



# Solano County *California*

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March 1, 2024 Newsletter



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## Ramadan



Ramadan is considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. In Ramadan, Muslims commemorate the revelation of the Qur'an, and fast from food and drink during the sunlit hours as a means of drawing closer to God and cultivating self-control,

### 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

gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. Ramadan is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur'an and performing special prayers. Those unable to fast, such as pregnant or nursing women, the sick, or elderly people & children, are exempt from fasting.

For Muslims, Ramadan is a time to train themselves both physically and spiritually by avoiding any negative acts such as gossiping, backbiting, lying, or arguing. Muslims welcome Ramadan as an opportunity for self-reflection and spiritual improvement, and to grow in moral excellence. Ramadan is also a highly social time as Muslims invite each other to breakfast together and meet for prayers at the mosque.

## Target vandalism



Vallejo police are asking for the community's help in identifying a person of interest in a suspected arson that caused over \$3 million in damages to a Target store on Saturday. The fire was started at approximately 3 p.m. at the Admiral Callaghan Lane location.

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

## Information this week

### Sen. Bill Dodd issues statement on plan submitted by California Forever



State Senator Bill Dodd, D-Napa, issued a statement this week expressing his opposition to California Forever's plan to build a new megacity of up to 400,000 people on the outskirts of Fairfield in Solano County.

According to the press release, Senator Dodd called "the so-called California Forever proposal deeply flawed and irresponsible

## 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

suburban sprawl with the potential to displace farmers, worsen traffic congestion and hamper national security operations at the adjacent Travis Air Force Base."

"I've been skeptical since day one, but reserved my judgment as I gathered more facts," Sen. Dodd said. "It is now crystal clear to me that this project is bad for Solano County. This group of mega-rich developers from Silicon Valley are trying to steamroll the surrounding community, bypassing a proper, thorough vetting which they know they can't pass. What they're proposing will drastically and irreversibly alter the area. It's not right, and it's time for all those who value thoughtful policymaking and Solano County's future to stand up against it."

The press release goes on to say: "Sen. Dodd joins a chorus of community leaders including dozens of elected officials who are speaking out against California Forever. The list of opponents include Congressmen John Garamendi and Mike Thompson, Fairfield Mayor Catherine Moy and Suisun City Mayor Pro Tem Princess Washington.

Opponents cite a number of problems with California Forever including:

- No plan for traffic impacts on one of the most dangerous and congested roads in the county.
- Conversion of much needed agricultural land.
- Housing would interfere with Travis AFB, which plays key national security role.
- Developers seek to bypass public planning processes and environmental reviews.
- Need for housing in the region, but this is not the location or way to do it.
- With three iterations in already, it's clear there are substantial problems with no answers in sight."

## **Vision for new affordable city in California meets skepticism from locals**

Also this week, PBS News Hour explored the proposal from California Forever:

Cities worldwide are becoming overcrowded, overpriced and a source of global warming. That's why a group called "California Forever" is looking to build a livable, affordable, and eco-friendly community near San Francisco. But some local officials and residents are skeptical about the proposal. Paul Solman visited the area to find out if the developers' dreams could come true.

To watch the report, click [here](#).

## Celebration of Life for Dennis Albright

The local community is Invited to Celebrate the life of Dennis Albright, who passed away on Feb. 8, 2024.

The celebration of life will take place from **1 to 4pm, Saturday, March 9** at Green Valley Country Club, 35 Country Club Drive in Fairfield.

To RSVP, please click [here](#).

- When the webpage opens, you will see Dennis' name in white letters on a purple background. Do **NOT** scroll down.
- Instead, on the right half of the page, click on "**CONTINUE**"
- Click on the "plus" sign button to indicate how many attendees will be in your party.
- Enter the names of each attendee.
- Enter your email address & click "**CONTINUE**".
- You will get a confirmation email from RSVPIFY.

### DIRECTIONS to GREEN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB:

- From the northern outskirts of Vallejo, head north on I-80 towards Fairfield, and drive for approximately 7.2 miles.
- Take Exit 40 toward Green Valley Road, and drive for 0.8 miles.
- Turn left onto Green Valley Road toward Chapman University/Vallejo. Drive for 3.2 miles.
- Turn left onto Country Club Drive. Continue for 0.3 miles, until you arrive at the Green Valley Country Club, 35 Country Club Drive.

