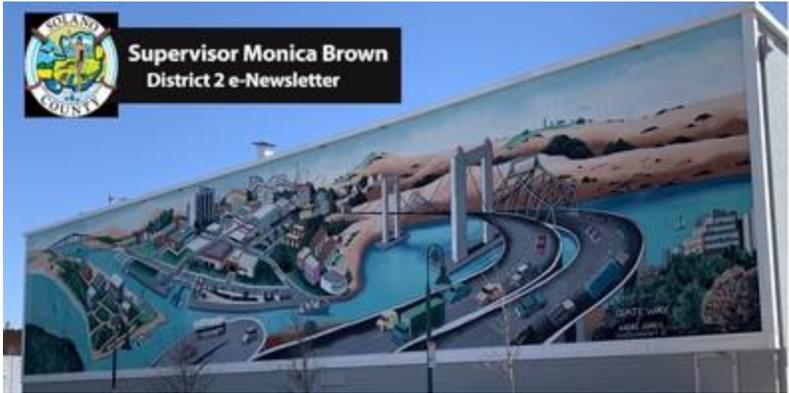




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**Important Numbers Resources and Dates**

**District 2 Office**

(707) 784-3031

**Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office**

(707) 784-6100

**Veterans Services**

(707) 784-6590

**Health & Social Services**

(707) 784-8400

**Assessor/Recorder**

(707) 784-6200

**Resource Management**

(707) 784-6765

**Registrar of Voters**

(707) 784-6675

**Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

**Area Agency on Aging**

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**Information this week**

**Bay Area Bike to Wherever days coming in May!**

Get out and bike to work, shop, and play with Bike To Wherever days in the Bay Area this May! This will be promoted across the nine Bay Area counties leading up to Bike To Work day on May 18. For more information, read the press release from MTC [here](#), or click [here](#) to go to the official website.



**Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District**

On **Wednesday, June 21 at 9am**, the board members of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will host a public hearing to discuss amendments being made to the State Implementation Plan. These amendments would change the rules in order to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide emissions that come from gas-fired space

and water heaters. Click [here](#) to read the full announcement or visit the District's [website](#) to access the meeting via Zoom.

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

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

(707) 784-8960

### U.S. Social Security

(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

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## Public notices

### Public informational hearing on proposed SR 37 toll lanes

Next week, the California Transportation Commission will host an informational hearing to receive public comment on the proposed toll lanes along State Route 37. The in-person public hearing will be from **5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday, April 24** inside the Joseph Room at the John F. Kennedy Public Library in downtown Vallejo, 505 Santa Clara St. The hearing room will open to the public starting at 5pm with project information available.

The hearing also will be live streamed online. Join via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89975318179> or join by phone: (669) 900-6833

### Caring for Caregivers event

Join partners from Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for a virtual event focused on Master Plan for Aging's Caregiving which will focus on hearing testimonials from caregivers in the community; learning about the direct care workforce, unpaid family caregivers, the digital divide and the financial burden of affording care; discovering the investments made in the state's Master Plan for Aging; engaging directly with elected officials; and learning effective tools for advocacy.

The free zoom event will be held on **Friday, April 28, 9am to 12pm**. To register, click [here](#).

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## Updates from around Solano County

### Benicia Water line update



On Thursday, Benicia residents and business owners received some good news as the city set the water conservation at 20 percent. Officials had set the conservation rate at 40 percent when a transmission line was damaged due to a hillside collapse near I-680 and Gold Hill Road on

March 29.

Officials also announced the successful installation of a water bypass line, which will be expanded to accommodate summer water usage. Benicia officials said that plans for permanent repairs for the main line are being conducted in partnership with the city of Fairfield. The repairs are expected to take more than a year.

For more information, including tips on how to conserve water and the most recent updates on the bypass line, click [here](#).

## **Congratulations to the Benicia High School Debate Team!**



Congrats (from left to right) to sophomores Tristan Espana and David Sanders, junior Gabriel Stockwell, senior Conner Bush!

Benicia High sophomores Tristan Espana and David Sanders earned another award for the Benicia High Debate Team finishing 7th out of 27 teams at the National Parliamentary Debate League tournament last weekend.

The novice debaters worked besides veterans Conner Bush and Gabriel Stockwell, as they trained with coach Juhi Yadav, Benicia alum, class of 2022.

## **Quarterly meeting of the Solano County Military & Veterans Committee**

The Solano County Military and Veterans Committee is hosting their quarterly meeting on **Thursday, April 27 from 10am to 12pm** at the Suisun Veterans Memorial Building. You can view the full agenda [here](#), which includes items about Toxic Exposure Risk

Activity and its relation to the PACT Act, ending homelessness for veterans, and much more.

## Solano Ag Pass - don't miss your chance to apply

Members of the Solano agricultural community are encouraged to apply for the newly-approved ag pass program. This program helps to better prepare commercial farmers, ranchers, ag processors, and horse stable operators in the event of natural disasters and pre-approves entrance to evacuation areas in emergencies. Training is required to obtain a pass. For more information on how to apply and training dates, read the press release [here](#). Please note this is the only time this year the pass will be available.

If you would like to apply, please note that **you must attend training on April 21 and April 27**. For more information on these trainings, view the Ag Pass website [here](#).

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



Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) has extended the application period for their home rehabilitation project through **Sunday, April 30, 2023**. This free project aims to help bring safety and healthy living through home renovation and is open to low-income

veterans and surviving veteran spouses, seniors, and disabled people who own a home. If you or someone you know qualifies for this project, you are encouraged to apply. To read more about qualifications, view the flyer [here](#) or download the application [here](#).

