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Dedication to Gloria Molina

This week's newsletter is dedicated to longtime Los Angeles County politician Gloria Molina, who died this week at age 74.

Gloria started career as a Chicano movement activist in the 1970s before becoming the first Latina elected to the California Assembly in 1982. Gloria then became the first Latina elected to the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Gloria pushed for Latino and women's rights during her career.

Information this week
Memorial Day events

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

There are multiple Memorial Day events in Solano County on Monday, May 29th. Memorial Day honors servicemembers who have died in service.

Events include:

9am at Mare Island Naval Cemetery, 167 O'Hara Court, Vallejo. Speakers are US Army Brigadier Generals Steven McLaughlin and Antoinette Gant.

11am behind Vallejo City Hall, 3 Capitol St. Speakers are US Army Brigadier General Marlena DeCelle, California Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Virginia Wimmer, and Delphine Metcalf-Foster.

11am at the Vacaville Elmira Cemetery, 522 Elmira Road. The guest speaker will be Vietnam Veteran Grover Wright. Also at the event will be area Gold Star Mothers and Families; Ms. Benita Wilson, USAF Veteran; Vacaville Firefighters; members of the Air Force Sergeants Association; members of the Service Veterans of Northern California Volunteer Honor Guard; and members of the local Boy Scout community.

Those planning to attend the ceremony, need to **RSVP no later than Friday, May 26th**. To RSVP, please email Lynn Jewell at lynn.jewell53@gmail.com or contact by phone at (707) 365-5073.

Community Action Plan public hearing

The Community Action Partnership of Solano Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA) is hosting a guided discussion on what communities need to improve its employment, education, housing, nutrition, health, income, and transportation in Solano County.

Participants will have an opportunity to review and comment on the 2024-25 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

The discussion will be held in-person and online on **Wednesday, May 31st, noon to 2pm** at Suisun City Hall, 701 Civic Center Blvd. in Suisun City or via Zoom. Phone: 669-900-6833; Meeting ID: 889 4966 1996; Passcode: Solano23!!

Questions may be directed to solano@homebaseccc.org.

32-Hour weekend closure of State Route 37 in Sonoma for railroad track repair

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

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800-273-8255

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888-628-9454

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SENIORS

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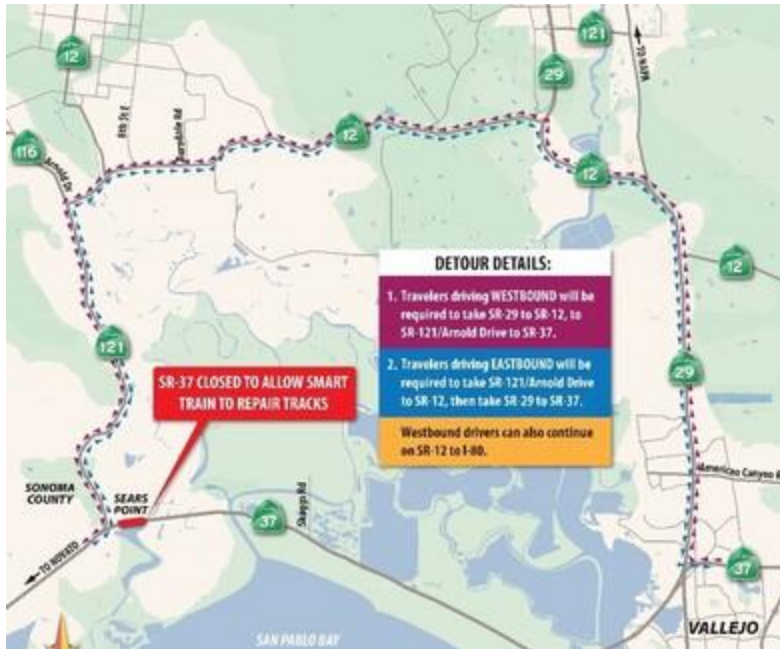
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Caltrans in coordination with Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) has scheduled a closure of State Route 37 (SR-37) east of State Route 121 (Lakeville Highway) from **Saturday, May 20th, at 3am, until Sunday, May 21st, at 11am**, to allow SMART to repair a railroad crossing on the highway.

Traffic will be detoured around the closures. Eastbound traffic from Marin County may travel as far as SR-121 (Lakeville Highway). Westbound traffic from Solano County can travel as far as Walnut Avenue in Vallejo before diverting onto city streets.

