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SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Remembering Solano County's Jimmie E. Jackson



For this final week of Black History Month, I'd like to honor a leader in Solano County. Jimmie E. Jackson passed away on January 17, 2023.

Mr. Jackson was born April 15, 1946 in Memphis, Tennessee to Charlie and Edith Jackson, who preceded him in death. He went to Memphis public schools and graduated from Father Bertrand High School, where he was a highly sought out football recruit. In 1964, Jimmie entered Fisk University on an athletic scholarship. In 1966, Jimmie was drafted into the military and went into the Air Force, serving in Vietnam. In January 1967, he was stationed at Travis Air Force Base in Northern California and shortly thereafter welcomed his first daughter, Veronica.

After being honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1969, he joined the Army Reserves. In 1972, Jimmie graduated from Sacramento State University with a BA in Government and in 1978 received his MA in Public Administration from Bradford University.

In 1973, Jimmie met and married Gail (Jones) Jackson (deceased), a career Vallejo City Unified School District educator. From that

union three daughters were born, Rachelle, Patrice and Jayme (Justin), of which they both were very proud.

During Jimmie's 50 years in Solano County, he served on the Solano Community College Human Relations Committee, City of Vallejo Human Relations Commission, Solano County Fair Association, City of Vallejo Planning Commission and Solano Red Cross Board of Directors.

Jimmie was a beacon of light in his community, leading the fight for justice with grace and courage and as a valiant warrior for the NAACP. He was one of the longest standing CA NAACP Branch Presidents, leading the Vallejo Branch for 15 years, from 1977-1980 and again from 2011-2023. In addition to his leadership on the local level, he recently accepted the role of CA/HI NAACP State Area Director-North and was a CA/HI NAACP Executive Committee Member. Jimmie's impact within the Vallejo community, the CA/HI NAACP and within the NAACP Youth & College Division is one of a steadfast, dedicated freedom fighter whose fight for justice will leave hope in us all.

Standing with Ukraine, one year later



One year ago today, Russia's invasion of Ukraine started. More than 13 million people were made refugees.

"Take some bread, the vegetables from the garden, then leave. We will never return again. We will never see our city again. Take the letters, all of them, every last piece of bad news."

These words come from the English translation of the Ukrainian poem "[Take Only What is Most Important](#)" by Serhiy Zhadan. We must support the Ukrainians. Their existence is at stake.

I know that times are hard but if you can, please consider donating to causes that support Ukraine. I have given to World Central Kitchen: wck.org/give.

There is also a need in Turkey and Syria because of the earthquakes. A secure site to donate is www.unicefusa.org. This site also works for food for the Ukrainians.

Information this week

**Need help paying your energy bills?
Apply for help today!**

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF
HEARING

800-799-4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR
SENIORS

800-971-0016

CRISIS TEXT LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860



Do you or someone you know need assistance paying heating or cooling bills? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help. Low income Californians who qualify can apply for a one-time payment to help pay energy bills, regardless if you use wood, propane, or oil, **or** in an energy crisis like if your utilities are disconnected. LIHEAP can also assist in making your home more energy efficient. To view eligibility requirements click [here](#), or apply for help [here](#). I would like to thank **Congressman John Garamendi** for providing this information in his newsletter this week.

Take action for the climate with the Inflation Reduction Act

Are you looking to advance climate solutions in the United States? Starting April 6, 2023, the Climate Reality Project is hosting a free training session with former President Al Gore that will explain how to leverage new climate acts like the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to fight the climate crisis and bring clean energy into our communities. To learn more, visit the website [here](#) which includes more information on benefits of this training. Additionally, you can check out [this document](#) from the White House that explains what benefits the new IRA can provide to California.



Updates from around Solano County

Vallejo to honor woman veterans



On **Saturday, March 18 from 1 pm to 3 pm**, women veterans of Vallejo will be honored in an appreciation ceremony at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum on 734 Marin St., Vallejo.

If you or someone you know is a woman veteran that lives in Vallejo and would like to be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, please email Nestor.Aliga@comcast.net by **March 1**. Include your name, address, and phone number to verify your Vallejo residency.

At the March 18 event, the [Library of Congress Veterans History Project](#) and [CalVet Women Voices Project](#) are also asking Vallejo

women veterans to participate in the “I Am Not Invisible” campaign, an oral history project.

This event, in collaboration with the [Vallejo Naval & Historic Museum](#), will be the culmination of California Women’s Military History Week.

Benicia Transit Summit

Join Mayor Young and Vice Mayor Scott of Benicia for the Benicia Transit Summit on **Friday, March 24, 2023** from **10 am - 12 pm**. SolTrans and Solano Mobility will be onsite to provide information on transit available to Benicia residents and answer any questions you may have about transportation. Transportation to and from the event can be reserved by calling **(707)-736-6991** before **March 17**. View the flyer with full details by clicking [this link](#).

