



Solano County *California*

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April 25, 2025



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Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

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(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

Earth Day: Benicia



Save the date for the annual Earth Day Cleanup Event on **Saturday, April 26, from 8 to 11 a.m.** Meet at the 9th Street Park to pick up supplies.

From there, you are free to choose your favorite beach, park, or neighborhood to collect litter. Return to location to have your litter weighed and disposed of.

Bags, buckets, gloves, and a limited supply of litter grabbers will be available, but feel free to bring your own. **All participants are**

required to sign a waiver. Forms will be available at the event or feel free to print one and bring with you to save time.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/stormwater>

Earth Day: Vallejo



April 26: Earth Day Heroes Needed!



What?

Help us celebrate **Earth Day** and enhance one of Vallejo's beautiful waterways! Join us at Blue Rock Springs Creek from **9 to 11:30 a.m.** for a cleanup throughout the creek corridor.

Park for free at the Wardlaw Dog Park lot, then follow the path behind the dog park and cross the bridge. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, and gloves. It's a family-friendly event (if you are under 18, you must be accompanied by an adult). We'll provide tools, buckets, water and refreshments. For questions or to RSVP, email Info@VallejoWatershedAlliance.org or call (707) 652-7812. We hope to see you there!

Where?

Blue Rock Springs Creek (park at Wardlaw Dog Park and cross bridge behind park.)
1805 Ascott Parkway

Earth Daze Festival

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 300 Block of Virginia Street in downtown Vallejo. Visit TheEverWonder.org for more information.

Thanks to our Partners



Vallejo Watershed Alliance
707-652-7812
Info@VallejoWatershedAlliance.org
VallejoWatershedAlliance.org



U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

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NATIONAL SUICIDE
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800-273-8255

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800 799 4889

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THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

Earth Daze in Downtown Vallejo



First Lt. Gabrielle A. White



Congratulations to **Gabrielle A. White** – the first female finisher of the U.S. Army’s Best Ranger Competition.

First Lt. Gabrielle A. White and her teammate completed the annual three-day competition at Camp Roger in Fort Benning, Georgia, on April 13. White, a 25-year-old West Point graduate, became the first woman to compete and finish the intensive challenge.

The competition, which involves more than 30 events such as combat water survival, bayonet obstacle course, ballistic breaching, helocast, rope bridge, military knots and other physically and mentally taxing skills.

White is an 11A (infantry officer) assigned to the Maneuver Captains Career Course, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 81st Armored

Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade. She graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in May 2021 and completed Ranger School in April 2022. Her past accolades, include “two Army Commendation Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab and Air Assault Badge.”

The Best Ranger Competition website describes the challenge, launched in 1982, as a grueling competition, starring the best soldiers of the world.” Ten years ago, the Army started allowing women to enter U.S. Army Ranger School in 2015 – with Kristen Marie Giest and Shayne Lynne Haver becoming the first two women to graduate that year.”

Information this week

Governor Newsom announces SUN Bucks Program will provide food to California kids during summer break 2025



A press release from the Governor's Office:

Governor Gavin Newsom announced this week that California will soon be releasing electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards for the SUN Bucks food program in summer 2025. California was one of the first states in the nation to launch SUN Bucks in the summer of 2024. In its

first year, nearly \$500 million in food purchases were made and the families and caregivers of more than 4.3 million California children activated their SUN Bucks cards. Over 4 million eligible California children will automatically receive SUN Bucks EBT cards that can be used to purchase groceries starting in June, and each eligible child will receive \$120.

How SUN Bucks works

Most children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals through a school meal application or Universal Benefits Application, or receive CalFresh, CalWORKs, and/or Medi-Cal benefits (certified at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level), are automatically enrolled.

Children in foster care, experiencing homelessness or attending Head Start are also categorically eligible and are automatically enrolled. Based on California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and California Department of Education (CDE) data, more than 4 million children will be automatically enrolled this year.

Children who are not determined to be automatically eligible may apply by submitting a school meal application or [Universal Benefits Application](#) to their school or school administrator's office by September 1, 2025, in order to receive SUN Bucks benefits for summer 2025.

SUN Bucks cards for summer 2025 are scheduled to arrive in the mail beginning in June and will continue until mailings are complete. SUN Bucks EBT cards will provide \$120 per child, which is equivalent to \$40 per month for June, July, and August, the three months schools are typically closed.

"We're excited to see SUN Bucks return for the summer of 2025," CDSS Director Jennifer Troia said. "Last year, this program not only helped put food on the table for millions of California families, but it also bolstered local economies where food benefits were spent."

Regardless of when a SUN Bucks EBT card is mailed or received, every card is loaded with the full \$120 per child. Per federal rules, funds must be used within 122 days of the funds being added to the card. Any unused funds on the card will expire after 122 days. Expired benefits cannot be replaced. Visit the [CDSS website for more information](#).

Participation in SUN Bucks will have no bearing on eligibility for CalFresh or any other public benefit program. Children who receive SUN Bucks may still participate in other summer meal options, such as [SUN Meals](#).

Leading the way to fight hunger

California was the first state to implement a statewide Universal Meals Program for schoolchildren, providing all public TK-12 students access to two free meals per school day. In September, Governor Newsom [signed legislation](#) to increase enrollment in state food assistance programs, reduce youth consumption of processed foods, and increase access to healthy, locally grown food in all California communities.

First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom also championed efforts to develop the innovative California Farm to School initiative. California Farm to School works in tandem with universal school meals to ensure California students have access to two free school meals that are locally-sourced, delicious, and nutritious. California also participates in the federal SUN Bucks food program which ensures that children in families with low incomes have adequate nutrition while school is out for the summer.

About the SUN Bucks program

In December 2022, Congress passed the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023](#), which created a new, permanent Summer EBT program for states to provide food benefits to families

beginning in 2024. In July 2023, California passed [Assembly Bill 120](#), establishing the CDSS as the lead implementing agency, in partnership with CDE, to maximize Summer EBT program participation for summer 2024. This program is being [rolled-out in many parts of the country](#).

Due to the large number of automatically enrolled children, SUN Bucks EBT card issuances will occur in two stages:

- Stage 1: Automatically enrolled children will begin receiving their cards in early June through July 2025. Cards will be mailed in alphabetical order according to the child's last name.
- Stage 2: Children determined eligible after the start of Stage 1 will begin receiving their cards in September 2025 until mailings are complete.

Executive Order



There have been some questions about the Executive Order from the White House regarding shipbuilding. Here is a [link](#) to the information.

We Hear You: Amid Growing Social Security Disruption Concerns, Attorney General Bonta Launches New Complaint Page

From California Attorney General Rob Bonta:

California Attorney General Bonta this week announced the launch of a new [webpage](#) to allow Californians to report any disruptions they've experienced to their Social Security benefits.



“Your social security benefits should not be impacted by President Trump and Elon Musk’s cuts to federal funding and programs,” **said Attorney General Bonta**. “If you experience any disruptions to your social security benefits, I want to know. Please report any disruptions to my office using the form found at oag.ca.gov/socialsecurity.”

Within the last months, chaotic changes and disruptions within the Social Security Administration have caused issues for people trying

to access their benefits, including reported website outages, difficulty accessing online accounts, and potential delays in benefits. These issues are largely attributed to changes including a cut to 12% of the Social Security workforce, potential gutting of its phone services, and the closure of field offices. The California Department of Justice is committed to protecting Californians from unlawful actions by the Trump Administration which should not impede access to federal entitlement programs — including social security benefits.

While the California Department of Justice does not represent individuals, this information is vital to ascertaining the impact of federal actions on California and aiding with any potential future action by the state. To file a complaint with the California Department of Justice, please visit [here](#).

People experiencing disruptions to their Social Security benefits or difficulty reaching the Social Security Administration should also contact their Congressional representatives, who may be able to assist.

- Find your [House Representative](#)
- Connect with [Senator Alex Padilla](#)
- Connect with [Senator Adam Schiff](#)

Local legal aid programs may also be able to help. For more information about legal aid resources in your community, please refer to lawhelpca.org.

You may also submit a complaint directly to the [Social Security Administration](#) at or call 1-800-772-1213 to discuss your issue. To report social security fraud, please contact the [Social Security Office of the Inspector General](#).

