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November 8, 2024

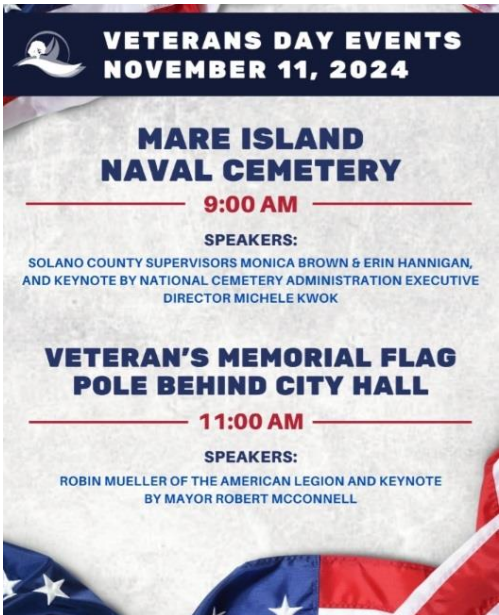


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Veterans Day

The Solano County Administrative Center, along with the Solano County Library system will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.



**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

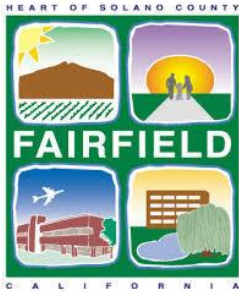
**Tax
Collector/Treasurer/County
Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

Fairfield on Veteran's Day

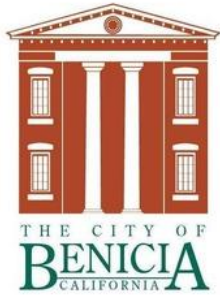


The city of Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade will stream live next Monday on Channel 26, [YouTube](#), and at www.fairfield.ca.gov/live.

If you can't make it downtown, turn it on to catch all of the action. The parade starts at 12:30 p.m.

Information this week

Bay Area Air Quality Management District And California Air Resources Board Fine Valero Refining Co. \$82 Million For Air Quality Violations



A city of Benicia press release:

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced a nearly \$82 million penalty in a joint case to address significant air pollution violations by Valero Refining Co. at its Benicia refinery. The penalty stems from a 2019 inspection that found unreported emissions from the facility's hydrogen system containing harmful organic compounds in

violation of BAAQMD regulations. This penalty is the largest ever assessed in the Air District's history.

According to BAAQMD, of the total fine amount, over \$64 million dollars are designed to support the local community impacted by the violations. These dollars are to finance projects solely aimed at reducing air pollution exposure, mitigating air pollution impacts and improving public health in areas surrounding the refinery. The process of determining how BAAQMD will allocate those funds is unclear, but city officials have been told these funds will not be given directly to the city. As such it is important to note these funds cannot be used for roads, infrastructure, public facilities, water, wastewater, or essential services such as library, parks, recreation and police programs. Once the process is specified, the city will advocate for determining the distribution of BAAQMD funds through a public process with input from residents, community organizations, elected officials and advocates representing Benicia. The remainder of the penalty will be used to fund BAAQMD's clean air projects throughout the Bay Area.

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

Benicia Fire Chief Josh Chadwick says “Benicia appreciates BAAQMD and CARB’s attention to Valero Refining Co.’s emissions violations and for holding them accountable.”

In December of last year, the City Council created a subcommittee of Vice Mayor Scott and Councilmember Birdseye, supported by Fire Department staff, to develop an Industrial Safety Ordinance (ISO) for Benicia. This ordinance aims to reduce the risk of hazardous chemical releases, improve accident prevention, enhance air monitoring, and promote transparency between the community and industry.

Chief Chadwick continues “The draft ISO includes the development of an Industrial Safety Citizen Oversight Commission which would develop programs and initiatives to recommend funding distribution from BAAQMD. In addition, the draft ISO proposes the establishment of a Benicia Air Quality Monitoring Program (AQMP). The major goal of the AQMP is to install air quality monitoring stations throughout the city and publicly disseminate the information through an online portal with real time air quality data. I would like to explore the possibility of using these funds to support the AQMP goals.”

