



Solano County *California*

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In Memoriam: Delaine Eastin



I am dedicating this week's newsletter to former California Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine Eastin. Delaine was the first woman to serve as California State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the fifth woman in California history to be elected to statewide constitutional office. She entered politics by serving on the Union City Council and the State Assembly.

I had the privilege over the years to meet Ms. Eastin several times. She was kind, loved children and when

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

in conversations with her, was truly interested in what folks had to say especially this retired teacher of 39 years. I will miss her.

A public celebration of life will be held this summer. Details will be for the coming.

In Memoriam: Richard Johnson



Richard Johnson passed away on April 23 from complications of a rare form of cancer. He was surrounded by his loved ones and closest friends. Richard was a long-time LGBTQ Activist, and he was an avid biker, loved nature, co-organized the Vallejo Oxialis festival, and political stalwart for allied candidates. Please send love and good thoughts to those he left

behind, especially his husband and Vallejo Gay Network organizer Ric Duran. His courage and energy will be missed. As plans are made to honor and celebrate his life, the information will be made available.

Information this week Traffic Advisory



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

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

Weekend closure on WB SR-37 is scheduled for the weekend of **April 26**. WB SR-37 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the WB SR-37 Connector Off-ramp to SR-29 in Vallejo.

Closures will start **Friday, April 26 at 9 p.m.** and conclude the following **Monday, April 29 at 4 a.m.**

WB SR-37 DETOUR:

Motorists traveling westbound on SR-37 will need to exit right onto northbound SR-29 (Sonoma Blvd) in Vallejo and continue on NB SR-29 (Broadway) in American Canyon to SR-29/SR-12; then turn left and continue on SR-12/SR-121 (Carneros Hwy/Fremont Dr); turn left on SR-121 (Arnold Drive) and make a right back onto WB SR-37.

EB SR-37 DETOUR:



Weekend closures on eastbound (EB) SR-37 is scheduled on the weekend of **May 3 & May 10**. EB SR-37 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the NB SR-121 (Sears Point) in Sonoma.

Closures will start **Friday, May 3 at 9 p.m.** and conclude on the following **Monday, May 6 at 5 a.m.**

The following weekend, closures will start **Friday, May 10 at 9 p.m.** and conclude on the following **Monday, May 13 at 5 a.m.**

Motorists traveling eastbound on SR-37 will need to exit left onto northbound SR-121 in Sonoma; Make a right on SR-12/SR-

121(Carneros Hwy) and continue; Right on SR-12/SR-29; Enter left for the connector loop Off-ramp back to EB SR-37.

Please note that all work is weather dependent. The weekends of May 3 and May 10 are scheduled as contingency if any scheduled work is delayed or postponed.

If you have a question or want to share a concern about the project, please call the **SR-37 Pave Project Hotline (510) 286-0319**.

You can also learn more about the SR-37 Paving Project on our Caltrans Bay Area project webpage at; www.37pave.com

Community College Month



State Sen. Bill Dodd has designated April as Community College Month.

From Monica: As a graduate of Riverside Community College, a former trustee of Solano Community College, a proud parent of two children who received their AA degree at Solano, I am glad that community colleges are finally getting their recognitions as the workhorse they are. Here at Solano College's main campus, we have an Early College Program with the Fairfield- Suisun school district. There are 400 students enrolled and I wish we could grow. I would like all high school students to have this opportunity. We offer a 4-year degree program in Biotechnology, (Biomanufacturing) (Thank you voters and Jim DeKloe), we have nursing, fire, and more.

It is estimated that by 2030 this country will need 400,000 nurses. Want job security, think of nursing. If you are thinking of a new career, come and check us out. There is money to help if you qualify.

We are here to help. Check out Solano Community College by clicking [here](#).

Man sentenced to five years in prison for trafficking firearms in Vallejo



The U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California announced this week that Jeremy Michael Benner, 40, of San Diego, was sentenced

to five years in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release for unlawfully dealing in firearms.

According to court documents, between September 2022 and August 2023, Benner sold firearms to a confidential informant on four separate occasions in Vallejo. One of the firearms had previously been reported stolen, and three of them came with extended magazines. Benner did not have a license as a firearms dealer, and as a previously convicted felon would not be qualified to obtain a license.

This case was the product of an investigation by the FBI's Solano County Violent Crimes Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Adrian T. Kinsella prosecuted the case.

Great job to our law enforcement agencies and the US Attorney's Office for making sure our streets are safe - Monica.

Garamendi update



Congressman Garamendi announced this week that he voted 'no' on [H.R.8034](#), which would have sent more money for offensive weapons to Israel.

"While I will always support the people of Israel, we cannot continue to provide unconditional U.S. funding for Prime Minister Netanyahu's unconscionable bombing campaign in Gaza," he said in his most recent newsletter. "The U.S. cannot turn a blind eye to the suffering of the people of Gaza."

Extended Deadline for California Student Financial Aid



The California Student Aid Commission announced that the state financial aid priority deadline has been extended to May 2, 2024. California students intending to attend a four-year university in the 2024-2025 school year now have more time to apply for the

Commission's administered financial aid programs, including the Cal Grant and Middle-Class Scholarship.

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

Public hearings

Glen Cove Community meeting

The Glen Cove Community Association is hosting a town-hall style community meeting from **6pm to 8pm on Wednesday, May 1, at Glen Cove Elementary School, 501 Glen Cove Parkway.**



Join in to discuss issues that are important to Glen Cove neighborhoods and our community as a whole. Speaking guests include the Fire Safe Council, the Benicia-Vallejo Food Co-operative, and Seneca Family of Agencies sharing about opportunities to become a part of the resource parent community.

For any questions, email info@glencovevallejo.com.

General Plan Update meetings coming in May

The city of Fairfield will be holding meetings for the General Plan Update draft policies on May 1 and May 2. These policies will implement the community's vision for future growth and development and have been informed by soliciting community input for the last three years.