If you wish to contact the Trump Administration directly, you may do so [here](#)

Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Open Now



The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, in partnership with the Marie Harrison Community Foundation, is pleased to announce the third year of the Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship! They've awarded scholarships to 16

students in the first two years of the program and plan to award another 12 students this year.

This \$5,000 scholarship supports college students who demonstrate a passion for improving environmental health and air quality in the overburdened frontline communities of the Bay Area. The Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship continues the legacy of Marie Harrison, an environmental justice leader and supporter of impacted youth. Ms. Harrison spent decades working to bring environmental health and social justice to the Bayview Hunters Point community in San Francisco. She passed away in May 2019. Her actions inspired environmental justice communities throughout the Bay Area and California.

For more information about the scholarship, [visit the application form](#). **Applications are due May 30.**

For questions or more information, please contact Daniel Madrigal: dmadrigal@baaqmd.gov

56-Hour Closures scheduled to begin in March for Rio Vista Bridge



From a Caltrans press release:

Caltrans is advising motorists of six scheduled weekend closures of the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madere Memorial Bridge) on State Route 12 (SR 12) for ongoing repairs.

This \$27.2 million project is funded through the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program and will require multiple 56-hour weekend closures for the work to be completed because of the limited width of the bridge to allow for heavy equipment access.

The project is making necessary mechanical repairs, replacing the movable deck span and replacing bridge rails.

During the weekend closures that are scheduled between March and June, the contractor will replace the movable span bridge deck

concrete, and 60 steel stringers needed to extend the service life of the bridge.

Due to the limited width of the exiting bridge deck, 56-hour weekend bridge closures are necessary to facilitate safe access to the work for contractor and Caltrans personnel.

The 56-hour weekend bridge closure schedule will lessen total project workdays and help avoid the wait times at peak commute hours during the week.

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

CLOSURE DATES:

- 9 p.m. Friday 4/25 - 5 a.m. Monday 4/28
- 9 p.m. Friday 5/09 - 5 a.m. Monday 5/12
- 9 p.m. Friday 6/06 - 5 a.m. Monday 6/09
- 9 p.m. Friday 6/20 - 5 a.m. Monday 6/23

Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment or material availability, or other unexpected events.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert” and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

Virus that causes polio-like illness found in Bay Area as influenza cases spike

Get your gallon of hand sanitizer out from underneath the kitchen sink, because while COVID-19 levels may be low, a slew of other [respiratory illnesses](#) are riding high in the Bay Area.

According to recent data from [WastewaterScan](#), a Stanford-run program that tracks viral traces in local wastewater, levels of influenza B — a virus that causes similar symptoms as the flu — were prevalent throughout virtually the entire region as of Tuesday morning. But for local infectious diseases experts, this information comes as no surprise: This past February, they remarked that California experienced one of the [worst flu surges of the century](#), which led to an increased number of deaths and hospitalizations.

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

Proposed Federal Budget Jeopardizes Vital Programs for Older Adults



Last week, we warned of proposed federal cuts to Medicaid and SNAP—lifeline programs relied upon every

day by older and disabled adults, caregivers and families in Napa and Solano counties. If enacted, these cuts would strip away critical healthcare and nutrition services.

Now, we face another alarming development.

The Trump Administration's leaked FY 2026 budget proposes dismantling the **Older Americans Act (OAA)**. Established nearly 60 years ago, the OAA has long provided essential support to help older adults live safely and independently at home. Such support includes:

- Home delivery meal services and congregate meal programs
- In-home care and caregiver respite
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Elder abuse prevention

The proposed changes would shift OAA programs to agencies not designed to manage them and significantly reduce or eliminate funding for several services altogether. As USAging's CEO Sandy Markwood says, "By breaking apart this vital program, the Trump Administration is undermining the federal commitment to assist older Americans in aging well at home."

Call (202) 224-3121 to share your concerns with your Senators (Padilla and Schiff) and Representatives (Garamendi or Thompson). Help ensure that policymakers understand the real-life impact of changes to these critical services.

Learn more at bit.ly/USAging-Release.

Your help is needed



EMERGENCY FIRST AID GUIDELINES FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS



WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Teachers (All Grades & Subjects)
- School Office Staff
- Recreation Aids
- After School Program Staff
- School Administrators
- School Support Staff

Sign Up
By May 2nd

SCAN HERE



- ✓ Participate in a 1-hour virtual focus group
- ✓ Provide feedback on draft Emergency First Aid flowcharts
- ✓ **Volunteers with no previous medical training (other than first aid) are preferred**



To register, click [here](#).

USDA withdraws proposal to reduce Salmonella in poultry

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has withdrawn a proposed rule aimed at reducing *Salmonella* illnesses linked to raw poultry products.

The [withdrawal](#) of the *Salmonella* Framework for Raw Poultry Products, which was proposed by the Biden administration in August 2024, was posted today in the *Federal Register* by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

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

ICE is reversing termination of legal status for international students around US, lawyer says

The federal government is reversing the termination of legal status for international students around the U.S. after many filed court challenges against the Trump administration crackdown, a government lawyer said Friday.

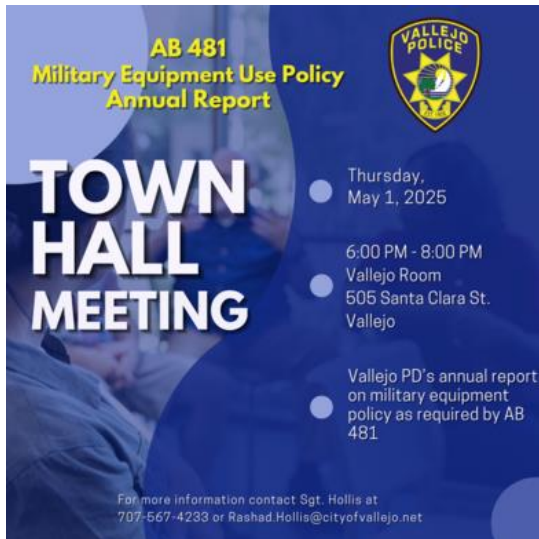
The records in a federal student database maintained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had been terminated in recent weeks, often without the students or their schools being notified. Judges around the country had already issued orders temporarily restoring the students' records in dozens of lawsuits challenging the terminations.

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

I am very happy. I met many international students when my daughter attended University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and University of Arizona - Tucson. Such a loss of bright students if ICE had not reversed what they were doing. Where is the trust? - Monica

Public meetings

Vallejo PD to host community town hall meeting





The Vallejo Police Department (VPD) is inviting the community to attend an upcoming Community Town Hall meeting on **Thursday**,

May 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Vallejo Room located at 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.

VPD will present its annual report on our Assembly Bill (AB) 481 - Military Equipment Use Police. Vallejo residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this upcoming town hall meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, you will be able to view the recorded meeting the following day on our website, Vallejopd.net.

GVRD seeks public input




BUDGET PROCESS
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
PUBLIC OUTREACH

Other ways to participate:

- Scan or click the QR code to provide input.
- Additional board meeting dates posted on our website.

6:30pm
Thursday, May 22, 2025
GVRD Boardroom
401 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA



707-648-4600 www.gvrd.org

Community Corner

SolTrans PAC Openings



SolTrans, the public transportation agency serving Benicia and Vallejo, is seeking three Benicia members for its Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC consists of nine members of the public with demonstrated expertise or a

special interest in transit issues, who reside within the boundaries of the agencies they represent. Each Member Agency (the City of Benicia, the Solano Transportation Authority, and the City of Vallejo) appoints three public members to serve on this committee.

The PAC meets quarterly or as needed and provides input to the SolTrans Board on service and fare adjustments, short-range transit plans, and SolTrans' annual work plan.

Email completed applications to Kristine Peterson at kpeterson@ci.benicia.ca.us

If you have any problems accessing, completing, or printing the application online, please call the City Clerk's Office at (707) 746-4200 or email Kristine Peterson and an application will be sent to you.

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

Benicia library and Kanopy



Check out streaming family favorites.

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Films that matter

Cozy up, fam! Browse and stream Benicia Public Library's collection of movies, TV shows, and documentaries on Kanopy – all subscription free with your library card. Get started here: <https://www.kanopy.com/en/benicia/>

JFK Library April Events Calendar



JFK Library April Events Calendar can be found [here](#).

