



# Solano County California

## SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

August 2, 2024



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### Information this week

#### Odor issues

My office has received a number of complaints about a nauseating odor coming from the waterfront sewage treatment plant in south Vallejo.

We are working with various agencies to mitigate this issue. To file an air pollution complaint with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), please click [here](#).

The Vallejo Sun also wrote about this issue, feel free to [read this article from last month](#).

#### Solano County distributes professional clothing to parents entering/re-entering workforce



During the month of August, the Solano County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), in partnership with the Solano County Family Justice Center (SFJC), will work together to distribute back-to-

#### Important Numbers Resources and Dates

##### District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

##### Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

##### Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

##### Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

##### Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

##### Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

##### Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

##### Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

##### Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

work professional clothing for parents entering or re-entering the workforce.

DCSS, in coordination with the SFJC, will be participating in a back-to-work professional clothing drive to assist parents entering or re-entering the workforce.

Donations of gently used business casual and business professional clothing can be dropped off at the Department of Child Support Services, 675 Texas St, STE 5700 in Fairfield. We recognize that it can be expensive and overwhelming when preparing to enter or reenter the workforce, so we are hoping to help ease some of that burden for individuals.

### INTERESTED IN DONATING / GETTING INVOLVED

If you are interested in donating, contact Tara Knobbe, Child Support Specialist, Supervising, at (707) 784-3788 and/or [TLKnobbe@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:TLKnobbe@SolanoCounty.com).

### ACCESSING SERVICES / QUESTIONS

Visit the Solano County DCSS website at <https://www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/DCSS> for more information and for clients to link directly to DCSS support professionals.

Direct any questions to [ChildSupport@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:ChildSupport@SolanoCounty.com), text (707) 241-4201 and by phone at (866) 901-3212.

## Hearing on Artificial Intelligence and State Government



Recently, the Little Hoover Commission completed their virtual public hearing on artificial intelligence and California state government.

Witnesses discussed best practices for purchasing AI applications and mitigating risk through procurement. The hearing also examined how the state can best train its workers to use AI. They were joined by:

- **Brandie Nonnecke**, Founding Director, CITRIS Policy Lab, UC-Berkeley
- **Lila Tretikov**, Partner and Head of AI Strategy, NEA
- **Tom Andriola**, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and Data, UC-Irvine

### U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

- **Ben Allen**, California State Senator, 24th Senate District

To watch, click [here](#).

## Commission Supports Newsom's Proposal to Address California's Home Insurance Crisis

The Little Hoover Commission released a [letter](#) today in support of Governor Gavin Newsom's [pending legislation](#) that would streamline the review of insurance rate filings.

The [letter](#), addressed to Governor Newsom and members of the California Legislature, states that the proposed legislation "would reduce uncertainty for insurers, help stabilize the market, and ultimately provide a greater chance of continued coverage for Californians seeking to insure their most valuable possession."

Earlier this year, the Commission launched a [study](#) assessing the problems and potential solutions for Californians struggling to protect their homes. The Commission plans to release a full report later this year evaluating the state's homeowners insurance market and making recommendations for reform. To be notified electronically of meetings, events, or when the review is complete, please subscribe to Little Hoover Commission updates at <https://bit.ly/LittleHooverNews>.

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### Public hearings

## Fairfield Forward 2050: Draft General Plan Update available for public review



The public review period for the Draft General Plan Update, Draft CAP, and DEIR ends on September 9, at 5 p.m.

Copies of the draft documents will be available for review at the City of Fairfield Community Development Department (1000 Webster Street, Second Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533), Fairfield Civic Center Library (1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, CA 94533), and Fairfield Cordelia Library (5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533).

Please send your comments, including your name, to Jessie Hernandez at 1000 Webster Street, Second Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533 or [jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov) by the deadline.

Fairfield Forward 2050 consists of a General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). If adopted, the General Plan Update would guide future land use decisions in the City of Fairfield, providing a long-term vision for the future and, through its policies and implementing actions, indicating how that vision would be achieved over the next 25 years. The Climate Action Plan (CAP) would address the community's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and demonstrate how the City will comply with State GHG emission reduction targets.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) analyzes how adopting and implementing the goals, policies, actions, and projected buildout of the Fairfield Forward 2050 project. An EIR is intended to inform decision-makers and the general public of the potential significant environmental impacts of a proposed project. The proposed project will result in unavoidable significant impacts with regards to agricultural resources, mineral resources, and transportation.

