



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

**August 16, 2024**



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**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

**Ballot information for November election**



The Solano County Registrar of Voters (ROV) has released the addresses of [polling place locations](#) and [ballot return addresses](#) for the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election.

The ROV has also provided the names of the local and regional ballot measures. They can be viewed [here](#).

**Information this week**

**Centenarians**

A Solano County press release:

The Solano County Board of Supervisors needs the community's help in identifying centenarians living in our community for recognition at an upcoming



Board of Supervisors meeting later this fall as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual centenarian commemoration celebration.

For the past 16 years, the Solano County Board of Supervisors has recognized and honored centenarians by hosting a celebration for them during a Board of Supervisors meeting. The commemoration serves to capture and share the stories of some of Solano County's oldest residents, while bringing attention to some of the issues facing the senior population.

This year, as part of the commemoration event, the Board will receive a video presentation of Solano County's Centenarians, sharing stories from their amazing lives. The Board has hired a professional videographer who will come to your home (or place of your choosing) to conduct the video interview. Information collected at the interviews will also be included as part of a commemorative yearbook, distributed to all Centenarians shortly after the commemoration event. Centenarians who wish not to conduct an interview are still encouraged to submit information, including a biography and photographs to help tell their life story.

To date the Board has honored more than 225 centenarians in Solano County. Two centenarians reached super-centenarian status, including Marie West in 2011 and Reta Wills in 2021. Super-centenarians are those individuals who have reached the age of 110 years or older, which only occurs at a rate of about 1 in 7 million people.

According to the Boston University School of Medicine, 2022 New England Centenarian Study, out of a population of 336.9 million people, there were approximately 89,739 centenarians living in the United States, or a prevalence of 0.27 percent of the total population. The prevalence of centenarians living in the United States has been increasing over time and nearly doubled in the past 20 years. In addition to genetics, physical activity and social support, scientists liken our ability to prevent and treat diseases like cancer, pneumonia and stroke to be a strong indicator this trend will likely continue.

### **CONTACTING THE COUNTY ABOUT CENTENARIANS**

If you know of a centenarian, please email [Centenarian@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:Centenarian@SolanoCounty.com) and/or call (707) 784-3004 by or before September 4, 2023. Please relay the following information over the phone or in an email to the Supervisor, including (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) and best contact email address.

### **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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FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE  
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THE TRANSGENDER  
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

## Odor issues

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

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

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

## Bay Area Air Quality Management District Notice of Non-Discrimination



As part of the Air District's community outreach and civil rights compliance efforts, the agency has updated its Disability Access Plan, its Language Access Plan, and its Public Participation Plan.

To access each of these documents, please visit [www.baaqmd.gov/non-discrimination](http://www.baaqmd.gov/non-discrimination).

You are invited to review these draft documents and provide comment by September 12.

Please submit your comments by email to: [community@baaqmd.gov](mailto:community@baaqmd.gov)

## Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 Blueprint+ & Draft Transit 2050+ updates



We recently took part in a workshop put on by the Bay Area's two regional planning agencies, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The workshop focused on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ Blueprint Strategies and the Draft Transit 2050+ Network.

The benefits outlined in the webinar were based on many assumptions by each Agency, of strategies which may or may not come to fruition. There seems to be a lot to gain by the larger, populated counties, such as San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa

Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa. In contrast, there are far less growth predictions or potential improvement strategies for the North Bay Area counties, such as Solano, Napa, Sonoma and Marin. The caveat however is that each county will potentially foot the bill for 35 proposed strategies for improved housing, the economy, transportation and the environment that will benefit the larger populated counties outlined above. Overall costs for the implementation of the assumed strategies are approximately \$1.38 trillion. Is that fair and equitable? Maybe if you live in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, but certainly not for the north Bay Area counties. You may want to study the draft proposals and related documents; the links are provided below.

### **What is the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Blueprint?**

The Blueprint is essentially a draft version of the plan, which according to the agencies must be updated every 4 years. It is a foundational framework for a future vision of the Bay Area that includes:

- **Forecasts and Assumptions** about the Bay Area's future (population, jobs, financial needs and revenues, sea level rise, etc.);
- **Strategies** for public investment and policy reform; and
- **Geographies** where future housing and/or job growth can be focused under the plan's Strategies.

