

Rediscover YOUR Fairfield

SUMMER 2021

GETTING BACK TO TRAVELING

Wow, has it been a long 16+ months, or what?!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the front-line workers that kept our community afloat and thriving during these challenging times. Our first responders, doctors and nurses, restaurant and grocery employees, all of you contributed tremendously, and we are so grateful.

As we slowly return to a sense of normalcy due to the pandemic shutdown, we know so many people are eager to get out of the house and return to traveling. We invite you to get back to adventuring and REDISCOVER your backyard.

Our local restaurants, wineries, breweries, and other great attractions are eager to welcome you to their establishments. Get out and explore YOUR Fairfield!

Visit Fairfield along with the City of Fairfield, are dedicated to the revitalization of our downtown area. If you have not visited downtown Fairfield in a while, we encourage you to come check out all the great restaurants that have opened in recent years. Recently, Visit Fairfield partnered with the City on a custom beautiful mural located on the K&A Furnishings building at the corner of Madison & Texas Streets. To celebrate, we want to see your best pictures in front of this mural! Come take a picture, post it to Facebook or Instagram and tag @VisitFairfieldCA or use #visitfairfieldca. We will collect all the photos and each person will be entered to win a gift card to a local restaurant and several other prizes! Make sure you enter by August 31!

We look forward to seeing everyone out and about in our community enjoying everything Fairfield has to offer!



VISIT THE NEW CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER

We are thrilled to announce Visit Fairfield has opened a California Welcome Center inside the Jelly Belly Factory.

This welcome center is part of a statewide network of 18 visitor centers staffed by local travel experts who share resources and travel ideas for the local area, the region, and the state.

As a huge attraction in our area, centrally located off Highway 12 and near Interstate 80, the Jelly Belly Factory was a natural fit for a location.

In addition to providing advice on where to eat, where to stay, and what wineries to visit, the Welcome Center will offer free maps and brochures on local and statewide attractions.

Travelers often are looking to experience as much as possible, and the ability to connect directly with a knowledgeable local can make a big impact on creating a truly memorable vacation.

The Welcome Center will also be a valuable tool for the local community! It will be a place where you can:

- Purchase Fairfield gifts and memorabilia, including shirts, mugs, keycha
- Learn about upcoming events
- Explore all there is to see and do in Northern California and statewide and plan your next vacation
- Discover new attractions and tasting rooms in Fairfield
- Volunteer to be a tourism concierge!
Email anthony@cwcfairfield.com for more information

California Welcome Center
1 Jelly Belly Lane, Fairfield
visitfairfieldca.com



Passport Sunday

As you are getting back to exploring and enjoying local events, we are excited to welcome back Suisun Valley's most popular events of the year- Passport Sunday!

This annual celebration is August 8 from 11am to 4pm and highlights the wines and products from the Suisun Valley. Hosted by the Suisun Valley Vintners and Growers Association, Passport Sunday invites guests to travel to participating tasting rooms throughout the Suisun Valley, where they can enjoy wine, barrel tastings, delicious food, and more!



The safety of guests and the community remains a top priority for the wineries. Recognizing the importance of social distancing, the association is limiting ticket sales and the wineries will not be serving food. Instead, guests can purchase items from food trucks that will be parked at various locations around the valley.

Every venue will have hand sanitizing stations and will follow all of Solano County's COVID-19 safety protocols.

Guests are welcome to travel at their own pace, visiting as many venues as they'd like between 11am and 4pm.

2021 Participants include:

BackRoad Vines at Village 360

Jelly Belly Candy Company
& the new California Welcome Center

Mangels Vineyards

Suisun Creek Winery

Suisun Valley Filling Station (featuring Caymus

Winery & Plough Family)

Suisun Valley Wine Co-op (featuring Sunset Cellars,
Blacksmith Cellars & King Andrews Vineyard)

Tenbrink Vineyards & Tolenas Winery

Wooden Valley Winery

A Passport ticket, which includes wine at all participating locations, is \$50 per person.

Designated Driver tickets are available. Visit suisunvalley.com to purchase your tickets and select your starting location.

What's New: VILLAGE 360

Welcome to the neighborhood Fairfield's newest destination - Village 360! This complex, in the heart of Suisun Valley wine country, features wine tasting, a coffee shop, rooftop bar, a restaurant, and a beautiful special event venue.