Results and input from both meetings will be shared with the City Council at the May 7 meeting. The public is invited to observe and comment during the public comment period of each meeting.

May 1: Planning Commission to review General Plan Update draft policies and provide input. 6 p.m. at the Harry T. Price Memorial Council Chamber.

May 2: General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to review General Plan Update draft policies and provide input. 6 p.m. online at <https://dyettandbhatia.zoom.us/j/86960852919> , Meeting ID: 869 6085 2919.

May 7: City Council to review General Plan Update and provide direction. 6 p.m. at the Harry T. Price Memorial Council Chamber.

The Draft General Plan will be released for public review in the summer of 2024. Please visit www.fairfieldforward.com or contact Jessie Hernandez, Associate Planner, at (707) 428-7450 or jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov for more information.

The Council Chamber located at 1000 Webster Street.

Help Inform MTC's 2024 Equity Priority Communities Update



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the Bay Area's designated Equity Priority Communities and invites feedback on the proposed changes by May 15.

(MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have developed a draft update to the geographies of the region's [Equity Priority Communities](#) (EPCs), which help inform long-range planning efforts such as [Plan Bay Area 2050+](#), as well as funding and public engagement priorities.

While the methodology remains consistent with past updates, proposed changes to Bay Area EPCs include census tracts and updated thresholds of demographic variables based on the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data (2018-2022).

MTC and ABAG invite your feedback on the [Draft 2024 EPC update](#), which includes:

- A [technical memo](#) detailing the proposed changes;
- An [interactive map](#) visualizing the proposed EPCs using the latest census tract geographies; and
- [Comparison maps](#) showing the changes in EPCs since the last update.

Those wishing to give feedback on the proposed changes to designated Bay Area EPCs are encouraged to do so by filling out the comment form on the MTC website: www.mtc.ca.gov/2024EPC. Comments also may be submitted via email to info@planbayarea.org using the subject line “EPC Update.”

Following the comment period, staff will review and leverage the feedback received to inform the Final 2024 EPC Update. The update will then be incorporated into the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint, currently slated for adoption in fall 2024, and will be used in the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Analysis Report in 2025, among other important deliverables.

Updates from around Solano County

Industrial Safety Ordinance Survey



You're invited to take the
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORDINANCE
SURVEY

To take the survey, visit
www.EngageBenicia.com

The city of Benicia is working on developing an Industrial Safety Ordinance (ISO) in Benicia. An ISO aims to reduce accidental release of hazardous chemicals, improve accident prevention through community and industry participation, improve local air monitoring, and improve community transparency.

Officials are inviting everyone to complete a short, 14-question survey to help inform the process. This survey is designed to gather community insights and opinions on local air quality, environmental

safety, and the implementation of an Industrial Safety Ordinance (ISO) in Benicia.

Your participation will help shape future management and oversight of these critical issues. Please inform your neighbors about this important opportunity to share their voices. **The final day to take the survey is Tuesday, April 30.**

To take the survey, click [here](#).

SR-37 Express Bus/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board approved the California State Route 37 (SR-37) Express Bus/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan during its April 10, 2024, Board meeting.

STA, in partnership with MTC, Caltrans, Napa, Marin, and Sonoma County, has developed a detailed transit service/TDM plan for the SR-37 corridor.

The California SR-37 Express Bus/TDM Plan explores four alternatives based on connectivity to other transit services, first/last mile access, and illustrates the high end of capital and operating costs for planning purposes. The report initially recommends vanpool options for this corridor because of reduced startup costs and the flexibility of reaching multiple destinations. The report includes a detailed phased and tiered service plan that includes route alignments, stop locations, equipment needs, contractual arrangements with partner agencies (e.g., use of San Rafael Transit Center), alternative transit options, capital procurement, Green House Gas (GHG) and Vehicle Miles Travel (VMT) impacts.

For more information on the SR-37 Express Bus/Transportation Demand Management Plan, [click here](#).

Tribute to Richard Freedman



On May 5, at the Empress Theatre, Bay Area comedians and musicians will generously lend their talents to commemorate and celebrate the life of Rich Freedman—a local hero, community leader, award-winning reporter, and humanitarian. Rich's heartwarming sense of humor never failed to bring smiles to our faces.

Known for his legendary stories and memorable Cow Comedy appearances in support of local charities, Rich has truly captivated our community. The event, titled “The Cow has Jumped Over the Moon,” will showcase an eclectic mix of entertainers to an audience comprised of his friends, family, and community members. Together, we all 'Love him to the Moon and Back'...or we can simply moon him.

Sponsored by Gene Pedrotti and supported by esteemed area entertainers and promoters such as Johnny Steele, Alvon Johnson, David Sikes, Willy Jordan, Carlos Reyes, Drew Harrison and The Sun Kings, Jeff Campitelli, Peppino D'Agostino, Diane Amos, Jeff Tamelier, Socks, Myles Webber, Darby Gould, Tia Carroll, David K. Matthews, Dewayne Pate, Volker Strifler, Don Bassey, Stabe Wilson, Perry Thorwaldson, Thor Audio Solutions, Jim Douglas, Prime Time Entertainment, Vallejo Times Herald, and Frazier Trager Presents. The event features a growing list of participants generously volunteering their talents.

We invite you to join us for a heartfelt tribute to a man whose remarkable contributions have left an indelible mark on us all.

The tribute will take place at 3pm, May 5, at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in downtown Vallejo.

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

Save the Benicia High School Drama Department



Please consider signing this petition to save the Benicia High School Drama Department. I have.

- Monica.

[Petition · Save the Benicia High School Drama Department! - Benicia, United States · Change.org](#)

World Environment Day



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Volunteers are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds, remove trash debris collecting along waterways that serve as drinking and irrigation water for Solano County.

