

**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

June 28, 2024



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(707) 784-6590

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(707) 784-6200

**Resource Management**

(707) 784-6765

**Registrar of Voters**

(707) 784-6675

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(707) 784-7485

**Area Agency on Aging**

**4th of July events**

*2024 Torchlight Parade*



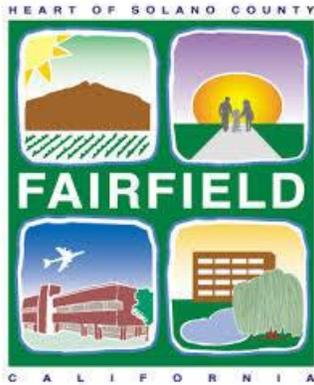
Benicia's Independence Day Torchlight Parade stretches along First Street from B Street to the judging area at Benicia City Park on First and Military Streets.

This parade has seen the turn of two centuries. It is a hometown parade which includes community organizations, clubs and friends and neighbors waving at each other as the parade progresses up the street.

It will take place on **Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

## Independence Day Parade July 4 in Fairfield



The city of Fairfield will host the 2024 Independence Day Parade in Downtown Fairfield on Thursday, July 4. The theme for this year's parade is "An American Journey".

**The Parade will step-off at 10 a.m.** from the corner of Webster and Kentucky Street, continue down Kentucky Street to Great Jones, then turn up Texas Street to Washington. The review stand is located at the intersection of Texas Street and Madison Avenue on the south side of

the street.

ADA parking is available at the Downtown Theatre parking lot - as space allows.

Categories for judging include band, commercial, equestrian, float, military, novelty, vehicle, and walking. Each category winner will receive a \$150 prize. Sweepstakes and Best Use of Theme will receive a \$250 prize.

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

## Vallejo 4th of July Parade



The Vallejo Parade Association, a local non-profit organization, presents the 168th Vallejo Fourth of July Parade with "Step Off" at **10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4.**

This year's theme is **Deep Roots & High Hopes.** The parade starts at Tennessee St. and Broadway and takes the traditional route west to Sonoma Blvd.... then south on Sonoma

... then west again on Georgina Street ... through the beautiful Downtown to end on Georgia and Santa Clara Streets.

Gather your friends and family and plan now to come celebrate our country's birthday and enjoy a great day of fun in Downtown Vallejo and on the waterfront! Stay healthy, be safe and wash your hands!

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

(707) 784-8960

### U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

## Annual Mad Hatter July 4 Celebration



Join the annual Mad Hatter July 4 celebration along with the Vallejo Waterfront.

Activities include:

Artisan Craft Beer & Wine Garden

Live Music & Cultural Performances

Giant Kites

Annual Dog Parade

Adult & Children's Rides & Interactive Activities

Classic Cars

Parade Floats

The Vallejo Waterfront is located at 295 Mare Island Way

## The Spirit Ship Celebration on Mare Island



Celebrate the 4th of July with an unforgettable evening on Mare Island, featuring a dazzling drone show illuminating the sky, a tempting array of food trucks offering delicious bites and refreshing beverages including a craft cocktail and mocktail lounge, a fun kid's zone, energizing music by DJ TURN UP, and spellbinding magic by the renowned illusionist Jade - creating a truly magical Independence Day extravaganza perfect for the whole family.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and layers and settle in for a fun evening for all ages.

**The event will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, July 4, at the Mare Island Promenade, 860 Nimitz Avenue on Mare Island in Vallejo.**

For more information, and/or to purchase tickets, click [here](#)

## Information this Week

### **BAHFA to Place \$20 Billion Affordable Housing Bond Measure on November Ballot**



The [Bay Area Housing Finance Authority \(BAHFA\)](#) this week adopted a resolution to place a general obligation bond measure on the November 5 general election ballot in each of the nine Bay Area counties to raise and distribute \$20 billion for the production of new affordable housing and the preservation of existing affordable housing throughout the region. BAHFA is jointly governed by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)'s Executive Board and by the BAHFA Board, which is comprised of the same membership as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Today's unanimous vote by the BAHFA Board marks the final discretionary step in the process to place the measure on the November ballot. Under state law, each Bay Area county will now take a non-discretionary, ministerial vote to place the measure on the ballot in that county, in accordance with election deadlines.

The BAHFA bond measure currently would require approval by at least two-thirds of voters to pass. Voters throughout California this November will consider Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA 1) — which would set the voter threshold at 55 percent for voter approval of bond measures for affordable housing and infrastructure. If a majority of California voters support ACA 1, the 55 percent threshold will apply to the BAHFA bond measure.