Book sale

A promotional poster for a book sale. The background is light blue with a faint grid pattern. On the right side, there is a stack of colorful books with various patterns on their spines. The text is as follows:

Friends of the Library
BOOK SALE
VACAVILLE TOWN SQUARE LIBRARY
April 25th - 27th

- April 25th - *Members Only Day* (memberships can be purchased on-site)
- April 26th -27th - open to everyone
- April 27th - **\$5 Bag Day** - fill an entire bag full of books for only 5 bucks!

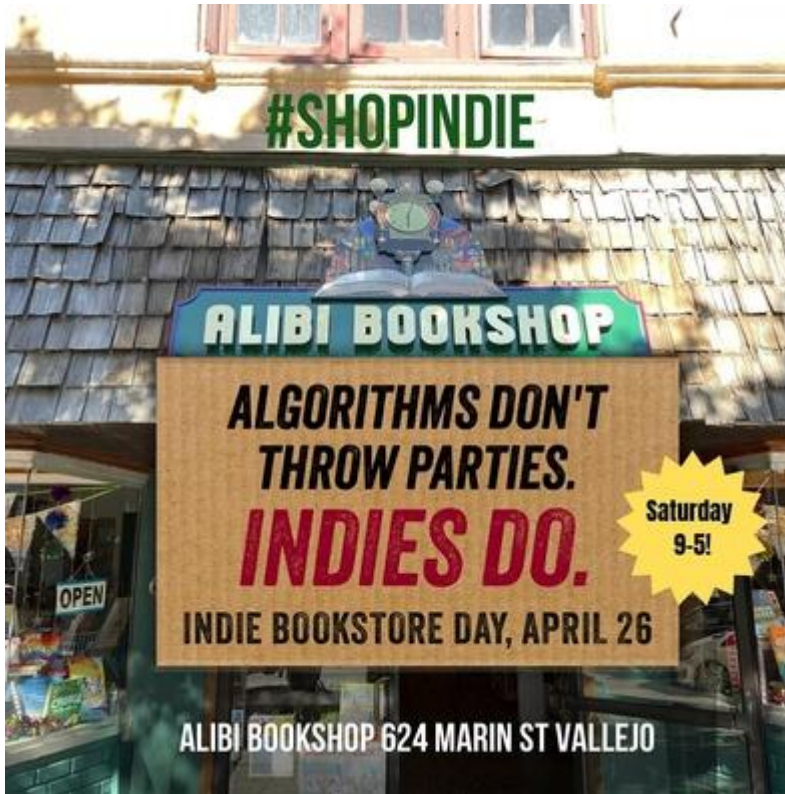
all proceeds benefit library services and events for children and adults

The Friends of the Vacaville Libraries will host a book sale at the Vacaville Town Square Library. Friday, April 25, is for members only. Memberships can be purchased on-site during the event. Sunday, 4/27/25, is \$5 bag day (fill an entire bag of books for just \$5). You won't beat these prices anywhere else!

The Friends of the Vacaville Libraries is a nonprofit organization that promotes reading and learning through sponsorship of library services and events.

The Vacaville Town Square Library is located at 1 Town Square Place.

Indie Bookstore Party at Alibi Bookshop



Books & Blankets

BENICIA READS

You bring the blankets, we'll bring... BOOKS, MUSIC, MAGIC, FOOD, MORE!!!

City Park
First Street @ Military East
(1149 1st Street)

BENICIA READS is a partnership between Benicia Unified School District & the City of Benicia

FREE FAMILY FUN
Books & Blankets

Saturday, April 26
10am-12pm
@ City Park

MAGIC with DANTE at 10:30

Activities for kids and Families.

Sponsors:

BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, VALERO, MILKMAN CREATIVE CO., ANOTHER CHAPTER

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Books & Blankets event at the **City Park in downtown Benicia! On Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to noon**, you'll find books, music, a magician, food, and more, all free for the whole family! The library is a proud sponsor for this event, where all you need to bring is a blanket.

ASL Storytime



Come enjoy an interactive storytelling experience in American Sign Language (ASL). A skilled ASL storyteller will bring stories to life with expressive signing, engaging visuals, and lots of fun!

All children and families are welcome—whether you're fluent in ASL or just starting to learn!

This event will recur on the fourth Saturday of each month, though this is subject to change.

The story time will take place from 11:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 26, at the library, 150 East L Street.

Our Best to You

The poster for "Our Best to You" features a warm, autumnal color palette of oranges, yellows, and browns. At the top, it reads "The Benicia Poet Laureate Program celebrates National Poetry Month with:". The title "Our Best to You" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Below the title is an illustration of an open book with a sprig of flowers growing from it. To the right, the date and time "APRIL 27 2-4PM" are displayed in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. In the center, there is an illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a teal jacket and dark pants, standing at a wooden podium and speaking into a microphone. To the left of the podium, the text says "Come listen to the favorite poems of many local poets laureate! Come read your own favorite (3 minute maximum)." At the bottom left, it says "In the Doña Benicia Room. Luscious treats will be served! Door prizes will be given out!" The Benicia Public Library logo is in the bottom left corner, and the text "Hosted by Katrina Monroe, Benicia Poet Laureate" is in the bottom right corner.

The Benicia Public Library is located 150 East L Street.

Free Comic Book Day



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 3

**ALL 9
BRANCHES!
ALL DAY LONG!**

FREE COMICS FOR ALL AGES • ONE DAY ONLY

AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

 **Solano County
LIBRARY**

Web: solanolibrary.com
Phone: 1-866-572-7587
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This is a free event where each library branch will be giving out free comics to kids and teens! It is sure to be a lot of fun! To view library hours and locations, click [here](#).

30th Annual Library Literacy Celebration



**30th Anniversary
Literacy
Celebration**
Celebrating the Past, Inspiring the Future

Solano County Library Literacy Services invites you to help celebrate the achievements and efforts of literacy students, and to recognize literacy tutors and volunteers for their dedication to their community.

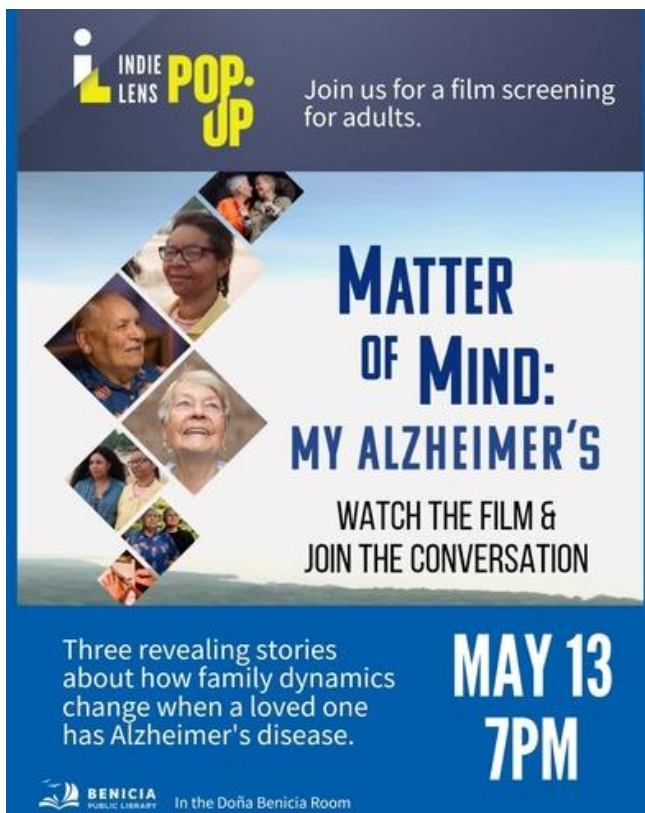
Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 11AM - 1:30PM

County Events Center
601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533
Map and directions attached

Seating is limited and lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP for you and your guests by April 18, 2025
Literacy@SolanoCounty.com or 707-784-1526

 Solano County LIBRARY
Web: solanolibrary.com
Phone: 1-866-972-7587
Facebook: solanolibrary

Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's




INDIE LENS POP-UP Join us for a film screening for adults.