Participants will also plant wildflower seeds, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including a kayak tour of Lake Solano.

A free lunch will be served to all participants.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 1. Registration check-in begins at 9 a.m. Sandwiches will be provided after trash cleanups and group photos conclude. Pre-registration for the event and the opportunity to receive a free World Environment Day event t-shirt closes on Wednesday, May 30 at 5 p.m.

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.

Registration is required and can be completed at cleanupsolano.org under the World Environment Day tab.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

For more information, contact Marianne Butler, Event Coordinator, at marianne.butler@solanorcd.org or (707) 678-1655.

Bike to Wherever Days



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) invites Solano County to join the Bay Area in celebrating Bike to Wherever Days this May. Pledge to ride and sign up for the collective 30,000-mile Bay Area Bike Challenge celebrating 30 years of Bike to Work Day to win prizes.

This year, Solano Mobility's Employer Commuter Program is partnering with Safe Routes to School to feature:

- Community Bike Fairs in Green Valley on May 1st and Rio Vista on May 7th
- A Community Bike Ride in Vallejo on May 4th
- Bike to School Day on May 8th
- The 30th Annual Bike to Work Day on May 16th

The Bay Area Bike to Work Day (BTWD) began in 1994 as a celebration of bicycles as a fun and healthy way to get to work, as well as an opportunity for those who don't usually bike commute to try it out. After 2020, as fewer people were biking to work during the pandemic, the event expanded into Bike to Wherever Days for the whole month of May, encouraging riders to choose their bicycle for more of their transportation needs. Now, Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days and Bike to Work Day reflect the new hybrid model of work and life. May is also a time to advocate for improved bicycle infrastructure and safety across the region.

During the month of May, no matter where you need to go, you're encouraged to bike to run errands, visit friends and family, ride recreationally, and to commute to work or school. Commit to riding by signing the Pledge and show off your pride by taking the Bay Area Bike Challenge. Be sure to come out for Bay Area Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 16th, to celebrate bicycling and to get your 2024 BTWD commemorative bag. Everyone on two wheels is welcome.

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

Solano County challenges youth to fight fentanyl with 'One Pill Can Kill' video contest



Video Contest
#OnePillCanKillSolano

SOLANO PUBLIC HEALTH  

70 people die from fentanyl overdose each year in Solano County. One fake street pill—posing as Oxy, Adderall or Xanax—can kill.

GIFTS & RECOGNITION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- 1st Prize | \$1,500
- 2nd Prize | \$1,000
- 3rd Prize | \$750
- Runner-Up | \$250

Help spread the word about the dangers of fentanyl by producing a 15- to 120-second video. Win a prize... and you might even save a life!

LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP @ [VIBESOLANO.COM](https://vibesolano.com)

Building on its campaign to inform the public about high overdose rates and the growing dangers of fentanyl cloaked as prescription drugs, Solano Public Health has launched its first "One Pill Can Kill" Video Contest, the county announced this week. This initiative invites Solano County youth to create compelling videos that raise awareness of the risks of fentanyl-laced pills and promote healthier choices. Winning high school and college students can earn up to \$1,500 for their efforts.

Contest Overview:

- **Objective:** Engage youth in spreading critical messages about fentanyl overdose prevention through creative and impactful videos.
- **Prizes:** 1st Place: \$1,500, 2nd Place: \$1,000 and 3rd Place: \$750, with additional awards and recognition for runners-up (\$250) and other participants.
- **Eligibility:** Open to high school and college-aged students, 13 to 25, residing in Solano County. Teams of 1-6 members, guided by an advisor or organized independently, are encouraged to participate. Local schools and nonprofits may sponsor advisors and teams.
- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, May 24, 2024, by 11:59 p.m.
- **Entry Requirements:** Videos must be 15-120 seconds long, posted on YouTube, TikTok and/or Instagram with the hashtag #OnePillCanKillSolano, and accompanied by a completed contest entry form available at vibesolano.com.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid drug 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. One in four counterfeit pills contain fentanyl and nearly half of those contain a high enough dose to kill. More than 100,000 Americans died of an overdose in 2023. In Solano County, at least 100 Solano County residents died of an overdose in 2023, with about 70 of those being opioid overdoses.

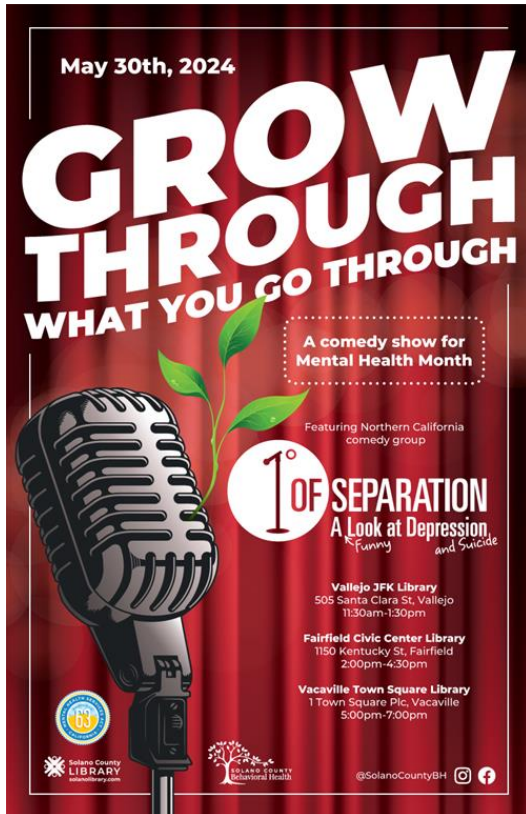
Learn more about the dangers of fentanyl and counterfeit prescription drugs, download educational tools or submit a contest entry at vibesolano.com. For anyone needing help with a current substance use issue, please contact your health care provider or Solano County Behavioral Health for treatment services at (855) 765-9703.

