

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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### FEBRUARY 21, 2012

For additional information on any of the items in this report, please see contact list at the end of this report.

**PROJECT PROM:** Tickets to the high school Prom often cost \$100 or more. With dinner, transportation, and dress clothing, attending this once in a lifetime event is out of reach for many students. The [Benicia Youth Commission's Project Prom Dress Event](#) is an effort to offset some of the cost by recycling prom dresses. Clean, current style dresses are being

collected on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Clocktower until February 28. Then on Friday, March 9 from 3:00-6:00 pm, Benicia and Vallejo High School students with a valid student ID will have the opportunity to pick out a free dress at the Community Center. If you or someone you know has a dress or two taking up room in the closet, please consider donating. – *Parks & Community Services*

# PROJECT PROM

*Presented by: Benicia Youth Commission*

**DRESS REQUIREMENTS:** Dresses Must be Drycleaned & in Good Condition. Current Styles Only. Sorry no shoes or accessories.

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| <b>DONATION LOCATIONS:</b> | <b>CLOCK TOWER</b><br>Jan. 24- Feb. 28<br>Tuesdays from 5:00pm-7:00pm<br>Hang dresses on rack inside entrance | <b>BENICIA HIGH SCHOOL</b><br>Feb. 7-28 (4 days)<br>Tuesdays from 3:05pm-5:45pm<br>Leadership Room. |
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**HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Visit our Web site: [www.ci.benicia.ca.us/tyca](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/tyca), Facebook page, ask a Youth Commissioner, or contact the Parks & Community Services Department at (707) 746-4285.

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**DRESS EVENT: Fri, March 9th 3:00-6:00pm**

The Dress Event is FREE to Benicia and Vallejo Students with current school IDs. Students will have the opportunity to try on dresses in order to find their ideal dress for prom.

**Benicia Community Center, 370 East L Street**



*Donate a Dress & Help a Girl Shine at Prom*

**PLAY BALL!** The baseball and softball fields at Benicia High School are prepped and ready



for the 2012 season. Parks staff improved the turf by fertilizing the infield and outfield areas, and added additional infield mix to all three fields. The pitcher's mound on the varsity baseball field was rebuilt, and new turf lines were cut on the infields and warning tracks. - *Parks & Community Services*

**UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS:** What looks like a busy month for our Public Works field crews is what a pretty typical month looks like. Take a look at January...

**Waste Water:**

- Responded to 17 sewer service calls
- Conducted 3 Sewer Repairs for a total of 230 feet.
- Cleaned 13 Sewers for a total of 3,785 feet (0.7 of a mile)

**Streets:**

- Removed and prepped two joint sidewalks
- Removed all debris on McAllister Land Bridge
- Crack sealed West 9th Street
- Poured 20 feet of sidewalk at West 2nd and H St
- Patched Streets using 15 tons of Pavement
- Removed and installed sidewalk and manhole at 365 Military East
- Refreshed Legend Paint O'Hara & N St
- Removed a portion of guardrail at McAllister Land Bridge to install an 18-foot gate
- Trash removal from East Channel Road
- Restored pea gravel in the backyard of 721 West 2nd
- Patch Paved 5 water service patches on Semple Crossing



**Water:**

- Completed 4 water service line replacements due to leaks including lateral, and meter repayment
- Completed all of the preliminary wiring prior to the replacement of two pumps at our Cordelia Pump station for our raw water delivery system.

*-Public Works & Community Development*

**CAST YOUR VOTE!** The Parks & Community Services Department needs your help selecting the movie line-up for the Summer Movies Under The Stars in City Park. They ask that you pick your top three (3) choices from the following list and email the titles to [Ann Dunleavy](#) by Friday, February 24:



[Hop](#) (PG), [The Muppets](#) (PG), [Happy Feet Two](#) (PG), [Hugo](#) (PG), [Puss in Boots](#) (PG), [Kung Fu Panda 2](#) (PG), [The Smurfs](#) (PG), [Moneyball](#) (PG-13), [Soul Surfer](#) (PG), [Dolphin Tale](#) (PG), [Cars 2](#) (G), [The Wizard of Oz](#) (G), [Grease](#) (PG), [Mama Mia!](#) (PG-13)

The winning movies and play dates will be announced soon and will be listed in the upcoming Summer [Activity Guide](#). Thank

you for taking the time to help us provide top-notch quality programs for our community. – *Parks & Community Services*

**POETRY OUT LOUD WINNERS ANNOUNCED:** Twelve Benicia High School contestants competed in the Poetry Out Loud event at the Library on Saturday, February 4. Congratulations to winner, Austin Carr and runner-up, Natasha Simone. Both students attend Benicia High School and will be presenting their poems around town: February 16 at the BUSD Board meeting, City Council (TBA), Solano County Board of Supervisors (TBA), and on March 6 at the [First Tuesday Poetry Gathering](#) at the Library. – *Library*