## Spotting a card skimmer is hard. Here's how to do it

Card skimming is estimated to cost consumers and banking institutions more than \$1 billion each year, [according to the FBI](#). It occurs when crooks install devices on ATMs, gas pumps or point-of-sale terminals and then steal your data in order to steal your money.

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

## ReCoverCA Housing Program

Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$500,000 to repair and reconstruct their homes or up to \$50,000 for wildfire mitigation retrofits to reduce risk and improve resiliency in the event of future

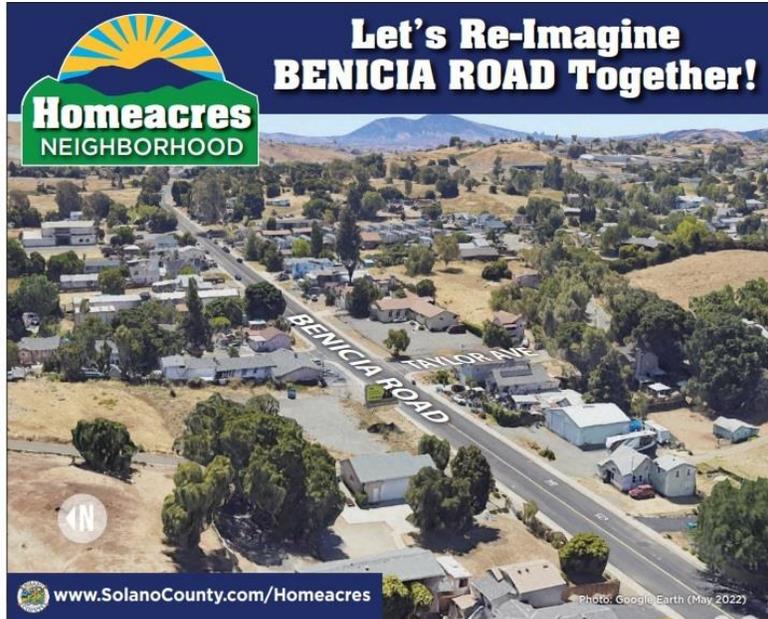
disasters through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's ReCoverCA Housing Programs.

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

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## Public hearings

### Benicia Road Design Workshop



The Solano County Department of Resource Management Planning Services Division is hosting a three-day design workshop inviting Homeacres property owners and residents to help identify ways to envision a safer and more attractive neighborhood along the County portion of Benicia Road.

The workshop will be occurring **Thursday March 14 through Saturday March 16 at the Vallejo JFK Library-Joseph Room** at 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Drop in visits and discussions are available every workshop day from 10am to 5:30pm.

Volunteer architects from around the region are committed to participating and sketching designs in real-time for area residents and developers to get a glimpse of Benicia Road's potential future. This is the first-time Solano County Planning will be hosting this type of workshop which is more widely known as a design charrette.

The focus area is between Glen Cove Road/Rollingwood Drive and Homeacres Avenue.

## **Listening sessions for Solano's Master Plan for Aging**

Input is needed from older adults, people living with disabilities, caregivers, LGBTQ+ individuals, stakeholders, and community leaders to participate in Listening Sessions during April and May 2024.

Residents will have an opportunity to provide input – confidentially – on what they feel are unmet needs and proposed solutions to best support residents in awareness and access to services and supports, affordable housing, enhancing transportation and more. Sessions will be scheduled at Solano Senior Centers and online via Zoom.

