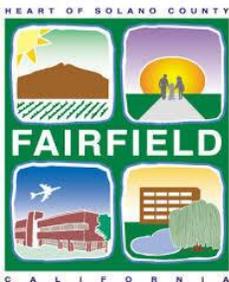
To register to attend, please use the following [link](#), where a meeting agenda will be available 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

On March 15, 2023, the Air District adopted amendments to [Rule 9-4: Nitrogen Oxides from Fan Type Residential Central Furnaces](#) and [Rule 9-6: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Boilers and Water Heaters](#) that govern point of sale emission standards for small, typically residential and commercial, water and space heating systems. Space and water-heating appliances generate a large portion of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions from sources in the Bay Area. NO_x is formed during natural gas combustion when ambient nitrogen and oxygen combine at high temperatures. The amendments will substantially reduce NO_x emissions from these appliances and therefore secondary particulate matter formation. The implementation of

these rule amendments will be a multiyear effort, spanning from 2027 to 2031.

As part of the amendments, the Air District convened the Implementation Working Group (IWG) between May 2023 through August 2024. The IWG was comprised of over 40 invited stakeholders representing a variety of relevant stakeholder segments. The purpose of the IWG was to provide input to Air District staff's periodic reports to the Board of Directors on the implementation of the Building Appliances Rules and to provide the Air District staff with insights on the technical readiness of the market and equitable transition to compliant appliances, so as to not unduly burden any income class or professional group. As such, the IWG provided a forum for invited members to discuss technical and equity aspects of implementing the Building Appliances Rules.

Fairfield Forward 2050: Next steps through adoption



The public comment period for Fairfield Forward 2050, consisting of a General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR), closed in September 2024. The Public Drafts remain available on the Fairfield Forward 2050 project website at www.fairfieldforward.com.

Public comments will be published on the project website after Wednesday, October 9. Responses to Draft General Plan Update and Draft Climate Action Plan comments will be provided in future staff reports for the Planning Commission and City Council. Responses to Draft EIR comments will be provided in the Final EIR.

Next steps through adoption are as follows:

- **November 6, 2024:** Special meeting of the Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation to the City Council
- **December 3, 2024:** Regular City Council meeting to vote on the adoption of the Fairfield Forward 2050 project

Please contact Jessie Hernandez, Associate Planner, with any questions at (707) 428-7450 or jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov.

Notice of Public Availability of 2024 Refinery Flare Minimization Plan Annual Updates



The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is releasing the 2024 Flare Minimization Plan (FMP) Annual Updates for public review and comment. The five Bay Area refineries prepared these plans subject to [Regulation 12, Rule 12:](#)

[Flares at Refineries.](#)

Under Regulation 12-12, each FMP Annual Update must include:

- New prevention measures identified during investigations of flaring events that occurred during the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024;
- A description of the prevention measures previously taken or currently planned to reduce flare emissions at the refinery;
- Commitment to implement all new feasible prevention measures expeditiously; and
- A 30-day public comment review period

The plan updates are now available for review on the Air District's [Flare Minimization Plans](#) web page.

The deadline to submit public comments regarding the 2024 FMP Annual Updates is **November 8**.

Comments can be submitted the following ways:

- Mail to BAAQMD–FMP Update Public Comment, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105
- Email to compliance@baaqmd.gov

Be sure to identify which refinery, or refineries, your comment is applicable to.

After consideration of public comments received, the Air District will evaluate each refinery's Flare Minimization Plan Annual Update to determine whether it meets the requirements of Regulation 12-12 and will take final action in accordance with the regulation.

For any additional information, please visit the [Air District website](#) or email compliance@baaqmd.gov.

Updates from around Solano County

Fire Station 36



Fire Station 36, located at 4525 Business Center Drive, is moving forward! The design is complete, and the city of Fairfield secured the necessary building permits.

Before construction begins, the city needs approval from a neighboring property owner to install and maintain a sewer line for the station. (An offer has been made and the city is awaiting a response.)

Once the offer is accepted, the project will move forward with a contractor pre-qualification process prior to bidding the project. This process is anticipated to begin late November, with bidding beginning in January 2025. The construction contract should be awarded in spring of 2025, and construction is anticipated to be complete within 15 months, barring any delays of material delivery.

Vallejo PD website



The Vallejo Police Department (VPD) has launched a new community survey designed to enhance the VPD website. This initiative strives to ensure the website remains a valuable resource for all community members, businesses, and stakeholders by providing easy access to important information and improving communication between VPD and the community.

