



# Solano County *California*

## SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

September 29, 2023



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## Dianne Feinstein



Today, California lost a woman who can add several firsts to her name: First woman Mayor of San Francisco, First woman Senator from California. What I personal admire about Senator Feinstein is how she handled the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. She used that horrible day to get the assault weapons banned into law. She worked hard to get the votes needed in the senate. She had the first-person knowledge of seeing what high-



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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**

capacity weapons can do to a body. That evidenced happen in the hallway of the building where she worked.

(707) 784-8960

She never forgot California. She will be missed. My condolences to her family.

**U.S. Social Security**

(800) 772-1213

**Traffic Advisory**

For the next two consecutive weekends there will be lane closures on westbound Interstate-80 (I-80) between Pomona Street in Crockett and Willow Avenue in Hercules, CalTrans has announced.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

The overnight lane closures will impact the two far-left traffic left lanes on westbound I-80 during two consecutive weekends, starting the night of **Friday, September 29 and the weekend starting the night of Friday, October 6.**

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

These weekend lane closures will allow crews to safely complete concrete slab installation work in the far two left traffic lanes on westbound I-80. The two far-right traffic lanes on westbound I-80 will remain open at all times. However, motorists should expect delays.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

**Spotlight**



FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

At Tuesday’s Solano County Board of Supervisors’ meeting, we received a presentation on the county library’s 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. I want to share some of the programs the library offers. The library offers career online high school. Do you need you GED? This program is an ACCREDITED high school diploma. Contact [solanolibrary.com/services/cohs](http://solanolibrary.com/services/cohs) Phone (707) 784-1526.

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

The library is also looking for volunteers to be a literacy tutor. You are trained. Contact the library at [literacy@solanocounty.com](mailto:literacy@solanocounty.com) Phone (707) 784-1526

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

A personal shout out to Suzanne Olawski and the staff for getting a grant to feed our students this summer (2023). Four libraries qualified to be a meal site: Dixon, Fairfield Civic Center, Vallejo JFK and Vacaville Town Square, which also provided a “grab-n-go” breakfast this year; lunch meals are required to be eaten on site inside the library. Meals served: Dixon 1793, Fairfield CC 1779, JFK 686, Vacaville breakfast,1905 and lunch 4,347.

As you can see, the need is great in our community. Another reason to support our libraries.

## **U.S. Federal Govt. Shutdown**

The U.S. Federal Government is set to shut down this Sunday, October 1 starting at 12:01am EST unless Congress manages to pass a bill to extend funding into the new federal fiscal year.

During a shutdown, the federal government can only spend money on essential services, including those related to law enforcement and public safety. While the likelihood of a government shutdown is still unknown, it has left many of us wondering how a government shutdown might impact us locally.

The following are some services that are not generally impacted by a federal government shutdown, including:

- Social Security payments
- Medicaid and Medicare services will continue
- Transportation Security Administration will continue, however, travelers may experience delays
- Postal mail will continue to be delivered
- Unemployment benefits will continue to be delivered
- Amtrak services will continue to operate as usual
- Public schools would continue to operate as usual as teachers/staff are not federal employees

How County programs and services could be impacted is hard to predict as there are several factors to consider, including, and not limited to (1) the duration of a government shutdown, (2) how much the State has in reserves and (3) how much (or little) the federal government supports individual programs. The following is a list of County programming that could be impacted, including:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cleanup assistance and inspections
- Justice and Public Safety programming that relies on federal grant funding assistance
- Relief funding could be significantly slowed down for recovery efforts following a local disaster

## **Information this week**

### **Solano Public Health recommends updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines**

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division is recommending the updated monovalent COVID-19 vaccine for everyone six (6) months and older to protect them against severe COVID-19 illness this fall and winter.



Additionally, Solano Public Health recommends residents get their annual flu vaccine, county officials announced.

Individuals five (5) years of age and older, regardless of previous vaccination, are recommended to receive a single dose of the updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals six (6) months through four (4) years of age who have been previously vaccinated are recommended to receive one (1) or two (2) doses of the updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, depending on history and timing of previous COVID-19 vaccine doses. Unvaccinated individuals six (6) months through four (4) years of age are recommended to receive three (3) doses of the updated Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or two (2) doses of the updated Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine. An updated COVID-19 vaccine dose can be given at least two (2) months after receipt of a prior COVID-19 vaccine dose.

In addition to getting the updated COVID-19 vaccine, residents six months and older should also get their annual vaccination for influenza. Timely flu shots help prevent a disease that hospitalizes hundreds of thousands and kills tens of thousands of Americans every year. The start of the flu season is unpredictable, and the vaccine takes two weeks to become fully effective once administered.

Individuals who are interested in getting the updated monovalent COVID-19 vaccine should reach out to their healthcare provider. To find COVID-19 vaccine clinics near you, call your local pharmacy, or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov). For a list of Solano County community clinics providing low-cost to no-cost flu shots, visit [www.SolanoCounty.com/flu](https://www.SolanoCounty.com/flu).