Upcoming events in Solano County

Civil War Medal of Honor dedication at Rowland Freedom Center



Tomorrow, Saturday February 25 from 2 pm - 4 pm, the Rowland Freedom Center in Vacaville will hold a dedication ceremony for their newest display. The display will feature a Civil War Medal of Honor given to Orson Bennett, 1st Lieutenant of the 102 US Colored Troops. Guest speakers will present on the Battle of Honey Hill from which Lt. Bennett was awarded the medal. To view more information about the event, view the flyer [here](#).

H.O.P.E. 2023

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HOMELESS OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

- Mental Health Screening
- Cal-Fresh
- Housing Referral
- Medi-Cal
- DMV Voucher
- Substance Use Screen
- ID Waiver/Reduced Fee
- EBT Card Replacement
- VA Assistance
- Emergency Rental Assist
- Family/Children Services
- **Limited Bicycle Giveaway**
- **with Registration - "passport stamps required"**

WEDNESDAY
1 MARCH 2023 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM 1234 EMPIRE ST, FAIRFIELD (PARKING LOT)

SPONSORED BY **KAISER PERMANENTE**

FOR MORE INFO (707) 428-7599 OR EMAIL: MD@WIKINS@FAIRFIELD.CA.GOV

On **Wednesday, March 1 from 12 pm - 4 pm**, the Homeless Outreach Partnership Engagement (H.O.P.E.) will be held at 1234 Empire Street in Fairfield. This event provides low-income and homeless community members connections to services such as Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, VA assistance, housing referrals, family and children services and much more. For more information on the event, call **(707) 428-7599** or

email mdawkins@fairfield.ca.gov. View a larger version of the flyer [here](#).

Benicia Friends of the Library donations and sales



Looking to get rid of books, CDs, puzzles, or old LPs? Looking to buy some used books? The Benicia Friends of the Library organization is holding donations and sales in March!

Saturday, March 4 and March 18, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: Bring your gently used books,

puzzles, CDs, and DVDs at the Benicia Public Library. Donations are tax deductible, just ask for a receipt.

Saturday, March 11, 10 am - 4 pm: Find some new reads at the Second Saturday Sale! Most items are only \$1. CDs, DVDs, LPs, and audiobooks also available! Cash or check only.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the Benicia Friends of the Library.

Women's History Month Luncheon



The Solano Commission for Women and Girls is pleased to announce their Women's History Month Luncheon on **Friday, March 24 from 11:30 am - 2 pm** at the Joseph Nelson Community Center in Suisun City. The event will honor the Commission's 2023 women of the year: Jameelah Hanif, Raquelmarie Clark, Elizabeth Patterson, and Sarah Stocking Donnelly. Tickets start at \$50 for single seats and sponsorship opportunities are available. To purchase your tickets, [click here](#), or view the full version of the

flyer [here](#).

Events I attended this week:



Last week I mentioned attending an event with Congressman John Garamendi where he presented \$1 million for digitizing medical record. Above is a photo of that event.

Sunday, February 19th, I attended the Blue and Gold Celebration for Cub Scouts Pack 108. The event was held at the Clock Tower. I always enjoy these events. The culmination was the bridging activity. My afternoon was spent talking with some constituents. Sunday was a nice and warm day.

Tuesday: I attended a retirement luncheon for Roland from the water agency.

Wednesday: I attended the Evergreen Academy Winter Commencement for the Classes of 2022 and 2023. It was nice to meet in person and yes, I wore my mask.

Later, I went to the State of the City annual report event. The luncheon was held at the Clock Tower. The Chair of the Chamber, Dawson Urban, gave opening remarks. Mayor Young spoke, Interim City Manager Mario Giuliani gave an update of the City, and Dr. Eyler, a PhD from Sonoma State, gave a presentation about the economic indicators specific to Benicia, the state and nation. I always enjoy his lectures. The food was great and seeing friends in person is always nice.

Thursday: I attended the Celebration of Life Reception for Mayrene Bates. The event was held at the Solano County Event Center. Ms. Bates was a teacher, administrator, and served as a trustee on the Solano County Office of Education. She was kind, nice, and will be missed.

I ended the night attending Congressman John Garamendi's Fairfield Open House for Local Elected and Community Leaders. His office in Fairfield is 1261 Blvd. Suite 100. You can access the office from the outside of the building. The congressman will be using Congressman Mike Thompson's office located in Vallejo on 420 Virginia Street #1C.

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](#)



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.

Header photo of Benicia by [MARELBU](#).