As part of the department's ongoing commitment to transparency and community engagement, VPD invites everyone to participate in this survey. Your feedback is crucial in shaping future website updates, enabling VPD to meet the Vallejo community's needs better.

The survey is live and can be accessed on MyVallejo.com. The Public Information Officer (PIO) and the Information Technology Manager will regularly review responses to identify areas of the website that may need enhancement.

Survey results and significant website updates will be shared with the community via the VPD website and all social media platforms.

VPD encourages all community members to complete the survey and contribute to the development of a more accessible and responsive Vallejo Police Department website.

Vallejo school district pilots new security features at athletic events



From the Vallejo Unified School District:

As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance campus security, the Vallejo City Unified School District is piloting a new safety system at Jesse Bethel High School and Vallejo High School's Corbus Field and Bottari Gym. The Evolv system will begin operation the week of Oct. 21, providing an additional layer of security during school hours, football games at Corbus Field, and basketball games at Bottari Gym.

The Evolv Express system will be rolled out at Jesse Bethel High School on Tuesday, Oct. 22, and Corbus Field will begin using it during the football game on Friday, Oct. 25.

This innovative system allows visitors to pass through an open-air kiosk equipped with sensor technology to scan for weapons quickly. Using extremely low frequency (ELF) radio waves—similar to those found in in-store anti-theft devices—the system can detect dangerous items in bags and pockets without requiring individuals to remove their belongings. The real-time scans ensure minimal delays at entry. If a potential threat is detected, the system will alert staff with a red light, and a tablet will display a photo of the person with a red box around the detected item. A trained staff member will then check the specific area indicated.

"This pilot program is an important step toward creating an even safer environment for our students and staff," VCUSD Superintendent Rubén Aurelio said. "We are always exploring new ways to improve safety, and this system adds another layer of protection without disrupting the school day. We aim to make everyone feel secure while maintaining a welcoming and efficient campus atmosphere."

The minimally invasive procedure allows most students and visitors to walk through seamlessly, without disruption. Trained staff will be on hand to oversee the process. VCUSD encourages parents to

inform students about the new system to prepare them for next week's change.

To reduce the chances of false alerts, VCUSD recommends the following guidelines for families:

- Choose plastic school supplies rather than metal when possible.
- Be aware that metal containers, such as Altoid tins or metal pencil cases, may trigger alerts.
- Opt for plastic-spine/ring (non-metal) three-ring binders.
- Use BPA-free plastic water bottles instead of metal ones.
- Choose non-metal-reinforced eyeglass cases.
- Encourage students to "pack light" and limit the number of items in their bags.
- Leave non-essential metal items at home, such as game consoles, beauty products, and backup USB drives.
- Laptops will be handled separately at a staffed table.

This is a free, one-year pilot program, and the district will evaluate its effectiveness before deciding whether to use it in the future.

For more information or with any questions about Evolv, please contact evolvpilot@vcusd.org. VCUSD welcomes community feedback as it enhances safety measures across its campuses.

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.

Witching Wine Walk

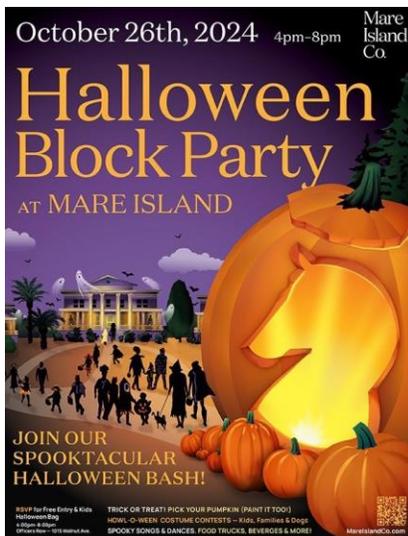


On **Saturday, October 19 from 1 to 5 p.m.**, hundreds of thirsty ghouls descend downtown Benicia on a witchy Fall afternoon to taste over a dozen wines offered at more than 30 First Street boutiques and galleries. Costumes welcome!

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](#).

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](#).

Moonlight Masquerade



Get ready for a spellbinding night of fun and mystery at Benicia's ultimate Halloween event, 'Moonlight Masquerade!' The iconic Benicia Clock Tower comes alive with a thrilling experience for an amazing cause. Enjoy elegant, pater-passed hors d'oeuvres, sip cocktails and mingle with zombies while basking in the spooky glow of a black-lit dance floor.

