



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

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Know a local centenarian? Supervisors want to honor them

From a Solano County press release:

The Solano County Board of Supervisors needs the community's help in identifying centenarians living in our community for recognition at a Board of Supervisors meeting later this fall as part of the 19th annual centenarian commemoration celebration.



For the past 18 years, the Solano County Board of Supervisors has celebrated the lives of local centenarians by hosting a special recognition ceremony during a Board meeting. This annual commemoration not only honors some of the county's oldest residents but also highlights their life stories and draws attention to the unique challenges facing the senior community.

The life stories of our centenarians are documented in a hard cover yearbook as well as a video that features interviews with those that can participate. We present the video to the public at a Board of

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

Supervisors meeting each year and a copy of the book is given to each centenarian and/or their family as a lasting tribute to their life and contributions to the community. This program, while rewarding for the Board of Supervisors, is really an important part of preserving our County's rich history. These stories become part of the permanent record, not just for future generations of the centenarians' families to hold, but for all of us.

To date the Board has honored more than 275 centenarians in Solano County. Two centenarians reached super-centenarian status, including Marie West in 2011 and Reta Wills in 2021. Super-centenarians are those individuals who have reached 110 years or older, which only occurs at a rate of about 1 in 7 million people.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2024 population estimates, approximately 101,000 Americans are aged 100 or older at any given time in the United States, with California having the most at nearly 9,000 residents. Centenarians, according to the Pew Research Center, are predominately women (78 percent), have a family history of long-lived parents, enjoy regular physical activity, have a balanced diet, and maintain close relationships with family and friends.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY ABOUT CENTENARIANS

If you know of a centenarian, or, someone who is currently 99 years old and will be turning 100 by year's end, please email Centenarian@SolanoCounty.gov and/or call (707) 784-3004 by or before August 1, 2025. Please relay the following information over the phone or in an email to the Supervisor, including (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) and best contact email address.

Information this week

Air District Soliciting Applications for Community Advisory Council Seats



Solano County, as well as at-large and youth seats.

In November 2021, the Board of Directors approved the formation of the Air District's inaugural CAC, consisting of 17 community members from across the Bay Area. The Board created the CAC in response to community input and to support an equity-forward policy agenda. The CAC provides guidance to the Board of

The Air District is soliciting applications for thirteen seats on its Community Advisory Council (CAC). The thirteen open seats represent: Alameda County, Contra Costa County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

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PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

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888-628-9454

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HEARING

800 799 4889

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SENIORS

800 971 0016

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741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT
FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
THE TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

Directors on programs and policies that impact all communities, including overburdened communities.

The CAC reflects the diversity of the Bay Area and lived experiences in communities heavily impacted by air pollution. The CAC is composed of individuals with diverse skill sets and a range of relevant knowledge and technical expertise. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals who reflect the diverse demographics of the Bay Area and/or have been or are impacted by air pollution, as well as individuals who utilize community-centered approaches and have expertise and knowledge on air quality issues.

The CAC meets bi-monthly in person and members are expected to:

- Review materials for CAC meetings and participate during the meetings;
- Attend required trainings;
- Join at least one ad hoc committee every year, except CAC leadership;
- Perform all other duties as prescribed by the Charter, including following Civility expectations.

Council Members are compensated \$500 for attending the bi-monthly CAC meetings and \$75 per hour for other meetings.

First time applicants, please complete this [application](#) ([Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#)). Current CAC members interested in reapplying, please contact CAC staff.

For more information on the work of the CAC, selection criteria and background documents, visit the [CAC web page](#).

For questions, please contact the Air District at communityadvisorycouncil@baaqmd.gov.

The application closes on June 1, at midnight

Integrated Action Civics Project

Integrated Action Civics Project

Summer Institute - June 23-27



Join us for this 5 day summer institute. Learn how to empower students by integrating lenses and strategies of change-making throughout the study of your history, Ethnic Studies or other course content.

Day 1	Introduction: Integrated Action Civics Project Envisioning Justice
Day 2	Student Self-reflection: Exploring Worldview, Connection to Local History
Day 3	Problem Analysis & Power analysis
Day 4	Stake & Rights-holders Analysis
Day 5	Building Awareness and Taking Action

AM Sessions: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (PDT): Strategies & Lessons
PM Sessions: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Facilitated planning time

Learn more and register
bit.ly/iacp-institute-info



\$300 Registration Fee
\$250/person - Groups of 4 +

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

NASA celebrated Rose Ferreira's story of resilience, then tried to scrub it from the internet. Then they fired her.

Rose Ferreira has had it anything but easy. The trajectory of her life has been so turbulent, in fact, that NASA, her previous employer, published a feature article about her determination on its website. That story chronicles her journey from a poverty-stricken childhood in the Caribbean and years living unhoused, to pursuing her education and rising to become a NASA intern, which ultimately led to working at the space agency full-time.

Rose was born and raised in the poorest area in the Dominican Republic. She endured harsh physical abuse as a child, was sexually assaulted from a young age until she managed to legally immigrate to the U.S. around the age of 16. She moved to New York City, was married to an abusive man who she left and then quickly found herself unhoused and living under a bridge for the next three years.

During this time, she said she had no education and barely spoke any English. Rose spent her days hopping on and off trains to pass the time but was desperate to change her situation. One day, she

noticed an advertisement on a newspaper she was using to cover herself. A home health aide company was hiring care providers with no prior experience and offered 30 days of training. A month later, Rose had a fresh pair of scrubs in hand and began working shifts to save up for an apartment. Eventually, she was able to earn her GED and begin courses at a college.

