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Holocaust Remembrance Day



May 6, 2024, is the date this year for the Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day corresponds to the 27th Day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. It marks the Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. In Hebrew, Holocaust Remembrance Day is called Yom Hashoah. The purpose of this day is to remember the victims of the Nazi regime and to promote Holocaust education.

Why the remembrance is important?

General Dwight D. Eisenhower visit the Ohrdruf. His tour of the camp generated a massive publicity campaign to expose the crimes of the Nazi regime to the world. The footage of liberated

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

camps like this one arrived in the United States and were featured in newsreels for viewing.

General Eisenhower filmed the camps to document the atrocities. His fear that people in the future would not believe that concentration camps existed.

To watch the evidence, visit Gen. Eisenhower and Holocaust documentation with Harry Reicher University of Pennsylvania law Professor.

[C-Span.org/video/?297082-1/general-eisenhower-documentation-holocaust](https://www.c-span.org/video/?297082-1/general-eisenhower-documentation-holocaust)

Visit the Eisenhower (Dwight) Presidential Library and Museum.

CINCO DE MAYO – May 5th, 2024



In the United States, Cinco de Mayo (May 5) has become a commercialized holiday. Some may even believe that the day celebrates Mexican Independence Day, which is incorrect.

The history of Cinco de Mayo dates to 1862 when French troops attacked a small town in Mexico called Puebla, part of the Franco-Mexican war. This led to a short battle between Mexican and French troops in which the Mexican army forced the French troops to withdraw from the war, forming a sense of *resistencia* (resistance) against French colonialism.

Traditions in parts of Mexico today include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events. For many Mexicans, however, May 5 is a day like any other: It is not a federal holiday, so offices, banks and stores remain open.

While Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the early and mid-1900s were centered around celebrating Mexican heritage, over the years festivities have become highly marketed and at times have led to cultural appropriation. So, this year, please skip the sombrero and

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

overindulgence of margaritas, beers and tacos. Instead, consider ways to engage with Mexican culture year-round such as reading a book, or volunteering with organizations that support not only Mexican individuals, but the overall Latinx community in Solano County and beyond.

Information this week

Nebraska Street closure pilot



The Vallejo City Unified School District, in partnership with the city of Vallejo, will be piloting a Nebraska Street closure pilot to enhance safety and security for students, staff and surrounding community. **During the period of May 6 - June 7, Nebraska Street will be closed to through traffic between Amador and Pierce Streets on school days only, Monday through Friday, 9am - 4pm (not on weekends or holidays).**

As a result of this closure pilot, you may need to make some adjustments to your traffic routines.

For questions, comments, and concerns, call (707) 556-8921 x50293 or email nebraskapilot@vcusd.org

Vallejo PD to host town hall meeting on Military Equipment Use policy



The Vallejo Police Department will host a Community Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, May 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.** inside the Vallejo Room located at 505 Santa Clara Street in downtown Vallejo.

The town hall will be about the department's new Military Equipment Use policy.

Vallejo residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend this upcoming town hall meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, you will be able to view the recorded meeting the following day at Vallejopd.net.

New Federal Grant to Help Protect Highway 37 from Flooding



**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) last week approved a \$20 million grant to the Metropolitan

Transportation Commission to help the [Resilient State Route 37](#) partners — which include MTC, Caltrans, the California State Transportation Agency, the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, SMART and the county transportation agencies in Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties — implement improvements to reduce the risk of roadway flooding and inundation along the 10-mile stretch of Highway 37 between Sears Point in Sonoma County and Mare Island in Vallejo.

FHWA awarded the grant through its Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) discretionary grant program, which was established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted in 2021. Resilience improvements designed to increase Highway 37's ability to withstand winter storms and rising sea levels are scheduled to begin in 2026. These are part of an estimated \$430 million project planned for the heavily traveled North Bay corridor.

Approval of the new federal grant comes just months after the California Transportation Commission (CTC) awarded a \$50 million grant through its Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program to help MTC and its Resilient State Route 37 partners replace the existing Highway 37 bridge over Tolay Creek in Sonoma County with a much longer span that will promote restoration of the historic

San Pablo Baylands adjacent to and north of the highway by allowing more water to flow into and out of the creek channel.

MTC is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Caltrans owns and operates the state highway system.

Become a volunteer!



EMPOWERED Aging

Become a Volunteer!

Join us as we work to protect the rights and quality of life of older and dependent adults living in long-term care facilities throughout Solano County!

Ombudsman volunteers are called to facilities to mediate, negotiate, and bring about resolution between residents, facilities, and family members. They empower residents and work cooperatively with all parties to bring about change and progress.

Learn more about training, commitment, and the application process by visiting our website below!



www.EmpoweredAging.org

The poster features a logo with colorful rays above the text 'EMPOWERED Aging'. Below the text is an illustration of several hands of different colors and sizes reaching upwards. A QR code is located in the lower right quadrant of the poster.

Public hearings

Help Inform MTC's 2024 Equity Priority Communities Update



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the Bay Area's designated Equity Priority Communities and invites feedback on the proposed changes by May 15.

(MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have developed a draft update to the geographies of the region's [Equity Priority Communities](#) (EPCs), which help inform long-range planning efforts such as [Plan Bay Area 2050+](#), as well as funding and public engagement priorities.

While the methodology remains consistent with past updates, proposed changes to Bay Area EPCs include census tracts and updated thresholds of demographic variables based on the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data (2018-2022).

MTC and ABAG invite your feedback on the [Draft 2024 EPC update](#), which includes:

- A [technical memo](#) detailing the proposed changes;
- An [interactive map](#) visualizing the proposed EPCs using the latest census tract geographies; and
- [Comparison maps](#) showing the changes in EPCs since the last update.

