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SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER



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Information this week

Bay Area Bike to Wherever days coming on May 18



Get out and bike to work, shop, and play with Bike To Wherever days in the Bay Area this May! This will be promoted across the nine Bay Area counties leading up to Bike To Work day on **May 18**. For more information, read the press release from MTC [here](#), or click [here](#) to go to the official website.

Community Action Plan public hearing

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

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



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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

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

Questions may be directed to solano@homebaseccc.org.

Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management

On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host a public hearing to discuss amendments being made to the State Implementation Plan. These amendments would change the rules in order to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide emissions that come from gas-fired space and water heaters. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement or visit the District's [website](#) to access the meeting via Zoom.

Public comments on this issue are being accepted until **May 12**. To submit a comment, you must submit by mail to:

Rule Development
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105

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



Caltrans in coordination with Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) has scheduled a closure of State Route 37 (SR-37) east

(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

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of State Route 121 (Lakeville Highway) from **Saturday, May 20th, at 3am, until Sunday, May 21st, at 11am**, to allow SMART to repair a railroad crossing on the highway.

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

Detour details:

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

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

Public notices

Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting (PB) vote underway



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

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

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

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

Residents can visit polling booths at:

Second Friday Art Walk, Downtown Georgia Street, Friday, May 12 and June 9, from 5 to 9pm.

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

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

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

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

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

Fairfield City Council listening tour

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

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

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

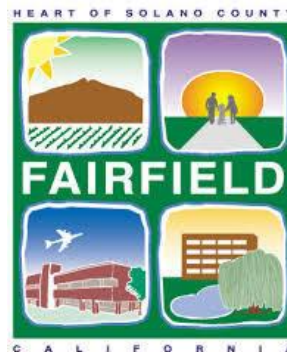
For the full list of future meeting dates and locations, click [here](#).

Fairfield accepting RFPs

The city of Fairfield is now accepting Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a mixed-use development opportunity in downtown Fairfield located at 1100-1120 Texas Street.

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

Submittals are due by 4pm, Friday June 2.



FAST changes

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

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

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

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

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

Vallejo accepting applications for boards and commissions

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

- [Architectural Heritage & Landmarks Commission](#) (2) terms expire 12/31/26
- [Beautification Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/27
- [Civil Service Commission](#) (2) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Commission on Culture & the Arts](#) (1) term expires 12/31/23
- [Design Review Board](#) (3) 1 term expires 6/30/24, and 2 terms expire 6/30/27
- [Economic Vitality Commission](#) (4) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Human Relations Commission](#) (3) 2 terms to expire 6/30/27 and 1 term to expire 6/30/25
- [Participatory Budget Steering Committee](#) (2 alternates) terms expire 6/30/24
- [Planning Commission](#) (2) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Housing & Community Development Commission](#) (3) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Housing Authority](#) (2 tenant commissioners) terms expire 12/31/24
- [Soltrans Public Advisory Committee](#) (1)
- [McCune Collection Commission](#) – (3) 1 term expires 6/30/25 and 2 expire 6/30/27
- Sister City Commission - (4) terms to expire 6/30/27
- [Solano County Library Advisory Council](#), Vallejo Rep – (1) term to expire four years from the date of appointment

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

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

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

Resource Fair

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

Summer Youth Employment Program



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

National Night Out Registration Open

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

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

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

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

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

Updates from around Solano County

Congressman Garamendi announces art winners



Congratulations to Alizon Minjarez, who won the grand prize in this year's Congressional High School Art competition, Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) announced this week.

Alizon, who attends Jesse Bethel High School in Vallejo, won with her piece, "Belonging" (see above). Alizon's work will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for a year in a gallery featuring winners from Congressional Districts throughout the country.

