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Dedication to Gordon Lightfoot

This newsletter I want to acknowledge the death of Gordon Lightfoot. He was 84. I enjoyed his music. Music sing to while in the car, music that was romantic (think "If you could read my mind" and "Sundown") and historically (think "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald") I had the chance over the years to see him in concert 3 times. His music will live on anytime one has their heart broken.

The native Canadian won 16 Juno awards (Canada's Music Awards) and scored eight top 5 albums in Canada during the 1970s. Lightfoot was held in high regard by other artists with Bob Dylan once remarking that "I can't think of any Gordon Lightfoot song I don't like," adding, "Every time I hear a song of his, it's like I wish it would last forever."

Cinco de Mayo

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

Happy Cinco de Mayo from District 2!

The annual celebration recognizes the Mexican army's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. The day is also spent celebrating Mexican American culture which includes street food, parades, and folkloric ballet, among others.

For more information about Cinco de Mayo, click [here](#).

Information this week

Bay Area Bike to Wherever days coming on May 18

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.



Community Action Plan public hearing

The Community Action Partnership of Solano Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA) is hosting a guided discussion on what communities need to improve its employment, education, housing, nutrition, health, income, and transportation in Solano County.

Participants will have an opportunity to review and comment on the 2024-25 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

The discussion will be held in-person and online on **Wednesday, May 31st, noon to 2pm** at Suisun City Hall, 701 Civic Center Blvd. in Suisun City or via Zoom. Phone: 669-900-6833; Meeting ID: 889 4966 1996; Passcode: Solano23!!

Questions may be directed to solano@homebaseccc.org.

Public hearing for the Bay Area Air Quality District Management

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.

(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

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

Bay Trail interactive map now easier to use

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has revamped the Bay Trail Interactive Map to improve easier use on desktop computers and mobile devices.



The San Francisco Bay Trail is a series of more than 350 miles of connected walking and cycling paths around the San Francisco and San Pablo bays. To view the map, click [here](#).

Public notices

Wildfire Awareness Day community event

Solano County will host its inaugural Wildfire Awareness Day on **Saturday, May 6th, from 10am to 2pm**, at the County Administration Center campus, located at 675 Texas Street in downtown Fairfield.

The event is designed to help encourage everyone to take an active role in protecting their homes and communities against wildfire. There will be fire representatives on hand to answer questions, listen to concerns and share ideas on ways to protect our communities against wildfire.

Visitors will have a chance to sign-up for the biomass chipping program, get their emergency go-bag checklist, register for Alert Solano, while also participating in fire extinguisher demonstrations and explore some food trucks.

Children and their families are invited to explore fire engines, come meet Sparky the Fire Dog and join the coloring table.

Fairfield City Council listening tour

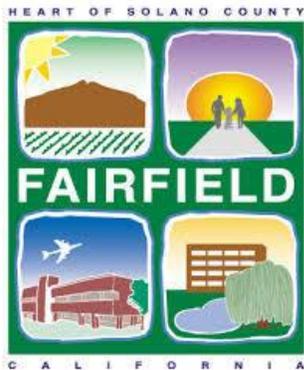
Fairfield Mayor Cat Moy along with the city council will continue to visit each district as part of a "Heart to Heart Listening Tour."

The next session will be held **Saturday, May 27, from 11am to 1pm**, in Councilmember Scott Tonnesen's District 2 at the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, 1111 Webster St.

The tour allows residents the chance to interact with elected officials, meet department heads and staff, learn about city projects, and ask questions.

For the full list of future meeting dates and locations, click [here](#).

Fairfield accepting RFPs



The city of Fairfield is now accepting Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a mixed-use development opportunity in downtown Fairfield located at 1100-1120 Texas Street.

For more information visit fairfield.ca.gov/rfp.

Submittals are due by 4pm, Friday June 2.

National Night Out Registration Open

The city of Fairfield will host its 40th Annual National Night Out (NNO) on **Tuesday, August 1st, from 5 to 8 pm**.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event, promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

During NNO, neighbors host potlucks, front yard chats, and BBQ's to block parties, ice cream socials, and much more! This is your chance to be creative, have fun, and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration for NNO 2023 opened Monday, May 1 and closes Monday, July 17th at 5 pm. Registration is free and allows Fairfield officials an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit.