Those wishing to give feedback on the proposed changes to designated Bay Area EPCs are encouraged to do so by filling out the comment form on the MTC website: www.mtc.ca.gov/2024EPC. Comments also may be submitted via email to info@planbayarea.org using the subject line "EPC Update."

Following the comment period, staff will review and leverage the feedback received to inform the Final 2024 EPC Update. The update will then be incorporated into the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint, currently slated for adoption in fall 2024, and will be used in the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Equity Analysis Report in 2025, among other important deliverables.

Updates from around Solano County

Pathway programs at Solano Community College



Pathway Programs

- ▶ California Law School Pathway- Consists of 21 high school law academies, 28 community colleges, 11 undergraduate universities and 14 law schools
▶ <https://calawpathways.org/>
- ▶ Medical School Pathway- Partnership with Napa Valley College and Napa-Solano Kaiser Permanente in Vallejo
▶ <https://residency-ncal.kaiserpermanente.org/pre-med-students/>
- ▶ Avenue M- Medical School Pathway with UC Davis
▶ <https://avenuem.ucdavis.edu/>
- ▶ Pathway programs with Touro U California for Pharm.D., FNP, and DO
- ▶ Pathway to Sonoma State includes housing, scholarships, early assistance with financial aid application.
▶ <https://welcome.solano.edu/ssu-guaranteed-admissions-and-degree-completions-options/>
- ▶ BS degree in Biomanufacturing to MA, Ph.D.
▶ <https://welcome.solano.edu/biomanufacturing/>

The Spring semester is almost over. If you are graduating from high school and not sure what you want to do. Here are some Pathways, Solano Community College is offering that you might not have heard about. If you are not sure what you want to do, take some General education classes that will transfer to a 4-year institution. Make an appointment and see/talk to a counselor. Time will march on, what will you do with your time?

To apply to Solano Community College, click [here](#).

\$750,000 National Park Service Save America's Treasures Program grant awarded to the City of Vallejo



The National Park Service (NPS) announced a grant award of \$750,000 in Save America's Treasures Program grant for the city of Vallejo. The funding announced will support structural retrofit work for Quarters A on Mare Island, also known as the Admiral's Mansion, which is part of a historic district. City of Vallejo is one of 58 projects that received a grant award in 26 states through this 2023-24 competitive cycle where NPS distributed a total of \$25.7 million.

Save America's Treasures requires applicants to match the grant money dollar-for-dollar with nonfederal funding. This award of \$750,000 will leverage another \$750,000 in City funds, as well as another \$1.2 million federal earmark awarded to the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for preservation of the Mare Island St. Peter's Chapel and Quarters A. The combined funding is expected to make significant improvements to both structures. The NPS grant period is for three years with a target completion date of September 2026.

Xplore Solano App



In 2021, Solano Land Trust inspired a partnership bringing together the Cities of Fairfield and Vacaville, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD), Solano County Office of Education, Solano County

Parks, Solano Transportation Authority, Solano Public Health and Park Rx to create Xplore Solano, a community app connecting Solano County residents to places to go and things to do outside.

Powered by the OuterSpatial app, each partner organization posts to the Xplore Solano Community account with events, activities, trails, parks, and more. Xplore Solano offers families one convenient app to find where to go and what to do outdoors in Solano County.

So, download the OuterSpatial app and get outside today.

Spring into Giving



MAY 4TH - MAY 18TH
SPRING INTO GIVING

Help stock the Benicia Family Resource Center's community closet with emergency items for local families. When you drop donations to Benicia Main Street, you will receive a 10 -15% off discount card with participating downtown merchants.

NEW ITEMS ONLY: DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, BABY SHAMPOO & SOAP, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, DEODORANT, HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, BODY WASH

Passports available at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street, upon donation.
BeniciaMainStreet.org



Tribute to Richard Freedman



EMPRESS THEATRE
Celebrating The Life Of Richard Freedman !!

MAY 5 - 3 PM SPONSOR GENE PEDROTTI

LIVE ONSTAGE DOORS 2 PM - CONCERT 3 PM
OVER 30 COMEDIANS & MUSICIANS HONOR VALLEJO'S LEGENDARY HERO
FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING THE FREEDMAN FAMILY

THANK YOU TO THE ENTERTAINERS FOR DONATING THEIR TALENTS!

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On May 5, at the Empress Theatre, Bay Area comedians and musicians will generously lend their talents to commemorate and celebrate the life of Rich Freedman—a local hero, community leader, award-winning reporter, and humanitarian. Rich's heartwarming sense of humor never failed to bring smiles to our faces.

Known for his legendary stories and memorable Cow Comedy appearances in support of local charities, Rich has truly captivated our community. The event, titled "The Cow has Jumped Over the Moon," will showcase an eclectic mix of entertainers to an audience comprised of his friends, family, and community members. Together, we all 'Love him to the Moon and Back'...or we can simply moon him.

Sponsored by Gene Pedrotti and supported by esteemed area entertainers and promoters such as Johnny Steele, Alvon Johnson, David Sikes, Willy Jordan, Carlos Reyes, Drew Harrison and The Sun Kings, Jeff Campitelli, Peppino D'Agostino, Diane Amos, Jeff Tamelier, Socks, Myles Webber, Darby Gould, Tia Carroll, David K. Matthews, Dewayne Pate, Volker Strifler, Don Bassey, Stabe Wilson, Perry Thorwaldson, Thor Audio Solutions, Jim Douglas, Prime Time Entertainment, Vallejo Times Herald, and Frazier Trager Presents. The event features a growing list of participants generously volunteering their talents.