## Job search

Are you in the market for a new job or maybe even a career change? The Sacramento Bee service journalism team put together some opportunities for well-paying state jobs, jobs that don't require degrees and even teaching positions.

Sift through the openings they picked out and take a chance at a new job!

- These [open California state jobs](#) pay \$10,000 to \$32,000 a month. Here's who is hiring.

- These California state jobs are hiring — and they [don't require a college degree](#).
- This California school [district will pay you to become a teacher](#). Here's how it works.

## Covid tests

Every U.S. household can request a new shipment of free tests, starting Monday, Sept. 25. To read more, click [here](#).

## Consumer Alert

Earlier this year Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara acted to expand commercial coverage through the FAIR Plan, California's insurer of last resort. Commercial coverage is available through the FAIR Plan to homeowners associations, condo associations, farms, and businesses of all kinds when they are unable to find insurance through the normal market.

Now the Department of Insurance has approved the FAIR Plan to increase commercial coverage limits to \$20M per location for its Commercial Property Program and Business Owner's Program (BOP). The effective date for the higher commercial property limits will be no later than November 1, 2023 and the effective date for the higher BOP limits will be no later than December 14, 2023.

Commissioner Lara also announced that he has reached an agreement with insurance companies to increase writing in wildfire distressed areas. As part of that he will direct the FAIR Plan to increase its commercial limits again to \$20 million per building, responding to consumers who need temporary coverage. The FAIR Plan has confirmed that maximum limits may be increased for policies that renew before the implementation dates above once the new limits have been implemented. When these policyholders request a new policy with higher limits, the FAIR Plan has agreed that:

1. There will be no additional administrative cost or fee to process;
2. Photo and inspection requirements will be waived; and,
3. FAIR Plan will not cancel the existing policy until it is certain the new policy with higher limits can be issued to avoid any coverage gap.

## SANDAG kills mileage tax

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) voted 15-4 last week to remove the Regional Road User Charge (RUC) or "mileage tax" from consideration in its 2025 Regional Plan and all future transportation plans. To read more, click [here](#).

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## Public Notices

### Virtual Town Hall on Wildfire Preparedness & Prevention



California State Senator Bill Dodd will host a virtual town hall on California's wildfire season with leaders from CalOES and other agencies on **Tuesday, October 3, at 6pm.**

The town hall will be streamed live over multiple channels and broadcast on KSVY Sonoma. Sen. Dodd and his guests will

take questions via email and phone. Speakers will include Sen. Dodd; Cal OES Fire and Rescue Chief Brian Marshall; Chief Steve Akre, Sonoma Valley Fire District; Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Fire Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension and Director of Northern California Prescribed Fire Council.

Streaming live audio: [KSVY.org](https://www.ksvy.org)

**Video:**

<https://sd03.senate.ca.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/SenBillDodd>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SonomaTV/>

SonomaTV.org

The event also will be broadcast locally on KSVY 91.3 FM

**Email questions to:** [townhall@ksvy.org](mailto:townhall@ksvy.org)

**Call-in questions:** (707) 933-9133

### Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project

The rate of siltation in the Napa River has drastically increased in the last decade resulting in an increased dredging frequency from once every 4 years to once every 1.5 to 2 years. Each dredging episode costs WETA nearly \$2 million, an expense expected to increase over time.

The Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project will relocate the float away from the basin area where the heaviest accumulation of sediment occurs, thereby, reducing the need to dredge frequently and saving WETA up to approximately \$21 million over the next 20 years.

Just as important as the cost savings this project would have on strained budgets, dredging and low tide episodes are also disruptive to passengers and service operations. Due to the amount of siltation filling in the ferry terminal basin leading up to scheduled dredging projects, WETA has had to cancel service during low tide events, leaving passengers with no direct transit option to San Francisco. Additionally, each dredging episode takes approximately two to four weeks to complete, during which time WETA must establish a temporary terminal using a temporary float and alternative gangway and redirect passengers.

The goal of the Vallejo Terminal Reconfiguration Project is to reduce the frequency of dredge events and provide more suitable berthing configurations for the ferry vessels that will maximize service efficiency while minimizing disruption to passengers.

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

## **Construction Apprenticeship Programs**



**OFFICE LOCATION:**  
Vallejo Adult School  
436 Del Sur Street  
Vallejo, CA  
Ph: (707) 556-8850  
<https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>

**Prepare for  
Union  
Apprenticeships!**



**Registration is  
open!**

**Students must  
register online for  
Vallejo Adult School  
classes.**




CSE Course Title: Academic  
Transition I-EC

## Vallejo Adult School



Class  
is  
FREE!

**Prepare for Construction  
Apprenticeships!**

Vallejo Adult School, in partnership with Construction Trades Workforce Initiative, sponsors this **free** CONSTRUCTION TRADES TEST PREPARATION course to help students improve construction math skills and successfully pass the Apprentice Exams for the local unions. Unions include Plumbing, Pipefitting, Welding, HVAC, Sprinkler fitting, Electrician, Sheet Metal and more!

**CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays**  
**6:00 – 9:15 PM**

**Online Registration is open**  
<https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>

Do you know anyone interested in a career that offers a living wage, on-the-job paid training, paid health benefits, and a secure pension plan? Then applying to one of the many Construction Apprenticeship Programs in the area might be a good fit.

The minimum qualifications for most apprenticeship programs include being at least 18 years old, a high school diploma, reliable transportation, and passing a basic math test.

For some people, the inability to pass the math test is a stumbling block in gaining access to these apprenticeship programs. The Vallejo Adult School, in partnership with CTWI, The Construction Trades Workforce Initiative, offers a unique math class designed specifically to help those interested in passing an Apprenticeship Entrance exam. In a low stress environment, the class helps students master fractions, decimals, percentages, basic algebra, and basic geometry problems that they will encounter on the Apprenticeship Entrance exams.

This free class is offered **Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9:15pm**, at the Vallejo Adult School, 436 Del Sur St, Vallejo, (707) 556-8850. Online registration is open at <https://www.vcusd.org/vrec>

The Construction Trades Test Prep class prepares students for the following trades:

Electrical workers

Elevator Constructors

Heat and Frost Insulators

Ironworkers, Laborers

Operating Engineers

Painters

Plumbers

Pipefitters

Sheet Metal Workers

Sprinkler Fitters

Stationary Engineers

Teamsters

## **Parent Project**

*They Need You Now More Than Ever*

## Parent Project

*Empowering Parents & Transforming Teens*

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Parent Project was created specifically for caregivers to learn tools needed to guide their teens towards success. Caregivers will learn and practice specific prevention and intervention strategies for all types of behaviors.

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**Starts Wednesday, October 4, 2023**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Every Wednesday for 9 weeks**  
 194 Bella Vista Road, Vacaville 95687  
 Scan QR code to register

For more information contact:  
[YouthServicesReferrals@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:YouthServicesReferrals@cityofvacaville.com)  
 707-449-1860




The Parent Project is a 9-week parenting class, which gives parents concrete, concise tools to change any negative or unwanted behavior. Parents will be given the tools to improve school attendance and performance, understand and communicate with children, provide structure and supervision, and utilize love and affection. The next round of classes starts on **Wednesday, October 4 from 6 to 8pm**, at 194 Bella Vista Road in Vacaville. The classes will be held every Wednesday.

For more information, contact [youthservicesreferral@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:youthservicesreferral@cityofvacaville.com) or by calling (707) 449-1860.

## Fire Prevention Week from October 8 to 14

"Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention is the theme for Fire Prevention Week, this October 8 to 14, 2023. This year's focus on cooking safety works to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe.

First of all, how many smoke alarms do you have in your home?

The National Fire Protection Association has some great tips:

- Install alarms on **every** level of the home, especially the kitchen, and yes, the basement, too!

-Install smoke alarms in **every** sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area.

-Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound!

-A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall and at least 10 feet from the stove.

-People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms that have strobe lights and bed shakers.

October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week and a great time to assess your supply of smoke alarms. It's a small price to pay for your safety. Look for weekly safety tips on our social media platforms. For more information, visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/>

## City of Vallejo Housing Element



The public review draft of the City of Vallejo Housing Element is being released up to October 24 in order for the public to review and provide comments, before it is sent to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Department for its initial review.

The Planning Commission, the Housing and Community Development Commission and the City Council will also each hold public meetings to consider this document. The purpose of each public meeting will be to provide an overview of the public review draft of the Housing Element, provide an outline for the review process itself, and to ensure that the public will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments on document. No action will be taken at any of these meetings.

Written comments on the public review draft of Housing Element Update must be submitted prior to the deadline of October 24, 2023, either via email to [Margaret.Kavanaugh-Lynch@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Margaret.Kavanaugh-Lynch@cityofvallejo.net) or in person or by first class mail to:

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Planning Manager

555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo CA 94590

**The public review draft of the Housing Element may be found in the following locations:**

Here on the City's Website <https://www.myvallejo.com/3eu>

Here on the Solano County Collaborative  
Website: <https://solhousingelements.com/housing-elements/>

And a physical copy of the document is located on the second floor (planning counter) at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 and may be reviewed during regular hours of Monday through Thursday, 9am to 12pm, and 1 to 3pm.

### **Public Meeting Dates and Locations**

**Housing and Community Development Commission:** October 5 at 7pm.

**City Council:** October 24 at 7pm

**Each of these meetings are held at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California. Members of the Public will be able to participate in-person or remotely via Zoom.**

A Housing Element is a state required element of a City's General Plan. The Housing Element must be updated every eight years and includes goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that address the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing in city limits. In addition, the Housing Element Update identifies sites appropriate for the development of multifamily housing. The Housing Element Update also includes other amendments necessary to comply with recent changes in State law. Prior to the submittal of the Draft to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review and comment, a Draft Housing Element has been prepared and now available for a 47 day public review and comment period. It is longer than the 30 day mandated public review period so that the community members will have the ability to share their comments at the City Council meeting on October 24.