Rose started at Hunter College, where her academic advisor discouraged her from pursuing a degree in science because she didn't have a math background. They "didn't want to set me up for failure," she said. Around 20 years old at the time, she was not to be deterred. "I didn't listen to anybody. I just enrolled in the classes, and the classes kicked my ass a little bit." The punches would keep coming.

In 2016, while still working her in-home health aide job, Rose was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Then, in 2017, she was hit by a car while walking home from work, which landed her in the hospital. "My life up until 2017 was just working and surviving so I could go to school and get to do space stuff," she said.

Rose left Hunter College and began taking remote courses at Arizona State University (ASU) while recovering and would eventually earn her bachelor's degree in astronomy and planetary sciences. Her coursework at ASU led to her first fellowships at NASA, two subsequent internships at the space agency, and, ultimately, her full-time employment. She has also since earned a master's degree in space systems engineering from Johns Hopkins University, in Maryland.

During her recovery time Rose became heavily involved in outreach and activism for STEM education in disenfranchised communities. She focused on helping schools find ways to make science more interesting and accessible, and providing resources for children coming from schools without science programs. Rose says she is motivated to do this work because of her non-traditional path to becoming a scientist: "I want people to know, 'oh, maybe if she can do it, I can do it.'"

When she was an intern at Goddard Space Flight Center, she worked on the team that helped release the first deep field image from the James Webb Space Telescope and had the chance to record a Spanish voice-over for one of NASA's This Week at NASA videos. She was mentored by Thomas Zurbuchen, former associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, and had the opportunity to shadow him at NASA headquarters. It was 2022, the year NASA would publish their feature about her. That same year, she was also honored as a Brooke Owens Fellow for her STEM outreach. Rose was hired full-time at the space agency as an analyst in the beginning of 2024.

"They had a big focus on opening opportunities for people, who normally wouldn't get the chance," Rose said of the fellowship. "For me, that meant opening doors into aerospace."

Rose became so successful in her STEM activism that she was honored at the White House in 2024 as a Young Hispanic Leader in the Space Industry. Just a few months after receiving that honor, President Trump was elected.

The new President's DEI policy removed Rose Ferreira's bio as well as a feature story of her from NASA's website because of the order that went out to remove items about women in STEM. News spread quickly throughout the NASA organization. Within days and after a polarized internet debated her situation, Rose Ferreira's story on NASA's website was suddenly restored. No one from NASA contacted her in any official capacity of what was going on either before or after it was taken down and put back up again. Twenty days after she first posted about her NASA page being taken down - she was fired.

For Rose, she hopes that she can go back in a few years, because her initial plan was to retire at NASA. In the meantime, she is refocusing her attention on her activism and outreach to underserved communities. "I got so focused, I stopped doing outreach completely when I went to NASA, and the only outreach I was doing was within the agency. I felt like I needed to go back to this to give me hope in humanity again."

(Reference: SPACE.com)

New scam

There is a new scam called BRUSHING. What is it?

Example: A package arrives with no sender information. You open up the package- what is inside is wrong, empty but and this is the WARNING you scan the QR code to learn more and it sends you to a fake website that can steal your personal information like passwords or bank details. HINT: If you do not get a card or any kind of receipt—BE WARY.

Report this package to the US Postal Inspection Service.

Public meetings

CARE Community Briefing Immigration Detention Facilities Report

From the office of California Attorney General Rob Bonta:

The [Office of Community Awareness, Response and Engagement \(CARE\)](#) invites you to join us for our next CARE Community Briefing. We are pleased to present a CARE Community Briefing on the recently released Immigration Detention Facilities Report on **Thursday, May 22, 3 to 4 p.m., virtual presentation.**



To register, click [here](#).

This virtual community briefing will share highlights and findings from California Department of Justice's 2025 [Immigration Detention Facilities Report](#). The report provides members of the public and policymakers with a comprehensive review of the conditions of immigration detention facilities in California with a particular focus on mental health.

CARE Community Briefings are public virtual webinars to share information about CA DOJ reports and resources.

Please contact care@doj.ca.gov for any questions about this virtual presentation.

GVRD seeks public input

A poster for GVRD's public outreach. It features a microphone in the foreground and a blurred background of people. The text includes the GVRD logo, the title 'BUDGET PROCESS Fiscal Year 2025-2026 PUBLIC OUTREACH', and details about the event: '6:30pm Thursday, May 22, 2025' at 'GVRD Boardroom 401 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA'. It also provides contact information: '707-648-4600' and 'www.gvrd.org', and a QR code for more information.

BUDGET PROCESS
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
PUBLIC OUTREACH

Other ways to participate:

- Scan or click the QR code to provide input.
- Additional board meeting dates posted on our website.

6:30pm
Thursday, May 22, 2025
GVRD Boardroom
401 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA

707-648-4600 www.gvrd.org

VCUSD Superintendent to Host Event in Spanish for Latino Families



From the Vallejo school district:

The Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) is excited to invite Latino families to a special event, Uniting Voices: Empowering Latino Families in VCUSD, on **Wednesday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** **The event will occur at Vallejo Charter School Gymnasium (2833 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA 94591).**

The gathering, led by VCUSD Superintendent Rubén Aurelio, will offer a safe and welcoming space for families to share their experiences, concerns, and ideas regarding education in VCUSD. The goal is to empower Latino families by providing opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue, learn about available resources, and help shape the future of education in the district.