We invite you to join us for a heartfelt tribute to a man whose remarkable contributions have left an indelible mark on us all.

The tribute will take place at 3pm, May 5, at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in downtown Vallejo.

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

Winners of the 2024 Solano County Water Agency Water Awareness Video Contest



The Solano County Water Agency and Solano Resource Conservation District announced this week the winners of the 14th annual Water Awareness Video

Contest.

This year's three grand prize winners are:

- **FIRST PLACE:** "Rescuing Our Reservoirs" by Lily Atkinson of Vanden High School in Fairfield who will receive \$1,500, split 50/50 between student and sponsoring teacher, Darcy Span.
- **SECOND PLACE:** "Continuously Conserving Water" by Alyssa Bongato of Rodriguez High School in Fairfield will receive \$1,000, split 50/50 between student and sponsoring teacher, Debbie Cook.
- **THIRD PLACE:** "Think OUTSIDE the Sink!" by Donovan Salgado of Vanden High School in Fairfield will receive \$500, split 50/50 between student and sponsoring teacher, Katy Green.

In addition to the three grand prize winners, the makers of the top-scoring video from all schools with 10 or more contest participants earned a \$100 Target gift card (grand prize winners were not eligible).

- “Help the Water Droplet by Conserving” by Makayla Guieb-Lastrella and Alvin Rebaja (Neil Orlina, teacher) of St. Basil School in Vallejo.
- “A Dog’s Perspective on Water Conservation” by Seth Thomas (Katy Green, teacher) of Vanden High School in Fairfield.

Finally, an Honorable Mention prize of a \$100 Target gift card was awarded to “Lawns” by Marcus Melberg of Rodriguez High School in Fairfield.

Target gift cards valued at \$200 each were also awarded to the two teachers with the highest contest participation. These awards go to Darcy Span of Vanden High School and Neil Orlina of St. Basil School.

The Solano County Water Agency’s annual video contest sought original videos that reflect the theme Think Outside the Sink: Keeping the Rainfall in Our Reservoir. Students in grades 6 through 12 were encouraged to communicate the importance of conserving water in order to plan for our future, even when we are not in times of drought.

All of the top scoring videos can be viewed on the Solano Saves Water YouTube channel at <http://tinyurl.com/scwavideo>. For tips on using water efficiently, visit <https://www.scwa2.com/>.

City of Vallejo seeking commission applicants



The city of Vallejo is accepting applications from residents interested with serving on one of the City’s boards and commissions.

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

- [Beautification Commission](#)(2) terms expire 6/30/28
- [Civil Service Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Design Review Board](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Housing & Community Development Commission](#) (1) term to expire 6/30/28
- [Housing Authority](#) (1) tenant commissioner term to expire 12/31/24
- [McCune Collection Commission](#) (3) terms to expire 6/30/28

- [Participatory Budget Steering Committee](#) (6 members & 3 alternates) terms expire 6/30/25
- [Planning Commission](#) (2) terms to expire 6/30/28
- [Surveillance Advisory Board – Districts 1, 2, and 3 Members Only](#) Districts 1 & 3 terms to expire 1/2/25 and District 2 term to expire 1/5/27
- [Sister City Commission](#) (1) term to expire 6/30/27
- [Solano Commission for Women & Girls](#) (1) Vallejo representative can be youth or adult. Term to expire 4 years from date of appointment.

For City Boards and Commissions, except for the Civil Service, McCune Collection, and Sister City Commissions, the Surveillance Advisory Board, 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.

Interviews with the City Council are tentatively scheduled for the evenings of June 3 and 10. 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 abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net, or by phone at (707) 648-4527

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

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

Bike to Wherever Days



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) invites Solano County to join the Bay Area in celebrating Bike to Wherever Days this May. Pledge to ride and sign up for the collective 30,000-mile Bay Area Bike Challenge celebrating 30 years of Bike to Work Day to win prizes.

This year, Solano Mobility's Employer Commuter Program is partnering with Safe Routes to School to feature:

- **Community Bike Fair in Rio Vista on May 7th**
- **A Community Bike Ride in Vallejo on May 4th**
- **Bike to School Day on May 8th**
- **The 30th Annual Bike to Work Day on May 16th**

The Bay Area Bike to Work Day (BTWD) began in 1994 as a celebration of bicycles as a fun and healthy way to get to work, as well as an opportunity for those who don't usually bike commute to try it out. After 2020, as fewer people were biking to work during the pandemic, the event expanded into Bike to Wherever Days for the whole month of May, encouraging riders to choose their bicycle for more of their transportation needs. Now, Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days and Bike to Work Day reflect the new hybrid model of work and life. May is also a time to advocate for improved bicycle infrastructure and safety across the region.

During the month of May, no matter where you need to go, you're encouraged to bike to run errands, visit friends and family, ride recreationally, and to commute to work or school. Commit to riding by signing the Pledge and show off your pride by taking the Bay Area Bike Challenge. Be sure to come out for Bay Area Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 16th, to celebrate bicycling and to get your 2024 BTWD commemorative bag. Everyone on two wheels is welcome.

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

Save the Benicia High School Drama Department



Please consider signing this petition to save the Benicia High School Drama Department. I have.

- Monica.

[Petition · Save the Benicia High School Drama Department! - Benicia, United States · Change.org](#)

Carquinez Village

National Older American's Month: Powered by Connection

By Linda Chandler, Carquinez Village Board Member

They say that it takes a Village and Carquinez Village is proof positive. Seven years ago, a small band of energized older adults in Benicia began breathing life into a model of community support based on organized volunteerism. The grassroots, community-based organization aims to help older adults remain in their homes and communities as they age. It now boasts nearly 160 members in both Benicia and Vallejo. For and by older adults, its ongoing success depends heavily on connection. Strong relationships exist across diverse sectors, including local and county governments, churches, businesses, other non-profits, private donors, groups of friends, and even newly introduced strangers. Nationally, to answer the growing needs for social and personal services of our burgeoning population over sixty, an innovative structure was needed. The Village is one of the emerging models.

