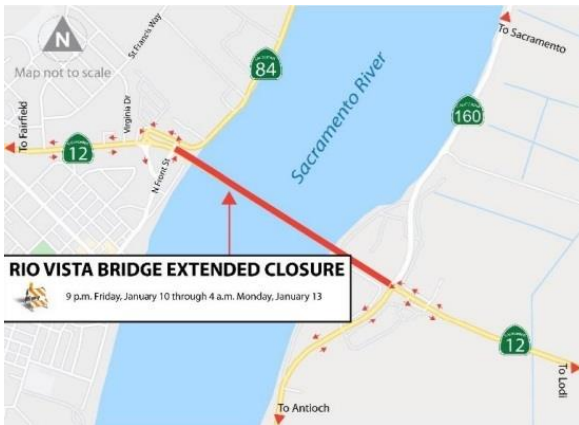


SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER



Information this week

Rio Vista Bridge scheduled for third 55-hour closure



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

The weekend closure has been rescheduled to 9 p.m. Friday, January 10 through to 4 a.m. Monday, January 13.

This \$11.24 million project funded through the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program will require multiple 55-hour weekend



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Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

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 and rehabilitating the roadway surface by placing a polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Work also includes replacing bridge rails, repaving bridge approach ramps, and constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps.

Delays for the arrival of bridge materials and a request from the city of Rio Vista has extended the original date.

For updates, click [here](#).

New California laws for 2025

From the San Francisco Chronicle:

California lawmakers and [Gov. Gavin Newsom](#) approved more than a thousand laws this year on topics ranging from environmental regulation to traffic rules.

Starting next year, colleges that accept state funding will be banned from [giving special consideration to applicants related to alumni or donors](#). The new law, [AB1780](#) by then-Assembly Member Phil Ting, D-San Francisco, will take effect Sept. 1, 2025, meaning the first class of students affected will start college in fall 2026.

Police will begin fining drivers who park too [close to crosswalks under California's new "daylighting" law](#), [AB413](#) by Assembly Member Alex Lee, D-San Jose. In an effort to make roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists, the law prohibits people from parking within 20 feet of marked and unmarked crosswalks in most circumstances. Though it has technically been in effect since the start of 2024, cities can start fining drivers Jan. 1.

Fines will vary by jurisdiction. In San Francisco, fines will start at \$40 per violation.

Californians will be able to more easily cancel subscriptions under the state's new click-to-cancel law, which takes effect July 1. [AB2863](#) by Assembly Member Pilar Schiavo, D-Chatsworth, requires companies that offer automatically renewing and continuous subscriptions to let customers cancel their subscriptions through the same method they used to sign up.

[AB2017](#) by Sen.-elect Tim Grayson, D-Concord, prohibits state-chartered banks from fining customers when they try to withdraw money but have insufficient funds in their account. It takes effect Jan. 1.

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

People with severe mental illness who commit [violent crimes can be kept in state mental hospitals](#) longer to allow the state to better plan for continued treatment after their release under a new law that takes effect Jan. 1.

Assembly Member Matt Haney, D-San Francisco, said he introduced [AB2475](#) in response to a Chronicle column published last year that detailed the circumstances leading up to a [Chinatown bakery stabbing](#). Haney said Mayor London Breed's office and the San Francisco Department of Public Health sent him the column and asked him to introduce a bill to address the problems it revealed.

SB1061 will, starting Jan. 1, prohibit credit bureaus from including medical debt on people's credit reports. The law by Sen. Monique Limón, D-Santa Barbara, aims to avoid penalizing people for accessing necessary health care.

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

Corpsmembers 'Came to the Rescue' for Florida Hurricane Survivors

For 30 days straight, California Conservation Corpsmembers from across California found themselves working in a strange new land. Temperatures scorched past 90 with humidity at 80-percent or more. Their mission is one that will not soon forget; helping residents devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton recover.

To continue reading, click [here](#). To join the California Conservation Corps., click [here](#).

MCE's 2024 Impact Report

[MCE's 2024 Impact Report](#) has been

published! MCE is a not-for-profit public agency which offers renewable power at stable rates, reduce energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, and reinvest millions of dollars in community benefit programs.



MCE provides electricity service to more than 1.5 million people in [38 member communities](#) in Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano Counties.