Visit [www.fairfieldforward.com](http://www.fairfieldforward.com) for more information.

## Plan Bay Area 2050+ and Transit 2050+ Status Update



### Introducing the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint and Transit 2050+ Draft Network

Join staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments on **August 6 at 10 a.m.** for a [webinar](#) to learn more about recently released findings from the analysis of the [Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint](#), as well as the [Transit 2050+ Draft Network](#).

### [Webinar: Introducing the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint and Transit 2050+ Draft Network](#)

**Tuesday, August 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** [Join via Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 896 5194 9624 Passcode: 818084 Join via phone: (408) 638-0968.

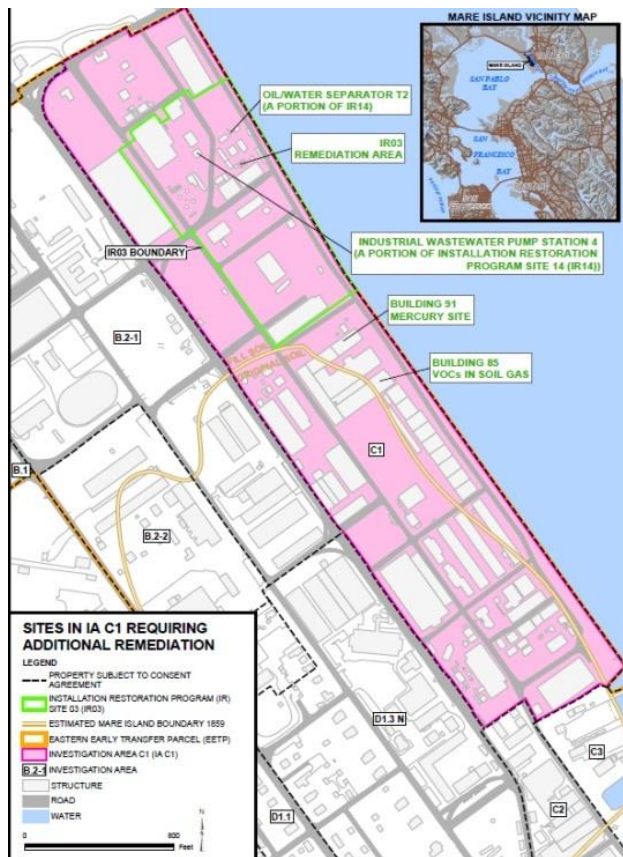
As the first draft of the Bay Area's next long-range plan, the Draft Blueprint demonstrates significant progress toward reaching key goals for housing affordability, post-pandemic economic recovery and environmental health and sustainability. The Draft Transit

2050+ Network outlines how to make trips faster and more frequent at all times of day and how to connect more communities by bus, train or ferry.

During the webinar, staff will provide an overview of the key performance and equity findings from the Draft Blueprint analysis, as well as key challenges to address as part of the forthcoming Final Blueprint process — including how to reach the Bay Area's statutorily-required per capita greenhouse gas emissions reductions target. Staff also will introduce the Draft Transit 2050+ Network and the findings from the assessment of major transportation projects. Finally, staff will provide [a preview of planned public and partner engagement activities over the summer and fall](#), including pop-up public workshops in all nine Bay Area counties.

The presentation will be followed by questions from webinar participants. Registration is not required. For those unable to attend, a video recording of the webinar will be posted to [pba.org/partners](http://pba.org/partners). For questions, please email [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org).

## Community Update - Mare Island Investigation Area C1



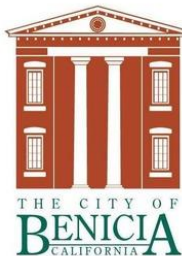
The California Department of Toxic Substances Control encourages the community to review the attached Community Update for an 83-acre portion of Mare Island in Vallejo, CA 94592 known as [Investigation Area C1](#).

It announces the public comment period until **August 6** for the [draft Remedial Action Plan](#) and [CEQA Initial Study](#).