May is National Older American's month. This year its theme is 'Powered by Connection'. A virtual organization with but three part-time paid staff, we depend on that power to deliver on a busy calendar for our members: field trips, potlucks, educational courses and speakers, walks and bocce ball, book groups, memoir writing, and gardening. Support services provided by volunteers include rides, helping hands, friendly visits and calls. This is the "connection".

In past years we have celebrated this month in various ways. A mural, created in partnership with the Kyle Hyland Foundation, graces the wall of Benicia's Community Center. It is an intergenerational reflection of our community. Last year, we strategically placed puzzles featuring our members in both the Benicia and Vallejo libraries, as well as at the Benicia Senior Center. Our individual talents coming together form a village and a community. This year, we offer five articles, each highlighting the essential ingredient of connection, a critical ingredient needed for vibrant villages and communities. Powered by Connection.

Some of us offer our skills to advise others on Medicare, and in tax preparation. We are artists, authors, chefs, inventors. We are joiners. We are leaders. We are in your neighborhood walking. We are volunteers for the police department, county and city committees, and at polling locations. We walk in the 4th of July parade, and assist at local festivals. We are part of the safety net for safe and healthy aging. Join us. Take our Hands. Connect. To learn more about membership, sponsorship and volunteering, visit our website CarquinezVillage.org. Sign up for our monthly [newsletter](#) and [follow us](#) on social media [@carquinezvillage](#). You can also contact us directly at info@carquinezvillage.org or by calling (707) 297-2472. Help us continue to transform the experience of aging in Benicia and Vallejo!

Solano County challenges youth to fight fentanyl with 'One Pill Can Kill' video contest



Video Contest
#OnePillCanKillSolano

SOLANO PUBLIC HEALTH   VIBE SOLANO

70 people die from fentanyl overdose each year in Solano County. One fake street pill—posing as Oxy, Adderall or Xanax—can kill.

GIFTS & RECOGNITION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- 1st Prize | \$1,500
- 2nd Prize | \$1,000
- 3rd Prize | \$750
- Runner-Up | \$250

Help spread the word about the dangers of fentanyl by producing a 15- to 120-second video. Win a prize... and you might even save a life!

LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP @ VIBESOLANO.COM

Building on its campaign to inform the public about high overdose rates and the growing dangers of fentanyl cloaked as prescription drugs, Solano Public Health has launched its first "One Pill Can Kill" Video Contest, the county announced this week. This initiative invites Solano County youth to create compelling videos that raise awareness of the risks of fentanyl-laced pills and promote healthier choices. Winning high school and college students can earn up to \$1,500 for their efforts.

Contest Overview:

- **Objective:** Engage youth in spreading critical messages about fentanyl overdose prevention through creative and impactful videos.
- **Prizes:** 1st Place: \$1,500, 2nd Place: \$1,000 and 3rd Place: \$750, with additional awards and recognition for runners-up (\$250) and other participants.
- **Eligibility:** Open to high school and college-aged students, 13 to 25, residing in Solano County. Teams of 1-6 members, guided by an advisor or organized independently, are encouraged to participate. Local schools and nonprofits may sponsor advisors and teams.

- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, May 24, 2024, by 11:59 p.m.
- **Entry Requirements:** Videos must be 15-120 seconds long, posted on YouTube, TikTok and/or Instagram with the hashtag #OnePillCanKillSolano, and accompanied by a completed contest entry form available at vibesolano.com.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid drug 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. One in four counterfeit pills contain fentanyl and nearly half of those contain a high enough dose to kill. More than 100,000 Americans died of an overdose in 2023. In Solano County, at least 100 Solano County residents died of an overdose in 2023, with about 70 of those being opioid overdoses.

Learn more about the dangers of fentanyl and counterfeit prescription drugs, download educational tools or submit a contest entry at vibesolano.com. For anyone needing help with a current substance use issue, please contact your health care provider or Solano County Behavioral Health for treatment services at (855) 765-9703.

2024 Veteran Home Rehab Applications Deadline



Rebuilding Together Solano County provides home rehabilitation services to veteran and surviving spouses of veterans, seniors and disabled homeowners residing in Solano County. The goal is to provide a safe and healthy living environment for low-income veteran homeowners and community facilities. **Services are provided free to qualified and selected homeowners.**

Do you know of someone, or do you qualify yourself for the home rehabilitation program?

[How to apply:](#)

1. Complete 2024 Veteran / Military Homeowner Application (from RTSC website)
2. **No later than 05/15/2024, mail the completed application and all supporting documentation to RTSC, PO Box 5996, Vallejo, CA 94591.**

Qualifications Required:

- One or more household members must qualify as Military (Active, honorably discharged, retired or a surviving spouse of military);
- Own and live in a single-family residence located within Solano County. Home to be stick-built;
- The following items must be paid current: 1) Mortgage(s) 2) Property Taxes 3) Homeowner's Insurance;
- Potential homeowners cannot own other property or units unless located on the property of the primary residence;
- Household Income must fall below the low-income guidelines for Solano County (less than 80% of Area Median Income for 2024)

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
\$70,450	\$80,500	\$90,550	\$100,650	\$108,700	\$116,750

Contact Rebuilding Together at: Ehoffman.rtsc@gmail.com if you have additional questions or need an application mailed to you.