The proposed BAHFA bond measure calls for 80 percent of the funds to go directly to the nine Bay Area counties (and to the cities of San Jose, Oakland, Santa Rosa and Napa, each of which carries more than 30 percent of their county's low-income housing need), in proportion to each county's tax contribution to the bond. In consultation with its cities and towns, each county would determine how to distribute bond funds to best meet its jurisdictions' most pressing housing needs. These distributions would include:

- Alameda County: \$2 billion
- Contra Costa County: \$1.9 billion
- Marin County: \$699 million
- Napa County: \$118 million
- San Francisco County: \$2.4 billion
- San Mateo County: \$2.1 billion
- Santa Clara County: \$2.4 billion
- Solano County: \$489 million
- Sonoma County: \$553 million
- City of Napa: \$246 million
- City of Oakland: \$765 million
- City of San Jose: \$2.1 billion
- City of Santa Rosa: \$242 million

The remaining 20 percent, or \$4 billion, would be used by BAHFA to establish a new regional program to fund affordable housing construction and preservation projects throughout the Bay Area. Most of this money (at least 52 percent) must be spent on new construction of affordable homes, but every city and county receiving a bond allocation must also spend at least 15 percent of the funds to preserve existing affordable housing. Almost one-third of funds may be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing, or for housing-related uses such as infrastructure needed to support new housing.

The California Constitution currently does not allow bond funds to be used for tenant protections such as rental assistance, but planned investments in new housing and affordable housing preservation will protect tens of thousands of low-income renters and vulnerable residents.

The BAHFA Board today also adopted resolutions approving the Authority's Business Plan and its Regional Expenditure Plan, which explain the prioritization for use of the funds that would be directly administered by BAHFA.

Oversight and accountability provisions to be included in the BAHFA bond measure include the creation of a special bond proceeds account; establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee that would review the expenditure of bond proceeds and report to the BAHFA and ABAG Executive Boards on whether the funds were spent appropriately; an independent annual performance audit; a requirement that all bond-projects be consistent with state laws on labor standards; a requirement that administrative costs not exceed the amount prescribed in state law; and a prohibition against any public official who voted to send the ballot measure to the voters bidding on any work funded with proceeds from the bond.

Photo credit: Joey Kotfica

## California launches Sun Bucks

Earlier this month, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) announced the upcoming launch of SUN Bucks in California, a new federal food program designed to ensure that children in families with low incomes have adequate nutrition while school is out for the summer.

"Keeping children healthy is a top priority for California, and I'm grateful to our many federal, state, and local partners for making this program a reality for California children and families," CDSS Director Kim Johnson said. "California is among the first states in the nation to launch this new food program, which will help ensure families have food on the table during the summer."



Children who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals through a school meal application or an alternative income form, or who receive CalFresh, CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal, are automatically enrolled.

Most families will not need to take action to receive SUN Bucks. SUN Bucks cards are scheduled to arrive in the mail beginning June 2024 and continue through fall 2024. Eligible families will receive SUN Bucks electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards that can be used just like CalFresh benefits to purchase groceries.

SUN Bucks will provide \$120 per child, which is equivalent to \$40 per month for the three months schools are typically closed during the summer.

This new program is being implemented in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE). In addition to SUN Bucks, the Summer Meal Programs provide opportunities for children in need to access meals during the summer months. For more information, click [here](#).

## Public Hearings

### Vallejo police chief recruitment



The poster features the Vallejo Police Department logo and a scenic background of a waterfront at dusk. It lists three community meetings for the recruitment process, including dates, times, and locations. It also identifies the host, Bob Hall & Associates, and the Vallejo City Manager, Andrew Murray. Contact information for questions is provided at the bottom right.