The Blueprint is then analyzed through computer-generated models and simulations to measure how successful the strategies are in achieving shared goals for the future, such as housing affordability, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and much more.

### **What is the Draft Transit 2050+ Network?**

It is the result of a first-of-its-kind planning effort for a better Bay Area public transit system and outlines how to make trips faster and more frequent at all times of day and how to connect more communities by bus, train or ferry. Staff from MTC and the region's transit agencies worked closely together to identify a series of improvements and investments that could be made over the next 25 years to keep the Bay Area's transit system operating while expanding it for the future.

The Draft Transit 2050+ Network plan identifies key strategies and investments to advance these priorities. Included in the Draft Network are 6 strategies that aim to enhance the customer experience and increase ridership:

- Operate and maintain the existing transit network
- Better coordinate fares, signage and more across transit agencies
- Improve the transfer timing at key regional hubs

- Enhance security, safety and cleanliness on transit
- Enhance transit frequency, capacity and reliability
- Expand transit services throughout the region

MTC Staff recently conducted a Needs, Gaps, and Opportunities Assessment focused on near-term transit service needs, followed by an assessment of major capital and operating projects through the Project Performance Assessment, these data-driven analyses were considered in tandem with public and stakeholder feedback to shape the Draft Transit 2050+ Network.

Links to the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Blueprint and further information: <https://planbayarea.org/plan-bay-area-2050-plus-blueprint>

Links to the Draft Transit 2050+ Network: <https://planbayarea.org/news/news-story/draft-transit-2050-network-released>

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO OPEN LATER THIS SUMMER – LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD TO THESE AGENCIES!**

## **Pop-up Events Focus on Plan Bay Area 2050+ Blueprint, Future Transit Network**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) invite Bay Area residents to help shape the future of the region through 2050 by providing their input at a series of “Pop-Up” events to be held in each of the nine Bay Area’ counties.

MTC and ABAG will host 18 Plan Bay Area 2050+ pop-ups over the next six weeks, with agency staff on hand to hear the public’s thoughts on strategies to meet the Bay Area’s goals for transit recovery, housing affordability, post-pandemic economic growth, and environmental health and sustainability. Public participation is key to the development of Plan Bay Area 2050+. The next edition of the region’s long-range plan for transportation, housing, economic development and environmental resilience is scheduled for adoption by MTC and ABAG late next year.

Conversations will focus on collecting input to inform the development of the Final Blueprint and address identified Draft Blueprint challenges; determining early priorities for implementing Plan Bay Area 2050+; and discussing the new Draft Transit 2050+ Network — which identifies a series of improvements that could be made over the next 25 years to keep the Bay Area’s transit network operating while expanding it for the future.

Below is a complete list of the upcoming Plan Bay Area 2050 Pop-Up events:

- Tuesday, Aug. 20: 4 to 8 pm Downtown Novato Community Farmers Market Sherman Avenue between Grant and DeLong Avenues, Novato (Marin County)
- Tuesday, Aug. 21: 2 to 6pm El Cerrito del Norte BART Station 6400 Cutting Boulevard, El Cerrito (Contra Costa County)
- Wednesday, Aug. 21: 2:30 to 6:30 pm (to be confirmed) Petaluma Transit Mall Lakeville Street between E. Washington and E. D, Petaluma (Sonoma County)
- Saturday, Aug. 24: 9 am to 1 pm Castro Valley Farmers' Market Castro Valley BART, 21013 Redwood Road, Castro Valley (Alameda County)
- Sunday Aug. 25: 2 to 5 pm Sonoma Sundays on the Plaza Sonoma Plaza, 453 First Street East, Sonoma (Sonoma County)
- Wednesday, Aug. 28: 2:30 to 6:30 pm Millbrae Transit Station 200 North Rollins Road, Millbrae (San Mateo County)
- Thursday, Aug. 29: 5:30 to 8:30 pm (to be confirmed) Downtown San Rafael Summer Market Fourth Street between A and Lootens Streets, San Rafael (Marin County)
- Saturday, Aug. 31: 11 am to 3 pm Dog Days of Summer The Crossing at East Cut, 250 Main Street, San Francisco (San Francisco Co.)
- Saturday, Aug. 31: 2 to 6 pm (to be confirmed) Downtown Shakedown Main Street and Merchant Street, Vacaville (Solano County)
- Sunday, Sept. 1: 9 am to 1 pm Mountain View Farmers' Market Caltrain Station, 600 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View (Santa Clara County)
- Tuesday, Sept. 3: 3 to 6 pm Soscol Gateway Transit Center 625 Burnell Street, Napa (Napa County)
- Wednesday, Sept. 4: 2 to 6 pm Balboa Park BART Station 425 Geneva Avenue, San Francisco (San Francisco Co.)
- Saturday, Sept. 7: 9 am to 1 pm (to be confirmed) Coastside Farmers' Market 225 California State Highway 1, Half Moon Bay (San Mateo County)
- Sunday, Sept. 8: 10 am to 2 pm Viva Calle SJ Booth location TBA, San José (Santa Clara County)