## Draft Industrial Health and Safety Ordinance

The draft Industrial Health and Safety Ordinance (IHSO) and supporting documents are now live on [www.EngageBenicia.com](http://www.EngageBenicia.com). Visit the website to read and provide feedback on the documents by **August 17**.

If you would prefer to email comments or suggestions, please send them to Della Olm at [dolm@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:dolm@ci.benicia.ca.us).



The IHSO aims to reduce accidental release of hazardous chemicals, improve accident prevention through community and industry participation, improve local air monitoring, and enhance community transparency.

The draft IHSO and supporting documents are the culmination of a significant public engagement process involving Benicia residents, subject matter experts, and community stakeholders. The community is invited to review the draft documents and provide any questions, comments, or suggestions you might have.

To leave a comment, click anywhere on the document and a comment box will appear. You can also view your neighbor's comments, "like" and reply. Document feedback will be analyzed and considered for incorporation into final versions.

If you have any questions, please call (707) 746-4272.

For more information, and/or to leave a comment, click [here](#).

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## Updates from Solano County Upcoming Green Waste events



**FREE RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL EVENT**  
FOR RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED SOLANO COUNTY

**DATES**

**SATURDAY**  
August 3, 2024  
August 10, 2024  
8am - 12pm

**Materials that will NOT be accepted:**  
Anything over 3 inches in diameter, dirt, rock, palm fronds, oleanders, root balls, large tree trunks/stumps

Dispose of all your landscape trimmings, including branches, grass, leaves, vines, plants, weeds, small quantities of fruit attached to branches

**LOCATIONS**

- Vacaville Fire Protection District, Station 67  
4135 Cantelow Rd, Vacaville, CA 95688
- Falls Elementary School  
1634 Rockville Rd, Fairfield, CA 94534
- Montezuma Fire Protection District, Station 52  
2151 Collinsville Rd, Birds Landing, CA 94585
- Suisun Fire Protection District, Station 32  
4965 Clayton Rd, Fairfield, CA 94534
- Recology Vallejo (for East Vallejo FPD)  
2021 Broadway, Vallejo, CA 94589

**QUESTIONS?**

EMAIL   
Wildfire@SolanoCounty.com

## Solano Land Trust



Letter from the Executive Director Nicole Braddock of the Solano Land Trust:

Earlier this year, the board of directors of the Solano Land Trust voted to formally oppose the East Solano Plan/California Forever ballot initiative.

On behalf of the Solano Land Trust, and as a resident of Solano County, I welcome the recent news that the investment group has withdrawn the measure and it will not appear on the November ballot.

Since the project was announced, Solano County residents have overwhelmingly expressed concerns which remain largely unaddressed, such as the impact on our water supply, local agriculture, pollution from increased traffic, and the natural environment.

Solano County residents have also clearly and loudly spoken out against tactics that attempt to bully our farming families, devalue our agricultural industry, diminish natural resources, and mislead voters with un-enforceable “guarantees.” The unprecedented media coverage of Solano County ensured our voices were heard across the nation and around the globe.

California Forever has stated that they will continue to pursue the proposed city through the traditional county process, which includes an environmental impact report and public hearing process. This process will include more public engagement and transparency and is in sharp contrast to the secretive land purchases over the last five years.

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The work to protect this land is far from over.

Solano Land Trust will continue our tireless work of protecting land for people, for food and the natural environment, and inspiring a love of the land for future generations. We will continue to partner with our community to protect our natural resources like clean air, water, habitat, open spaces, and agricultural lands that make Solano County special and a great place to live and work.

As your local land trust, we commit to staying highly engaged in with Solano County in our collective plans for the future of this place we call home. We owe it to our community, and to the lands that connect us all.



## Public Health celebrates National Breastfeeding Month



A Solano County press release:

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, joins the California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention and United States Breastfeeding Committee in celebrating August as National Breastfeeding Month, as well as the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-7, 2024. This year's World Breastfeeding Week theme is "Closing the Gap; Breastfeeding Support for All", which emphasizes the importance of everyone having access to breastfeeding support and opportunities.

Throughout the month, communities nationwide will participate in various activities and events to raise awareness and offer support to breastfeeding families. Each week of National Breastfeeding Month will highlight different aspects of breastfeeding: August 8-14 is Indigenous Milk Medicine, August 15-21 is Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, and August 25-31 is Black Breastfeeding Week.