MATTER OF MIND: MY ALZHEIMER'S
WATCH THE FILM & JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Three revealing stories about how family dynamics change when a loved one has Alzheimer's disease.

**MAY 13
7PM**

 BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY In the Doña Benicia Room

Speaker Series: Dr. Tom Snyder – Mare Island Naval Hospital (1864–1957)

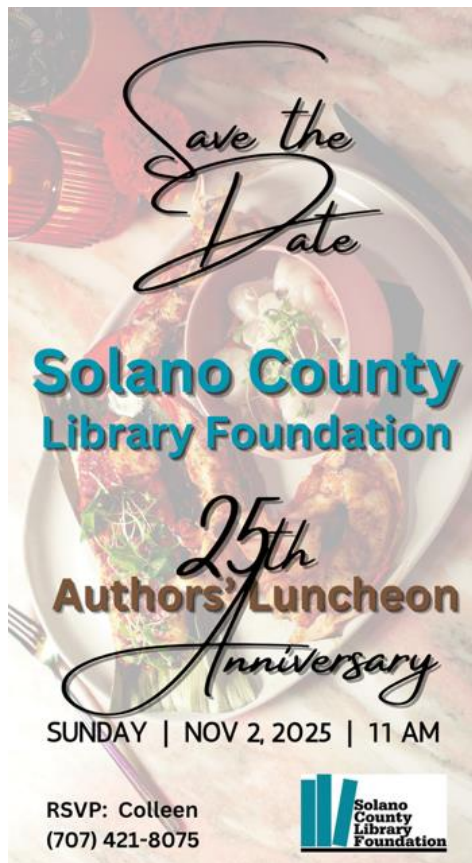
The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation's Speaker Series continues on Saturday, May 17 at 3p.m. with author Dr. Tom Snyder, who wrote *Mare Island Naval Hospital (1864–1957)*.

Dr. Tom Snyder is a retired Navy Captain, and urological surgeon. Dive into the fascinating history of the Navy's first West Coast hospital—from its Civil War roots to its pivotal role in WWII and beyond.

The event will take place at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo. Tickets are \$15 advance and \$20 at the door. Special member pricing available. Members, email admin@mihpf.org for your exclusive discount code before purchasing!

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

Save the date for special Authors Luncheon



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

Updates from around Solano County

Ferry schedule



A message from the Vallejo Ferry:

Special schedules will be in effect Monday, April 28 to Thursday, May 1 due to extreme low tides. Some trips will depart only from Mare Island—with free shuttle buses running between Vallejo Terminal and Mare Island. Plan ahead!

Here's what to know:

Monday, April 28

Morning Southbound:

- 7:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM – Bus shuttles from Vallejo → Mare Island
- Depart Mare Island: 7:45 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM → Arrive SF: 8:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM

Evening Northbound:

- All ferries arrive Mare Island only
- Free shuttles return to Vallejo

Tuesday, April 29

Only 9:30 AM ferry from Mare Island → SF

9:15 AM bus from Vallejo

All ferries arrive Mare Island → Shuttles to Vallejo

Wednesday, April 30

Morning Southbound:

- 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM – Bus shuttles
- Ferries depart Mare Island: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Ferries arrive Mare Island → Shuttles return to Vallejo

Thursday, May 1

Only 11:00 AM ferry from Mare Island → SF

• 10:45 AM bus from Vallejo

Ferries arrive Mare Island → Shuttles to Vallejo

Parking Info

- Free parking at Mare Island (limited)
- Paid parking at Vallejo Terminal with shuttle service

Ferry staff will help guide boarding—afternoon shuttles leave as soon as they fill.

State Route 37 and Fairgrounds Dr. interchange



Work has begun on the state route 37 and Fairgrounds Dr. interchange in North Vallejo, according to the city of Vallejo.

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in partnership with the city of Vallejo, Caltrans, and Solano County, is leading construction on the State Route 37/Fairgrounds Drive Interchange Improvements Project. This project will include roadway improvements along portions of Fairgrounds Drive and Redwood Parkway/Redwood Street, as well as several nearby intersections and interchanges within the City of Vallejo. Specifically, this project will widen and improve 1.5 miles of Fairgrounds Drive, extending from the State Route 37 interchange to the Redwood Parkway/Interstate 80 Interchange. The project will implement a Diverging Diamond Interchange design that will significantly improve traffic flow and safety, while reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. At the end of the project, it will be both safer and easier for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists to access and navigate.

The project supports Solano 360, a larger county wide economic development to revitalize the area and encourage economic growth and development. This includes a mobility hub at the Fairgrounds site, which is funded by One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3OBAG-3 and various grants provided by the STA to the County, who is the project sponsor. Improvements will also be made to a number of intersections and interchanges, including Redwood Street/Parkway and Interstate 80, Fairgrounds Drive and State Route 37. This project will relieve congestion and improve traffic flow on local streets, improve the existing interchange and intersection operations, improve the safety of local streets, and increase capacity of the local roadway network to support future growth.

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

Cinco de Mayo on the Suisun Waterfront



The 3rd Annual Cinco De Mayo in Suisun City on the Waterfront returns from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 4.

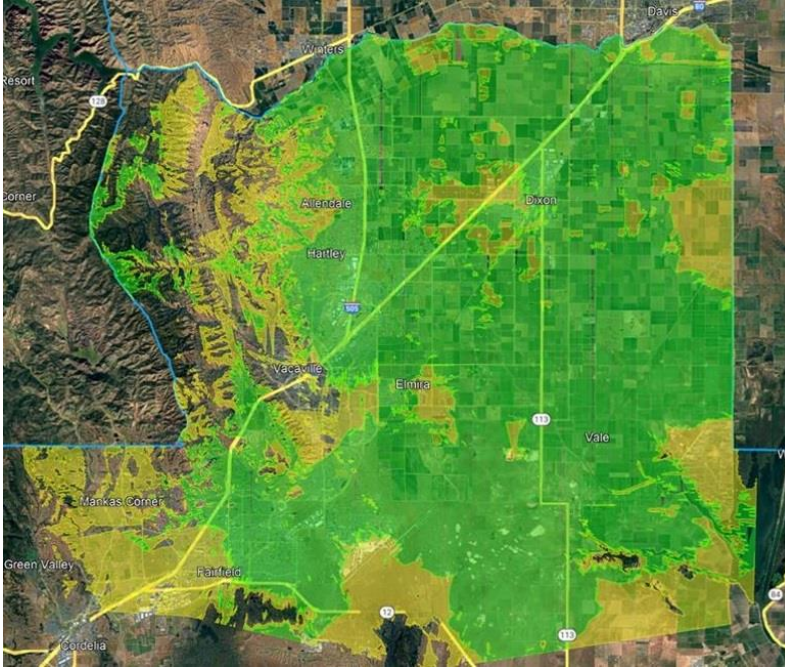
There will be live entertainment, delicious cultural food, train rides for the kids and vendors to shop from. Come and enjoy the cultural experience and be in community.

VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE

The application is open for vendors: <https://bit.ly/2025CincoDeMayo>

If you have questions about being a vendor, contact tlspmarketingfirm@gmail.com or (707) 694-8828.

County and Cal.net to break ground on new broadband tower in Dixon, expanding internet access in rural areas



From a Solano County press release:

The public is invited to join Solano County officials and Cal.net for a groundbreaking ceremony at the new broadband tower site, **located at 8757 Pedrick Road in Dixon, on Wednesday, April 30, at 3 p.m.**

This event marks a significant milestone in the County's efforts to expand internet access for residents in rural communities.

"Access to fast, reliable internet has become essential for work, education, healthcare, and staying connected," said John M. Vasquez, District 4 Supervisor. "This project helps ensure more of our rural county residents have the tools they need to participate fully in modern life."

The Dixon tower is part of a cutting-edge 6 GHz network utilizing Tarana Wireless' next-generation fixed wireless access (ngFWA) technology. This advanced system is designed to deliver fast, reliable internet to communities currently underserved by federal infrastructure programs. Developed by Cal.net, the network will include seven new towers aimed at reaching residents who have long lacked consistent and affordable broadband access.

"We are very excited to partner with Solano County and bring fast reliable internet to residents within the County," said Craig Stein,

Cal.net CEO. "Once complete, residents can expect download speeds of up to 400 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 100 Mbps, depending on location and line-of-sight conditions."