In addition to the \$82 million penalty, Valero will be required to undertake several measures to prevent future violations. Valero will be required to reconfigure the facility’s main hydrogen vent and vents in its hydrogen production plants to prevent emissions from being released directly into the atmosphere. Valero will also be required to implement a training program to ensure that its staff are fully aware of all relevant BAAQMD regulations.

For more information, visit <https://www.baaqmd.gov/en/news-and-events/page-resources/2024-news/103124-penalty-valero>.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Congressman John Garamendi is reminding persons that Medicare Open Enrollment is now underway and runs through December 7.

From Congressman Garamendi:

"In 2022, I proudly voted to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, empowering Medicare the power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices and reduce healthcare costs for seniors.



As your voice in Congress, I am committed to fighting for universal healthcare and protecting Americans' existing healthcare rights. I'm excited to share the progress we've made to improve our community's access to healthcare.

Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Medicare now has the authority to negotiate lower prescription drug prices. Beginning in January, total out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs will be capped at \$2,000 annually, ensuring seniors never pay more than that for medications covered under Medicare, including those used to treat cancer and chronic illnesses.

The IRA also caps the cost of insulin for seniors with diabetes at \$35 a month. In California's 8th District, approximately [74,000](#) individuals living with diabetes, and [20,000](#) rely on daily insulin. Medicare beneficiaries who depend on insulin are now saving an average of [\\$320 annually](#) compared to 2020 prices.

In 2010, I voted to pass the Affordable Care Act, which has helped tens of millions of Americans access affordable, high-quality health insurance. As of 2024, about [26,000](#) of my constituents are enrolled in the Affordable Care Act marketplace, a [16%](#) increase since 2020. Thanks to the IRA, the average enrollee will save [\\$2,630](#) in premiums this year. Without the IRA's enhanced subsidies, the average premium would have increased [117%](#), to an average of [\\$4,870](#).

I encourage every senior in our community to take advantage of these new, lower-cost Medicare benefits. It is more important than ever to look at your drug coverage for 2025 during Medicare Open Enrollment and make sure you are enrolled in the Medicare Part D plan that is best for you. Click the button below for more information on Medicare Open Enrollment."

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

Program Coordinator Opportunity



**INNOVATIVE
HEALTH
SOLUTIONS**

Innovative Health Solutions has an exciting job opportunity available. The **Program Coordinator** is a key member of the team. They are seeking an outgoing candidate with excellent communication skills who enjoys working with all ages. The **Program Coordinator** develops, promotes, coordinates, implements, and evaluates programs focused on helping program participants.

This role builds meaningful relationships and ensures services genuinely impact the lives of those they serve. This is more than just a job; it's a chance to be a catalyst for a movement that provides program participants with the connection, support, and happiness they deserve.

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

Bridge toll hikes are coming



Drivers who cross the Bay Area's seven state-owned bridges—including the Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez bridges in Solano County—could see a series of annual toll hikes for bridge maintenance lasting into 2030.

These proposed increases are separate from the recent toll hikes for transportation projects that voters approved in 2018 (Regional Measure 3). One-way tolls are currently \$7 and are slated to rise to \$8 in January.

The Bay Area Toll Authority is considering increasing tolls on the region's seven state-owned bridges by 50 cents a year from 2026 through 2030. Tolls were already set to increase to \$8 for all bridges on Jan. 1, 2025. Under the proposal, on Jan. 1, 2026, tolls would rise to \$8.50. On Jan. 1, 2027, tolls would rise to \$9 for those with FasTrak transponders, \$8.25 for those with license plate accounts, and \$10 for other drivers. On Jan. 1, 2028, tolls would rise to \$9.50 for those with FasTrak transponders, \$9.75 for those with license plate accounts, and \$10.50 for other drivers. On Jan. 1, 2029, tolls would rise to \$10 for those with FasTrak transponders, \$10.25 for those with license plate accounts, and \$11 for other drivers. On Jan. 1, 2030, tolls would rise to \$10.50 for those with FasTrak transponders, \$10.75 for those with license plate accounts, and \$11.50 for other drivers.

The Bay Area Toll Authority has borrowed \$56 million since 2021 to pay for bridge preservation. Borrowing another \$600 million over the next five years would result in having to pay back \$690 million, including interest, according to the report.

