

April 28, 2023



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**Dedication to Harry Belafonte**

This week's newsletter is dedicated to human rights activist, singer, and actor Harry Belafonte who died Tuesday at the age 96. Belafonte, an EGOT holder for his Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards, was also known for his activism, including serving as trusted friend to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Belafonte helped to organize the Freedom March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech in August 1963.

**Information this week**

**Cache Slough Public Access Recreation  
Action Plan**



Solano County, the California Department of Water Resources, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will present key content for the Cache Slough Recreation Action Plan

on **Thursday May 4th, 2 to 330pm**, during a virtual public meeting via Zoom.

The meeting will include analysis of current recreation opportunities; criteria developed to evaluate and prioritize opportunities; and recommendations for identifying future opportunities.

For the Zoom link, click [here](#).

## Bay Area Bike to Wherever days coming on May 18



Get out and bike to work, shop, and play with Bike To Wherever days in the Bay Area this May! This will be promoted across the nine

Bay Area counties leading up to Bike To Work day on May 18. For more information, read the press release from MTC [here](#), or click [here](#) to go to the official website.

## Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management

On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay



**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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 comments on this issue are being accepted until **May 12**. To submit a comment, you must submit by mail to:

Rule Development  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105

(707) 784-8960

### U.S. Social Security

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## Public notices

### Vallejo District 1 Town Hall meeting



Join Vallejo Vice Mayor Rozzana Verder-Aliga, City Manager Mike Malone, and Interim Vallejo Police Chief Jason Ta to discuss public safety in the City of Vallejo during a town hall meeting on Saturday, April 29th, from 2 to 4pm, inside the multipurpose building of The Hill Vallejo, 210 Locust Drive.

Topics covered: Theft, burglary, sidseshows, and Illegally parked vehicles. To attend, register [here](#).

## Mare Island community workshop

The Vallejo community is invited to receive a presentation about the Mare Island Specific Plan on **Thursday, May 4th from 6 to 8pm**, inside the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin St. in downtown Vallejo.

Expert speakers will present a virtual tour of the island's shoreline and existing infrastructure. The presentation will also address how climate change will be addressed as the island is redeveloped.



RSVP to join in-person or via Zoom, click [here](#).

## 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](#).

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## Updates from around Solano County

## Fairfield City Council receives General Plan update

On Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Fairfield City Council met at the Art Koch Range and Training Facility at 1717 Rex Clift Lane for a study session on the General Plan Update. Several members of the community spoke and the council members listened to several presentations on various aspects of the alternatives. The presenters referenced the history of the General Plan Update process, the community outreach that had been done, responses from the community, as well as feedback that had been given by the City Council itself in meetings held in 2021 and 2022.

No decisions were made at the study session. However, it was stated that there would be another study session in June in which the council would give feedback to city staff of what to include in the "Preferred Alternative". The date, time, and location for this study session has not yet been determined. All community members located in the Fairfield/Cordelia area are encouraged to attend and speak at this study. I will provide a date, time, and location for this meeting as soon as it becomes available.

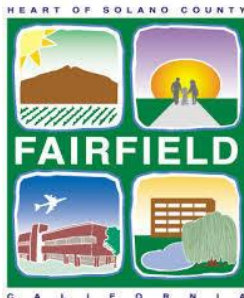
## Emergency evacuation zones

Do you "Know Your Zone"?

The Solano County Office of Emergency Services sent out a notice recently to residents in all seven Solano County cities in an effort to prepare residents and businesses for emergencies and evacuations.

To find your zone, click [here](#).

## Fairfield partners with STA for grant-funded project to provide more EV chargers



The city of Fairfield and Solano Transportation Authority have partnered together to offer vehicle charging stations at multiple locations throughout the city. The publicly accessible stations, located in high-traffic areas, and meant to be beneficial to residents of all income levels, is being funded by a regional grant.

The Allan Witt Community Park site is scheduled to be the first location and preliminary site work is underway.

Currently, Fairfield offers free charging stations at the Civic Center – Lot A parking lot and the Fairfield Transit Center.

