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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

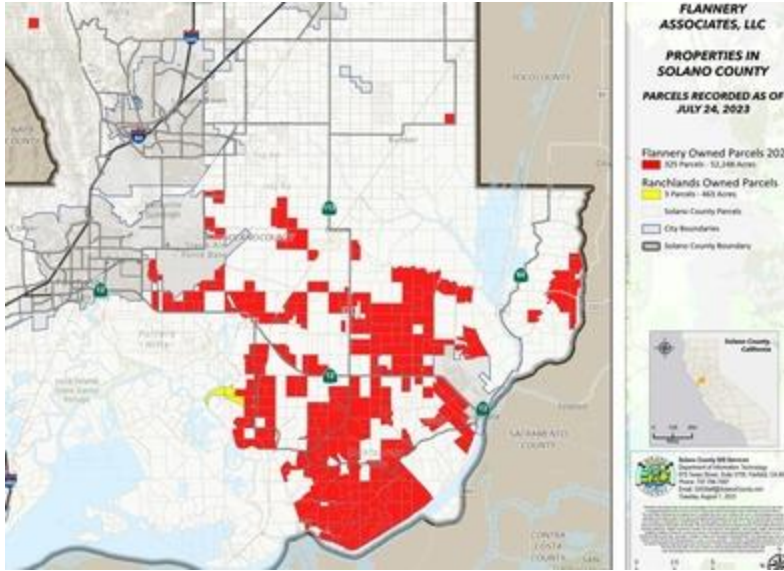
(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

**Tax
Collector/Treasurer/County
Clerk**

(707) 784-7485



Like most of you, I'm concerned about the purchase of land in Solano County by this mysterious company. Above, you will see all the land owned by Flannery.

For the latest update to this issue, read [here](#).

Labor Day

Just a reminder that Solano County Administrative Center will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Cordelia Safeway hiring

The Cordelia Safeway is looking for workers. The in-store Starbucks is also looking for workers. If you are going to school, the store will work with you schedule. You can apply at [Albertsons.com](https://www.albertsons.com) and call (707) 863-4160 to set up an interview.

Information this week

Community Assessment Survey for older adults

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

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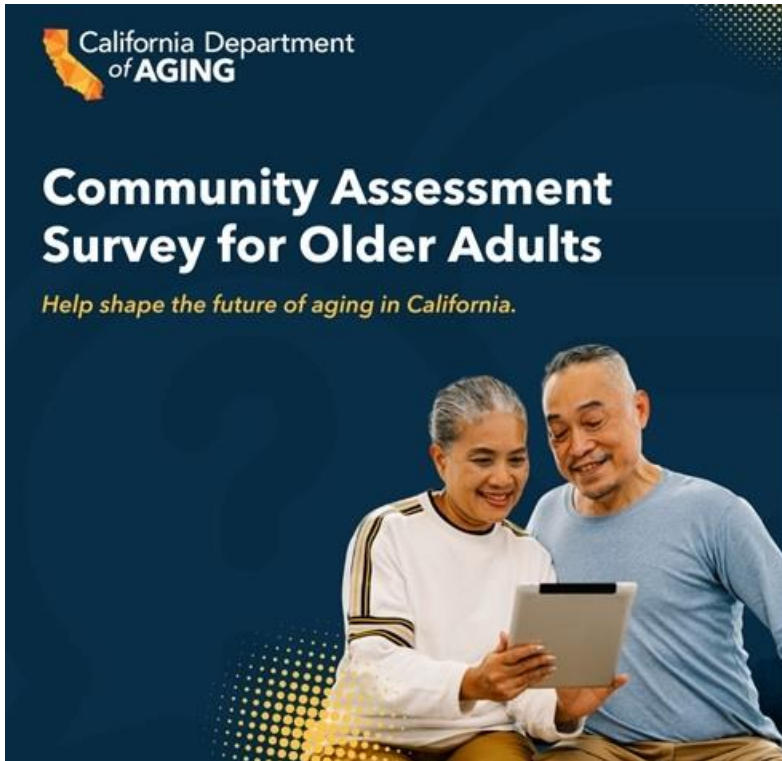
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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860



The California Department of Aging has released a Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA) to receive input about the needs and preferences to help design improved programs and services for older residents. Take the survey, by clicking [here](#).