"We believe that the voices of all families are essential in shaping the future of our schools," VCUSD Superintendent Rubén Aurelio said. "This event is an opportunity for us to listen, learn, and collaborate with our Latino community to ensure every child has the support they need to succeed. We can create a stronger, more inclusive educational experience for all."

Participants will have the chance to:

Share concerns and solutions with district leadership, gain insights into available resources for families, and meet with other members of the community in a supportive environment

Dinner and childcare will ensure all families can attend without barriers. The event will be in Spanish, with English interpretation available for those needing it.

For those unable to attend in person, the event will be livestreamed on the district's [YouTube page](#). If any attendees require special accommodations, please call (707) 556-8921 ext. 50058 so the necessary arrangements can be made.

This event is a significant opportunity to strengthen the bond between the district and Latino families. We encourage all community members to join us and contribute to a conversation that will drive meaningful change and empowerment for future generations.

El Superintendente de VCUSD llevará a cabo un evento en español para nuestras familias latinas

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de la Ciudad de Vallejo (VCUSD) se complace en invitar a las familias latinas a un evento especial, Uniendo voces: empoderando a familias latinas en VCUSD, el

miércoles, 28 de mayo de 2025, de 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. El evento se llevará a cabo en el Gimnasio de la Escuela Vallejo Charter (2833 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA 94591).

La reunión, liderada por el Superintendente de VCUSD Rubén Aurelio, ofrecerá un espacio seguro y acogedor para que compartan sus experiencias, preocupaciones, e ideas con respecto a la educación en VCUSD. El objetivo es empoderar a las familias latinas al brindarles oportunidades para participar en un diálogo significativo, conocer los recursos disponibles, y ayudarnos a dar forma al futuro de la educación en el distrito.

“Creemos que las voces de todas las familias son indispensables para transformar el futuro de nuestras escuelas”, dijo el Superintendente de VCUSD Rubén Aurelio. “Este evento es una oportunidad para que escuchemos, aprendamos, y colaboremos con nuestra comunidad latina para garantizar que cada niño(a) tenga el apoyo necesario para tener éxito. Podemos crear una experiencia educativa más sólida e inclusiva para todos.”

Los participantes tendrán la oportunidad de:

Compartir sus preocupaciones y soluciones con el equipo de liderazgo del distrito

Obtener más información sobre los recursos disponibles para las familias

Conocer a otros miembros de la comunidad en un entorno de apoyo

La cena y cuidado de niños(as) garantizarán que todas las familias puedan asistir sin ningún obstáculo. El evento será en español, con interpretación al inglés disponible para aquellos que lo necesiten.

Para aquellos que no puedan asistir en persona, el evento se transmitirá en vivo a través de la página de [YouTube](#) del distrito.

Community Corner

Community Baby Shower



The Vallejo First 5 Center is thrilled to invite you to the Baby Blossoms Community Baby Shower.

This free, family-friendly event is perfect for expecting Solano County families, those planning to grow their families, or those with young babies.

Join us for a morning of celebration, support, and valuable information—including wellness presentations, lactation support, and insights from Black Infant Health. Enjoy expert talks on baby milestones, infant massage workshops, and nutrition guidance from a certified nutritionist.

Every family will receive a goody bag and a month's supply of diapers, plus chances to win amazing raffle prizes like a bassinet, stroller, and car seat.

A light breakfast will be served, and local early childhood providers will be on hand with resources and support. Don't miss it—RSVP today by calling (707) 784-1240.

Food is Free at the Benicia library



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

Summer reading challenge



The Solano County Library will host a Summer Reading Challenge from June 1 to July 31.

Beginning June 1, stop by your local library to sign up and pick up an activity sheet or [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

How It Works:

Readers: Track reading minutes on an activity sheet.

Non-readers: Track fun activities on an activity sheet.

Prizes:

Children: Sticker and pencil at registration; prize book, certificate, and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the activity sheet.

Teens: Prize book and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the activity sheet. *Teens will be able to select an in-stock book of their choice from Amazon with a \$15 max limit.*

Adults: Bendable book light and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the activity sheet.

Extras:

Automatic entry into weekly drawings for San Francisco Giants and ferry passes.

Prizes must be picked up at a Solano County Library branch (no mail delivery).

Book prizes provided by the Friends Groups of Solano County Library

John F. Kennedy Library events in May



The John F. Kennedy Library events for May can be found [here](#).

Teen snack and study session



Solano County
LIBRARY

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

TEEN SNACK & STUDY SESSION

Chill out at the library while you study for finals.



Teens are invited to come to the Fairfield Civic Center Library to study for their finals and enjoy some yummy snacks.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

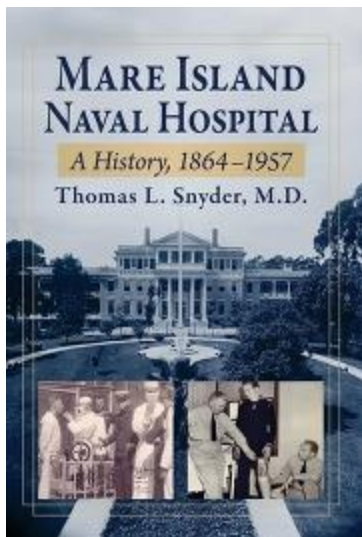
12:30PM - 4:30PM

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

For more information visit solanolibrary.com/events

The Fairfield Civic Center Library is located at 1150 Kentucky Street.