Drivers paid a toll of 40 cents on the Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez bridges in the late 1980s, or \$1.04 in today's money. That was before a series of voter-approved increases for transportation projects and authority-approved increases for seismic retrofitting.

People can weigh in on the proposed toll increases during a comment period that begins Monday, Nov. 4 and continues through 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. They can send comments to info@bayareametro.gov

The toll authority and MTC will host a [public webinar](#) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 to present details about the proposed toll hike.

The two agencies will hold a [public hearing](#) at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 in San Francisco. Members of the public will be able to participate in person or via Zoom.

This was adopted by the Bay Area Toll Authority, so the public does not get to vote on the increases. This is the time to make your voice heard!

Sources: *Barry Eberling, Napa Valley Register*

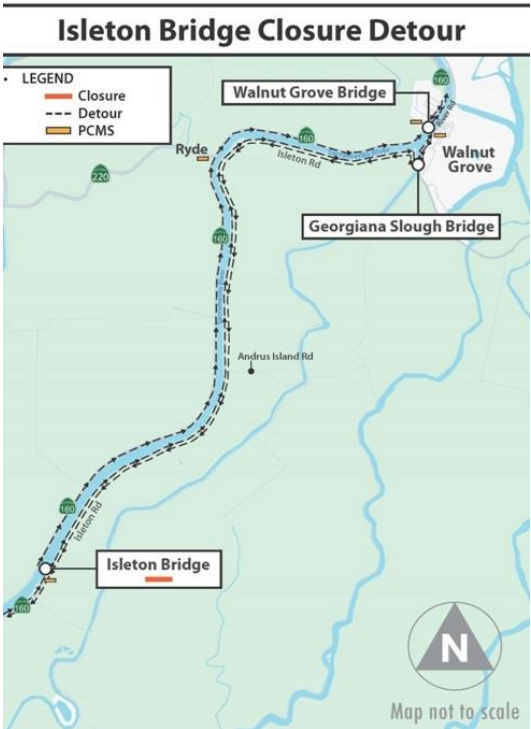
Michael Cabanatuan, San Francisco Chronicle

Below is the proposed toll increase schedules:

	FasTrak	License plate account	Invoice
Jan. 1, 2025	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00
Jan. 1, 2026 (with toll increase)	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
Jan. 1, 2027	\$9.00	\$9.25	\$10.00
Jan. 1, 2028	\$9.50	\$9.75	\$10.50
Jan. 1, 2029	\$10.00	\$10.25	\$11.00
Jan. 1, 2030	\$10.50	\$10.75	\$11.50

Table: Anna Buchmann / The Chronicle Source: [Bay Area Toll Authority](#)

Isleton Bridge scheduled for daily closures



Caltrans is alerting motorists that beginning next week the Isleton bridge on State Route 160 near the city of Isleton will be under one-way traffic control during daytime hours into the early evening.

The bridge is scheduled for ongoing parts replacements, mechanical and electrical control system upgrades.

BRIDGE WORK SCHEDULE:

- November 19 to June 30, 2025 daily Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- No work scheduled from November 27 - December 1 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

DETOUR:

- River Road and the Walnut Grove Bridge will be the alternate route.
- No two bridges will be closed at the same time.

Advance signage has been placed at the bridge. Caltrans urges motorists to use this detour or use Interstate 5 in Sacramento County as an alternate route. Motorists should plan accordingly and expect additional travel time.

Current truck restrictions will apply. California legal trucks having a kingpin-to-rear-axle of more than 30 feet are not recommended on State Route 160.

Additional construction is needed to maintain and keep the bridge operational. These delta bridges were originally constructed in the early 1920s and then reconstructed or refurbished in the early 1950s.

Weather conditions could delay or cancel scheduled work. Caltrans advises motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert." For motorists using the State Route 84 Real McCoy and SR-220 Ryer Island ferries as a bridge detour, additional ferry information is located on the Caltrans Delta Ferries website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/deltaferries/> or call the Caltrans Ferry Update Line at **(510) 622-0120** for the latest information.