## **Solano Mobility**

Did you know? Solano Mobility offers a multitude of programs for commuters and travelers who live or work in Solano County. Some programs include:

- **Guaranteed Ride** - If you ride the Solano Express Blue, Green, Red or Yellow Line to travel to work in Solano County, or to travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can receive an Uber Voucher to use if your Solano Express route is cancelled.
- **Amtrak + Lyft** - If you are a resident or employed in Fairfield, Suisun City, or Vacaville, the Amtrak + Lyft Program provides participants a 10-ride Amtrak pass plus

10 free Solano County train station Lyft connections, all for \$20.

- **Guaranteed Ride Home** - If you use a commute alternative like transit, carpool, or vanpool to travel to work in Solano County or travel from Solano County to your workplace, you can get reimbursement for your emergency ride home.
- **Bucks for Bikes** - Do you ride your bike to work? Are you considering it? Solano Mobility offers an incentive that will reimburse 60% of the cost of a new bicycle for commuting up to \$300.

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

## Write a poem to an art piece

FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO WRITE A POEM TO AN ART PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT

**"Out of the Box"**

SOLANO TOWN CENTER GALLERY  
1350 TRAVIS BLVD., #D-8, FAIRFIELD, CA  
(INSIDE THE SOLANO TOWN CENTER MALL)

Art can be seen at the Gallery  
or online at [fvaa-arts.org](http://fvaa-arts.org)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of the art to [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com).  
Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

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| Exhibition dates:<br>September 30th - November 4th | Due Date to send the poem:<br>5:00pm October 12th | Art Reception and Poetry Reading:<br>Saturday, October 14th - 4:00-6:00pm |
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Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce, in collaboration with the Fairfield-Suisun City Visual Arts Association, invites the community to write a poem to an art piece from the exhibit "*Out of the Box*." Exhibition dates: September 30 – November 4. Art reception and poetry reading is happening on **Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 6pm**, at the Solano Town Center Gallery, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D-8 (Inside the Solano Town Center Mall).

Art can be seen at the Gallery or at [Solano Town Center Gallery | fvaa \(fvaa-arts.org\)](#)

Send Suzanne your poem in a word doc or pdf with a picture of art on the poem by **5 p.m. on October 12** at: [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com). Please keep your poem to 42 lines or less.

## Plan Bay Area 2050+

Plan Bay Area 2050 is a 30-year regional plan that charts a course for a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all residents through 2050 and beyond.

Community input is crucial for this plan. There will be four total engagement rounds over the course of the [Plan Bay Area 2050+ planning process](#), with a tentative plan adoption date scheduled for Fall 2025:

- Round 1 (ongoing, Summer-Fall 2023): Draft Blueprint development
- Round 2 (Spring 2024): Final Blueprint development
- Round 3 (Fall 2024/Winter 2025): Implementation Plan development
- Round 4 (Spring 2025-Summer 2025): Draft Plan/EIR public comment period; Implementation Plan Partnership Phase

Specifically with respect to the current Round 1 engagement period, remaining opportunities include:

A [webinar and Q&A](#) scheduled for **Thursday, October 19, from 1-3pm.**

The subject of this webinar will focus on the core planning and technical assumptions that will inform the development of the plan, including our Regional Growth Forecast, work-from-home projections, as well as financial needs and revenue forecasts, among other areas. Registration is not required; a webinar ID, passcode, and option to add an invite to your calendar are available at the link above.

"[Office Hours](#)" opportunities over the month of September and October. Appointments for focused discussions on each of the four plan elements are available, or you can book an appointment for more general Plan Bay Area 2050+ discussions. See the link above to view availability by plan element and book your appointment.

Please email [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org) with questions about office hours.

These "Office Hours" provide an opportunity to meet on a 1-on-1 basis or in a small group setting directly with MTC/ABAG staff, to discuss topics or priorities of most interest to you and your organization, as relate to the Draft Blueprint phase.

Written comments are also welcome by email to [info@planbayarea.org](mailto:info@planbayarea.org), or by mail to MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105

## **Fairfield Challenger Pro ATP Tournament**



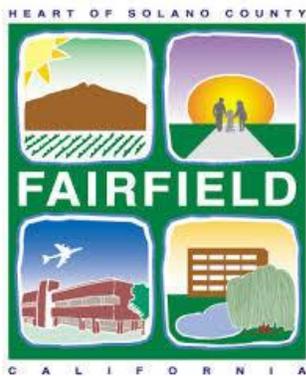
The Fairfield Challenger Pro ATP Tournament is a world-class tennis event held in the heart of the Suisun Valley Wine Country. Featuring top players from around the globe, this tournament is a must-see for any tennis fan.