Detour details:

- Motorists heading westbound will take Highway 29 to Highway 12, then take Highway 121/Arnold Drive to Highway 37.
- Motorists heading eastbound will take Highway 121/Arnold Drive to Highway 12, then Highway 29 to Highway 37. Westbound drivers may also continue on Highway 12 to Interstate 80.

For more information on the SMART track replacement project, click [here](#).

Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management

On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host a public hearing to discuss amendments being made to the State Implementation Plan. These amendments would change the rules in order to reduce the

amount of nitrogen oxide emissions that come from gas-fired space and water heaters. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement or visit the District's [website](#) to access the meeting via Zoom.

Public notices

Tour of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

The Yolo Basin Foundation is giving tours of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area every third Sunday in May and June. The next tour is Sunday, May 21 8 to 11am. To register, click [here](#).

In-person tours run rain or shine, except in instances of flooding. Reservations are required. Tours do not run in July, August, and September.

Applicants sought for civil grand jury

The Superior Court of Solano County, is seeking volunteers to serve as jurors on the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury. Residents who have lived in the county for one year, are a United States citizen and are 18 years of age or older, may apply for service.

The grand jury serves an important role in our society, functioning as an arm of the judicial branch of government and operates under the authority of the Solano Superior Court. The grand jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of local government and has the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government.

Grand jurors are paid a \$20 per diem and are paid mileage reimbursement for each authorized meeting. Persons interested in applying may contact Cheryl Clower at the Office of the Grand Jury at (707) 435-2575 or visit the Court's website at www.solano.courts.ca.gov and obtain an application online. The application deadline for submission is **May 31st**.

Solano subbasin groundwater sustainability virtual town hall

Get an overview of the State of the Subbasin, including groundwater conditions, current efforts, and more. Hear from experts, ask questions, and learn about opportunities for groundwater recharge during a virtual town hall meeting on **Thursday, June 1st, from 5:30 to 7pm**. Participants must RSVP. Simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided. For more information, contact Guadalupe Garcia at guadalupe@aginnovations.org.

Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting (PB) vote underway

The city of Vallejo announced the Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting vote will be held until June 30. Vallejo residents, including those living in the unincorporated areas, are invited to vote on which community projects to improve the city that will go to the Vallejo City Council for funding approval.



Residents are allowed to vote for up to two projects on the 10-proposal ballot. Projects are either infrastructure (e.g., park updates, street safety improvements, etc.) and programs and services (e.g., youth programs, spay and neuter services, etc.)

Residents 14 years and older can vote online at www.pbvallejo.org, or in-person in City Hall, and a cell phone number and valid Vallejo address are required for online voting.

Visit myvallejo.com/pb8 to read the complete proposals.

Residents can visit polling booths at:

Saturday Farmer's Markets, downtown Georgia Street, Saturday, May 20 and June 10, 9am to 2pm.

GVRD Summer Recreation Expo, 360 Glenn Street, Saturday, May 13, 11am to 2pm.

Skate to Appreciate, Washington Park, Saturday, May 27, 10am to 3pm

Pista Sa Nayon, 850 Nimitz Avenue, Saturday, June 3, 11am to 6pm.

Second Friday Art Walk, Downtown Georgia Street, Friday, June 9, from 5 to 9pm.

Vallejo Juneteenth Parade & Festival, Barbara Kondylis Waterfront, Saturday, June 17, 11am to 5pm.

COVID-19 resources

With the end of the federal Public Health Emergency, the frequency and availability of some COVID-19 data may change. Access to free COVID-19 vaccines will remain available for all adults and children and the [HHS Bridge Access Program for COVID-19](#)

[Vaccines and Treatments](#) will continue to provide access to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments for uninsured Americans.

To get the COVID-19 vaccine, click [here](#).

Fairfield City Council listening tour

Fairfield Mayor Cat Moy along with the city council will continue to visit each district as part of a "Heart to Heart Listening Tour."

The next session will be held **Saturday, May 27, from 11am to 1pm**, in Councilmember Scott Tonnesen's District 2 at the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

The tour allows residents the chance to interact with elected officials, meet department heads and staff, learn about city projects, and ask questions.

For the full list of future meeting dates and locations, click [here](#).