## **Three entry-level remote jobs that pay \$55,000+ with no experience in 2024**

We're well into the second half of the year now. And with fall just around the corner and graduation season ended for the summer, you might be curious as to what entry-level jobs you are able to secure as a steppingstone for your career.

After all, what really constitutes a classified entry-level job as being truly entry-level? It seems employers and job applicants have widely varying ideas of what the term really means.

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

## Navigating At-Home Testing: Reliable Solutions for COVID-19 and HIV

At-home testing has revolutionized how we manage our health, offering convenience and privacy. This article explores the various home testing kits available for COVID-19 and HIV, detailing how to order, use, and interpret these tests.

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

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### Public hearings

## Draft Industrial Health and Safety Ordinance

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Implementation Working Group Meeting for Building Appliances Rules

On March 15, 2023, the Air District adopted amendments to [Rule 9-4: Nitrogen Oxides from Fan Type Residential Central Furnaces](#) and [Rule 9-6: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Boilers and Water Heaters](#).



These rules govern point of sale emission standards for small, typically residential and commercial, water and space heating systems. Space and water-heating appliances generate a large portion of nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions from sources in the Bay Area. NO<sub>x</sub> is formed during natural gas combustion when ambient nitrogen and oxygen combine at high temperatures. The amendments will substantially reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from these appliances and therefore secondary particulate matter formation. The implementation of these rule amendments will be a multiyear effort, spanning from 2024 to 2031.

As part of the amendments, the Air District has convened the Implementation Working Group (IWG). The IWG comprises over 40 invited stakeholders representing a variety of stakeholder segments. The purpose of the IWG is to provide input to Air District staff's periodic reports to the Board of Directors on the implementation of the Building Appliances Rules and to provide the Air District staff with insights on the technical readiness of the market and equitable transition to compliant appliances, so as to not unduly burden any income class or professional group. As such, the IWG provides a forum for invited members to discuss technical and equity aspects of implementing the Building Appliances Rules.

This is an additional reminder that the sixth and final IWG plenary meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 20, from 1 to 4 p.m.** virtually via Zoom. Members of the public may attend in listen-only mode with the opportunity to provide public comments at the end of the meeting. IWG meetings will be held on a quarterly basis and notifications will be sent out prior to each meeting. **To attend the meeting please use the following [link](#).**

A meeting agenda can be accessed in advance of the meeting on the [Building Appliances Rules web page](#). Additional information from past meeting agendas, research conducted, and a list of current IWG members can be found on the newly established dedicated [IWG web page](#). Additional background information pertaining to the implementation of the rules, compliance dates, resources, and frequently asked questions can be found on the [Building Appliances Rules Implementation web page](#).



## Little Hoover Commission business meeting



**On Thursday, August 22, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a Business Meeting beginning at 10 a.m.**

The hearing will be conducted via Zoom and will also be accessible at 925 L Street, Suite 175, Sacramento, CA 95814. Members of the public are encouraged to listen to the hearing by joining online or by phone. Click the URL to join online: <https://bit.ly/3WuwlBp>. To join via phone, call toll-free from the U.S. by dialing (888) 788-0099. The webinar ID is 947 2395 9991. The passcode is 324926.