Board of Supervisors seeks community's help identifying centenarians for recognition ceremony

It's that time of the year again! The Solano County Board of Supervisors is asking for help in identifying centenarians living in the community for recognition at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting later this fall as part of the 17th annual centenarian commemoration celebration.



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 of Supervisors 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.

If you know of a centenarian, please email Centenarian@SolanoCounty.com and/or call my office at (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.

Major pavement repair work



A 104-hour full highway closure of westbound I-80 is scheduled on Labor Day weekend starting **Thursday, August 31 at 9pm** and concluding **at 5am on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. WB I-80 will be closed and traffic detoured beginning at the WB I-80/I-780 interchange in Vallejo.

Motorists traveling eastbound on I-80 will need to exit onto eastbound SR-4 in Hercules and continue on EB SR-4 to Northbound I-680. Motorists can use NB I-680 to reach I-80 in Fairfield or use WB I-780 to access the Benicia and Vallejo areas. Cummings Skyway between SR-4 and I-80 will also be open for motorists heading to the Crockett area.

Motorists traveling westbound on I-80 at I-780 (Curtola Pkwy) will need to exit onto eastbound I-780 in Vallejo and continue on EB I-780 to SB I-680. Motorists can use SB I-680 to reach WB SR-4,

WB SR-24 or WB I-580 to access central and south Bay Area destinations.

If you have a question or want to share a concern about the project, please call the **CC I-80 Pave Project Hotline (510) 286-0319**. Project Webpage: www.cc80pave.com

Next PACT Act deadline

Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between Sept. 11, 2001 and Oct. 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care through September 30. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

VA encourages all of these Veterans to visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and sign up for VA health care before the deadline. This special enrollment period is a part of the PACT Act, the largest expansion of VA health care and benefits in generations. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on Aug. 10, 2022, more than 344,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care and more than 4.2 million enrolled Veterans have been screened for toxic exposures.

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

The Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will conduct a virtual meeting on from **10am to 12pm on Monday, August 28 and from 11am to 1pm, Tuesday, August 29**.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

Any member of the public who wishes to participate virtually may use the following access information: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=mc50d2108879e9bb93b4447cfb1a29609>; meeting number: 2764 568 8392, meeting password: FAmc6wJy*39. Join by phone at 1-404-397-1596 (USA toll number); Access code: 27645688392.

Consumer Alert



California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara has issued the following information for people whose vehicles were damaged or flooded by Tropical Storm Hilary.

If your vehicle was damaged by falling debris or flooded, you may have coverage under a comprehensive policy. Unlike a standard homeowners' insurance policy which typically does not cover you in the event of a flood, your auto insurance policy may cover your vehicle if it is damaged in a flood if you have purchased comprehensive coverage.

Comprehensive auto insurance coverage protects your vehicle in the event of flood damage. While only liability coverage is required by law, you should consider comprehensive coverage to protect your vehicle in case of storm damage. You should call your insurance company to report the damages and take pictures and keep records of all clean up and repair costs.

Damage caused from fallen trees are generally covered under all standard homeowner policies. There may be exceptions. Please consult with your agent or your insurance company.

The Department of Insurance can help consumers with insurance coverage or claim questions. Call the consumer hotline at 800-927-4357 or through online chat or email at <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/>

Maui Wildfires



Many local National Guard and veteran families have been directly impacted by the Maui wildfires. In order to assist them, the group Soldiers' Angels is collecting donations. To donate, click [here](#).

Public notices

Women of the Year



Congressman John Garamendi of California's 8th Congressional District is hosting the Women of the Year Awards to honor women across the district who have made a difference in their communities.

