



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

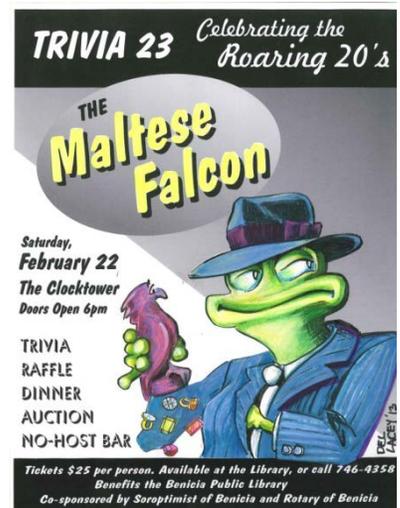
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**TRIVIA BEE IS SATURDAY:** Friday, **February 21** is the last day to get tickets for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Trivia Bee on Saturday, February 22 at the Clocktower - doors open at 6:00 PM.

The Trivia Bee is one of the best-loved affairs that takes place each year, and is the signature fundraising event of the Adult Literacy & ESL Program. This year's theme is the Maltese Falcon. Dressing in costumes that celebrate the "Roaring 20s" is encouraged. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance at the Library or call 746.4358. Tickets are required to enter! – *Library*



**CITY OF BENICIA CITIZENS' GOVERNMENT ACADEMY:** The City of Benicia invites residents to participate in its first [Citizens' Government Academy](#). The goal of the nine session Academy is to provide residents with the information, resources and tools to become more knowledgeable community members, to provide an increased understanding of the organizational structure and operations of the various city departments that impact the quality of life in Benicia, and to develop an ongoing positive relationship with City officials and staff, ultimately creating a stronger community.

Each session will focus on a specific element of city government, providing information on various departments, offering department tours, and encouraging participant interaction with city staff. Sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 PM beginning on **March 5** and ending with graduation on May 7. Note: Due to spring break at local schools, no session will be held on April 16, 2014.

Registration is free and available to all residents of the City of Benicia over 16 years of age. Class size is limited and registration must be made by **March 1**. A confirmation letter with the dates, locations and departments being showcased will be emailed to each participant prior to the first session. Registration forms are available on the [City's website](#), at City Hall, or at the Library. For more information, please contact Diane Smikahl at 746.4343 or email [dsmikahl@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:dsmikahl@ci.benicia.ca.us). – *Library*



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**POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT AVAILABLE:** The Benicia Police Department monthly report for January is now available. It contains a monthly wrap-up of Community Services, Professional Development, Statistics, and Interesting Case Summaries. [Click here](#) to read more. – *Police Department*

**NEW BENICIA BUSINESSES:** The following are newly licensed businesses or businesses with new locations or owners. Please stop by and make them feel welcome:

- **Jamba Juice** (new owner only) — 804A Southampton Road, owner: Victoria Pederson
- **Training Loft 714** — 714 First Street, owner: Denise Brazeal
- **Military Smog** — 495 Military East, owner: Kaeian Sae Lee
- **Tidewater Graphics** — 935 Jackson Street, owner: Alexandra Connor
- **Solano Smile Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry** - 300 Military West #304, owner: Ramtin K. Nassiri, DDS
- **Lightwire Graphics** — 904 Tyler Street #21A, owners: Eugene L. Bower and Mary V. Rowand

- *Economic Development*



**FREE INCOME TAX HELP:** The Benicia Public Library is the site for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide free tax service on Fridays through **April 11**, Noon-5:00 PM. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will prepare and e-file taxes for low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention to seniors. Items to bring include your ID card,

Social Security card, all W-2s, all 10-99s, and your prior year tax documents.

This service is also available in Dixon, Rio Vista, Fairfield, Suisun, Vacaville and Vallejo. For more information on location, call 888.227.7669 or check out their website at [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) or the story on the [Library's website](#). – *Library*



**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Even the heavy February rains didn't stop Benicia Fire Department Firefighter-Paramedic Apprentices Rich Garner, Adam Malbrough, Matt Murphy and Kyle Sater from completing their first major twelve month evaluation. Great job guys! – *Fire Department*



**UPDATE ON BOOK CLUBS:** Benicia Public Library has many [book clubs](#). Here's info on the clubs and what they are reading:

**Adult Book Clubs-**

- **Noon Mystery Book Club** meets the first Wednesday of the month at noon. They are reading *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel
- **Food for Thought Book Club** meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM. They are reading *Plenty: Eating Locally on the 100-Mile Diet* by Alisa Smith
- **Mystery Book Club** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. They are reading *The Boy in the Suitcase* by Lene Kaaberbol
- **Evening Book Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. They are reading *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe
- **Kids Books for Adults Book Club** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. They are reading *The Wizard, the Witch & Two Girls from Jersey* by Lisa Papademetriou



If you're interested one of these book clubs, contact the [Benicia Public Library](#) or sign up for their [newsletter](#). You can [borrow a set of books](#) for your book club's use and check them out for up to 60

days. Contact [Helaine Bowles](#) at 707.746.4358. – *Library*

**TRAINING FOR RAILROAD EMERGENCIES:** Jennifer Johnson, one of our partners from the Union Pacific Railroad provides specialized training to Benicia First Responders in responding to and handling railroad emergencies. The training has been provided three times during the month of February and is hosted by the Benicia Fire Department. Program attendees have included Benicia Fire and Police, Dispatch, Valero, and representatives from the Vallejo Fire Department and Cordelia Fire Protection District. – *Fire Department*



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**Fire Department: 707.746.4275**

**Library: 707.746.4343**

**Parks & Community Services: 707.746.4285**

**Police Department: 707.746.4265**

**Public Works: 707.746.4240**