Please visit the Zoom website for [instructions](#) on how to download the Zoom app onto a computer or smartphone.

During the hearing, members of the public may indicate to staff that they wish to make public comment by using the “raise” hand feature in Zoom or sending an email to [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) with your question and the phone number from which you have joined the hearing. Public comments will be heard at the end of the hearing and will be limited to three minutes per speaker and to a total of 30 minutes.

The Commission may act on any item listed on the hearing agenda below. Agenda items may be taken out of order to accommodate speakers and to maintain a quorum. The hearing may be canceled without notice.

### **AGENDA: Business Meeting 10 a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2024 Join Online or By Phone Via**

**Zoom: URL:** <https://bit.ly/3WuwlBp> **Webinar ID:** 947 2395 9991 **Passcode:** 324926 **Phone:** (888) 788-0099 **Join In Person:** 925 L Street, Suite 175 Sacramento, CA 95814

1. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker, limited to 30 minutes total)
2. Business Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2024 and July 25, 2024 meetings
3. Consideration of draft report on the implementation of past Commission recommendations regarding Denti-Cal
4. Project and Meeting Schedule
  1. Update on current studies
  2. Future meeting schedule
  3. Selection of future study topics
5. Administrative Update
6. Implementation and Impact Report

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Notice of 30-Day Public Review and Comment Period: LAFCO Project No. 2024-03 Solano County Mosquito Abatement District Municipal Service Review



Solano LAFCO has released the public draft of the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District (SCMAD) Municipal Service Review (MSR) for a 30-day public review and comment period extending **from August 13, 2024, to September 12, 2024.**

The SCMAD's sphere of influence (SOI) and service boundary is coterminous with the Solano County boundary. The District is not proposing to amend this boundary. The District is consistent with State law and has adopted policies and practices that ensure it continues to operate efficiently and effectively. Therefore, the draft MSR preliminary findings support and recommend that the SCMAD SOI be reaffirmed.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000 (CKH) requires LAFCO to adopt and periodically update the sphere of influence for special districts and municipalities concurrently or subsequently to the preparation of a MSR.

Please send comments to Tyra Hays at [Thays@solanolafco.com](mailto:Thays@solanolafco.com)

[Solano County Mosquito Abatement District MSR Draft](#)

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## Updates from Solano County

### Benicia Road Design Workshop Report completed

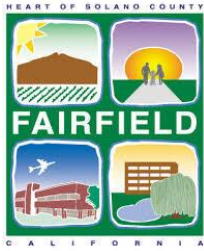


The Benicia Road Design Workshop, held from March 14 to 16, 2024, at the Vallejo John F. Kennedy Library was a collaborative initiative aimed at revitalizing and reimagining the Benicia Road corridor in Unincorporated Vallejo. The

Workshop sought to address the community's needs by discussing and designing a safer, walkable, and attractive neighborhood that supports a diverse range of residents and businesses.

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

## Planned PG&E Power Outage at Allan Witt Aquatics



PG&E has informed city of Fairfield staff of a planned electrical outage at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex from 10 p.m. on Friday, August 16, to 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 17. During this time, all filtration systems will be off and will need to be restarted Saturday morning once power is restored.

The circulation pumps will need to run for a minimum of 4 hours to ensure that the water has proper sanitation and chemical balancing before the pool can be re-opened. **All morning programs on Saturday, August 17 will be canceled.**

City staff intends to open the complex for rec swim on August 17 from 12 to 4 p.m., but PG&E may experience unforeseen delays.

## Upcoming in-person Healthy Solano Collaborative meeting

**The quarterly Healthy Solano Collaborative meeting will take place on Thursday, August 22 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. It will be held in person at the Partnership HealthPlan Office, Napa Solano Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4665 Business Center Drive, Fairfield.**

During this meeting, there will be presentations from Solano HEALs, the Health Education Council, and a data call out for the Solano Community Health Assessment.

Light lunch will be served, and free professional headshots are available.

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

## City of Vacaville announces road closure at Hawkins Road and Leisure Town Road



Beginning, Friday, August 16, Hawkins Road at Leisure Town Road will be closed for the Jepson Parkway Phase 2 Project construction.

