



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER**

October 13, 2023



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**Information this week**

**Traffic Advisory**

**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**



Caltrans has scheduled a one-night full closure of westbound State Route 37 between SR-29 in Vallejo and SR-121 in Sonoma County for **Saturday night, October 28 between 11pm and 6am.**

Caltrans crew will work on bridge rehabilitation and joint seal replacements work on the Sonoma Creek Bridge on State Route 37. To ensure the safety of workers and motorists, Caltrans will need to close Westbound lanes to safely complete the work. Detours will be set in place.

**Westbound SR-37 DETOUR:**

Motorists traveling westbound on SR-37 will need to:

- exit right onto northbound SR-29 (Sonoma Blvd) in Vallejo
- continue on NB SR-29 (Broadway) to SR-29/SR-12;
- turn left and continue on SR-12/SR-121 (Carneros Hwy/Fremont Dr);
- turn left on SR-121 (Arnold Dr)
- Turn right back on WB SR-37.

**2023 Veterans Day Parade and Commemoration Ceremony**

(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

The city of Fairfield's Parks and Recreation Department is in full swing planning the 2023 Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Fairfield. This year's parade theme is "Saluting America's Veterans" and is sponsored by VW and BMW of Fairfield.



The parade will **begin at 12:30 pm on Saturday, November 11**, with a flyover from our Travis Air Force Base. The route will travel down Kentucky Street to Great Jones then turn up Texas Street to Washington. The Commemoration Ceremony and Concert, hosted by Travis Air Force Base and conducted by

The Fairfield/Suisun City American Legion Reams Post 182 will kick off the festivities at 10am inside the Downtown Theatre located at 1035 Texas Street. Admission to both events is free and open to the public.

Those interested in participating in the parade, or have questions regarding the activities, contact Special Events Coordinator, Juan Segura at [jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov) or (707) 428-7584.

**Volunteers are needed from 10am to 2pm** to serve as parade pacers and/or parade ambassadors. Contact Program Coordinator Karen Rees at [krees@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:krees@fairfield.ca.gov) or (707) 428-7767.

## **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).

## **The Little Hoover Commission is hiring**

Do you have a passion for research and writing and a desire to improve state government? If so, consider the Little Hoover Commission, which is currently recruiting a project manager to function as a policy researcher, critically analyzing information and developing in-depth reports that reflect the Commission's findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature about ways to improve state government - what works, what doesn't, and how to fix it.

The position is eligible for telework with a salary of \$6,061.00 - \$8,334.00 per month, plus benefits.

Visit [here](#) for more information.

The Little Hoover Commission, formally known as the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, is an independent state oversight agency created in 1962. The Commission's mission is to investigate state government operations and policy, and – through reports and legislative proposals – make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature to promote economy, efficiency and improved service in state operations. In addition, the Commission has a statutory obligation to review and make recommendations on all proposed government reorganization plans.

## **Shelter Report - September Statistics**

The Humane Society of the North Bay! had a busy month of September with 20 dogs and three cats being adopted. There were five dogs and five cats as transfers to adoption-guaranteed partners with five dogs being reunited with their owners.

Remember, your best opportunity to reunite with your dog or cat, if lost, is to have an up-to-date microchip on your pet. HSNB offers low-cost microchips. For more information, click [here](#).

## Transit agencies launch Bay Area Travel Survey

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) this fall is teaming with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and other partners to conduct a major survey designed to learn more about how people travel throughout the Bay Area.

Beginning this week, 750,000 households throughout the nine-county region will receive invitations to participate in what is known as the Bay Area Travel Study.

The Bay Area Travel Study is designed to help MTC and other transportation agencies plan for a more efficient and more effective regional transportation network.

MTC expects to mail these invitations in four separate waves between now and December. Those who receive an invitation letter can expect to receive a follow-up postcard about a week later. A unique code will be provided to each household that accepts the invitation to participate, and each household will be assigned a date on which to start logging its travel activity in a survey diary. Respondents will be able to complete the study online, by phone, or through the rMove™ smartphone app developed by RSG, a Vermont-based research firm hired by MTC as a consultant for the study.

MTC is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. For more information, click [here](#).

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## Public hearings

### Revised Public Review Draft



Solano County has revised the 2023-2031 Draft Housing Element to address comments received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The revised Draft Housing Element is available for review by clicking [here](#).

New revisions in the document are shown in teal and pink as a response to comments from HCD.