## Arts Benicia updates and events



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

them out:

**Next Generation Exhibition:** Until April 23, Arts Benicia is featuring over 200 artworks from Benicia youth, kindergarten through high school. Drawing, paintings, sculptures, and other visual art will be on display.

**Open Studios 2023:** Mark your calendars for **May 6 and 7, 10am - 5pm** for Open Studios 2023. This offers the opportunity to meet the artists of Benicia Arsenal, see their work, and have discussions

about the artistic process. More information to come soon at [this link](#).

**Art classes for adults:** Interested in learning how to use watercolors, oil paints, or reduction woodcutting? Register for these classes and more by checking out the art class schedule [here](#). Most classes are open to beginners.

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

For full details on all of these updates, view the news document [here](#).

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## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Earth Day events across Solano County



Participate in Solano County's 9th annual Earth Day Cleanup on **Saturday, April 22!** Cleanup events will be held in each of the county's seven cities and three of the county's parks. To find the nearest cleanup site to you, click [here](#).

### Earth Day in Benicia

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help clean parks, streets, and other public spaces in the city of Benicia! Gloves, trash bags, and other supplies will be provided at the following locations and times:

- Ninth Street Park, 8 - 11 a.m.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, 10 a.m. - Noon, 614 East 5th St.
- Benicia Public Library, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 150 E L St.



The Benicia Public Library will be transformed into a Sustainability Fair on **Saturday** from **11:30am to 2:30pm** to showcase sustainable products, services, and practices. The fair will also

include educational booths, interactive displays promoting eco-friendly initiatives, and vendors.

## Benicia Diversity Festival

A diversity festival featuring over 10 performances of music and dance by local groups representing the diversity of our community will take place on **Saturday, April 22 from 11am to 5pm**, 266 E B St. The event is free to the public and being is sponsored by Benicia Performing Arts Foundation.

## Vallejo Earth Day cleanup

An Earth Day cleanup will take place along the Blue Rock Springs Creek on **Saturday, April 22, from 9am to noon** in the city of Vallejo. To participate, park for free at the Wardlaw Dog Park lot then follow the path behind the dog park and cross the bridge. Make sure to wear sturdy shoes, and comfortable clothes, including a hat, gloves and sunscreen. Tools, buckets and snacks will be provided.

## "Get connected" at JFK Library

Need to get connected to low-cost internet or phone service? Attend the Get Connected event on **Saturday, April 22 from 10am to 2pm** at the JFK Library in Vallejo. Library staff will be there to help with enrollment in the Affordable Connectivity Program, which provides low-cost or discounted internet service. Representatives from T-Mobile will also be at the event to help participants sign up for Lifeline phones.

## California native plant sale



From **April 24th through the 30th**, the California Native Plant Society's Willis Linn Jepson Chapter is holding an online sale to restore California's natural splendor.

The on-site sale will take place on **May 6th from 10am to 2pm**, at the Heritage Presbyterian

Church, 1400 East 2nd St. in Benicia.

For more information, call (707) 365-1854 or [contact@jepson.cnps.org](mailto:contact@jepson.cnps.org).

## Clean slate day offered by Solano County

Next week, the Solano County Public Defender's Office will host the county's first ever Clean Slate Day on **Friday, April 28** from **10am to 3pm** in the courtyard between 355 and 365 Tuolumne Street in Vallejo.

The event will help individuals clear any past records of felony and misdemeanor arrests and convictions.

Attorneys and paralegals from the Public Defender and Alternate Defender will be available to provide advice and assist with preparing petitions for relief. The event will feature several community organizations to help connect participants with services, including employment assistance, drug treatment, mental health treatment, voter registration, medical care, GED classes, financial literacy and benefits.

For more information on the Solano County Public Defender's Office, including Clean Slate Day, call (707) 784-6700 or visit [www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/PubDefender](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/PubDefender).

## AAPI Heritage Month Paint Night

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

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

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

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

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

## Glen Cove garage sale





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

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

## History of Mare Island talk

Come out for a morning of local history at the Benicia Historical Museum and welcome Dennis Kelly of the Mare Island Museum to the monthly History Talks Program. Learn about the Naval installation that supported the defenses of the bay for over a century. The talk will be **Saturday, May 20th from 11:30am to 12:30pm** at the Benicia Historical Museum, 2060 Camel Road.



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

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## Events I attended this week

**Wednesday, April 19th**, I attended the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting. It was held at the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board Room in Suisun City. There are many, many projects being discussed. I know we are all busy, but I would read about LINK 21. The power point has 6 concepts.

The full agenda packet, supplemental materials, and presentation materials will be available for download at [www.capitolcorridor.org/ccipa-board](http://www.capitolcorridor.org/ccipa-board).

It is not clear to me where all the money is coming from to do the projects that are discussed.

**Thursday, April 20th**, I had the opportunity to watch the college's softball team's first game of a double header. The team played Yuba college and we took the first game. If you have not had a chance to see our fabulous softball field, drive the perimeter of the college and look. The weather was perfect.

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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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This week's newsletter photo is of a mural of the city of Vallejo. The mural is located along Sacramento and Georgia streets in downtown Vallejo. Photo by John Gidden.



First elected in 2016, Monica represents District 2 on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. District 2 encompasses the city of Benicia, the portion of Vallejo south of Georgia Street, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley and a portion of Fairfield.