As part of this initiative, Solano County is covering full hookup costs for up to 800 eligible rural households on a first-come, first-served basis. This includes customer equipment, an indoor Wi-Fi router, professional installation, and service activation—at no cost to the resident. Funded by the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation, the project supports the construction of seven broadband towers in unincorporated areas, reinforcing Solano County's commitment to expanding high-speed internet access where it's needed most.

"Tarana is proud to support this important initiative with Cal.net," said Carl Guardino, Tarana's VP of Government Affairs and Public Policy. "Solano County is a perfect example of the underserved communities our ngFWA technology was designed to reach."

Residents are encouraged to contact Cal.net at (530) 240-7837 or visit to www.cal.net and submit a Resident Inquiry Request to verify coverage and determine eligibility.

New Traffic Pattern for Southbound West 7th Street Traffic at Military West



From the city of Benicia:

On Monday, April 21 there will be a new traffic pattern for southbound traffic on West 7th Street at Military West. Vehicles traveling southbound on West 7th Street will be able to turn left (eastbound) onto Military West from either the right or left lane. Thru traffic on West 7th Street will now be from the right lane. Vehicles must be in the right lane to continue onto West 7th Street and to access the businesses on the south side of the intersection. Line extensions (dashed white lines) will be added in the intersection to guide the left turning traffic. Do not cross these dashed lines within the intersection.

Please use caution and slow down when navigating this intersection. The purpose of these improvements is to increase southbound vehicle volume, thus reducing phase durations and wait times at this traffic signal.

Please direct questions to the City of Benicia Public Works Department at pw@ci.benicia.ca.us

BayNorth Winter Shelter's final month and overall impact



From the city of Fairfield:

During the final (for the season) month of operation, there was an overall 101% utilization rate for the month with an average of eight unhoused residents utilizing the BayNorth's Winter Shelter for at least one night.

Seventy-seven percent of those nights were utilized by unhoused males and 23% were utilized by unhoused females. Two of the participants using the winter shelter during the month of March secured a permanent housing solution.

Over the five months the winter shelter was open, BayNorth assisted 78 unhoused residents who have used the program at least one night. There was an overall 80% utilization rate (1,202 total beds total).

Participants were provided with a shower, a hot meal, a warm and safe place to rest for the night, and some food to take with them to go in the morning. Additionally, clothing, hygiene items and linkages to other support services were provided.

Overall, six unhoused residents moved into longer term housing solutions with three moving into temporary housing and three moving into permanent housing.

We thank BayNorth Church of Christ for their partnership and in providing these services to our unhoused community this winter.

Congregate Meal program



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

new & EXCITING

CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM



Come for nutritious meals, friendship, and fun!

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

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

Meal Reservations are Required two days in advance.

To make a meal reservation, you can:

- Go to one of the sites from 11-1 pm
- Call or text (707) 684-4376
- Email info@innovativehealths.com

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



INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

LOCATIONS & HOURS

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

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

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

MCBRIDE SENIOR CENTER
91 Town Square, Vacaville
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

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

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

DIXON SENIOR MULTI-USE CENTER
201 S 5th St., Dixon
Tues & Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

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

To reserve a warm meal at any of the seven (7) sites, clients can:

1. Call or text: 707 | 684-4376
2. Email the general email: info@innovativehealths.com
3. Go to one of the sites and reserve onsite with an IHS site host

Reservations are required at least two (2) days in advance. If you have a large group (4+) attending, please give at least one (1) week notice.

Benicia Police Department PersonSafe Program



From the city of Benicia:

If you have a person in your household that has unique needs or an elderly person with cognitive impairments, you are encouraged you to take part in Benicia Police Department's PersonSafe Program. The Program was developed in response to requests from families of people with Dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism, and other differing abilities.

Knowing in advance about unique needs of individuals in the home can help emergency personnel be prepared to serve you better.

A registration form for the Program can be downloaded at <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/PersonSafeAlert>.

Current photos are also helpful and may be attached to the application. The information you provide on the form will allow the program to create a confidential file associated with the address that can be referenced ONLY by emergency personnel if there is a request to respond to an incident or emergency at your home.

Please complete and send the form and photo to Police@ci.benicia.ca.us

To learn more, click [here](#).

Solano County accepting applications for new County Administrator



Solano County Administrator Bill Emlen has announced his intent to retire in 2025. The Board of Supervisors has begun looking for his replacement.

To view the job brochure, click [here](#).

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

To view other Solano County job opportunities, view below.

Positions	Job Posting Opened
Accountant (Senior)	04/24/2025

NOTE: To be considered for the recruitment(s) listed above you must submit an application by the date indicated in the job announcement. The new eligible list(s) resulting from the above recruitment(s) may replace an existing eligible list; therefore, interested candidates are encouraged to apply for the current recruitment.

If you have any questions regarding the recruitments listed above, please contact the assigned HR Analyst listed in the job posting.

For general inquiries, please contact recruitment@solanocounty.gov.

Spring 2025 Vaccine Clinics Hosted by Solano Public Health



FREE VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA

First come, first served. While supplies last.



*Eligibility requirements may apply.

Date	Time	Location	Vaccines
Thursday, March 27, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, April 24, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 15, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 22, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Health & Social Services Multipurpose Room 2101 Courage Dr, Fairfield, CA 94533	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 29, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Public Health Multipurpose Room 2109 355 Tuolumne St, 2nd Floor Vallejo, CA 94590	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+

<https://www.solanovaxfacts.com>
 Facebook: @Solano Public Health

These free events target low-income and/or uninsured residents in Solano County. Now is the time for families to get their students vaccines required for school. Flu levels are still high! It's not too late

– everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu vaccine to prevent serious illness and hospitalization.

La Raza Lawyers Association of Solano 2025 High School Scholarship Dinner



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

City of Fairfield to celebrate grand opening of all-inclusive playground at Allan Witt Community Park



From a city of Fairfield press release:

The city of Fairfield, in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department, invites the community to join the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated all-inclusive playground at Allan Witt Community Park. The event marks the grand opening of this exciting new space designed to be accessible and fun for children of all abilities.

Key Details:

- **Location: Allan Witt Community Park, 1741 W. Texas St., Fairfield**
- **Date and Time: Monday, May 12, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Event Highlights:

- Ribbon-cutting ceremony with city officials
- Music, refreshments, and family-friendly entertainment
- Interactive games and activities for all ages, hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department's Fun on the Run truck

The transformation of Allan Witt Community Park includes a variety of new features such as custom play structures, accessible paths, and inclusive play equipment like a sensory dome, swings for all abilities, and sign language and braille panels. This new playground offers a welcoming and fun environment for all children to enjoy.

For more information visit fairfield.ca.gov/allanwitt.

Special offer for Solano County

The graphic features a teal background. At the top, it reads "SPECIAL OFFER FOR - SOLANO COUNTY -". Below this is an illustration of a white van with a green roof and the text "MAKE IT HOME" on its side. The text below the van states: "We have a special offer to help households with children ages 0-5 get fully furnished! Your clients can receive essential furniture—delivered FREE to your client's home in Solano County. Thanks to a grant from First 5, we're offering this incredible deal: Service fee waived, Free delivery, Limited time offer!". At the bottom, it says "For more details or to apply, email us at: services@makeithomebayarea.org" and includes logos for "FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION" and "MAKE IT HOME".

Make It Home Bay Area offering to help households with Children ages 0-5 get fully furnished! Your clients can receive essential furniture - delivered free to your client's home in Solano County.

Service fee waived, free delivery, limited time offer!

For more details or to apply,
email: services@makeithomebayarea.org

2025 Veteran Home Rehab Applications deadline on April 30



From a Rebuilding Together Solano County press release:

Rebuilding Together Solano County provides our home rehabilitation services to veteran and surviving spouses of veterans, seniors and disabled homeowners residing in Solano County. Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy living environment for low-income veteran homeowners and community facilities.

Our services are provided free to qualified and selected homeowners. Do you know of someone, or do you qualify yourself for our home rehabilitation program?

How to apply:

1. Complete Veteran / Military 2025 Homeowner Application

2. By 04/30/25 Mail the completed Application and all supporting documentation to RTSC, PO Box 5996, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Contact Rebuilding Together Solano County at: Ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com for further information.

