

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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Memorial Day



Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who **died** while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or because of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is

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

to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country.

You'll find that some veterans find it dismaying when they are thanked on this day. It's a time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind, as well as reflecting on why we—the living—have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today.

Local Memorials to Attend:

Ceremony at Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery

When: Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m. PDT

Where: Military Cemetery, Birch Road Benicia, CA 94510

Memorial Day Ceremony at Mare Island Cemetery

When: Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m. PT

Where: Mare Island Cemetery, Vallejo, CA 94589

Memorial Day Ceremony at Vacaville Elmira Cemetery

When: Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m. PT

Where: 522 Elmira Road in Vacaville, CA 95687

Information this week

Northern CA Freedom Mapping Showcase

Join teachers, students, and members of the [California Subject Matter Project](#) as the community celebrates the efforts of everyone involved in the Ethnic Studies Freedom Mapping initiative.

Classroom teachers from around the state have teamed up with members of the California Math, History, Writing, and Physical Education Projects to develop an interdisciplinary, project-based Ethnic Studies curriculum. Join in to discuss how these resources might work in your school's community.

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF
HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR
SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 370 Dwinelle Hall (Level G) University of California Berkeley, CA 94720-2550.

Questions can be emailed to ucbhssp@berkeley.edu

To register, click [here](#).

Caltrans pilot program tests replacing gas tax with charging per mile driven

California roads are maintained through gas tax revenue, but that's dwindling with the increase in the number of electric vehicles.

A new pilot program aims to charge drivers for using the roads based on how much they actually drive - removing California's gas tax and replace it with a mileage tax instead.

To read more, click [here](#).

SF's Transbay Terminal gets \$3.4 billion to connect trains



The Transbay Terminal's final major project, called 'The Portal', which is the above and underground rail connection to allow for Caltrain and high-speed rail, can soon begin.

The federal government officially committed billions to make sure that a new generation of electric trains will be able to call the terminal their Northern California home.

To continue reading, click [here](#).

Public hearings

Behavioral Health Services Act - Public Listening Session

On Thursday, May 30, from 1 to 2 p.m., the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will host a [Behavioral Health Services Act \(BHSA\) public listening session](#) on the County Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes. This session is open to the public. Ask questions, provide feedback, and find out what is happening next with implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act.

To register, click [here](#).

In March, California voters passed Proposition 1, which includes the [BHSA](#) and [Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond](#). The BHSA calls for a new County Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes that includes all local behavioral health funding and services. The plan requires counties to demonstrate coordinated behavioral health planning using all services and sources of behavioral health funding to provide increased transparency, stakeholder engagement, and outcomes for all local services. **During the public listening session, attendees can provide direct input on the guidance DHCS is developing for the County Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health Services and Outcomes.**

Visit the [Behavioral Health Transformation \(BHT\) webpage](#) for more information about the monthly public listening sessions and additional resources. Please send questions related to BHT and/or the public listening sessions to BHTinfo@DHCS.ca.gov.

Updates from Solano County Annual Art Calendar contest



**FIGHTING BACK
PARTNERSHIP**

*Presents: Annual Art
Calendar Contest*

Eligibility

- Youth: Ages 4-18
- Must live in Vallejo or attend a Vallejo school

Theme

Community Self Care:
Everyone Deserves to
Feel (E.g. Happy, healthy,
loved, etc.)

Prizes

- 12 Winners: 4 Students per Group (Elementary, Middle, High School)
- 1st Prize: \$200 Visa gift card
- 2nd Prize: \$100 Visa gift
- 3rd Prize: \$50 Visa gift
- 9 Runners-Up: \$25 Target gift

1. Scan/take a photo of your original artwork & include the following info with your submission:

2. Full name, Age, Grade, Home Address, School & Teacher's Name
Brief explanation of artwork
Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2024

3. Submit to: Calendarcontest@fight-back.org

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For more information:
Fighting Back Partnership
707-230-6845
Calendarcontest@fight-back.org
www.fight-back.org

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State Senate approves Dodd's Vallejo police staffing bill



emergency.

