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Women's History Month moment



Marian Cleaves Diamond (November 11, 1926 – July 25, 2017) was an American scientist and educator who is considered one of the founders of modern neuroscience. She and her team were the first to publish evidence that the brain can change with experience and improve with enrichment, what is now called neuroplasticity. Her research on the brain of Albert Einstein helped fuel the ongoing scientific revolution in understanding the roles of glial cells in the brain. She was a professor of anatomy at the University of California, Berkeley. Other published research explored differences

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

(707) 784-8960

between the cerebral cortex of male and female rats and the link between positive thinking and immune health.

Dr. Diamond's research fundamentally changed the field of neuroscience by proving the plasticity of the human brain for the first time. She discovered that an enriched environment alters the anatomy of the brain. Dr. Diamond subsequently showed that the brain continues to adapt and develop well into adulthood. This ran counter to the contemporary paradigm in neuroscience of the brain as a static organ that deteriorates over time.

In addition to her groundbreaking research, Dr. Diamond was well known for her dedication to educating and inspiring the next generation of scientists. Dr. Diamond served as director of the Lawrence Hall of Science from 1990 to 1996, she understood the importance of creating an enriching learning environment for young people. Dr. Diamond oversaw the development of math and science curricula that reached students across the nation and around the world.

"She shared her personal story of how hard it had been for her, as a woman, to move forward in science, and championed the Hall's programs to support girls and others who are underrepresented in the sciences. She continually challenged Hall staff to learn something new each day, and to share it with our colleagues, visitors, and everyone we met" says Susan Gregory, deputy director of the Hall.

Dr. Diamond, a famous female figure in California's history has published work exploring the link between positive thinking and immunity, as well as women's role in science.

Information this week

Tree planting in Vallejo

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



SAVE THE DATE

SAT. MARCH 16 & SUN. MARCH 17
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day Weekend Tree Planting Event
It's your Lucky Weekend! Help make Vallejo Greener!

It's your Lucky Weekend! Come join us for a fun-filled day at the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve in Vallejo! We'll be planting trees to help preserve the beauty of our environment. This in-person event at O'Hara Court is a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend while giving back to nature. Bring your friends and family for a day of community, greenery, and good vibes. Let's make a difference together!

WILL THIS EVENT HAPPEN RAIN OR SHINE? 

The event will happen come LIGHT rain or shine. In the event of heavy rain, we will cancel the event and send out an update to registrants.

WILL THERE BE SNACKS? 

We will have snacks for participants! If you have food allergies or dietary needs, please feel free to bring your own snacks.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING? 

Please bring your own water bottles and dress appropriately for the weather with closed-toed shoes, long pants, and layers. Wear insect spray and sunscreen. There may be ticks or rattlesnakes (we're in the wild, after all, so dress as if you're going on a hike and ready to have fun and get dirty!)

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

[CITYOFVALLEJO.CO/TREEPLANTING](https://www.cityofvallejo.co/treeplanting)