Speaker Series: Dr. Tom Snyder – Mare Island Naval Hospital (1864–1957)



The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation's Speaker Series continues on **Saturday, May 17 at 3 p.m.** with author Dr. Tom Snyder, who wrote *Mare Island Naval Hospital (1864–1957)*.

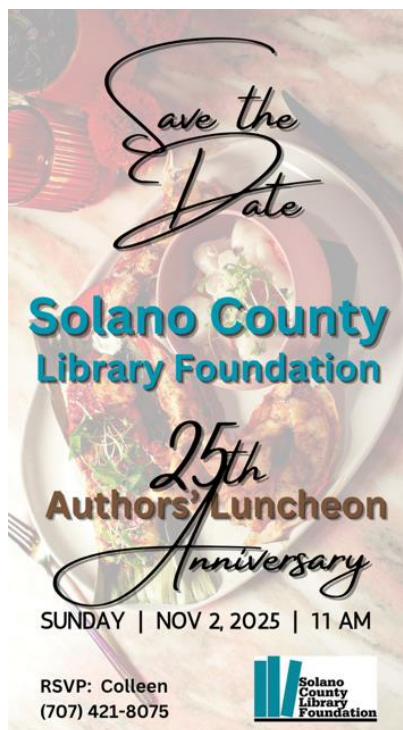
Dr. Tom Snyder is a retired Navy Captain, and urological surgeon. Dive into the fascinating history of the Navy's first West Coast hospital—from its Civil War roots to its pivotal role in WWII and beyond.

The event will take place at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo. Tickets are \$15 advance

and \$20 at the door. Special member pricing available. Members, email admin@mihpf.org for your exclusive discount code before purchasing!

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

Save the date for special Authors Luncheon

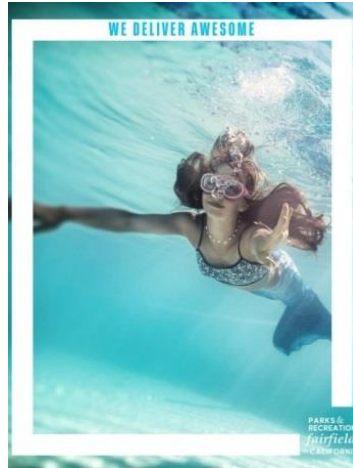


For more information, click [here](#).

Mermaid University

This fun, instructor-led class will teach you to swim with a mono-fin and tail elegantly through the water. Learn the skills and techniques to maneuver beneath the water like a mermaid. Participants must pass our swim test to be able to continue with the course.

The course will run from June 8 to June 29, at Allan Witt Park, 1741 W Texas Street in downtown Fairfield. To enroll, click [here](#).



Updates from around Solano County

Solano County Public Health Offers a Day to Get Ready for Kindergarten in Fairfield



From a Solano County press release:

Local health officials are urging parents and guardians to ensure children four to six (4–6) years of age are up to date on their vaccinations before entering

kindergarten. To support this effort, Solano County Public Health is hosting a walk-in Kindergarten Round-Up (KRU) on May 22 at its Fairfield Pediatric clinic site. The KRU will give children entering kindergarten FREE vaccines and referrals for physicals. Solano County Health & Social Services is partnering with Partnership HealthPlan of California, First 5 Solano, and Aliados Health to host this event where partner agencies will hand out community resources, groceries, and school supplies. This collaborative effort ensures children can start kindergarten on time and have a successful start to their education.

The KRU provides all school-entry immunizations for FREE in one convenient visit, helping families meet state health requirements while keeping children and classrooms safe. These shots protect against measles, mumps, polio, and whooping cough—illnesses that can spread quickly in school settings. To learn more about what vaccines your child needs before kindergarten please visit the CDPH website page [Shots for School](#). Families of children who need school-entry physicals or routine well-child checks will be referred to Solano County Health & Social Services' Family Health Services after vaccinations are complete. This referral will be made

at the event. Please note: No screenings or physicals will be conducted on the day of the event.

Required Vaccines for School Entry Include:

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- IPV (Polio)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Hepatitis B

No appointment is necessary to receive these free vaccines. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's immunization records and insurance information, although no child will be turned away. This is a free, family-friendly event designed to make it easier for parents and guardians to keep children healthy and ready for school. We welcome all community members to stop by, get connected, and take advantage of these free services. The KRU is part of a broader campaign to raise awareness about the importance of childhood immunizations and routine check-up visits with a provider to make sure that children have a smooth transition entering school for the first time.

Clinic Details:

- **Date:** May 22
- **Time:** 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Location:** Fairfield Pediatrics – 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533
- **What to Bring:** Child's immunization records, insurance card (if available), identification

For More Information

Visit the Family Health Services page on Solano County's website, [Solano County - Family Health Services](#), or consider following Solano Public Health on Facebook @SolanoCountyPH and online at <https://www.SolanoCounty.gov/PH>.

Vallejo City Unified Seeks Community Volunteers for Surplus Property “7-11” Committee



From a Vallejo City Unified School District press release:

Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) calls civic-minded volunteers to serve on a newly formed Surplus Property Advisory (7-11) Committee. This committee is an independent, citizen-led body that evaluates district real estate

assets in the wake of recent school closures and consolidation decisions.

Earlier this year, VCUSD's Board of Education voted to close two schools for the 2025-26 academic year, launching the first phase of a broader consolidation plan designed to stabilize the district's finances while preserving high-quality learning for every student. To ensure transparency and broad community input as the district reviews its real estate portfolio, the Board has directed staff to convene a second 7-11 Committee, named because state law requires seven to eleven members who collectively reflect the community's diversity.

