



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN AUGUST 6TH, 2021 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

COVID

I know all of us wish we were done with this pandemic. The last year-and-a-half has been the most trying time many of us have ever experienced in our lives. I wish I could report that our numbers are good. Unfortunately, I cannot. Solano County's positivity rate, hospitalizations and number of new cases are far too high.

The good news, however, is that the vaccines provide a strong level of protection against this disease. In every part of the country, we are seeing that the overwhelming majority of those hospitalized and/or dying from Covid are unvaccinated. Please get vaccinated if you have not already and please encourage everyone you know to get vaccinated. Vaccinations are the most effective thing to stop this pandemic.

There are many opportunities to get vaccinated in Solano County. There is a vaccine clinic in the Solano Mall every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am-7pm on the second floor right next to the Build a Bear shop. There are multiple other vaccination opportunities in the county.

I know that the issue of a mask mandate is something that is being discussed among many in our community. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has advised that residents in areas with high transmission of the virus wear masks. Solano is in an area the CDC recommends wearing masks. The overwhelming majority of Bay Area public health officers have issued a mask mandate. Solano is not a part of that.

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

I have contacted the County Administrator and Solano's public health officer and told them that I want a mask mandate implemented in Solano County. As only one of five supervisors, I do not have the power to order a mask mandate or order staff to implement one. I stand with the CDC and most of the Bay Area's public health officers in following science and recommending wearing masks in public.

(707) 784-6675

Registrar of Voters

"It will probably take months before enough Californians are inoculated to reach herd immunity." Experts believe the threshold to be between 70% and 85%. (I have heard 90%.)

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk

..." millions of uninoculated Californians-a group that includes all children young than 12, who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated- remain at high risk of potential infection"

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

"In Sonoma County, 100% of Covid patients in our ICU are people who had the opportunity to be vaccinated but chose not to, Health Officer Dr. Sundari Mase Said"

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

Wearing masks provide an extra layer of protection for all residents.

(800) 772-1213

LA TIMES 8/4 pg. 15

GET VACCINATED Schools are opening. It is our job as adults to protect our kids.

I AM ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO WEAR THEIR MASKS IN PUBLIC. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS AND DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

To see where to get vaccinated and to see our Covid numbers, please visit:

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp#Mass_Vaccine_Events

<https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67>

BENICIA VETERAN'S HALL EVENTS

Open Monday through Saturday 4-9 PM, (until further changes allow us to be open, call Pete (707-389-9175) if you have questions about times and days).

FROM THE GRILL:

Monday- “Dealer’s Choice” Mitsy Parr has stepped up! Seems to be pasta day.

Tuesdays- **Judy’s hot dogs** and more by Oren, so be sure to get one or two.

Wednesday- Meeting Club to provide either potluck or some other plan.

Third Wednesday-SAL w/Scott’s Street Plow Tacos

Fourth Wednesday-Scott and Oren’s Famous Pizza

Thursday- “Dealer’s Choice”

Fridays- Burgers and more by Pete and the guys.

Spencer’s House Karaoke – Hosted by **Oren** on fourth Wednesday of every month
1900 hours

Saturday- “Dealer’s Choice”

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Individuals appointed to serve on the BAAQMD advisory council will receive a \$500 per meeting stipend. If you are interested in applying, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=qu9dha69Yk6B5Tu3ggT8OtvsoVwgUkVOlzCeBT8VWM9URVRYNEpXQUhSMzFCRVY1Vk45VUtTMThJUC4u>

PLAN BAY AREA 2050

A meeting about Plan Bay Area 2050 will take place on Tuesday August 17th from 9:30 am to 11 am. For more information, please

visit: <https://www.planbayarea.org/meetings-events/august-17-2021-august-17-2021/draft-plan-bay-area-2050-and-draft-implementation>

https://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/plan-bay-area-shows-possible-napa-county-future/article_4bd0d1dd-11e9-57c7-b230-f0b95f08faf1.html

CALTRANS CLOSURES

SOLANO COUNTY- Caltrans Bay Area will be working on WB/EB Interstate 80(I-80) at State Route 29 (SR-29) as crews continue bridge demolition work for two consecutive night starting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021- Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

During the overnight closure, crews will be closing the #1 lane on eastbound

I-80 from Carquinez Toll Plaza to Magazine Street starting at 9 PM to 6 AM. At least, one eastbound I-80 traffic lane will remain open at all times.

Crews will be closing the EB I-80 and SR-29 connector ramp overnight starting at 11:59 PM on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 until 6 AM, Wednesday, August 11, 2021. The work will continue Wednesday overnight starting at 11:59 PM until 6 AM, Thursday, August 12, 2021.

Motorists are encouraged to use EB I-780 (Curtola Pkwy) off-ramp to WB Lemon Street to State Route 29 (Sonoma Blvd.)