## Deadline extended: Home rehabilitation for veterans, seniors, and disabled homeowners

Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) has extended the application period for their home rehabilitation project through **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. This free project aims to help bring safety and healthy living through home renovation and is open to low-income veterans and surviving veteran spouses, seniors, and disabled people who own a home. If you or someone you know qualifies for this project, you are encouraged to apply. To read more about qualifications, view the flyer [here](#) or download the application [here](#).

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Peña Adobe Historical Society at the Rush Ranch 33rd Annual Open House

Join Rush Ranch's Open House and visit the Peña Adobe Historical Society's booth on Saturday, April 29 from 10am to 3pm. Activities include wagon rides with Access Adventure, educational booth, Rush Ranch Outfitters, Solano County Sheriff's posse, wildlife walks, tasty food, arts and crafts activities in the Nature Center.

Rush Ranch is located at 3521 Grizzly Island Road in Suisun City.

### AAPI Heritage Month Paint Night



To celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Fairfield Civic Center Library is hosting a paint night on **Tuesday, May 2nd at 6pm**. The library is located at 1150 Kentucky St.

Those who sign up and attend will get the chance to paint a landscape of Mt. Fuji on a canvas they get to take home and keep!

If they don't know how to paint, no problem! Solano County Library's own "Painting Librarian," Rhea Gardner will provide step-by-step instructions on how to paint the landscape. This program is sure to be a lot of fun and is totally free!

The program is limited to just 20 people though and pre-registration is required.

Any teens who are interested, can sign up on the library events calendar by clicking [here](#).

## Touro University's Masters in Public Health Program

Considering a Masters in Public Health (MPH)? Touro University California (TUC) is making it easier to get an MPH. Touro University California has a flexible program that might be right for you.

Come talk with TUC at an information session on **Wednesday May 3rd at 12pm**.

The courses are hybrid with some classes in person and some online. It is the best of both worlds - build in-person connections with your classmates and enjoy the flexibility of online. Part-time or full-time options available.

For the Zoom link, click [here](#).

## Fairfield Famers' Market returns

Fairfield's Farmers' Market returns next month in partnership with Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association and Boss Con.

The market will take place every Thursday night, starting **May 4th, from 3 to 7pm**, at the County Greens (corner of Texas Street & Jefferson Street) in downtown Fairfield. The market will run until September 28.



The market provides healthy foods to consumers to help promote healthy nutrition and to support the California farmers in our community. The market accepts WIC-FMNP coupons for families and seniors and CalFresh-EBT.

For more information, contact Keisha Mamaril at [kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov).

## Celebrating healthy local food

Armijo High school students will get to show off their new skills during a showcase **Saturday, May 6th from 9 to 11am** inside the Armijo High School library, 824 Washington St. in Fairfield.

Students who participated in the Healthy Local Food program will share multimedia projects that highlight the importance of growing, cooking and eating healthy food and the importance of local food.

This is also an [opportunity to tour](#) Armijo's school garden and learn how the garden uses waterwise, sustainable practices to grow food for the community and create a welcoming space for students.

Students in the Healthy Local Food program spent twelve weeks learning about the importance of healthy, seasonal, local food by learning culinary skills and how to cook with local produce and meeting in the school garden to connect with growing and understanding our relationship to food. They used their experiences to create multimedia campaigns that include videos, interviews, podcasts, blogs and more!

## Glen Cove garage sale on May 6th

The well-known, annual Glen Cove Neighborhood Garage Sale in the city of Vallejo returns next month! The sale, to take place on **Saturday, May 6th**, will start at **8am and continue until mid-afternoon**. Maps will be distributed at the Glen Cove Center from 8 to 11 am.

Questions? Call (707) 562-1226 or email [info@glencovevallejo.com](mailto:info@glencovevallejo.com).



## Free comic book day

Free Comic Book Day is coming to all 9 branches of the Solano County Library on **Saturday, May 6th**! Comics will be given out to children and teens. All you have to do is show up and you get a free comic!

## Arts Benicia updates and events

Arts Benicia has provided some information on upcoming events and happenings - check them out:



**Open Studios 2023:** Mark your calendars for **May 6 and 7, 10am - 5pm** for Open Studios 2023. This offers the opportunity to meet the artists of Benicia Arsenal, see their work, and have discussions about the artistic process. More information to come soon at [this link](#).

