

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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MARCH 18, 2013

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**UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS:** Take a look at what the Public Works Department was working on in February. See if they were in your neighborhood.

### Maintenance – Streets:

- **Potholes-** Southampton Road (13), First Street (3), West 7th Street (3), East 2nd Street (4), East 5th Street (2)
- **Weed Abatement-** Panorama Drive, East 2nd Street, Military West, West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Chelsea Hills, Cambridge Drive, East Channel Road, Park Road, Industrial Way, Bolton Circle, Mills Drive, Hastings Drive, West L Street
- **Surface Storm Drain Cleaning-** Adams Street, Grant Street, Military East, 150 Industrial Way, Military West, East Channel Road, West Channel Road, East 2nd Street, Primrose Drive, Goodyear Road
- **Sign Install/Change Out-** Durham Court, Chelsea Hills, Panorama Drive, Primrose Lane, Industrial Way
- **Miscellaneous Street Requests-** Graffiti removal Rose Drive pedestrian bridge, construction debris removal 200 blk Military West, rolled grass 9th Street Alvarez Park, Curb painting Military at First Street



### Maintenance - Sewer:

- **Customer Service Calls-** Military East at Wingfield Way, Oak Road, Bayshore Road, 100 blk West N Street, Carlisle Way, Sprig Drive, Church Street, Hillcrest, Del Centro, Viewmont, 400 blk East L Street, 300 blk East N Street, 100 blk Military East, 4500 blk East 2nd Street, Lansing Circle, Gen. Quandt Lane, 1000 blk East 5th Street, 600 blk West J Street
- **Televised Inspections-** West N Street, Oak Road, Del Centro, Church Street, East L Street, Chelsea Hills, East N Street, Lansing Circle Gen. Quandt Lane
- **Main Cleanings-** Service calls 1,312', City wide scheduled 8,219'

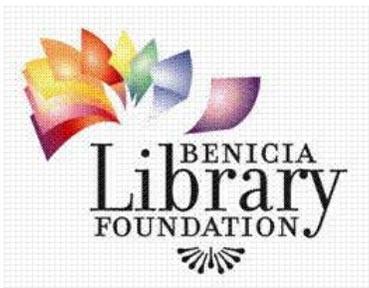
### Maintenance – Water:

- 14 total calls, meter reading, daily customer services and USA utility markings.
- 8' of leaking 6" Fire Hydrant Main was replaced.
- 12 leaking service lines were replaced, totaling 420'.

- Public Works

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**GET YOUR GRUB ON . . . FOR A GOOD CAUSE:** Nine-O-Seven Grill is hosting a fundraiser for the Benicia Library Foundation on Wednesday, **March 20** at 907 First Street. They will donate 20% of their proceeds from all sales that day when you use the [attached coupon](#). Only one coupon per table, please. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new self-check machine for the Library. – *Library*

**PLAY BALL!** Saturday, March 9 was a very busy day at the Benicia Community Park. Both Benicia Little League and Benicia Fastpitch Girls Softball held their Opening Day Ceremonies at the park. What a beautiful day! The weather was perfect to kick off both seasons. Players, coaches, families and City dignitaries cheered on the participants wishing them a safe and fun season. Special thanks go to the Parks Division who worked so hard on preparing our beautiful sports fields for play. – *Parks & Community Services*



Photo courtesy of Julie Peterson.

**POLICE DISPATCHERS PROVIDE TRAINING TO BUSD:** On March 8, Benicia Police Public Safety Dispatchers Sarah Schooley, Tiffany Sylvester and Lauren Teel provided training to the Benicia Unified School District employees on how to properly report potential crimes/incidents occurring on school grounds. This training was attended by approximately 25 employees including school secretaries, front office staff and campus supervisors. The main focus of the training was to ensure school staff are aware of what is expected of them when reporting an incident on their campus. They were also provided potential questions they would be asked by the public safety dispatchers during various types of incidents. Actual police recordings of 9-1-1 calls were played for the attendees providing them examples of how and how not to report incidents. This training will continue to enhance the working relationship between the BUSD and the Benicia Police Department. – *Police Department*



**BENICIA FIREFIGHTER 2012 AWARDS:** On Saturday, March 9, the Benicia Fire Department, the Benicia Volunteer Firemen Inc., City dignitaries, and friends and family gathered at the Benicia Fire Museum to honor the recipients of Benicia Firefighter 2012 Awards. Benicia Volunteer Firemen Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides volunteer firefighters and support personnel to the City of Benicia Fire Department. Some of the award recipients included: Mike Brown – Career Firefighter of the Year, Justin Stein - Reserve Firefighter of the Year, David Deal – Solano Firefighter of the Year, Dustin Anderson -



Phoenix Firefighter of the Year, Yann Jouvenot – Rookie of the Year and Christine Cooley – Logistical Support Unit Firefighter of the Year. There were a number of additional awards presented for various categories such as Years of Service and Outstanding Achievement.