"Our schools are the heart of Vallejo," Superintendent Rubén Aurelio said. "By bringing parents, educators, taxpayers, business owners, and other key voices to the table, we can make thoughtful, community-driven decisions that safeguard VCUSD's long-term financial health and keep students squarely at the center of every discussion."

Guided by California Education Code § 17389, the 7-11 Committee will:

Study district-owned properties that may be underutilized or designated as surplus

Weigh instructional needs, enrollment trends, fiscal realities, and community input.

Recommend whether specific properties should be retained, leased, sold, or repurposed.

Report its findings to the Board of Education for final consideration.

VCUSD seeks applicants who mirror Vallejo's rich diversity and can take a district-wide view. Per state guidelines, the committee must include representatives from:

The business community, landowners and renters (with an emphasis on neighborhood associations), teachers, school administrators, parents/guardians of current VCUSD students, individuals with specialized knowledge (construction, environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes, zoning, etc.)

Applicants should commit to approximately four evening meetings lasting at least two hours on June 5, June 26, July 10, and July 24, plus limited preparation time to review materials. Dates and times are subject to change.

Interested community members can fill out the [English](#) or [Spanish](#) application on the district's [7-11 Committee webpage](#) and submit it to the district via the online form. You can

also download it from the same links and email it to rightsize@vcusd.org or submit it to the district office by **5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27**. VCUSD staff and board members will review all submissions, considering the applicant's alignment with the committee's diversity requirements and ability to commit to the meeting schedule. Appointed members will be selected at the Board meeting on Wednesday, June 4.

For detailed FAQs and additional information, visit the [7-11 Committee page](#) or email rightsize@vcusd.org.

2025 Vacaville Veterans Memorial Day Observance



A message from the Vacaville Memorial Day Observance Committee:

You are cordially invited to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at the **Vacaville Elmira Cemetery, Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m.** The cemetery is located at 522 Elmira Road in Vacaville.

The keynote speaker will be Roxane Langevin. Roxane is the mother of two boys: Sean, who was killed in Afghanistan on November 9, 2007 at the age of 23; and Scott who just turned 36. She has two granddaughters: Zoe (Sean's daughter) & Juliet (Scott's daughter); and she is a bonus grandma to Riley, Alyvia, & Malory. Roxane is a proud Gold Star Mother. Roxane's passion & purpose in life is to honor Sean and keep the spirit of his legacy alive. It is important to Roxane that we support our active service men and women & always remember and never forget those who have served, fought, & sacrificed their lives for our country and our freedoms.

Joining the ceremony will be area Gold Star Mothers and Families; Ms. Benita Wilson, USAF Veteran; Vacaville Firefighters; members of the Air Force Sergeants Association; members of the Service Veterans of Northern California Volunteer Honor Guard; and members of the local Boy Scout community.

Vallejo July 4 Parade seeks clubs, churches, teams & orgs



From a Vallejo Parade Association press release:

Vallejo's grand July 4th Parade is calling your name!

This isn't just any parade—it's the largest in Solano County, drawing more than 20,000 spectators eager to celebrate Independence Day in style. And this year, we're making history as we commemorate the 170th anniversary of this beloved event!

Whether you're part of a club, team, organization, or business, this is your chance to march, drive, or roll through the streets of downtown Vallejo, soaking in the cheers of patriotic fans. **The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 4, starting at El Dorado & Tennessee Street, moving through Sonoma Boulevard, and finishing strong on Georgia Street in Vallejo's historic district.**

"Being in the Vallejo July 4th Parade is a great way to show your patriotism and promote your business or organization," says Shelee Loughmiller, Volunteer Chair of the 2025 Vallejo July 4th Parade Committee. "You'll have thousands of flag-waving spectators to cheer you on, and it's a really fun thing to do, too!"

Spots fill up fast—secure yours **before June 26**.
Email: specialevents@cityofvallejo.net **Call:** Shelee Loughmiller at (707) 648-8616.

Photo: Chris Riley, Vallejo Times-Herald.

Republic Services to perform route reviews



From a city of Fairfield press release:

To support sustainability and comply with California state law (SB 1383), **Republic Services will be conducting waste container inspections from May 15 to June 4, 2025.**

What's Happening: Republic Services Sustainability Advisors will briefly inspect garbage, recycling, and organics bins throughout the city. These checks help reduce contamination and ensure waste is properly sorted and processed.

Why It Matters: Contamination happens when the wrong items go into a bin—for example:

- Plastic bags in recycling or organics
- Food waste in the garbage
- Trash in recycling or organics

If contamination is found, you'll receive an **"Oops Tag"** on your door with details. Follow-up outreach may occur if needed.

How to Get Ready:

1. **Check Your Inspection Date** Find out when your area will be reviewed: [Route Review Schedule](#) Or search your address on the map: [Find Your Address on the Map](#)
2. **Sort Your Waste Correctly** Not sure what goes where? Use our sorting guide: [What Goes in Each Bin](#)

Thank you for doing your part to keep our city clean and sustainable.

[Click here for more information](#)

Groundbreaking Ceremony Announced for 2030 North Texas Recreation Center Project



From a city of Fairfield press release:

The city of Fairfield invites residents to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the **2030 North Texas Recreation Center Project, scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. at 2030 N. Texas Street—the future site of First 5 Solano.**

This milestone marks a key step in the city's Community Spaces initiative and the five-year implementation plan to transform underused land into inclusive, active, and safe community destinations.