Note: For 2024, RTSC's funding is restricted to serve veterans, surviving spouses of veterans and active military.

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

Solano County's New Job Applicant System



Solano County has moved their job applicant system to NeoGOV. Applicants will no longer be able to apply to County positions via JobAps or have login access. All applicants must apply via NeoGOV

at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/solanocounty>. Current openings in the Health and Social Services Department include [College Intern](#), [Epidemiologist \(Senior\)](#), [Clinical Psychologist \(Entry\)](#), [Health Education Specialist Senior](#) and [Public Health Nurse](#). Check out [NeoGOV](#) for more information and apply today!

May is Mental Health Month

May 30th, 2024

GROW THROUGH

WHAT YOU GO THROUGH

A comedy show for Mental Health Month


Featuring Northern California comedy group

1° OF SEPARATION
A Look at Depression, Funny, and Suicide

Vallejo JFK Library
505 Santa Clara St, Vallejo
11:30am-1:30pm

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky St, Fairfield
2:00pm-4:30pm

Vacaville Town Square Library
1 Town Square Plc, Vacaville
5:00pm-7:00pm



Solano County LIBRARY

Solano County Behavioral Health

@SolanoCountyBH

GROW THROUGH

WHAT YOU GO THROUGH

@SolanoCountyBH

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2024 EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 4

NAMI Walks

8am - 12pm | NAMI Sacramento | William Land Park, 1950 Sutterville Rd, Sacramento, CA 95822
Mental Health Resource Fair and 5k walk event.

NAMI Sacramento, 7230 S. Land Park Dr., Ste. 111, Sacramento, CA 95831
Jen Sparks, Walk Manager,
916-908-8220, jennifer@namisacramento.org

MAY 4

A Super 60s/70s Celebration

6pm - 10pm | Kyle Hyland Foundation | 1135 Church Street Benicia, CA

A Super 60s/70s Celebration 6pm-10pm at Hyland Teen Center. All proceeds will benefit the Kyle Hyland Foundation and its teen programs. Register by 4/26 at kylehyland.com

kylehyland.com

MAY 6

Mindful Visions: Cultivating Wellness

12pm - 1pm | Solano County Office of Education | Vallejo Adult School 436 Del Sur St, Vallejo CA 94591

Vision board and positive planning for the year (English & Spanish)

Byanka Taber & Alondra Jijon (PATH)
btaber@solanocoe.net
707-646-7692



MAY 7

Climate & Culture Collaborative

3:30pm - 5pm | Solano County Office of Education | Virtual
General group focused on topics related to school climate and culture for any individuals working within or with schools. Will focus on wellness for education personnel.

Register w/ Dr. Jennifer Buzolich
jbuzolich@solanocoe.net

MAY 8

Parent Open House

11am - 1pm | Solano County Behavioral Health | Children's Mental Health Clinic - 2101 Courage Drive Fairfield CA
Solano County Behavioral Health will be providing an Open House for Parents/Caregivers who have kids with behavioral health needs a chance to come learn about our services, how to access resources, and mingle with other parents.

Email Kattera Cordero KACordero@SolanoCounty.com or SolanoMHSASolanoCounty.com or call 707-784-8320 for more information

MAY 8

(Bilingual) Strengthening Families Mental Health

5:30 - 7:30pm | Solano County Office of Education | Sullivan Language Immersion Academy 2195 Union Avenue Fairfield CA
Family Workshop (English & Spanish): Parents will be able to build upon skills to further support family engagement and wellness. Engaging conversations around healing Learn family strategies to enhance family culture Expressive art activities for children and youth. Registration is required.

Gabriela Salazar
gsalazar@solanocoe.net
(707)646-7688

MAY 11

Out of the Darkness Walk

9am | American Foundation for Suicide Prevention | Angelo Rodriguez High School, 5000 Red Top Road, Fairfield, CA 94533
Be a part of the walk and join thousands of students across the country to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Together we can bring mental health conditions like depression and anxiety out of the darkness and put a stop to this loss of life. Walk to support a friend, a loved one, or yourself.

Shari Papadopoulos, Walk Chair
afsp.campuswalk.solano@gmail.com
Website: supporting.afsp.org/event/solano

GROW THROUGH WHAT YOU GO THROUGH

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2024 EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 14

(Spanish) Strengthening Families Mental Health

5:30 - 7:30pm | SCOE Strengthening Families Event | Gretchen Higgins Elementary School 1525 Pembroke Way Dixon CA
Taller familiar: Los padres podrán desarrollar habilidades para apoyar aún más el compromiso y el bienestar familiar. Conversaciones atractivas en torno a la curación Aprender estrategias familiares para mejorar la cultura familiar Actividades artísticas expresivas para niños y jóvenes. Es necesario registrarse.

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MAY 18

Mental Health Action Day

Mental Health Action Network
Action looks different for everyone. Mental Health Action Day encourages and empowers everyone to take action for themselves, for their loved ones, or for their community based on what works for them. If you have concerns about your or someone else's mental health, please contact a medical professional or call 988 for a free, confidential conversation. To learn more about mental health actions you can take based on what you're feeling or experiencing, visit: <https://www.mentalhealthishealth.us/>

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MAY 18

African American Community Mental Health Conference

9:30am - 2pm | Mt. Calvary Baptist Church | 1735 Enterprise Dr BLDG 3, Fairfield, CA 94533
African American Community Mental Health Conference that will address crucial topics and discussions that will help support families.