The tournament will be held at Solano Community College from Oct. 9 to 15. For more information, visit [here](#).

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## Updates from around Solano County

### Lopes Road Fencing Project



In mid-March 2023, the hillside west of Lopes Road became saturated from the winter rainstorms, causing a failure in Lopes Road that broke the city of Benicia's water supply line and other underground utilities. Since then, the city of Fairfield has worked with Benicia to temporarily reestablish Benicia's water supply, as well as determine the full extent of damage to the City of Fairfield's underground utilities. Both cities are working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) to receive financial support through public assistance grants.

In the meantime, the City of Fairfield must preserve the security of the affected area, and residents will see fenced gates installed across Lopes Road at the north (approximately a quarter mile south of Gold Hill Road) and south (approximately half-mile north of Marshview Road) ends of the affected portions of Lopes Road area. There is no permissance of pedestrian or cycling traffic, and the site will continue to be monitored.

For more information on the City's status with FEMA/Cal-OES, as well as any progress updates pertaining to the project, please visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/lopes](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/lopes).

For more information on the public assistance grant process, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/process>.

### Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Lantos Energy LLC is proposing to construct a gas well within the Secondary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh on APN 0090-

070-420 over by Birds Landing. The project will be located in District 5, and will involve:

- Drill site and drill one (1) exploratory natural gas well over a one year time frame

- If drilling is successful, production equipment including a natural gas pipeline will be installed

- No hydraulic fracturing is proposed.

Copies of the environmental document are available for public review at the Solano County Department of Resource Management, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, California, and at [www.solanocounty.com](http://www.solanocounty.com) under Resource Management Department, Documents, Negative Declarations.

Written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5pm on October 27 and can be mailed to Eric Wilberg at Department of Resource Management, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, CA 94533 or emailed to [ejwilberg@solanocounty.com](mailto:ejwilberg@solanocounty.com).

## **Solano Period Project**

**Menstrual Hygiene is a Human Right**

Help us provide period products to Solano County residents in need. All products collected are distributed to shelters and community organizations in our county.

**Make a donation & we will purchase the products**

**Purchase products directly from our Amazon wishlist**

**Help us spread the word & reach out if you want to be involved**  
[Friends of the Solano Commission@gmail.com](mailto:Friends of the Solano Commission@gmail.com)

The Solano Period Project is a joint endeavor between the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and our partner non-profit the Friends of the Solano Commission.





The Solano Commission for Women and Girls is working with Touro University's American Medical Women's Association and with the help of the Friends of the Solano Commission to [collect donations](#) and period products through an [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help out individuals in our county who are experiencing homelessness.

For more information, email [Friends of the Solano Commission@gmail.com](mailto:Friends of the Solano Commission@gmail.com)

