



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2021 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

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

Tomorrow is the 20th anniversary of 9/11. It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years. I have been invited to speak briefly about that day. I will be in Vallejo, at the city hall. The event begins at 10am. There will also be an event at city park in Benicia from 7 am until 6 pm. Members of the public are invited to come during this time to reflect.

If you are unable to attend the events around the county, 9/11 is called the National Day of Service/Remembrance. Look around your neighborhood. Is there trash to pick up? Do the street cutters need to be swept of debris? Is there a neighbor who might need a lawn mow?

Together, it does not take much to have a beautiful community. Reflect, that as we can do that, 20 years ago, over 3 thousand went about their day and did not come home.

CORONAVIRUS

We are now a year and a half into this pandemic. I know all of us are exhausted and ready to move on. Our most recent update showed Solano County has made some progress in our COVID-19 numbers. However, we have not yet seen if the Labor Day weekend will impact our numbers. Even with our improvement, we still have a long way to go. The key to beating this virus, as I have said many times and will continue to say, is to get more people vaccinated.

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

Vaccines provide excellent protection against the virus. Even in the relatively small number of cases where vaccinated individuals get COVID-19, we have seen the vaccines provide strong protection against hospitalization and death. As we have heard many times, this is a pandemic of the unvaccinated. President Biden recently announced a major effort to get more people vaccinated. I am thrilled to see this action. Vaccinations are the key.

If you are not yet vaccinated, I plead with you to get vaccinated. Your health and safety are in grave danger if you are not vaccinated. Our hospitals are filling up with unvaccinated individuals. We have seen too many stories of unvaccinated people regretting that decision from the hospital or worse. If you know anyone who is not vaccinated, please encourage them to get vaccinated. We are all in this together and we will only get out together.

Here in Solano County, we will have an item on next Tuesday's Board of Supervisors agenda requesting direction from the Board on a mask mandate and a vaccine mandate for county employees. I will be supporting making both mandatory. You may participate in the meeting either in person or by calling in (see link below).

If you are concerned about the lack of a mask mandate, you may want to call into the meeting. Technically, those who are unvaccinated are required to wear masks in the county building. However, the county does not verify the vaccination status of those coming in and out. It is an honor system.

I imagine the meeting will generate a lot of interest. The decision on how to participate is yours, but I want to make sure you have all the information. You can find the information on how to participate in the link to next Tuesday's agenda below. You may also send an email to the board via the clerk of the board at Clerk@SolanoCounty.com. If you send an email, please send it no later than Monday 1:00 pm to ensure that the Board members see it.

The Advisory Board for the Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting a mask mandate. As the Chair of the Napa Solano Area Agency, I am very thankful for the Advisory Board's work, particularly Vallejo City Councilmember Mina Diaz.

Area Agency on Aging

(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

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

We have many opportunities to get vaccinated in Solano County. The county is offering vaccines at the Solano Mall (1350 Travis Blvd Fairfield, CA, second floor next to Zumies) every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am-7pm. Rapid COVID-19 tests are also available here during the same hours. Appointments can be made by calling 707-784-8655. No appointment is necessary to get a vaccine or a test at this location.

The testing center at the Norman King Center is now open 5 days a week Monday-Friday. If you need to schedule a test, please visit the link below to see how to schedule an appointment for a test and where to get one.

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_community_testing_sites.asp (testing sites)

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp (vaccine sites)

<https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67> (Solano's COVID-19 dashboard)

<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bos/meetings/videos.asp> (link to next week's agenda and how to participate in the meeting)

BENICIA VETERAN'S HALL SCHEDULE

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

FROM THE GRILL: Food serving days will be limited to days as put out on text messages, watch for texts on what nights are having dinners

Monday- "Dealer's Choice" Mitsy Parr has stepped up! Seems to be pasta day.

Tuesdays- Judy's hot dogs volunteers welcomed

Wednesday- Meeting Club as they want or if someone wants.

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

Fourth Wednesday-Scott and Oren's Famous Pizza

Thursday- "Dealer's Choice", volunteers welcomed

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

USDA LOANS AVAILABLE TO SOLANO COUNTY

The USDA has announced that farms in Solano County are now eligible for emergency loans because of the drought. For more information, please visit: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index>

BENICIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM NAMED BLUE STAR MUSEUM

I am so proud to share the news that the Benicia Historical Museum has been named a Blue Star Museum. This means that admission is free to those currently serving in the military and up to five of their family members.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

These stakeholder groups help inform how the county will spend the MHSA funding. If you are interested in attending one of the meetings, please visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeupqTkqE9ElZzW8o9_gfgo-E9LkdDdK (Sept 20th 9am)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEude2tpzguEt33wVKoliE3WiR2LsqrtS9M> (Sept 21st 3pm)

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsc-GgqDMjH9CsntvHOP1IsAtFeljD_WVL (Sept 22nd 5pm)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udeGgri0jHt0IJCcv-EeQyGM0caoRItPG> (Sept 28th 10am)

ELECTION ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The California recall election will take place on Tuesday September 14th. If 50% plus one of voters vote yes, the Governor will be recalled. If less than 50% vote in favor of the recall, the Governor will not be recalled. You may vote for a replacement candidate regardless of how you voted for the recall. You may also leave the replacement questions blank if you chose to.

Every voter was mailed a ballot for this election. You may return your ballot to any city clerk's office (located at your local city hall) in Solano County. You may also drop it off at the Raley's in Benicia during their business hours. You may also drop it off "curbside" (stay in your car, hand your ballot to a poll worker at several locations from now until election day (link for locations included below). You may also return your ballot to any polling place on election day. If you do not wish to vote with the ballot that was mailed to you, you may vote in person at a polling place on election day (link for locations below). You may also vote at the registrar of voters office (675 Texas St Fairfield on the second floor) on Monday and Tuesday next week. For more information, please see:

<https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=35158> (Ballot return and curbside locations)

<https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=35193> (polling locations)

DELTA TUNNEL WEBINAR

There will be a webinar on the delta tunnel project held on September 16th from 6-8pm. For more information, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delta-conveyance-project-virtual-info-webinar-environmental-justice-registration-157826554473>

JOBS

SOLANO COUNTY: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

BENICIA: <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/benicia/default.cfm>

FAIRFIELD: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

VALLEJO: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

Thank you for taking the time to read my most recent update. Please stay safe, get vaccinated, wear your masks, 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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