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SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER



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Information this week

Dedication to Jim Brown

Many of you know I love sports, especially football. I would like to dedicate this week’s newsletter to Jim Brown. He was born Feb. 17, 1936 and died May 18, 2023.

Jim played 9 seasons for the Cleveland Browns. He led the league in rushing eight of those years. Watching the films of Jim playing football is exciting even today. You know he is going to break out of the pack and yet it is the excitement of how fast he can run that captures your attention.

When Jim left football, he became an actor. He appeared in over 30 films such as Any Given Sunday and The Dirty Dozen.



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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

He founded a program called Amer-I-Can, a program to help disadvantaged inner-city youth and ex-convicts.

(707) 784-8960

In 1971, Jim was elected to the Pro-Football Hall of Fame.

U.S. Social Security

Mr. Brown was brilliant on the field, entertaining in films, and gave back to his community. His life was full. My condolences to his family.

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Dedication to Tina Turner

NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION HOTLINE

I am also dedicating this week's newsletter in honor of Tina Turner, Ms. Turner died May 23, 2023 at her home in Kusnacht near Zurich, Switzerland.

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

She won 12 Grammys and on her own merit was voted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2021.

888-628-9454

She spoke candidly about domestic abuse with her first husband.

DEAF AND HARD OF
HEARING

Who can ever forget her song, "What's Love Got to Do with It". How many of us agree, what does Love have to do with it?

800 799 4889

Thank you, TINA, for the music.

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR
SENIORS

Memorial Day events

800 971 0016

There are multiple Memorial Day events in Solano County on Monday, May 29th. Memorial Day honors servicemembers who have died in service. Solano County offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

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Events include:

THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

9am at Mare Island Naval Cemetery, 167 O'Hara Court, Vallejo. Speakers are US Army Brigadier Generals Steven McLaughlin and Antoinette Gant.

866-488-7386

11am behind Vallejo City Hall, 3 Capitol St. Speakers are US Army Brigadier General Marlana DeCelle, California Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Virginia Wimmer, and Delphine Metcalf-Foster.

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

11am at the Vacaville Elmira Cemetery, 522 Elmira Road. The guest speaker will be Vietnam Veteran Grover Wright. Also at the event will be area Gold Star Mothers and Families; Ms. Benita Wilson, USAF Veteran; Vacaville Firefighters; members of the Air Force Sergeants Association; members of the Service Veterans of Northern California Volunteer Honor Guard; and members of the local Boy Scout community.

Those planning to attend the ceremony, need to **RSVP no later than Friday, May 26th**. To RSVP, please email Lynn Jewell at lynn.jewell53@gmail.com or contact by phone at (707) 365-5073.

Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery Memorial Day Service

Open 8am to 5pm. Birch Road, Benicia. (707) 693-2460.

Community Action Plan public hearing

The Community Action Partnership of Solano Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA) is hosting a guided discussion on what communities need to improve its employment, education, housing, nutrition, health, income, and transportation in Solano County.

Participants will have an opportunity to review and comment on the 2024-25 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

The discussion will be held in-person and online on **Wednesday, May 31st, noon to 2pm** at Suisun City Hall, 701 Civic Center Blvd. in Suisun City or via Zoom. Phone: 669-900-6833; Meeting ID: 889 4966 1996; Passcode: Solano23!!

Questions may be directed to solano@homebaseccc.org.

Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management

On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host a public hearing to discuss amendments being made to the State Implementation Plan. These amendments would change the rules in order to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide emissions that come from gas-fired space and water heaters. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement or visit the District's [website](#) to access the meeting via Zoom.

Public notices

Department of Technology releases public survey on internet use and adoption

The California Department of Technology has released their public survey on internet use and adoption. This information will inform California's State Digital Equity Plan and help California design solutions to ensure that all California residents have access to high quality and affordable internet service, devices, skills training, and digital support. The survey is available in 14 languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean,

Armenian, Persian/Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, and Khmer. It is a 10-15 minute survey.