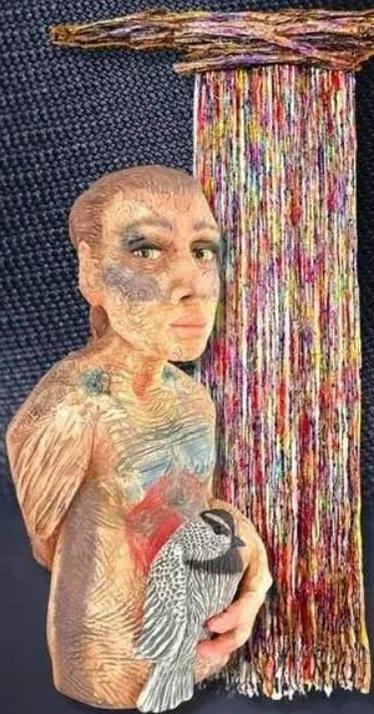
If you would like to host, attend or help with a listening session, email Dr. Norma Lisenko at [normalisenko@innovativehealths.com](mailto:normalisenko@innovativehealths.com). Visit [www.mpasolano.com](http://www.mpasolano.com) for more information

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## **Updates from around Solano County Solano County Jewish community art event**

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum in association with  
Askari Sowonde Productions/Curator present:

**THE JEWISH PEOPLE—STORIES, VOICES, VISIONS**  
A MULTI-MEDIA ART EXHIBIT



**MARCH 3 THROUGH  
MARCH 24, 2024**

OPENING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3 3 - 8P

CLOSING  
SUNDAY MARCH 24 1 - 6P

**VM VALLEJO**  
NAVAL & HISTORICAL  
**MUSEUM**

734 MARIN ST.  
VALLEJO, CA 94590

FREE

“THOSE WHO TELL THE STORY OF THEIR PAST HAVE ALREADY  
BEGUN TO BUILD THEIR CHILDREN’S FUTURE.”  
-RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS Z”L

JOIN US AS WE LEARN ABOUT AND CELEBRATE THE ARTS, CULTURE AND  
STORIES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SOLANO COUNTY.

FOOD & CHILDRENS AREA - INFO:(510) 407-0411

You are warmly invited to the opening of the Solano County Jewish community art event: The Jewish People—Stories, Voices, Visions, a Multi-Media Art Exhibit.

The free and family friendly opening event on **Sunday, March 3 from 3 to 8 pm**, will feature an exhibit of Solano County artists curated by Vallejo’s Askari Sowonde~Productions, unique collections from community members, from Chabad of Solano County, Congregation B'nai Israel, and more. It will feature presentations, including a brief history of the Jewish Community of Solano County by the authors of the book of the same name, music, poetry, delicious food and a children's area.

The evening concludes from 6 to 8 p.m. with the powerful film, *Who Will Write Our History*, (which may not be appropriate for children under 13) followed by a panel discussion.

The Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum is located at 734 Marin St, Vallejo.

## Humane Society fundraiser



Looking to add some sweetness to your Easter celebration? See's Candies Easter Fundraiser is here to help! Treat your family and friends to a delectable range of chocolates and candy, all while making a positive impact on the

lives of animals in need at the Humane Society of the North Bay (HSNB).

When you make a purchase, 20-50% of your order will be donated to this worthy cause. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make a positive impact this Easter - the online store is open until March 15th, giving you just enough time to receive your treats before Easter.

To order, click [here](#).

## Solano Express 2 for 1 Promotion



Solano Mobility, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority, is welcoming back Solano Express riders with this special limited time offer, available now to June 30, 2024.

Riders who purchase a 31-Day Pass can receive a Clipper Card (\$125 cash value, limit one per household). All Solano County workers and residents aged 18 and over are eligible. Use on regional transit service on Solano Express, San Francisco Bay Ferry, and BART.

For more information and to sign up, visit [www.solanomobility.org](http://www.solanomobility.org), call (800) 535-6883, or click [here](#).

## Hero Girls Fire Camp

Ever wanted to use a chainsaw, climb an aerial ladder, or cut a car apart? This is your chance to have fun and learn some firefighting skills!

Hero Girls Fire Camp is free and is happening on the weekend of April 13 & 14 for girls ages 14-18. Registration is now open. Click here for more information and/or to [register](#).

## **Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health's Five-Year needs assessment community survey**

What health challenges does your community face? Solano Public Health's Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Bureau's Five-Year Needs Assessment reviews the health of Solano County mothers, infants, children and adolescents as well as the health systems that serve them.

Your input for the next needs assessment will help us paint a clear picture of our community health needs and help us create action plans for future programs and services.