Morning's will start perfectly with coffee and small bites from **Buzz Coffee** from the tasting bar. At 11am, the tasting bar switches to local favorite **Backroad Vines**, who finds their new home at Village 360 with wine tastings, wine club events, and trivia nights.

Just beyond the tasting bar you'll find **The Landing**, still getting their feet wet, the restaurant is featuring a weekly themed special menu for dinner and Sunday brunch.

Upstairs, meet **The Beacon**. A rooftop cocktail bar with happy hour and an incredible view of the vineyards and mountains. Whether you're thirsting for a local brew, an Insta-worthy cocktail or something neat on the rocks— they have it!

The Village 360 space was made for events and weddings, with various spaces all catering to celebrating special occasions, this is the ideal backdrop for wine country events.

Future plans include a maker's market with local vendors, fitness and crafting classes and eventually on-site overnight tiny home rentals.



Buzz Coffee: Daily from 6 a.m.-11 a.m.

BackRoad Vines: Daily from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Landing: Thursday-Saturday from 5-9 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Beacon: Thursday-Saturday from 5-9 p.m.

Village 360

4949 Suisun Valley Rd., Fairfield
707-863-0646

GET TO KNOW: Two60 Kitchen + Bar

After opening during the pandemic, and working hard on to-go orders and outdoor dining, local restaurateur Molly Tou and Executive Chef Joey Jaraba, can't wait for people to get back to celebrating and enjoying food, wine, and cocktails with them at Two60 Kitchen + Bar.

As the previous owner of Sticky Rice, Molly Tou has been in a Fairfield Resident for over 15 years, and she knew that Fairfield could use something unique and creative to add to our culinary scene, which inspired her vision for Two60.

Chef Joey Jaraba hails from San Diego and has spent his career experimenting with different flavors and marrying them with fresh Californian cuisine- Thai, Italian, Japanese, and Philippine are all influences he brings to the dishes at Two60.

Molly and Chef Joey focused on creating a space and menu that was unique but approachable. With interesting flavors and familiar dishes. Molly loves the fan favorite Poke Tower, while Chef

Joey leans towards pasta- his favorite food being Italian.

Local influences can be seen from the fresh local produce, to the regional wine and beer list, to the fun cocktail names.

When asked why Fairfield, Molly says, "I love this area, the people and the changing demographics. It makes for a really great community to live and work. It's really special to get to know the locals who visit us. The community has been so supportive, you can tell that everyone really cares about small local businesses surviving here."

As things begin to pick up, Molly has some incredible plans to make Two60 even more inviting, including a happy hour menu, and hopefully a regular weekend brunch.

If you haven't dined at Two60 Kitchen+ Bar yet, here is your sign!

Two60 Kitchen + Bar is open for lunch and dinner,
Tuesday-Thursday : 11:30am-9:00pm
Friday-Saturday 11:30am-10:00pm
Sunday 11:30am-9:00pm

Two60 Kitchen + Bar
260 Pittman Road, Fairfield
two60kitchenandbar.com



MEET A LOCAL: Wendy De Coito

If you've been to the Suisun Valley Filling Station in the heart of the valley at Mankas Corner, you have met Wendy De Coito.

A descendant of early Suisun Valley pioneers, her family has called Fairfield home for five generations. Wendy went to Suisun Valley Elementary and Green Valley Junior high, and while she went to Southern CA for a while, she has always considered Suisun Valley home.

Our favorite little-known fact is that while living in Southern CA, Wendy was an animal trainer! And she still works on this passion from time to time now that she is home in Fairfield. You have probably seen her work in movies like *The Hangover* or *We Bought a Zoo*, or in commercials and prints ads with dogs and other animals. So, if you happen to see a cheeky monkey at the filling station, don't worry, Wendy is just bringing her work to the tasting room with her!

When she returned to Suisun Valley, Wendy began managing the tasting room at Rock Creek Vineyard and expanded her love for wine and hospitality. Living just down the road from Mankas Corner, she often dreamed about transforming the previous clay and pottery marketplace into a tasting room for the valley.

Wendy got that chance to realize her dream and set out with the goal to support the growth of the valley, and small local family businesses, while providing a cool place for locals and visitors to sit back, relax and indulge in local wine and beer. She focuses on wine tastings of smaller wine producers who don't have a tasting room of their own or who are only open on occasion. This also includes 10 taps for regional beer and cider producers, retail wine sales, as well as snacks and merchandise from local businesses- like Erickson Jam and Cal Yee nuts. Just a note- this spot is only for 21 and up- so sorry no kiddos, but dogs are welcome!