The 4.43-acre site, located adjacent to Linear Park Trail, will feature a 6,700-square-foot recreation center, multi-use sports fields, playgrounds, a jogging trail, picnic areas, and a fitness zone. First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission will serve as the long-term tenant, offering essential early childhood and family services.

Construction is expected to begin later this year and continue through April 2026. For public safety, fencing will restrict access during construction. Project updates and traffic impacts will be communicated as needed.

For more information about the project contact Caroline Vedder, Senior Civil Engineer, at cvedder@fairfield.ca.gov

Success with Diabetes Hosted by Touro University

Touro University California Diabetes Services will provide the Success with Diabetes program! A free 6-week program to help you learn how to live a healthier life with Diabetes! Starting June 6 there will be



weekly **Friday sessions from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador St., Vallejo.** To register, click [here](#)

Benicia Residential Questionnaire for Business Development



Do you live in Benicia and care about the future of our downtown? If so, the city wants to hear from you!

What do you love most about Downtown Benicia?

What could make it even better?

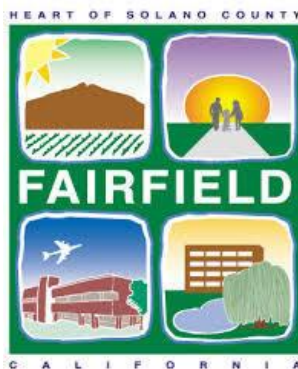
The Economic Development Division is conducting a brief 2-minute resident questionnaire to gather your feedback. Your insights will directly help the city prioritize projects and initiatives that support our local businesses, improve public spaces, and ensure a vibrant, welcoming downtown.

[Take the questionnaire](#) by May 31.

Fairfield seeks applicants for Planning Commission

The city of Fairfield is currently accepting applications to fill one seat on the Planning Commission. This is a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029.

The Planning Commission plays a vital role in reviewing development projects throughout the city—ranging from residential neighborhoods to commercial and industrial buildings. Commissioners ensure that each proposal aligns with Fairfield's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance while considering environmental impact, infrastructure capacity, visual design, and site layout.



The commission meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Harry T. Price Council Chamber.

In addition to project review, the commission helps shape Fairfield's future by recommending long-range development plans that guide the city's growth for the next 20 to 30 years.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 13.

You can pick up an application in person at the City Clerk's Office, located on the 4th floor of Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street. You can also download the application [here](#) or request one by contacting Deputy City Clerk Esther Beavers at (707) 428-7402 or cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov.

Completed applications may be submitted by mail, email, or delivered in person. Please note: the city is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications.

New Solano County website



Coming Summer 2025, Solano County is launching a new website. Keep up to date for the latest news and upcoming launch date.

2025 Solano County Fair Entertainment Listing



The entertainment listing for the 2025 Solano County Fair can be viewed [here](#).

Summer Nights, Live Vibes

The city of Fairfield is excited to announce the return of the Fairfield Summer Music Series, kicking off Friday, June 6, and running through September 5. The free concert series will feature live music, food trucks, and family fun at parks throughout the city on select **Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.**



This year's opening concert features local favorite 2nd Planet at Vintage Green Valley Park. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and the whole family to enjoy an evening of great music in a relaxed outdoor setting.

2025 Summer Music Series Lineup:

- June 6 – *Vintage Green Valley Park* – 2nd Planet
- June 20 – *Rolling Hills Park* – Papa Joe and the New Deal
- July 18 – *Veterans Park* – Git With It
- August 1 – *Lee Bell Park* – Los Cochinos
- August 15 – *Woodcreek Park* – Top Shelf Classics
- September 5 – *Gary Falati Park* – Hey Jude

Each concert will feature live musical performances and food available for purchase from local food trucks. Admission is free and open to all ages.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends, and come out to celebrate summer with music in Fairfield's beautiful neighborhood parks.

For the full schedule and more information, click [here](#).

Solano County celebrates May is Mental Health Month 2025 with several free community events



The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health division, is recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Month, a time to raise awareness about mental wellness, build community support, and connect

residents to valuable resources. This year's theme, "Navigating Mental Health Together," focuses on promoting healing through shared experiences.

"Too many people suffer in silence and face mental health challenges alone", said Eugene Durrah, Mental Health Services Manager over the Behavioral Health Services Act, or Prop1, in Solano County Behavioral Health. "This May, we invite all Solano County residents to come together, connect, and navigate mental health as a community."

Throughout May, Solano County Behavioral Health invites the community to participate in a variety of free events aimed at promoting mental health, including:

Podcast Launch - Tune in for inspiring personal mental health stories shared by Solano residents. **The Solano Connex Podcast, Thursday, May 22, and 29, starting at 12 p.m.** Listen on Spotify @SolanoConnex.

Crescent Moon Center – Join us for a mindfulness and wellness morning with healing activities and mental health resources on **Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 3521 Grizzly Island Road in Suisun City.**

Healing Through Stories – Come together with community members sharing personal journeys of resilience and recovery in a safe, supportive space on **Thursday, May 22 from 2 to 3 p.m., located at 505 Santa Clara Street in Vallejo.**

Inside Out 2 – Join us for a free screening of Inside Out 2 followed by a family friendly mental health discussion on **Thursday, May 29 from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., located at 601 Texas Street in Fairfield.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION For more information for on any of these events, please contact wru@solanocounty.gov or visit our event page: [Solano County - Awareness Events](#).