Innovative Health Solutions – Job Recruitment

Innovative Health Solutions is recruiting for two positions to help run the Congregate Meals Program in Solano County, a [Program Assistant](#) and [Program Manager](#).

Deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 1. Please send your cover letter with a resume to normalisenko@innovativehealths.com.

May is Mental Health Month



Solano Safe Routes 2 School Community Bike Fair



Join the Solano Transportation Authority's (STA) Safe Routes 2 School Program (SR2S) for a Community Bike Fair hosted by Green Valley Middle School on **Wednesday, May 1 from 2:30 to 5:30pm**. The program will be providing free bike repairs and maintenance

services, helmet fitting and decorating, and a bike rodeo for kids to learn the rules of the road!

Green Valley Middle School is located at 1350 Gold Hill Rd., Fairfield.

2024 Veteran Home Rehab Applications Deadline



Rebuilding Together Solano County provides home rehabilitation services to veteran and surviving spouses of veterans, seniors and disabled homeowners residing in Solano County. The goal is to provide a safe and healthy living

environment for low-income veteran homeowners and community facilities. **Services are provided free to qualified and selected homeowners.**

Do you know of someone, or do you qualify yourself for the home rehabilitation program?

How to apply:

1. Complete 2024 Veteran / Military Homeowner Application (from RTSC website)
2. No later than 05/15/2024, mail the completed application and all supporting documentation to RTSC, PO Box 5996, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Qualifications Required:

- One or more household members must qualify as Military (Active, honorably discharged, retired or a surviving spouse of military);
- Own and live in a single-family residence located within Solano County. Home to be stick-built;
- The following items must be paid current: 1) Mortgage(s) 2) Property Taxes 3) Homeowner's Insurance;
- Potential homeowners cannot own other property or units unless located on the property of the primary residence;
- Household Income must fall below the low-income guidelines for Solano County (less than 80% of Area Median Income for 2024)

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
\$70,450	\$80,500	\$90,550	\$100,650	\$108,700	\$116,750

Contact Rebuilding Together at: Ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com if you have additional questions or need an application mailed to you.

Note: For 2024, RTSC's funding is restricted to serve veterans, surviving spouses of veterans and active military.

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

Solano County's New Job Applicant System



Solano County has moved their job applicant system to NeoGOV. Applicants will no longer be able to apply to County positions via JobAps or have login access. All applicants must apply via NeoGOV

at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/solanocounty>. Current openings in the Health and Social Services Department include [College Intern](#), [Epidemiologist \(Senior\)](#), [Clinical Psychologist \(Entry\)](#), [Health Education Specialist Senior](#) and [Public Health Nurse](#). Check out [NeoGOV](#) for more information and apply today!

Solano County Superior Court seeks applicants for Civil Grand Jury



THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SOLANO

The Honorable Alesia Jones, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Solano County, announced that the Court is seeking volunteers to serve as jurors on the 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury. Residents who have lived in the county for one year, are a United States citizen and are 18 years of age or older, may apply for service.

The grand jury is an historic institution and serves an important role in our society. It is sometimes referred to as the "watchdog" of the community. It functions as an arm of the judicial branch of government and operates under the authority of the Solano Superior Court.

The grand jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of local government and has the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government. Empowered by the judicial branch, the grand jury is a fact-finding body that develops meaningful solutions to a wide range of governmental issues, thereby facilitating positive change in the community.

Although this is primarily a civic responsibility, grand jurors are paid a \$20 per diem and are paid mileage reimbursement for each authorized meeting.

Persons interested in applying may contact Cheryl Clower at the Office of the Grand Jury at (707) 435-2575 or visit the Court's website at www.solano.courts.ca.gov and obtain an application online.

The application deadline for submission is May 31, 2024.

Solano Resource Conservation District is hiring



The Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD) is looking to fill multiple positions, including **Environmental Outreach Interns**. If you love spending a summer

day by the water and sharing important conservation messages with other visitors, take a look at the upcoming summer internship. Each year, a team of enthusiastic interns goes out into the field at Lake Berryessa, sites on the Sacramento River, and other waterfronts in Solano County to talk to boaters and educate the public about sustainable boating practices such as the use of oil absorbents to protect our drinking water sources.

In this position you can work in the outdoors, connect with folks from all over, and help improve the present and future health of our water resources while gaining valuable outreach experience.

Agricultural Project Manager: The Solano Resource Conservation District is looking for a motivated individual to join the team and take the lead on working with County, State, and local partners to implement a variety of grant-funded projects on primarily working lands.

The Ag PM will work closely with farmers, ranchers, and related stakeholders to plan, evaluate, and implement best management practices on their operations that improve soil health and climate resiliency, conserve water use, improve water quality and groundwater recharge, and enhance wildlife habitat.

To check out additional openings and/or to apply, click [here](#).

Senior Rally Day



You are invited to participate in Senior Rally Day 2024 on **Wednesday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The Virtual Rally will feature presentations from Legislators, State Leaders and Aging and Disability Leaders. This year's focus will be on legislation and budget requests that impact older and disabled adults.

This event is open to all. To register, click [here](#).

Glen Cove Community Garage Sale



The Glen Cove Community Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 11.

As a reminder, Glen Cove residents need to be a member of Glen Cove Community Association in good standing to be on the map of homes participating in the event. Email info@glencovevallejo.com with your name, address, and phone number or call 707-563-1226 and leave that information plus your email address.

2024 Solano Student Art Showcase

The Solano County Office of Education Youth Development Department is hosting their 2024 Solano Student Art Showcase, with the goal of recognizing youth resilience during COVID by supporting all types of youth artists and to promote mental wellness in addition to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention through art.



The live event will have performances of spoken word, music, dance and theater, as well as informational booths from community partners. **It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, Solano County Fairgrounds Drive inside McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo.**

For more information, visit the website [Solano Student Art Showcase](#).