This week, the California Senate today approved legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that would help address chronic police staffing shortages in Vallejo by allowing qualified retired officers to work up to full-time for the Solano County Sheriff's Office, providing the additional deputies needed to aid the Vallejo during this staffing

The Vallejo Police Department has become extremely understaffed, prompting the city council to declare a local emergency. The department is authorized to have 132 officers but is down to 31 officers patrolling a city of 123,000 people. On average, it takes up to two years to recruit and train new officers. One cost-effective interim solution that can be deployed relatively quickly is to use retired officers. However, retired officers may not work more than 960 hours per year under existing law, leaving gaps in staffing.

Sen. Dodd introduced Senate Bill 1379, which allows retired police officers to exceed the 960-hour limit for retired annuitants, for the next three years. The waiver would also apply to dispatchers, evidence technicians and police records personnel. The bill would allow for Solano County sheriff's deputies to respond to more emergency calls in Vallejo by giving them the necessary deputies to do so. The state has previously allowed retired employees to meet urgent staffing needs with similar exemptions.

SB 1379 is supported by the Vallejo Mayor Robert McConnell, Solano County Sheriff Tom Ferrara, Solano County Deputy Sheriffs Association, the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and the California State Sheriff's Association. It cleared the Senate and now heads next to the Assembly.

California Senate passes bill aiding SMART tax renewal



As SMART officials stay mum on when they will seek extension of a sales tax needed to keep trains rolling, a bill enabling voters to place a renewal on the ballot has passed the California Senate.

Senate Bill 904, authored by state Sen. Bill Dodd, a Democrat from Napa, was proposed to help the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit secure its

sales tax dollars, which account for nearly half of the agency's total revenue. The tax collects about \$51 million annually.

To continue reading, click [here](#).

Students present findings to Solano County Water Agency Board



Layo Ogunleye, Jada Cuffie, Kenzie Jacobs and Mia Zabat presented the results of their class's biomonitoring survey of Laurel Creek to the Solano County Water Agency Board at its May meeting.

The four students and their classmates in Jennifer Ault's Advanced Placement Environmental Science class at Vanden High School participated in a community science effort to monitor stream health throughout Solano County as part of the four-week Solano County Biomonitoring Program, a program provided by Solano Resource Conservation District.

The 15-year-old community science program offers a hands-on field trip at a nearby creek to high schools in Solano County. This unique long-term data set generated by students is part of a regional study conducted by our partner Dr. Patrick Edwards of Portland State University. Dr. Edwards and his team are working to develop ways in which participating students can better share their results with biomonitoring professionals and publish their findings in a scientific journal.

Jennifer Ault, AP Environmental Science teacher at Vanden, said, "The Biomonitoring Program meshes perfectly with the AP curriculum, and it gives students a chance to participate in meaningful environmental science in their own watershed. We do real work on the creek, which the students take very seriously, but we also really enjoy being outside in one of the wild parts of the County. Solano RCD's program is really special."

In their presentation, the students offered the Board a well-organized and very engaging recap of their work this spring, focusing on the science learned during the program and the lessons they took away by participating. They discussed the sense of community and the understanding of the importance of human actions they gained from their experience. Furthermore, they

explained the lessons they had learned about the differences between appearances and the reality of a healthy creek, and how that knowledge supported a more environmentally-conscious mindset going forward. Some students talked about coming away from the experience with a greater sense of how they can include environmental science in their futures, and others spoke of the impacts humans have, even unintentionally, on our local waterways.

The Solano County Biomonitoring Program is free to participating schools and is made possible with support from the Solano County Water Agency, Solano County Department of Resource Management, City of Benicia, Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District and the Fairfield Suisun Sewer District.

The RCD also offers free, hands-on, place-based watershed education throughout Solano County to third graders and sixth graders. These programs rely on the support of local donors, including Solano County Water Agency.

For more information, please email education@solanorcd.org.

Solano Mobile Crisis Team Community Line



The Solano Mobile Crisis Team community line is now live. The direct number to Mobile Crisis is: (707) 806-0866. The team continues to operate 24/7/365. Mobile Crisis Services are meant to support individuals in urgent mental health crisis, like suicidal thoughts or plans, or someone who may appear to be a danger to

themselves or others, or experiencing grave disability which means that someone is no longer able to provide for their own food, clothing, or shelter because of a mental health disorder.