FAST changes

The city of Fairfield's transit service (FAST) will be increasing local fares by \$0.25 effective July 1 becoming the first fare increase for the transit agency since 2014.

FAST also announced that it will no longer be selling 31-day paper passes for fixed-route services effective July 1, however, paper passes purchased before July 1 may be used through December 31, 2023.

Passengers may still pay cash for their fare but will be encouraged to purchase their local pass using the regional Clipper Card payment system.

A paratransit DART fare will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.

For questions regarding these changes, riders can contact FAST at (707) 434 3800 or in person at the Fairfield Transportation Center (FTC) located at 2000 Cadenasso Drive, Fairfield.

Vallejo accepting applications for boards and commissions

The city of Vallejo is accepting applications from residents who wish to serve on boards and commissions. There are currently openings on the following boards, commissions, and committees:

- [Architectural Heritage & Landmarks Commission](#) (2)
terms expire 12/31/26

- [Beautification Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/27
- [Civil Service Commission](#) (2) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Commission on Culture & the Arts](#) (1) term expires 12/31/23
- [Design Review Board](#) (3) 1 term expires 6/30/24, and 2 terms expire 6/30/27
- [Economic Vitality Commission](#) (4) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Human Relations Commission](#) (3) 2 terms to expire 6/30/27 and 1 term to expire 6/30/25
- [Participatory Budget Steering Committee](#) (2 alternates) terms expire 6/30/24
- [Planning Commission](#) (2) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Housing & Community Development Commission](#) (3) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Housing Authority](#) (2 tenant commissioners) terms expire 12/31/24
- [Soltrans Public Advisory Committee](#) (1)
- [McCune Collection Commission](#) – (3) 1 term expires 6/30/25 and 2 expire 6/30/27
- Sister City Commission - (4) terms to expire 6/30/27
- [Solano County Library Advisory Council](#), Vallejo Rep – (1) term to expire four years from the date of appointment

For City Boards and Commissions, except for the Beautification, Civil Service, Human Relations, McCune Collection, and Sister City Commissions, and the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, all appointed members must complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, within 30 days of appointment. **All City Board and Commission members** must complete AB 1234 Ethics training and file a Certificate of Completion within 30 days of appointment.

In most instances, to be eligible for appointment, applicants must be residents of the City of Vallejo. Information regarding the duties of each board and commission and specific criteria for appointment may be found within each application. With some exceptions, appointments are typically for a term of 4 years.

The application period will close on **Wednesday, May 31st, at 5 pm.**

National Night Out registration open

The city of Fairfield will host its 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO) on **Tuesday, August 1st, from 5 to 8 pm.**

National Night Out is an annual community-building event, promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

During NNO, neighbors host potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQ's to block parties, ice cream socials, and much more! This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration for NNO 2023 opened Monday, May 1 and closes Monday, July 17th at 5 pm. Registration is free and allows Fairfield officials an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants will receive an official NNO2023 gift basket. To register your neighborhood, click [here](#).

Updates from around Solano County

Dixon teacher honored

Congratulations to Dixon High School math teacher Cheyanne Freitas who was named as one of seven finalists for the 2023 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond!

The PAEMST awards honor exemplary science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teachers from across the United States. In 2023, eligibility was limited to teachers of grades 7-12.

“The PAEMST is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government specifically for kindergarten through grade twelve science, mathematics, engineering, and computer science teaching,” [according to the California Department of Education](#).

The finalists will receive a \$10,000 special award from the National Science Foundation at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

As a retired math teacher, it makes me proud to see math educators honored by the Superintendent of Public Instruction!

Suisun Valley Review is available

The Solano Community Colleges' Suisun Valley Review has released its 39th annual issue earlier this month. Its celebratory release reading was held in the Quinton Duval Reading Area of the SCC Library and featured many local writers featured in this year's issue. SVR's featured writer, Nancy Au, read and presented the 2023 Quinton Duval Award in Creative Writing. Congratulations to the award winner, Audrey Duremdes, for her poem, "Things It Took from Her," and to Scott Cohen for his Honorable Mention for the

poem, "Effigy to Orange." The 2023 Issue is available for sale for \$8.00 by contacting Michael.wyly@solano.edu.