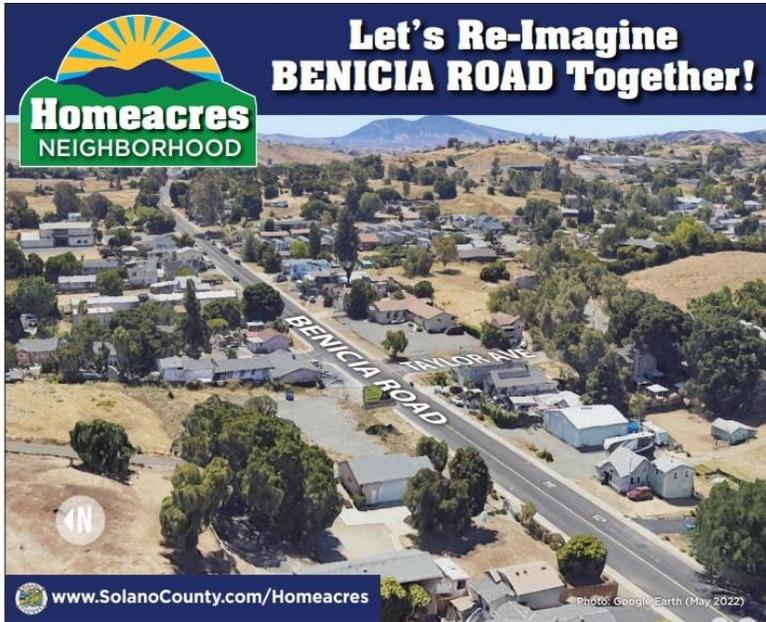


The city of Vallejo is sponsoring tree planting events on Saturday and Sunday at the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve. The events will take place from **8:30am to noon, March 16 and March 17.**

This in-person event at O'Hara Court is a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend while giving back to nature. Volunteers are encouraged to dress for a hike and bring refillable water bottles.

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

Benicia Road Design Workshop



The Solano County Department of Resource Management Planning Services Division is hosting a multi-day design workshop inviting Homeacres property owners and residents to help identify ways to envision a safer and more attractive neighborhood along the County portion of Benicia Road.

The workshop will conclude **on Saturday March 16 at the Vallejo JFK Library-Joseph Room** at 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Drop in visits and discussions are available every workshop day from 10am to 5:30pm.

Volunteer architects from around the region are committed to participating and sketching designs in real-time for area residents and developers to get a glimpse of Benicia Road's potential future. This is the first-time Solano County Planning will be hosting this type of workshop which is more widely known as a design charrette.

The focus area is between Glen Cove Road/Rollingwood Drive and Homeacres Avenue.

Museum of History, Benicia trivia night



Come out and support the Museum of History Benicia at the 2nd annual themed Trivia Night on **March 16 from 6 to 10 p.m.** The event will include trivia, no-host bar, raffle prizes, a costume contest, and some great refreshments.

Questions cover 1960s topics in history, science and technology, literature, sports, entertainment, and more. Participants are encouraged to dress up. The event will be held at Museum of History Benicia - Stone Hall, 2060 Camel Road in Benicia.

To register, click [here](#).

Vallejo seeks public input on city manager selection



The city of Vallejo, in partnership with Bob Hall and Associates, is asking the Vallejo community to actively participate in the search for Vallejo's next City Manager.

An in-person community forum will take place at 10:30am, Saturday, March 16 inside the Vallejo City Council Chambers 555 Santa Clara Street.

Please enter through the first-floor security checkpoint.

In an effort to uphold transparency and foster community involvement, the City has enlisted the expertise of the Executive Recruiting firm, Bob Hall & Associates, to aid in the identification of the most suitable candidate for this pivotal role.

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

Notice of Public Availability of 2023 Refinery Flare Minimization Plan Annual Updates



BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is releasing the 2023 Flare Minimization Plan (FMP) Annual Updates for public review and comment. The five Bay Area refineries prepared these plans subject to [Regulation 12, Rule 12: Flares at Refineries](#).

Under Regulation 12-12, each FMP Annual Update must include:

- New prevention measures identified during investigations of flaring events that occurred during the period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023;
- A description of the prevention measures previously taken or currently planned to reduce flare emissions at the refinery;
- Commitment to implement all new feasible prevention measures expeditiously; and
- A 30-day public comment review period

The plan updates are now available for review on the Air District's [Flare Minimization Plans](#) web page.

The deadline to submit public comments regarding the 2023 FMP Annual Updates is **April 8, 2024**.

Comments can be submitted the following ways:

- Mail to BAAQMD–FMP Update Public Comment, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105
- Email to compliance@baaqmd.gov

Be sure to identify which refinery, or refineries, your comment is applicable to.