Monster hits served hot by DJ Jessie Ray, authentic tarot readings, costume contest, and festival vibes from Vallejo artist Stan Clark's

Astro Botanical sculptures. Come dressed to impress and prepare for a night to remember. This is a 21+ event you don't want to miss!

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

Trunk or Treat at Solano Community College



To secure a vendor table, 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:

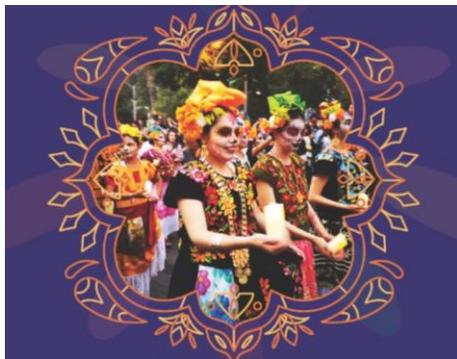
- Trick-or-Treating – Visit participating businesses for delicious treats and delightful surprises.
- Kids' Crafts – Make spooky crafts, decorate pumpkins, and create Halloween-themed art projects.

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!

Dia de los Muertos - Vallejo



Dia de los Muertos - Fairfield



The city of Fairfield is partnering with the Sullivan Language Immersion Academy and Solano Community College to bring you the Dia de los Muertos Event on **Saturday, November 2, from 12**

to 4 p.m., at the Sullivan Language Immersion Academy, 2195 Union Avenue.

Join for a vibrant celebration where we honor and remember loved ones with colorful altars, lively music, and delicious traditional foods.

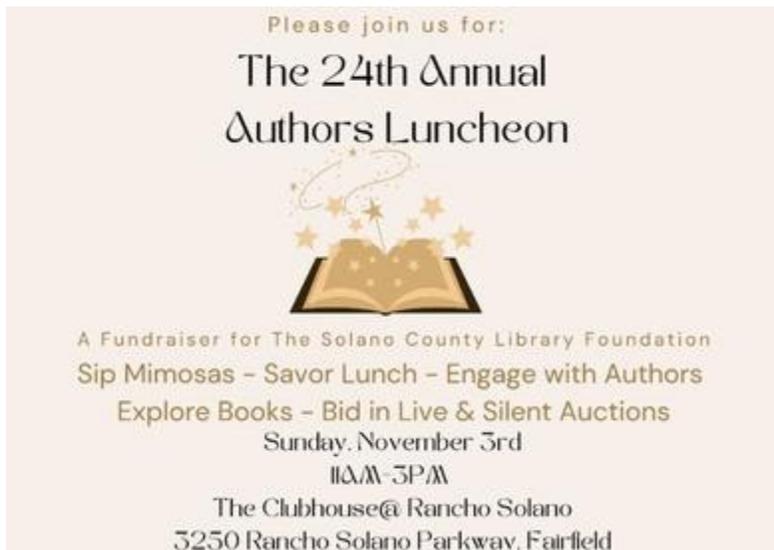
Volunteer for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11



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!

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](#).

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.

Applications are being accepted for members on the Tripartite Advisory Board



The Tripartite Advisory Board (TAB) consists of representatives from the public-sector, low-income sector, and private sector in Solano County working on addressing homelessness in the area. The TAB provides community expertise and guide the CAP Solano JPA by making recommendations on CSBG funding. The TAB also advises the CAP Solano JPA on long-term strategic planning, identifying local priorities and needs, and encouraging funding for what Solano County needs most.

The TAB meets quarterly in person, with additional meetings as needed.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an application [here](#). If you would like more information, please reach out to Megan Richards at merichards@solanocounty.com.

Applications are due October 31.

Preventing suicides survey



**WE NEED YOUR
FEEDBACK!**
**¡NECESITAMOS SUS
COMENTARIOS!**

Solano County wants to improve strategies for **preventing suicides**.

El Condado de Solano quiere fortalecer nuestras estrategias de **prevención al suicidio**.

SCAN FOR SURVEY
ESCANEAR PARA ENCUESTA



Questions? ¿Preguntas?
Contact / Contacto:
srcoordination@solanocounty.com



To access the survey, click [here](#).

Vallejo seeking assistant city manager applicants

The city of Vallejo is looking to hire an assistant city manager. For information about this position, please review the hiring brochure, which can be found [here](#).



The salary for this position is \$198,582 - \$241,379.