Walk-in psychiatry services

Every Tuesday morning from 8am to 12pm, Solano Behavioral Health offers walk-in psychiatry services for new or returning clients experiencing worsening mental health symptoms or need urgent psychiatric medications. Services are offered in the city of Vacaville adult clinic only, for now. The Vacaville Adult Clinic is located at 1119 E. Monte Vista Ave. Participants must arrive by 11am in order to complete necessary forms and be seen by a provider that day. For more information, call (707) 469-4610.

The Resource Conservation District is hiring

Enjoy working with kids? The Resource Conservation District is looking for program educators to join the award-winning education team for the 2023-24 school year.

The program introduces more than 8,000 students each year to the watershed and the life that depends on it.

For more information, email education@solanorcd.org or click [here](#).

Solano College Biomanufacturing degree program

Solano Community College is still accepting applications for its full time and part time biomanufacturing degree programs. The application will close on **July 23rd at 11:59 pm**. Apply [here](#).



Vallejo Arts Fund grants

Congratulations are in order for the 29 artists that were awarded \$3,500 each as part of the Vallejo Arts Fund.

The Fund centers on providing opportunities to Black, Indigenous, People of Color artists, culture bearers, and arts organizers. There were 182 applicants for this round of funding. They were: Tony Aldarondo, Luis Arnold-Duron, Kyrah Ayers, David Doria, Izzy Drumgoole, Dust, Edgar-Arturo, Jacalyn Eyvonne, Sal Garcia, Geneus1, Lori Herrera, Kahalla, Jasson Lundberg, Lyric, MalisBee, Tonya Moore, Treva Nervis, Orobosa Olotu, Liberty Pierson, PodcastBri, Yuliana Preciado, Chon Reneé, Abel Rodriguez,

Camille Safiya, Mario Saucedo, Vincent Seymour, Askari Sowonde, Sara Speaks, and TJ Walkup.

The Vallejo Arts Fund is supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, facilitated by Three Palms Group in partnership with the Center for Cultural Innovation.

Summer reading program

Starting Thursday, June 1, come to any Solano County library branch to sign up and get your summer reading challenge pamphlet. The pamphlet is full of reading challenges like "Read a book that teaches a skill" or "read a book that is recommended by a friend." There are 10 challenges in the pamphlet in total.

Decide how many of the challenges in the pamphlet you think you can complete by July 31st. You can do one challenge, 2 challenges or all 10! It is up to you! Once you complete your challenges, come back to the Solano County Library branch you originally signed up at by July 31st to get your prize.

The prize for kids (ages 0-12) is a brand new free book of their choice (off the book cart) at the library while the teens (ages 13-18) get to order any book they want from Amazon that does not exceed \$15. The library will order it for them!

Adults who complete the program will get a custom enamel pin. Not only that, but all who are signed up for the program will also be entered into weekly drawings for additional prizes! The weekly raffle drawings will be for Oakland A's and SF Giants tickets.

Upcoming events in Solano County

History of Mare Island talk

Come out for a morning of local history at the Benicia Historical Museum and welcome Dennis Kelly of the Mare Island Museum to the monthly History Talks Program.



Learn about the Naval installation that supported the defenses of the bay for over a century. The talk will be **Saturday, May 20th from 11:30am to 12:30pm** at the Benicia Historical Museum, 2060 Camel Road.

Prices are \$10.00 for non-members while museum members are free. To buy a tick, click [here](#).

Solano County Library author talk



Author Kelly Yang will be available on **Saturday, May 20th from 2 to 4pm** for an author talk and book signing at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville.

Ms. Yang will talk about her books, especially, "New From Here". She will tell us about her life and writing, and take questions from the audience.

The event is free. Bring a book for the signing!

Maykers Market - Small Business Saturday

Both Fairfield and non-residents are encouraged to participate in the city's MAYkers Market event on **Saturday, May 20, from 12 to 5pm** in downtown Fairfield.

This event will showcase downtown businesses and highlight a vendor market pop-up shop featuring local and small shops.

Contact Keisha Mamaril at kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov for more information.

Arts Benicia

Arts Benicia is opening a new exhibition on Reimagining History, juried by the talented Sandow Birk. Each selected artist has reimagined or reinterpreted some person, event, or historical idea through their original artwork. Please join us at the opening reception on **May 20, from 4 to 6 pm**. Also be sure to mark your calendars for Family Art Day, **Sunday, June 4th, from 1 to 3 pm**, for the always fun and free opportunity to create art with the family.