In honor of National Breastfeeding month, the Solano County Breastfeeding Coalition is hosting its seventh annual Donor Breast Milk Drive and celebration to recognize mothers for their role in developing healthy infants, families and communities. Families are encouraged to attend and participate in fun activities and enjoy light snacks and refreshments while visiting with local community resource programs.

**The celebration will be held on Thursday, August 8 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Family Health Services building, located at 2101 Courage Drive in Fairfield.**

During the celebration, the Mother's Milk Bank of San Jose will be the present to receive breast milk donations from registered donors. The Mother's Milk Bank of San Jose is the only milk bank in Northern California, as well as the only organization in Northern California to be accredited by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America for adherence to standards for processing and delivering human milk to hospitals and families in need. Information will be available to learn how to become a registered donor.

The Mother's Milk Bank of San Jose collects breast milk from mothers with additional milk supply that they would like to donate to babies in need. The Milk Bank staff screens the donors, receives the breast milk, pasteurizes, tests the milk, and then distributes it to

medically fragile infants who are in need at neonatal intensive care units throughout California.

Families are encouraged to attend this wonderful celebration. For more information, call Christina Hatcher at (707) 784-8329 or email her at [CCHatcher@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:CCHatcher@SolanoCounty.com).

## Vallejo City Unified School District and Touro University Conclude Successful Mobile Vaccination Program



A Vallejo City Unified School District press release:

The Vallejo City Unified School District and Touro

University have concluded their partnership in the Touro Child and Adult Resource Education and Support Mobile Vaccination Program (CARES MVP). This program aims to help underserved communities overcome barriers to vaccination by taking clinics directly to them.

The program, funded by Touro Cares MVP Vaccine Grants from Kaiser East Bay Community Foundation, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Partnership Health Plan of California, and the Solano County Department of Public Health, began its mobile clinics during the pandemic to increase vaccine access.

The initiative launched its first VCUSD-hosted clinic at the John Finney Education Complex in May 2021 and wrapped up its final clinic at the same location in May 2024. Over its duration, the program held 375 clinics, including 122 at 12 different VCUSD schools, administering 4,604 vaccines.

These vaccines, which included COVID-19, influenza, and TDAP vaccines, along with other services provided, such as education, blood glucose and pressure checks, and referrals to other institutions, reached approximately 9,000 community members.

"We are immensely proud of the CARES MVP initiative's impact on our community," Vallejo City Unified School District Superintendent Rubén Aurelio said. "This partnership with Touro University has been crucial in providing essential vaccines to those who might not otherwise have had access. It's a testament to our commitment to health and education and creating equitable opportunities for all. We are grateful to all our partners and community members who made this program a success."

The initiative aligned with our strategic plan pillars: equitable opportunities, equitable outcomes, and community-centered education, focused on underserved communities who otherwise

might not have had access to vaccines and hosting clinics in their neighborhoods.

## Library Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Freedom Summer



The Benicia Public Library will present a special program about the 1964 Freedom Summer at **2 p.m., on Saturday, August 24 at the Benicia Public Library.**

Freedom Summer 1964 was a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement, where hundreds of volunteers, primarily college students, traveled to Mississippi to register African American voters, establish Freedom Schools, and challenge the systemic racism that had long pervaded the region. This summer of activism played a crucial role in advancing civil rights and social justice in the United States.

The event will be emceed by Alice Fried of the Solano County League of Women Voters and will include former Benicia Poet Laureate Mary Susan Gast (2020-2023), who participated in Freedom Summer as a college student, will share “Gifts from Freedom Summer –1964” followed by a character interpretation of Fannie Lou Hamer. Hamer, who rose from humble beginnings in the Mississippi Delta to become one of the most important, passionate, and powerful voices of the civil and voting rights movements and a leader in the efforts for greater economic opportunities for African Americans, will be brought to life by local performer and activist Linda Youngblood Wright.

The event will also include refreshments and an opportunity for Q&A about Freedom Summer 1964 and continued efforts to protect voting rights across our country. Join in as the community remembers, reflects, and recommit to the ideals of justice, equality, and freedom for all.

The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 E L Street. For more information about the library, click [here](#).