ABOUT SOLANO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Solano County Behavioral Health assists over 6,000 children, youth and adults each year who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis, addiction, or who have significant mental and emotional disabilities. [Visit our website](#) and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) (@SolanoCountyBH)

Give and Gather Gala 2025



Join in for a night of purpose, celebration, and community as the community raises critical funds to support Meals on Wheels Solano County's Home-Delivered Meals program.

The event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m., **Saturday, August 23, Bella Verdi at Rancho Solano**, 3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy, Fairfield.

Tickets will go on sale at noon on Wednesday, May 21. For more information, and/or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Annual Yard Waste & Weed Abatement clean-up

The Benicia Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Republic Services are hosting the annual Citywide Yard Waste and Weed Abatement Clean-up Program.



This free annual program is for Benicia residents who need to clear their property of weeds and other vegetation. Only green waste/vegetation will be accepted at this event, excluding palm fronds. Tree branch cuttings shall be limited to 4 inches in diameter.

This event is open to Benicia residents only and is intended for use by homeowners. Proof of residency will be required to gain entry. No commercial dumping will be allowed.

The clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Benicia Corporation Yard – 2400 East

Second Street

If you have any questions, please contact the Benicia Fire Department at 707-746-4275.

Lunch Buddies Bistro (Congregate Meal program)



Enhancing the health and well-being of Solano County Older Adults through nourishing meals, connection, and community engagement.

new & EXCITING
CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM

Come for nutritious meals, friendship, and fun!

- Yummy lunches, completely re-imagined with YOU in mind!
- Engaging conversation and social opportunities
- Guest speakers—Help us choose the topics!

Voluntary contributions are accepted, but not required. Come as often as you like!

Meal Reservations are Required two days in advance.

To make a meal reservation, you can:

- Go to one of the sites from 11-1 pm
- Call or text (707) 684-4376
- Email info@innovativehealths.com

Visit our website for more information:
innovativehealths.com/congregate-meals-program

LOCATIONS & HOURS

BENICIA SENIOR CENTER
1201 E 2nd St., Benicia
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FAIRFIELD ADULT RECREATION CENTER
1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield
Mon-Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FLORENCE DOUGLAS CENTER
333 Amador, Vallejo
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

MCCBRIDE SENIOR CENTER
91 Town Square, Vacaville
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

RIO VISTA SENIOR CENTER
25 Main St., Rio Vista
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:50 AM

JOSEPH NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER
611 Dr., Suisun
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

DIXON SENIOR MULTI-USE CENTER
201 S 5th St., Dixon
Tues & Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM



INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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

To reserve a warm meal at any of the seven (7) sites, clients can:

1. Call or text: 707 | 684-4376
2. Email the general email: info@innovativehealths.com
3. Go to one of the sites and reserve onsite with an IHS site host

Reservations are required at least two (2) days in advance. If you have a large group (4+) attending, please give at least one (1) week notice.

Vaccine clinics Hosted by Solano Public Health



FREE VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA

First come, first served. While supplies last.



*Eligibility requirements may apply.

Date	Time	Location	Vaccines
Thursday, March 27, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, April 24, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 15, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 22, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Health & Social Services Multipurpose Room 2101 Courage Dr, Fairfield, CA 94533	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 29, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Public Health Multipurpose Room 2109 355 Tuolumne St, 2nd Floor Vallejo, CA 94590	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+




<https://www.solanovaxfacts.com>

Facebook: @Solano Public Health

These free events target low-income and/or uninsured residents in Solano County. Now is the time for families to get their students vaccines required for school. Flu levels are still high! It's not too late – everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu vaccine to prevent serious illness and hospitalization.

May calendar at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The May calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall, can be found [here](#).

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

ReStore Donation from Silverado Resort



From Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity:

We're thrilled to announce that [Silverado Resort](#) is generously donating a substantial inventory of beautiful furniture from their condos to the Solano-Napa Habitat ReStore in Fairfield!

As part of an extensive renovation to upgrade their resort, Silverado is passing along high-quality items including bedroom sets, dining sets, sofas, desks, chairs, tables, décor, and more.

This generous donation not only supports sustainability by keeping great furniture out of landfills—it directly fuels our mission. The delivery and processing of this exciting new inventory is a big undertaking and began last week, with more to come through early summer.

We're incredibly grateful to Silverado Resort for their partnership and support. Keep an eye out for more news about these donations, and please help us spread the word to friends and family!

This is a unique opportunity to shop beautiful, quality furnishings while supporting affordable homeownership in our community.

ReStore Address: 104 Commerce Court, Fairfield CA 94534

Store Hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm Tuesdays through Saturdays

Donation Drop Offs: 10:00am – 4:00pm Tuesdays through Saturdays

Upcoming events in Solano County

Mother of all Sales



Greater Vallejo Recreation District

MOTHER OF ALL SALES!

 \$30 Vendor Fee!
(Includes 1 parking space)

Community Yard Sale!



 Saturday,
May 17, 2025
11:30 am-3:00 pm

 FREE EVENT
Children's Wonderland Parking Lot
707/648-4600
recreation@gvrd.org

Parks Make Life Better!

Vallejo Garden Tour



2025
VALLEJO
GARDEN
TOUR

A MASTER GARDENER
AT EACH LOCATION!

TOUR TEN LOCAL
GARDENS!