Additional Solano County winners include:

Raven Guilas, Jesse Bethel High School, "To Let Go"

Michelle Jimenez Jimenez, Public Safety Academy, Fairfield, "The Route to the Direction of Hope"

A gallery of every art piece is available [here](#)

Walk-in psychiatry services

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

The Resource Conservation District is hiring

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

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

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

Solano College Biomanufacturing degree program



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

Upcoming events in Solano County Summer music series



The Fairfield Summer Music series begins **May 12** with “Time Bandits” at the County Greens, located at 600 Texas Street, from **6 to 9pm**. The second concert is “Los Cochinos” on **May 26** in Dover Park, at the same time.

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

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

College & Career Resource Fair

A post-secondary and career resource fair entitled “Steppin’ Up! Rising from Adversity to Empowerment” will take place on **Saturday, May 13th, from 11am to 3pm**, at Solano Community College, 1400 building, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.

Learn about resources and services around higher education, employment, financial aid and housing to help you get started on your path after high school. Network and connect with peers and community members who can support you on your journey.

The fair is being presented in collaboration with Solano County Office of Education, Solano Community College, VOICES Solano, Solano County Probation, and the Matt Garcia Foundation.

For more information, contact Peter Mcapugay at (707) 399-4817 or at pmacapugay@solanocoe.net.

GVRD expo

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District will host a recreation expo on **Saturday, May 13th, from 11am to 2pm** at Children's Wonderland Park, 360 Glenn St.

There will class demos, facepainting for kids, vendor booths, entertainment, and concessions.

History of Mare Island talk

Come out for a morning of local history at the Benicia Historical Museum and welcome Dennis Kelly of the Mare Island Museum to the monthly History Talks Program. Learn about the Naval installation that supported the defenses of the bay for over a century. The talk will be **Saturday, May 20th from 11:30am to 12:30pm** at the Benicia Historical Museum, 2060 Camel Road.

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

Solano County Library author talk



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

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

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

Maykers Market - Small Business Saturday

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

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

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

Arts Benicia



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

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

Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults, many of which are open to beginners. As summer provides more free time for fun and creativity, consider checking out the new classes listed on our website. Over the next few weeks, we will offer mixed media assemblage, portrait painting in pastels, printmaking, and a plein air painting class. There's much more each month, so for our full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes>

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

Angel Moms meet up

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

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

Art reception and poetry reading

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

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

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

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

Fairfield to host Compost Giveaway Day

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

The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents are asked to bring their own containers to fill up and take home; each household is limited to 30 gallons of compost. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for use.

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

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

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



Both shows will be held on **Wednesday, May 24**, including one at the Vallejo JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara St. starting at 4 p.m. and the second show at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St., starting at 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required with light refreshments being served.

Concert at Benicia Public Library

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

Trucks of the Trade event

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

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

The event will be held in the parking lot of the Fairfield Cordelia Library on **Saturday June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The library is located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

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

World Environment Day

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

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

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

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

To register, click [here](#).

Friday, May 5th, I was privileged to be invited to attend the Investiture of Amyra Cobb-Hampton Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Solano. I enjoy these events. Learning the background of the judge, remarks by working colleagues, seeing the family, and friends come together to recognize and celebrate the achievement of an individual, is a special time.

Saturday, May 6th, I was invited and attended the Commencement ceremony at California State University Maritime Academy. The sun shone on the over 200 graduates, family and friends. The atmosphere was one of happiness and fun. Our county is lucky to have such a great institution.

My afternoon and evening were spent at the County Event Center, as I sponsored the event center for Solano Pride Center. The event was titled DISCO INFERNO. It was a Queer Youth Prom. Lots of food and music were provided. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Sunday, May 7th, I was invited to the Wine and Lite Bites Reception and auction sponsored by the Carquinez Village. The event was held at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall. The proceeds assist in funding service for seniors. Carquinez Village is a "Neighbor-to-neighbor" volunteer group connecting, supporting, and inspiring seniors. I was able to outbid others to win a small RBG doll and several gift cards from local businesses. Talking with friends, meeting new people, the lovely afternoon went by fast.

Events I attended this week

Looking for a job? Consider these links

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

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[POST OFFICE](#)

[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

The Mare Island Strait as seen from the California State University Maritime Academy campus in South Vallejo. Photo by Monica Brown.



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.