**Vallejo Police Chief Recruitment Community Meetings**

Join Executive Recruiters Bob Hall & Associates and City Manager, Andrew Murray to discuss what you would like to see in Vallejo's next Police Chief. Three opportunities to share your ideas and thoughts will be available on the following dates:

**MEETING #1 (Online)**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 - 6:30 pm  
**ZOOM LINK:** <https://bit.ly/VPD-chief>

**MEETING #2 (In-Person)**  
**WHEN:** Saturday, June 29, 2024 - 10:30 am  
**WHERE:** Vallejo City Council Chambers  
555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA

**MEETING #3 (In-Person)**  
**WHEN:** Thursday, July 25, 2024 - 6:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Vallejo Room - Below JFK Library  
505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA

**BH**  
Bob Hall & Associates

Hosted By:  
Executive Recruiters,  
Bob Hall & Associates

&  
Vallejo City Manager,  
Andrew Murray

**Questions?**  
P: 707.648.4363  
E: [human\\_resources@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:human_resources@cityofvallejo.net)

### Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission invites input on the Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Transportation-Air Quality

#### Conformity Analysis for the 2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

The [Draft 2025 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) is a funding document that helps implement the public's policy and investment priorities reflected in [Plan Bay Area 2050](#), the region's long-range plan. Updated every two years, the TIP reflects the Bay Area's near-term transportation investment priorities and helps some of the most significant projects and programs become a reality. It includes projects that support all modes of travel, such as transit,

highways, bridges, local streets and roads, biking, walking and freight movement.

The Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2025 TIP is also available for public comment. The Conformity Analysis demonstrates that both the TIP and the plan comply with federal transportation air quality regulations.

**The public comment period for both documents will remain open through 5 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024.**

Written comments will be accepted online at [mtc.ca.gov/TIP](http://mtc.ca.gov/TIP), via email to [info@bayareametro.gov](mailto:info@bayareametro.gov) (include "Draft 2025 TIP Comments" in the subject line) and by mail to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Attn: Draft 2025 TIP Comments, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105.

**Members of the public are also invited to submit oral comments during MTC's July Programming & Allocations Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024.**

- The meeting agenda, Zoom link and accessibility instructions will be posted online to MTC's [Meetings & Events page](#) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date.
- See [detailed instructions for participating on Zoom](#).

Questions? Contact MTC's Public Information Office at (415) 778-6757.

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## Updates from around Solano County

### What's Happening Around Town?



Updates from Caltrans about future projects.

### Fairground Diamond Interchange Project

Where: SR-37/Fairgrounds Dr in Vallejo

When: Target groundbreaking is Fall 2024

Why: This project will alleviate current and future traffic congestion and enhance safety for all transportation modes, including pedestrians, bicycles, and scooters. The project aims to improve mobility equity and provide better access to major attractions such as Six Flags, upcoming Solano development, and local and regional bus services.

These improvements will benefit commuters traveling to Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, Napa County, and all within the city of Vallejo.

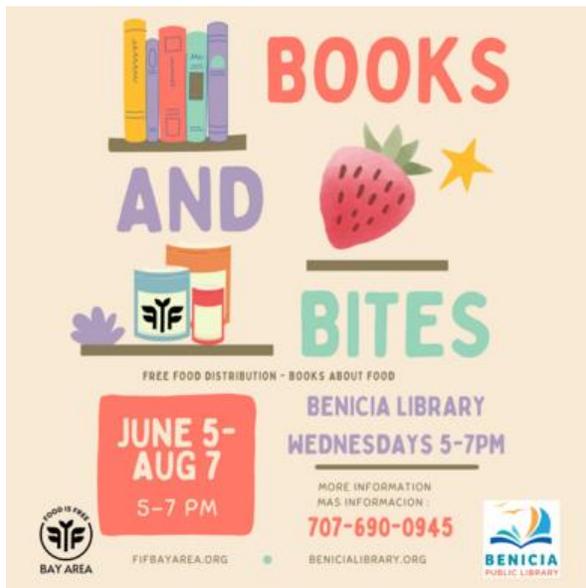
### State Route 29 Complete Streets Project

Where: SR-29/Sonoma Blvd, Vallejo

When: Groundbreaking Summer 2025

Why: Complete Streets projects prioritize the safety of all road users by ensuring that streets are designed for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders. By encouraging active transportation and reducing traffic congestion, these projects help lower environmental impact and improve community livability and economic growth by creating attractive, accessible, and sustainable streetscapes.

## Books and Bites



## Soltrans



On Monday, July 1, Solano County Transit (SolTrans) will eliminate paper passes as a fare payment option on all Local Routes and

Express Lines. Paper passes will continue to be accepted on Paratransit buses.