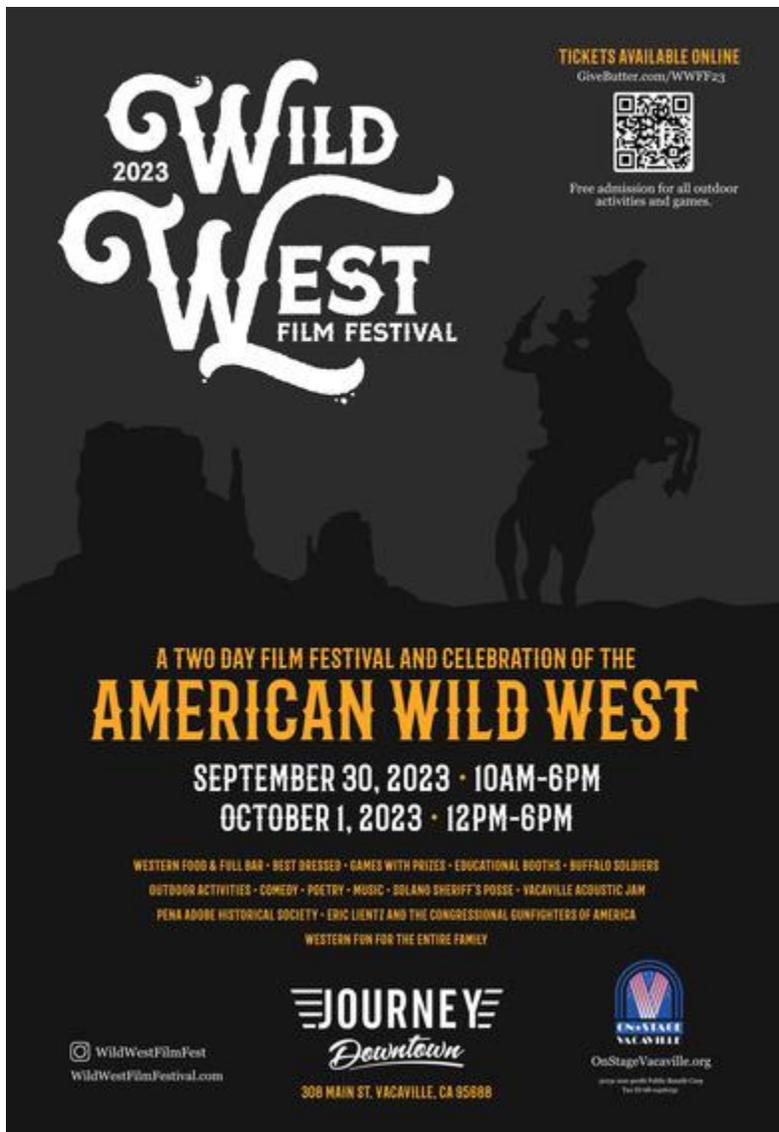
## Restaurant Week coming in October

Love food? Then you're in for a treat this October. Mark your calendars for Restaurant Week in the city of Fairfield **from October 1-7**. During the week, restaurants throughout Fairfield will be featuring special deals, menu items, and discounts for you to enjoy at no charge.

For a full list of participating restaurants (updated daily), click [here](#).

## Upcoming events in Solano County

### Wild West Film Festival



The Wild West Film Festival is a celebration of the American Wild West that pays tribute to the legends, culture, lifestyle and history of the American Wild West through art, music, live performances, historical displays and ultimately through film.

The Fifth Annual Wild West Film Festival competition kicks off Saturday, September 30th with film screenings. The day also includes cowboy re-enactors, shootout skits, horses, mounted sheriff posse, cowboy poetry, historic displays, silent auctions,

costume contest, roping challenge, celebrity appearances, food, music, vendors and so much more.

Sunday showcases the remaining western films. Then, wrapping up the Fifth Annual Wild West Film Festival with the presentation of the Westy Award winners for best in film, the Excellence Award and the True Grit Honorees.

The festival will be open on **Saturday, September 30, from 10am to 6pm, and from 12 to 6pm, Sunday, October 1,** along Downtown Vacaville Main Street.

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

## Junk in the Trunk

The City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its biannual “Junk in the Trunk” event on **Saturday, September 30 from 9am to 12pm** in the Fairfield Community Center Parking Lot at 1000 Kentucky Street.

Community members are encouraged to bring their goods to the community garage sale or buy some treasures! Junk in the Trunk will serve as a space where people in the community can bring their household items to sell right out of the trunk of their car. Seller fees are \$30 for two parking spots or \$55 for three spots. General admission is free to the public.

For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## 5ht Street Project Town Hall



## JOIN OUR MEETING

### WHEN

September 30, 2023  
10a.m. - 12p.m.

### WHERE

Norman King Center  
545 Magazine Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

### WHY

Voice your opinion on how your local streets will look and function with this new street calming plan

Vallejo Councilwoman Tina Arriola and city of Vallejo staff will hold a town hall discussion about street calming along 5th Street. The town hall will take place from **10am to noon, Saturday, September 30**, at the Norman C. King Center, 545 Magazine Street.

## Glen Cove summer gathering



Summer is almost over! And the Glen Cove Community Association is hosting a community gathering to celebrate and usher in Fall. The event will include live music, food trucks, and the opportunity to build community and camaraderie with Glen Cove neighbors.

Bring your family, your friends, and your picnic gear and join us for a fun way to wind down the summer! The event is taking place at the grassy open space right after the entrance to Glen Cove Waterfront Park located off Whitesides Drive from **2 to 6pm, Sunday, October 1.**

RSVP with your full name, #of adults over 21, # of children attending [here](#)

**Link21 and Jack London Business Improvement District Community Open House**

Please join the Link21 Program and the Jack London Business Improvement District for a Community Open House to learn more about multiple mega infrastructure improvement projects that are underway and in different planning phases in and around Jack London Square. The projects include:

- Link21 Program
- Oakland Alameda Access Project
- Oakland-Alameda Estuary Bridge
- Lake Merritt BART Transit-Oriented Development

**The open house will be from 5:30 to 7:30pm, Monday, October 2,** Port of Oakland, Community Room, 526 Water Street, Oakland, CA 94607. Come listen to project presentations, meet industry experts, and ask questions during the open house discussion. For more information, click [here](#).

## A Virtual Fair Housing Law and Practice Seminar

The community is invited to attend a virtual fair housing law and practice seminar, which will serve as an overview of federal and state fair housing law for public and private housing providers, property managers, and other housing industry professionals.

The seminar will be held from **12 to 2pm on Tuesday, October 10,** via Zoom. The free seminar is presented by Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California. To register, click [here](#).

## Plant sale



FALL 2023

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE  
SAVE THE DATE

ON SITE SALE - OCTOBER 14, 2023  
1400 EAST SECOND STREET, BENICIA

ON LINE - OCTOBER 3 - 9, 2023

Sales open early on **October 1-2** for CNPS members  
Go to [www.jepson.cnps.org](http://www.jepson.cnps.org) for more information

Pickup on **October 14, 2023** at Benicia and Fairfield Sites

Scan me to see CA Natives!