Vehicles should avoid Hawkins Road near Leisure Town Road and use posted detour routes instead. The closure is scheduled for approximately 13 weeks.

Detour routes during Hawkins Road closure:

- Traveling north on Leisure Town Road
- Turn right on Elmira Road, left on California Pacific Road, and right on Hawkins Road.
- Traveling south on Leisure Town Road
- Turn left on Elmira Road, left on California Pacific Road, and right on Hawkins Road.
- Traveling north on California Pacific Road
- Turn right on Hawkins Road, right on Lewis Road, right on Fry Road, and right on Leisure Town Road.
- Traveling West from Hawkins Road
- Turn left on Lewis Road, right on Fry Road, and right on Leisure Town Road.

Other related construction is also underway between Commerce Place north towards The Mission Church. Drivers should anticipate delays and exercise caution near construction.

Mitigated impacts:

- Businesses along Leisure Town Road will be open during construction.
- Road access will be maintained to businesses and the surrounding residential communities.
- The City sent more than 5,000 mailers to residents and businesses along the Leisure Town Corridor, and notified Travis Air Force Base Public Affairs.
- The City's consultant, KMP Strategies, visited approximately 35 businesses in the Commerce Place and Union Way Area, and 13 homes who back to the construction.

Once complete, Vacaville and Solano County residents will have an improved intra-county thoroughway with an end goal of reduced congestion from Interstate 80. Major roadway improvements will:

- Develop a safe, efficient transportation network for the movement of people and goods within Solano County;
- Protect residents living adjacent to roadways from the impacts of existing and anticipated traffic levels using landscaping and noise buffers;
- Provide interconnected traffic signals using advanced transportation methods at major junctions to improve access and safety;
- Provide efficient City streets to serve local trips that currently require using Interstate 80;
- Improve emergency vehicle access and transit services; and
- Increase transit support and enhance pedestrian, motorist, and transit user safety.

Project milestones, traffic impacts, and other important project information will be regularly updated on the City's website [CityofVacaville.gov/Jepson](http://CityofVacaville.gov/Jepson).

Additional information, questions, and concerns may be addressed to [Jepson@CityofVacaville.com](mailto:Jepson@CityofVacaville.com) or (707) 449-5212.

## No Online Utility Payments August 13 - 20

The Fairfield Municipal Water Utility is transitioning to a new online customer portal, MyFMU by SilverBlaze, on August 21. During the system transition period, online payments will NOT be allowed August 13 – 20.



This includes satellite payment locations and J.A.C.K payment kiosks. Those who wish to make a payment during this time will need to pay by cash, check, or money order at the front counter. Checks may also be mailed.

This new portal is designed to significantly enhance user experience and will be accessible on desktop and mobile devices.

The MyFMU portal will offer several new features including:

- Enhanced autopay
- Access to payment history
- Detailed water usage history

Once the MyFMU portal is launched customers will need to re-register using the same account number. For customers registering for autopay and paying with a credit or debit card, a fee of \$2.95 per payment will be charged by the credit card processor. Payments made via ACH, check, or cash will not incur additional fees.

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

## Coastal Cleanup Day 2024



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

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

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

## Commercial driver's license training

Napa Valley College's Career Education & Workforce Development is offering free commercial driver's license training. Join them for the 8-day pre-apprenticeship training program in transportation, distribution, and logistics as an entryway in a long-term career in commercial trucking.

You will receive CDL permit preparation, OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety and Health certification, Forklift/COVID-19 Safety training, and hands-on forklift training.

For more information, contact Ivan Castillo Barragan at (707) 563-149- or [ivan.castillo@napavalley.edu](mailto:ivan.castillo@napavalley.edu).

## Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce presents David Alpaugh

David Alpaugh will be Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce's featured reader in October! **The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 12 inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.**

After his reading, there will be an Open Mic.

David is a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of California, Berkeley, David teaches poetry for the UC Berkeley Extension and at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's Cal State East Bay Campus. A popular performer of his own poetry, he hosted monthly poetry readings in the SF Bay area for fifteen years and has been a finalist for Poet Laureate of California.