Public hearings

Informational Webinar Powering Up Californians: CPUC Energization Timelines

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) invites you to an informational webinar to



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learn how recently adopted energization timelines and targets will accelerate requests for new and updated electrical service. Energy Division staff will provide an overview of the timelines that are designed to speed up the process to connect new residential and commercial developments, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and other loads to the grid, improve utility transparency and accountability, and support the state's economic and electrification goals. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

The event will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m., **Wednesday, November 13.**

Please register [HERE](#) (we ask that you register to receive the webinar link).

Senate Bill 410 (Becker) and Assembly Bill 50 (Wood), enacted in 2023, directed the CPUC to establish energization timelines for new and upgraded electrical service and to establish a process for reporting electrical service delays. Last month, the CPUC approved a decision to establish new energization timelines and targets for the three large electric investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to complete steps in the energization process that they control. The timelines are based on the utilities' energization data from the last five years in addition to party comments submitted in a process that was streamlined to meet a September 30, 2024, statutory deadline.

More detailed information on CPUC's energization timelines and targets can be found [here](#).

Housing Element Program Virtual Community Meeting



The city of Benicia is working on the implementation of Housing Element Program 2.04, "Identify an additional 75 lower-income units on sites suitably zoned to accommodate lower-income housing (allowing up at least up to 30 du/ac to promote housing choices)." The City has selected Housing Element Site #28, also known as 2170 Columbus Parkway (Assessor's Parcel Number 079020360) to increase the density to meet this requirement. Please join us

for a virtual meeting to discuss and answer questions on the process and timeline for changing the site's General Plan land use designation and rezoning of this this property.

Community Meeting Details

1. Virtual Meeting: Wednesday November 13 at 6 p.m. via Zoom ([register today](#)).

BATA to Host Webinar: Proposed Toll Hike, Carpool Policies



The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) is [considering a toll increase](#) that would be phased in over five years — beginning Jan. 1, 2026 — and would be used only to pay for the maintenance, rehabilitation and operation of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael and San Mateo-Hayward bridges.

BATA also is considering updates for 2026 to the policies for use of the carpool lanes on bridge approaches. These include extending the three-person occupancy requirement for half-price tolls during weekday commute periods to all seven spans; and allowing two-occupant vehicles to use the carpool lanes on approaches to all bridges except the Bay Bridge. Two-person carpools would not receive the 50 percent discount, but would be able to use the carpool lanes to save time. Because carpool lanes approaching the Bay Bridge are more heavily used than those at other bridges, Bay Bridge carpools still would require at least three occupants.

BATA next Wednesday evening will host a public webinar to present more details about the proposed toll hike and carpool policy changes, and to answer questions from members of the public:

- Date: **Wednesday, Nov. 13**
- Time: **6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- Webinar ID: 897 0503 7686
- Webinar Passcode: 034321
- [Join by Video: Zoom](#)
- Join by Phone: 877-853-5247

Economic Development Strategic Plan: Vallejo's Economy to 2030



Come hear about the vision and goals that will guide Vallejo's growth and prosperity over the next decade. This community-based effort is supported by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Fairfield Forward 2050: Next steps through adoption



The public comment period for Fairfield Forward 2050, consisting of a General Plan Update, Climate Action Plan, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR), closed in September 2024. The Public Drafts remain available on the Fairfield Forward 2050 project website at www.fairfieldforward.com.

Public comments will be published on the project website after Wednesday, October 9.

Responses to Draft General Plan Update and Draft Climate Action Plan comments will be provided in future staff reports for the Planning Commission and City Council. Responses to Draft EIR comments will be provided in the Final EIR.

Next steps through adoption are as follows:

- **December 3, 2024:** Regular City Council meeting to vote on the adoption of the Fairfield Forward 2050 project

Please contact Jessie Hernandez, Associate Planner, with any questions at (707) 428-7450 or jhernandez@fairfield.ca.gov.

Updates from around Solano County

Probation receives \$337,273 grant from Office of Traffic Safety for intensive supervision program for high-risk DUI offenders

The Solano County Probation Department announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for an intensive probation supervision program for high-risk individuals with multiple DUI convictions. The grant program runs through September 2025.