After consideration of public comments received, the Air District will evaluate each refinery's Flare Minimization Plan Annual Update to determine whether it meets the requirements of Regulation 12-12 and will take final action in accordance with the regulation.

For any additional information, please visit the [Air District website](#) or email compliance@baaqmd.gov

Internship for high school students



Bay Area high school students are invited to apply to the [Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy](#), a five-week paid internship with MTC, the

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District).

The program kicks off at the Bay Area Metro Center on July 8, 2024, and over the course of the subsequent five weeks, students will learn how regional agencies deals with issues like environmental justice, housing and transportation equity, community health, and social justice. [High school students are encouraged to apply before the application deadline on April 28, 2024.\(link is external\)](#)

To apply for the Bay Area Summer Academy, students must:

- Live and attend high school in the Bay Area.
- Be at least 16 years old.
- Have completed the ninth grade by July 2024.
- Be able to attend online and in-person seminars and present on a topic related to the seminars.
- Have the permission of a parent or guardian to participate if the student is under 18.

Enrollment is limited, and selections will emphasize a diversity of perspectives from students across the Bay Area. Grade point averages are not considered.

2024-25 College Journalism Network Fellowship

Are you an undergraduate student journalist at a California college or university? Do you want to gain valuable experience covering higher education, work with other student journalists from around the state and see your stories published by CalMatters?

The [CalMatters College Journalism Network](#) is hiring fellows for its 2024-2025 cohort, which begins mid-August and runs through May.

You will take part in ambitious joint reporting projects with other fellows, as well as covering stories on your own. And you'll receive training in reporting, higher education policy and navigating the journalism industry.

Fellows devote an average of 10-15 hours per week to the remote fellowship, with a flexible schedule and a stipend of \$1200 per month. Expect to attend weekly, virtual newsroom meetings with the rest of the CJN team, and at least one in-depth, expenses-paid training in Sacramento at the beginning of the program.

Applications are due by midnight PST on Friday, April 12.

In lieu of a formal cover letter, please answer the following questions and attach your responses as part of your application. If

you have any questions or concerns please contact cjn@calmatters.org.

- Why do you want to be part of the CalMatters College Journalism Network?
- What is one issue affecting students that you think hasn't been reported enough? Why do you think it's important? Pitch us a higher education story with a brief plan of how you'd cover it.
- The College Journalism Network seeks to recruit a team of student journalists that reflects the diversity of California. What we mean by diversity includes, but is not limited to: race and ethnicity, geography, gender, sexual orientation, life experience, ability, skill set and type of college. How would you contribute to that diversity?
- Is there anything else you would like us to know?

To apply, click [here](#).

Saturday Morning Speaker Series



The Reframing Modern World History
Centering Climate Justice and Colonialism
Saturday Morning Speaker Series continues
on **April 13** with Vasna Ramasar, who is the
Program Director for the Culture, Power and
Sustainability International Masters at Lund
University in Sweden.

Ramasar currently is focused on social and environmental justice looking at just transitions and alternatives to development. Her projects look at women's resistance to extractivism; workers as agents of change, and navigating justice claims in the energy transition.

Ramasar's presentation will take place on Saturday, April 13, from 9 to 11am on Zoom.

The speaker series is designed to help World History teachers rethink our curriculum. It is a part of the effort by the UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project to reframe the modern world history course with an overarching question that asks "How do we get into right relationship with the planet and each other?" This approach globalizes the investigation of the origins and consequences of the industrial revolution, colonialism, and the resulting climate crisis we face today, while highlighting alternate visions for a sustainable and more just future.

To register, click [here](#).

Public hearings

Vallejo City Council workshop



The Vallejo City Council will meet for a special meeting on **Monday, March 18**, to hold a team building workshop with city staff.

The meeting will be held from 9am to 3pm, at the Filipino Community Center, 611 Amador Street in Vallejo.

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

Updates from around Solano County

STA's 2023 annual report



The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has released its 2023 annual report.