California Native Plant Society  
Willis Linn Jepson Chapter - Solano County  
For more info: (707) 365-1854 or  
[contact@jepson.cnps.org](mailto:contact@jepson.cnps.org)

The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is having its fall native plant sale on-line to the general public, from **October 3 to 9** with pickup locations in Benicia and Fairfield.

A link to the on-line store and a list of plants available for purchase will be posted on the homepage the Chapter's website [www.jepson.cnps.org](http://www.jepson.cnps.org) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON](https://www.facebook.com/CNPSJEPSON). All plants are grown at the Chapter's nursery in Vallejo.

On-line customers must agree to pick up their plants on **Saturday, October 14**, anytime between **10am and 2pm** at either pick-up location. Email your questions to [contact@jepson.cnps.org](mailto:contact@jepson.cnps.org)

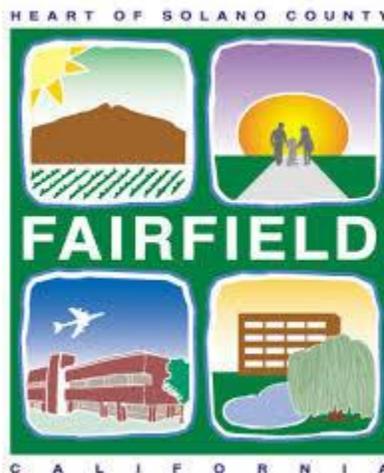
Plants still available after the close of the on-line sale will be available for purchase at the Benicia pickup location, 1400 East 2nd Street, on **October 14, 10am to 2pm**.

## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Mariela's Music Time

Mariela's Music Time is an educational, energetic and interactive bilingual performance for children & families. The event will take place at **4pm, Tuesday, October 3 at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive. For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## Fairfield to host Compost Giveaway Day

The City of Fairfield and Republic Services are holding a free compost giveaway event for Fairfield residents from **9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 7** at the Dunnell Nature Park and Education Center at 3351 Hillridge Drive in Fairfield. No appointment is necessary; however, proof of residency is required. Master Gardeners from the UCCE Solano will also be onsite to provide residents with information about compost uses and other horticultural tips and tricks.



The compost will be delivered in bulk and residents are asked to bring their own containers to fill up and take home. This is a self-serve event, but shovels and gloves will be provided for residents to use. No limit on compost while supplies last.

For questions related to the Compost Giveaway Day or for general questions regarding solid waste and recycling, contact the Fairfield Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division at (707) 428-7528.

## “Generations” Documentary Screening and Q&A

Vallejo filmmaker TJ Walkup will be showing 'Generations,' a feature-length documentary film exploring the unique Filipino-American immigrant



story in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Vallejo, California based on the book "Filipinos in Vallejo" by Mel Orpilla, the film's narrator. This new Directors cut will have additional footage not shown before in previous screenings. Join our celebration of local Filipino history and culture through film and connect with the community around you. Light refreshments will be available.

The event will take place from **1 to 4pm, Saturday, October 7, at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive. For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## Annual Sunday Supper

# Sunday Supper

OCTOBER 8, 2023

JOYFUL RANCH  
4:00PM - 7:00PM

LIVE MUSIC | DINNER | AUCTION

Multi-course dinner by Chef Lindsey Chelini of Backdoor Bistro  
Complimentary wine and beer provided by the Suisun Valley Vitners  
Exclusive auction items from Solano County purveyors

Individual tickets: \$155      Table for 8 people: \$1,200

For more information, visit [solanolandtrust.org](http://solanolandtrust.org)  
or email Michelle Dickey at [michelle@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:michelle@solanolandtrust.org)



The Solano Land Trust will host its annual Sunday Supper from **4 to 7pm, Sunday October 8** at Joyful Ranch in Pleasants Valley, 8212 Pleasants Valley Road in Vacaville.

The evening will be filled with uplifting stories, project updates, dessert, exclusive live and silent auctions. In addition, you also have the opportunity to sponsor "Put a Child on the Land".

**To purchase tickets, click [here](#).** For more information, contact Laura Livadas at [laura@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:laura@solanolandtrust.org) or call at (707) 718-4444.