"This grant funding will allow us to address the complex issues surrounding individuals who have multiple DUIs by providing vital resources and guidance to break the cycle of alcohol-related offenses," said Dean Farrah, Chief Probation Officer. "This program is designed to closely monitor and support individuals, helping to reduce repeat offenses and create safer roads by reducing the incidences of impaired driving."

Funding will go toward check-ins with probationers to ensure they follow court-ordered terms of their probation. The grant will also pay for warrant operations targeting probation violations and/or DUI suspects who do not appear in court, alcohol testing, officer training in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), distribution of DUI "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) alerts and collaborating with courts and prosecutors to establish probation orders.

"Intensive supervision programs are essential in reducing the harmful impact of DUI offenses," said Barbara Rooney, OTS Director. "This is one important measure to help prevent the tragic consequences of impaired driving and create safer roads for everyone."

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Solano County Probation Department's website at <https://www.SolanoCounty.com/Depts/Probation> and on social media [@SolanoProbation](#).

Sustainable ag lands conservation grant reception

The Solano County Department of Agriculture is hosting a public reception where they will share the County's plans for a recently received Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program planning grant. The grant will be used to develop economic, infrastructure and land use plans in support of the Board of Supervisors' agricultural preservation and economic development priorities.

Grant funds were made available through the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) in collaboration with the Department of Conservation. SALC is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

ATTENDING IN-PERSON / PARTICIPATING ONLINE-PHONE

The public is invited to join the reception on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, starting at 6 p.m. at County Events Center, located at 601 Texas Street in Fairfield. For those who wish to join the reception online, visit www.SolanoCounty.com/AG and click the "[Sustainable Ag Lands Conservation Grand Reception](#)" link. A call-in option is also available at (323) 457-3408 and entering meeting ID: 556 152 081#. For more information, contact the Ag Department at (707) 784-1310 and by email EJKing@SolanoCounty.com.

Mare Island Causeway repairs



BRIDGE LIFT REPAIRS

The City of Vallejo will be repairing a lift issue on Mare Island Bridge starting the week of November 18th. This work will affect vehicular traffic as most of the effort will be in adjusting the lift.

The contractor will start work at 9am to allow for most of the morning traffic to drive through without much delay. Work on the bridge will take place from 9 am-5 pm.

Please plan ahead and we hope to have repairs finished within four days. Thank you for your patience as we improve Mare Island Bridge!

Benicia Main Street events



The Benicia Main Street events schedule can be found by clicking [here](#). For more information, visit the Benicia Main Street [website](#).

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day



Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day celebrates Ruby Bridges, a civil rights icon who, at the age of six, became the first African American child to desegregate an all-white elementary school in the South. Her courage in walking through a hostile crowd every day for a year to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, is commemorated every year by school children across the U.S. emphasizing the importance of safe routes to school and community building and highlighting the continued fight for equal education and opportunity.

On Thursday, November 14, the 64th anniversary of Ruby's initial walk to school will be celebrated by children across Benicia as they walk to school in remembrance of this important stage in our nation's history.

Get Ready to Walk! Children and families are invited to a special event at the **Benicia Public Library (150 E L Street) on Tuesday, November 12, from 4 to 6 p.m.** to learn more about Ruby Bridges and prepare for the Walk to School event later in the week.

Join for snacks, videos, stories, and activities. The library will provide materials to make signs you can carry for your walk to school that share inspirational messages promoting and celebrating diversity, inclusion, and equality.

Humane Society of the North Bay



Many of you will have heard that the annual Meyer cookware sale starts today.

The company has been a great supporter of Humane Society of the North Bay in previous sales with a generous match of up to \$15,000 for donations made to the shelter during the sale.

This year, however, they're partnering with another charity, a scholarship for chefs, which is more in line with the Meyer company mission.

The HSNB is asking their supporters, who would have normally supported us through the Meyer sale, to instead send your support to the Giving Tuesday Campaign.

Please donate online, mail a check, or bring cash or checks directly to the shelter. No contribution is too small! Please indicate you are making your donation to support the HSNB Giving Tuesday Campaign.

