



Solano County *California*

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December 6, 2024



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Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

Information this week

SF Bay Ferry is seeking applicants for its Digital Communications Specialist position

The San Francisco Bay Ferry (WETA) is a public transit agency charged with developing,



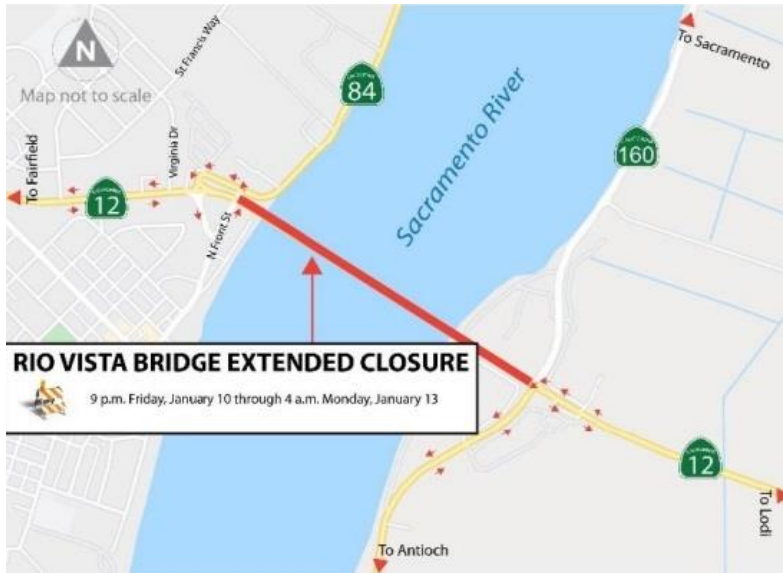
expanding, and operating San Francisco Bay Ferry service. It provides a vital transportation option for commuters, visitors and everyone crossing the Bay. As part of its mission to provide safe, reliable, and efficient water transit, WETA is looking for individuals with a passion for transportation, a commitment to customer service, and a desire to work collaboratively with a diverse group of colleagues, including a talented Digital Communications Specialist to join the team.

This role involves managing the digital communications and marketing program, creating engaging social media content, developing the website, and designing digital and physical collateral.

The closing date is December 12.

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

Rio Vista Bridge scheduled for third 55-hour closure



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

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

This \$11.24 million project funded through the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program will require multiple 55-hour weekend closures for the work to be completed because of the limited width of the bridge to allow for heavy equipment access.

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

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

For updates, click [here](#).

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

USPS Issues Warning To Anyone Who Uses Their Blue Mailboxes

The United States Postal Service makes mailing things easy thanks to over 130,000 blue USPS [mailboxes across](#) the country. However, the USPS has issued a warning to residents who plan to use the collection bins, explaining that they might not be the safest option.

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

New California laws for 2025

California lawmakers and [Gov. Gavin Newsom](#) approved more than a thousand laws this year on topics ranging from environmental regulation to traffic rules. Newsom and lawmakers approved laws aimed at [cracking down on theft amid public outrage over robberies](#) at retail stores. The following take effect Jan. 1:

- [Senate Bill 905](#) by state Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, eliminates the requirement that victims prove their cars were locked to press burglary charges and also makes it easier to combine instances of stolen property possession into one crime.
- [Assembly Bill 1779](#) by Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin, D-Thousand Oaks (Ventura County), lets district attorneys coordinate to prosecute retail theft crimes across multiple counties.
- [AB2943](#) by Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, D-Los Angeles, would crack down on people who possess large quantities of stolen goods that aren't for personal use and make it easier for police to arrest people for thefts the police didn't witness. It will also make it easier for prosecutors to aggregate multiple thefts by the same person or people across different counties to reach the \$950 threshold for felony theft charges.
- [AB3209](#) by Assembly Member Marc Berman, D-Menlo Park, lets retail stores seek restraining orders against people who steal, vandalize or assault an employee.
- [SB242](#) by then-state Sen. Dave Min, D-Irvine, increases punishments for people who start fires while stealing.
- [SB1416](#) by then-state Sen. Josh Newman, D-Fullerton, increases punishments for large-scale organized retail theft.
- [AB1960](#) by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, D-Hollister, increases jail time for people who steal or destroy more than \$50,000 worth of property.

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

Public hearings

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 9 a.m., at the Elihu M. Harris Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612. The meeting will be available by Video and Teleconference.

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

Environmental Justice Call to Action



Join in at the December 11 [Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee](#) meeting at 1 p.m. in San Francisco or online. [View meeting details](#).

The Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. [View meeting details](#).