This crucial change is part of their broader strategy to modernize public transportation in Solano County and ensure a smoother, more efficient ride for all passengers. SolTrans already offers several digital fare payment methods to ensure a seamless transition for its riders:

- **Token Transit**: A user-friendly mobile app allowing riders to purchase and activate passes directly from their smartphones. Simply download the app, purchase your fare, show the activated pass to the driver, and board your bus. It's that easy – Tap, Show, and GO!
- **Clipper Card**: A versatile contactless smart card that supports both cash value and various passes. The Clipper Card is the all-in-one transit card used for contactless fare payments throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **Clipper START Card**: A means-based fare program offering eligible riders a 50% discount.  
For those who prefer traditional payment methods, SolTrans will continue to accept exact cash and coins for purchasing one-way fares and day passes onboard all local and express buses.

In November 2023, the SolTrans Board approved the initiative to go paperless. Starting in January 2024, SolTrans staff began extensive outreach efforts to inform and assist riders with the transition. These efforts included hosted events at the Vallejo Transit Center (VTC), where staff provided hands-on assistance and information about the new digital fare options. This proactive approach ensures that riders are well-prepared and comfortable with the upcoming changes.

All SolTrans paper passes expire and are not refundable or exchangeable. Current passes expire Sunday, June 30, 2024, and will no longer be valid for travel after the expiration date.

By embracing digital payment options and eliminating paper passes, SolTrans continues to lead the way in creating a more efficient, eco-friendly public transportation system. We are dedicated to providing our riders with the best possible service and appreciate your support during this transition.

Solano County Transit (SolTrans) has been the public transportation provider for south Solano County since July 2011.

## **Vallejo's sideshow deterrence efforts**

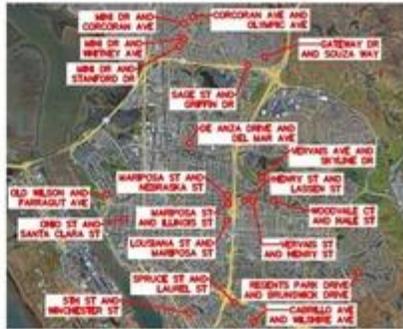
# CITYWIDE SIDESHOW DETERRENCE PROJECT

The Public Works Engineering Division has been working on a project that will reconfigure 15 intersections to deter sideshow activity. The intersection reconfiguration is anticipated to begin June 2024 and be completed in October 2024. This project is a pilot project and will be re-assessed in 6 months for successes and improvements that need to be made.

Woodvale St. and Hale St.  
 Regents Park Dr. and Brunswick Dr.  
 Old Wilson and Farragut Ave.  
 Santa Clara St. and Ohio St.  
 5th St. and Winchester St.

**The 15 project intersections are:**

- Corcoran Ave. and Olympic Avenue
- Mini Drive and Corcoran Avenue
- Mini Drive and Whitney Avenue
- Mini Drive and Stanford Drive
- Gateway Drive and Souza Way
- Sage St. and Griffin Drive
- De Anza Drive and Del Mar Avenue
- Vervals Ave. and Skyline Dr.
- Henry St. and Lassen St.
- Henry St. and Vervals St.



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## Vallejo police vehicle obtainment



On Thursday, June 26, the Vallejo Police Department conducted an abandoned vehicle abatement operation to address the current complaints about abandoned vehicles on public streets throughout the city.

The operation involved both sworn and civilian personnel and covered mainly north and west Vallejo. During the operation, **171 complaints were checked: 120 vehicles were gone on arrival, 39 vehicles were towed, 3 vehicles were tagged to be towed, and 2 stolen vehicles were recovered.**

Abandoned vehicles contribute to blight and are a concern for many of our community members. The Vallejo Police Department conducts

daily checks for abandoned vehicles throughout the city and there will be large-scale abatement operations conducted at least once a month.

Community members are encouraged to report abandoned vehicles in Vallejo by calling the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline at 707-648-4682 or visiting our website to [file an abandoned vehicle report online](#).

## Vallejo Reptile and Oddities Expo



The Vallejo Reptile and Oddity Expo returns this summer at the Solano County Fairgrounds.

**The expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 20 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 21, at the Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive in the city of Vallejo.**

This is the first and only expo to bring you the best vendors in the reptile and oddity community with prices that fit any budget. Professional breeders will be in attendance to offer a large selection of snakes, lizards, tortoises, amphibians, isopods, scorpions, tarantulas, and more for you to purchase at the expo.

You can buy all the supplies you need to set up any cage, including live plants, bowls, logs, hides, tanks, and other habitat essentials.

Also in attendance will be vendors who will bringing you all kinds of handmade items such as homemade chocolate, horror-themed bath bombs and soaps, unique displays, amazing taxidermy, and many more unique and one-of-a-kind items for purchase.