The Team will call the person(s) and try to de-escalate and create a safety plan whenever possible at their home, in the community, or by phone, if able. If necessary, they will arrange transportation for the person to go to the Crisis Unit or Emergency Room. Anyone can call regardless of insurance.

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

Filing process opens for city council and mayoral seats on July 15



Three Fairfield City Council seats are open for election on November 5, 2024: Districts 2, 4, and 6. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, live in the respective district, and be registered to vote in that district. All open seats are four-year terms until 2028. The city clerk and city treasurer seats are also up for election and candidates must be registered to vote within Fairfield city limits.

Persons interested in running for these seats may obtain candidate nomination papers from the City Clerk's Office beginning Monday, July 15, 2024. The deadline for filing nomination paperwork is 5 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2024, unless an incumbent does not file by that time, in which case the filing period for that seat will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 14, 2024.


The city clerk has made an informational video, "So You Want to Run for City Council," and checklist which details the steps needed to run for office. Both can be found at <https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/election>.

Potential candidates may obtain a Candidate's Handbook beginning July 15, 2024, by making an appointment with City Clerk Karen Rees, by calling (707) 428-7767 or emailing: klrees@fairfield.ca.gov.


The City Clerk's Office is located on the fourth floor in City Hall at 1000 Webster Street, Fairfield. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, but City Hall will be closed on Fridays: July 19 and August 2, 2024.

Potential candidates are required to comply with the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulation which requires filing a State of California Form 501, "Candidate Intention Statement," prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contributions, or expenditure of any personal funds, related to the upcoming election. Potential candidates may contact the FPPC at 1-866-275-3772, for information and assistance with FPPC filing requirements or visit www.fppc.ca.gov.

Into the Light




FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE
 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
 FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION
 INVITES YOU TO WRITE A POEM TO AN ART PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT



INTO THE LIGHT

SOLANO TOWN CENTER GALLERY
 1350 TRAVIS BLVD., 40-S, FAIRFIELD, CA
 (INSIDE THE SOLANO TOWN CENTER MALL)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of art on the poem by 10:00am May 25th
 fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com
 Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.



Exhibition Dates:
 May 22nd – June 29th, 2024

Art can be seen at the Gallery :
 Wednesday - Sunday 11:00am – 6:00pm
 or online at fvsa-arts.org

Art Reception and Poetry Reading
 Saturday, May 25th
 4:00-6:00pm

Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon 2024



VALLEJO PISTA SA NAYON
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
MARE ISLAND COAL SHEDS
11AM – 6PM

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FILIPINO FOOD
 20+ FOOD VENDORS! KAIN NA!

MAIN Stage
 DJ SHOWCASE, FASHION SHOW,
 DANCERS, SINGERS, BANDS

YOUTH Stage
 FILIPINO DANCES, SPECIAL GUESTS

PALENGKE
 Cultural Crafts
 WEAVERS
 Arnis + MORE!
 SHOP 35+ VENDORS! KARAYONG, BAYOK,
 KIDS FUN, CRAFTS, WEAVING WORKSHOP

Weaving Generations of Filipino Culture & Tradition

Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon 2024
 Mare Island Coal Sheds, Vallejo, CA



You are cordially invited to join in celebrating the Philippine Independence Day and Philippine Cultural Month at the 38th annual, Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon Festival.

This year's theme is "Weaving together Generations of Filipino Culture and Traditions". From dazzling performances to mouthwatering culinary delights, each event experience will tell a story of unity, joy, and cultural pride.

Vallejo Pista Sa Nayon will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 1 at the Mare Island Coal Sheds, 850 Nimitz Avenue on Mare Island in Vallejo.

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

Vallejo Fire Department teams up with SolTrans for enhanced training



The Vallejo Fire Department has collaborated with SolTrans to enhance fire and rescue training exercises. This partnership allows the Vallejo Fire Department to use a portion of SolTrans' newly acquired 2.5-acre parcel on the 1800 block of Broadway St. for essential training from May through August of this year.

This agreement provides the Vallejo Fire Department with a realistic setting to conduct simulated fire and rescue training. These exercises prepare firefighters to handle real-world emergencies effectively and safely.

Importantly, there will be no "live fire" at this training site, alleviating any concerns about residents' air quality. However, a smoke machine will be used for certain training evolutions. This simulated smoke is safe to breathe and environmentally friendly, ensuring no negative impact on the community or environment. Sometimes, a "burn barrel" may be used to create real smoke on a small scale.