The [Community Advisory Council \(CAC\)](#)'s Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Ad Hoc Committee, along with Vernice Miller-Travis of [The Metropolitan Group](#), will present the CAC's document entitled [A Call to Action: Charting a New Course Toward Environmental Justice at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#). This informational agenda item offers an opportunity for the public to view the CAC's EJ Priorities and the Air District's response in strategies and actions outlined in *A Call to Action*.

The CAC's *A Call to Action* is a community-centered document that lays out the desired outcomes of the nine [CAC EJ Priorities](#). The document further specifies the Air District's plan to respond to each of these EJ Priorities with concrete EJ strategies and actions, most of which are also embedded in the [Air District's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan](#). Detailed and measurable plans for implementing these EJ strategies and actions are being developed by the Air District to guide the prioritization and implementation of the Strategic Plan and to respond to the needs of EJ communities.

A Call to Action was adopted by the CAC at the council's November 21 meeting and can be viewed [here](#).

The Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM. [View meeting details](#).

Updates from around Solano County

SolTrans offers free shuttle service for Benicia Holiday Open House



Reported by the [Vallejo Times-Herald](#): **SolTrans will offer free fares on routes 15 and 17 for the Benicia Main**

Street Open House and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Benicia Main Street Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting Ceremony is an annual tradition along Benicia's historic First Street, ushering in the holiday season. In addition to the tree lighting, live entertainment is a staple of the event. Performances often include holiday music by local choirs, school groups, and bands.

Attendees can stroll along First Street to enjoy local shops, dining, and live entertainment leading up to the dramatic lighting of the downtown holiday tree, a beloved symbol of the season.

For information about routes to and from the event visit SolTrans website, SolTrans.org

Centenarian Yearbook



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

honored the county's centenarians.

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

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

Memorial Day for Unhoused Persons



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

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

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

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

Benicia Fire Department Toy Drive



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

- Station 11 - 150 Military West

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

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

Donated toys will be distributed by Benicia Community Action Council and Solano AIDS Coalition. If you have questions about the toy drive, please call Benicia Fire Department at (707) 746-4275.

Vallejo Firefighters Holiday Toy Drive



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

Fire station locations:

Station 21 - Ladder Truck: 1220 Marin Street

Station 22 - Engine: 700 Fifth Street

Station 23 - Engine: 900 Redwood Street

Station 24 - Engine: 1005 Oakwood Avenue

Station 25 - Engine: 595 Mini Drive

Station 26 - Engine: 1335 Fulton Avenue

Station 27 - Engine: 1585 Ascot Court

Behind on Rent?

BEHIND ON RENT?
UNITED WAY
California Capital
Region
Can Help!

¿RETRASADO EN EL PAGO DE LA RENTA?

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

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

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

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

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

**CHANCELLER
A SEASON OF SHARING FUND**

JPA

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

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

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

Solicita ayuda ahora escaneando el código QR a continuación.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To apply, click [here](#).

Fundraiser

Ethnic Notions Fine Art Gallery & Bookstore

In Conjunction with

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

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

Saturday, December 14th 4-7pm


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

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

\$75 Ticket includes:
Rum Tasting, Appetizers, & Music from all 3 cultures, and A chance to win a fine art creation by:
Haitian American Artist, **Kiki Toussaint** and our very own Mexican American Artist, **Mario Saucedo**

Call (707) 334-3060 to purchase tickets

FUNDRAISER
\$75
GET TICKETS NOW!



Vallejo continues accepting applications for boards, committees, and commissions



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

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

(click links to access applications)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For City Boards and Commissions, except for the Commission on Culture + Arts, Marina Advisory Committee, Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, and the Surveillance Advisory Board, all appointed members must complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, within 30 days of appointment. **All City Board and Commission members** must

complete AB 1234 Ethics training and file a Certificate of Completion within 30 days of appointment.

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

The application period will remain open until a sufficient number have been received in the City Clerk's Office

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

Application forms and supplemental questionnaires are accessible in several ways:

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

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

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

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

Vallejo Kids Book Fest

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

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

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: SANTA CLAUS & THE GRINCH

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

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

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Della's Design
VM VALLEJO MUSEUM
Angels with Heart

JFK Library December Events Calendar



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

Winter Shelter at BayNorth Church of Christ



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

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

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

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

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

Benicia Public Library Winter Coat Drive



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

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

Who can say "no" to free Hallmark+?

That's right! Your Solano County library card gives you unlimited access to the Hallmark+ streaming service through Hoopla! Just login or sign-up for a Hoopla account using your library card and use one of your monthly checkouts towards a Hallmark+ Bingepass.