Solano County will resubmit the Draft Housing Element to HCD for its review of the newest revisions on **October 19.**

Comments on the revised Draft Housing Element can be submitted via email to [mwalsh@solanocounty.com](mailto:mwalsh@solanocounty.com) or by mailing or delivering handwritten comments to:

Solano County Department of Resource Management

Planning Services Division

675 Texas Street, Suite 5500

Fairfield, CA 94533

## **Planning Commission hearing**

The Solano County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a permit application seeking to establish a 14-room hotel, beverage facility, swimming pool, an outdoor activity area to an existing winery, special event facility, and café, and to utilize an existing single-family residence adjacent to the existing winery as a vacation house rental, located at 4949 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield.

The Planning Commission will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

The hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 19 at 7pm** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center, 1st Floor, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield.

If you wish to participate in this meeting and you will require assistance in order to do so, please contact the Department of Resource Management at (707) 784-6765 at least 24 hours in advance of the event to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

## **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**

**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.

## 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.

## Link21 Community Meeting

Link21 will host a virtual community meeting to inform the public about how a new BART or Regional Rail train crossing between Oakland and San Francisco will benefit riders and communities, plus how they differ. Community participation and input in this important Program will help Link21 identify either a BART or Regional Rail crossing recommendation for further study to meet the region's evolving future travel needs.

The community meeting will take place from **6 to 7:30pm, Wednesday November 1.**

To request American Sign Language and other accommodations, email [inquiries@Link21Program.org](mailto:inquiries@Link21Program.org) or call 855-905-Link (5465) at least three days in advance of the meeting date.

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

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, which includes the greater San Francisco Bay Area, the Monterey Bay area, the Sacramento area, and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

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## Updates from around Solano County

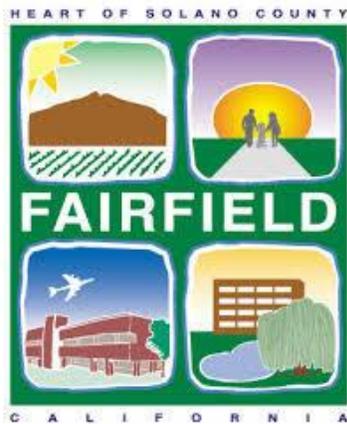
### Doula certification

Are you interested in learning skills to provide expectant families with physical and emotional support, education, and advocacy throughout the pregnancy, labor, and postpartum period?

Enroll in the Doula Certification program hosted by Benicia Adult School. The class will cover skills to become a doula and develop your business.

To enroll, complete the Interest Form [here](#). For any additional questions, call (707) 751-2337

## Building Our Future - Complete Streets



In the latest edition of Building Our Future, city of Fairfield Senior Civil Engineer David Vong discusses the West Texas Complete Streets Project.

To view the video, click [here](#).

For more information about this and other Capital Improvement Projects, visit [www.fairfield.ca.gov/cip](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/cip).

## Time for Lid Flippin'

Senate Bill 1383 requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting of organics and recycling by performing annual route audits. Republic Services employees may be in local Benicia neighborhood throughout the year performing "lid-flips" and looking into all three carts – landfill, recycle and organics. Officials are looking for proper sorting of materials in each cart and may leave an educational "OOPS Tag" if something should have gone into a different cart. Here are a few things to know:

- No bags are opened.
- No contents are taken or emptied.
- No contents are touched.
- No fines or penalties.
- Educational tags (OOPS Tag) attached to cart(s).
- Only a small number of streets will be randomly selected for lid-flip audits.

Proper sorting is important. Here are a few sorting suggestions:

- Do not bag recyclables. If you collect your recycling in bags, please empty the contents into your recycle cart and place the bag in the garbage cart.
- Paper plates, napkins, and paper towels go in the green organics cart, not the recycle cart.

- Compostable single-use utensils and “to go” containers go in the trash. They break down too slow for our compost facility.

No e-waste in any cart. Call customer service, (925) 685-4711, to schedule a pickup.

## Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia has a new exhibition this month, **Shadow**, juried by Renny Pritikin. Each of the approximately 75 artworks in this show utilize shadow in a prominent way. The exhibition runs through **October 29**.

In December, Arts Benicia will host Holiday Spirits on Friday, **December 15, 5:30 to 7:30 pm** at the Arts Benicia Gallery. Arts Benicia will be hosting a Bourbon, Brandy, and Cognac tasting, served with light hors d'oeuvres. Music will be provided by the Happy Jazz Duo. The event, a fundraiser to support Arts Benicia, will also feature a raffle of holiday gift packages. Finally, there is an upcoming special event in November for the sale of Mark Untener's exquisite ceramic artwork. Be one of the first to select a one-of-a-kind plate, bowl, cup, or other pottery item from a collection of his works donated to Arts Benicia by the family of this late artist. The sale will be open to members **Thursday, November 2 and Friday-Sunday, November 3-5** to everyone from **1 to 5 pm**, at the Arts Benicia Gallery.