## Teen anime cafe



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# TEEN ANIME CAFE



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon to watch anime, eat Japanese snacks, read manga and make some new friends.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**4 PM**

**FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

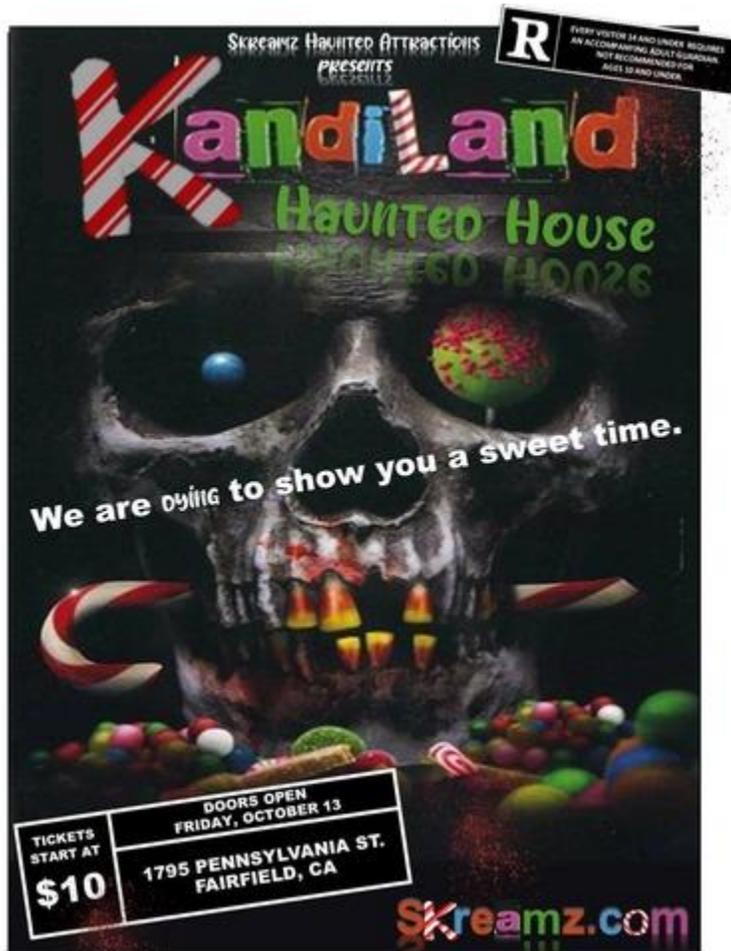
For more information visit [solanolibrary.com/events](http://solanolibrary.com/events)

On **Wednesday, October 11 at 4pm** the Fairfield Civic Center Library will be putting on a Teen Anime Cafe for teens and tweens! The library is located at 1150 Kentucky Street.

At this program, teens will get the chance to watch anime, read manga and eat Japanese snacks! This program is sure to be a ton of fun so be sure to tell the teens in your community about it!

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

## Haunted house



sKreamZ Haunted Attractions, voted one of the top five haunts in Northern California, invites the community to a delectable adventure of delicious terrors at a haunted house.

Doors open will on **Friday, October 13**, and occur on **Fridays and Saturdays in October from 7 to 10 pm**. This year's haunt will be located at 1795 Pennsylvania Ave, Fairfield.

Ticket prices start at only \$10 for students, military, and EMS. General tickets are \$12 per person. All participants will be required to sign a tour waiver and follow any Solano County COVID health guidelines in place at the time of your visit. Parental guidance is required for anyone ages 14 and under. Parents are advised not to bring anyone ages 10 and under. No refunds or exchanges will be possible.

Tickets will be available at the door or at [skreamz.net](http://skreamz.net). For more information, please visit [skreamz.com](http://skreamz.com). This Halloween attraction from sKreamZ, aims to scare up funds for the Fairfield Police Activities League's (PAL) Career Cafe program.

## Star Wars Reads

Celebrate Star Wars Reads Month with stories, activities, and a chance to meet costumed characters from the Star Wars universe. Great for families and Star Wars enthusiasts. The event starts at **1:30pm, Saturday, October 14 at the Fairfield Cordelia Library** at 5050 Business Center Drive. For more information, or to participate as a seller, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/events](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/events).

## Valerie White Memorial Bench celebration



There will be a Memorial Bench celebration at **3:30pm, Thursday, October 26** at Tolenas Elementary School in Fairfield.

Ms. White was my daughter's teacher at Tolenas when Alicia was in the Gate program. Without Ms. Whites caring and nurturing, Alicia's experience would not have been the best. If you knew Ms. White, please attend the memorial bench celebration. The family would enjoy seeing you and hearing the stories. - Monica

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## Events I attended this week

**Saturday, September 23**, was Coastal Clean-up Day. I went to the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Park in the city of Benicia to say "Hi!" and get supplies. There were many volunteers of all ages. I was asked to go to Benicia Community Park. With cell phone, water, bucket, gloves, and a picker, off I went. An hour and half later, with a hurting back, I took my "treasures" back to the Alvarez Park. A shout out to all the volunteers. A big thank you to public works. Everything was organized. Weather cooperated.

Saturday night, I attended the Loma Vista Farm Pasta Dinner and Auction Fundraiser. The event was held at the Admiral's Mansion on Mare Island. I enjoyed seeing some of my retired teacher friends from Vallejo. Made new friends at the table I sat at. Conversation flowed the entire dinner. It was truly a productive day.



Supervisor Monica Brown with David from Benicia public works during Coastal Cleanup Day.

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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](#)

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## Newsletter photo

Fall is my favorite time year. I love the colors of these trees. Picture taken in Benicia by 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.