Ashley Caldwell
MCBC Young Adults Member
(707)208-5703

MAY 28

Community Resource Fair

5:30 - 7:30pm | Emmanuel Arms Community Inc. | Emmanuel Arms Community Inc. 900 6th St., Vallejo, CA 94590
Community Resource Fair that will provide resources for employment, child care services, housing help, mental health and substance use services, veterans services and much more.

emmanuelarmscommunityinc.org
707-642-2391

MAY 29

Mental Health Stigma Community Presentation

Solano County Behavioral Health | Virtual
Solano County Behavioral Health will be providing a virtual community presentation that raises awareness about mental health stigma. The presentation will be held on Zoom.

Visit our [website](https://www.solanocoe.net/behavioral-health) or Please email SolanoMHSASolanoCounty.com or call 707-784-8320 to register

MAY 30

Grow Through What You Go Through Comedy Show

Solano County Behavioral Health
A comedy show featuring popular comedy group 1st of Separation that explores the stigmas surrounding depression and suicidal ideation with messages of hope, triumph and laughter. Also features additional art activities.

Vallejo JFK Library 11:30am-1:30pm
Fairfield Civic Library 2:30p-4:30pm
Vacaville Town Square Library 5pm-7pm

Visit our [website](https://www.solanocoe.net/behavioral-health) or Please email SolanoMHSASolanoCounty.com or call 707-784-8320 to register

Solano County Superior Court seeks applicants for Civil Grand Jury



THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SOLANO

The Honorable Alesia Jones, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Solano County, announced that the Court is seeking volunteers to serve as jurors on the 2024-2025 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 is an historic institution and serves an important role in our society. It is sometimes referred to as the “watchdog” of the community. It functions 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. Empowered by the judicial branch, the grand jury is a fact-finding body that develops meaningful solutions to a wide range of governmental issues, thereby facilitating positive change in the community.

Although this is primarily a civic responsibility, 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 31, 2024.

Solano County Fair selling yard signs in support of Diamond Jubilee



In celebration of the Solano County Fair's 75th Anniversary, the fair association has created a lawn sign program so those who wish to celebrate the diamond jubilee can do so. The yard signs are selling for \$75 to honor 75 years of the fair. The signs and stands are sold out of the SCFA Office on the fairgrounds. For more information, click [here](#).

May calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The May calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

May 3 VFW cooking hamburgers;
6 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup; National Nurses Week 6th-12th
7 Boys Under the Hood meeting, Hot dogs;
8 AMERICAN LEGION / AUX meet at 1900 hours, Paella by Paul Ruiz signup for this; 79th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, also known as V-E Day,
10 VFW Auxiliary cooking hamburgers;
11 Armed Forces week starts
12 Mother's Day
13 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup, Children of Fallen Patriots Day.
14 House commission meeting 1830 hrs.
15 SONS AMERICAN LEGION meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs; Peace Officers Memorial Day
17 American Legion cooking hamburgers Gary & Chris
18 Harold Bray monument, Paul Ruiz band to play, Armed Forces Day
19 Yard cleaning of hall, and paint touch-ups, 0930
20 Kevin & Patty Monday Specials, by signup
22 National Maritime Day is a United States holiday created to recognize the maritime industry. Observed on May 22, the date in 1819 that the American steamship Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first ever transoceanic voyage under

steam power.

24 Sons of The American Legion cooking hamburgers

27 Memorial Day event; Sons cooking hamburgers and hot dogs free, donations, open to public

31 The American Legion Aux cooking hamburger

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

Vaccination clinics

FREE FLU SHOTS, TDAP AND COVID-19* VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA
 *For 19+ years uninsured individuals

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, April 11, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Hogan Middle School 850 Rosewood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591 <i>inside the gymnasium</i>
Saturday, April 13, 2024 <i>Supporting Solano Public Health</i>	10 AM-2 PM	Solano Dream Center 2166 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA 94590
Thursday, April 25, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Vallejo High School 840 Nebraska St. Vallejo, CA 94590 <i>inside the Finney MPR (Next to the Baseball Field)</i>
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	3-5 PM	Meritage Apartments Summer Health Fair 55 Valle Vista Ave, Vallejo, CA 94590
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	11 AM-2 PM	A day in the Park with Mensa Christi St. Catherine of Siena Ministry 505 Santa Clara St. <i>Behind the JFK Vallejo library</i>
Thursday, May 9, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Hogan Middle School 850 Rosewood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591 <i>inside the gymnasium</i>

Get Connected:
 @ToursCARESMPV
 @ToursCARESMPV
 (707) 373-4571

Arts Benicia



Please mark your calendars for **Open Studios/Benicia Art Weekend**, on **May 4 and 5**, when studios and galleries will welcome visitors to see why Benicia is an art destination. Arts Benicia will be hosting eight artists at the Commanding Officer's Quarters during the weekend and presenting demonstrations at our printmaking studio at the Arts Benicia Annex on Tyler Street. With music on the porch, it will be a lively and artful weekend –not to miss!

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 Arts Benicia's website. For full listings, 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 Arts Benicia programs. 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>

Upcoming events in Solano County

Junk in the Trunk event at Laurel Creek Community Park



Have something to sell? Or looking to pick up a new treasure? Then you're in luck. The city of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department will host its biannual "Junk in the Trunk" event, which will take place on **Saturday, May 4 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Laurel Creek Community Park parking lot at 2986 Gulf Drive.**

Bring your goods to our community garage sale or buy some treasures! Junk in the Trunk will serve as a space where people in the community can bring their household items to sell right out of

the trunk of their car. Seller fees are \$30 for two parking spots or \$55 for three spots. General admission is free to the public.

For more information, or to participate as a seller, click [here](#).

Free vision screening & free eyeglasses event

The Lion's Delta Zone presents free vision screening & free eyeglasses on **Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, St. Vincent Ferrer Memorial Building, 481 Florida St. Services include screening exams by licensed doctors, free pair of recycled eyeglasses or referral for further treatment.

