

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

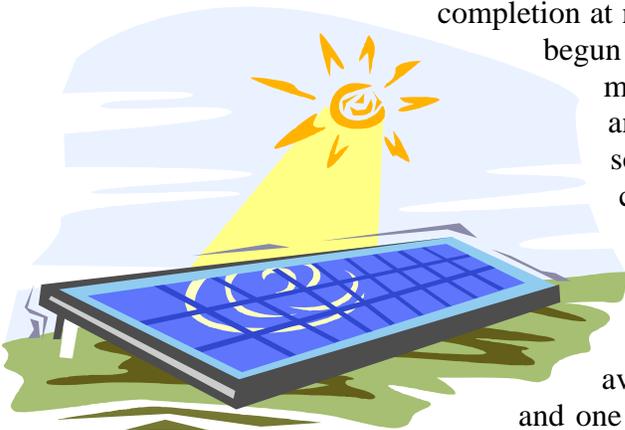
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**CITY OF BENICIA RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT:** In addition to the solar arrays nearing completion at nine City-operations sites, replacement has begun of high-pressure sodium streetlights with money-saving, energy-efficient induction and light-emitting diode (LED) lights. The solar panels are in the process of being connected to City facilities and inspected by PG&E. All of them are expected to start generating power sometime in March, except at the pool (which will be turned on at the end of the summer to avoid disrupting the busy aquatics schedule) and one of the water pumping stations along East 2nd Street, where construction has been delayed but is expected to begin soon. Older lighting in some City buildings, such as the Library is also being replaced with newer money- and energy-saving technology. – *Public Works & Community Development*



**YOUTH BASKETBALL:** The Parks and Community Services Department concluded another very successful season of youth basketball. The program is offered to youth in Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we had over 500 participants. Also, 17 youth participated in our 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the adapted basketball program. This program is for individuals in Kindergarten-High School with special needs. A special thanks goes to all the parent volunteers who help coach. Without these volunteers this program would not be possible. - *Parks & Community Services*



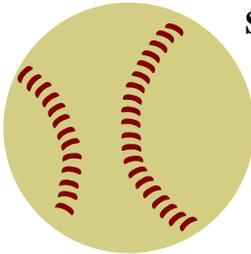
**CHECK OUT THE NEW CATALOG:** Check out the Library's new [CATALOG](#) (LS2PAC).



With one log in, you can place holds **and** look at your account. Create an EZ log on with your own user name and password and create private lists. You are still be able to access the more traditional catalog through the [Classic Catalog](#); when you log in, just click on the Classic Catalog link.



For more information, give the library a call at 707.746.4343. **iPhone users** try the LS2 Mobile Library for catalog and account access on your phone. Download the app from iTunes, and then select Solano Napa and Partners (SNAP) as your library to complete the download. - *Library*



**SOFTBALL AND LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY:** Benicia Fast Pitch Softball Opening Day was held on Saturday, March 3. The day was beautiful and the ceremony was a big success. Little League Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 24. Many Benicia youth are involved in both sports and are enjoying the City's many ball fields. - *Parks & Community Services*

**DINNER IS SERVED:** The Benicia Library Foundation is holding the 3rd [Annual Dinner is Served](#) on March 27 and 28. Dine at selected Benicia restaurants for \$50 per person and the Foundation will receive approximately \$25. Reservations are available at 707.746.4358. See the attached flyer for more information. - *Library*

**3rd Annual  
[Dinner is Served Fundraiser](#)  
March 27-28, 2012  
Enjoy dinner at a participating  
Benicia Restaurant and  
donate to the  
Benicia Library Foundation**

**TAX FORMS AND INFORMATION:** April 17 Tax Day is quickly approaching. Current basic IRS forms are available at the Library. Forms from past years are kept in binders in the Reference Section of the Library and can be photocopied for your use. For more info and tax help and links to forms, go to our [Taxes webpage](#). - *Library*



**Participating Restaurants**

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| <b>First Street Cafe</b>   | <b>Union Hotel</b> |
| <b>Lucca Bar and Grill</b> | <b>Venticello</b>  |
| <b>Sailor Jacks</b>        |                    |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND  
RESERVATIONS CONTACT  
746-4358