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

## **Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort #10**



SOLANO COUNTY BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM PRESENTS

## *Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT)*

FREE VIRTUAL GROUP SERIES (COHORT #10)

**9-Week  
Group Series Begins:**

**Wednesdays,  
April 10, 2024  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Additional Dates (Wednesdays):  
4/17/24, 4/24/24, 5/1/24, 5/8/24,  
5/15/24, 5/22/24, and 5/28/24**

**In-Person Graduation: 6/5/2024**

**Full details on eventbrite:  
[Here](#)**

Expand your sisterhood village  
while enhancing your  
motherhood journey!

Topics Include:  
Nurturing, Attachment,  
Parenting, Self-Care, Discipline  
Communication, Goal Setting,  
Relationships, and more!



Registration: [Here](#)

Solano Public Health's Black Infant Health Program is offering their virtual 9-week Mocha Mommas Thrive series that will begin on **Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30pm and will be held online.**

Expand your sisterhood village while enhancing your motherhood journey. Topics that will be covered include nurturing, attachment, parenting, self-care, discipline, communication, goal setting, relationships and more!

To register, click [here](#).

## **Free Success with Diabetes classes**

Join the Success with Diabetes program where you will learn how to live a healthier life with diabetes over the course of six sessions. Improve your quality of life and prevent complications from diabetes, make sense of your lab values, improve your eating

habits and more! Sessions will be held at the Autumn Leaves Apartments in Vacaville and starts on **Friday, March 8.**

To register, click [here](#).

## **Solano County Fair seeks performers for 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee**



The Solano County Fair announced that applications are now open for performers to be considered for the 75th Annual Solano County Fair - Diamond Jubilee, scheduled to take place from June 13 to 16.

The fair is actively seeking talented performers to showcase their skills and entertain the diverse audience which attends the fair each year. Whether you specialize in music, dance, magic, comedy, or any other form of entertainment, you are invited to apply and become part of this historic celebration.

To submit your application, click [here](#).

## **Volunteer Opportunity with Fairfield PAL Teen Center**

**Fairfield PAL Teen Center**

**Laser Tag  
Coaches and  
Equipment  
Volunteers  
Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to help organize a laser tag league for local teens. Volunteer as equipment captains or team coaches and help us set our phasers to fun at the Fairfield PAL Teen Center!

There is a short process to become a PAL Volunteer that includes a DOJ background check and Mandated Reporter Certification (California Assembly Bill No. 506). All costs are covered by the program. For more information, please call 707 249 1379.

Scan me



Contact Us! **707 249 1379**




Volunteers are needed to help organize a laser tag league for local teens. Volunteer as equipment captains or team coaches and help kids have fun at the Fairfield PAL Teen Center. For more information, call (707) 249-1379 or click [here](#).

**First 5 Solano Request for Applications**



The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission (First 5 Solano) has released its Request for Application

("RFA #2024-01) for its Annual Grants Program.

The Annual Grants Fund is designed for one-time projects to address the needs of children ages 0-5, their parents/caregivers, and/or providers of services to children ages 0-5 in Solano County.

The Commission has committed up to \$120,000 in annual grants for FY2024/25. Multiple grants of up to \$20,000 each will be

awarded for up to a 1-year period from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Applications will be accepted for a wide variety of activities that align with the First 5 Solano Strategic Plan Framework and address a gap in services, address a community disparity, and/or address a time sensitive community need.

A mandatory letter of intent is due by February 12 and applicants must also attend a mandatory grant development session. The complete application is due by **March 11 at 5pm**.

For the complete RFA, instructions for submitting a Letter of Intent and the application, click [here](#).

## **March calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall**

The March calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

March 3 **The Navy Reserve Birthday**

4 **Hug a G.I. Day**; This holiday was started by a private citizen, Adrienne Sioux Koopersmith, and has since made national headlines and become a part of the informal [national holiday](#) calendar.

5 **Navy Seabee** birthday, “We build, we fight.”