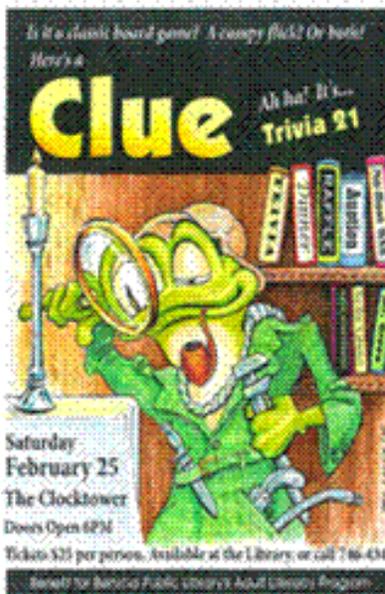


**Natasha Simone &  
Austin Carr**

**SOROPTIMIST GROVE:** Parks staff is putting the final touches on the Soroptimist Grove at Community Park. Staff completed installation of the irrigation system, plant material, mulch and will install the decomposed granite pathways and newly painted sign by the end of this month. This project was funded by a \$10,000 donation by Soroptimist International of Benicia. – *Parks & Community Services*



**WHAT IS THE “TRIVIA BEE”?** 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. The much-loved tradition, which began in 1992, is a trivia competition similar to the game show “Jeopardy”. The difference is that it is a team competition as opposed to individual players, and teams must answer the trivia questions correctly. The competition consists of teams from local businesses and community groups, which vie for the honor of being Benicia's "Top Trivia Toads." There are three spirited rounds of trivia questions in a variety of categories such as entertainment and culture, sports, history and geography, cooking, literature, science and technology, and wild card.



This year’s theme: The Game of Clue! Dress as your favorite character and enjoy a delectable dinner, bid on great items and cheer on your favorite team. Tickets are on sale at the Library Circulation Desk; \$25 per person. (Tickets are required for entry to the event.)

If you can't make it, consider making a donation, for all funds raised go to support the Adult Literacy & ESL Program. The event will be held at the Clocktower: doors open at 6 p.m. on February 25. – *Library*

**POET LAUREATE SELECTION:** It's time to search for Benicia's next Poet Laureate. If you or someone you know is interested, the deadline to turn your application in to the Library is **March 17**. The term will run from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. More information is available at the Library or on the [Library's website](#). – *Library*



**Joel Fallon, Benicia's  
First Poet Laureate**



**Robert Shelby, Benicia's  
Second Poet Laureate**



**Ronna Leon, Benicia's  
3rd (current) Poet Laureate**

**COFFEE WITH THE COPS UPDATE:** The February 9 Coffee with the Cops was held at Mike & Gayle's Restaurant in the Southampton Shopping Center with over twenty-five citizens attending. The topics discussed included updates from Chief Bidou, traffic issues, Neighborhood/Business Watch Program, and the Family Resource Center services.



Next month, the Coffee with the Cops will be held on Thursday, March 22, 8:00-9:00 am at the Benicia Yacht Club. – *Police Department*

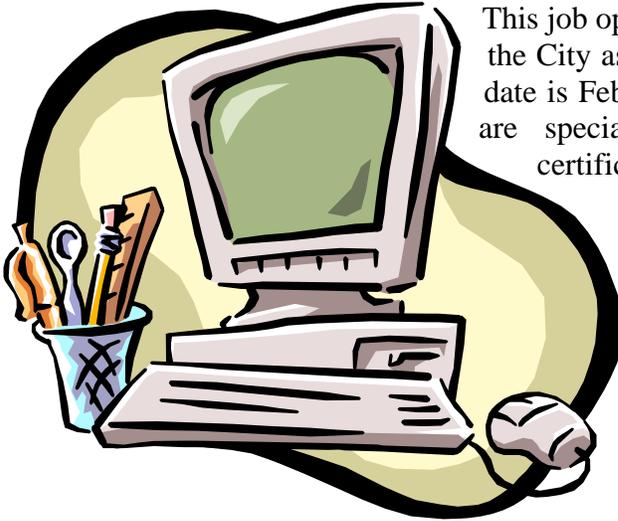
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE:** The Benicia Police Department has a very active [Neighborhood Watch Program](#) with over 30 neighborhoods participating.



Community Service Officer Patti Baron coordinates the program and meets with new and existing neighborhoods on a regular basis. Pictured here is one of the more active groups on Cooper Drive. At the Neighborhood Watch meetings, the Police Department provides up to date information on services, crime statistics, trends and addresses specific issues facing the neighborhood. For more information

about starting a Neighborhood Watch Group, or to find out about the Group in your neighborhood, call [Patti Baron](#) at 746-4268. – *Police Department*

**JOB OPENING:** The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the position of Admin Clerk I/II. Currently there are 2 vacancies: a full-time (hourly pay and benefits) opening in the Parks & Community Services Department, and a part-time (hourly pay only - no benefits) in the City Attorney's Office. The eligibility list can also be used to fill future vacancies that might occur in other departments during the time the eligibility list is valid.



This job opportunity is open to current employees of the City as well as the general public. The final filing date is February 23 at 5:00 pm. Please note that there are special requirements of submitting a typing certificate.

Information and application materials are available [online](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us) on the City's website at [www.ci.benicia.ca.us](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us) (select job openings) – *Human Resources*

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**City Attorney: 707.746.4216**

**Finance Department: 707.746.4225**

**Fire Department: 707.746.4275**

**Library: 707.746.4343**

**Parks & Community Services: 707.746.4285**

**Police Department: 707.746.4265**

**Public Works & Community Development: 707.746.4240 or 746.4280**