## National Night Out - Vallejo

National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Vallejo Police Department. Over 38 million people nationwide are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other neighborhoods throughout Vallejo in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2024!

National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for and participation in local crime prevention efforts

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQs to block parties. Some additional event ideas include but are not limited to community giveaways, games, contests, food, and fun.

For further questions about National Night Out, contact the Vallejo Police Department at [Monica.Gomez@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Monica.Gomez@cityofvallejo.net) or call Monica Gomez at 707-648-4540.

We look forward to meeting you and your neighbors at your National Night Out event this year!

## National Night Out - Glen Cove

This year, the Glen Cove National Night Out will take place on **Tuesday, August 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Glen Cove Waterfront Park (off Whitesides Dr.).**

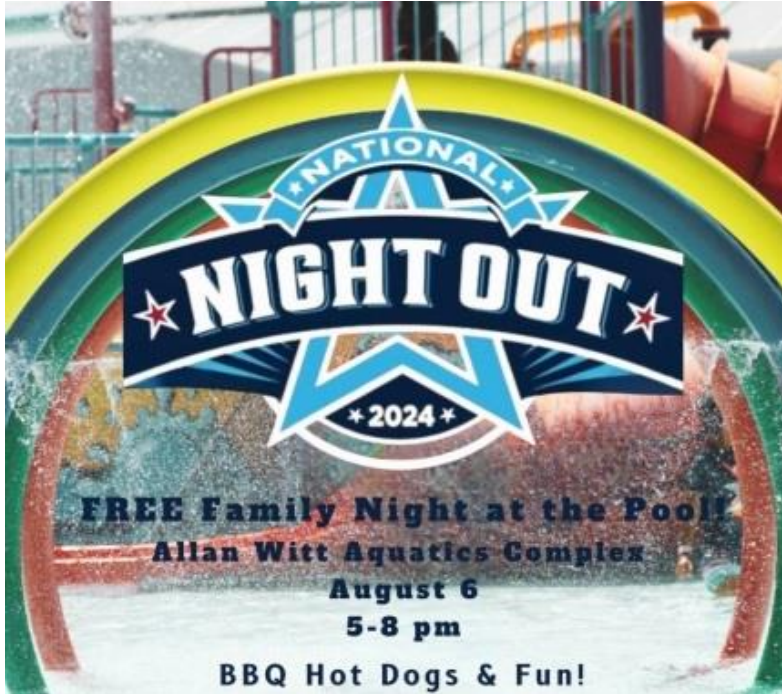
Come and meet your neighbors, enjoy food, fun, entertainment, and learn how to keep our neighborhoods safer. Bring your own picnic essentials or food will be available for purchase on site.

Individual communities throughout Glen Cove may also be hosting events. Please [contact your local development representative](#) to find out if a block party is planned for your neighborhood.

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes neighborhood camaraderie and public safety. NNO seeks to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while *bringing back a true sense of community*. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Glen Cove Community Association is co-sponsoring this event. For more information, please contact Elissa Stewart at [eshanksstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:eshanksstewart@yahoo.com). Glen Cove advertisers and residents with a business may set up a free information table.

## National Night Out - Fairfield



The city of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its 2024 National Night Out event on **Tuesday, August 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex located at 1741 W. Texas Street.**

National Night Out is a time for neighbors to get together and connect with each other. Come celebrate with the Parks and Recreation Department as we party at the pool!

You bring bathing suits and towels, and the city will provide hot dogs, chips, and beverages. All families are welcome at this free event!

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

## **National Night Out - Green Valley**

The Solano County Sheriff's Office cordially invites residents of the unincorporated areas of Green Valley, Suisun Valley and Tolenas to a National Night Out Celebration **Tuesday, August 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Russo Farm Stand located on 4075 Green Valley Road.**

Food will be provided along with emergency vehicles, a petting zoo, bounce house and more. Plus, there is a limited number of picnic tables, so feel free to bring a camping chair to partake in the fun.

# Community Survey for city of Vallejo police chief candidate



**Vallejo Police Chief Recruitment Community Meetings Survey**

We hope you enjoyed listening and discussing with Executive Recruiters Bob Hall & Associates and City Manager, Andrew Murray about what you would like to see in Vallejo's next Police Chief.