SUNDAY, MAY 18TH
10AM-4PM
\$40 IT'S OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

PICK UP YOUR GARDEN TOUR MAP AT:
THE VALLEJO MUSEUM 734 MARIN STREET
VALLEJO, CA 94590

To buy tickets, click [here](#).

Ribbon cutting event for Carquinez Charters



The Benicia Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting event at the **Benicia Marina on Friday, May 30 at 2 p.m. for Carquinez Charters.**

Carquinez Charters offers sunset cruises, date nights, celebrations, ash scatterings, custom packages and historical tours.

for more information on Carquinez Charters, click [here](#).

Bay Area Butterfly Festival



Monarch butterflies play a crucial role in regulating our ecosystems and pollinating plants — including the crops we rely on for food. One out of every three bites of food we eat is thanks to pollinators like the Monarch butterfly. Without pollinators, our entire food web could unravel.

After two years of counts averaging 116,000 Western Monarch butterflies, only 5,407 of these orange-and-black beauties were counted in their winter groves during the most recent winter. (Data from Xerces Society.) This population count shows a heartbreaking decline of 95% for Monarchs, who are dying off due to pesticides and habitat loss.

You can learn more about Monarchs and how to support them at the Bay Area Butterfly Festival on **Sunday, June 1 at the Mare Island Promenade in Vallejo from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** There will be fun for the entire family, with interactive stations, presentations, music, vendors, arts and crafts, food & drinks, and more!

The festival is a low-to-no-waste event and will highlight the importance of sustainability.

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

Jazz O'Clock

The city of Benicia's Community Services Department has partnered with the Benicia Performing Arts Foundation to bring to you Jazz O'Clock at the **Clock Tower on Monday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m., 1189 Washington Street.**



Listen to a variety of talented artists perform! Sit back, relax, and enjoy! Feel free to bring your food and drinks!

Tickets are \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Benicia High School Jazz Band will open for the Bruce Forman Trio.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

The Benicia High School Jazz Band, directed by Ms. Candice Crismond, is an extracurricular ensemble within the Benicia High School Panther Band program that offers students an opportunity to delve into jazz music. Meeting twice weekly throughout the school year, the Jazz Band performs at five concerts annually and participates in select band reviews featuring jazz performances.

Speaker Series - Reuse and Reconciliation: Tiffany's Ecclesiastical Designs and Civil War Memory



In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, leaded-glass memorial windows were among Louis Comfort Tiffany's most highly visible and sought-after works of art. To meet the growing demand for his firm's coveted window designs, and to accommodate a variety of budgets, Tiffany frequently adapted and reused existing design cartoons for new window commissions.

The lecture will be from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 22, at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo.

In this lecture, Dr. Rideout will start with a look at a history of the Tiffany Studios, including the innovative glass techniques Tiffany developed and used to create his luminous designs. She will then explore the Tiffany-designed St. Peter's Chapel windows as part of a network of commission sites featuring similar designs, from New

York to Virginia to Texas. Created in the decades following the Civil War, these windows formed a visual cohesion which united the sites across sectional lines, even as reconciliation remained fraught at the turn of the century.

The event will open at 2:30 p.m. to give you time to enjoy the Tiffany windows before the lecture. After the event, join us outside the Chapel where you can meet Dr. Rideout and enjoy a glass of wine or beer.

This lecture is co-sponsored by Alibi Bookshop, which will have related books for sale at the lecture.

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

Events I attended this week

Friday, May 9, I attend the Early College High School's Senior Project Showcase. The 1400 building (Commons) was the space used for students to display their projects. I was amazed how many projects used yarn. Many learned skills like sewing, crocheting to create animals for kids, clothes, blankets and when I talked to the students, the concept of a side business was a topic. There is a lot of talent. (Topics ranged from Video Game Design to testing water in different cities to analyze the mineral content.) GREAT JOB ECHS CLASS OF 2025

Later that night was the Sunset dinner. Students gave out prizes to their peers, ate a wonderful dinner and watched the sunset together. They took a moment to reflect on the last time to be together as one big group; as soon a new chapter will begin, and many will not see their friends in person again.

Saturday, May 10, was the in-line dancing group event held at Benicia High School. I attended to say hi! to friends, eat great food and if possible, win a raffle prize. (Which if I win, I like to share the loot) with friends at work. (Yes, I won and shared).

Sunday, Mother's Day, May 11, I attended Suisun City's waterfront faire. I found great vendors selling earnings. I went home happy.

Monday, May 12, I attended the ribbon cutting to announce the new playground at Allan Witt Park in Fairfield. Everyone, your family will enjoy the new area and equipment. Come and check it out.

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](#)

Solano County jobs

Positions	Job Posting Opened
Cadastral Mapping Technician II	05/09/2025
Eligibility Benefits Specialist I (Bilingual & Non-Bilingual)	05/15/2025
Eligibility Benefits Specialist Supervisor (Bilingual & Non-Bilingual)	05/15/2025

NOTE: To be considered for the recruitment(s) listed above you must submit an application by the date indicated in the job announcement. The new eligible list(s) resulting from the above recruitment(s) may replace an existing eligible list; therefore, interested candidates are encouraged to apply for the current recruitment.

If you have any questions regarding the recruitments listed above, please contact the assigned HR Analyst listed in the job posting.

For general inquiries, please contact recruitment@solanocounty.gov.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Solano County career opportunities, review the [Job Opportunities](#).

Newsletter photo

Downtown Vallejo. Photo: John Glidden



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.