Older Americans Month



CAPTION: Carquinez Villagers Barbara Feth and Barbara Engdahl

One of the most difficult things to do at any age is to walk into a room of strangers. Recognizing this, Carquinez Village practices

helping newer and less active members more easily join with others. Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Villagers host a table at Raley's Café, offering open seating for any shopper wanting to stop by. Some weeks, as many as ten smiling faces will greet you. We share experiences, learn from each other, and by the end of a coffee with strangers, you may well leave with a couple of new friends.

In addition, Carquinez Village has recently started up a "Telephone Tree." Both current members and volunteers purposefully reach out to those who have been less active and therefore perhaps less connected. This begins with a call, perhaps a visit, to check in. Taking a sincere interest in another person is like a snowball: both people come away with something; a sense of being cared about; finding things in common; and often an invitation. "Do you know about the potluck this weekend? Well I would love it if you would consider coming with me, and we will go together."

According to the Tree Coordinator, Barbara Engdahl, most people just want to feel included and invited. In some cases, a long illness or other personal issue has kept the member away, and that call or visit reconnects them. Often a person sitting alone is just waiting for a friendly voice to reach out. Several of the buddies are now busy making other buddies!

Many Carquinez Village members have moved to Benicia or Vallejo to be closer to their adult children and grandchildren. These new residents have difficulty trying to meet people who are their peers. The Buddy Group attempts to address that need.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of staying socially and mentally connected to others. Healthy aging is strongly affected by people connections. AARP's May Bulletin highlights this in their article, "Staying Connected Is a Key to Healthy Aging", explaining how important it is for older people to keep in touch with each other. Do you need a buddy or know someone who might? Carquinez Village may be a starting point for you as a volunteer or as a member. Connect with us!

The month of May is National Older Americans Month, and the theme for 2024 is 'Powered by Connection'. Through connection, we make a difference.

To learn more about Carquinez Village and its mission to connect, support, and inspire older adults in Benicia and Vallejo, visit CarquinezVillage.org or call (707) 297-2472.

For links to social media and to read and subscribe to the monthly newsletter, visit <https://linktr.ee/CarquinezVillage>.

BART may need tax dollars to keep running as pandemic funding is drying up

As money is starting to dry out, BART is looking for new ways to find funding.

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

Registration for National Night Out 2024 is open



Fairfield neighborhoods are invited to participate in National Night Out this year on **Tuesday, August 6, from 5 to 8 p.m.** On this day, residents in neighborhoods throughout Fairfield are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend an evening outside with neighbors, Fairfield Police,

Fairfield Fire, and city officials.

National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie that make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Neighborhoods host a variety of events ranging from small potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQs to block parties, ice cream socials, and more. This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration is free and open for Fairfield's National Night Out and closes July 22 at 5 pm. Your event must be registered for Fairfield Police, Fairfield Fire, and/or City of Fairfield representatives to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants receive an official NNO2024 gift basket for your party. Register and discover how your neighborhood can participate at <http://fairfield.ca.gov/NNO>.

California commission approved new I-80 toll lanes. Could you be charged \$1 per mile?

New toll lanes moved one step closer to hitting capital-region commuters in the wallet last week when the California Transportation Commission approved one east- and one westbound lane with fluctuating tolls for vehicles with one or two occupants on Interstate 80 through Yolo County.

Autumn Bernstein, the executive director of the Yolo Transportation District, told KDRT's Bill Buchanan in December that the actual

prices had not yet been determined, but [similar lanes in the Bay Area charge around \\$1 a mile at peak traffic times.](#)

To read more, click [here](#).

Touro-Solano Public Health Mobile Vaccine Clinic

FREE VACCINES!

FLU SHOTS Fluarix® for 3+ years
Flud® for 65+ years

TDAP Adacel® for 10+ years

VACCINE CLINIC HOURS 1:30 - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 28, 2024
Riverview Middle School - Gym
525 South 2nd St, Rio Vista, CA 94571

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Arts Benicia

Mark your calendars for the opening of **Solano Water Stories: Artists Voices**, an exhibition funded by the **California Creative Corps**, a program of the **California Arts Council**, as part of a larger grant project titled *Stewarding our Resources: Solano Artists Create, Collaborate, and Educate*.