Share your thoughts and help shape the future of our community.

Use the link or QR code to participate in the Vallejo Police Chief Recruitment feedback survey.

Your input matters! <https://cityofvallejo.co/3XM9PpZ>



**Questions?**  
P: 707.648.4363  
E: [human.resources@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:human.resources@cityofvallejo.net)

To access the survey, click [here](https://cityofvallejo.co/3XM9PpZ).

# Congregate meal program



Enhancing the health and well-being of Solano County Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities 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**  
Please email us, or call this new phone number to make your lunch reservation.  
**(707) 684-4376**  
[info@innovativehealth.com](mailto:info@innovativehealth.com)

Lunch Service Begins JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Visit our website for more information:  
[innovativehealth.com/congregate-meals-program](http://innovativehealth.com/congregate-meals-program)

**LOCATIONS & HOURS**

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

**FAIRFIELD ADULT RECREATION CENTER**  
2200 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**  
51 Town Square, Vacaville  
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:00 AM

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

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

**DIXON SENIOR MULTI-USE CENTER**  
201 S 5th St., Dixon | Coming Soon!

**FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Vallejo | Coming Soon!



## Coastal Cleanup Day 2024



Saturday, September 21 will mark the 40th anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day.

The city of Benicia will celebrate Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21, at Alvarez Ninth Street Park.

To check cleanup locations, and/or for more information, click [here](#).

## Saturday in the Park Fundraiser has been cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "Saturday In The Park" fundraiser planned for October 5, has been cancelled. Organizers hope to have another event at the park in the very near future, with opportunities to support the park expansion, have fun, and enjoy this premier all-abilities park.

Check back [here](#) for updates.

## Job announcement for Environmental Program Educator



Solano Resource Conservation District is looking for program educators to join their award-winning education team for the 24-25 school year. SRCD's programming

connects with over 8,000 students annually, offering a concrete, experiential introduction to their watershed and the life that depends on it.

Solano RCD is looking for educators that represent the diverse communities of Solano County and are enthusiastic about teaching!

Please see the [job description](#) or email [education@solanorcd.org](mailto:education@solanorcd.org) for more information.

## Restoration of public computer services at Solano libraries

Good news!

Public computer services (computers and WiFi) have been restored at all library locations.



For library locations, and/or about the services offered by the Solano library system, click [here](#).

## NAMI de Familia a Familia Course



NAMI Solano County is hosting their first NAMI De Familia a Familia course in Solano County. This course provides knowledge and support to families in our community as they navigate

the complexities of having a loved one struggling with their mental health.

Wherever you are on this journey, whether at the beginning or years later, we believe this class can support and help you. This class will be offered virtually and completely in Spanish!

**Classes begin on Friday, August 2 via Zoom and will meet every Friday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. for 8 weeks.**



To register, click [here](#).

## Diabetic patients sought



**REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS**

**Are you newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes (T2D) within the last 6-9 months?  
Your experience matters!**

We are conducting a research study to gain insights into the emotional responses and challenges faced by individuals navigating life living with type 2 diabetes. Your participation will contribute to understanding the unique journey of managing this condition.

**Who we're looking for:**

- Individuals with diagnosed T2D within the past 6-9 months
- Must be fluent in English
- Individuals who are willing to share personal experiences and perspectives
- If selected, willing to share journal entries at least 2 times a week for 3 months regarding experience in living with T2D.

**How to Participate:**

Please contact Dr. Clipper Young, PharmD (cyoung6@touro.edu) for questions.

**TOURO UNIVERSITY CALIFORNIA**

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Compensation up to \$400.

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Happy 80th Birthday Smokey Bear



**Smokey Bear and Cal Fire will visit Peña Adobe Park in celebration of Smokey's 80th Birthday, Saturday, August 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park is located at 4699 Pena Adobe Rd, Vacaville**

Join CAL FIRE Firefighters and the Vacaville Fire Protection District and wish Smokey Bear a Happy 80th Birthday!! See fire engines and Vacaville Fire Protection District's antique Dodge Brothers Water Tender! Visit with Smokey Bear and have a piece of birthday cake!

On August 9, 1944, the creation of the first Smokey Bear poster was authorized by the Forest Service. Today, the Smokey Bear Wildfire Prevention campaign is the longest-running public service advertising campaign in U.S. history.