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



The Artiszen gallery is collaborating with Mare Island Art Studios (MIAS) to present the Art of Community Art Exhibit!

This exhibition celebrates the diverse artistic talents within the Vallejo community and will unfold over three consecutive weekends, each offering its own unique flavor. Embracing the old school Artiszen 'Art of Community' style, they aim to bring the community together and celebrate that magical "Vallejo Art Renaissance" that began 10 years ago, while looking forward to a future filled with even more community art!

This month-long exhibit will showcase the incredible talents of local artists and celebrate our vibrant community. Here's what you can expect:

### **Dates of Show/Open Gallery Times**

**Weekends Aug 10- Sep 1, 2024**

**Saturdays 12 to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 4 p.m.**

August 10: Opening Artist's Reception, featuring both familiar artists from Artiszen's past shows and exciting new talents as well as refreshments

August 17: Fashion Market and Upcycle Fashion Show showcasing local talent and sustainable fashions on the runway; vendors offering fun vintage/steampunk/homemade clothes, accessories, and jewelry; as well as delicious food, refreshing drinks, and a selection of beer and wine

August 24: Celebration Day, an extravaganza of live music, delectable food, and crafted cocktails.

In addition, a month-long community art project featuring a "CommuniTree" will run concurrently, inviting community members to decorate and inscribe messages on it. The goal is to transform this into a permanent and dynamic outdoor installation at the Mare Island Art Studios.

## **Solano Library**

While computer services, phone lines, and WiFi continue to be unavailable at all Solano County Library locations, the libraries remain open so you can attend programs and check out items.



The library's 24/7 digital library is also available so you can enjoy eBooks, streaming movies, and more.

Chromebooks are available for in-house library use. Library card required. Please talk to staff if you need assistance printing.

## New MCE website



It's easier than ever to find rebates, incentives, and information about clean energy options for MCE customers in Marin, Napa, Solano and Contra Costa Counties.

Bay Area residents, businesses, contractors, and job seekers have the latest details and tools at their fingertips to save money and energy while confronting climate change.

Since launching in 2010, MCE has grown to serve 1.5 million residents and businesses while offering an expanding suite of cutting-edge clean technology services. The not-for-profit, public electricity provider has invested over \$246 million to uplift the local economy, create green jobs, and support cleaner air for all.

**Visitors can navigate through MCE's offerings and quickly find out which programs they are eligible to participate in.**

- The [Rebate & Incentive Finder](#) provides a customized list of offerings based on each person's needs, including federal, state, local, and MCE incentives that can be combined to maximize savings.
- The [Explore Programs & Offers](#) page helps residents, businesses, organizations, and industry partners to easily filter and identify ways to save energy and money.

**MCE's website is available in several languages, enhancing its accessibility for customers.**

The new site features a refreshed brand and logo, which reflect the environmental and health benefits of renewable energy. New brand colors are inspired by the stunning landscapes and flora of MCE's member communities across Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano Counties.

MCE's website URL remains the same: [mceCleanEnergy.org](http://mceCleanEnergy.org)

# 1st Saturday donations

**1ST SATURDAY DONATIONS**  
FOR OUR UNSHELTERED NEIGHBORS

TOGETHER, WE CAN. TOGETHER, WE WILL!

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT:**  
Sleeping Bags  
Tarps & Tents  
Can Openers  
Water  
Batteries (all sizes)  
Pet Food  
Deodorant

**SADLY, AT THE MOMENT WE CAN NOT ACCEPT:**  
Bars of Soap  
Lotion  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Hand Sanitizer  
Masks

**1st Saturday Drop-Offs**  
Moose Lodge #468 - 337 Nebraska St. Vallejo Parking Lot  
To schedule your drop-off, email: [admin@vallejogether.org](mailto:admin@vallejogether.org)

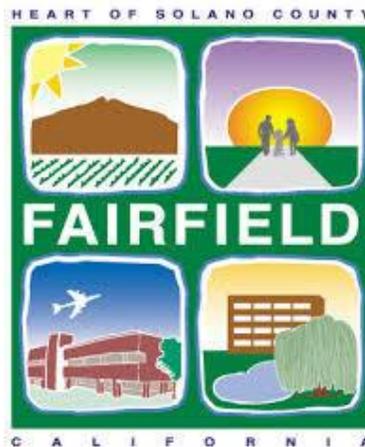
(707) 238-2296   [www.vallejogether.org](http://www.vallejogether.org)   [admin@vallejogether.org](mailto:admin@vallejogether.org)

# Fairfield unveils new utility billing system August 21

The Fairfield Municipal Water Utility is transitioning to a new online customer portal, *MyFMU* by SilverBlaze, on August 21. This new portal will replace the current online billing platform and is designed to significantly enhance user experience and will be accessible on desktop and mobile devices.