The BingPass lasts a week and can be checked out again and again, with no waiting on holds lists!

[Use this link](#) to go straight to the Hallmark+ Bingepass.

Juried Art Show Poetry Reading



Fairfield Poet Laureate, Suzanne Bruce, will host two more events before her tenure ends. For the first event, she is partnering with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association (FSVAA) to invite poets to write poems to art pieces selected for the 61st Annual Nor-Cal Regional Juried Art Show.

Participants can visit the gallery in person at Solano Town Center or online at www.fvaa-arts.org. **The exhibit will run through January 4, 2025, and the Poetry Reading will be held on Saturday, December 7.**

Arts Benicia



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

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

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

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

Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia? The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of the programs. With your sponsorship support, Arts Benicia can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to the community. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing info@artsbenicia.org or visiting <https://artsbenicia.org/sponsorship/>

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

Aquatics Complex Closure



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

Kamikaze!



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

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

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

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

Measure P Oversight Committee Releases Annual Report

Measure P Oversight Committee Chair Steve Vancil presented the Measure P Annual Report to the Fairfield City Council at the November 19, council meeting.



Measure P is a locally controlled 1% transaction and use tax designed to: protect public safety, fix streets and roads, improve youth and senior services, and enhance the quality of life in Fairfield.

Measure P funds accounted for 18.23% (or \$25.4 million) of the city of Fairfield's General Fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 and served as an important revenue source.

To view the report and the 2024 brochure, click [here](#).

December calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The December calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

December 6: House is buying Pizza for our Santa night

7 [National Pearl Harbor Remembrance](#)

[Day](#)

10 **Boys Under the Hood** meeting, **Hot dogs**

11 **AMERICAN LEGION / AUX** meet at 1900 hours, Judy's Hot dogs

13 Hamburgers by VFW Aux; National Guard Birthday

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

17 House commission meeting 1830 hrs National Wreaths Across America

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

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

25 Merry Christmas Hanukkah Begins 25-Jan.2

26 Hanukkah Begins 26-Jan. 1

27 Hamburgers by The American Legion

31 New Years Eve

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

Solano County jobs

Week of December 2, 2024

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about any of the positions below or our other amazing career opportunities, please check out our [Job Opportunities](#).

Positions
Information Technology Analyst IV (Data Architect)

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

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

Upcoming events in Solano County

Winter at Wonderland



**The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) presents:
Winter at Wonderland on Friday, December 6 from 5 to 7 p.m.,
with the tree lighting schedule for 6:30 p.m.**

Event is free.

Experience the enchantment of the season at the GVRD Tree Lighting Ceremony! Gather with loved ones as we illuminate the night sky with a magical Tree Lighting ceremony. Delight in live-music, sip on warm hot cocoa, and capture cherished moments with Santa himself. Join in for an unforgettable evening of festive cheer and watch as the tree sparkles to life, marking the beginning of a joyous holiday season!

Children's Wonderland Park is located at 360 Glenn Street in the city of Vallejo.

For more information, email recreation@gvrd.org or call (707) 648-4600.

Mare Island Light Night - Holiday Tree Celebration



Join the Mare Island Co. for a family-friendly free event in celebration of the holidays. Special dance performance by the Chapkis Dance Company.

For those inclined, please bring a new or gently used coat and in return receive a complimentary cocktail or cocktail. Coats will be donated to Vallejo Together.

The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, December 6 at 1024 Nimitz Avenue on Mare Island.

Tree lighting



The annual holiday tree lighting will take place on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in downtown Fairfield. The Christmas tree will stand at the corner of Texas and Jefferson Streets and will be lit by Mayor Catherine Moy at 6:30 p.m.

Activities following the tree lighting will be located along Texas Street, between Union Avenue and Madison Street, and will include musical performances, fun activities, a trackless train, hot cocoa, photos with Santa, and the Grinch Who DJ'd Christmas.

All are welcome to stroll the downtown and get into the holiday spirit! There will be carolers and merchant displays and open houses.

Visit [here](#) for more information or contact Special Events Coordinator, Juan Segura, at jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov or (707) 428-7584 with any questions.

Global Holiday Faire

The 27th Annual Ecumenical
Global Holiday Faire
Jewelry, Gifts, Art, Ornaments
Crafts & Gift Baskets
Baked Goods
Lunch
Free Admission!