Qualifications Required:

- One or more household members must qualify as Military (Active, honorably discharged, retired or a surviving spouse of military)
- Own and live in a single-family residence located within Solano County. Home to be stick-built;
- The following items must be paid current:
 - 1) Mortgage(s)
 - 2) Property Taxes
 - 3) Homeowner’s Insurance;
- Potential homeowners cannot own other property or units unless located on the property of the primary residence;
- Household Income must fall below the low-income guidelines for Solano County (less than 80% of Area Median Income for 2024-2025)

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
\$70,450	\$80,500	\$90,550	\$100,650	\$108,700	\$116,750

For further details, visit www.RebuildingTogetherSolanoCounty.org.

First 5 Solano Community Responsive Mini Grants now available

First 5 Solano Community Responsive Mini Grants are now open for activities occurring July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.



First 5 Solano has now created a more flexible way to fund your event(s) or activity(ies). Grants will provide \$500-\$5,000 based on your needs and proposed ideas. First 5 Solano Mini Grants can fund things such as:

- Community Engagement Events: For one-time events or activities, Community Responsive Mini Grants can provide up to \$500 per event to connect with parents, caregivers and/or providers to increase awareness about a topic or resource available in the community. Examples: Community baby shower or early literacy lap read.

- Professional Development Opportunity: For Professional Development Opportunities, such as hosting or attending conferences or training, Community Responsive Mini Grants can provide up to \$3,000 per event, to strengthen the skills of Solano County providers for children ages 0-5. Professional Development Opportunities may be one-time (such as a one-day training) or over a time-period (such as a weekly training over 6 weeks). Examples: Lactation Education Certification training or Trauma Informed Care conference.
- Material and Equipment Purchase: Community Responsive Mini Grants can be used to support the purchase of equipment or materials up to \$5,000 to provide assistance for specific activities or services to children ages 0-5 and their families. Materials or equipment may be used for purposes including, but not limited to education, keeping children and families safe, make space appropriate for young children, etc. Examples: Purchase of new curriculum or purchase of furniture to create age-appropriate space in an office. (Please note: First 5 Solano follows best practices on limiting on the use of digital devices for young children and will not approve requests for screen-based learning, including tablets or computers.)
- Time-Limited Program: Community Responsive Mini Grants can be used to support Time-Limited Programs for up to \$5,000. Time-Limited Programs must be time-limited in nature and need to establish how many children, families or providers will be served, and what the intended outcome will be. Examples: A 6-week art class for children and grandparents focusing on Latino culture or a 10-week parent leadership training.

The application period will close at 4 p.m. on April 28, 2025.

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

Annual Glen Cove Garage Sale



The Annual Glen Cove Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 31.

Before you spring clean, consider participating in the annual Community Garage Sale. More than 60 homes have participated in the past, why not you? Free maps of participating homes will be handed out 8 to 11 a.m. at the Glen Cove Center. You must be a GCCA member to be listed on the map. [E-mail info@glencovevallejo.com](mailto:info@glencovevallejo.com) to sign up for the [garage sale!](#)

Rodriguez High School 2004 and 2005 reunions



RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 2004 + 2005 20 YEAR REUNION

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025 AT 6PM
VILLAGE 360, SUISUN VALLEY, CA

\$70/PERSON MARCH 1ST-APRIL 30TH
\$80/PERSON MAY 1ST-JUNE 20TH

Come join in for a night of reminiscing and catching up with old friends as the Rodriguez High School classes of 2004 and 2005 celebrate their 20-year reunions! Enjoy great music from a DJ, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar to keep the celebration going!

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces and celebrate the good times we shared back in the day. Letterman jackets and Rodriguez gear are encouraged!

Class of 2006 and staff are invited as well! Letterman jackets and Rodriguez gear are encouraged!

Take advantage of the early bird pricing by purchasing your ticket(s) by May 1 at \$70 per person. After that date, tickets will be \$80 per person. Hosted by your 2004 & 2005 ASB & Class Officers.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#). For more information, follow the Instagram page: rhs_20year_reunion_0405

NAMIWalks Solano



From a NAMIWalks press release:

NAMIWalks will take place at **10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Vallejo Waterfront.**

You are NAMIWalks. And so is your family member or friend. Or a future friend, for that matter. Each one of you can proudly wear the 2025 participant T-shirt that says I am NAMIWalks and a smile that says We are NAMIWalks. "We," the first two letters in welcome. No matter where you're coming from, where you're going, or what you're up to before and after the event. No matter your background, if you care about moving the needle of mental wellness here in our

community and beyond, you are welcome. Join the joy today. Why wait? The need is now, after all. The more money we raise, the more people NAMI can help. Through our free, top-rated programs, our life-saving support, education, and guidance and the power to turn up the volume on advocacy and awareness.

Together, we have the strength to lift hope itself — through our commitment, unity and laughter leading up to, and of course on, Walk Day.

Registration is live, so let NAMIWalks begin in your life.

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

April Showers

*Suzanne Bruce, Fairfield Poet Laureate Emerita
and*



Fairfield-Suisun City
Visual Arts Association

invite you to write a poem to an art piece

Exhibit: April Showers



Exhibit dates: April 16 – May 25, 2025

Solano Town Center Gallery:
1350 Travis Blvd #D-8 (inside the Town Center Mall)

Art Reception and Poetry Reading:

Saturday, April 26, 2025- 4:00-6:00pm

Art can be seen at the Gallery
Wednesday through Sunday 11:00am – 6:00pm (recommended)

Or online, beginning April 16th
www.fvaa-arts.org click on Gallery

Please send your poem, **42 lines or less**
to Suzanne: fairfieldpoetlaureate.emerita@gmail.com
by Thursday, April 24th- 5:00pm

Send preferably in a word doc. No picture of art necessary
Do put the name of the art and artist's name with your poem

Arts Benicia



School.

On March 30, Arts Benicia celebrated the opening of their bi-annual exhibition Next Generation, a most extraordinary display of the creative endeavors of the youth of our community, from Kindergarten through High

The reception, which brought 500 hundred persons to the gallery that afternoon, was an amazing experience for each child or teen to see their work on the wall of the gallery, and to share their sense of pride and artistic identity with family and friends.

"We never cease to enjoy watching these young artists bloom with the promise of creativity and curiosity about the arts," the group said in a press release. "We invite you to visit the gallery during April and experience their work and share in our joy."

Arts Benicia would also like to remind the community about their upcoming **Family Art Day on Sunday, April 27, 1 to 3 p.m.** Family Art Day is an opportunity for youth and families to explore and think about art and make art together. The annual showcase of Arts Benicia members' art follows in late May. Arts Benicia is looking forward to another celebration of regional talent and creativity in Art of a Community.

The Arts Benicia Gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the Commanding Officer's Quarters, in the historic Benicia Arsenal.

Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of the town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults and youth, many of which are open to beginners. Consider checking out the new classes listed on the Arts Benicia website. For full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes>.

Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia? The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of the 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/>

April calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The April calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall, can be found [here](#).

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

Upcoming events in Solano County

Pancakes for a Purpose at Applebee's to support Vallejo Juneteenth



Pancakes for a Purpose!

Every pancake helps fund Vallejo Juneteenth Celebration Committee scholarships and events.

April 26th, 2025
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar
1041 Admiral Callaghan Ln,
Vallejo, CA 94591

Call now to get your tickets for just \$20

*\$14.00 of donation is tax deductible

Don Jordan
(707) 208-3134

Or, text any of these numbers:
Loretta Gaddies
(707) 654-2346
Izzy Drumgoole
(530) 921-4070
Angela Jones
(707) 322-5748

Vallejo Juneteenth Parade and Festival
June 21, 2025
Parade: 9-10:30 a.m.
Festival: 11-5 p.m.
Barbara Kondylis Waterfront Green
301 Mare Island Way,
Vallejo, CA

vallejojunteenth.com

Garden Tour Hosted by Sustainable Solano



9th Annual Demonstration Food Forest Garden Tour

Learn simple techniques that you can apply to your own yard to create an ecosystem using water wisely

Saturday, April 26
9 AM - 4 PM
Benicia & Vallejo

Tour demonstration food forests, pollinator and community gardens in Benicia and Vallejo!