Interim Fire Chief Nicolas Thomas was the evening’s Master of Ceremony with some help from Volunteer President Mike White. Chief Thomas was happy to see Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, Councilman Alan Schwartzman, City Manager Brad Kilger, and City Clerk Lisa Wolfe in attendance. Also notable at the evening’s event was the City Clerk’s swearing in of Volunteer Firefighter Nehemiah O’Neal.



On Friday, March 15, the Rotary Clubs of Solano County hosted “An Evening of Honor” at the Fairfield Hilton Garden Inn to recognize Firefighter of the Year recipients including Benicia’s own Mike Brown and Dustin Anderson. – *Fire Department*



**HELP WANTED:** The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the position of [Public Safety Dispatcher](#). The job flyer is available on the [city’s website](#) and in the Human Resources office. The application period closing/first review of applications will occur on **April 5**. This career opportunity is open to both current City of Benicia employees as well as the general public. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position, please encourage them to apply.



Coming soon....stay tuned for additional job openings. – *Human Resources*

**BENICIA POLICE OFFICERS HONORED AT MADD AWARDS LUNCHEON:** On March 5,



Benicia Police Officers Brian Collins and Kirk Keffer were honored at the annual MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) awards luncheon held in the City of Napa. The luncheon is co-sponsored by the California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. Police Chiefs and Sheriffs from numerous agencies in Solano County, Napa County, Marin County and Sonoma County attended this event.



Police Chief Andrew Bidou, Lt. Mike Greene, Lt. Frank Hartig and Lt. Scott Przekurat attended the ceremony to show their support. Officer Collins was awarded for making 21 DUI arrests in 2012. Officer Keffer made 20 DUI arrests in 2012.

Benicia PD is a participant in the Solano County Avoid the 11 campaign. Avoid the 11 has participants from Benicia PD, CHP, Dixon PD, Fairfield PD, Rio Vista PD, Solano County Sheriff's Department, Solano County Probation, Solano Community College PD, Suisun PD, Vacaville PD, and Vallejo PD. Congratulations to Officer

Collins and Officer Keffer. – *Police Department*

**MARCH IS NATIONAL QUILTING MONTH:** On **March 21**, nationally and internationally

renowned Bay Area quilter, Marion Coleman, will be at the Benicia Public Library at 7:00 PM in the Dona Benicia Room to discuss the inspirations for her narrative quilts. Ms. Coleman's works have been showcased in national magazines including the January 2013 issue of O, the Oprah Magazine. Currently a collection of her quilts are traveling around the country with the International Quilt Festival.

Her storytelling quilts explore the fiber of our nation's complicated history. You're invited to listen to Ms. Coleman speak, and then view the amazing quilt show provided by the Carquinez Strait Stitchers.

This year's quilt show is the result of a challenge project with quilters randomly selecting a Scrabble tile and a crayon color. The creative results of combining both elements will hang in the Library through March 29. - *Library*



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

- Eco Barn Boutique -- 949 Grant Street, Suite P, owner- Maria T. Vallejos
- Law Offices of Patrick Campbell -- 333 First Street, Suite 1, owner- Patrick Campbell
- Two Hews Garage -- 320 West Channel Road, Suite D, owner- Bill Hall
- Cantrell Portrait Design Inc. -- 940 Tyler Street, Studio 23, owner- Bambi Cantrell-Smith
- Scott's Auto Repair Inc. -- 3811 Sprig Drive, owners- Cynthia Susi Jackson and Scott Zimmer
- Alii Sushi & BBQ -- 2126 Columbus Parkway, owner- Ernest A. Ocreto
- Gold Key Properties Inc. (dba Gold Key Real Estate) -- 101 East H Street, Suite D, owners- Debbie Souza and John Barandas
- Love and Hate Clothing and Accessories -- 129 First Street, Suite D, owners- Daniel Sarna and Jessica Divirgilio
- Alamo Auto Brokers -- 1350 Hayes Street, Suite A27, owners- William Herbert Polsey and William Duane Polsey

- *Economic Development*



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