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

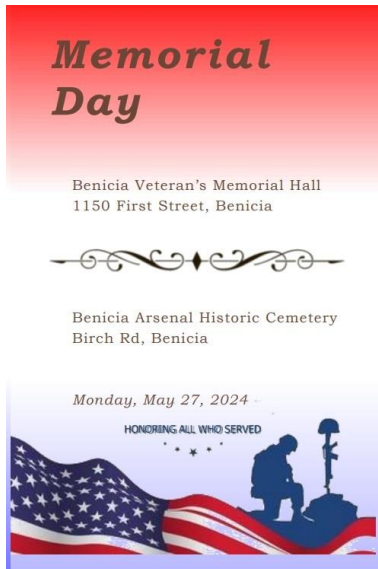


The Solano County District Attorney's Office in partnership with Fairfield and Vacaville Police departments will hold a moment of reflection honoring National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The moment of reflection will take place **Thursday, April 25 at 12 p.m. on the steps of the courthouse, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield.**

This year's theme is "Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors. How Would you Help?" The 2024 theme asks all of us—friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, community leaders, victim service providers, criminal justice practitioners, and health professionals—how we can help crime victims. This year's theme is a call to action for us all to create a safe environment for crime victims to share what happened to them.

We often talk about defendants' rights in the criminal justice system, and we work to ensure these rights are always upheld, however, often lost in these conversations are crime victims - those who have been victimized at the hands of another.

Memorial Day



SolTrans is going paperless



SolTrans is going paperless and eliminating all paper fare passes effective July 1, 2024. SolTrans already has several digital fare payment options available like [Token Transit](#), [Clipper Card](#) (cash value and passes), and [Clipper START](#). Exact cash and coins will continue to be accepted to purchase one-way fares and day passes on all local and express services.

SolTrans is also looking into Open Loop Payment readers, which will allow riders to pay with their debit, credit cards, or digital wallets to complete fare payments onboard SolTrans buses. Riders will no longer have to pay in cash or download any app in advance. More to come...

Prefer to pay your bus fare from the palm of your hand? Download the [Token Transit App](#). Show your activated pass to the driver, board, and GO!

Callie's Kids Camps 2024

Museum of History Benicia is excited to present Callie's Kids Camps. All of the camp sessions have plenty of opportunities for collaboration and fun. Each day is full of exploratory activities and adventure. For more information and/or to register, click [here](#).



Solano County Fair selling yard signs in support of Diamond Jubilee

In celebration of the Solano County Fair's 75th Anniversary, the fair association has created a lawn sign program so those who wish to celebrate the diamond jubilee can do so. The yard signs are selling for \$75 to honor 75 years of the fair. The signs and stands are sold out of the SCFA Office on the fairgrounds. For more information, click [here](#).



NAMI Solano County Mental Health Educational Classes



NAMI Solano's first ever Justice Involved Peer-to-Peer Class will be held via Zoom for 9 consecutive weeks, from April 25 through June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no fee, but registration is required as space is limited. To join, register [here](#).

The next 8-week general Peer-to-Peer Class will start on May 1 and runs through June 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. There is no fee, but registration is required as space is limited. To join, register [here](#).

The next 9-week Family-to-Family Class will start on April 24 and runs through June 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There is an option of attending in-person at the Fairfield office or via Zoom. No fee, but registration is required as space is limited. To join, register [here](#).

For additional questions, contact Program Manager Tara Delisle at tara@namisolanocounty.org or 707-439-5519.

Save the Date

Solano County Pride Picnic will take place at Alden Park on Mare Island on Sunday, June 9 at noon. Setup at 10 a.m.

Vaccination clinics

FREE FLU SHOTS, TDAP AND COVID-19* VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA 

*For 19+ years uninsured individuals

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, April 11, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Hogan Middle School 850 Rosewood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591 <small>Inside the gymnasium</small>
Saturday, April 13, 2024 <small>Supporting Solano Public Health</small>	10 AM-2 PM	Solano Dream Center 2166 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA 94590
Thursday, April 25, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Vallejo High School 840 Nebraska St. Vallejo, CA 94590 <small>Inside the Finney MPH (Next to the Baseball Field)</small>
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	3-5 PM	Meritage Apartments Summer Health Fair 55 Valle Vista Ave, Vallejo, CA 94590
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	11 AM-2 PM	A day in the Park with Mensa Christi St. Catherine of Siena Ministry 505 Santa Clara St. <small>Behind the JFK Vallejo library</small>
Thursday, May 9, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Hogan Middle School 850 Rosewood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591 <small>Inside the gymnasium</small>








Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia's two current exhibitions will continue through April 28. **Explorations in Monochromatic Art**, juried by **Leah Rosenberg**, features art of diverse mediums based on a single-color hue. The second exhibition, **Randall Sexton with The Outsiders**, features paintings by Randall Sexton (1958 - 2023) and members of The Outsiders, a group of plein air artists who painted together at scenic Bay Area locations.

Looking forward to May, please mark your calendars for **Open Studios/Benicia Art Weekend**, on **May 4 and 5**, when studios and galleries will welcome visitors to see why Benicia is an art destination. Arts Benicia will be hosting eight artists at the Commanding Officer's Quarters during the weekend and presenting demonstrations at our printmaking studio at the Arts Benicia Annex on Tyler Street. With music on the porch, it will be a lively and artful weekend –not to miss!