Updates from around Solano County

Potential outages this weekend in wake of winter storm



From the PG&E Meteorology Team:

A strong winter storm enters the territory tomorrow into Saturday, resulting in significant adverse weather

- *Southerly wind gusts 50-65+ mph are expected across portions of the North Coast, Peninsula, and Central Coast; **gusts 40-50 mph across portions of the Sacramento Valley, Bay Area, and Sierra Nevada with gusts 25-40 mph elsewhere***
- *Total rainfall amounts of 2-5" are expected across the North with heavy mountain snow above 4000-5000'*
- *DSO SOPP Model has Cat 4 conditions for Humboldt tomorrow; Cat 4 conditions for Sonoma, North Bay, and Peninsula, and **mostly Cat 3 elsewhere on Saturday***

PG&E's local Operations Emergency Center (OEC) has opened to respond to outages as they occur, and we are staffing up appropriately over the weekend to ensure we have enough crews to respond to outages.

California State University Maritime Academy Maintenance Dredging



The California State University Maritime Academy, through its agent, WRA, Inc. has applied for a ten-year Department of the Army permit to conduct maintenance dredging within the California Maritime Academy (CMA) boat basin located in the city of Vallejo, Solano County, California.

The purpose of the proposed dredging is to return the boat basin to the original design depths in order to facilitate safe navigation for CMA training ships. This Department of the Army Permit application is being processed pursuant to the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1344 et seq.) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 403 et seq.).

The site encompasses approximately 3.9 acres and is located within the CMA boat basin located on the northern shoreline of the Carquinez Strait just west of the I-80 Carquinez Bridge.

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

Questions or comments regarding this Notice may be directed to Project Manager Melissa France at Melissa.M.France@usace.army.mil or (415) 503-6768.

Annual Menorah Lighting



The city of Fairfield, in partnership with the Chabad of Solano County, will hold its fourth annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony **downtown on Thursday, December 26, at 5:30 p.m. on the County Lawn, at the corner of Texas and Jefferson Streets.**

Rabbi Zaklos and Fairfield Mayor Catherine Moy will light the Menorah during the evening ceremony. Following the lighting ceremony, festivities will include family entertainment, treats, and Chanukah cookies.

This event is free and fun for the whole family, rain or shine.

For more information, click [here](#) or email Juan Segura at jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov.

3rd Annual Glen Cove Holiday Lights Contest

From the Glen Cove Community Association:

Those living in the Glen Cove neighborhood, in the city of Vallejo, are invited to decorate their homes in holiday lights, the brighter - the better! Prepare for some creative fun and competition with your Glen Cove neighbors for our annual holiday lights contest.

The top 3 winning contestants will receive a prize worth \$200/\$150/\$50 and a feature in the Association's newsletter! Homes that are entered will be added to a Holiday Lights Contestant Map, which will be made available to Glen Cove community members in the coming weeks. We hope this event will be BIGGER and BRIGHTER this year!

Deadline to enter: DECEMBER 18

Judges view homes: DECEMBER 21

Prizes awarded: DECEMBER 22

Interested in competing as an individual or as a team with your street? **Questions, or to enter your home to compete:** info@glencovevallejo.com

Solano County Library holiday closure

Solano County Library will be closed on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Branches will close early at 12PM on Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) and Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

Memorial Day for Unhoused Persons



The National Homeless Persons Memorial Day began in 1990 and takes place each year on or around the winter Solstice—the longest night of the year.

Housing First Solano, the Lived Experience Committee, and the city of Fairfield are hosting a Memorial for Unhoused Persons on Wednesday, December 18 at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Community Center’s Willow Hall, 1000 Kentucky Street.

This will be a space to remember and honor those in our community with a lived experience of houselessness who have died in the past year. As part of the event, we will be reading the names of those who have passed. All are welcome to attend.

To submit a name of someone who experienced houselessness and passed away in 2024, please email Samantha at sburrows@fairfield.ca.gov.

Take my tree, please!



From the city of Benicia:

Take advantage of a convenient community service and fundraiser from Benicia’s Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Crew. You can drop off your tree or register for pickup at your home or business. Once recycled, the trees are chipped and used for ground cover on city of Benicia properties.

To register for pickup, visit [BeniciaScouts.org](https://www.beniciascouts.org) or call the tree recycle hotline at (707) 551-4520. Appointments are required for pickup.

Tree Drop Off/Pickup Dates:

- Saturday, December 28
- Sunday, December 29
- Saturday, January 4, 2025
- Sunday, January 5, 2025
- Saturday, January 11, 2025

Drop Off Locations:

- Benicia Community Park (behind Matthew Turner School)
- First Baptist Church on Southampton Rd.

Flocked trees are accepted. Please have your tree out by 9 a.m.