## Benicia Artist Bodil Fox Presents “An Uncommon Thread” at NY2CA Gallery



Bodil Fox invites you to her solo show, “An Uncommon Thread,” at NY2CA Gallery from August 15 to September 29, at 617 1st Street, Benicia.

The exhibition showcases her innovative fiber techniques and materials, including fragile concrete, ornate copper, pleated paper, and thermoplastics. Her work is playful, materials-based, and often conceptual, inspired by textiles and uncommon techniques.

Mark your calendars for September 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., for “Threads in Motion: Hands-on Textile Art Experience,” featuring fiber artists and performances by the Benicia Chorus.

## Art of Community art exhibit



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

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

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

### Dates of Show/Open Gallery Times

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Arts Benicia



The galleries will reopen on August 17 for **A Stitch in Time: Contemporary Textile & Fiber Art** exhibition. Juried by Aimee Le Duc, and sponsored in part by Happy Life Pottery, this exhibition is sure to surprise,

enlighten and inspire you with the wide range of techniques, materials, and concepts.

The opening reception will take place on Saturday, August 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., and on Family Art Day on Sunday, September 29, 1 to 3 p.m. These events are free and take place at the Commanding Officer's Quarters at 1 Commandant's Lane.

Be sure to mark your calendar and buy your tickets now for the upcoming **Champagne, Chocolate, and Blues** event, on Sunday, October 6, 4 to 6 p.m., <https://artsbenicia.org/champagne-chocolate-blues-2024/>

Arts Benicia is featuring tastings of sparkling wines and crémant from Terrie Patterson-Boisset Collection, Champagne, Cava, non-alcoholic sparklers, and delicious chocolate treats, with music by Alvon, Ambassador of the Blues.

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 p.m. 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 and youth, many of which are open to beginners. Consider checking out the new classes listed on our website. For our full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

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## August calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The August calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

**August 16:** Hamburgers by VFW

**20** House commission meeting 1830 hrs.

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

**23** Hamburgers by VFW AUX

**30** American Legion cooking hamburgers Chris

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

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Compost giveaway



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

- Bring your own containers.
- No bags please.

- For Benicia Residents only and by appointment to reduce waiting time.

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

## 33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival

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



A variety of tomatoes to sample and buy, live music and performances, beer and wine gardens, kid's activities, a car show, and more!

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

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



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

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

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

Ms. Cecilia I. Gaerlan is the founder and executive director of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society and was a founding member of the campaign that resulted in the naming of the first U.S. Navy ship after a Filipino American sailor, the USS Telesforo Trinidad (DDG-139). Her organization also changed the California Department of Education's 11th-grade history curriculum to include a discussion of the Philippines in World War II. She also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Hornet Sea, Air and Space Museum.

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

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

## Trash mob



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

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

service hours for school!

## Library Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Freedom Summer



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

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

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

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

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

## **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Benicia Cub Scouts**

The Kiwanis Club of Benicia will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in support of Benicia Cub Scouts 7108!



**The entire Benicia community is invited to join the dinner on Saturday, August 24, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Saint Paul Church, located at the corner of East J and First Street.**

To ensure the success of this event, you are encouraged to spread the word and invite everyone you know.

Visit [Kiwanis4Cubs.org](http://Kiwanis4Cubs.org) to reserve your seat and show your support for the Benicia Cub Scouts.

Last year's Spaghetti Feed was crucial in covering the costs of reserving Camp Herms for the Cub Scouts' Father's Day Weekend Cub-O-Rama. Thanks to the community's generosity, nearly 100 young scouts enjoyed a variety of activities at no cost.

Additionally, the Cub Scouts organized a campout at Camp Herms, where over 100 participants enjoyed camping, dinner, live performances, dessert, and breakfast for just \$5.00 per person.

Your participation in this Spaghetti Fundraiser will make a significant impact on the lives of the children in our community who are part of Cub Scouts. The Scouting program provides invaluable

adventure and leadership opportunities, helping young boys and girls develop skills that will shape them into future leaders and boost their confidence.

The Cub Scouts will also be creating exciting raffle baskets for the event, offering participants the chance to win fantastic prizes.