According to the STA, "2023 was a year of continuing progress on priority projects, programs, and new opportunities for funding heading into 2024. Thanks to the leadership, support, and teamwork of the STA Board, STA staff, and our local, regional, state, and federal partner agencies, STA effectively continued to plan for, fund, and deliver priority projects, and provide a range of mobility programs to support all of Solano County's residents and employees."

To read the report, click [here](#).

Benicia High School Debate Team Headed to New York for National Finals



Congrats to Benicia seniors Michael Delgado (right) and Gabriel Stockwell (left), who will be traveling to New York on April 5th for the National Parliamentary Debate League Tournament of Champions. Michael and Gabriel are members of the Benicia High School Debate team.

This year, as team co-captains and coaches, they built and trained a large team that

collectively won fourth overall in tournament points earned, beating out many larger and well-established teams in the Bay Area.

A month before the end of the debate season, they decided to join forces again and debate as a team. The outcome of that was once again impressive. They were among the top two teams out of 32 in state qualifiers for the Bay Area, earning a place in state-wide finals, which will take place in Clovis April 12-14.

As they celebrated that huge win, they got word that they were chosen to go to the national finals in New York City on April 6-8 where they will compete against the best parliamentary debate teams in the country.

This end-of-year performance means travel expenses to two overnight tournaments, one of which requires airfare and other travel-related expenses.

Now they need the support once again of our community to end the year in New York City proudly representing Benicia in a tournament they have already started training for.

If you would like to support their effort, please write a check to Benicia High School, memo BHS Debate Team. You can mail it to the high school at 1101 Military West, Benicia, 94510, or drop it by at the front office.

For any questions, contact team advisor Michele Gaines at MGaines@beniciaunified.org

Solano County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) survey

SOLANO'S IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Solano County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program invites our clients and providers to take a customer service survey. This survey will allow you to share your feedback in order to help us improve our services.



CLIENTS



Scan or visit
<https://bit.ly/IHSSClientSurvey>

PROVIDERS



Scan or visit
<https://bit.ly/IHSSProviderSurvey>

**TAKE OUR SURVEY
FOR YOUR
CHANCE TO WIN A
GIFT CARD!**

SURVEY ENDS APRIL 5TH
2024

If you'd prefer a paper version, please ask our staff for a copy and turn it into our drop box once completed.



CONTACT US
IHSSSurvey@solanocounty.com



SOLANO
PUBLIC
HEALTH



The Solano County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program invites the community to take part in a customer service survey. This survey is being conducted to collect feedback in order to understand how IHSS can improve its services, while also being able to support and provide the community with a better experience as a client or provider.

All responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Participants who complete this survey will have the option to participate in a raffle drawing for a gift card.

Participants may also complete this survey in-person at 275 Beck Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533. **Please complete this survey by Friday April 5.**

For clients, click [here](#).

For providers, click [here](#).

Solano Behavioral Health seeking qualified vendors for specialty mental health services

As a result of several initiatives requiring the need to expand capacity for mental health and co-occurring substance use services within Solano County, Behavioral Health will release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) this month.

The County will be seeking qualified behavioral health provider agencies (Proposers) for Specialty BH Services Programs to provide services and support for clients across the lifespan, delivered in a recovery-oriented, culturally-responsive, and trauma informed manner. These SMHS programs will provide:

- Full Service Partnership/FSP: highest level of outpatient service intensity for children and adults, and/or
- Outpatient (OP)/Case Management: moderate level intensity services for children and adults.

The goal is that services are comprehensive, coordinated, evidence-based, peer and family informed, engaging and do whatever it takes to ensure positive outcomes for those Behavioral Health serves.

To apply, click [here](#).

Benicia Public Library events



Benicia Public Library events: Crochet for Beginners - March 14, 21, and 28 from 12 to 1pm. Learn basic stitches and how to

make a scarf, then a hat, then something fancy. Yarn and crochet hooks provided.