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

Double your CalFresh/EBT dollars with Market Match

Want to put more fresh fruits and vegetables on your family's table? Double your budget for fresh fruits and veggies, up to an additional \$10 per farmers' market visit, when you make a purchase with your CalFresh/EBT (food stamp) card at your local farmers' market.

Fairfield Farmers' Market – Jefferson St. & Texas St., Fairfield.
Thursdays 3 to 7pm from May 4 through September 28

Vallejo Farmers' Market – Georgia St. & Marin St., Vallejo.
Saturdays from 9am to 2pm year-round.

Applicants sought for civil grand jury

The Superior Court of Solano County, is seeking volunteers to serve as jurors on the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury. Residents who have lived in the county for one year, are a United States citizen and are 18 years of age or older, may apply for service.

The grand jury serves an important role in our society, functioning as an arm of the judicial branch of government and operates under the authority of the Solano Superior Court. The grand jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of local government and has the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government.

Grand jurors are paid a \$20 per diem and are paid mileage reimbursement for each authorized meeting. Persons interested in applying may contact Cheryl Clower at the Office of the Grand Jury at (707) 435-2575 or visit the Court's website at www.solano.courts.ca.gov and obtain an application online. The application deadline for submission is **May 31st**.

Solano subbasin groundwater sustainability virtual town hall

Get an overview of the State of the Subbasin, including groundwater conditions, current efforts, and more. Hear from experts, ask questions, and learn about opportunities for groundwater recharge during a virtual town hall meeting on **Thursday, June 1st, from 5:30 to 7pm**. Participants must RSVP. Simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided. For more

information, contact Guadalupe Garcia at guadalupe@aginnovations.org.

Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting (PB) vote underway

The city of Vallejo announced the Cycle 8 Participatory Budgeting vote will be held until June 30. Vallejo residents, including those living in the unincorporated areas, are invited to vote on which community projects to improve the city that will go to the Vallejo City Council for funding approval.

Residents are allowed to vote for up to two projects on the 10-proposal ballot. Projects are either infrastructure (e.g., park updates, street safety improvements, etc.) and programs and services (e.g., youth programs, spay and neuter services, etc.)

Residents 14 years and older can vote online at www.pbvallejo.org, or in-person in City Hall, and a cell phone number and valid Vallejo address are required for online voting.

Visit myvallejo.com/pb8 to read the complete proposals.

Residents can visit polling booths at:

Skate to Appreciate, Washington Park, Saturday, May 27, 10am to 3pm

Pista Sa Nayon, 850 Nimitz Avenue, Saturday, June 3, 11am to 6pm.

Second Friday Art Walk, Downtown Georgia Street, Friday, June 9, from 5 to 9pm.

Saturday Farmer's Markets, downtown Georgia Street, Saturday, June 10, 9am to 2pm.

Vallejo Juneteenth Parade & Festival, Barbara Kondylis Waterfront, Saturday, June 17, 11am to 5pm.

Fairfield City Council listening tour

Fairfield Mayor Cat Moy along with the city council will continue to visit each district as part of a "Heart to Heart Listening Tour."

The next session will be held **Saturday, May 27, from 11am to 1pm**, in Councilmember Scott Tonnesen's District 2 at the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

The tour allows residents the chance to interact with elected officials, meet department heads and staff, learn about city projects, and ask questions.

For the full list of future meeting dates and locations, click [here](#).

Vallejo accepting applications for boards and commissions



The city of Vallejo is accepting applications from residents who wish to serve on boards and commissions. There are currently openings on the following boards, commissions, and committees:

- [Architectural Heritage & Landmarks Commission](#) (2) terms expire 12/31/26
- [Beautification Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/27
- [Civil Service Commission](#) (2) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Commission on Culture & the Arts](#) (1) term expires 12/31/23
- [Design Review Board](#) (3) 1 term expires 6/30/24, and 2 terms expire 6/30/27
- [Economic Vitality Commission](#) (4) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Human Relations Commission](#) (3) 2 terms to expire 6/30/27 and 1 term to expire 6/30/25
- [Participatory Budget Steering Committee](#) (2 alternates) terms expire 6/30/24
- [Planning Commission](#) (2) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Housing & Community Development Commission](#) (3) terms expire 6/30/27
- [Housing Authority](#) (2 tenant commissioners) terms expire 12/31/24
- [Soltrans Public Advisory Committee](#) (1)
- [McCune Collection Commission](#) – (3) 1 term expires 6/30/25 and 2 expire 6/30/27
- Sister City Commission - (4) terms to expire 6/30/27
- [Solano County Library Advisory Council](#), Vallejo Rep – (1) term to expire four years from the date of appointment

For City Boards and Commissions, except for the Beautification, Civil Service, Human Relations, McCune Collection, and Sister City Commissions, and the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, 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 close on **Wednesday, May 31st, at 5 pm.**

Application period open for new Measure P committee

The City of Vallejo is accepting applications for its new Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), which was created to independently review and advise upon the City's expenditure of proceeds generated by the transactions and use tax. The COC will consist of 7 regular members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Six of the regular members will be appointed based upon Council voting district. Members appointed by the Mayor may reside anywhere in the City.

The COC will review and report on (a) the City's proposed and actual expenditure of proceeds generated by the transaction and use tax and (b) the independent annual audit. The Committee's report shall be submitted to the City Council for review and discussion at a public meeting of the City Council and shall be available to the public.

Members shall be residents of the City of Vallejo. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of 2 years, and such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council.

Applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applications will remain open until **5pm on Friday, June 16.**

Vallejo accepting applications for new Police Oversight and Accountability Commission

The City of Vallejo is seeking applicants for the newly created Police Oversight and Accountability Commission (POAC), to review investigations of serious incidents and bias incidents involving the police department and to make recommendations to the Chief of Police and/or the City Manager. The POAC will also make recommendations on police department policies, police department training, and community relations issues. POAC may also conduct public outreach related to its purpose and function.

The POAC shall consist of 7 regular members and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Six of the regular members will be appointed based upon Council voting

district. Alternate members must be one youth member between the ages of 18-25 and one additional community member from any district. Alternate members may participate in POAC meetings but do not vote unless there is an absence by a regular (voting) member.

Members must pass a formal background check before they can serve and must complete the FPPC financial conflict of interest reporting forms (Form 700).

The applications can be found by clicking [here](#). Applications will remain open until **5pm, Friday, June 16**.

National Night Out registration open

The city of Fairfield will host its 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO) on **Tuesday, August 1st, from 5 to 8 pm**.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event, promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

During NNO, neighbors host potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQ's to block parties, ice cream socials, and much more! This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration for NNO 2023 opened Monday, May 1 and closes Monday, July 17th at 5 pm. Registration is free and allows Fairfield officials an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants will receive an official NNO2023 gift basket. To register your neighborhood, click [here](#).

Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort #8

Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT) Group will be hosting an 8-week sisterhood group, which will help assess, develop and redefine our thoughts about healthy mothering. Conversation topics to be covered include nurturing parenting, attachment, discipline, communication, goal setting, and much more.

To register, click [here](#). This group will take place virtually each Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:30pm from October 18 to December 6, 2023. The last session date to join this cohort is Wednesday, November 8.

California Health Medical Reserve Corps' Solano Community Health Hub

With the end of the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19, Solano Public Health will no longer support testing and vaccination efforts at the Solano Town Center Mall. CHMRC will continue operations for the foreseeable future at the Solano Community Health Hub and offer services such as rapid COVID-19 testing, wellness screenings, and blood drives.

The Solano Community Health Hub is open Tuesday – Saturday from 11am to 6pm.

For more information about CHMRC and the services they provide, visit <https://www.californiahealthmrc.org/>.

Updates from around Solano County

Humane Society of the North Bay April stats

April was a busy month for the Humane Society of the North Bay. Stats include:

Adoptions: Dogs 26; Cats 1

Transfers to adoption-guaranteed partners: Dogs 9; Cats 31

Return to Owner: Dogs 19 ; Cats 0

A person's best opportunity to reunite with his/her dog or cat, if lost, is to have an up-to-date microchip on the pet. The HSNB offers low-cost microchips.