The Arts Benicia Gallery is located at 1 Commandant's Lane, Benicia, in the Commanding Officer's Quarters, in the historic Benicia Arsenal. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 5 pm. Visitors are invited to walk throughout the historic mansion built in 1860, an important and interesting part of our town's history. For more information visit <https://artsbenicia.org>

Arts Benicia also offers art classes for adults and youth, many of which are open to beginners. For full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

Email [info@artsbenicia.org](mailto:info@artsbenicia.org) or visit <http://artsbenicia.org>

## Upcoming events in Solano County

### 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](#).

## Visions of the Wild



Vallejo's popular Visions of the Wild festival returns for its 8th anniversary from **October 12 to 14** in downtown Vallejo. This year's theme is Global and Local Environmental Heroes. The three-day festival will include films, art exhibits, speakers, a Family Discovery Zone, and more through partnerships with conservation and arts organizations, government agencies, and local schools.

Events include:

Wild and Scenic Film Festival "On Tour": **7:30 to 9:30pm, Friday October 13**, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street. Enjoy a selection of films from the 2023 Wild and Scenic Film Festival which inspires environmental activism and a love for nature-through film.

Family Nature Discovery Zone, **10am to 2pm, Saturday, October 14**, bank building, parking lot, 332 Georgia Street. Find out how easy it is to grow your own food, see how honey is made, learn how to protect local wildlife, discover our hiking trails, commune with a giant Osprey puppet and much more.

Drum Circle at the Capitola Street Stairs, **1 to 2:30pm, Saturday, October 14**, Capitol Street at Sonoma Blvd. Drums will be available or bring your own.

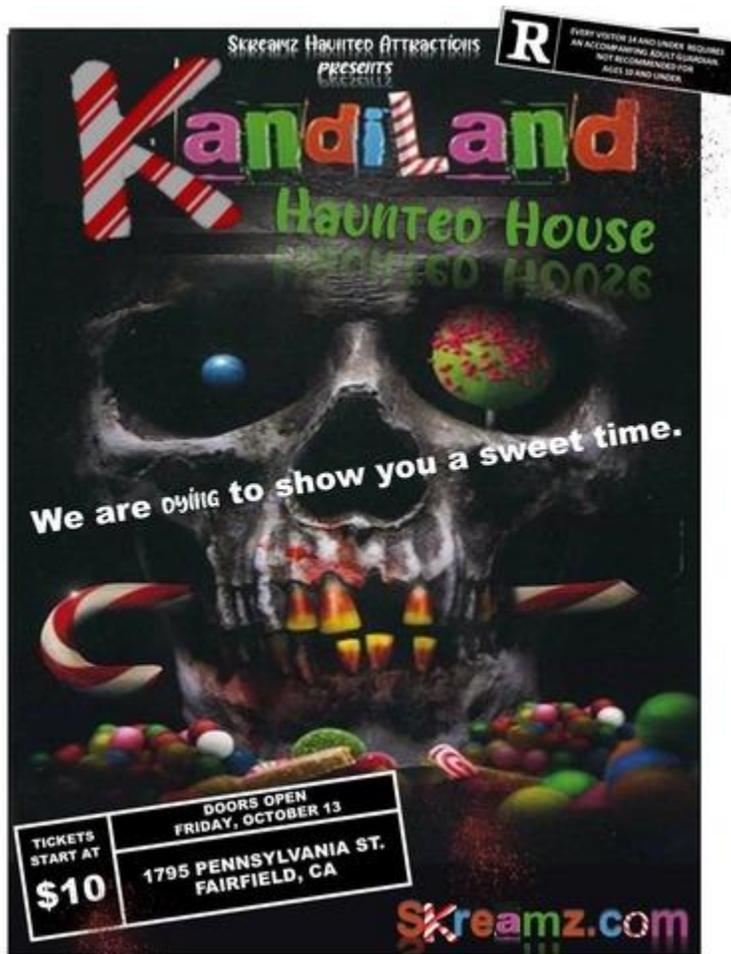
Local Environmental Successes Panel Discussion, **2 to 4pm, Saturday, October 14**, Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734

Marin Street. Join us for a panel discussion about four grassroots conservation success stories from Vallejo.

Jazz at the Capitol Stairs, **4:30 to 6:30pm, Saturday, October 14**, Capitol Street at Sonoma Blvd.