Donations are welcome! Make checks payable to BSA Christmas Tree Recycling. Attach the donation to your tree or mail it to:

Benicia Scouts Christmas Tree Recycling
PO Box 485
Benicia, CA 94510.

This project is being run in full cooperation with the city of Benicia and Republic Services.

To register a pickup, click [here](#).

Holiday promotions; prepare to go cashless with FAST

Two holiday promotions happening at Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) Youth ride free starting December 2 (school ID required) and everyone rides free December 2 to January 4.

Additionally, [FAST is going cashless](#) effective January 6, 2025.

Help stock the Food Pantry at Cal Maritime

At Cal Maritime, the wellbeing of the cadets and students is central to the mission of the university. As a residential campus, all students are required to have a meal plan, yet many need to rely on the resources of the food pantry for various reasons.

The food pantry provides more than just food—it's a lifeline that ensures our students can thrive both academically and personally.

Here's how your support makes a difference:

- **Flexible Access to Meals:** With packed schedules, including classes, work, and athletic commitments, students can't always make it to scheduled mealtimes. The pantry offers items they can cook and eat when it's most convenient.
- **Support for Limited Cooking Options:** For those living on campus with minimal cooking facilities, we stock easy-to-prepare items suitable for microwaves or approved appliances.
- **Athlete Nutrition:** Many of our student-athletes need additional calories to support their training and recovery. The pantry provides supplemental meals to help meet their needs.
- **Personal Care Products:** Over the past two years, we've added personal care items such as razors, shaving cream, and hygiene products. This has been transformative,

particularly for cadets facing unique grooming standards and limited off-campus access.

- **Off-Campus Support:** Even students living off-campus benefit from the pantry's expanded offerings, including fresh eggs, frozen chicken, and other essential items sourced from the Solano Food Bank.

In addition, the **Basic Needs Programs** extend beyond the pantry:

- **Greens on the Cove:** A weekly pop-up providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to 25-30 students. Demand is growing, and with more funding, we could offer this vital program twice a week.

From Monica: "Our students need help. Please write a check or buy supplies. Also, please drop off your items to 200 Maritime Academy Drive Vallejo, Ca 94590 at Mayo Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Campus will be closed over the holidays from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2. Thank you all for supporting our students."

To donate, click [here](#).

SolTrans' year-end video

Take a look back with Soltrans at what they have been up to in 2024 before 2025 begins.

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

Soltrans holiday schedule

SolTrans		HOLIDAY SERVICE CALENDAR				
DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		December 24 Christmas Eve SATURDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE	December 25 Christmas NO SERVICE	December 26 REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE	27 REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE	28 REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE
29 REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE	30 REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE	December 31 New Years Eve SATURDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE	January 1 New Years Day NO SERVICE	January 2 REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES		

For schedules and more info: SolTrans.org

SolTrans will have Holiday service hour reductions for the upcoming holidays Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day.

There will be no service on Christmas Day and New Years Day (December 25 and January 1, 2025). SolTrans Local, Express, and Paratransit buses will NOT operate on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

Saturday Service Days- Christmas Eve and New Years Eve (December 26 and 31, 2024) SolTrans Local, Express, and Paratransit buses will operate according to their Saturday Schedule, meaning no service on local school trippers 15, 17, and 38 and no service on Express Green Line and Rt 82.

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

SolanoConnex requesting feedback

We Want To Hear From You

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Your feedback on the SolanoConnex website
- Suggestions for improvement
- Ideas to better meet community needs

As a Thank You:

- Participants will earn a \$25 gift card!*

*Limited gift cards available. Must be 18 years or older and a Solano County resident
*Meetings will be held over Zoom

Interested? Contact us!
solanoconnex@gmail.com

SolanoConnex TOURO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

SolanoConnex is seeking input from Solano County residents to improve their website and better serve the community. As a key resource connecting residents to mental health support, they are committed to making the site even more helpful and user-friendly.

If interested in being a key informant, email solanoconnex@gmail.com.

Exclusively Black prenatal groups hosted by Solano HEALs

Solano HEALs Exclusively Black Virtual Prenatal Groups

Preparing for pregnancy and childbirth with a supportive community of Doulas.

Who should attend...

Pregnant Black women living in Solano County who are seeking a supportive environment to learn how to process their trauma and develop techniques to support their pregnancy journey.

What to expect...

- A supportive community of pregnant women with Doula led curriculum.
- Improved insight into your pregnancy journey and how to empower your birthing experience.

Groups are **free!**
Wednesdays - Feb 5th to Mar 26th
from 5-7 p.m.