## Peacocks & Poems Anthology

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

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

## Speaker Series: Future of Transit in Solano County



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

## Pawtoberfest



**Mark your calendars for September 14! From 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Benicia Clock Tower will be the place to be for the most exciting celebration in town - Pawtoberfest!**

Sip on the finest brews and wines. Traditional German Cuisine: Delight in mouth-watering dishes. Live Music & Dance: Enjoy great

music and impressive dance performances. Exciting Raffle: Try your luck and win amazing prizes!

Dessert Dash: Win your favorite dessert in this thrilling event. Live & Online Auctions: Bid on incredible items, both in-person and online.

All proceeds directly support the Humane Society of the North Bay.

**The Benicia Clock Tower is located at 1189 Washington Street in the city of Benicia.**

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

## Mare Island Founders Day 2024



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Glen Cover summer shindig



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## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, August 10**, I went to the Peddler's Faire in Benicia. Since the days have been hot, I arrived early. There were lots of items to buy and fun talking to folks. I love earrings and was able to buy a lot of butterfly earrings for many of my friends. I went home to get ready for a luncheon fundraiser that Ruth Forney and family put on yearly to raise money for scholarships to help students from Armijo High School who plan to graduate in the medical field. It is always a fun event. A shout out to Ruth for the history lesson on Brown v. Board of Education. Hard to believe that was 70 years ago. And yes, I ran into one of my students.

**Tuesday, August 13**, I walked over to the MTC/ABAG/ Q&A event which was held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Suisun Train Depot Station. Please go look at the [planbayarea.org](http://planbayarea.org) website to learn more about the Draft Blueprint.

I took some pictures. Staff will use your input to develop the Final Blueprint. The Plan is tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2025. As you can see from the pictures, I put my dots on Preserve Existing Affordable housing and New Housing for the residents of all income levels.



No one could tell me where the funding was coming from??? How much for Solano County? The person I spoke to said it depends upon where you live and what your own priorities are. She/he used to live in the San Francisco but now lives in Yolo County. All I know is that I need every one of you to write your thoughts of what is important.

**Wednesday, August 14**, I attended the Fairfield City Planning Commission meeting. The city is working on the General plan known as Moving Fairfield Forward 2050. One of my many concerns is the city wanting to expand into the unincorporated area in my district. I am referring to the land on Cordelia Road. Right now, there is corn, pumpkins, grapes apples and just harvested hay.

In my newsletter several weeks ago, I put in Vallejo Passenger Rail Study the Final Report. This report wants to use the SMART TRAIN (from Marin) and use the track space in Cordelia to move people. Right now, the tracks are used to move freight at least twice a day. Long story short; A) who is paying for this and B) does that mean housing will replace the crops being grown. At the last Board of Supervisors meeting, I asked for a presentation from STA about this 92-page Rail study. When I know the date, I will let you know. Since the planning commission was asking about the EIR and transportation, I felt it was important to bring my concerns forward.

**Thursday, August 15**, I attended the Benicia Round Table. I then had lunch at the Benicia Senior Center, since we have a new vendor. My newsletter has the information. I enjoyed the food. Talked with a lot of folks and enjoyed myself.

At 7 p.m. I attended the Mare Island Naval Shipyard South Shore Area and received an update. I do agree with recommendation as the future use of the land is for a Regional Park and Wetlands.

Here is the [link](#).

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## Looking for a job? Consider these links

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

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[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](#)  
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## Newsletter photo

Supervisor Brown with members of the Benicia High School cheerleaders. The girls left to right are Elianna, Jordynne, Maddie, Delaney, Zoie

### **Some information about the cheerleaders from Cheer Mom Karen Gill:**

The Benicia High Cheerleaders are back for a new school year with an all-new squad. BHS has a full JV and Varsity squad and will be competing this year.

With more people and competition, the team needs safer cheer mats to practice stunting and tumbling moves for their cheers and sideline dances. The squad has some cheer clinics planned to raise money this fall. The squad has also volunteered time to help with Grad night as well as holding a bingo night and a chipotle take-over. Most recently the squad was out cheering and taking pictures with community members at the Benicia Waterfront Festival.

BHS Cheer is always looking for ways to raise funds for uniforms, bows, competition fees and cheer camp! and appreciate any donations.



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.