Since 1885, the men and women of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) have continued their dedication to serve and safeguard the people, property and resources of California. Established on April 5, 1946, the Vacaville Fire Protection District's team of neighbors has been serving neighbors in rural Vacaville as firefighters and as large animal rescuers, water rescuers, and with emergency evacuations.

Come join the fun, meet Smokey, visit with firefighters and listen to the music of the Vacaville Jammers. Since 2013, under the direction of Terry and Leslie Cloper, the Jam offers musicians of all styles and abilities to play acoustic instruments and sing together. Open jam sessions are held at Vacaville's McBride Senior Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month

Park docents will be available to lead tours of the Peña Adobe, California Historical Landmark #534 built by the Peña family in

1842, and the adjacent Mowers-Goheen Museum. This event is free!

## Benicia Peddlers Fair



**BeniciaPeddlersFair.org**

The fair offers connoisseurs and new collectors alike an opportunity to purchase items that include period furniture, decorative antiques, vintage textiles and fashion, pottery, porcelain, pink and blue depression glass, paintings, prints, jewelry, clocks, watches, trees and much, much more.

**The fair will take place on Saturday, August 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., along First Street in downtown Benicia.**

For more information, click [here](http://BeniciaPeddlersFair.org).

## GVRD's 80th Anniversary celebration



## Art of Community art exhibit



The Artiszen gallery is collaborating with Mare Island Art Studios (MIAS) to present the Art of Community Art Exhibit!

This exhibition celebrates the diverse artistic talents within the Vallejo community and will unfold over three consecutive weekends, each offering its own unique flavor. Embracing the old school Artiszen 'Art of Community' style, they aim to bring the community together and celebrate that magical "Vallejo Art Renaissance" that began 10 years ago, while looking forward to a future filled with even more community art!

This month-long exhibit will showcase the incredible talents of local artists and celebrate our vibrant community. Here's what you can expect:

### **Dates of Show/Open Gallery Times**

**Weekends Aug 10- Sep 1, 2024**

**Saturdays 12 to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 4 p.m.**

August 10: Opening Artist's Reception, featuring both familiar artists from Artiszen's past shows and exciting new talents as well as refreshments

August 17: Fashion Market and Upcycle Fashion Show showcasing local talent and sustainable fashions on the runway; vendors offering fun vintage/steampunk/homemade clothes, accessories, and jewelry; as well as delicious food, refreshing drinks, and a selection of beer and wine

August 24: Celebration Day, an extravaganza of live music, delectable food, and crafted cocktails.

In addition, a month-long community art project featuring a "CommuniTree" will run concurrently, inviting community members to decorate and inscribe messages on it. The goal is to transform this into a permanent and dynamic outdoor installation at the Mare Island Art Studios.

### **Compost giveaway**



Save the date, there will be a free compost giveaway on **Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alvarez Ninth Street Park in the city of Benicia.**

- Bring your own containers.
- No bags please.
- For Benicia Residents only and by appointment to reduce waiting time.

To sign up, click [here](#).

## 33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival



Join the community at the 33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival in downtown Fairfield from **11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, August 17** and from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, August 18.**

A variety of tomatoes to sample and buy, live music and performances, beer and wine gardens, kid's activities,

a car show, and more!

This year's festival will bring back tomato alley, a tomato eating contest, two beer and wine gardens, two stages, ten bands, a car show, and so much more! Premiering this year is a "Salsa & Salsa" class and canning demonstration.

## Speaker Series: Telesforo Trinidad and Filipinos in the US Navy



**Join in for an insightful afternoon at Mare Island Historic Park Foundation's Speaker Series on Sunday, August 18 at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Chapel.**

The distinguished speaker, Cecilia I. Gaerlan, is the proud daughter of a Bataan Death March survivor, who will present Telesforo Trinidad and Filipinos in the US Navy.