Scan to fill out the interest form!

Free Giveaways!

Participants who complete program aspects will have the chance to receive giveaways!

- Pack N' Play Portable Playard
- New Parent Kit from First 5 Solano
- Handmade Blanket
- Produce from Park It Market

*Attendance at a virtual preliminary information session is required before the group begins.
Virtual session will be on Thursday, January 30th from 5-6 p.m.*

www.solanoheals.com | solanoheals@gmail.com



Starting February 5, 2025, Solano HEALs is providing an 8-week session to pregnant Black women living in Solano County who are seeking a supportive environment to learn how to process their trauma and develop techniques to support their pregnancy journey.

Participants can expect doula led curriculum, improved insight into your pregnancy journey, and free giveaways. Interest form available [here](#).

Winged Migration Expo hosted by Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District

Join the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District on February 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their Winged Migration Expo and support the community through knowledge preservation of the Pacific Flyway in California and celebrate its birds within the natural world.

This free event will involve interactive kids' activities, speakers and experts, wing-themed art and vendors, and live or virtual tours of the island.

The location is building 34 on Nimitz Ave, Vallejo, CA 94592. For more information, visit the website [here](#).

Benicia Public Library Winter Coat Drive



Please bring clean, gently used or new coats, outerwear, and other winter gear to the **Benicia Public Library (150 E L Street)** during **open hours any time between now and December 18.**

Donated items are picked up and redistributed through our partnership with Catholic Charities.

The CARE Act is Now Active in Solano County

The Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act is a new civil court process aimed at connecting individuals with untreated schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder and other psychotic disorders, to critical behavioral health services, housing, and support. This initiative helps reduce homelessness, hospitalizations, and incarceration by offering a court-ordered Care Plan for up to 24 months. Although the court can order medication as part of the plan, the process does not include forced medication.

The CARE Act allows individuals to be referred directly to the court through petitions, which are filed at the Solano Court Family Law Division in Fairfield. Those eligible will receive a tailored plan that includes community-based mental health services, housing assistance, and support for up to a year, with the possibility of extension.

For information on how to file a petition or to learn about eligibility, visit the [Solano County website](#) or contact the CARE Act team at BHCareAct@solanocounty.com. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Behind on Rent?

BEHIND ON RENT?

UNITED WAY
California Capital Region
Can Help!

**TROUBLE WITH YOUR LANDLORD?
AT RISK OF EVICTION?**

Solano County and CAP Solano JPA have partnered with United Way California Capital Region to help prevent homelessness in our communities.

Keep People Housed - Solano is a program that can provide eligible households with flexible financial assistance to pay rent, utilities, security deposits, or moving costs, as well as legal referrals and other services to prevent Solano County residents from becoming unhoused.

**APPLY FOR HELP NOW BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW.**

CONTACT US
kphsolano.org
(707) 316-8047
kphsolano@uwccr.org

CHRONICLE SEASON OF SHARING FUND

¿RETRASADO EN EL PAGO DE LA RENTA?

UNITED WAY
California Capital Region

**¿PROBLEMAS CON TU ARRENDADOR?
¿EN RIESGO DE DESALOJO?**

El Condado de Solano y CAP Solano JPA se han asociado con United Way California Capital Region para ayudar a prevenir la falta de vivienda en nuestras comunidades.

Keep People Housed - Solano es un programa que puede brindar asistencia financiera para pagar la renta, servicios públicos, depósitos de seguridad o costos de mudanza, así como referencias legales y otros servicios para evitar que los residentes del Condado de Solano se queden sin hogar.

Solicita ayuda ahora escaneando el código QR a continuación.

CONTÁCTANOS
kphsolano.org
(707) 316-8047
kphsolano@uwccr.org

CHRONICLE SEASON OF SHARING FUND

Behind on Rent? Trouble with your Landlord? At risk of an eviction?

Solano County and CAP Solano JPA has partnered with United Way California Capital Region to help prevent homelessness to Solano County residents who said “yes” to any of the questions above.

Keep People Housed – Solano is a program that can provide eligible households with flexible financial assistance to pay rent, utilities, security deposits, or moving costs, as well as legal referrals and other services to prevent Solano County residents from becoming homeless.

Using the [Bay Area Community Services \(BACS\)](#) online application portal, this FREE program can provide you the resources you need to get the help you need to stay in your home!

To be eligible, applicants must be Solano County residents with incomes at or below 50% of the Area Median Income and a demonstrated risk of homelessness or housing loss due to recent financial or other hardships.