This position is open until filled with a first review of resumes on Friday, November 1. To be considered for this opportunity, please email a cover letter and a detailed resume to apply@bobhallandassociates.com

For any questions regarding this position or the recruitment process, please contact Joe Gorton at (707)628-6846.

Arts Benicia



On Saturday, October 26 Arts Benicia will open *Animalia*, the last exhibition of 2024, with a public reception from 4 to 6 p.m.

Juried by Isabella Kirkland, the exhibition features artists' diverse representations of the animal world.

Join for the following events:

Arts Benicia Member & Artists' Preview: Thursday, October 24, 6 - 7:00 pm

Public Opening Reception: Saturday, October 26, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Family Art Day: Sunday, November 17, 1 - 3 pm

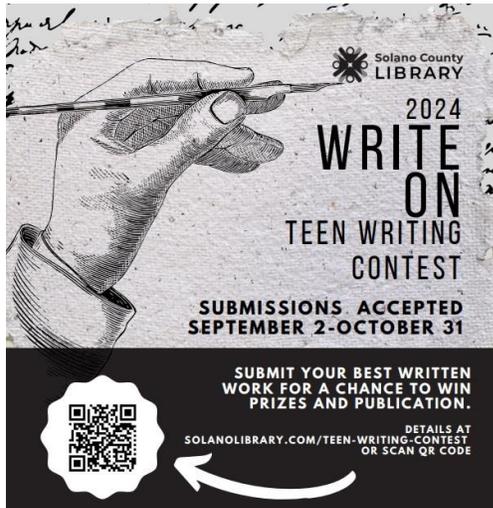
Mark your calendar for the opening of the Holiday Marketplace in the Gallery on Friday, November 1. And on Saturday, November 2, be sure to join for the next *Art Talks and Timely Conversations* presentation **Estate Planning for Artists: Ensuring Your Legacy**, from 2 to 4 pm in the Gallery. There will be a dynamic group of panelists for this important program, visit [ArtsBenicia.org/events](https://artsbenicia.org/events) for registration and tickets.

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 pm. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of Benicia'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 Arts Benicia programs. With your sponsorship support, they can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to the 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/>

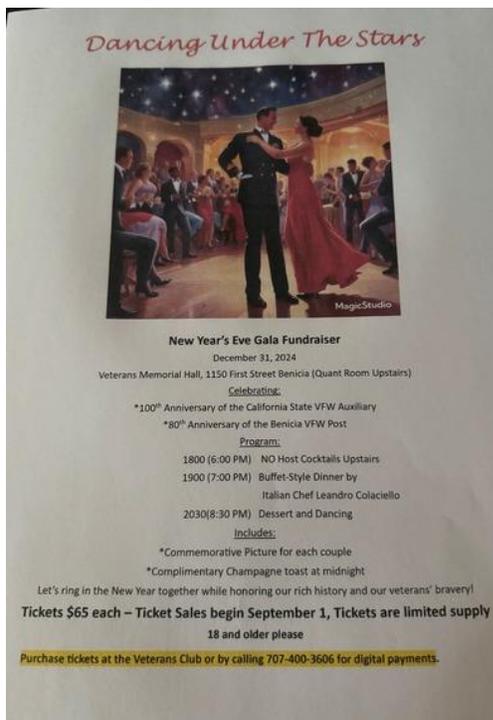
Teen Writing contest



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](#).

Dancing under the Stars



October calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The October calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

October 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.

Human Resources Job Announcement

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

Positions
Deputy Public Defender V
District Attorney Investigator
Epidemiologist
Human Resources Assistant (Entry/Journey) DQ
Human Resources Manager (Labor and Employee Relations)
Information Technology Analyst (Principal) – Law and Justice
Juvenile Detention Facility Superintendent
Library Aide

If you have any questions, please contact recruitment@solanocounty.com.

Upcoming events in Solano County 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](#).

Stride and Ride



The city of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its next Stride & Ride event on **Tuesday, October 22, from 12 to 5:30 p.m.**

Get your exercise on to the 2.4-mile walking-only course located on the back nine holes or take advantage of the 2.66-mile biking-only course on the front nine holes. Visit one of Fairfield's beautiful public golf courses while it is closed for regular play.

The event will take place at the Rancho Solano Golf Course, 3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy. A chance like this only comes around twice per year, weather permitting. Admission is free and open to all ages!

No pets, only service animals permitted.