Vallejo's population is over 20% Filipino, and a significant reason for that is the United States Navy. On January 15, 1921, aboard USS San Diego (ACR-6) Fireman Second Class Telesforo Trinidad heroically rescued two shipmates following boiler explosions in two firerooms. At great risk to his life and suffering from severe burns to his face, he lived up to the military ethos to "leave no man behind." Trinidad is the only Asian American during peacetime to ever receive the Medal of Honor for heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

Ms. Cecilia I. Gaerlan is the founder and executive director of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society and was a founding member of the campaign that resulted in the naming of the first U.S. Navy ship after a Filipino American sailor, the USS Telesforo Trinidad (DDG-

139). Her organization also changed the California Department of Education's 11th-grade history curriculum to include a discussion of the Philippines in World War II. She also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Hornet Sea, Air and Space Museum.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Telesforo Trinidad and Filipinos in the US Navy.

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

## Trash mob



The next city of Fairfield Trash Mob is scheduled on **Saturday, August 24, from 9 to 11 a.m., across from AM/PM at 105 Lopes Road.**

Contact Karen Rees at [krees@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:krees@fairfield.ca.gov) or call (707) 428-7767 to sign up. Students can earn community service hours for school!

## Peacocks & Poems Anthology

"*Peacocks & Poems: A fusion of poetry, art, and music*" book celebration will take place **from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 25 at Mangels Vineyards, 4529 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.**

This will not be a poetry reading, but rather a celebration of these expressive collaborations. Even if you are not in the anthology, the community is invited to come and enjoy this gathering of creative voices.

## Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association

Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce and the Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association invite you to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit

# Open Show

**September 11 - October 26**  
Membership Show!

**Solano Town Center Gallery**  
1350 Travis Blvd., #D-8, Fairfield, CA  
(inside the Solano Town Center Mall)

Art can be seen at the Gallery:  
Wednesday - Sunday  
Sept 10 11 am - 6 pm  
Or at [fvaa-arts.org](http://fvaa-arts.org)

Send your poem in a word doc or pdf with 42 lines or less, with picture of art above the poem by  
September 18 - 5 pm  
[fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com)

Art Reception and Poetry Reading  
September 20  
5:30 - 7:30pm

## Mare Island Founders Day 2024



Step back in time and join the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for a blast from the past! Celebrate 170 years of Mare Island's history at the Founders Day extravaganza.

**On Sunday, September 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.**, immerse yourself in family fun, live music, silent auctions, and more. Entry is free, with paid activities for all ages. Don't miss this nostalgic celebration! Remember to bring your own chair for a comfortable day of festivities!

The festival will take place at the Admiral's Mansion, 1065 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island.

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

## Vest's Empowerment Walk/Stroll-A-Thon

Join VEST and the Wellness Center at Solano Community College for the first Annual 2024 Empowerment Walk/Stroll Against Domestic Violence.

This event is part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness and supporting survivors of intimate partner violence.

**It will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 5 at Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, in Fairfield.**



## Glen Cover summer shindig



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## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, July 27,** I attended the Benicia Waterfront event on the Green. I enjoy the music and the vendors. I found one who had the earrings I wanted. The weather was cool. I am so tired of the heat.

**Sunday, July 28,** I attended the Lecture given by author David Winkler on his book titled **America's First Aircraft Carrier**. The event was held at St. Peter's Chapel. I bought his book. The lecture was enjoyable especially with the pictures using a power point presentation.

**Monday, July 29,** I was invited to attend a workshop held by the Benicia Unified School District. The strategic plan workshop was for 3 days with many members of the community attending just the first day. We worked on the Vision Statement for the district, then worked on the mission statement and prioritizing objectives. These concepts set in motion what the district's budget should reflect. It was a long but fruitful day.

**Thursday Aug. 1,** I attended the Solano Water institute for Teachers sponsored by Solano resource conservation District. (SRCD) Thursday was taking a boat ride on Lake Berryessa and learning about California water as well as Solano county's water. I learn something new every year and, yes, I ran

into one of my former students from Green Valley 2 (the one torn down).

A reminder: Next Wednesday Aug. 7 will be the last day Food is Free Event held at the Benicia library will still be operating from 5 to 7pm. School will be starting, and students will be receiving food at school. The district will still be providing food like last year under the California Universal Meals Program. It is very important that all families (not just Benicia students) fill out the Free/Reduce Meal Application. Many of you did not do that and lost out on money to help feed you family this summer.

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## 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](#)

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## Newsletter photo

Downtown Vallejo. 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.