WE ARE ALL RELATED AUTHOR EVENTS: Time all events are from 2 to 4pm.

March 16: Rafael Lopez

April 13: Joanna Ho,

April 20: Dashka Slater

May 4: Isabel Quintero

May 18: Nidhi Chanani

The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 E L Street.

Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity hiring chief operating officer

The Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity is currently hiring for several positions, including a chief operating officer (COO). The COO will report directly to the Executive Director and will provide key leadership in all program areas. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits.

For more information, and/or to apply, click [here](#).

Solano County Kindness Campaign video contest



The Solano County District Attorney's Office is hosting a kindness campaign, which is open to all 7th through 12th grade students in Solano County.

Submit a video between 30 seconds to two minutes in length that expresses what the power of kindness can accomplish in your community. Hatred and bullying can pop up anywhere. How can the power of kindness be used in our schools, homes and communities to make a positive difference? If you had the power of kindness, what would you do with it?

Video must focus on how kindness can make a positive difference against bullying and negative behavior and videos must include creator's names, school affiliation, and name of teacher or staff advisor with entry.

Also include a short explanation of your video, either in the body of your email submission or attached as a word document. For example, tell us about the inspiration for your project and provide the backstory if you feel it will aid the judging panel.

The submission deadline is **April 24**. Finalist will be invited to attend the ceremony on: May 6.

Please submit your video by a shared link (Google drive, Dropbox, etc.) to SCDAKindness@solanocounty.com and the signed Media Photo Release Form.

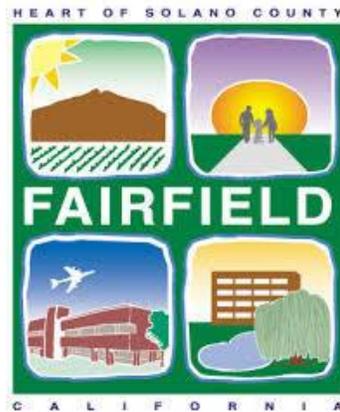
Please click [here](#) to download and print the "Media Photo Release Form."

Also, if you are having trouble submitting the video through a

shared link and/or have questions,
email SCDAKindness@solanocounty.com.

Fairfield joins GovAI Coalition

The city of Fairfield has joined the GovAI Coalition, a growing network of more than 400 public servants from over 150 agencies committed to responsible and purposeful AI in the public sector, the city announced this week. The Coalition is focused on establishing standards for AI policies, procurement, implementation, and ensuring public privacy to advance the use of AI in delivering government services.

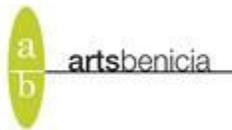


The city of San José launched the Coalition in 2023 to create standards for responsible and purposeful AI in government and the Coalition evolved into a national movement for AI in the public sector. The Coalition has released an open letter and a toolkit to help public agencies adopt and implement responsible AI practices. These tools are aligned with emerging national standards and unify the needs of many local governments.

The next step for the Coalition includes putting the toolkit to practice and implementing AI solutions to enhance civic services and public engagement. The City of Fairfield and the GovAI Coalition welcomes agencies to join our efforts in shaping the future of artificial intelligence.

Organizations interested in joining the Coalition, or utilizing the open letter or toolkit should visit [here](#).

Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia is expected to open two new exhibitions, including **Explorations in Monochromatic Art**, a juried exhibition with artwork built mainly of a single-color hue, and selected by Leah Rosenberg, opens on

Saturday, March 16 in the downstairs galleries.

Paintings, textiles, metal, concrete and ceramic sculptures, prints, and photography are represented among the 70 works in the show.

In the upstairs galleries, Arts Benicia will present **Randall Sexton with The Outsiders**, featuring work by the late Sexton and by members of The Outsiders, a plein air group with whom he painted. The Outsiders included Sexton, Nikki Basch Davis, Jerrold Turner,

Warren Dreher, Raymond Jackson, William Rushton, and Judy Molyneux.