The address is 1121 Sonoma Blvd., Vallejo, CA, 94590, and online donations can be made through this link:

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/hsnb>

The HSNB is also seeking matching donors for their Giving Tuesday Campaign. If anyone would like to match a donation of any amount, please let the HSNB know by emailing donate@hsnb.org

Free Naloxone training

The Solano Community Health Hub is partnering with Drug Safe Solano for a free Narcan Training on **Friday, November 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the CHMRC Solano Community Health Hub located at 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite 1492-A in Fairfield.**

Come learn about opioids, the epidemic as it relates to Solano County, how to identify an overdose and how to save a life.

Participants will receive a Certification of Completion and a box of Naloxone. To register for the training, click [here](#)

Fall Harvest Dinner



The city of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department invites you to join for the Annual Fall Harvest Dinner, hosted by the Fairfield Community Services Foundation, on **Thursday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m.**

The dinner will be held at the Adult Recreation Center (ARC) located at 1200 Harry Price Drive.

Enjoy live music, a delicious meal, and a warm atmosphere while celebrating fall. The cost of the event is \$15 per person, and tickets may be purchased by clicking [here](#).

Wreath making workshop for teens

The logo for Solano County Library, featuring a stylized snowflake icon and the text 'Solano County LIBRARY'. To the right, it lists the website 'www.solanolibrary.com', phone number 'Phone: 1.866.872.7587', and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle '@solanolibrary'.

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

A circular wreath made of white, fuzzy material, decorated with several red bows and red ornaments.

Learn how to create a beautiful holiday wreath using unique materials.

Registration required.
Register online starting November 1st through the library website.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
4:00-5:30PM
FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

For more information, visit solanolibrary.com/events

Tree lighting



The annual holiday tree lighting will take place on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in downtown Fairfield. The Christmas tree will stand at the corner of Texas and Jefferson Streets and will be lit by Mayor Catherine Moy at 6:30 pm.

Activities following the tree lighting will be located along Texas Street, between Union Avenue and Madison Street, and will include musical performances, fun activities, a trackless train, hot cocoa, photos with Santa, and the Grinch Who DJ'd Christmas.

All are welcome to stroll the downtown and get into the holiday spirit! There will be carolers and merchant displays and open houses.

Visit [here](#) for more information or contact Special Events Coordinator, Juan Segura, at jsegura@fairfield.ca.gov or (707) 428-7584 with any questions.

Benicia Public Library Winter Coat Drive



As we continue to enjoy the sun and warm temperatures, it's hard to think that cold and wet weather is just around the corner. We all know that winter is coming! This year the Benicia Public Library will begin its annual coat drive early so that winterwear can be distributed to those in need before they need it.

The drive began quietly last week and now is in full swing. Please bring clean, gently used or new coats, outerwear, and other winter

gear to the library (150 E L Street) during open hours any time between now and December 18.

Donated items are picked up and redistributed through our partnership with Catholic Charities.

International Games Month



INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH
at the Fairfield Civic Center Library

GAMING TIME FOR TEENS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM

VIDEO GAMING AFTERNOON FOR KIDS 10 AND UNDER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM

ALL ABILITIES BOARD GAME DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 1:00 - 3:30 PM

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS MEET AND GREET
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 1:30 - 4:30 PM

BOARD GAME SWAP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
1:30 - 3:30 PM FOR THOSE WITH VOUCHERS
3:30 - 4:30 PM WITHOUT VOUCHERS

VISIT SOLANOLIBRARY.COM/EVENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

Winter Shelter at BayNorth Church of Christ



 **BAYNORTH** CHURCH OF CHRIST

Winter Shelter

Come to BayNorth Church!



NOVEMBER 1, 2024 - MARCH 31, 2025
2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
(between Tabor and Brighton)

BayNorth Church of Christ will be providing a winter shelter for city of Fairfield residents who are unhoused.

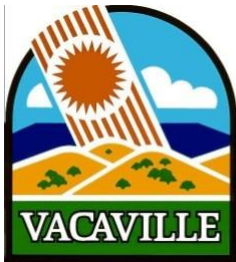
The winter shelter will operate each night **through March 31, 2025. The intake process will be from 6:30 to 8 pm and the shelter exit time will be 6 am each morning. Those needing shelter are allowed to line up starting at 6 pm.**

The winter shelter will be filled on a first come, first served basis each night with a limited capacity of ten. Individuals needing shelter must be able to independently manage activities of daily living and agree to comply with program guidelines. There will be limited space for personal belongings.