The *MyFMU* portal will offer several new features including:

- Enhanced autopay
- Access to payment history
- Detailed water usage history



Once the *MyFMU* portal is launched customers will need to re-register using the same account number.

Please be advised that the City will no longer absorb credit card fees. For customers registering for autopay and paying with a credit or debit card, a fee of \$2.95 per payment will be charged by the credit card

processor. Payments made via ACH, check, or cash will not incur additional fees.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/myfmu](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/myfmu). For questions call a Customer Service Representative at (707) 428-7346.

## Fairfield to release water quality report

The city of Fairfield released its 2023 Consumer Confidence Report, detailing the quality of tap water as it compares to State Water Resources Control Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards. The report includes details about where Fairfield's water comes from and what it contains.

Fairfield's drinking water is sourced from Lake Berryessa and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and is treated at the City's two water treatment plants – Waterman and North Bay Regional. Based on a series of tests, the quality of Fairfield's drinking water meets or surpasses all industry standards.

The public can view the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report on the website by clicking [here](#).

To have a report mailed to your home, please call (707) 437-5387.

## Solano HEALs Prenatal Groups



*Preparing for pregnancy and childbirth with a supportive community of Doulas.*

### Who should attend...

Pregnant Black women seeking a supportive environment to safely learn to process their trauma and develop techniques to support their pregnancy journey.

### What to expect...

- A supportive community of pregnant women
- Improved insight into your pregnancy journey and how to empower your experience

Groups will be on Wednesdays, from Oct 2nd to Nov 20th 5-7 p.m. on Zoom



Scan to fill out the interest form!

A preliminary information session is required before the group begins.

www.solanoheals.com | solanoheals@gmail.com



Solano HEALs will be holding prenatal groups specifically for African American families. Who should attend? Pregnant Black women

seeking a supportive environment to safely learn to process their trauma and develop techniques to support their pregnancy journey. Groups will be on **Wednesdays from October 2 to November 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom**. To fill out the interest form, click [here](#). Contact [solanoheals@gmail.com](mailto:solanoheals@gmail.com) for any questions.

## Solano Community Health Hub



**SOLANO COMMUNITY HEALTH HUB**  
MEMBER OF CHMRC

### Community Resource Fair

Pop in and get a FREE \$10 GIFT CARD!

- Help with employment/career development
- Aliados Health to host Park-it-Market with FREE fresh fruits and veggies
- Food bank resources / sign ups for EBT & CalFresh
- Assistance with navigating affordable healthcare
- Resources for veterans: housing support, homelessness prevention & employment services.
- Education Opportunity: College Summer Healthcare Program
- Volunteer Opportunities: CHMRC's Medical Reserve Corps.

**FOOD BANK**  
of Contra Costa & Solano

**TOURO**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
OF SOLANOCOUNTY

**Anthem**

**NATION'S FINEST**

**Alti CHI** Community Health Initiative

**Aliados Health**

**ncnw**  
NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

**Date:** Every 4th Monday  
**Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Solano Community Health Hub, located in the Solano Town Center.  
1350 Travis Blvd, Suite 1492-A

## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Benicia Community Picnic



THE FIRST ANNUAL

# BENICIA COMMUNITY PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

**YOU BRING:** A PICNIC LUNCH & A BLANKET & CHAIRS!

**EVENT'S PURPOSE:** HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN WITH THE COMMUNITY!

**WE PROVIDE:** A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE!  
LAWN GAMES, A JUMP HOUSE FOR THE KIDS THANKS TO PLAN IT INTERACTIVE!

FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT DOGS AND PERSONAL BBQ'S ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CITY PARK.

Questions: 707-746-4285  
[pcs@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:pcs@ci.benicia.ca.us)

11am - 3pm at City Park  
First Street @ Military West

# Writing from your Soul

Solano County LIBRARY

FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL POETRY EVENT

**"Writing from your Soul"**

Come hear featured poet and cellist, Diane Frank, who will incorporate poetry and music. Poetry open mic to follow.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**  
**1:00PM - 3:00PM**  
FAIRFIELD CORDELIA LIBRARY  
5050 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE

Poetry and Music  
Diane Frank with Erik levins, Cello

Diane Frank is author of eight books of poems, two novels, and a photo memoir of her 400 mile trek in the Nepal Himalayas. "While Listening to the Enigma Variations: New and Selected Poems" won the 2022 Next Generation Indie Book Award for Poetry. Diane and Erik play cello in the Golden Gate Symphony. She collaborated with Matt Arnerich to create an orchestral suite based on her poem, "Tree of Life."