1 Person Family	2 Person Family	3 Person Family	4 Person Family	5 Person Family	6 Person Family	7 Person Family	8 Person Family
\$44,050	\$50,350	\$56,650	\$62,900	\$67,950	\$73,000	\$78,000	\$83,050

Accepted applicants to the program will receive rapid and flexible financial assistance paired with flexible, hands-on and individualized housing stabilization services as well as legal referrals for all households facing eviction.

Housing stabilization services could include creating household budgets, housing stability plans, providing problem-solving support, referrals to other community resources that can help households increase their incomes, lower their housing costs, or otherwise build financial stability and strength (for example: workforce development, childcare, health or mental health, domestic violence services, etc.).

To apply, click [here](#).

Benicia Fire Department Toy Drive

BENICIA FIRE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
 Accepting through December 18
 NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS ONLY
 Questions? 707-746-4275

COLLECTION LOCATIONS

- Station 11: 150 Military West
- Station 12: 601 Hastings
- Mare Island Brewing: 440 1st
- Rancho Benicia: 300 East H
- Benicia Public Library: 150 East L
- Community Center: 370 East L

The Benicia Fire Department is now collecting toys for kids in need this holiday season. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to any of the collection locations:

- Station 11 - 150 Military West
- Station 12 - 601 Hastings
- Mare Island Brewing - 440 First
- Rancho Benicia - 300 East H
- Benicia Public Library - 150 East L
- Benicia Community Center - 370 East L

Please drop off all toys by December 18. You can also bring your toy for donation to the free Pictures with Santa event at Station 11, 150 Military West, on Saturday, December 14 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Donated toys will be distributed by Benicia Community Action

Council and Solano AIDS Coalition. If you have questions about the toy drive, please call Benicia Fire Department at (707) 746-4275.

Vallejo Firefighters Holiday Toy Drive



New and unwrapped toys can be donated at any Vallejo Fire Station!

Fire station locations:

Station 21 - Ladder Truck: 1220 Marin Street

Station 22 - Engine: 700 Fifth Street

Station 23 - Engine: 900 Redwood Street

Station 24 - Engine: 1005 Oakwood Avenue

Station 25 - Engine: 595 Mini Drive

Station 26 - Engine: 1335 Fulton Avenue

Station 27 - Engine: 1585 Ascot Court

November 5, 2024, General Primary Election Certified Results from the Solano County Registrar of Voters



From Solano County Administrator's Office:

The Solano County Registrar of Voters (ROV) has prepared a certified statement of the results of the November 5, 2024, General Election.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION

- 269,510 – number of ballots Issued to all voters
- 67,003 – number of ballots returned by mail
- 89,113 – number of ballots returned at drop off locations around the county.
- 36,281 – number of ballots CAST in-person at election day polling places
- 71.39% – overall registered voter turnout

In-person voting continues to stay relatively low with an average of 18% of the turnout attributed to voters voting ballots at 70 polling locations. Of this number, roughly 10% (3,279) were voters registering to vote on the day of the election.

Additionally, the ROV continues to experience a rise in ballots dropped off at locations on Election Day. More than half of the ballots counted as vote by mail ballots are ballots dropped off to secure locations on Election Day.

As part of canvassing the results, a minimum 1% hand count of voted ballots is required by California Election Code §15360. The ROV performed an audit which included a random hand count of 5.64% percent (10,856) of the valid ballots, comparing the totals to the electronic results submitted to ensure accuracy. No discrepancies were discovered during the hand count audit of the results.

To ensure a smooth election process, the ROV coordinated with a variety of community groups whose membership helped to observe, volunteer, and disseminate information to voters and the public. The ROV also partners with over 50 local community groups who adopt polling locations to assist operations on election day.

The ROV would like to thank the various citizen groups and poll workers for their assistance during the General Election for adopting, recruiting, and managing all 70 poll places around the

county. The success of our in-person operations relies entirely on community and citizen groups working as teams at all polling locations. Community groups that want to participate in the future can learn more about getting involved sending an e-mail to elections@solanocounty.com; or on our website.

You can view the full detailed election results of the November 5, 2024, General Election by clicking [here](#).

Vallejo continues accepting applications for boards, committees, and commissions



The city of Vallejo continues to accept applications for residents interested with serving on one of the numerous city's boards, commissions and committees. Vallejo residents who are interested in serving on an advisory

body are invited to submit an application and supplemental questionnaire for consideration.