To register for the event, please visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/events

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

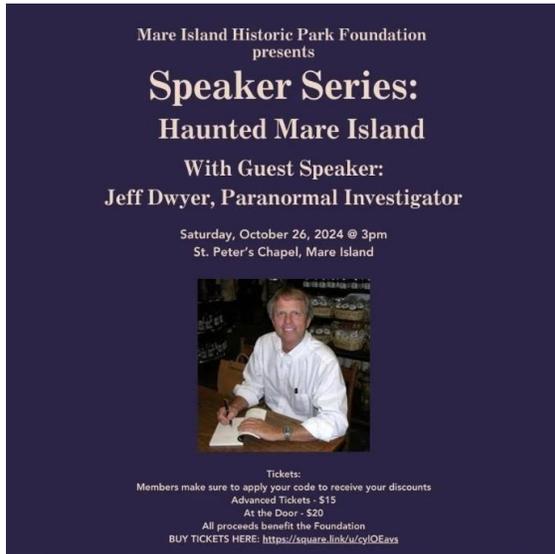
Floating Pumpkin Patch at Allan Wit

The city of Fairfield's Parks & Recreation Department will host its annual Bobbing for Pumpkins event, which will take place on Saturday, October 26 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex, 1741 W Texas Street, Fairfield.

Are you looking for a new, exciting way to find this year's pumpkin? Swim for it at a floating pumpkin patch! There will be decorations available for embellishing your pumpkin, games, and more! All persons entering the facility for this special event must pay the \$15 admission fee.

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

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/cyIQEavs).

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

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



**Purchase your
Tickets Here.**
Scan the QR Code or text 707-365-8384



Citizen's Youth Fire Academy

CITIZEN'S YOUTH FIRE ACADEMY



November
2nd
8 AM - 5 PM
1633 UNION AVE.
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533



Join the city of Fairfield Fire Department for a free day of training at the Fairfield Fire Department training tower on Friday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1633 Union Avenue.

The event is open to high school students looking to learn more about the fire service. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To sign up email: sheilamc@fsusd.org. Email bdombroski@fairfield.ca.gov for more fire department related information.

Magical Glass: A Hands-on Workshop Exploring Stained Glass

This fun, interactive children's workshop will start by studying the historic Tiffany-stained glass windows followed by time to explore St. Peter's Chapel on Mare Island. Everyone will then make their own tissue paper-stained glass window!



The workshop will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 9, at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue, Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

To reserve a spot, click [here](#).

Poetry Reading and Open Mic

FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE
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Jackie Berger

Jacqueline Berger's fifth book of poetry, *Left at the Ruin* (Terrapin Books) was published in August. Previous books include *The Gift That Arrives Broken*, *Autumn House*, and *Things That Burn*. She is a professor emerita at Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, California and has recently relocated to the Central Coast. Learn more at www.jacquelineberger.com

Lenore Weiss

Lenore serves as the Associate Creative Nonfiction (CNF) Editor for the *Mud Season Review* and lives in Oakland, California. Her environmental novel *Pulp into Paper* was published this year on Earth Day as was a new poetry collection, *Video Game Pointers*. Learn more at www.lenoreweiss.com

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Open Mare Island Self-Guided Tour



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A SolTrans shuttle bus will be available to help you move from docent-staffed stations, including St. Peter's Chapel, the Old Hospital, and the Naval Cemetery. This is a free event!

The open house will take place from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, November 17, at 1015 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

To reserve a spot, click [here](#).

Events I attended this week

Friday, October 11, I attended the 5th Graduating Class for the Adult Corrections Officer Core Academy. If you are thinking, I wonder if any of Monica's former students were at the event? YES. The event was held at the Rourk Vocational Training Center.

One of my former students was in the audience to celebrate his daughter's achievement. I was introduced to his family. My other student works for Solano County and had his hand in the training of the new Correctional Officers. It is true all our kids grow up. I enjoy seeing them become productive citizens.

Sunday, October 13, I attended the SPROUT FILM FESTIVAL sponsored by THE ARC Solano. The mission of The Arc-Solano is to promote the greatest personal growth, community understanding, and full participation of people with developmental disabilities and their families through support, education, and

advocacy. I watched 12 films that featured people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The films were made in Australia, USA, Spain UK, Netherlands, and Canada. My personal note: It has taken society many years to include our special needs students (with help) in our schools as well as our society. These films give a glimpse of what can be done when we treat everyone with respect and kindness.

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