Public opening reception will be held on **Saturday, March 16, from 4 to 6 pm.**

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. Consider checking out the new classes listed on our website. For full listings, please visit <https://artsbenicia.org/adult-classes> and <https://artsbenicia.org/youth-art-classes>

Interested in sponsoring a program with Arts Benicia? The support of local businesses and donors is essential to the quality and reach of our programs. To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing info@artsbenicia.org

Tobacco Free Solano seeking new coalition members

Be a changemaker for your community! The Tobacco Free Solano Collaborative is looking for residents and community partners with a passion to promote smoke-free policies to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke here in Solano County.

You will work with some amazing people on educating about tobacco advocacy and changing policy to protect our community.

If you are interested in joining the coalition, contact Traci Osborne at TLOsborne@SolanoCounty.com for an invitation. Meetings are quarterly from 3 to 4:30pm.

March calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall

The March calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

March 15 **American Legion will celebrate its 102nd birthday**; hamburgers with Sons of The American Legion

19 **House commission meeting 1830 hrs.**; **Hot dogs with Boys Under the Hood**

20 **SONS AMERICAN LEGION** meet at 1900 hours; Hot dogs

21 **Rosie the Riveter Day**

22 hamburgers with American Legion Auxiliary

29 hamburgers with VFW, National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. There are 5 objectives with Vietnam Commemoration and the other four are:

- Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war
- Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens
- Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war
- Recognize contributions by our Allies

The Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall is located at 1150 1st Street in downtown Benicia.

Vaccine clinics in March 2024

FREE FLU SHOTS, TDAP AND COVID-19* VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA 

*For 19+ years uninsured individuals

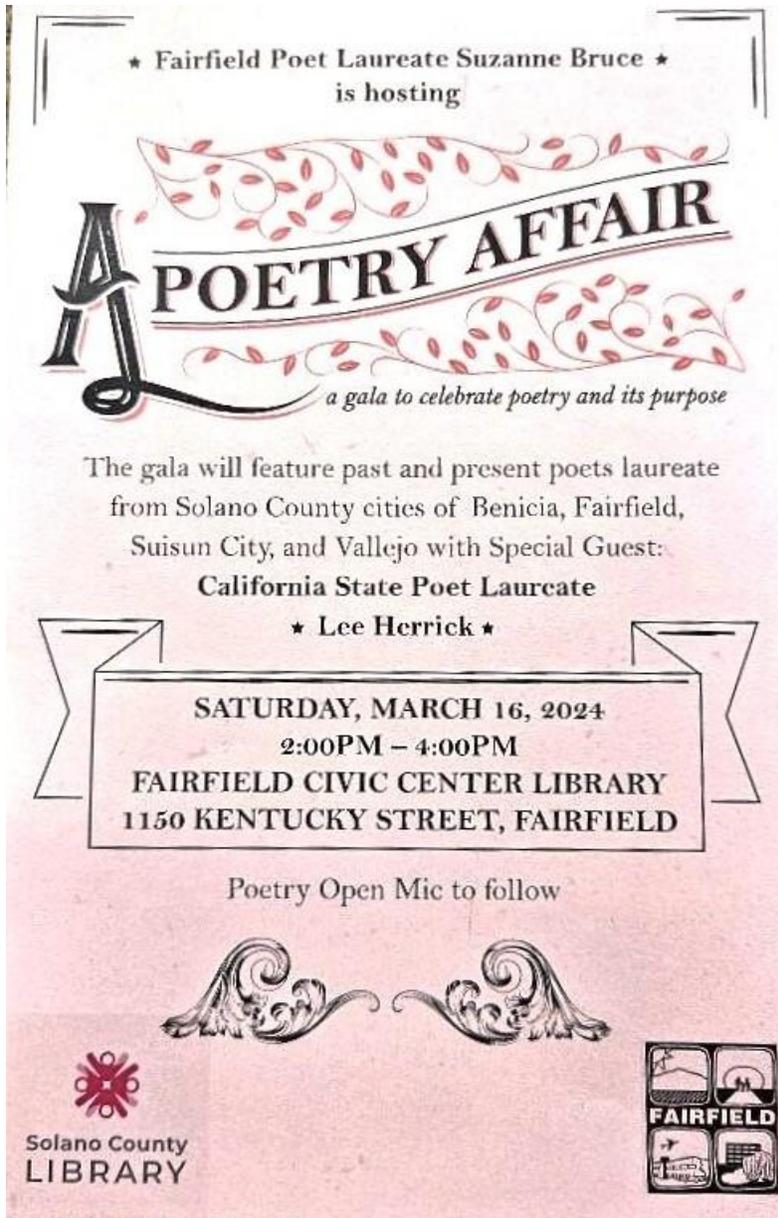
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, March 7, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Hogan Middle School 850 Rosewood Ave, Vallejo, CA 94591 <small>inside the gymnasium</small>
Thursday, March 14, 2024	12:00-2:00 PM	Joseph A Nelson Community Center 611 Village Dr, Suisun City, CA 94585
Saturday, March 16, 2024 <small>Supporting Solano Public Health</small>	10:00-1:00 PM	Balm in Gilead Church of God in Christ 2201 Boynton Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533 <small>During the Annual Community Health & Resource Fair</small>
Thursday, March 21, 2024	4:30-6:30 PM	Vallejo High School 840 Nebraska St, Vallejo, CA 94590 <small>inside the Finney MPR (Next to the Baseball Field)</small>