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>

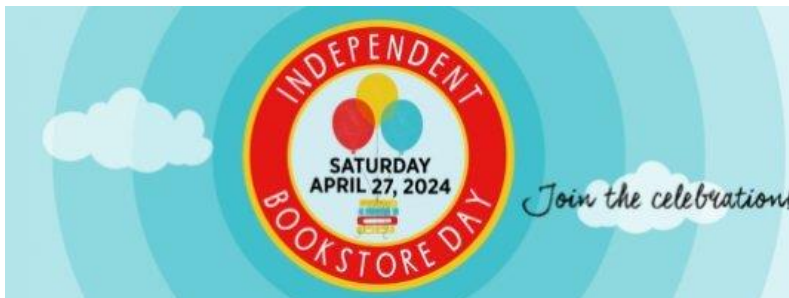
Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults and youth, many of which are open to beginners. Consider checking out the new classes listed on Arts Benicia's website. For full listings, visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

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

Inquiries? Email: info@artsbenicia.org or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

Upcoming events in Solano County

Independent Bookstore Day



This national one-day party held the last Saturday in April celebrates independent bookstores across the country online and in-store. Through exclusive books and literary items, contests, cupcakes, and everything in between, it's a party you don't want to miss!

Come celebrate with Alibi Bookshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday April 27. There will be cool exclusives, raffles, freebies, and fun! It's also the same day as Vallejo's Inaugural Earth Daze, so it's going to be such a fun day downtown!

Alibi Bookshop is located at 624 Marin Street in downtown Vallejo.

Fairfield To Host Compost Giveaway Day



The city of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield.**

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 should bring their own containers/ bags to fill up and take home. Residents can take as much compost as they want while supplies last. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for use.

The compost is from Northern Compost (Yolo County) and is listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in organic production, approved as an Organic Input Fertilizing Material by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and is certified with the United States Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance. The compost is made from recycled green material, food waste, and woody material collected from residential organic carts.

The compost giveaway events are part of the City's sustainability and Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) goals. If you would like to volunteer at the giveaway, please call the number below.

For questions related to the 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.

Fairfield Police joins DEA for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day April 27


From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 27 in coordination with the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Fairfield Police Department will host DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at 1000 Webster Street. They will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs.

For more than a decade, the event has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded medications—those that are old, unwanted, or expired—that too often become a gateway to addiction. In partnership with local law enforcement, Take Back Day has removed 8,950 tons of medication from circulation since its inception.

Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage. Take Back Day offers free and anonymous disposal of unneeded medications at close to 5,000 local drop-off locations nationwide.

For more information and to find a collection site near you, visit www.DEATakeBack.com.

Benicia PD drug buyback



DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK

Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.

Benicia Police Department
200 East L Street
Saturday, April 27, 2024
10 am - 2 pm

DEATakeBack.com #SafeDisposal

Benicia police will participate in this year's National Prescription Drug Take-back Day, which will take place from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27, Benicia Police Department - 200 East L Street.**

This program is anonymous, and all efforts will be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification will be made. Law enforcement personnel will be overseeing the surrender process to ensure collection site protocols are adhered to.

All participants must retain possession of their own medications during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel will not handle the medications at any time prior to, and during placement into the designated disposal boxes.

Law enforcement personnel will not count, inventory, or log medications being surrendered.

ACCEPTED:

- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container (non-liquids only) and disposing of it directly into the designated disposal box.
- If an original container is submitted, we encourage you to remove all identifying information from the prescription label.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted, however, you must ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Liquid products, such as cough syrup, must remain sealed in their original container.
- Vape pens and e-cigarettes with removable batteries will be accepted after the batteries are removed. You must show proof of battery removal to law enforcement personnel.
- Inhalers and nebulizers with removable batteries will be accepted after the batteries are removed. You must show proof of battery removal to law enforcement personnel.
- Non-battery-operated inhalers will be accepted.

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes WILL NOT be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not part of the initiative and WILL NOT be accepted.

- Vape pens and inhalers with non-removable batteries WILL NOT be accepted. They pose a danger to law enforcement personnel and incinerator staff involved in the destruction phase of the NTBI process, because they may explode in the incinerator.

Loma Vista Farm Spring Open House



Loma Vista Farm
SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday,
April 27th, 2024
11am - 3pm

At Loma Vista Farm
150 Rainier Avenue, Vallejo
(707) 561-9003
www.lomavistafarm.org

LOMA VISTA FARM
50 YEARS
Established 1974

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER
4/27 (same day) 4-8pm
1195 Admiral Callaghan Lane
in Vallejo
Please visit our website for
the flyer to show the restaurant

FREE Admission & Parking
Entertainment/Activities
Train Rides
Plant Sale
Sustainable Solano Food Forest Tour Stop

Bring a picnic and come on by to see all the wonderful progress on our multi-project development plan.

In partnership with
Vallejo City Unified School District

Composting workshop



Interested in composting? Then join Lori Caldwell, aka Compostgal at the Springstowne Library in Vallejo at **2 p.m., Saturday, April 27**. The focus of the workshop will be about worms. The library is located at 1003 Oakwood Avenue in Vallejo.

Trail Hike & Snacks in Community Park

Join the Benicia LGBTQIA for a lovely hike in the green zone above Benicia on **Sunday, April 28 at 10 am**, Benicia Community Park. Let's get out there and enjoy a lovely morning hike and then snacks and such afterward.

Be You!



Join the Vacaville People's Forum (VPF) for the *Be You! 2024: A Celebration for Special Needs Awareness*. This event, now in its fourth year, will take place from **1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28**, at **Play4All Park 815 Elmira Road, in Vacaville**.

The free event is hosted in collaboration with City Councilmember Michael Silva and the Measure M District Dollars Program.

The Be You! Event serves as a platform to honor and celebrate the diversity within our community, particularly focusing on differently abled individuals. The Vacaville People's Forum believes it is essential to recognize and appreciate the unique qualities and contributions of all members of our society.

The event will feature community organizations, guest speakers and D.J. Rene Ortiz. A highlight of the event is a parade for all to participate in, symbolizing unity and inclusivity. All attendees are invited to take part in this symbolic gesture. Local agencies and community organizations will be tabling the resource fair element of the event to provide valuable information about the programs and support they offer.