Enjoy Musicians & Entertainment All Day

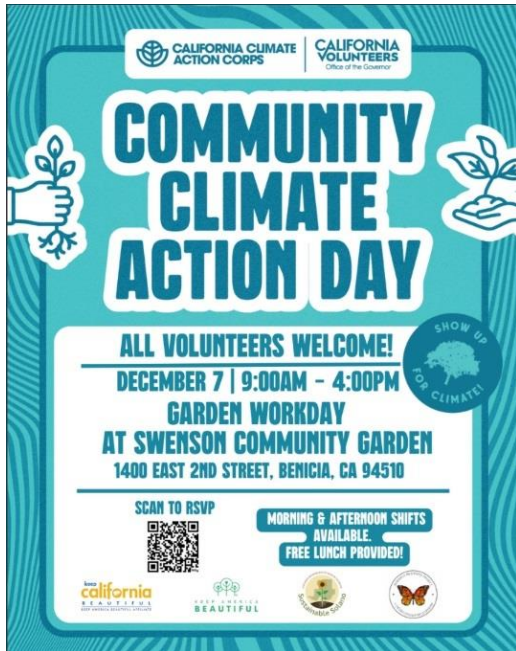
All Proceeds go to Non-Profit Organizations:
Including - ♥UPAVIM Crafts♥Genesis House♥
♥SERRV♥Project Have Hope♥Global Mamas♥
♥Amador Street Hope Center♥Concern America♥
♥dePaul Women's Center♥Heifer International♥
♥World Central Kitchen♥Arbor Day Foundation♥
and more...

Saturday, December 7th
9:00-2:00
First Christian Church, Vallejo
1035 Indiana St.
globalholidayfaire.org
facebook.com/GlobalHolidayFaire



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

Community Climate Action Day



Join the rest of the community for a day of volunteer-powered climate action! This hands-on, day-long event will help the community revitalize Swenson Community Garden in Benicia as volunteers repair, replace and assemble ADA-compliant garden beds, move mulch and plant pollinator-friendly plants.

Two volunteer shifts will be available, so volunteers can join for the morning, afternoon or the entire day. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a difference, learn about community gardening, and contribute to a healthier, more resilient community.

Sustainable Solano has partnered with California Volunteers, Office of the Governor, California Climate Action Corps, Keep California Beautiful, Keep America Beautiful, and the Monarch Milkweed Project to support the revitalizing of Swenson Community Garden. Volunteers will repair and replace existing garden beds, bring some beds up to ADA height, move mulch, install benches, and establish a pollinator habitat.

Please note that two volunteer shifts are available, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. If you'd like to join for the entire day, please register for both time slots. Lunch will be provided at noon for both shifts.

9:00 am: MORNING SHIFT check-in 9:15 am: Welcome remarks, safety briefing & volunteer project overview for morning shift

9:30 – 12:00 pm: Morning volunteer shift

12:00 pm: Volunteer lunch (all volunteers are encouraged to join for lunch regardless of their scheduled shift)

12:00 - 1:15 pm: AFTERNOON SHIFT check-in 1:15 pm: Welcome, safety briefing & project overview for afternoon shift

1:30 – 4:00 pm: Second volunteer shift

To register, click [here](#).

Read to a Dog holiday edition



Kids are welcome at the Fairfield Civic Center Library to read to Santa and his doggie helpers during a very special, holiday edition of Read to a Dog. Children will also be able to write and receive a letter from Santa courtesy of Legendary Letters!

Read to a Dog provides children the opportunity to read to certified therapy dogs alongside the animal's handler.

The Fairfield Civic Center Library is located at 1150 Kentucky Street. The event will take place from 4 to 5 p.m., Thursday, December 12.

Wreaths Across America



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



Mare Island Naval Cemetery
167 O'Hara Court
Vallejo, California 94592
9am, Saturday,
December 14, 2024