**BENICIA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN (BVF) INCORPORATED ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET:** On



Saturday, March 3 the Volunteer Firefighter branch (BVF) of the Benicia Fire Department met at the Benicia Fire Museum to install new corporate officers, swear in new members and recognize members' extraordinary service. Last year the BVF supported the Christmas Parade, Fire Watch for the 4th of July Fireworks Show, Fire Muster on First Street, Antique Car Show, Art and Wine Festival, and BERT exercises. The BVF also provides staff for the Benicia Fire Museum. It is estimated the BVF team contributed over

5,300 volunteer hours to our community. The public is invited to visit our historic [Benicia Fire Museum](#) at 900 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. - *Fire Department*

**COMPOST GIVE-AWAY DAY:** Attention all new and experienced gardeners! Allied Waste will host a composting class for Benicia residents on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Avant Garden located at First & East D Streets. Attendees of the workshop will be able to order a SoilSaver composter at 50% off the retail price of \$99 (plus tax and shipping). It is recommended that you bring a folding chair for the class.



Free **compost give-away** for Benicia residents will follow at Noon at the Corporation Yard, 2400 East 2nd Street. You do not need to attend the class to receive free compost material. Please bring your own container that will hold up to 23 gallons which is 3 cubic feet of compost (max. per resident). The compost give-away will be from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, while supply last. Please bring your driver's license or a utility bill to verify Benicia residency. The composting class and giveaway will take place rain or shine! For additional details and to sign up, call Marie Knutson @ (925) 671-5814. - *City Manager's Office*

**BENICIA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND VALERO FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING:** Fire Chief



Joseph Bateman, Valero Fire Department, and Fire Chief Steve Vucurevich, Benicia Fire Department, continue to strengthen the professional relationship between their departments. Last year Valero provided an off-road site for personnel to practice vehicle operations in rough terrain. This year Valero sponsored eight firefighters' attendance at the Texas A&M Oil Firefighting School. The departments have also conducted joint live fire training at the Valero Refinery. Future joint training is being planned. Both departments are committed to protecting and serving the community. - *Fire Department*

**JOB OPENING:** The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the position of **Seasonal Park Worker**. This is a part time position with an hourly rate range of \$10.07 - \$12.24 per hour. The position is to work on weekends and holidays and will average approx 15-20 hours per week.



Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid California Driver's License.

The application period closes Thursday, March 8 at 5:00 pm. For more information or to apply for the job, go to the [job opening link](#) on the City of Benicia website or

call 707.746.4766. – *Human Resources*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Located in Benicia's Historical Arsenal at 942-C Tyler Street, tucked away in a gorgeous old brick building, is [Nest](#). Featuring a mix of vintage and new furnishings, home decor, sparkling jewelry and wonderful gifts, look for Shabby Chic, Industrial, Flea Market, French, Cottage, Farmhouse, and Garden styles. Nest is open Thursday-Sunday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.



New in Benicia is **Roberto's Fine Jewelry** at 560 First Street next to Contra Costa Federal Credit Union. A great addition to the downtown, Roberto's features a selection of Italian gold jewelry and offers jewelry repair.

After a recent grand opening, **Zen Spa** at 435 First Street, in the old Ironhorse space, is getting great reviews on [Yelp!](#) They're open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. Make an appointment at 707.751.0120. – *Economic Development*

**COMMUNITY ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:** The CAN system will now be utilized for distribution of information following a major disaster or significant incident, which may or may not affect our community. After a significant event such as an earthquake, Benicia residents may tune to Channel 27 (Comcast), Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse), radio station 1610 AM, or log on to the City's website <http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/> and be prepared to follow the appropriate emergency notification information provided. Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless you have a life-threatening emergency, or the non-emergency line if you are simply asking about the incident. - *Fire Department*



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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

The City Manager's Report from City of Benicia City Manager Brad Kilger is published before each City Council meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month. For additional information on any of the items in this report, please contact one of the following departments:

**City Manager/Human Resources/Economic Development/I.T.: 707.746.4200**

**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**