A cool new offering is Wendy's version of a wine club she calls the "Red, White and Brew Crew", which features curated wine selections four times a year from local producers and four bottles/cans of beer or cider. She also likes to feature a local producer- like Journey Coffee and Erickson Ranch - to encourage people to support other local small businesses.

"THIS COMMUNITY IS SO SUPPORTIVE, I DO WHAT I CAN TO SHARE THE LOVE."



Together, the businesses in Mankas Corner are working to make this area an inviting destination for locals and visitors. While this spot was named for the previous gas station that used to inhabit this spot in the 20's, the Suisun Valley Filling Station has a double meaning- you can fill your glass (with great wine and beer) and fill your proverbial cup as you connect at this wonderful gathering space.

**Visit Wendy at the Suisun Valley Filling Station
2529 Mankas Corner Rd, Fairfield**

YOUR TOWN: City of Fairfield Downtown Strategic Plan

If you haven't been to downtown Fairfield lately, there is an exciting transformation taking place. This momentum will see new businesses planning to open and new projects underway.

Strategic Plan - Downtown Food & Arts District
One of the main recommendations of the City of Fairfield Economic Development Strategic Plan was to transform downtown into a unique district, called the 'Fairfield Food & Arts District'. The goal being to create a destination attracting locals and visitors to enjoy unique design, art, cultural cuisine, shopping and entertainment.

This plan is inspired by the idea that downtown can be a vibrant, robust, unique destination. The Fairfield Food & Arts District will build on the existing unique and culturally diverse restaurants, with an additional four restaurants planned for future openings.

Murals

The Art in Public Spaces Pilot Project is the beginning of a city-led initiative to revive the City's Public Art landscape- starting downtown. In addition to murals, the City seeks to install different mediums of public art including sculptures and metalwork, art along streetscapes and utility boxes, and host art-based events to showcase both emerging and local resident artists. The first mural for

this project has been completed at the corner of Texas and Madison streets, with additional murals planned for the near future.

Farmers Market

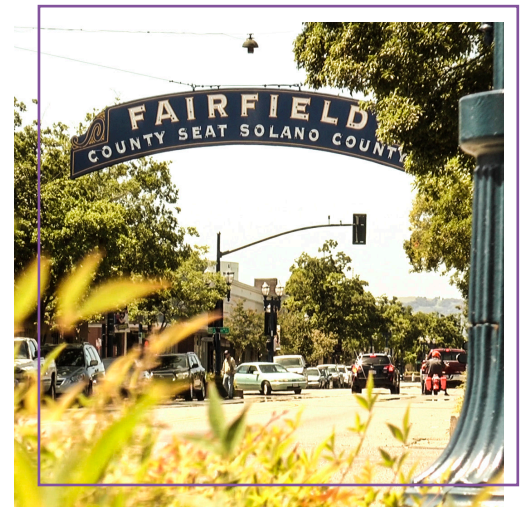
An important part of the revitalization effort for downtown is to bring events directly to Texas Street, not only to share exciting community events with residents and visitors, but to also showcase what downtown has to offer in the hopes that people will return.

The Fourth of July Parade recently returned to downtown and the Farmer's Market is now held on Texas Street downtown on Thursday nights from 4:00 - 8:00pm. The 700 block of Texas Street features the Farmers Market, while the 800 block is available for craft vendors and service providers. In addition, the market plans to feature music on a weekly basis.

Streetscape Improvements

In 2017, the City initiated the Heart of Fairfield Plan to create a positive change in the downtown corridor. It has been over 30 years since the downtown streetscape has been improved, beyond banners and lighting. At the direction from City Council, staff signed a contract for a provider to manage community outreach and conceptual development of plans to revitalize the downtown streetscape and pedestrian experience.

The contract provides conceptual design plans for the 700, 800, 900 and 1,000 blocks of Texas Street, as well as a block north/south on Madison Street. There will be two community meetings scheduled to gather public input on different design ideas, such as landscaping, lighting, seating, furnishings



and other outdoor elements. The first community meeting is anticipated to be held by the end of July. Once conceptual design plans are finalized, staff will hire an architect to provide construction drawings as well as a firm to complete the construction.



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