Rio Vista Bridge Scheduled for Overnight Partial Closures

One-way traffic will be in place expect traffic delays

RIO VISTA – Caltrans is alerting motorists that the Rio Vista Bridge on State Route 12 is scheduled for partial nighttime closures next week for ongoing part replacement work.

The bridge remains safe for travel. A Caltrans contractor and structural engineers are continuing with replacing electrical and mechanical parts considered out of date and due for replacement.

Electronic boards will be installed at both ends of the bridge.

The bridge will be under nightly one-way traffic control Monday through Friday for the replacement work.

SCHEDULE:

8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., on August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

SACRAMENTO COUNTY – Caltrans is alerting motorists that the Three-Mile Slough Bridge on SR-160 is scheduled for partial nighttime closure for additional parts replacement. The bridge remains safe for travel.

For motorist and worker's safety the bridge will be under nightly one-way traffic control.

Schedule:

From 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on August 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

SAFEQUEST FUNDRAISER

SafeQuest Solano is a nonprofit in Solano County that provides support and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They will be holding a fundraiser on October 24th in the Suisun Valley. Tickets start at \$20 for early bird admission. If you are interested in attending, you can find more information at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-from-the-heart-tickets-165030547811>

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in signing up for the VA newsletter, please visit: <https://www.va.gov/vetresources/>

CITY OF VALLEJO WEEKLY

The city of Vallejo Weekly has information about a free dump day (for Vallejo residents), information about the American Rescue Plan funding, information on Vallejo redistricting and so much more. For more information, please visit: https://issuu.com/cityofvallejo/docs/vw_vol9_issue31?fr=sNGNkYTM4OTE1MzY

REDISTRICTING

Tomorrow (Saturday August 7th) at 9:00 am, there will be meeting about specifically about District 2 at the Cordelia library. The Cordelia Library is located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield. You can also submit your ideas online and attend the

Redistricting Advisory Committee meetings online. For more information, please visit: <https://redistricting.solanocounty.com/>

INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING RECALL ELECTION

As you are likely aware, the recall election will be on September 14th. Every voter will be mailed a ballot ahead of that date. Solano County will mail ballots on August 13th and they should arrive in mailboxes the week of the 16th through the 20th.

You may mail your ballot back or drop it off at a designated ballot drop off site or at a polling place on September 14th. You may also vote in person and not use your mail in ballot if you prefer. If you choose not to use your mail in ballot, I would suggest bringing it with you to the polling place to surrender.

You may also vote in person at the registrar of voters' office in Fairfield starting August 16th. The registrar's office is located at 675 Texas St on the second floor.

There will be two questions on the recall ballot. The first will be whether the Governor should be recalled and the second will be who should replace the Governor. You do not have to vote for both questions. You may vote on the recall question and leave the candidate field blank, you may vote for a candidate and leave the recall question blank and you may vote for both the recall question and a replacement candidate.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/>

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2021-ca-gov-recall/newsom-recall-faq>

SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

This is a note to teachers:

Looking for staff development? A wonderful group called the Solano Resource Conservation District holds workshops to teach the teachers about the environment in

Solano County. (Think Lesson Plans) The group also sponsors field trips for 3th and 6th graders at NO COST.

Field trips take students and teachers to outdoor places such as the Marsh, and outdoor parks in the county. Lessons to our students as to why open space is important, for example is a topic when out in the field.

This summer was a 3- day workshop. Day 2: was taking a boat tour of Lake Berryessa. I had a chance to attend. I have never been on the Lake. It is so much bigger than I had thought. I saw 3 Bald Eagles, an egret, and a blue heron. The discussion centered on Climate Change. As I was on the boat, my thoughts went to the Solano County leaders who had the foresight to realize a water supply was needed for our community. I saw the destruction the 2020 fire left on the land. I learned when the fire is extremely hot, the soil has a hard time absorbing water for several years.

I want to thank: Alison, Marianne, Alex, Marc, and all the other folks who put this institute on for the teachers. A shout out to my new 3 BFF's from Fairview.

Contact information: 1170 Lincoln St. Suite 110 Dixon, Ca 95620 Phone: (707) 678-1655 Ext. 3

Email: solanorcd.org

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

There is an advisory for air quality in the Bay Area. For more information, please visit: https://www.ktvu.com/news/air-quality-advisory-issued-as-wildfire-smoke-may-be-visible-in-parts-of-bay-area?utm_campaign=trueanthem&utm_medium=trueanthem&utm_source=facebook

CENTENARIAN RECOGNITION

If you would like to honor a centenarian or a Solano County resident who will turn 100 by Dec. 31, 2021, please send an email to seniorcoalitionsolano@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my update. Please stay safe, spread kindness and support our local businesses.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2



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.



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