To register for the event, click [here](#).

Girls on the Rise

Girls on the Rise:
Find your place in the legal field

Saturday May 4th
10-2pm
Solano County Event Center
601 Texas Street
Fairfield

This inaugural event supported by the Solano Superior Court, Solano Bar Association and Solano Commission for Women and Girls is an opportunity for young women, ages 15 to 25, interested in the legal field to connect with local women leaders in law and criminal justice to gain valuable insights, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and experience a courtroom tour.

Join us to delve into the dynamic world of law!

Free to attend
Eventbrite registration is required, click the "Join Us" link above or use the QR code
Space is limited

scba@solanobar.org

The Girls on the Rise: Find Your Place in the Legal Field will be an exciting in-person event where participants will delve into the

dynamic world of law! This event offers a unique opportunity, for young women ages 15 to 25, to connect with influential women leaders, gain valuable insights into the legal field, experience a courtroom tour, and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

Whether a high school student, recent graduate, or simply interested in exploring various career paths in the legal field, this forum is tailored to meet your needs.

The event will take place from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday May 4**, at the Solano County Event Center 601 Texas Street, Fairfield.

To register, click [here](#).

Community Wildfire Preparedness Day



The poster for Community Wildfire Preparedness Day features a green background with a wildfire image on the left. The title 'WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY' is in large yellow letters. Below the title, it says 'JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY-FUN ACTIVITIES AND LEARN HOW TO BE WILDFIRE READY!' and 'SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 10 AM - 2 PM'. A photo shows a firefighter with a dog. The bottom section includes location and important information.

WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY-FUN ACTIVITIES AND LEARN HOW TO BE WILDFIRE READY!

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- DELICIOUS FOOD TRUCKS
- RAFFLE PRIZES
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- FIRE DEMONSTRATIONS
- EMERGENCY VEHICLE DISPLAY
- MEET YOUR LOCAL FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS
- LEARN ABOUT REDUCING THE RISK OF WILDFIRE FROM LOCAL FIRE RESOURCES

LOCATION
LAKE SOLANO PICNIC AREA
8685 PLEASANTS VALLEY RD

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
DAY USE FEES WILL BE WAIVED
NO PETS ALLOWED ON PARK GROUNDS

Solano AIDS Coalition – Cinco de Mayo Celebration



Join the Solano AIDS Coalition for their Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Vallejo on **Saturday, May 4** from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Vallejo, 200-250 Georgia Street.**

If you would like to attend as a vendor and share resources, fill out this [registration form](#).

For more information, contact Mario Saucedo at SolanoAIDSCoalition@yahoo.com.

Benicia Art Weekend



This in-person event will showcase the talents of local artists and provide a platform for art enthusiasts to connect and engage with the vibrant art scene of Benicia.

From stunning paintings to intricate sculptures, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of art at Benicia Art Weekend 2024!

Benicia Art Weekend will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5.

Line Dancing Party

A flyer for a Line Dancing Party. The background is a light peach color. At the top left, it says 'Join Us for a LINE DANCE Party'. Below that, the date and time are listed: 'MAY 4, 2024 1 PM-6 PM'. It also mentions 'Dinner will be served. Latin/Cinco de Mayo themed.' and the location: 'BENICIA CLOCK TOWER 1189 Washington St. | Benicia, CA'. On the right side, it says 'A Community Event Presented By INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS' with a logo. Below that, it says 'TICKETS \$30' and includes a QR code. A URL is provided: 'https://SecondAnnualLineDanceParty.eventbrite.com'. It also says 'please RSVP' and provides contact information: 'Contact our help line if you need assistance purchasing tickets: (707) 684-4376'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of four people dancing, including one in a wheelchair. A logo at the bottom left says 'EVERYBODY LOVES LINE DANCING'.

Date Change



The Saturday, May 18 author event at the Benicia Public Library has been postponed until Sunday, June 2. The author is Nidhi

Chanani.

The Saturday, May 4 author Isabel Quintero will be held at the library from 2 to 4 p.m., 150 E L Street in downtown Vallejo. May the Fourth be with you.

Kyle Hyland Foundation Super 60s/70s Celebration



The Kyle Hyland Foundation for Teen Support will host a Super 60's/70's Celebration from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, May 4. The celebration will include a dessert auction, and dance party with a live band.

The celebration will take place at the Hyland Teen Center, 1135 Church Street in Benicia.

To buy a ticket, click [here](#). For more information about the foundation, click [here](#).

Senior Rally Day



You are invited to participate in Senior Rally Day 2024 on **Wednesday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The Virtual Rally will feature presentations from Legislators, State Leaders and Aging and Disability Leaders. This year's focus will be on legislation and budget requests that impact older and disabled adults.

This event is open to all. To register, click [here](#).

AAPI Cultural Night



CalFresh Resource Fair in Vallejo




In celebration of CalFresh Awareness Month, the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano's CalFresh Outreach team will be hosting a free Community Resource Fair in Solano County, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 11 at Vallejo City Park, 425 Alabama Street.**

On-site eligibility screenings and application assistance for CalFresh will be available. If you are interested in being a vendor, reach out to CF@foodbnakccs.org.

For more information, visit the website [here](#).