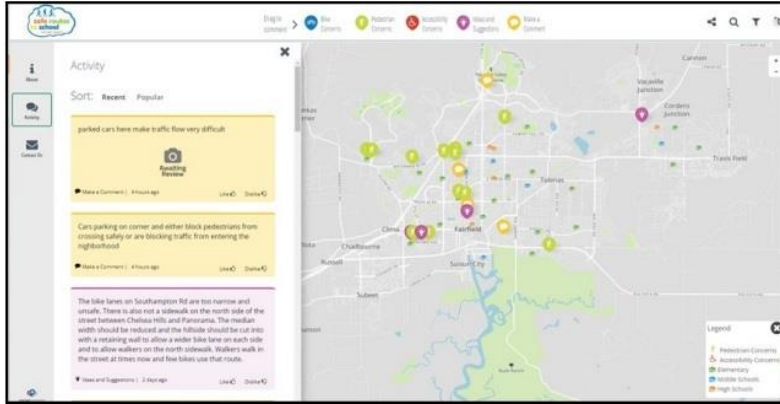
To nominate a woman you think is deserving, please click [here](#) to download the nomination form. Please include a headshot of your nominee in their nomination packet as this will be used for our annual program booklet. Nominations may be submitted by email, mail, or fax to my district

office at:

1261 Travis Blvd. Suite 100, Fairfield, CA 94533. (707) 438-1822. Fax: (202) 225-5914.
Email: CA08.Submissions@mail.house.gov

The 10th Annual Women of the Year Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 12. Following the recognition of the 2023 Women of the Year honorees, Garamendi will host a conversation about critical issues important to women and families in the 8th District. If you have any questions, call (707) 438-1822.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S)



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is seeking input on concerns surrounding pedestrian/bike access and overall circulation focused on Safe Routes 2 School at area schools. An online tool has been created that allows residents, parents, students, teachers, or others, to provide comments on any subject related to school access in real time. STA’s consultant will tabulate the results and formulate a work plan that can be packaged for future SR2S grants. To view the tool, click [here](#).

Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) underway, next meeting in September



In May, the Solano Transportation Authority officially started the update to the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) with an initial series of meetings for the Active Transportation Committee. The next

series of CTP committee meetings are scheduled for Fall 2024 with a focus on draft transportation priorities and funding. Public outreach is anticipated throughout the Plan’s development.

The Transit Committee’s second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, from 4 to 5:30pm Solano County’s six bus operators are invited to present each of their transit services at this meeting and will be available to answer any questions regarding their service. The committee meetings are open to the public. For more information about any of the committee meetings for the CTP update, contact Director of Planning, Robert Guerrero, at rquerrero@sta.ca.gov.

Upcoming CTP Meetings:

September 13, 2023: Transit Committee at 4 PM

September 27, 2023: Equity Working Group at 3 PM

October 11, 2023: Active Transportation Committee Meeting at 4 PM

December 13, 2023: Arterials, Highways and Freeways Committee Meeting at 4 PM

BAAQMD Indoor Appliances Implementation Working Group Meeting

Space and water-heating appliances generate a large portion of nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from sources in the Bay Area. NOx is formed during natural gas combustion when ambient nitrogen and oxygen combine at high temperatures. Earlier this year, the Bay Area Air Quality District adopted amendments to rules on use of these appliances. The amendments will substantially reduce NOx 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 is comprised of 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.

The second IWG plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday, **August 30 from 1 to 4pm** 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. [Register in advance.](#)

A meeting agenda can be accessed in advance of the meeting on the [Building Appliances web page](#). IWG meetings will be held on a quarterly basis and notifications will be sent out prior to each meeting.

Simultaneous interpretation is available upon request at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting date. For language interpretation, contact Anna Lee at alee@baaqmd.gov, or (415) 852-1445.

Solano County to open public review period for Community Wildfire Protection Plan



The public review period for the 2023 Solano County Community Wildfire Protection Plan will open soon.

The Solano County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) represents a comprehensive effort to enhance the safety and resilience of our communities against the threat of wildfires, the county announced this week. Through a collaborative and community-driven approach, this plan aims to identify and address vulnerabilities while emphasizing the protection of lives, property, and our natural resources.