**Art classes for adults:** Interested in learning how to use watercolors, oil paints, or reduction woodcutting? Register for these

classes and more by checking out the art class schedule [here](#). Most classes are open to beginners.

**Volunteer opportunities:** Arts Benicia has a variety of volunteer positions open. For information on how to volunteer, send an email to [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org).

## Summer music series

The Fairfield Summer Music series begins **May 12** with “Time Bandits” at the County Greens, located at 600 Texas Street, from **6 to 9pm**. The second concert is “Los Cochinos” on **May 26** in Dover Park, at the same time.

Concerts will be held at different locations throughout the city on Fridays from **6 to 9pm**, and will feature live music, vendors, and food.

For a list of performers, dates, and locations, click [here](#).

## History of Mare Island talk



Come out for a morning of local history at the Benicia Historical Museum and welcome Dennis Kelly of the Mare Island Museum to the monthly History Talks Program. Learn about the

Naval installation that supported the defenses of the bay for over a century. The talk will be **Saturday, May 20th from 11:30am to 12:30pm** at the Benicia Historical Museum, 2060 Camel Road.

Prices are \$10.00 for non-members while museum members are free. To buy a tick, click [here](#).

## Maykers Market - Small Business Saturday

Both Fairfield and non-residents are encouraged to participate in the city's MAYkers Market event on **Saturday, May 20, from 12 to 5pm** in downtown Fairfield.

This event will showcase downtown businesses and highlight a vendor market pop-up shop featuring local and small shops.





Contact Keisha Mamaril at [kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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](#).

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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, April 21**, I spent part of my day at the 2023 Solano County Environmental Education Tour. The Solano RCD (Resource Conservation District) receives money (from many sources) to educate our children about the environment. Students learn about water conservation with lessons tailored to their grade level. We met at the Dunnell Nature Center. Students from Fairfield High were monitoring the health of the creek by looking at the tiny organisms that live there. I enjoyed watching the process. Later, the group went to Rockville Hills Regional Park and observed the students from Suisun Valley Elementary School looking at the pond and its organisms. The weather was excellent. As a truly city girl seeing the goats and the sheep in the park eating the grass close-up was interesting. It was a wonderful day. If you have questions about the program, please email Ms. Butler at [www.@solanorcd.org](mailto:www.@solanorcd.org)

**Saturday, April 22**, was Earth Day. I went on the Benicia City Wastewater Treatment Plant tour. Very informative and a necessary part of life. Thank you, Public Works. I then went to the Benicia Public Library for their Sustainability Fair. Many fun activities for the family. I was invited to the renaming ceremony for the Vallejo Adult School at Al Berenguer Education Center. As a retired teacher of 39 years, I do not know how this wonderful man was able to teach 8<sup>th</sup> graders and college aged students and write two books on poetry. One of his children read one of his poems about smiles. Truly a moving event, and I thank the organizers for inviting me. Then back to Benicia for their Diversity program. There was lots of music, food, and great weather.

**Tuesday, April 25**, I attended the Vallejo City Council meeting. The two items that were of interest to me was asking the council to put a Tobacco Ordinance on the agenda. Another issue is the Mare Island residents and the CFD(s) that they pay.

**Thursday, April 27**, I attended the Solano County Sheriff's Employee Recognition Ceremony. New hires, promotions, years of service and performance awards were all showcased. What I enjoy watching are the adorable little children that come to watch a family member be recognized. The last event of the day was the open house. The Probation Youth Service center has moved to Beck Ave. The center is fabulous. But what was fun for me was running into two of my former students. One student attended the Green Valley Middle School that I call number 2. It was torn down. It was located on Ritchie Rd. My other student attended the Green Valley Middle school, I call number 3. It is the school located on Gold Hill Rd. It is exciting for me to see my former students as adults. Yes, they do grow up.

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## Looking for a job? Consider these links

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

[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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[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

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[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

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## Newsletter photo

This week's newsletter photo is of the "Genius Girl" statue in the window of the former Artisen art gallery in downtown Vallejo. The art piece was completed by Vallejo artist Jean Cherie. For more information about the statue click [here](#). Photo by John Gidden.



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.