Register for this free event at www.SustainableSolano.org/events
\$15 Suggested Donation

Tour graciously supported by **magic cabinet**

Are you interested in growing your own food or want to replace your lawn with a more sustainable landscape? **The garden tour starts at 9 a.m. at Avant Garden in Benicia on Saturday, April 26.**

Attendees can pick up maps of participating gardens and visit Benicia gardens from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Vallejo gardens from 1 to 4 p.m. (there will be an opportunity to pick up maps at Vallejo People's Garden from noon to 1 p.m. for those who can only attend in the afternoon).

The tour is self-guided, and you can visit gardens at your own pace.

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

Vacaville Farmers' Market



It all happens every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and this year, the market will be year-round!

The next market will take place on Saturday, April 26.

This week's market will be located on East Main Street near Andrews Park.

Admission is free. Also, join the Peña Adobe Historical Society booth while also enjoying Vacaville's Farmers Market!

Meet Vallejo officials at the farmers' market



Come join city of Vallejo officials at the Vallejo Farmers Market, tomorrow April 26, as the community gears up for May in the city of Vallejo and share what is happening in Vallejo. Enjoy the bounty of local farmers and the atmosphere of downtown Vallejo.

Fairfield Police teams with DEA for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

From a city of Fairfield press release:

On Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Fairfield Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day **at 1000 Webster Street**. On that day, the DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs anonymously from approximately 5,000 locations nationwide.



For more than a decade, the event has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded, old, unwanted, or expired medications that too often become a gateway to addiction. Since its inception, Take Back Day has removed 19.2 million pounds (9,600 tons) of medication from circulation.

Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container with the cap tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information or to find a collection site near you, click [here](#).

Grand opening and ribbon cutting

**GRAND OPENING
& RIBBON CUTTING
EVENT**

L&L
HAWAII
SINCE 1952

✪ SATURDAY APRIL 26TH AT 10:30AM ✪
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL OPENING DAY AND
RIBBON CUTTING EVENT
AT L&L HAWAIIAN BARBECUE
LOCATED AT 836 SOUTHAMPTON ROAD, BENICIA

BENICIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Loma Vista Farm Spring Open House



Solano County American Indian Symposium



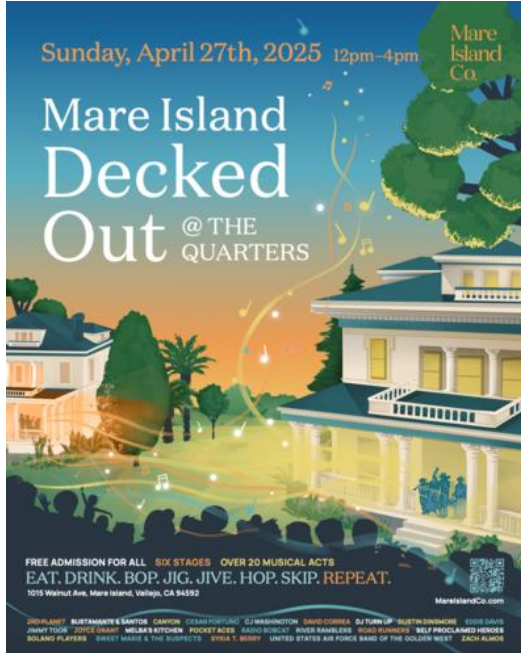
Join for a captivating Solano Symposium with special guests delving into American Indian topics on history, healing and sustainability organized by Partnership Healthplan of California.

The Solano County American Indian Symposium is tailored to engage with the indigenous community through panel discussions and presentations.

Partnership HealthPlan of California is a non-profit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits through local care providers to ensure Medi-Cal recipients have access to high-quality comprehensive cost-effective health care.

The symposium will take place from **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 27, at Touro University California at 1310 Club Drive on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.**

Mare Island Decked Out at The Quarters



Open Chapel is canceled



Discover Solano History at JFK Library



Step back in time and discover the rich history of Solano County!

Elissa DeCaro, lifelong resident of Solano County, has a B.A. in History and co-authored *Suisun City and Valley*. An advocate for historic preservation, Elissa is President of Solano County Historical Society, Treasurer for the Vacaville Heritage Council, and past Chair of the Solano Historical Records Commission.

Learn about the historic landmarks and special places throughout Solano County. Elissa will also share the valuable work and accomplishments of local organizations in their efforts to preserve Solano history, including ongoing projects to digitize thousands of historical documents, photographs and maps with Internet access to the images.

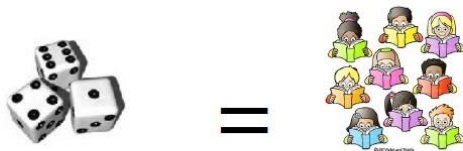
The McCune Collection-
Lower-level of JFK Library Bldg
505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo CA
-Finger food & light refreshments will be served-
(Enter through the sliding doors from the parking lot behind City Hall)

Details & map: www.mccunecollection.org/about

Bunco

Delta Xi Chapter
of
Delta Kappa Gamma
Presents a Fundraiser for our Chapter Projects

Bunco for Books



Tuesday, April 29, 2025
5 pm social hour/dinner Bunco starts at 6 pm
Tickets are \$30.00

Solano Event Center
601 Texas St., Fairfield

Ticket includes: Salad Supper, Dessert and a Glass of Wine/tea/coffee

Silent Auction/Raffle Sales for gift baskets or gifts

Mark your calendars now. Invite friends to join the fun.

Call Dorothy Smart(707-688-5945), Gayle Korn (707-480-75710, with questions

Homeless outreach partnership event

HOMELESS.OUTREACH.PARTNERSHIP.ENGAGEMENT

H.O.P.E.

RESOURCE FAIR



From the city of Fairfield:

The Homeless Services Division is hosting a Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (HOPE) on **Wednesday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Liberty Church, (2641 N Texas St.) in Fairfield.**

Volunteers are needed to assist at the event. Resources available for the unhoused will include food, Medi-Cal, Cal-Fresh services, mobile showers, and more! Attendees may also ride the bus to the event for free on April 30. Simply board the Route 3 bus and let the driver know you are attending the HOPE event.

Homeless Services is looking for service providers that can assist with housing, prevention, and support services for the unhoused at the event and are now accepting vendor applications.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call (707) 428-7679.

HAM Radio Class



Benicia's Amateur Radio Club, sponsored by Benicia Fire Department, is offering a Ham Radio License class on **Saturday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Benicia Senior Center, 1205 East Second Street.**

Ham radio operators are licensed operators who communicate with each other on specific radio frequencies, experimenting with various technologies and modes of communication. Hams can transmit voice, digital signals, images, and even Morse code, allowing for communication across distances, including internationally and even via satellites.

No preparation or prior study is required to register for the class. This class is open to beginners or licensed techs who want to upgrade their license. There is a \$35 registration fee. Registration in advance is strongly encouraged.

If you have questions, email HamRadioClass@BeniciaARC.com or call (707) 742-3227. To register, click [here](#).

Junk in the Trunk



Clean out your garage and make some extra cash at Junk in the Trunk on **Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Laurel Creek Community Park, 2986 Guld Drive.**

Seller spots: \$30 (2 spaces) | \$55 (3 spaces). Reserve your space now, by clicking [here](#).

Next Trash Mob in Cordelia



From a city of Fairfield press release:

The city of Fairfield is seeking volunteers to help with the next quarterly Trash Mob in Cordelia.

Trash Mobs allow you to connect with your local community and foster relationships built on positive changes, while helping to clean up our parks, streams, and neighborhoods which benefit our community. And students can earn community service hours for school!

Key Details:

Location: **AM / PM Store at 105 Lopes Road in Cordelia**

Date and Time: **Saturday, May 3, from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes (NO CROCS) and long pants. Snacks, water, and all supplies will be provided. Public Works will be onsite to collect the full trash bags.

Contact Karen Rees to register at krees@fairfield.ca.gov or call (707) 428-7767. Volunteers must complete a waiver form. For those under age 18, a parent or guardian signature is required.