Upon Words




Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry

Upon Words


POETRY OPEN MIC

FEATURING TWO INSPIRING POETS:



Rosa Lane


Author of four poetry collections including *Called Back* (forthcoming, Tupelo Press); *Chouteau's Chalk* (2019, UGA Poetry Prize); *Tiller North* (2016, Sixteen Rivers); *Roots and Reckonings* (chapbook). She won the 2023 Morton Marcus Memorial Poetry Prize and has appeared in the *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Catamaran*, and elsewhere. www.rosalane.com




Erin Rodoni

Author of three poetry collections: *And If the Woods Carry You* (SIR Press, 2021), *Body, in Good Light* (Sixteen Rivers Press, 2017), and *A Landscape for Loss* (NFSPS Press, 2017). She won the 2017 Montreal International Poetry Prize, and her poems have appeared in *Blackbird*, *Poetry Northwest*, and the *Fairy Tale Review*. www.erinrodonipoet.com

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield

 Solano County LIBRARY

Questions?
Email: fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce invites you to an afternoon of poetry called **Upon Words** with Bay Area poets Rosa Lane and Erin Rodoni.

Open Mic to follow. The event will take place from **3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 11**, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

Glen Cove Community Garage Sale

The Glen Cove Community Garage Sale will take place on **Saturday, May 11.**

As a reminder, Glen Cove residents need to be a member of Glen Cove Community Association in good standing to be on the map of homes participating in the event.

Email info@glencovevallejo.com with your name, address, and phone number or call 707-563-1226 and leave that information plus your email address.



2024 Solano Student Art Showcase



The Solano County Office of Education Youth Development Department is hosting their 2024 Solano Student Art Showcase, with the goal of recognizing youth resilience during COVID by supporting all types of youth artists and to

promote mental wellness in addition to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention through art.

The live event will have performances of spoken word, music, dance and theater, as well as informational booths from community partners. **It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, Solano County Fairgrounds Drive inside McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo.**

For more information, visit the website [Solano Student Art Showcase](#).

Butterfly Festival



From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday, May 19, the Monarch Milkweed Project and the Vallejo People’s Garden will host the largest Butterfly Festival ever held on the West Coast. Up to 6,000 attendees are expected to attend the Mare Island event, which will take place 860 Nimitz Ave at the Coal Sheds and Mare Island Promenade.

Artisans and small businesses will sell their art, wares, and many fantastic sustainable goods. Community groups will lead pop-up workshops on a wide range of exciting topics, including hands-on free activities. Food vendors and food trucks will offer a variety of cuisines, including vegan and gluten-free options.

For more information, and/or to purchase tickets, click [here](http://www.bit.ly/BABF2024).

Community Resource Fair in Suisun

The city of Suisun is hosting a Community Resource Fair on **Sunday, May 19 from 12 to 4 p.m.** at the Suisun City Waterfront and is looking for vendors to share resources and services available for individuals, families, children and seniors.



To register, fill out this [application](#). For more information, contact ahernandez@suisun.com or jdawson@suisun.com.

Speakers Series: Moffett Field



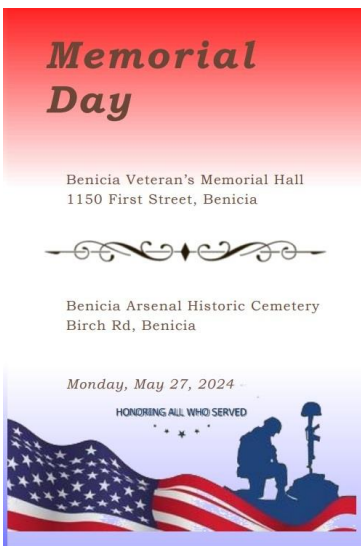
Join Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for a captivating journey through the rich history of Moffett Field! From its humble beginnings in 1931 as a Navy base for observation aircraft to today's Moffett Federal Airfield, witness how this iconic site has played a vital role in shaping our nation's aviation legacy.

Captain Tom Spink, USN (Ret), a seasoned aviator and Chairman of the Board for the Moffett Field Museum, will guide participants through Moffett Field's fascinating evolution. Delve into each era, from the majestic USS Macon of the LTA era to the cutting-edge innovations of NASA and Google.

The speaker's series will take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 19 inside St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Ave, Mare Island, Vallejo.

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

Memorial Day



World Environment Day



Volunteers are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds, remove trash debris collecting along waterways that serve as drinking and irrigation water for Solano County.

Participants will also plant wildflower seeds, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including a kayak tour of Lake Solano.

A free lunch will be served to all participants.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 1. Registration check-in begins at 9 a.m. Sandwiches will be provided after trash cleanups and group photos conclude. Pre-registration for the event and the opportunity to receive a free World Environment Day event t-shirt closes on Wednesday, May 30 at 5 p.m.

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.

Registration is required and can be completed at cleanupsolano.org under the World Environment Day tab. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

For more information, contact Marianne Butler, Event Coordinator, at marianne.butler@solanorcd.org or (707) 678-1655.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, April 27, I sponsored the county event center for Meals on Wheels. MOW celebrated their volunteers who drive the food to our seniors. There was a live band with great music. Wonderful food was provided. I had a chance to talk to retired teacher friends,

I have not seen in a long time. Just a reminder: If you have time, please volunteer to help. For many of our seniors, the food is important but also the human interaction. What if it was you? Who would be there to help you.

Wednesday, May 1, I went to the Fairfield Planning Commission meeting. The city is still working on the General Plan. I will keep you all informed.

Friday, May 3, I attended the Nurse-Family Partnership held at the JFK library in Vallejo. 23 families graduated. The program has a nurse assigned to help with everything from prenatal care to how to take care of a baby. I enjoy going as the toddlers are just fun to watch.

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](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

Supervisor Monica Brown with Dr. Celia Esposito-Noy, Superintendent/President at Solano Community College, and the Solano Falcon mascot.

Photo: Retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Jesse Branch.



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.