The first 15 registrants will receive an official NNO2023 gift basket. Register your neighborhood event today at <https://tinyurl.com/FFPDNNO2023>.

Fairfield parks update

During the next few weeks, Parks Recreation & Open Space Master Plan consultants will be in various city of Fairfield parks and open spaces capturing and documenting current conditions of park features and amenities. The information will be utilized to support the PROSMP.



Updates from around Solano County

Solano College softball

Congratulations to our undefeated Solano College Softball team which is preparing to face off against top-ranked Sierra College in the first round of the CCCAA playoffs! The Falcons (12-0) will face Sierra College in Rocklin on **Friday, May 5th at 2 pm** followed by the second game on Saturday, **May 6th at noon**.



All of us need to support our students no matter the grade level.

GO FALCONS!

The Resource Conservation District is hiring

Enjoy working with kids? The Resource Conservation District is looking for program educators to join the award-winning education team for the 2023-24 school year.

The program introduces more than 8,000 students each year to the watershed and the life that depends on it.

For more information, email education@solanorcd.org or click [here](#).

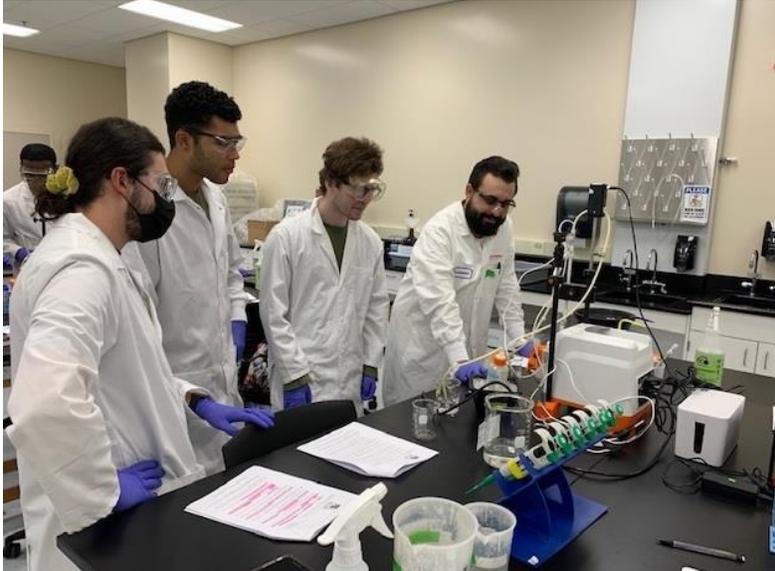
Emergency evacuation zones

Do you "Know Your Zone"?

The Solano County Office of Emergency Services sent out a notice recently to residents in all seven Solano County cities in an effort to prepare residents and businesses for emergencies and evacuations.

To find your zone, click [here](#).

Solano College Biomanufacturing degree program



Solano Community College is still accepting applications for its full time and part time biomanufacturing degree programs. The application will close on July 23rd at 11:59 pm. Apply [here](#).

Link21 awarded \$11.3 million in federal funding

On April 24, the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridor) was awarded \$11.3 million in project development funds for Link21 to be used for program design and environmental advancement.

Link21 is a long-range transportation program sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridor) to transform the train network serving the 21-county Northern California Megaregion. Link21 is planning for the construction of a second underground train crossing of the San Francisco Bay. This crossing will enable riders access to destinations across Northern California.

Upcoming events in Solano County

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary hosts boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will host a full day boating safety class covering introduction to boating, boating law, safety equipment, safe boating, navigation, boating problems, trailering, storing, and protecting your boat, hunting and fishing, and water skiing and river boating.

The course, offered at Brannan Island State Park, maintenance building, 17645 Ca-160, in Rio Vista, will take place on Saturday, May 6th from 8:30am to 5:30 pm. The cost is \$40 and includes the park entrance fee.

As of January 1, 2023, California law requires all boat operators 50 years of age or younger to take a certified safe boating class and carry the California Boater Card to operate a motorboat

For more details, contact Margie Balch, Public Education Coordinator, at (925) 768-1608.