For more information about Vacaville People's Forum, visit the Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/vvpeoplesforum.

For more information about Be You!, email event coordinator Danielle Shea at

vvpeoplesforum@gmail.com.

Business Connect: A Networking Event



The poster for 'Business Connect' features a group photo of diverse individuals at the top. Below the photo, the text reads 'Business Connect A networking event' and 'A National Small Business Week celebration hosted by the Solano-Napa SBDC'. Three circular inset photos show people in various business settings. The event details are listed: 'Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:30 to 7:00 pm' at 'The Daily Desk 490 Chadbourne Road Fairfield'. It notes that 'Refreshments will be served' and 'RSVP's are encouraged!' with the website 'solanonapasbdc.org/event/businessconnect'. Logos for 'AMERICA'S SBDC', 'THE DAILY DESK', and 'SBA' are at the bottom.

Join the Solano-Napa SBDC for Business Connect, a networking event, on **Thursday, May 2, 5:30 to 7 pm, at the Daily Desk, 490 Chadbourne Road, in Fairfield.**

Please join for an evening of networking and inspiration as we celebrate the resilience and success of the Solano and Napa business community.

This event also coincides with National Small Business Week. The Solano-Napa SBDC will be hosting a series of virtual trainings all week, in addition to the in-person networking event at the Daily Desk.

Refreshments will be served.

To RSVP, click [here](#).

Junk in the Trunk event at Laurel Creek Community Park



Have something to sell? Or looking to pick up a new treasure? Then you're in luck. The city of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department will host its biannual "Junk in the Trunk" event, which will take place on **Saturday, May 4 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Laurel Creek Community Park parking lot at 2986 Gulf Drive.**

Bring your goods to our community garage sale or buy some treasures! Junk in the Trunk will serve as a space where people in the community can bring their household items to sell right out of the trunk of their car. Seller fees are \$30 for two parking spots or \$55 for three spots. General admission is free to the public.

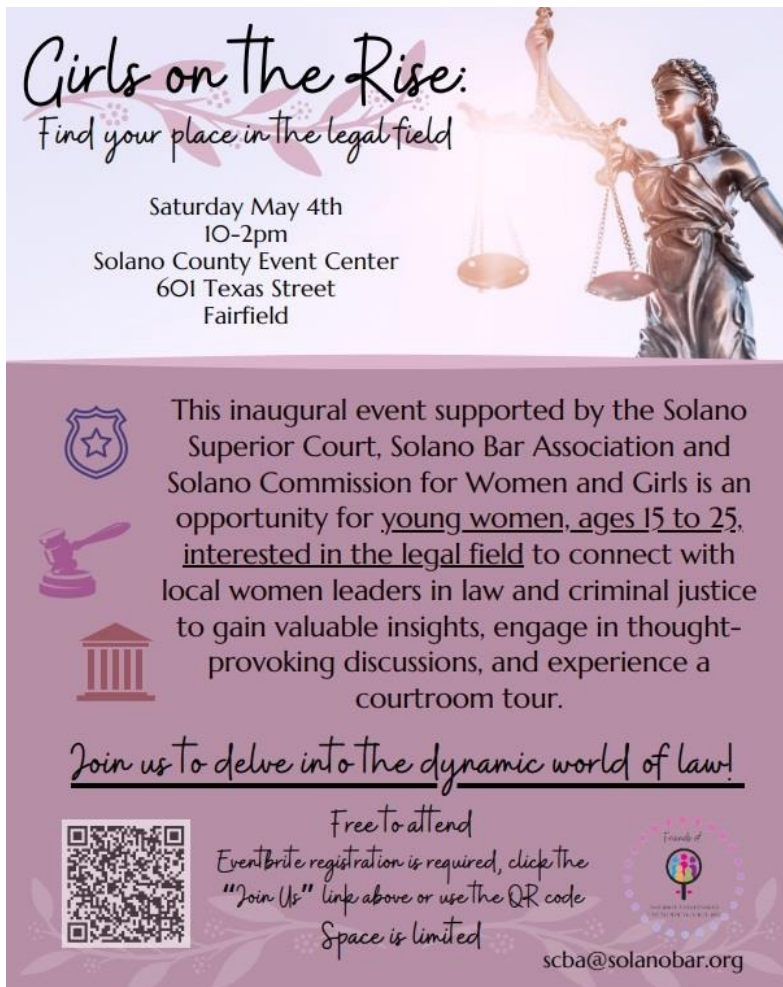
For more information, or to participate as a seller, click [here](#).

Free vision screening & free eyeglasses event

The Lion's Delta Zone presents free vision screening & free eyeglasses on **Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, St. Vincent Ferrer Memorial Building, 481 Florida St. Services include screening exams by licensed doctors, free pair of recycled eyeglasses or referral for further treatment.

To register for the event, click [here](#).

Girls on the Rise



Girls on the Rise:
Find your place in the legal field

Saturday May 4th
10-2pm
Solano County Event Center
601 Texas Street
Fairfield

This inaugural event supported by the Solano Superior Court, Solano Bar Association and Solano Commission for Women and Girls is an opportunity for young women, ages 15 to 25, interested in the legal field to connect with local women leaders in law and criminal justice to gain valuable insights, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and experience a courtroom tour.

Join us to delve into the dynamic world of law!

Free to attend
Eventbrite registration is required, click the "Join Us" link above or use the QR code
Space is limited

scba@solanobar.org

The Girls on the Rise: Find Your Place in the Legal Field will be an exciting in-person event where participants will delve into the dynamic world of law! This event offers a unique opportunity, for young women ages 15 to 25, to connect with influential women leaders, gain valuable insights into the legal field, experience a courtroom tour, and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

Whether a high school student, recent graduate, or simply interested in exploring various career paths in the legal field, this forum is tailored to meet your needs.

The event will take place from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday May 4**, at the Solano County Event Center 601 Texas Street, Fairfield.