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 our town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults, many of which are open to beginners. As summer provides more free time for fun and creativity, consider checking out the new classes listed on our website. Over the next few weeks, we will offer mixed media

assemblage, portrait painting in pastels, printmaking, and a plein air painting class. There's much more each month, so for our full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes>

Interested in volunteering with Arts Benicia? We have opportunities ranging from greeting visitors to our exhibitions, to helping with the youth education program. Get in touch by emailing us at info@artsbenicia.org.

Angel Moms meet up

The Angels Moms Meet Up Group brings angel moms together to create a community and heal while creating art and honoring their babies. The meet up will be on **Saturday, May 20th from 4 to 7pm**, at One Lake – 5350 One Lake Drive.

Connect with women who have experienced loss, miscarriage, stillbirth, and baby loss. Art supplies will be provided. To register, click [here](#).

Art reception and poetry reading

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites the community to participate in a collaborative event with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association.

A music & dance exhibit will be available May 20 - June 24 at the Solano Town Center Gallery, 1350 Travis Blvd, Suite D-8, in Fairfield

Poems should be 42 lines or less and emailed to Suzanne at fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com in word or pdf format no later than June 1st at 12 pm. The poetry reading is on June 3rd from 4 to 6pm.

You can view the art pieces by clicking [here](#).

Fairfield to host Compost Giveaway Day

The City of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9am to 1pm on Saturday, May 20th**, at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center, located at 3351 Hillridge Drive. No appointment is necessary however, proof of residency is required. Master Gardeners from the UCCE Solano will be onsite to provide residents with information about compost uses and other horticultural tips and tricks.

The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents are asked to bring their own containers to fill up and take home; each household

is limited to 30 gallons of compost. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for use.

For questions related to Compost Giveaway Day or for general questions regarding solid waste and recycling, contact the Fairfield Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division at (707) 428-7528.

Benicia USD job fair

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JOB FAIR
350 East K Street
Wednesday,
May 24, 2023
3:30-7:00pm



PreK-TK Teachers 

Speech Language Pathologists
PreK-12 

K-5th Grade
Teachers 

Secondary Single
Subject Teachers 

Certificated Openings

Special Education
Teachers 

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Assistants 

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Classified Substitutes 

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For additional information, contact:
humanresources@beniciaunified.org

The Benicia Unified School District will host a job fair on **Wednesday, May 24th, from 3:30 to 7pm**, at 350 East K Street.

Certificated and classified job openings.

For more information, email humanresources@beniciaunified.org.

Solano County Behavioral Health to host free comedy shows to overcome the stigma of mental illness



1° OF SEPARATION

*A Look at Depression
Funny and Suicide*

A comedy show aimed at ending the stigma of mental illness

We aim to bring dialogue, awareness, and acceptance for those suffering from depression through laughter and vulnerability. We laugh at the dark stuff, because laughter releases the pain. We talk about depression, because no one should feel shame.

STAFF WILL BE PRESENT FOR ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

SHOWS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC!
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

For more information contact: wru@solanocounty.com
Learn more about the show here: www.1degreeofseparation.life

MAY 24

1Degree of Separation will be providing two community shows aimed at ending the stigma of mental illness. The show is followed by a panel discussion with the audience.

JFK Library
4 PM - 5:30 PM
505 Santa Clara St
Vallejo, CA

Fairfield Library
6:30 PM - 8 PM
1150 Kentucky St
Fairfield, CA



According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), one in five American adults live with a mental illness with suicide being the leading cause of death in the United States. –To honor Mental Health Awareness Month, the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health division, in partnership with Solano County Library Services will host two free, family-friendly comedy shows for the public to explore stigma and its impact on mental illness and suicide.

Both shows will be held on **Wednesday, May 24**, including one at the Vallejo JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara St. starting at 4 p.m. and

the second show at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St., starting at 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required with light refreshments being served.

Concert at Benicia Public Library

The musical group Toki∞mono, which consists of husband-and-wife team Chie and Steven Treagus, derives its name from two Japanese words joined by an infinity symbol: Toki = time and Mono = being will hold a concert for original Japanese language songs on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm** inside the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L St.

Summer music series



The Fairfield Summer Music series returns with a concert of "Los Cochinos" on **Friday, May 26th** in Dover Park, 800 East Travis Boulevard.