There are currently openings on the following boards, commissions, and committees:

(click links to access applications)

[Code Enforcement Appeals Board](#) (2) terms to expire 12/31/25

[Commission on Culture + Arts](#) (2) terms to expire 12/31/28

[Economic Development Commission](#) (1) term to expire 6/30/26

[Housing Authority Tenant Commissioners - Must be in the Housing Voucher Program and 1 of the tenant commissioners must be age 62 or older](#) (2) terms to expire 12/31/26

[Housing & Community Development Commission](#) – (2) 1 term to expire 6/30/27 and 1 to expire 6/30/28

[Marina Advisory Committee – \(2 berther seats\)](#) – 1 term to expire 6/30/26 and 1 term to expire 6/30/25

[Measure P Oversight Committee – District 6 Member Only](#) – (1) term to expire 10/10/26

[Participatory Budget Steering Committee](#) (1 member and 3 alternates) terms expire 6/30/25

Surveillance Advisory Board – At-Large, District 1, 3 & 6 Members Only – (4) terms to expire 1/2/29

For City Boards and Commissions, except for the Commission on Culture + Arts, Marina Advisory Committee, Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, and the Surveillance Advisory Board, 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 remain open until a sufficient number have been received in the City Clerk's Office

Specific dates for applicant interviews with the City Council will be announced at a later date. Applicants must attend the interview to be considered for appointment on a board or commission.

Application forms and supplemental questionnaires are accessible in several ways:

The City's website, located on the [Boards and Commissions page](#)

At City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 555 Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor, Vallejo, CA

By Email at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net, or by phone at (707) 648-4527

By Postal Mail: City of Vallejo, C/O City Clerk, PO Box 3068, Vallejo, CA 94590

Centenarian Yearbook

This year marks the 18th Annual Centenarian Commemoration in Solano County. The Centenarian Commemoration is designed to honor and pay tribute to individuals who have reached 100 years of age or older. On Tuesday, December 3rd, the board honored the county's centenarians.



To date, the Board of Supervisors has honored more than 325 centenarians, the oldest of them, Reta Wills of Vallejo, who reached super-centenarian status of 110 years old in 2021.

A yearbook was put together to honor this year's centenarians. To view the yearbook, click [here](#).

Vallejo re-opens main entrance to City Hall



Vallejo City Manager Andrew Murray announced recently that the traditional main entrance to City Hall on Santa Clara Street has been re-opened.

The customer service area for the Planning and Development Services Department has also been returned to its traditional location and a new customer queuing system is being installed.

City Manager Murray said, "These are steps in our continuous effort to improve customer service and access to City Hall. We look forward to welcoming you."

Vallejo City Hall is located at 555 Santa Clara Street.

JFK Library December Events Calendar



To view the JFK Library December Events Calendar, click [here](#).

Winter Shelter at BayNorth Church of Christ



BayNorth Church of Christ will be providing a winter shelter for city of Fairfield residents who are unhoused.

The winter shelter will operate each night **through March 31, 2025**. **The intake process will be from 6:30 to 8 pm and the shelter exit time will be 6 am each morning. Those needing shelter are allowed to line up starting at 6 pm.**

The winter shelter will be filled on a first come, first served basis each night with a limited capacity of ten. Individuals needing shelter must be able to independently manage activities of daily living and agree to comply with program guidelines. There will be limited space for personal belongings.

The winter shelter address is 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, and the phone number is (707) 260-9794.

FAST will provide free bus rides to the winter shelter on FAST route 3 from 6 to 7 pm Monday-Friday. Those who need a ride will need to board the bus at the Fairfield Transportation Center and let the driver know they are going to the winter shelter. Exit the bus at Solano Town Center, make a left on Pennsylvania Ave. and walk one block to Bay North Church of Christ.

Aquatics Complex Closure



The Allan Witt Aquatics Complex will be closed from December 15 through January 4 for scheduled yearly maintenance. Please note monthly passes will not be prorated during this planned closure. The city of Fairfield officials suggest utilizing the 10-punch pass or drop-in daily rate as an option.

Arts Benicia



Consider making a visit to Arts Benicia as part of your holiday plans. Enjoy the current exhibition, ***Animalia***, and select a gift for someone from the **Holiday Art Market**. Both are open through December 15. Come by the Benicia Arsenal this weekend (December 7 and 8) and you can also visit the over twenty artists in their studios during the Winter Open Studios weekend <https://www.beniciaarsenalartists.com/>

You can also time your visits to coincide with two fun events planned for this month: **a docent tour of the Commanding Officer's Quarters, on Friday, December 13, from 12 to 1 p.m., and a festive closing reception for *Animalia* and the Holiday Art Market, on Sunday, December 15, from 1 to 5 p.m.**

The Arts Benicia Gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the Commanding Officer's Quarters, in the historic Benicia Arsenal. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of Benicia's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

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

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

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Solano County jobs

Positions
Health Services Clinic Manager (Senior)
Probation Division Chief
Project Manager (Limited-Term)
<i>*Current Solano County employees are invited to apply for this promotional opportunity*</i>

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

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about any Solano County job announcement, click [here](#).

December calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The December calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

December 13: Hamburgers by VFW Aux; National Guard Birthday

14 Christmas Parade (at hall @0900), Oren's Army/Navy(pot luck); VFW

Yountville Christmas party

17 House commission meeting 1830 hrs National Wreaths Across America

18 **SONS AMERICAN LEGION** meet at 1900 hours; Judy's Hot dogs;

20 **Tri Tip Dinner** by Sons of The American Legion signup sheet for this at bar

25 Merry Christmas Hanukkah Begins 25-Jan.2

26 Hanukkah Begins 26-Jan. 1

27 Hamburgers by The American Legion

31 New Years Eve

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

Upcoming events in Solano County

Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America

Annual Ceremony at the Oldest Naval Cemetery on the West Coast and the Newest National Cemetery



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration



Mare Island Naval Cemetery

167 O'Hara Court
Vallejo, California 94592

9am, Saturday,
December 14, 2024



Santa Splash

The city of Fairfield's Parks & Rec will host its annual "Santa Splash" event on **Saturday, December 14, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex, 1741 W Texas Street,**



Join for a magical time as the indoor Natatorium is turned into a Winter Wonderland! Swim in the warm waters, play games, and win prizes.

There will also be a special appearance by Santa! All persons entering the Natatorium must pay the registration fee of \$15.

To pre-register, click [here](#).

Pictures with Santa!

Benicia Fire and Benicia Community Services Departments are excited to welcome Santa Claus! Join them as Santa takes time out of his busy December schedule to **stop by Fire Station 11 on Saturday, December 14 from 3 to 6 p.m. Fire Station 11 is located at 150 Military West.**

This event is free and open to the public. There is a suggested donation of a toy for the toy drive. All toys must be new and unwrapped. There is also a private session for sensory sensitive children from 2 to 2:30 p.m. No need to RSVP.

If you have questions, call (707) 746-4275 or email Della Olm at dolm@ci.benicia.ca.us.

Fundraiser

Ethnic Notions Fine Art Gallery & Bookstore

In Conjunction with

**Solano Aids Coalition
Benicia Performing Arts
Benicia Black Lives Matter**

Hosts a Fundraiser Event for
"Benicia's Second Annual Fiesta Primavera"
Fighting Bullying, Hate, & Racism in Solano County

Saturday, December 14th 4-7pm

Ethnic Notions Fine Art Gallery
930 Marin Street, Vallejo CA. 94590

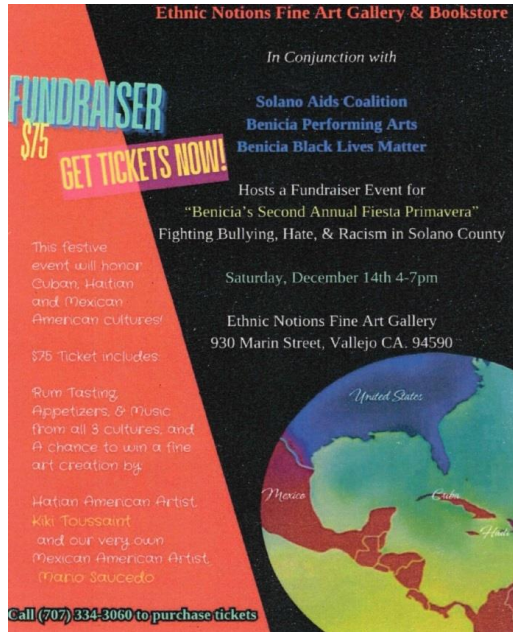
This festive event will honor Cuban, Haitian and Mexican American cultures!

\$75 Ticket includes:

Rum Tasting, Appetizers & Music from all 3 cultures, and A chance to win a fine art creation by:

Haitian American Artist, Kiki Toussaint and our very own Mexican American Artist, Mano Saucedo

Call (707) 334-3060 to purchase tickets



Grand Victorian Homes Tour



**2024
Grand Victorian
Homes Tour Of Vallejo**
Sunday, December 15, 2024

Celebrate a charming, holiday Victorian tradition going from outstanding grand homes to another!