The public is invited to review the draft plan and provide invaluable feedback to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the unique needs of our community.

The draft CWPP will be available for review and comment **starting on August 28** on the Solano County website, located at <http://www.SolanoCounty.com/FireReady>. The public will have until September 18 to provide their feedback.

For more information or to ask any questions, please contact Project Manager, Vicky Amato, at VAmato@SWCA.com and/ or Assistant Project Manager, Montiel Ayala, at Montiel.Ayala@SWCA.com.



Cache Slough Public Access Recreation Action Plan

Solano County, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) are seeking public comment on the Draft Cache Slough Public Access Recreation Action Plan.

The Action Plan combines input from outreach and engagement activities with stakeholders in 2022 and 2023 with the goal of guiding future County and State investments in feasible, safe, inclusive, and compatible recreation facilities within the Cache Slough region.

The Draft Action Plan is available on Solano County's website [here](#). To provide one or more comments, click on the link [here](#) to a

Google Form. There are instructions on the first page, and you have the ability to provide up to five comments using the form. **The 30-day public review period will end September 13.**

Republic Services to perform route reviews

Don't worry if you see someone snooping through your garbage over the next few weeks. **Through to September 1**, Republic Services will be performing route reviews by flipping the lids of different waste containers and briefly inspect the interior for contamination. For the route review schedule, please visit fairfield.ca.gov/bins.

MTC-ABAG Survey on Plan Bay Area 2050+ open now



How has daily life changed, in terms of getting around, and where you work and live? Staff from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments are seeking community input on how life in the Bay Area has changed as the region emerges from the pandemic.

Community input will help staff develop the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint. Plan Bay Area 2050+ is the limited and focused update to Plan Bay Area 2050, the adopted long-range regional plan. Plan Bay Area 2050+ will refine select plan strategies to integrate the lessons of the last three years.

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

Food 4 Less hiring

Food 4 Less is hiring for its Fairfield Store which is scheduled to open in October. Interviews will be held at the Workforce Development Board of Solano County, 500 Chadbourne Road - Suite A, every **Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 230pm.**



Benicia Lyft rides



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) will pay a portion of your Lyft rides throughout the City of Benicia, and to Springstowne Center in Vallejo. These rides are valid only to specific destinations and between the hours of 6am-9pm for Benicia residents. To qualify you must be an older adult (65+), a veteran, or ADA eligible. If

your pickup or drop-off is outside the specified areas, the discount is not valid. More questions? Call the mobility call center: [1-800-535-6883](tel:1-800-535-6883)

Storytime at Children's Wonderland



The Solano County Library will offer story time each **Thursday from 11 to 11:45 am** at Children's Wonderland, 360 Glenn Street in the city of Vallejo. This is a free program offered to the community. The program runs **through October 26.**

I Love My County Because... art contest



In an effort to bolster civic education and educate communities on the role of county government, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting the 2023 “I Love My County Because...” art contest.

NACo and county leaders are spreading the word about county roles and responsibilities, which are often unknown or misunderstood. By inviting children and young adults K-12 to create artwork for the 2024 “Counties Matter” calendar, NACo hopes to raise awareness about programs and services that impact people’s lives every day.

Submissions will be accepted through to **September 29 at 11:59pm**. Students must submit their artwork for consideration [at this link](#). For more information, click [here](#).

Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging survey

We need your input! The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (AAA) needs your input. The AAA is conducting a Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults to better understand the contributions that adults make to their communities, as well as the needs they have and challenges they experience. The feedback will help ensure that AAA policies and programs align with the community’s values.

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

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging at (707) 784-8960.

Solano Mobility

Did you know? Solano Mobility offers a multitude of programs for commuters and travelers who live or work in Solano County. Some programs include:

- **Guaranteed Ride** - If you ride the Solano Express Blue, Green, Red or Yellow Line to travel to work in Solano County, or to travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can receive an Uber Voucher to use if your Solano Express route is cancelled.
- **Amtrak + Lyft** - If you are a resident or employed in Fairfield, Suisun City, or Vacaville, the Amtrak + Lyft Program provides participants a 10-ride Amtrak pass plus

10 free Solano County train station Lyft connections, all for \$20.