6 **VFW AND Aux** meeting is 1900 hours; Hot dogs

8 American Legion hamburgers with Gary and friends

13 **AMERICAN LEGION / AUX** meet at 1900 hours, Hot Dog night; **K9 Veterans Day**

15 **American Legion will celebrate its 102nd birthday**; hamburgers with Sons of The American Legion

19 **House commission meeting 1830 hrs.; Hot dogs with Boys Under the Hood**

20 **SONS AMERICAN LEGION** meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs

21 **Rosie the Riveter Day**

22 hamburgers with American Legion Auxiliary

29 hamburgers with VFW, National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our nation’s Vietnam veterans and their families for their service

and sacrifice. There are 5 objectives with Vietnam Commemoration and the other four are:

- Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war
- Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens
- Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war
- Recognize contributions by our Allies

## **Solano Public Health Seeking coalition members for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention collaborative**

The Solano County Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention Collaborative is looking for residents and community partners with a passion for youth substance use prevention.

Drug use deaths and overdoses are on the rise, and the collaborative wants to hear from the community about how it can protect the community. If you are interested in joining the coalition, contact Traci Osborne at [TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com) for an invitation.

Meetings are quarterly from 3 to 4:30pm.

## **Probability 2**

You are cordially invited to Probability 2, an interactive exhibit of sound sculptures at the NY2CA Gallery, 617 1st Street in Benicia. **The exhibit runs from February 1 through March 17, Thursday to Sunday, noon to 5 pm.**

Probability 2 is a new exhibition of interactive sound sculptures made collaboratively by visual artists Bodil Fox and Larnie Fox. The exhibition will be on display at NY2CA Gallery and combines materials favored by Bodil (copper, concrete, wire, felt, mixed media surface treatment) with those favored by Larnie (bamboo, plywood, recycled materials, motors).

The exhibition will be anchored by a performative installation covering the main walls with self-playing and playable wall-mounted amplified sound sculptures.

## **Arts Benicia**

Arts Benicia has another important collaboration with the **Benicia Community Action Council** in a spring fundraising event for both organizations. The fundraiser will



feature a home cooked chili dinner (vegetarian or meat), to be purchased in advance and picked up on **Saturday, March 23 between 1 and 4pm** at the BCAC office at 480 Military East. The meal costs \$55.00 and includes a unique ceramic bowl created by a local artist.

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 our town'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 the Arts Benicia website. For full listings, visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, email [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org)

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### The Cold War: Mare Island's Secret War Beneath the Waves



The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation invites you to the Speakers Series: The Cold War: Mare Island's Secret War Beneath the Waves.

Join Master Chief Bill Linne and the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation as they present the story of Vallejo's own nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine. Built at Mare Island during the crucible of the Cold War, the submarine was the most powerful warship on earth built and manned under the highest national priority to address an existential threat to our nation.

In 1957, the Soviet leader slammed his shoe on the podium at an international conference and vowed to bury the West. The USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN 658) had but one purpose: to prevent a Soviet preemptive nuclear attack. Her mission was to ensure that any attempt at a nuclear first strike by the Soviets would result in an unstoppable Armageddon being unleashed upon them.

**The presentation will take place at 3pm, March 3 at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Ave, Mare Island, Vallejo.**

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

## **The Muses Speak**



# The Muses Speak

Creative Writing Students

## Poetry Reading

March 7, 2024 12-1:30 pm

### In Person:

Quinton Duval Reading Area/  
Solano Comm College Library  
4000 Suisun Valley Rd, Fairfield  
(Parking \$2 at kiosk)



### Online:

Scan for zoom

### Presented by:

Fairfield Poet Laureate

Suzanne Bruce

&

English Professor

Michael J. Wyly



QUESTIONS?  
fairfieldpoetlaureate  
@gmail.com



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce and Solano Community College English Professor Michael J. Wyly invite you to come and listen to poems written by SCC creative writing students from **12 to 1:30pm, Thursday, March 7, Solano Community College Library: Quinton Duval Reading Area, 400 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.**

Parking: \$2 paid at Kiosks. The library is in the center of the campus.

Map: <https://welcome.solano.edu/fairfield-campus/>

Or connect through this [Zoom link](#). No registration required.