The winter shelter address is 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, and the phone number is (707) 260-9794.

FAST will provide free bus rides to the winter shelter on FAST route 3 from 6 to 7 pm Monday-Friday. Those who need a ride will need to board the bus at the Fairfield Transportation Center and let the driver know they are going to the winter shelter. Exit the bus at Solano Town Center, make a left on Pennsylvania Ave. and walk one block to Bay North Church of Christ.

City of Vacaville Seeks Community Feedback on its Public Engagement Practices



The city of Vacaville is analyzing its current outreach methods to identify best practices and areas of improvement. The city invites the community to participate in this process and share feedback in a [short survey](#) by **Sunday, November 17.**

The survey aims to gain insight into how the community currently receives information from the city.

“One of the goals in the City of Vacaville Strategic Plan is to promote community engagement and increase equity and inclusion. Analyzing our current practices is an important step in developing a comprehensive engagement plan, and we want to make sure your voice is heard early on in the process,” said Assistant City Manager George Anne Meggers-Smith. “Your input is essential in helping Vacaville promote community dialogue and engagement. We encourage all of you to participate in this survey so we can make sure we are doing our part to best serve you.”

The short 3-minute survey consists of a series of brief questions designed to gather feedback on the outreach channels the community prefers and how informed they feel about things going

on in Vacaville. The feedback received through this survey will help shape the goals, objectives and strategies in the future [Community Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan](#).

As part of this ongoing effort to enhance the City's communications, the city plans to conduct additional surveys in the future to gather more targeted feedback.

The survey is available now at CityofVacaville.gov/Survey.

For any questions, contact Joanna Leal, Public Relations Manager, Joanna.Leal@CityofVacaville.com

Solano County jobs

Week of November 4, 2024

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about any of the positions below or our other amazing career opportunities, please check out our [Job Opportunities](#).

Positions
Buyer
Eligibility Benefits Specialist I
Employment Resources Specialist III
Social Services Worker

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

November calendar for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The November calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

November 8: Hamburgers by The American Legion

10 Marine Corps birthday

11 Veterans Day Remembrance Day, VFW AUX WILL BE SERVING PANCAKES 9-11AM, donations accepted; SONS OF THE LEGION COOKING hamburgers and hot dogs 12-2pm, see day's events BVMH and postings in bar

12 Boys Under the Hood meeting, **Hot dogs**

13 AMERICAN LEGION / AUX meet at 1900 hours, Judy's Hot dogs

15 Hamburgers by Sons of The American Legion

19 House commission meeting 1830 hrs

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

22 Hamburgers by American Legion Aux, Kevin and Patty

28 **Thanksgiving Day**

29 Hamburgers by VFW

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

Arts Benicia



Arts Benicia will host the following event later this month:

Family Art Day: Sunday, November 17, 1 to 3 p.m.

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 Benicia'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 the Arts Benicia 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 Arts Benicia programs. With your sponsorship support, they can continue to offer an engaging, diverse array of programs at low or no cost to the community.

To find out more about sponsoring an Arts Benicia exhibition or program, please get in touch by emailing info@artsbenicia.org or visiting <https://artsbenicia.org/sponsorship/>

Rio Vista Bridge 55-Hour Closure Postponed

Caltrans is advising motorists a scheduled closure of the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madere Memorial Bridge) on State Route 12 (SR-12) just east of the City of Rio Vista has been postponed and rescheduled due to a bad weather forecast.

All work on road construction projects will be suspended on weekends and holidays. Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment or material availability, or other unexpected events.

RESCHEDULED DATE:

- **9 p.m. Friday, November 15 to 4 a.m. Monday, November 18**

Find projects that are building California's climate-friendly future at Build.ca.gov and RebuildingCA.ca.gov.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue construction updates on X [@CaltransDist3](https://twitter.com/CaltransDist3) and on Facebook at [CaltransDistrict3](https://www.facebook.com/CaltransDistrict3). For real-time traffic, click on [Caltrans' QuickMap](#) or download the QuickMap app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Upcoming events in Solano County

Magical Glass: A Hands-on Workshop Exploring Stained Glass



This fun, interactive children's workshop will start by studying the historic Tiffany-stained glass windows followed by time to explore St. Peter's Chapel on Mare Island. Everyone will then make their own tissue paper-stained glass window!