- **Guaranteed Ride Home** - If you use a commute alternative like transit, carpool, or vanpool to travel to work in Solano County or travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can get reimbursement for your emergency ride home.
- **Bucks for Bikes** - Do you ride your bike to work? Are you considering it? Solano Mobility offers an incentive that will reimburse 60% of the cost of a new bicycle for commuting up to \$300.

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

PAL Student Food Pantry

The PAL Student Food Pantry is open to any local student between the ages of 13 to 18 who are enrolled in middle or high school. Items include soups, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, canned veggies and fruit, tuna, and more. Drop-in Shopping Hours are **Tuesdays from 5 to 7pm**, 2256 North Texas Street, Fairfield CA 94533

Updates from around Solano County

Solano Period Project

Menstrual Hygiene is a Human Right

Help us provide period products to Solano County residents in need. All products collected are distributed to shelters and community organizations in our county.

<p>Make a donation & we will purchase the products</p>	<p>Purchase products directly from our Amazon wishlist</p>	<p>Help us spread the word & reach out if you want to be involved</p> <p>FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com</p>
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The Solano Period Project is a joint endeavor between the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and our partner non-profit the Friends of the Solano Commission.

The Solano Commission for Women and Girls is working with Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and with the help of the Friends of the Solano Commission to [collect donations](#) and period products through an [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help out individuals in our county who are experiencing homelessness.

For more information, email FriendsoftheSolanoCommission@gmail.com

Ideas sought for Participatory Budgeting



The city of Vallejo is asking residents, organizations, and stakeholders to submit ideas for the ninth cycle of Participatory Budgeting (PB) until Sunday, October 22. During the Idea Collection Phase, the city will accept capital infrastructure and program and service ideas at public events, in the lobby of City Hall, located at 555 Santa Clara Street. Community members as well as non-

profit organizations can submit ideas as well as their complete proposals online at myvallejo.com/pb9.

Cycle 9 of the PB process launches with the introduction of a [new idea collection platform](#) that utilizes Geographic Information Systems (GIS); a mapping tool that allows residents to input ideas with the support of location-specific identification. However, ideas are not limited to location-specific submissions. Participants can still submit ideas without an identified location. To collect district-specific participation data, the updated [submission form](#) includes an option to identify which City election district a submitter resides in. An image upload feature is also integrated into the submission form so residents can include images to support their ideas.

In Cycle 9, community members also have the opportunity to assist with the PB process as an outreach volunteer or a budget delegate, by filling out a [volunteer form](#) online. Non-profit 501(c)3 organizations interested in being an implementing partner must complete a prequalification application online by Sunday, October 15 at 11:59pm. For more information, click [here](#).

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School celebrates graduation of inaugural clinical medical assistant for English Learners Program

The Fairfield-Suisun Adult School completed its first-ever Clinical Medical Assistant for English Learners program, marking a significant step forward in adult education and career training. This accomplishment highlights the dedication and hard work of both students and educators, showing the power of collaboration and commitment in achieving academic and professional success.

Students undertook a 12-week English as a Second Language (ESL) preparation course, equipping them with essential language skills for success in a medical context. Building on this foundation, participants then transitioned into a rigorous 10-week Medical Assistant training program. This training program is designed to equip students with the expertise needed to excel in the healthcare sector and was delivered by instructional partners at CALRegional Fairfield.

Prospective students interested in joining the next cohort are encouraged to contact the Fairfield-Suisun Adult School at (707) 421-4155.

Restaurant Week coming in October

Love food? Then you're in for a treat this October. Mark your calendars for Restaurant Week in the city of Fairfield **from October 1-7**. During the week, restaurants throughout Fairfield will be

featuring special deals, menu items, and discounts for you to enjoy at no charge.

For a full list of participating restaurants (updated daily), click [here](#).