Celebrating healthy local food

Armijo High school students will get to show off their new skills during a showcase **Saturday, May 6th from 9 to 11am** inside the Armijo High School library, 824 Washington St. in Fairfield.

Students who participated in the Healthy Local Food program will share multimedia projects that highlight the importance of growing, cooking and eating healthy food and the importance of local food.

This is also an [opportunity to tour](#) Armijo's school garden and learn how the garden uses waterwise, sustainable practices to grow food for the community and create a welcoming space for students.

Students in the Healthy Local Food program spent twelve weeks learning about the importance of healthy, seasonal, local food by learning culinary skills and how to cook with local produce and meeting in the school garden to connect with growing and understanding our relationship to food. They used their experiences to create multimedia campaigns that include videos, interviews, podcasts, blogs and more!

Glen Cove garage sale on May 6th



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.

Free comic book day

Free Comic Book Day is coming to all 9 branches of the Solano County Library on **Saturday, May 6th!** Comics will be given out to children and teens. All you have to do is show up and you get a free comic!

Arts Benicia updates and events

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



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.

Kids day at Pena Adobe

The Peña Adobe Historical Society is hosting a "Kids' Day at the Adobe" on **Saturday, May 6th from 11am to 2pm** on Pena Adobe Road just off Interstate-80.

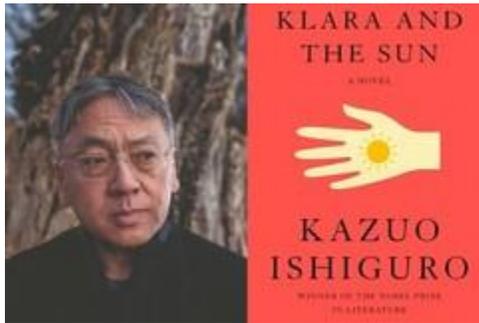
Kids will be able to grind corn on authentic mortar and pestles, learn how the early settlers made butter! Native American Park Docents Armando Perez and James Tunstall will be speaking with park visitors of the Native Americans who lived here before the Peñas and Vacas arrived in the Lagoon Valley.

Sue Chan from California Education Through Animals (CETA) Foundation will bring a few animals from her Phoenix Ranch on Midway Road while she chats with park visitors about her new book "The Whisperers' Way" for teaching and healing children and animals through knowledge, wisdom and heart. Joining Sue, Quinton Mendoza local diving coach of the 707 Diving team will also be on hand to share his love of reptiles! Also joining the fun will be Fairfield Police Officer Michael Peña and his K9 partner Cort.

Cookies and treats will be available as guests listen to the music of the Vacaville Jammers, directed by Terry and Leslie Cloper, the Jammers sing and play a variety of instruments, including guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and harmonica.

This event is free! There is no charge for admission to the park, adobe or museum. For questions call (707) 447-0518 or e-mail penaadobe@gmail.com.

Benicia Public Library Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



In the month of May, the Benicia Public Library will host two events celebrating Asian and Pacific Islanders with the first taking place on **Thursday, May 11th at 2pm**. The discussion will be about Klara and the Sun which is set in a dystopian future in which

some children are genetically engineered for enhanced academic ability. The book discussion will be led by retired English literature professor Carlene Coury. The Benicia Library is located at 150 East L St.

Summer music series

The Fairfield Summer Music series begins **May 12** with "Time Bandits" at the County Greens, located at 600 Texas Street, from **6 to 9pm**. The second concert is "Los Cochinos" on **May 26** in Dover Park, at the same time.

Concerts will be held at different locations throughout the city on Fridays from **6 to 9pm**, and will feature live music, vendors, and food.

For a list of performers, dates, and locations, click [here](#).

College & Career Resource Fair

A post-secondary and career resource fair entitled "Steppin' Up! Rising from Adversity to Empowerment" will take place on **Saturday, May 13th, from 11am to 3pm**, at Solano Community College, 1400 building, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.

Learn about resources and services around higher education, employment, financial aid and housing to help you get started on

your path after high school. Network and connect with peers and community members who can support you on your journey.