## St Pat's Beer Crawl



The poster features two glasses of beer at the top with labels that say "luck of the Irish". To the left, a green starburst contains the text "Saturday March 9th 1pm-5pm". The main title "St. Patrick's Day BEER CRAWL" is written in a green, stylized font. Below the title, it says "Let out your Irish cheer and sample craft beers inside participating downtown businesses. Wearing green is encouraged, but not required to have fun!". To the right of this text is a QR code. Below the QR code, it says "Ages 21 and older" and "\$30 Advance/\$40 Day of Event". At the bottom left is a circular logo for "BENICIA MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN BENICIA" with a shamrock. At the bottom right, it says "Tickets available at Benicia Main Street 90 First Street, or online at BeniciaMainStreet.org 707-745-9791".

**On Saturday, March 9 from 1 to 5pm**, St. Patrick's Day Beer Crawl brings Irish cheer to Downtown Benicia. A variety of craft beers will be poured at participating downtown shops, providing a fun-filled opportunity for Irish-themed revelry.

Tickets are \$30 advance for a single ticket and day of the event the price increases to \$40. Participants must be age 21 and over. Check-in starts at 12:30pm at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street. Map of tasting locations and ID wristband will be provided per ticket holder at check-in.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at Benicia Main Street, 90 First Street, or online [HERE](#).

EventBrite tickets close at 11:59 pm Friday, March 8, but tickets can still be purchased in the store day of starting at 12 noon.

## **Movers & Shakers Breakfast Summit**

The Vacaville Chamber's **annual Movers & Shakers Breakfast Summit will be held March 13, at 8am inside** Vacaville Opera House, 560 Main Street, Vacaville.

This is the Vacaville Chamber's premier advocacy event of the year, bringing together policymakers and business leaders from throughout the county. The event will once again feature a State of the City presentation by Vacaville Mayor John Carli and City Manager Aaron Busch, along with a plated breakfast and networking.

Following the presentation, the city will be providing bus tours of select Vacaville sites for attendees to see first-hand what's in store for Vacaville's fantastic future.

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

## **Viewing of "The 50"**



The Solano County Probation Department will host a screening of "The 50" on **Friday, March 15, at 5pm, at the Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street in Vallejo.**

This event is supported by a federal grant under the Opioid Response program, with funding provided by the California Department of Healthcare Services.

The film documents the first 50 men to complete the California State Prison Solano [Occupational Mentor Certification Program \(OMCP\)](#), and takes us through their journey to become Certified Substance Abuse Counselors while incarcerated.

Several of the certified counselors work locally with Solano County youth so this presents an exciting opportunity for young people to learn from those with lived experiences and likely similar environmental experiences.

To register, click [here](#).

## “A Poetry Affair”

★ Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce ★  
is hosting

**A POETRY AFFAIR**  
*a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose*

The gala will feature past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo with Special Guest:  
**California State Poet Laureate**  
★ Lee Herrick ★

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**  
**2:00PM – 4:00PM**  
**FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**  
**1150 KENTUCKY STREET, FAIRFIELD**

Poetry Open Mic to follow



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting “A Poetry Affair,” a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose featuring past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City and Vallejo with Special Guest: California State Poet Laureate Lee Herrick.

Poetry open mic following the reading of the poets laureate.

**The gala will take place between 2 to 4pm, Saturday, March 16, inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.**

## Tea Time chat

Join Touro's Mobile Diabetes Education Center (MOBEC) for their Teatime Chat at the Florence Douglas Center in Vallejo on **Thursday, March 21 from 10 to 11am**. The Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street in Vallejo.

Living and aging means feeling great, doing what you love to do with the people you care about. Come enjoy some tea and find out about a lifestyle change program that can help you achieve your health goals with the support and care from a Certified Lifestyle Coach.

To RSVP, call (707) 638-5970 or email [tuc.mobec@touro.edu](mailto:tuc.mobec@touro.edu)

## Holi festival - Benicia

A vertical poster for the Holi Festival Festival of Colors. The background is a vibrant, abstract painting of colors including purple, blue, pink, red, and yellow. The text is presented in white, bold, sans-serif font within black, rounded rectangular boxes. The text reads: 'HOLI FESTIVAL FESTIVAL OF COLORS', 'APRIL 7, 2024', '2-5 PM', 'CITY PARK ON FIRST STREET IN BENICIA', 'PRESENTED BY: HELPING HAND INDO-AMERICAN A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION', 'CONTACT ARVIND NISCHAL FOR MORE INFO: 707-853-4693', and 'ARVINDNISCHAL13@GMAIL.COM'.