Bay Area Cinema Presents Norcal Environmental Heroes, **7:30 to 9:30pm, Saturday, October 14**, Bank building, 332 Georgia Street  
Enjoy films about environmental heroes and activism in Northern California at this pop-up microcinema.

## 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](https://skreamz.net). For more information, please visit [skreamz.com](https://skreamz.com). This Halloween attraction from sKreamZ, aims to scare up funds for the Fairfield Police Activities League's (PAL) Career Cafe program.

## Fairfield to hold peafowl workshop

The city of Fairfield will be holding a workshop to discuss the peafowl in the Rolling Hills and Flower Street neighborhoods. The public is welcome to attend on **Saturday, October 14, from 9 to 11am** at Rolling Hills Elementary School, in the multipurpose room, 1460 Rolling Hills Drive.

## Reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders event



Solano County residents can save money by buying and refilling reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders in their area. On **Saturday, October 14, from 10am to 3 pm**, Solano County residents can pick up a free reusable 1 lb. propane cylinder when they visit the county booth at the Rio Vista Bass Festival and sign the pledge to stop using single-use 1 lb. propane cylinders. The free reusable cylinders are limited to one per household,

while supplies last.

Californians use an estimated four million single use cylinders each year. When purchasing a single-use 1 lb. propane cylinder, approximately 80% of the cost is for the package. Reusable cylinders can be refilled more than a hundred times and can last for more than 10 years. After the initial purchase of the cylinder, customers can pay for the gas refill when empty or take the empty cylinder back to the nearest exchange location to swap for a filled cylinder.

Propane cylinders are designated by the State of California as Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and are illegal to be thrown away in the trash. They must be taken to a designated drop-off facility or collection receptacle. Single-use cylinders that are disposed of improperly can cause harm to the environment, while reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders can be refilled repeatedly and properly recycled after years of use.

Solano County is promoting the award winning ReFuel Your Fun Campaign, which encourages the use of reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders over the costly and wasteful single-use cylinders. The campaign also educates about proper collection and recycling of 1 lb. propane cylinders. For more information about the ReFuel Your Fun Campaign, recycling empty cylinders, and to find more retailers offering reusables, click [here](#).

## 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).

## Lori Frank Memorial Health Fair

The Solano County District Attorney's Office in collaboration with the Solano County Office of Family Violence Prevention, will host the Lori Frank Memorial Health Fair on **Saturday, October 21 on the Annex Lawn at 604 Empire Street in Fairfield from 10am to 2pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend this free family event, established to promote healthy living in Solano

County. The event includes more than 40 local vendors and boasts a wide variety of activities for people of all ages, including free flu shots, health screenings, free dental exams, tasty treats, music, pumpkin patch, arts and crafts, local nonprofit service providers, health and wellness business vendors, and there will be a Halloween costume contest! Don't forget to dress up! Also, there will be live performers from the Bliss Dance Company and the Rodriguez High School Cheer team.

For more information about activities please call (707) 784-7889.



## Harvest festival



**Loma Vista Farm  
Harvest Festival**

**Saturday,  
October 21st, 2023  
11am to 3pm**

**Loma Vista Farm**  
150 Rainier Avenue  
Vallejo, California  
(707) 556-8765  
lomavistafarm.org

**FREE Admission & Parking**  
Some activities have a small fee

**Entertainment/Activities**  
Animal Feeding – Limited time only!  
Train Rides  
Plant Sales

Bring a picnic & come by to see  
the progress on our multi-project  
development plan.

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
Oct 7: Come see us at the  
Vallejo Waterfront Weekend  
Oct 14: 10am-2pm at the Farm  
Oct 21: During the Harvest Festival 11am-3pm  
Oct 28: 10am-2pm at the Farm  
While supplies last!

In partnership with Vallejo City Unified School District

The community is invited to participate in Loma Vista Farm's 2023 Annual Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Sale from **11am to 3pm, on Saturday, October 21**, at Loma Vista Farm, 150 Rainier Avenue in the city of Vallejo.

Admission to the festival and fun for the whole family is free. Prices for the individual activities vary.

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

## Hike and Write

In conjunction with the Solano Land Trust, Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting her third Hike and Write! This time it will be held at Rush Ranch, 3521 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun City, on **Sunday, October 22 from 1 to 4pm**. The hiking level is easy and will be about 1.2 miles. A docent will lead, sharing history and stories. Bring pen and paper (notebooks, not loose leaf- as Delta breezes can be windy!) Participants will hike a bit, stop

and read poetry, have time to write and continue. This will be spontaneous and casual. There will be time to share thoughts and writings at the end.

Bring water and snacks. Wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Some parts of the trail may be muddy.