The fair is being presented in collaboration with Solano County Office of Education, Solano Community College, VOICES Solano, Solano County Probation, and the Matt Garcia Foundation.

For more information, contact Peter Mcapugay at (707) 399-4817 or at pmacapugay@solanocoe.net.

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](#).

Maykers Market - Small Business Saturday

Both Fairfield and non-residents are encouraged to participate in the city's MAYkers Market event on **Saturday, May 20, from 12 to 5pm** in downtown Fairfield.

This event will showcase downtown businesses and highlight a vendor market pop-up shop featuring local and small shops.

Contact Keisha Mamaril at kmamaril@fairfield.ca.gov for more information.

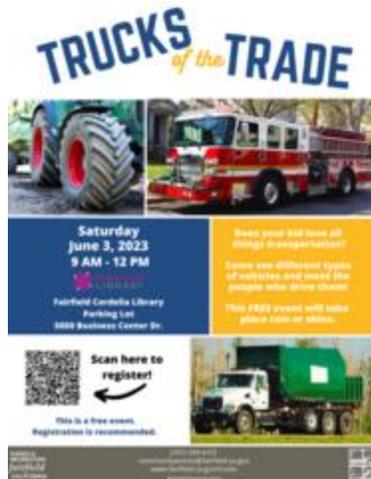
Concert at Benicia Public Library

The musical group Toki∞mono, which consists of husband-and-wife team Chie and Steven Treagus, derives its name from two Japanese words joined by an infinity symbol: Toki = time and Mono = being will hold a concert for original Japanese language songs on Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm inside the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L St.

Trucks of the Trade event

The city of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department will present the Trucks of the Trade event in partnership with the Solano County Fairfield Cordelia Library in June.

Trucks of the Trade will allow kids to see different types of vehicles and meet the people who drive them. The event is free but registration is recommended. All types of trucks and vehicles will be there including a trash truck, bus, fire truck, police vehicles and more!



The event will be held in the parking lot of the Fairfield Cordelia Library on **Saturday June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The library is located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

for more information, call (707) 399-4101 or email communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov.

World Environment Day

Solano and Yolo county residents are invited to celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Solano on **Saturday, June 3rd at 9am** to learn about the Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek watersheds. The event will allow residents to remove trash debris, plant wildflower plugs, create take-home seed packets, and participate in other group and family-friendly activities including kayak tours of Lake Solano.

A free lunch will be served to all participants, who should wear sturdy shoes, work gloves, and sun protection.

Lake Solano County Park, approximately 4 miles west of Winters, CA, on Pleasants Valley Road just south of Highway 128. Volunteers that choose to assist with trash cleanup activities will cleanup at Lake Berryessa and Lake Solano. Parking fees will be waived with a pass provided to event registrants in advance.

This water is also the primary source of irrigation water for growers in the region. Also filling and leaving Lake Solano is Putah Creek, a vital ecological link between the neighboring mountain range and the Yolo Bypass.

To register, click [here](#).

Events I attended this week

Friday, April 28, I was invited to attend a virtual event focusing on the Master Plan for Aging's Caregiving that Works Bold Goals. I served on a panel with other Supervisors and local leaders. We discussed that caregivers needed more respite time. Maintaining a well-trained, workforce to provide care for our community members is needed. Counties need to look at community colleges to deliver the training needed to have this workforce. The topics discussed were diverse. I enjoyed the interaction with everyone. This is a top priority of mine as I serve as the chair of Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging this year.

Monday, May 1, I spent time on Zoom with my constituents on Mare Island. The topic was about Community Facilities District (CFDs). The 322 homes are paying on 3 CFDs. The main issue is why do they pay twice for fire and police protection. Shouldn't their "normal" property tax pay for that service. It was a very informative session. My office has sent letters before on this issue, but having the information re-freshen is a good reminder of the issues.

Wednesday, May 3, I attended the Nurse-Family Partnership Graduation. This program helps first time parents from pregnancy up to age 2. Ten little ones "graduated" from the course. Having healthy families is one of many services the county provides.

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](#)

[POST OFFICE](#)

[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

This week's newsletter photo is of the local hills as seen from the Benicia Community Park. 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.