Suisun Valley Review is available

The Solano Community Colleges' Suisun Valley Review has released its 39th annual issue earlier this month. Its celebratory release reading was held in the Quinton Duval Reading Area of the SCC Library and featured many local writers featured in this year's issue. SVR's featured writer, Nancy Au, read and presented the 2023 Quinton Duval Award in Creative Writing. Congratulations to the award winner, Audrey Duremdes, for her poem, "Things It Took from Her," and to Scott Cohen for his Honorable Mention for the poem, "Effigy to Orange." The 2023 Issue is available for sale for \$8.00 by contacting Michael.wyly@solano.edu.

Summer reading program

Starting Thursday, June 1, come to any Solano County library branch to sign up and get your summer reading challenge pamphlet. The pamphlet is full of reading challenges like "Read a

book that teaches a skill” or “read a book that is recommended by a friend.” There are 10 challenges in the pamphlet in total.

Decide how many of the challenges in the pamphlet you think you can complete by July 31st. You can do one challenge, 2 challenges or all 10! It is up to you! Once you complete your challenges, come back to the Solano County Library branch you originally signed up at by July 31st to get your prize.

The prize for kids (ages 0-12) is a brand new free book of their choice (off the book cart) at the library while the teens (ages 13-18) get to order any book they want from Amazon that does not exceed \$15. The library will order it for them!

Adults who complete the program will get a custom enamel pin. Not only that, but all who are signed up for the program will also be entered into weekly drawings for additional prizes! The weekly raffle drawings will be for Oakland A's and SF Giants tickets.

Events at the PAL Teen Center



The PAL Teen Center has 7 awesome things to do this summer if you have a free Fairfield PAL teen center membership. Events include: Girls Circle, Chill & Spill Arts & Crafts, Volunteer with T.A.C.T.S., Kajukenbo, Girls Self Defense, Boxing, and Career Café. Fairfield PAL is open to Fairfield, Suisun, and Travis teens ages 13-18 who are enrolled in middle/high school. Get yours at the Fairfield Community Center (1000 Kentucky St.) with a parent/guardian signature and a valid student I.D. Call (707) 330-8757.

Summer Youth Employment Program

The Workforce Development Board of Solano County is offering a five-week paid work experience program **starting July 5th**. Work experience will be focused on Climate Transition projects in the Fairfield, Suisun and Vallejo region concentrating on water, land, restoration, sustainable agriculture, and climate education. For more information, contact Matt Moon-Bailey at mmoonbailey@solanowdb.org.

Upcoming events in Solano County

Trucks of the Trade event



The City of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department will present the Trucks of the Trade event in partnership with the Solano County Fairfield Cordelia Library in June.

Trucks of the Trade will allow kids to see different types of vehicles and meet the people who drive them. The event is free but registration is recommended. All types of trucks and vehicles will be there including a trash truck, bus, fire truck, police vehicles and more!

The event will be held in the parking lot of the Fairfield Cordelia Library on **Saturday June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The library is located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

for more information, call (707) 399-4101 or email communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov.

World Environment Day

Solano and Yolo county residents are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano on **Saturday, June 3rd at 9am** to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds. The event will allow residents to remove trash debris, plant wildflower plugs, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including kayak tours of Lake Solano.

A free lunch will be served to all participants, who should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

Lake Solano County Park, approximately 4 miles west of Winters, CA, on Pleasants Valley Road just south of Highway 128. Volunteers that choose to assist with trash cleanup activities will cleanup at Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano. Parking fees will be waived with a pass provided to event registrants in advance.

This water is also the primary source of irrigation water for growers in the region. Also filling and leaving Lake Solano is Putah Creek, a vital ecological link between the neighboring mountain range and the Yolo Bypass.

To register, click [here](#).

Resource Fair

The city of Fairfield Homeless Services Division and Fairfield Police Department Homeless Intervention Team with their quarterly Homeless Outreach Partnership Engagement event on **Wednesday, June 7th from 10:30am to 4pm** on the Solano County Lawn located at 600 Texas St. Individuals can connect with local resources for housing, shelters, employment, food, medical, mental health, and Veterans services.