To register, click [here](#).

Solano AIDS Coalition – Cinco de Mayo Celebration



Join the Solano AIDS Coalition for their Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Vallejo on **Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Vallejo, 200-250 Georgia Street.**

If you would like to attend as a vendor and share resources, fill out this [registration form](#).

For more information, contact Mario Saucedo at SolanoAIDSCoalition@yahoo.com.

Benicia Art Weekend



This in-person event will showcase the talents of local artists and provide a platform for art enthusiasts to connect and engage with the vibrant art scene of Benicia.

From stunning paintings to intricate sculptures, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of art at Benicia Art Weekend 2024!

Benicia Art Weekend will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5.

Line Dancing Party



Join Us for a
LINE DANCE
Party

A Community Event
Presented By
**INNOVATIVE
HEALTH
SOLUTIONS**

MAY 4, 2024
1 PM–6 PM
Dinner will be served.
Latin/Cinco de Mayo themed.

BENICIA CLOCK TOWER
1189 Washington St. | Benicia, CA

TICKETS \$30

<https://SecondAnnualLineDanceParty.eventbrite.com>

please RSVP
Contact our help line if you need assistance purchasing tickets:
(707) 684-4376

EVERYBODY LOVES
**LINE
DANCING**

The poster features an illustration of four diverse people dancing. One person is in a wheelchair, another is using a cane, and another is using a walker. They are all holding maracas and dancing to music. The background is a light orange color with musical notes scattered around.

Kyle Hyland Foundation Super 60s/70s Celebration



**A SUPER 60'S/70'S
CELEBRATION**

**A dessert auction, and dance party with
live band!**

Saturday, May 4, 6–10pm
Hyland Teen Center, 1135 Church St.

Dinner and drinks - \$45 per person
Advance purchase only by 4/26

Costumes optional... Let's boogie down!!!

www.kylehyland.com

"Adults Only"

**All proceeds will benefit The Kyle Hyland
Foundation and its teen programs**

The poster has a yellow background with a black border. It features a QR code in the bottom right corner. The text is in various colors (black, orange, blue) and fonts (bold, italicized).

The Kyle Hyland Foundation for Teen Support will host a Super 60's/70's Celebration from **6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, May 4**. The celebration will include a dessert auction, and dance party with a live band.

The celebration will take place at the Hyland Teen Center, 1135 Church Street in Benicia.

To buy a ticket, click [here](#). For more information about the foundation, click [here](#).

CalFresh Resource Fair in Vallejo



In celebration of CalFresh Awareness Month, the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano's CalFresh Outreach team will be hosting a free Community

Resource Fair in Solano County, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 11 at Vallejo City Park, 425 Alabama Street.**

On-site eligibility screenings and application assistance for CalFresh will be available. If you are interested in being a vendor, reach out to CF@foodbnakccs.org.

For more information, visit the website [here](#).

Upon Words

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry

Upon Words

POETRY OPEN MIC

FEATURING TWO INSPIRING POETS:

Rosa Lane
Author of four poetry collections including *Called Back* (forthcoming, Tupelo Press), *Chouteau's Chalk* (2018, UGA Poetry Prize), *Tiller North* (2018, Sixteen Rivers), *Roots and Reckonings* (chapbook). She won the 2023 Morton Marcus Memorial Poetry Prize and has appeared in the *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Catamaran*, and elsewhere. www.rosalane.com

Erin Rodoni
Author of three poetry collections: *And If the Woods Carry You* (SIR Press, 2021), *Body, in Good Light* (Sixteen Rivers Press, 2017), and *A Landscape for Loss* (NFSPS Press, 2017). She won the 2017 Montreal International Poetry Prize, and her poems have appeared in *Blackbird*, *Poetry Northwest*, and the *Fairy Tale Review*. www.erinrodonipoet.com

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Solano County LIBRARY
Questions? Email: fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com

Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry called **Upon Words** with Bay Area poets Rosa Lane and Erin Rodoni.

Open Mic to follow. The event will take place from **3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 11**, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

Butterfly Festival



From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday, May 19, the Monarch Milkweed Project and the Vallejo People’s Garden will host the largest Butterfly Festival ever held on the West Coast. Up to 6,000 attendees are expected to attend the Mare Island event, which will take place 860 Nimitz Ave at the Coal Sheds and Mare Island Promenade.

Artisans and small businesses will sell their art, wares, and many fantastic sustainable goods. Community groups will lead pop-up workshops on a wide range of exciting topics, including hands-on free activities. Food vendors and food trucks will offer a variety of cuisines, including vegan and gluten-free options.

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

Community Resource Fair in Suisun



The city of Suisun is hosting a Community Resource Fair on **Sunday, May 19 from 12 to 4 p.m.** at the Suisun City Waterfront and is looking for vendors to share resources and services available for individuals, families, children and seniors.

To register, fill out this [application](#). For more information, contact ahernandez@suisun.com or jdawson@suisun.com.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, April 20, this was Earth Day and I spent one hour picking up trash on McGary Road. This is the road that takes you to Lynch Canyon. I then attended the event at Benicia City Park. Everyone was having a good time. The weather was nice with a sweater. I then went across the street to the library. The fifth author event was being held. Author Dashka Slater gave us the background to her book, THE 57 BUS. What a story about social injustice. Yes, I bought her two books that the Independent Bookstore Benicia brought to the library. I enjoyed the presentation and the discussion. Ms. Slater has had some of her books banned. My thought is if you do not want to read the book, don't. Do not take my right away to hear and then read about the book.

Tuesday night, April 23, I attended the Vallejo City Council meeting. I went home at 11:30 pm. I heard the meeting went until almost 2am.

Thursday night, April 25, I attended the GVRD (Greater Vallejo Recreation District) meeting. It sounds like there will be a lot of activities this summer.

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

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.