The project is engaging artists in creating original material to be used to educate Californians about water conservation and climate mitigation. The exhibition will feature commissioned works by thirteen Solano County artists who draw upon their diverse community experiences to explore and communicate the grant themes through artwork. The exhibition opens May 25 and runs through June 23, at **The Temple Art Lofts, at 707 Marin Street (at Virginia St.), in Vallejo**. Arts Benicia's exhibition is in conjunction with **Brush Strokes for Earth**, an exhibition presented by **The Vallejo Center for the Arts**, also a CCC Grant recipient. Gallery hours at the Temple Art Lofts are Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 4 pm and during Vallejo Art Walk, Friday, June 14, from 5 to 9 pm. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, May 25, from 2 to 4 pm, and is free and open to the public.

Two other exhibitions will open in early June. **I. We, They. Celebrations of Gender**, juried by **Thea Quiray Tagle**, will open on June 1 with an opening reception from 4 to 6 pm. An Artist and

Member Preview will be held on Thursday, May 30, from 6 to 7 pm. The exhibition, featuring works of all media, will run until July 21. Work by Solano Community College art students in **Fresh Perspectives: Artwork from Solano Community College** will also be shown.

The exhibition will run during the same period as I. We. They. Celebrations of Gender and is located in the upstairs galleries. We hope you will plan to join us at the members preview and opening reception.

These events are free and will take place at the Commanding Officer's Quarters at 1 Commandant's Lane.

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 Arts Benicia 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 Arts Benicia programs. With your sponsorship support, they can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to our 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/>

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

Empowered Aging Elder Justice event



The graphic is a vertical rectangular poster with a color scheme of orange, teal, and white. At the top, the text 'EMPOWERED Aging' is displayed in white on an orange background, with a sunburst icon. Below this, 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in white on a teal background. The main event title, 'Elder Abuse Awareness Forum: ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH & FINANCIAL CRIMES', is in white on a teal background. The location, 'SOLANO COUNTY EVENT CENTER, 601 TEXAS ST, FAIRFIELD', is in orange on a teal background. The time, '9am - 12:30pm', is in white on an orange background. A large orange vertical bar on the right side contains the date '06 26 24' in white. At the bottom, 'Registration required, more information coming soon!' is written in white on a teal background. The graphic is decorated with colorful sunburst icons at the top and bottom.

EMPOWERED
Aging

SAVE THE DATE

Elder Abuse Awareness Forum:
**ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH
& FINANCIAL CRIMES**

**SOLANO COUNTY EVENT CENTER,
601 TEXAS ST, FAIRFIELD**

9am - 12:30pm

**06
26
24**

Registration required,
more information coming soon!

In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, recognized annually in June, Empowered Aging is holding an interactive educational event featuring experts in elder abuse, elder mental

health, and victim rights. This half-day event will provide both timely and topical information for community members and high-quality, ongoing education for professionals working with older adults.

Join for an excellent opportunity to position your agency in front of our estimated 100 guests - professionals in the field of aging, elder justice, mental health, law enforcement, and long-term care, and community members in need of resources.

May calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The May calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

May 24 Sons of The American Legion cooking hamburgers
27 Memorial Day event; Sons cooking hamburgers and hot dogs
free, donations, open to public
31 The American Legion Aux cooking hamburger

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

Upcoming events in Solano County

Trash Mob

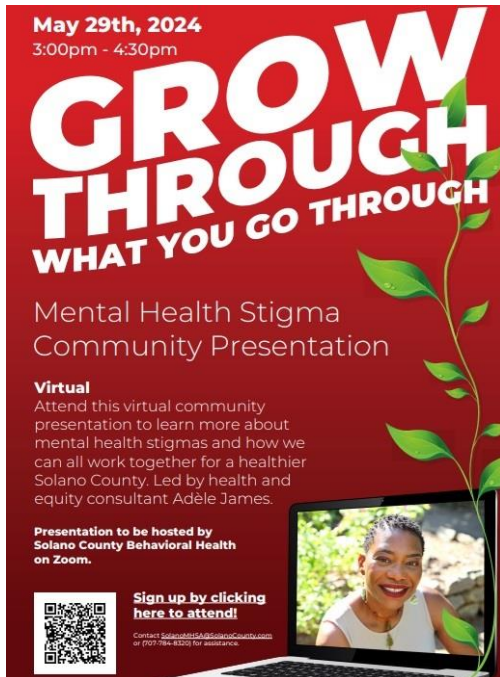
Volunteers are needed for Trash Mob on **Saturday, May 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. at 2030 North Texas Street (empty lot).**

Students can earn use this opportunity to fulfill community service hours. Snacks, water, and cleaning supplies are provided!