Touro-Solano Public Health Mobile Vaccine Clinics in March 2024.

Upcoming events in Solano County

“A Poetry Affair”



★ Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce ★
is hosting

A POETRY AFFAIR
a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose

The gala will feature past and present poets laureate
from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield,
Suisun City, and Vallejo with Special Guest:
California State Poet Laureate
★ Lee Herrick ★

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
2:00PM – 4:00PM
FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
1150 KENTUCKY STREET, FAIRFIELD

Poetry Open Mic to follow



Fairfield Poet Laureate Suzanne Bruce is hosting “A Poetry Affair,” a gala to celebrate poetry and its purpose featuring past and present poets laureate from Solano County cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City and Vallejo with Special Guest: California State Poet Laureate Lee Herrick.

Poetry open mic following the reading of the poets laureate.

The gala will take place between 2 to 4pm, Saturday, March 16, inside the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.

Third Wednesdays at Glen Cove Waterfront Park in Vallejo

The Solano Resource Conservation District is hosting volunteer workdays on the third Wednesday of each month at Glen Cove Waterfront Park. The District will be working on various projects, such as planting and weeding. All are welcome! Dress accordingly. Tools will be provided, but bring gloves if you have them. The event will be canceled for heavy rain.

The next workday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 10am to 2pm. The park is located at Whitesides Drive.

Please email John Woodruff at john.woodruff@solanorcd.org to be included on Glen Cove work event emails. No RSVP necessary.

Teatime chat



Join Touro's Mobile Diabetes Education Center (MOBEC) for their Teatime Chat at the Florence Douglas Center in

Vallejo on **Thursday, March 21 from 10 to 11am**. The Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street in Vallejo.

Living and aging means feeling great, doing what you love to do with the people you care about. Come enjoy some tea and find out about a lifestyle change program that can help you achieve your health goals with the support and care from a Certified Lifestyle Coach.

To RSVP, call (707) 638-5970 or email tuc.mobec@touro.edu

Solano AIDS Coalition's Fiestas Primavera

The Solano AIDS Coalition is hosting their Fiestas Primavera Spring Fest event in Benicia on **Saturday, March 23 from 10:30am to 5pm**.