2:30-4:30pm: Reception @ USA World Classic Car Museum, 1521 Sonoma Blvd, Vallejo

Music, food & wine: \$40 with discounted tickets available @ www.brownpapertickets.com/6447444

3:00 - 7:00pm -- Homes Open
5:00 - 8:00pm -- After Party @ Vino Godfather

(925) 451-7682 | www.hattervallejo.com
Like Us on  : MadHatterHolidayVallejo



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

Senior Center holiday movie screening



Come join the Benicia Senior Center for a holiday movie screening of "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" through Kanopy, a free streaming service available from the Benicia Public Library on **Wednesday, December 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Popcorn and water will be provided. The event is for adults ages 55 and up. The Benicia Senior Center is located at 1201 East 2nd Street.

If you have any questions, please call the (707) 746-4285. For more information about the senior center, click [here](#).

Lake Dalwigk Park ribbon cutting

A poster for the Lake Dalwigk Park ribbon cutting ceremony. The top half features a large gold ribbon being cut by scissors. Below the ribbon are logos for Solano County, Vallejo, and Contra Costa. The text reads: "LAKE DALWIGK PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY!". The bottom left contains event details: "When: December 19, 2024, 11AM-noon" and "Where: Lake Dalwigk Park, 450 5th Street (at Lemon Street), Vallejo, CA 94590". The bottom right features a photo of a black sign for "LAKE DALWIGK PARK" and the text "Artist: Rachel Rodi Mosaics".

When:
December 19, 2024, 11AM-noon

Where:
Lake Dalwigk Park
450 5th Street (at Lemon Street)
Vallejo, CA 94590

Join the ribbon cutting celebration as we mark the completion of the improvements to Lake Dalwigk Park. Enjoy treats while meandering along the beautiful trail, with new amenities and interpretive signs along this treasured recreational spot.
*Rain or Shine

Artist: Rachel Rodi Mosaics

Vallejo Kids Book Fest



Holiday Festival
Sat. Dec. 21 Family Free Day
734 Marin St. Vallejo

10AM-11AM THE VALLEJO MUSEUM'S ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR TEA
11AM-12PM ANGELS WITH HEART STORYTIME & TOY GIVE AWAY

ALL DAY LONG- THE 5TH ANNUAL VALLEJO KIDS BOOK FEST W/ PERFORMANCES AND READERS TAKING STAGE AT 12:15

SPECIAL GUESTS: SANTA CLAUS & THE GRINCH

- 1 FREE BOOK PER PERSON
- LIVE PERFORMANCES
- STORYTELLERS
- CRAFTS & GAMES

EVENT SPONSORS

THE SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY WILL BE THERE TO MAKE LIBRARY CARDS ON SITE!



December Cultural Celebrations Poetry Open Mic



Fairfield Poet Laureate
Suzanne Bruce is hosting

December Culture Celebrations
POETRY OPEN MIC

Introducing the next Fairfield Poet Laureate
Michael J. Wylly

Bring a poem you have written
or a favorite poet
or just come and listen.
All are welcome! Come meet Michael
his term will begin January 2025.

Saturday, December 21, 2024
1:00 – 3:00pm
Fairfield Cordelia Library
5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield



Kamikaze!



Embark with Dr. Rob Hoffman of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory on a historical journey spanning eight decades, from a pivotal amphibious operation in the 1940s to the high desert of Nevada during the peak of the Cold War era.

Prior to the Allied landings on the Philippines, the Japanese employed Kamikaze pilots in a devastating aerial campaign during a naval battle, which ultimately became the deadliest in naval history. You will not believe what Dr. Hoffman and his team found!

The discussion will take from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, January 5, inside St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

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

Events I attended this week

Last Friday, December 6, I attended the Benicia Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. The weather was perfect. The crowd was singing the songs. There was a twist this year as a drone show was held. Many holiday objects were presented. Afterwards, I walked back to the Veteran's Hall for my annual picture with Santa. Homemade cookies were sold, and I bought 10 cookies. (I like the peanut butter.)

Saturday, December 7, I sponsored a Delta Xi Holiday Luncheon. It was wonderful to spend time with retired teacher friends. I enjoyed the chorus that entertained us. The teacher is the music teacher from Buckingham Charter.

Later, I watched the Mad Hatter Parade in Vallejo. It was my first time in eight years that I watched the parade instead of being a

participant. The weather was nice if you had a jacket. I saw lots of friends. The evening put me in the holiday season.

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](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

Supervisor Brown with Santa at the Benicia Veterans Hall on Friday, December 6.



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.