Vallejo ferry basin dredging begins August 29



Vallejo ferry riders will notice a temporary change soon as basin dredging is set to beginning on August 29. The temporary terminal will be installed in the week prior to dredging and will be located within a few hundred feet of the permanent Vallejo Ferry Terminal. Passengers can use the same transit connections and parking lots as usual, and the ferry schedule will not change. The project will take about a month to complete.

The basin was last dredged in the fall of 2021.

STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee has open positions



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Pedestrian Advisory Committee is currently looking for members to represent the following:

City of Dixon
City of Vacaville
City of Suisun City
County of Solano
Member-at-Large
Member-at Large (Solano Community College)

The STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) advises the STA on the development of pedestrian facilities as an active mode of transportation in Solano County. The PAC is responsible for making funding recommendations for Solano Countywide pedestrian projects and participates in the development and review of comprehensive pedestrian plans. Each of the seven (7) cities (Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo); County of Solano; Three (3) Members-at-Large. The PAC generally meets on the first Thursday of each even month.

To apply for any of the open positions, find the form [here](#) and email to the STA staff lead for the PAC - Associate Planner, Kathrina Gregana, at kgregana@sta.ca.gov

Upcoming events in Solano County

Museum of History Benicia Grand Opening



There will be a grand opening of the Museum of History Benicia from **11am to 3pm on Saturday, August 26** at 900 East 2nd Street in downtown Benicia. For more information, visit [here](#).

Sustainable Solano News

Sustainable Solano's Youth Air Protectors will present their final projects from **12:30 to 2pm, Sunday, Aug. 27**, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street. The public is invited to hear how these high school interns have reimagined Fairfield streets in ways that would support more pedestrian-friendly, green streets that would lead to cleaner air. You can learn a bit about [their visions here](#).

Sustainable Solano is also taking applications for the next cohort of Youth Air Protectors, which starts Sept. 7. This will be an exciting few months for high school interns as they learn about air quality issues in Fairfield and seek solutions, participate in supporting community forums around creating an air quality action plan, and get hands-on experience with beautification projects that help create a more walkable city with more shade and trees. [Learn more and apply here](#)

Public invited to brick breaking demolition ceremony in downtown Fairfield on August 28



The public is invited to attend the Brick Breaking Demolition Ceremony on Monday, August 28, at 8:30am outside the former Bank of America site at 1120 Texas Street in downtown Fairfield. The Brick Breaking Demolition Ceremony marks a significant milestone in the City's downtown revitalization as the entire block will be razed, clearing the way for the vision of the Heart of Fairfield strategic plan, the city of Fairfield announced. This project will further the City's efforts to reestablish downtown as the

civic, entertainment, residential, and cultural core of Fairfield. City leaders will kick off the demolition.

Fairfield bought the building in summer 2022, completing ownership of the block. For more information about the demolition work, visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/cip or contact Melvin Aquino, Junior Engineer, at maquino@fairfield.ca.gov or (707) 428-7743.

NAMI speaker series



The National Alliance on Mental Illness Solano County Speaker Series continues on **Monday, August 28, from 6:30 to 730pm**. The speaker

will be Lisa U'Ren, who is on the Board of Directors for NAMI Solano County and serves as committee chair for Local Advocacy in the County. She is also a Coordinator with Solano County's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. She has been a Family-to-Family program instructor for 3 years. She will be discussing CIT International Conference Highlights.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, and their families, with the goal to improve community responses to mental health crises.

For more information, email info@namisolano.org or visit www.namisolano.org

The event can be viewed over ZOOM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81570599385?>

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Meeting ID: 815 7059 9385 Password: 102283

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The poster features a blue background with a blurred image of people in a meeting. In the top right corner is the Vallejo Police Department logo, which is a shield with a star and the words 'VALLEJO POLICE'. The text on the poster is as follows:

Alarm Calls For Service
TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
The Vallejo Room
505 Santa Clara St.
Vallejo, CA 94590

This meeting is to address the changes in VPD's response to alarm calls for service.