Concerts will be held at different locations throughout the city on Fridays from **6 to 9pm**, and will feature live music, vendors, and food.

For a list of performers, dates, and locations, click [here](#).

Trucks of the Trade event

The City of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department will present the Trucks of the Trade event in partnership with the Solano County Fairfield Cordelia Library in June.

Trucks of the Trade will allow kids to see different types of vehicles and meet the people who drive them. The event is free but registration is recommended. All types of trucks and vehicles will be there including a trash truck, bus, fire truck, police vehicles and more!



The event will be held in the parking lot of the Fairfield Cordelia Library on **Saturday June 3rd**

from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The library is located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

for more information, call (707) 399-4101 or email communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov.

World Environment Day

Solano and Yolo county residents are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano on **Saturday, June 3rd at 9am** to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds. The event will allow residents to remove trash debris, plant wildflower plugs, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including kayak tours of Lake Solano.

A free lunch will be served to all participants, who should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

Lake Solano County Park, approximately 4 miles west of Winters, CA, on Pleasants Valley Road just south of Highway 128. Volunteers that choose to assist with trash cleanup activities will cleanup at Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano. Parking fees will be waived with a pass provided to event registrants in advance.

This water is also the primary source of irrigation water for growers in the region. Also filling and leaving Lake Solano is Putah Creek, a vital ecological link between the neighboring mountain range and the Yolo Bypass.

To register, click [here](#).

Resource Fair

The city of Fairfield Homeless Services Division and Fairfield Police Department Homeless Intervention Team with their quarterly Homeless Outreach Partnership Engagement event on **Wednesday, June 7th from 10:30am to 4pm** on the Solano County Lawn located at 600 Texas St. Individuals can connect with local resources for housing, shelters, employment, food, medical, mental health, and Veterans services.

Volunteers needed for trash mob community cleanup

The City of Fairfield will be hosting a "Trash Mob" Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 10th from 9 to 11am at the Linear Park Trail, located at Texas Street to Dover Avenue.

The trash mob will be removing trash and graffiti. Snacks and water will be provided. The city will provide all necessary supplies and safety gear to volunteers during the Trash Mob.

To register, call Program Coordinator Karen Rees at (707) 428-7767 to sign up or email krees@fairfield.ca.gov.

Fairfield Juneteenth celebration

A promotional poster for the 2nd Annual Fairfield Juneteenth Celebration. The background is a warm, orange-brown color. At the top left, the text reads "2nd Annual Fairfield Juneteenth Celebration" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, it says "Community Celebration All Are Welcomed to Attend". The word "Juneteenth" is written in a large, elegant, serif font, flanked by two stylized starburst graphics. The date "Saturday, June 17, 2023" is prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the date, the location is listed: "SOLANO ANNEX (Next to old Courthouse) 601 Texas Street Fairfield, Ca 94533 11:00 am to 7:00 pm". On the right side, there is a stylized illustration of a woman in a vibrant, multi-colored dress (yellow, red, and blue) with a large, ornate headpiece. Above her is a circular graphic containing the Juneteenth flag, which features a white star on a blue field above a red field. At the bottom left, it says "More Info: 707-673-2148 or info@solanoblackchamber.com". Below that, it lists activities: "* Live Music * Speakers * Kids Activities * Dancing *". To the right of these activities, it says "Sponsored By:" followed by three logos: a black square with a white square inside, the Clergy Action Network logo, and a logo for the City of Fairfield.

The 2nd annual Fairfield Juneteenth celebration will be held on **Saturday, June 17th, from 11am to 7pm**, next to the old courthouse, 601 Texas St. There will be speakers, live music, dancing and activities for the kids.

For more information call (707) 673-2148 and/or email info@solanoblackchamber.com.

Free doula training available

In an effort to improve health disparities for Black women and their babies, Divine Birthright and Solano HEALS (Health Equity for African American/Black Lives) are partnering with First 5 Solano and Aliados Health to host a free (16 hour) exclusively Black doula training and certification for Solano County residents.

Cohort 1 begins **July 1**. Doula training includes: childbirth education, anatomy of pregnancy, comfort measures, lactation support, adult and infant CPR and so much more! All applicants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to be considered. Please send all inquiries to solanoheals@gmail.com by June 23.