Please email Suzanne at [fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldpoetlaureate@gmail.com) by Thursday, October 19, if you are coming. A headcount is needed.

## Community meeting



The flyer is a dark blue rectangle with white and light blue text. At the top right is the City of Vallejo logo, which features a stylized sun, a bird, and a wave. The main title 'COMMUNITY MEETING' is in large, bold, white letters, with 'MEETING' in a larger, light blue font. Below the title, there are three circular icons: a calendar, a house with a lightbulb, and a location pin. To the right of these icons is a hexagonal image of a building with a blue roof. The text provides the date and time, the location, and the topics to be discussed. At the bottom, there is a call to action for future meetings.

**COMMUNITY MEETING**

City of VALLEJO California

**OCTOBER 23, 2023  
6-8 PM**

**Glen Cove Elementary School  
501 Glen Cove Pkwy  
Vallejo, CA 94591**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CITY OF VALLEJO'S DISTRICTS 3 AND 6 COMMUNITY MEETING—Topics will focus on paired Districts but all community members welcome! City Staff will provide the latest information and hear your input on hot topics such as:  
Public Safety/Crime, Weed Abatement/Fire Hazards, Blight, Economic Development, and Measure P/Street Maintenance.

IF YOU HAVE TOPICS YOU'D LIKE ADDRESSED AT FUTURE COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR PAIRED DISTRICTS 4 AND 5, AND 1 AND 2, PLEASE EMAIL OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER AT [SHARON.LUND@CITYOFVALLEJO.NET](mailto:SHARON.LUND@CITYOFVALLEJO.NET)

The city of Vallejo will hold a community meeting on **Monday, October 23, from 6 to 8pm**, at the Glen Cove Elementary School, 501 Glen Cove Parkway to discuss multiple issues impacting Districts 3 and 6. Topics will range between public safety, crime, weed abatement and others.

## Stride and Ride at Rancho Solano Golf Course

The city of Fairfield' Parks and Recreation Department will host its next "Stride & Ride" event, which will take place at the Rancho Solano Golf Course on **Tuesday, October 24, from 12 to 6pm.**

Get your exercise on the 2.4-mile walking-only course located on the back nine holes or take advantage of the 2.66-mile biking-only course on the front nine holes. Visit one of Fairfield's beautiful public golf courses while it is closed for regular play. The event will take place at the Rancho Solano Golf Course, 3250 Rancho Solano Parkway.

Admission is free and open to all ages! No pets, only service animals permitted. To register for the event, click [here](#).

For more information, contact Recreation Coordinator, Kalie Cambra at (707) 428-7652 or [communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:communityevents@fairfield.ca.gov)

### **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

## Teen paint night



Web: [solanolibrary.com](http://solanolibrary.com)  
Phone: 1-866-572-7587  
Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons followed by [solanolibrary](https://www.facebook.com/solanolibrary)

# 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**

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## Events I attended this week

**Friday, October 6,** I attended my first Solano Community College volleyball game of 2023. Our players won the first 3 sets and the game. The excitement was high.

**Saturday, October 7,** I attended the Vine to Table fundraiser put on by the Fairfield Community Services Foundation. Part of Texas Street was closed. My table was under the Fairfield sign. The music

was great, food abundant, and I sat with friends and met new people. Saturday night was warm but pleasant. A good time was had by all.

**Tuesday night, October 10**, was the annual GVLA meeting. The agenda touched on the PG&E work being done putting the utilities underground. Information was given about Fairfield City taking over the fire protection of the residents. The meeting was very informative, and I had time to talk to friends.

**Wednesday, October 11**, was a ribbon cutting that was 7 years in the making. The work will begin where Benicia Road intersects at Lemon Street. By the end of spring 2024, there will be a cross walk with safety features, new sidewalks, putting the road on a diet, meaning the traffic load does not need 4 lanes, bike lanes will be added. I truly believe the residents will enjoy the new look.

**Thursday, October 12**, I attended Congressman John Garamendi's 2023 Women of the Year Awards. I was honored to be among the women chosen to receive this award. I want to thank the person who nominated me to receive this acknowledgment. The event was held at the Benicia Veteran's Hall. It was very appropriate to hold the event in the hall as 5 honorees served or are serving in the Air Force.

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## Newsletter photo

A good friend Fairfield-Suisun School District Governing Board Trustee Ana Petero sent me her rainbow taken on Tuesday Oct. 10. I was at Cordelia Safeway and saw the rainbow at a full half circle. Below, my son, Seth, took this picture from our street. With everything happening in the world, it is nice to remember there is beauty in nature. - Monica.



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.