California native plant sale

Spring 2025

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE

On-site Sale & Online Order Pickup*

Saturday, May 3, 2025

10 am to 2 pm

1400 East Second Street, Benicia

*Pickup may also be available in Fairfield

Online Ordering

April 21-27

Sales open April 19-20 for CNPS members

For more information:



www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson



The Solano County chapter of the California Native Plant Society ([the Willis Linn Jepson Chapter](http://www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson)) is having a native plant sale on Saturday, **May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1400 East 2nd Street in the city of Benicia.**

Growing plants native to our local area promotes biodiversity and helps restore California's rich, natural beauty. Native plants:

- provide nectar for local pollinators like butterflies and bees
- are host plants for caterpillars, which are then crucial food for baby birds
- offer seeds and berries for adult birds to eat
- serve as shelter for small animals
- help heal our soil
- need less water than other plants, and
- some are even fire resistant

Anyone can grow native plants - even without a yard or garden. Many of them do very well in containers on a stoop or balcony!

All plants are grown at our nursery in Vallejo (which always needs more volunteers!), and proceeds help fund the nursery and other chapter activities that promote California native plants.

Visit <https://www.cnps.org/chapters/jepson> or email contact@jepson.cnps.org with questions.

Peña Adobe Historical Society Celebrates Hispanic Heritage



Experience the dancers of [Son Dé Metztli](#) Grupo Folklorico! Founded by Karina Barragan in Vallejo, Son Dé Metztli strives to preserve Mexican culture, customs & traditions through ballet folklorico dance. Instructor Gabriela Rodriguez's students include dancers from ages 5 years to young adults.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peña Adobe Regional Park, 4699 Peña Adobe Road Left of Lagoon Valley Park entrance Vacaville.

Joining the day's activities is Francisco Pulido of Rancho El Zapotillo in Dixon, performing his roping skills! Francisco is from Rancho El Zapotillo in Dixon, California and has been roping for 40 years. Meet Francisco and his horse Brownie!

Listen to El Mariachi Los Jaguares de Willis Jepson, the only academic mariachi ensemble in Solano County! Featuring violins, viola, trumpets, guitarrón, vihuela, and guitar, Mariachi Los Jaguares presents an energetic setlist of traditional Mexican music and other styles to delight everyone! Led by local musicians and educators Sergio Cabada and Justin Au, the musicians of Mariachi Los Jaguares are extremely dedicated and talented 7th and 8th grade students at Willis Jepson Middle School in Vacaville.

Join Historical Society docents for tours of the Peña Adobe, Museum and grounds, make a corn husk doll and meet Darlene Peña Coombs, a 5th generation descendent of the Peña family!

Come join us at Peña Adobe, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy under towering trees at this historic park as we commemorate how Latino and Hispanic communities have influenced and contributed to American society.

This event is free! There is no charge for admission to the park, adobe or museum.

For questions call (707) 447-0518 or e-mail at penaadobe@gmail.com.

Gracie's 25th Anniversary celebration



Gracie's is turning 25 and it's time to celebrate big! Join them for an evening full of BBQ, beer, music, and community as we mark a major milestone for Gracie's Family BBQ in the heart of Vallejo.

This celebration is all about YOU – the community that's supported us every step of the way.

What to Expect: BBQ fresh off the smoker from Gracie's, cold craft beer from Vallejo Brewing Company, live music from the talented youth & adults at School of Rock, raffles & prizes, family-friendly vibes, good people, and great times.

The event will take place from 3:30 to 8 p.m., May 3, at 1801 Sonoma Blvd. in downtown Vallejo.

Hypertension in the Black Community Webinar Hosted by Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente Napa-Solano presents:
Hypertension in the Black Community
 Microsoft Teams | Tuesday, May 6 | 6 to 7 p.m. PDT

In this webinar, we will:

- Explore the impacts of racism and toxic stress on health
- Discuss effective lifestyle changes that can lower blood pressure
- Learn about common herbal treatments
- Promote home blood pressure monitoring
- Learn about effective prescription medications to augment lifestyle changes

SPEAKERS

	Tanisha Silas-Young, MD OB/GYN Physician Assistant Physician in Chief Equity, Inclusion and Diversity
	Fatimatou Bah, MD, MPH Adult & Family Medicine Physician Public Health Expert
	Johnny Eguizabal, MD Adult & Family Medicine Physician Assistant Physician in Chief - Outpatient Quality
	Sarah Jones, MD Adult & Family Medicine Physician Lifestyle Medicine Specialist
	Bianca Padilla Health Education Program Supervisor
	Brian Douglas, MS Clinical Health Educator

Tues, May 6, 2025
6-7 PM
Microsoft Teams

Scan the QR Code to Register!

We recommend joining on a PC or laptop. If you're joining on a smartphone device, please download the Microsoft Teams app.

This webinar is open to everyone. You do not need to be a Kaiser Permanente member to attend.

KAISER PERMANENTE

During this webinar a panel of Kaiser Permanente physicians and staff will discuss blood pressure in the black community, including effective lifestyle changes, common herbal treatments, home blood pressure monitoring, and more. Join the virtual webinar

on **Tuesday, May 6** from 6 to 7 p.m. via Microsoft Teams, register [here](#).

Behavioral Health Resource Fair



Mark your calendars! Solano County Behavioral Health is hosting a Resource Fair on **Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield.**

This outdoor event will bring together a variety of organizations that are eager to share valuable resources and support with the community. We invite local organizations to participate—it's a great opportunity to connect with the public and showcase your services.

Maykers Market



From the city of Fairfield:

The city of Fairfield continues to support the local and small businesses by bringing the community together with a spring edition of Maykers Market - Mother's Day Special Edition.

Come join on May 10, from 12 to 5 p.m. in Downtown Fairfield! This event will showcase downtown businesses and feature a vendor market pop-up with local artisans, crafts, baked goods, and more!

Contact vendors.fairfieldsuisun@gmail.com for more information.

“Everybody Loves Line Dancing” Hosted by Innovative Health Solutions

3RD ANNUAL LINE DANCING Party

A Community Event Presented By
INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS

SATURDAY MAY 10 | 1-6 PM

BENICIA HIGH SCHOOL
1101 Military W | Benicia, CA

- Dinner & Dancing
- Bring Cash...*Win* Raffle Prizes!

10 tickets for \$10 | 25 tickets for \$20

For more information, visit our website at:
innovativehealth.com/everybody-loves-line-dancing-party

EVENT tickets

SINGLE...\$30
COUPLE...\$50
RESERVE A TABLE OF 8...\$200
PAY AT THE DOOR...\$35

Please make your payment through the Venmo link above.

Contact our help line if you need assistance purchasing tickets:
(707) 684-4376

EVERYBODY LOVES LINE DANCING

All proceeds will go towards offering free line dancing classes in our community.

Line dancing is perfect for all skill levels, and no partner is required. Enjoy an evening filled with music, fun, and community spirit—all proceeds will go towards providing free line dancing classes in our community.

This party is happening Saturday, May 10 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Benicia High School (1101 Military W, Benicia).

For more information visit [here](#). To make a payment, visit Venmo [here](#).

Bay Area Butterfly Festival



Monarch butterflies play a crucial role in regulating our ecosystems and pollinating plants — including the crops we rely on for food. One out of every three bites of food we eat is thanks to pollinators like the Monarch butterfly. Without pollinators, our entire food web could unravel.

After two years of counts averaging 116,000 Western Monarch butterflies, only 5,407 of these orange-and-black beauties were counted in their winter groves during the most recent winter. (Data from Xerces Society.) This population count shows a heartbreaking decline of 95% for Monarchs, who are dying off due to pesticides and habitat loss.

You can learn more about Monarchs and how to support them at the Bay Area Butterfly Festival on **Sunday, June 1 at the Mare Island Promenade in Vallejo from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** There will be fun for the entire family, with interactive stations, presentations, music, vendors, arts and crafts, food & drinks, and more!

The festival is a low-to-no-waste event and will highlight the importance of sustainability.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Looking for a job? Consider these links

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please consider a career with Solano County. Click [HERE](#) to access the website and follow on Facebook [@SolanoCountyJobs](#). Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)
[CITY OF BENICIA](#)
[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)
[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)
[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)
[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)
[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)
[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)
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[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)
[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)
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[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)
[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

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The Vallejo Marina in 2016. Photo: John Glidden



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.