Events at the PAL Teen Center

7 awesome things to do this summer with a FREE Fairfield PAL teen center membership

1 Girls Circle

Get a better view of your future this summer! Girls Circle is a structured support group that integrates relational theory, resilience practices, and skills training. Girls Circle is made possible with support from the Soroptimists of Central Solano County and dinner is provided. Wednesday from 5:30pm-7pm.



2 Chill & Spill Arts & Crafts



Chill & Spill is the place to put it down and work it out! Using a blended therapeutic approach of art therapy, narrative therapy, and cognitive behavioral therapy, this eclectic art program is uniquely designed to reach teens who are reluctant to communicate. Includes art activities with various themes; including self-care, reflection, and goal setting. Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

3 Volunteer with T.A.C.T.S.

T.A.C.T.S. (Teens Achieving Change Through Service) Leadership Club Youth are NOT the future, they are now. So, start leading today. Summer projects including two community art mural projects, a peer mental health first aid project, a youth resiliency summit and other projects selected by participants. Engaging and interactive training provided. Mondays at 4pm.



4 Kajukenbo



Kajukenbo is a hybrid martial art from Hawaii that incorporates Karate / Tang Soo Do Judo and Jujitsu, Kenpo and Western Boxing. As with other martial arts it is designed to promote both mental and physical strength. Track your skills with belts and tournaments. Summer sessions will be held on Mondays at 4pm.

5 Girls Self Defense

Add Girls Self-Defense to your summer glow up! Veteran self-defense instructor and former World Champion, Anthony Marquez, will share advice on how to stay safe in public. No special equipment or experience is necessary! Wednesday from 4pm - 5:30pm.



6 Boxing



Train with us this summer! The PAL Boxing Club trains Monday through Friday between 10am and Noon. The PAL Boxing Club is a co-ed recreational program. For safety reasons, late entry is not allowed.

7 Career Cafe

Having strong communication skills aren't as im-POPSICLE as they might seem! Join the PAL Career Cafe and play fun games and challenges to grow your communications skills and improve your job readiness! Certain Fairfield residents are even eligible for \$25 gift cards with a workshop evaluation. Thursdays 4:30pm.



A FREE PAL teen center membership is required. Fairfield PAL is open to Fairfield, Suisun, and Travis teens ages 13-18 who are enrolled in middle / high school. Get yours at the Fairfield Community Center (1000 Kentucky Street) with a parent / guardian signature and a valid student I.D.

707 330 8757

The PAL Teen Center has 7 awesome things to do this summer if you have a free Fairfield PAL teen center membership. Events include: Girls Circle, Chill & Spill Arts & Crafts, Volunteer with T.A.C.T.S., Kajukenbo, Girls Self Defense, Boxing, and Career Café. Fairfield PAL is open to Fairfield, Suisun, and Travis teens ages 13-18 who are enrolled in middle/high school. Get yours at the Fairfield Community Center (1000 Kentucky St.) with a parent/guardian signature and a valid student I.D. Call (707) 330-8757.

Summer Youth Employment Program

The Workforce Development Board of Solano County is offering a five-week paid work experience program starting July 5th. Work experience will be focused on Climate Transition projects in the Fairfield, Suisun and Vallejo region concentrating on water, land, restoration, sustainable agriculture, and climate education. For more information, contact Matt Moon-Bailey at mmoonbailey@solanowdb.org.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, May 13th, I attended the Solano Winds Gala. I met and made new friends, had a very nice dinner and listen to the music. The bartender was a former student of mine. She teaches school and since teaching pays so much money was moonlighting. Everyone appeared to be having a wonderful time.

Wednesday, May 17th, I attended the Highest Honors Award Ceremony for the 2023 graduating class. The ceremony was held at Armijo High School. Early College students received 40 awards and Rodriguez students received 73. We heard from the speakers what each graduate is planning to do in their next chapter of their life. It is a pleasure for me to hear their aspirations and I am comfortable that the Class of 2023 will make us all proud. To the family members, nice job!

And, finally, many of my former students work at Cordelia Safeway. Some of them work at the Starbucks. Help is wanted. You do not need experience. Hours are flexible (think school). Please apply at [Albertsons.com](https://www.albertsons.com).

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](#)
[POST OFFICE](#)
[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)
[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)
[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)
[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)
[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

This week's newsletter photo is of the renovated little league field in Vallejo. The field is named in honor of San Francisco Giants player Brandon Crawford. For more information, read [here](#). Photo by 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.