The workshop will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 9, at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue, Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

To reserve a spot, click [here](#).

Poetry Reading and Open Mic

FAIRFIELD POET LAUREATE SUZANNE BRUCE
INVITES YOU TO AN EVENT

Thankful for Poetry

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM
FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY - 1150 KENTUCKY STREET, FAIRFIELD

Jackie Berger

Jacqueline Berger's fifth book of poetry, *Left at the Ruin* (Terrapin Books) was published in August. Previous books include *The Gift That Arrives Broken*, *Autumn House*, and *Things That Burn*. She is a professor emerita at Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, California and has recently relocated to the Central Coast. Learn more at www.jacquelineberger.com

Lenore Weiss

Lenore serves as the Associate Creative Nonfiction (CNF) Editor for the *Mud Season Review* and lives in Oakland, California. Her environmental novel *Pulp into Paper* was published this year on Earth Day as was a new poetry collection, *Video Game Pointers*. Learn more at www.lenoreweiss.com

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WWW.FAIRFIELD.CA.GOV/POET Solano County LIBRARY

Benicia Historic City cemetery clean up

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Benicians adopting Benicia

Join us for a day of community camaraderie and environmental stewardship at our Benicia Historic City Cemetery Clean-Up!

ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH**
8:am - 2:00pm
AT CITY CEMETERY
150 Riverhill Dr
Benicia, CA 94510

Scan QR code for more information and to SIGN UP!

OR Contact:
Kristine Passalacqua (707) 373-4329

Open Mare Island Self-Guided Tour



OPEN
Mare Island

MIHPF Presents
Free Self-Guided Tour of Mare Island
Sunday, Nov. 17 | 12 noon - 2 pm

- 5 Docent Stations
- SolTrans Shuttle Bus to all Stations
- Free Coffee @ The Quarters
- See inside St. Peter's Chapel

Pick up your map at:
The Quarters Coffee House

The poster features three small photographs: a large white building with a portico, a modern building with a glass facade, and a historic wooden building with a gabled roof.

Join the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation (MIHPF) and Mare Island Co. for Open Mare Island which features self-guided walking tours of historic Mare Island.

A SolTrans shuttle bus will be available to help you move from docent-staffed stations, including St. Peter's Chapel, the Old Hospital, and the Naval Cemetery. This is a free event!

The open house will take place from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, November 17, at 1015 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

To reserve a spot, click [here](#).

Holiday fundraiser



Please join us for our
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
A non-profit fundraiser
at the Benicia Veteran's Memorial Hall
Saturday, November 23rd 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holiday Decor, Art, Apparel, Crafts, Toys, Treats and More!

There's something special about a
CRAFT FAIR

Vendor Space
\$50.00
Contact Kevin at
925-457-2915

Benicia Veteran's Memorial Hall
1150 First Street, Benicia, CA 94510

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The poster has a festive holiday theme with snowflakes and a star logo for the American Legion.

Events I attended this week

Saturday, November 2, I went to the Day of the Dead celebration at Sullivan Dual Emersion school in Fairfield. There were statues made for the event that were exquisite. As I was having my picture taken with one, the artist walked by. She showcased all four that were made for the event. It is my hope that this local event can expand for next year.

Wednesday, November 6, the Nurse-Family Partnership held their graduation ceremony. Sixteen families with little ones graduated from this program. The program works with new families from prenatal care, learning how to care for an infant to toddler age as well as working with families to help them succeed in life. The motto for the program is helping First-Time Parents Succeed.

If you are interested

visit <https://www.nursefamilypartnership.org> call or text 844-637-6667.

Looking for a job? Consider these links

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please consider a career with Solano County. Click [HERE](#) to access the website and follow on Facebook [@SolanoCountyJobs](#). Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[POST OFFICE](#)

[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Newsletter photo

Monica at the Day of the Dead celebration at Sullivan Dual Emerson school in Fairfield held on Saturday, November 2, 2024.
Photo: Ana Petero.



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.