# Hike and Write

Fairfield Poet Laureate, Suzanne Bruce, is partnering with Solano Land Trust to bring you the fourth

**Hike & Write Event**

Sunday, June 30, 2024  
~~Sunday, June 2, 2024~~

1-4 pm  
9am - 12:00 noon

3100 Lynch Canyon Rd

Parking \$5

The hiking level is medium and will be about 2 miles. A docent will be leading us, sharing history and stories. Bring pen and paper Bring water and snacks. Wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.

Please email Suzanne at [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com) by Thursday, May 30th if you are coming, we need to have a headcount!

Due to an illness, the original Hike and Write event for June 2 was rescheduled to June 30.

The hiking level is **medium** and will be about 2 miles. A docent will be leading the group, sharing history and stories. **Bring pen,**

**paper, water and snacks. Wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes.**

Please email Suzanne at [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com) by **Thursday, June 27** if you are coming. A headcount is needed.

Please let Suzanne know if you are able to come, even if you were on the list for June 2.

**The Hike & Write will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, June 30, Lynch Canyon, 3100 Lynch Canyon Road.**

## **BBQ Hoe-Down at the ARC**



The city of Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department invites you to participate in for a good old-fashioned Country BBQ Hoe-Down **Thursday, July 11 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center (ARC) located at 1200 Harry Price Drive.**

Get ready to have a boot-scootin' finger-popping good time at the ARC. Indulge in a mouth-watering homestyle BBQ lunch and step it up with the lively country line dancers.

The event costs \$15 per person.

To purchase tickets, sign up at the ARC or click [here](#). For more information, call (707) 428-7421.

## **Just Jazz: Concert Celebration of Recovery and Restoration**

NAMI Solano kick-off our [NAMIWalks Solano 2024](#) with a Special Celebration of the Recovery and Restoration achieved through the



Critterock will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 14 at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in downtown Vallejo.

For more information, and/or purchase tickets, click [here](#).

## 3rd Annual "Country Night at Rush Ranch"

★ JOIN SOLANO LAND TRUST FOR OUR ★

### COUNTRY NIGHT AT RUSH RANCH

FEATURING

**LOCKED-N-LOADED**

**MYRIAH MONET AND THE LITTLE FRIDAYS**

**SAT. JULY 20, 2024 ★ 3:30 TO 7:30 PM**

**Rush Ranch Open Space**

**3521 Grizzly Island Rd. Suisun City, CA**



Food Trucks  
★  
Local Wine & Beer  
★  
Line Dancing  
★  
Dessert Auction & Raffle  
★  
Proceeds go to  
Solano Land Trust

Tickets \$35 ★ [solanolandtrust.org/country-concert](https://solanolandtrust.org/country-concert)



Thank you to our  
generous sponsors:



Join the Solano Land Trust for a concert in the park at its 3rd Annual "Country Night at Rush Ranch" **which will take place from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20.**

#### Local Entertainment by:

- Opening Band MYRIAH MONET AND THE LITTLE FRIDAYS
- and Headliner LOCKED-N-LOADED

There will be a silent auction (including a signed Guitar by LOCKED-N-LOADED) along with food trucks by Buckhorn Grill and Di Filippo Wood Fired Pizza

#### Local Artisan Vendors:

- Brazelton Farms
- OK Corral
- Rush Ranch Outfitters Shop
- Laura Ann Designs Hand-made Jewelry

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the evening or donate a raffle item, please reach out to [Laura@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:Laura@solanolandtrust.org)

**Day of Event:** Please make sure you dress appropriately for the weather. The event will be under the eucalyptus trees there will be shade and sunshine. Bring your own chair, blanket, sunscreen, etc. Entrance will open at 3 p.m.

**Ticket Details:**

\*Ticket Details: Ticket sales end 24 hours prior to the event.