Santa Splash



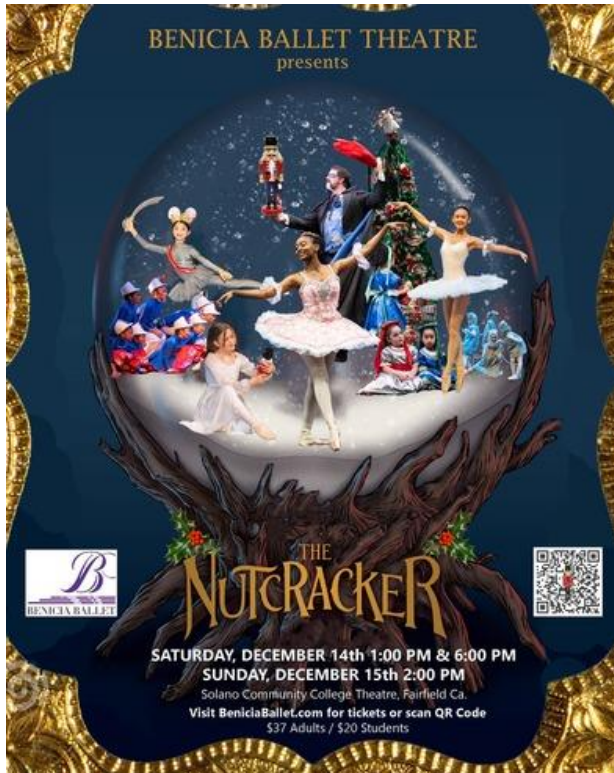
The city of Fairfield's Parks & Rec will host its annual "Santa Splash" event on **Saturday, December 14, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Allan Witt Aquatics Complex, 1741 W Texas Street,**

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

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

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

Nutcracker Ballet



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

Pictures with Santa!



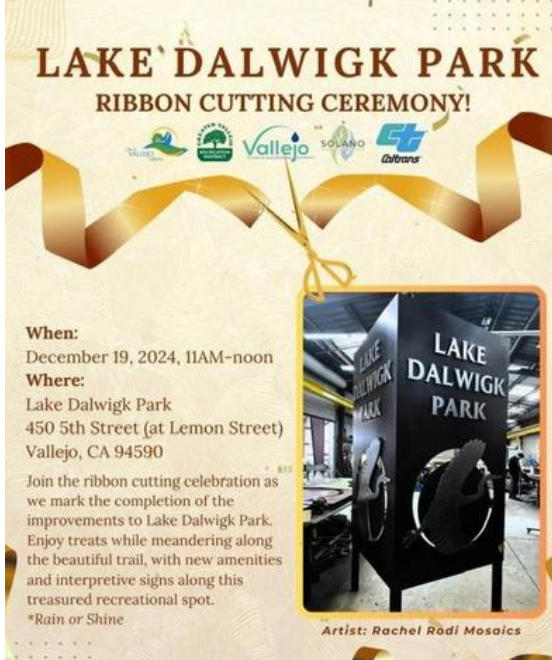
Benicia Fire and Benicia Community Services Departments are excited to welcome Santa Claus! Join them as Santa takes time out of his busy December schedule to **stop by Fire Station 11 on Saturday, December 14 from 3 to 6 p.m. Fire Station 11 is located at 150 Military West.**

This event is free and open to the public. There is a suggested donation of a toy for the toy drive. All toys must be new and

unwrapped. There is also a private session for sensory sensitive children from 2 to 2:30 p.m. No need to RSVP.

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

Lake Dalwigk Park ribbon cutting



LAKE DALWIGK PARK
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY!

Vallejo Solano Caltrans

When:
December 19, 2024, 11AM-noon

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

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

Artist: Rachel Rodi Mosaics

The poster features a gold ribbon being cut by scissors at the top. Below the ribbon, there are logos for Vallejo, Solano, and Caltrans. A central photograph shows a black sign for Lake Dalwigk Park with a circular cutout. The background is a light beige color with a subtle pattern.

Culture Celebrations



Fairfield Poet Laureate
Suzanne Bruce is hosting

December Culture Celebrations

POETRY OPEN MIC

Saturday, December 21, 2024
1:00 – 3:00pm

Fairfield Cordelia Library
5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield

Solano County LIBRARY

FAIRFIELD

The poster has a red background with white snowflake and pine branch patterns. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. At the bottom left is the Solano County Library logo, and at the bottom right is the Fairfield logo.

The second event is a Culture Celebrations Poetry Open Mic on **Saturday, December 21, 1 to 3 p.m., Fairfield Cordelia**

Library. Attendees will also be able to meet the next Fairfield Poet Laureate, Michael J. Wyly, who begins his term in January 2025.

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

Events I attended this week

I would like to dedicate this week's newsletter to longtime Vallejo City Councilwoman Joanne Schivley, who passed away on November 16. What a wonderful person. Attending her funeral services yesterday (Dec. 5), was an opportunity for me to hear from her family the stories. To use a quote from her obituary: "if you can't stand up, stand out." She will be missed.

The county buildings will be closed December 24 at noon and all-day December 25.

The county buildings will be closed December 31 at noon and all-day January 1, 2025.

If you have business with us, please plan accordingly.

My newsletter's last run for 2024 will be December 20. It will be resumed January 10, 2025.

Looking for a job? Consider these links

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

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

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[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

California State University Maritime Academy in South 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.