Contact Karen Rees at krees@fairfield.ca.gov or call (707) 428-7767.

Grow Through

A red poster for a virtual presentation. At the top left, it says 'May 29th, 2024' and '3:00pm - 4:30pm'. The main title 'GROW THROUGH' is in large white letters, with 'WHAT YOU GO THROUGH' in smaller white letters below it. A green vine with leaves grows from the bottom right. Below the title, it says 'Mental Health Stigma Community Presentation'. Underneath, it says 'Virtual' and 'Attend this virtual community presentation to learn more about mental health stigmas and how we can all work together for a healthier Solano County. Led by health and equity consultant Adèle James.' Below that, it says 'Presentation to be hosted by Solano County Behavioral Health on Zoom.' At the bottom left is a QR code and the text 'Sign up by clicking here to attend!' with a link. At the bottom right is a photo of a woman on a laptop screen. At the very bottom, it says 'Contact: Solano@SACSolanoCounty.com or (916) 784-6433 for assistance.'

To register, click [here](#).

World Environment Day

A colorful poster for World Environment Day. The top half has a blue sky background with a tree made of leaves. It says 'Celebrate' in a script font. Below that, it says 'WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY' in bold orange letters and 'at Lake Solano' in a script font. The bottom half has a green background. It says 'Join us on June 1, 2024 for our annual World Environment Day Cleanup!' and 'In Solano County, we celebrate with an annual cleanup event that gathers community members from across the county to care for our shared drinking water source. In addition to the cleanup, enjoy kayak tours, planting activities, a native plant seed bar, and free lunch.' Below that, it says 'Learn more and find your site at...' and 'CleanUpSolano.org'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for Solano County and a list of social media handles: #wecleanup, #wecleanup2024, #wecleanup, #earthdayeveryday, #wecleanup, #solano, #solano2024.

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.

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.

Hike and Write



In conjunction with the Solano Land Trust, Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting her 4th Hike and Write from **1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at Lynch Canyon, located at 3100 Lynch**

Canyon Road, Fairfield. Parking is \$5.

The hiking level is **medium** and will be about 2 miles. A docent will be leading the group, sharing history and stories.

Bring pen and paper. Bring water and snacks. Wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.

Please email Suzanne at fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com by Thursday, May 30, if you are coming. There needs to be a headcount.

For questions, email Suzanne: fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com

Yard Waste event in Benicia



The Benicia Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Republic Services are hosting the annual Citywide Yard Waste and Weed Abatement Clean-up Program.

This free annual program is for Benicia residents who need to clear their property of weeds and other vegetation. Only green waste/vegetation will be accepted at this event, excluding palm fronds. Tree branch cuttings shall be limited to 4 inches in diameter.

This event is open to Benicia residents only and is intended for use by homeowners. No commercial dumping will be allowed. Proof of residency will be required to gain entry.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Benicia Corporation Yard – 2400 East Second Street.

Questions: Contact Benicia Fire Department at (707) 746-4275.

Events I attended this week

Tuesday night, May 21, I attended the Benicia City Council meeting as there were two items on the agenda: A proclamation recognizing Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Buddy Poppy distribution (Memorial Day) and a proclamation acknowledging June 2024 as LGBTQ Pride Month.

Fairfield City Council was honoring Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Trustee Ana Petero's work with keeping the streets clean. I sent my son, Seth, with flowers to let Ana know, we are so very proud of her.

Wednesday night, May 22, I attended the Vallejo school board meeting where the Pride flag was raised in front of the district office.

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:

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[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

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Graves at Benicia Arsenal Historic Cemetery in Benicia on Memorial Day 2023. 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.