\*Tickets are transferable and nonrefundable

**Beverage Details:** Wine & Beer will be available for purchase, no outside alcohol is allowed \*No coolers allowed.

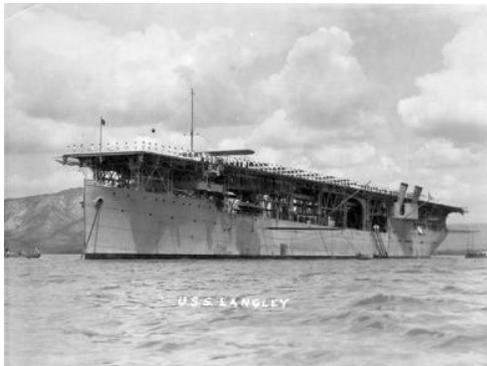
To purchase tickers, click [here](#).

## Waterfront Festival

The popular summer event is back with a splash! Benicia celebrates its picturesque waterfront locale with two days of live music, microbrew tastings, arts & crafts marketplace, delectable gourmet foods, and kids' activity area.

**The festival will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday July 27 and Sunday, July 28.**

## Speakers Series: USS Langley



The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation will host Dr. David Winkler, renowned naval historian and retired Commander of the U.S. Navy, for a captivating discussion on his latest book, "America's First Aircraft Carrier: USS Langley," published by the Naval Institute Press.

**The event will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island.**

Dr. David Winkler brings a wealth of knowledge from his extensive career as a naval historian. With over 25 years as the staff historian at the Naval Historical Foundation and roles with the National Maritime Historical Society and Naval War College, his contributions to naval history are profound. Dr. Winkler's academic background includes a Ph.D. in history from American University and numerous publications,

including "Cold War at Sea" and "Amirs, Admirals, and Desert Sailors."

Tickets are limited! Purchase your tickets today.

- Advanced Tickets: \$15
- MIHPF members receive a \$5 discount
- Tickets at the door: \$20

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

## Compost giveaway



Save the date, there will be a free compost giveaway on **Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alvarez Ninth Street Park in the city of Benicia.**

- Bring your own containers.
- No bags please.
- For Benicia Residents only and by appointment to reduce waiting time.

To sign up, click [here](#).

## 33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival



Join the community at the 33rd Annual Tomato & Vine Festival in downtown Fairfield from **11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, August 17 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, August 18.**

A variety of tomatoes to sample and buy, live music and performances, beer and wine gardens, kid's activities, a car show, and more!

This year's festival will bring back tomato alley, a tomato eating contest, two beer and wine gardens, two stages, ten bands, a car show, and so much more! Premiering this year is a "Salsa & Salsa" class and canning demonstration.

### **Want to be a vendor?**

Contact Juan Segura at (707) 428-7584 or [jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov).

**The vendor deadline is July 22 at 5 p.m.**

## **Mare Island Founders Day 2024**



Step back in time and join the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation for a blast from the past! Celebrate 170 years of Mare Island's history at the Founders Day extravaganza.

**On Sunday, September 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.**, immerse yourself in family fun, live music, silent auctions, and more. Entry is free, with paid activities for all ages. Don't miss this nostalgic celebration! Remember to bring your own chair for a comfortable day of festivities!

The festival will take place at the Admiral's Mansion, 1065 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island.

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

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## **Events I attended this week**

**Friday, June 21**, I attended the Annual Dinner/Dance Gala Night at the Filipino Community Center. Many, many people attended. I would like to give a shout out to Eloise Scott for the invitation. I had a wonderful time.

**Tuesday, June 25**, I usually do not mention attending the Board of Supervisors meeting since that is part of the job, but Tuesday's meeting was different. The board received a presentation from the Registrar of Voters on the results of the random signature verification of the Rezoning of 17,500 acres of land in East Solano to allow the Development of a New Community Petition.

The board had 3 options:

- 1) Adopt the initiative as is;
- 2) Approve a resolution to place a measure on the November 2024 Ballot; or
- 3) Order a report assessing impacts of the initiative before placing it on the ballot

The board voted on number 3. The report must be presented no later than July 23, 2024 meeting.

**Wednesday, June 26**, I was in Benicia at the library as every Wednesday up to August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm the library is hosting a special food bank to help the local families. FYI Next Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> the food bank will not be operating since Benicia Main Street will be sponsoring the Torchlight Parade. We will return on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm. I hope to see everyone at the Parade. I am grateful to live in the United States of America and Solano County. I am honored to represent the best district in Solano County. Have a nice holiday.

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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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## Newsletter photo

District 2 celebrates the 4th of July, wishing everyone a safe and sane holiday. Photo by John Glidden.

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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.