The festival is a Mexican/Latino Indigenous tradition to celebrate and honor the coming of spring and is an opportunity for all communities to unite in an energetic celebration of change and renewal, to learn about our history and the history of human migration, and to honor a culture which has contributed significantly to making Benicia what it is today.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact solanoaidcoalition@yahoo.com or by calling (707) 450-5861.

Tolkien Reading Day



TOLKIEN READING DAY

Celebrate the life and works of J.R.R. Tolkien with crafts, a Zoom reading from selections of his works hosted by the Tolkien Society, and a viewing of the theatrical version of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*.

And of course, part of the fun will be dressing up in your finest attire. So whether you're Hobbit, Elf, Dwarf, or person of Gondor, join us for a celebration of all things Tolkien!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
12 - 4 PM

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY



Solano County
LIBRARY

Web: solanolibrary.com
Phone: 1-866-572-7587
Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons: [solanolibrary](#)

On Saturday, March 23, the Solano County Library will host a Tolkien Reading Day program from **12 to 4pm** at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street.

This program will celebrate the works of *Lord of the Rings* author, J.R.R. Tolkien.

There will be crafts, snacks, a zoom reading from selections of his works hosted by the Tolkien Society and a showing of the theatrical film, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*.

This program is for all ages and cosplaying is encouraged.

Women Making History program



In honor of Women's History Month, Cal Maritime's Community Engaged Learning office is sponsoring an afternoon tea and artistic expression from **2 to 4pm, Sunday March 24.**

Embark on a unique journey of self-expression and watch your creativity come to life on canvas. All supplies will be included.

Cal Maritime is located at 200 Maritime Academy Drive in the city of Vallejo.

To register, click [here](#).

Holi festival - Benicia



HOLI FESTIVAL FESTIVAL OF COLORS

APRIL 7, 2024

2-5 PM

**CITY PARK
ON FIRST STREET
IN BENICIA**

PRESENTED BY:

**HELPING HAND INDO-AMERICAN
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

CONTACT ARVIND NISCHAL FOR MORE INFO:

707-853-4693

ARVINDNISCHAL13@GMAIL.COM

The Holi festival of colors will take place from **2 to 5pm, Sunday April 7** at city park along First Street in Benicia. The event will be hosted by the non-profit Helping Hand Indo-American.

Annual H.O.P.E. Resource Fair

HOMELESS. OUTREACH. PARTNERSHIP. ENGAGEMENT

H.O.P.E.

RESOURCE FAIR



The city of Fairfield's Homeless Services Division is partnering with the Police HIT, Kaiser Permanente, and Bay North Church of Christ, for the annual Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (H.O.P.E.). **The event will be on April 3 from 10am to 2pm at the Bay North Church of Christ on 2100 Pennsylvania Ave. in Fairfield.**

There will be several resources available including Medi-Cal, Cal-Fresh services, Veteran Homeless Services, vaccines and microchips for animals, mobile showers, and more.

FAST will be providing free rides for individuals or families interested in attending. To use this service, board Route 3 at the Fairfield Transportation Center from 10 am to 2 pm and let the driver know you are going to the HOPE event.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, contact Arianne Irucuta, at airucuta@fairfield.ca.gov or (707) 428-77679.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, March 9, I sponsored and attended the Solano County Library literacy celebration held at the county event center. The title was "WE SHINE TOGETHER". The event celebrating the hard work tutors and their learners have accomplished. The personal

stories of the learners bring tears to many eyes. I am in awe of those who are willing to get the help needed to read and the volunteers who help. If you can find some time in your life to help, the need is great.

This week Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 14, I went to the JFK Library (Joseph Room) in downtown Vallejo to read and give input to the staff about my thoughts of the vision of the future of Benicia. The design workshop is open today Friday the 15 from 10am to 5:30 with an evening presentation from 6 to 7:30pm. Saturday, March 16 is the last day for input. The time is the same. Hope to see you there.

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](#)

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Vallejo waterfront. Photo: Kaitlin Price.



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.