Volunteers needed for trash mob community cleanup

The City of Fairfield will be hosting a "Trash Mob" Community Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, June 10th from 9 to 11am** at the Linear Park Trail, located at Texas Street to Dover Avenue.

The trash mob will be removing trash and graffiti. Snacks and water will be provided. The city will provide all necessary supplies and safety gear to volunteers during the Trash Mob.

To register, call Program Coordinator Karen Rees at (707) 428-7767 to sign up or email krees@fairfield.ca.gov.

74th Annual Solano County Fair

The Solano County Fair returns for its 74th year from **June 15 to June 18**. There is free admission for military personnel - active, retired, and dependents with a valid ID.

OPENING DAY: Thursday, June 15 from 4 to 10pm. Family Ag Day - Free admission for all.

Friday, June 16, noon to 10pm.

Saturday, June 17, noon to 10pm.

1:30pm - Junior Livestock Auction

5pm - Out At The Fair Photo

6pm - Lucha Xtreme

9pm (Approximately) - FIREWORKS! - Sponsored by Jelly Belly

Sunday, June 18, noon to 10pm.

2pm - Jaripeo - Mexican-style rodeo & concert (Additional admission required).

For more information, contact the Solano County Fairgrounds at (707) 551-2000. Fair is located at 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo.

Fairfield Juneteenth celebration

The 2nd annual Fairfield Juneteenth celebration will be held on **Saturday, June 17th, from 11am to 7pm**, next to the old courthouse, 601 Texas St. There will be speakers, live music, dancing and activities for the kids.

For more information call (707) 673-2148 and/or email info@solanoblackchamber.com.



Poetry at the Clocktower

Plan now to attend a festive and uplifting historic event at Benicia's Clocktower at 3pm, Sunday, June 25th at 1189 Washington Street.

Benicians and friends will gather to celebrate our homeplace, to tell its story and join in song. This free event sponsored by the Benicia Public Library will feature California's Poet Laureate Lee Herrick, and outgoing Poet Laureate, Mary Susan Gast.

Visual artwork portraying life in Benicia will be on display, along with ZipOdes "94510" by Benicia residents. A super highlight will be the premier showing of "Benicia Our Home," a film portraying scenes of Benicia accompanied by over 200 Benicians in song.

Teen Anime Café



The Solano County Library will host a Teen Anime Cafe on **Tuesday, June 27th at 4:15pm**, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.

Teens who attend will get the chance to watch anime from the anime streaming service Crunchyroll while also eating Japanese snacks and reading manga!

Free doula training available

In an effort to improve health disparities for Black women and their babies, Divine Birthright and Solano HEALS (Health Equity for African American/Black Lives) are partnering with First 5 Solano and Aliados Health to host a free (16 hour) exclusively Black doula training and certification for Solano County residents.

Cohort 1 begins **July 1**. Doula training includes: childbirth education, anatomy of pregnancy, comfort measures, lactation support, adult and infant CPR and so much more! All applicants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to be considered. Please send all inquiries to solanoheals@gmail.com by June 23.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, May 20, I attended the Solano Community College Athletics Hall of Fame Celebration. What wonderful event. I wish all of you could have heard the accomplishments of the former student-athletes as they were inducted into the 2023 Hall of Fame.

The celebration also included recognizing the Distinguished Alumni. The stories these former student-athletes gave makes you very proud of the teachers/coaches of the college.

The 2023 Alumnus of the Year went to Bobby Campo.

Tuesday, May 22, I went to the Benicia City Council meeting.

Wednesday, May 23, I attended the Solano County's 34th Peace Officers Memorial Service. The service included the reading of the

names back to 1892 when the first police officer died in service.
(We became a county in 1850).

Looking for a job? Consider these links

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

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[POST OFFICE](#)

[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

San Pablo Bay as seen from the Glen Cove neighborhood in the City of Vallejo. Photo by 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.