**HOLI FESTIVAL  
FESTIVAL OF COLORS**

**APRIL 7, 2024  
2-5 PM**

**CITY PARK  
ON FIRST STREET  
IN BENICIA**

**PRESENTED BY:  
HELPING HAND INDO-AMERICAN  
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**CONTACT ARVIND NISCHAL FOR MORE INFO:  
707-853-4693  
ARVINDNISCHAL13@GMAIL.COM**

The Holi festival of colors will take place from **2 to 5pm, Sunday April 7** at city park along First Street in Benicia. The event will be hosted by the non-profit Helping Hand Indo-American.

## Line Dancing Party



The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a light orange background. It features a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts. The main title 'Join Us for a LINE DANCE Party' is at the top left. Below it, the date and time 'MAY 4, 2024 1 PM-6 PM' are listed, followed by details about dinner and the theme. The location 'BENICIA CLOCK TOWER' is also provided. On the right side, it says 'A Community Event Presented By' followed by the logo for 'INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS'. Below that, the ticket price '\$30' is shown next to a QR code. A URL for ticket purchases is provided, along with a 'please RSVP' notice and contact information for assistance. At the bottom, there is an illustration of four diverse people dancing, with a logo that says 'EVERYBODY LOVES LINE DANCING'.

**Join Us for a  
LINE DANCE  
Party**

**MAY 4, 2024  
1 PM-6 PM**  
Dinner will be served.  
Latin/Cinco de Mayo themed.

**BENICIA CLOCK TOWER**  
1189 Washington St. | Benicia, CA

A Community Event  
Presented By

 **INNOVATIVE  
HEALTH  
SOLUTIONS**

**TICKETS  
\$30** 

<https://SecondAnnualLineDanceParty.eventbrite.com>

**please RSVP**

Contact our help line if you need  
assistance purchasing tickets:  
(707) 684-4376

  
**EVERYBODY LOVES  
LINE  
DANCING**

Set your calendars for the 2nd Annual Line Dance party, scheduled from **1 to 6pm, Saturday, May 4** at the Benicia Clock Tower, 1189 Washington Street in the city of Benicia.

The event will celebrate Latin heritage, but there will be line dance instructors from all forms of line dancing. Dinner will be served around 3pm. There will also be resources for older adults.

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

## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, February 24**, I attended the Crab Feed held at the Benicia Veteran's Hall. The event space was full, and the food was great. There was a 50/50, raffle items, scouts to bring our food, old friends to say "hi", and new friends to make. I always enjoy myself and this event always feels like a family reunion.

**Sunday, February 25**, I attended the Benicia Public Library "We are all Related" author event. The February 25<sup>th</sup> author was Cozbi A. Cabrera. This was one of the best author readings I have ever attended. Ms. Cabrera was engaging; she showed the audience a section of a Martha Stewart show that introduced to the world the handmade dolls Cozbi made. I knew after watching this segment that this author was extraordinary. She told us how she created her books. How she illustrated them and how she came up with her stories. I purchased her books. The books "My Hair is a Garden," and "Chef Edna," were available at the event. Her other books are on order. I was honored to have her autograph them.

I want to thank Jennifer Baker, the librarian in charge of the Benicia library, who somehow finds the time to write the grants that brings the extra joy to us. Also, thank you to the others who helped put this event together. As I write this, I am still thinking about Sunday.

**Friday, March 1**, (yes, March), It is Read Across America time. I was able to go to Pennycook Elementary school and read to three classes. I continually enjoy this school. Students are always engaged, the staff works well together, and the classroom teachers make me feel at home. If your child talked about numbers and math today that is because we read about the 10 Easter eggs.

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## Newsletter photo

Officer's Quarters on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo. Photo:  
Monica Brown

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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.