For more information contact Sgt. Hollis at 707-567-4233 or Rashad.Hollis@cityofvallejo.net

Vallejo police has announced it will hold a second town hall meeting regarding the response to alarm Calls from **6 to 8pm, Thursday, September 7** in the Vallejo Room, located on the First Floor of the JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street.

Due to limited sworn police staffing, the Vallejo Police Department has made the decision to no longer respond to selected unverified alarm calls. The proposal will eliminate calls for service to unverified alarm calls classified as Audible Alarm, or Silent Alarm. Officers will continue to respond to manually activated Panic Alarms and Silent Robbery Alarms. Officers will also respond to alarm calls that demand a dual response which requires both the Police and Fire Department for medical reasons. Additionally, the department will respond to Video Alarms that depict an in-progress crime occurring or having just occurred.

Join a Community Open House for the Future of the Benicia Public Library



The Benicia Public Library has been crafting a strategic plan to envision the future of the library. The community is invited to view the plan

on **Friday, September 8 from 6 to 8pm** at the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street. To RSVP, click [here](#)

An afternoon of poetry

AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY

FEATURING CALIFORNIA STATE POET LAUREATE, LEE HERRICK

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
2 PM - 4 PM

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

Join us for this special event!

Solano County LIBRARY

FAIRFIELD

“An Afternoon of Poetry,” featuring California State Poet Laureate Lee Herrick will be held from **2 to 4pm, Saturday, September 9** at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, Library Meeting Room, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield. Lee will be doing a reading. Q&A session will follow. His books will be available for sale.

General Plan Study Session open to public on September 12

The city of Fairfield will be holding a General Plan Study Session on **Tuesday, September 12**, in the Council Chamber at 6 pm.



This meeting is the latest in a series of Study Sessions to establish the City Council's vision for future land uses throughout the City of Fairfield. The Study Session will focus on future land uses in Cordelia. The City Council's vision will inform the development of a Preferred Plan, which will form the basis of the General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report. Following the establishment of the Preferred Plan, staff will develop General Plan Elements and policies.

Members of the public are invited to attend and public comment will be allowed. The meeting will also be recorded and livestreamed on Comcast Channel 26 or at www.fairfield.ca.gov/live.

Visit the Fairfield Forward website at www.fairfieldforward.com to learn more about the General Plan Update. The Fairfield City Council chambers are located at 1000 Webster Street.

The Belle of Amherst



The Benicia Public Library will host a special performance of *The Belle of Amherst* by William Luce, starring Shiv Harris, directed by Carlene Coury, on **Saturday, September 16 at 2pm**, at the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street.

This one-woman show depicting the life of Emily Dickinson opened on Broadway in 1976. The performance at the Library will be a shortened version of the original. The performance will take place in front of the fireplace at the west end of the Library.

Touro University California's Success with Diabetes September 2023 session



The Diabetes Services at Touro University California will provide a free weekly program to help you learn how to live a healthier life with diabetes starting **September 22**. In this free interactive 6-session program, you will learn how to understand your lab values, medication management, and exercises of all skill and age levels. To register, click [here](#). For more information, email mramsey2@touro.edu or call (707) 638-5970

Annual Sunday Supper

The Solano Land Trust will host its annual Sunday Supper from **4 to 7pm, Sunday October 8** at Joyful Ranch in Pleasants Valley, 8212 Pleasants Valley Road in Vacaville.

The evening will be filled with uplifting stories, project updates, dessert, exclusive live and silent auctions. In addition, you also have the opportunity to sponsor "Put a Child on the Land".

To purchase tickets, click [here](#). For more information, contact Laura Livadas at laura@solanolandtrust.org or call at (707) 718-4444.

Events I attended this week

I attended the Our Bay Trail/Vine Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony **Thursday Aug. 24**. The cool wind was blowing making the outdoor activity pleasant. Shout out to the Vallejo city staff especially public works for their labor getting the grounds ready. Lots of excitement in the air over this project as many, many people have worked years to make this Trail a reality.

Newsletter photo

I like the fact that this walking trail in Green Valley has a unique bridge. It matches all of the trees in the area giving the atmosphere of being in a forest. - Monica



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.