

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**BRIP UNDER WAY:** The City of Benicia presented checks this week to two of the three pilot businesses who have or will shortly complete sustainability projects as part of the City of Benicia's Business Resource Incentive Program.

The Business Recourses Incentive Program is a business retention program that was created to assist businesses in the Benicia Industrial Park to improve productivity and viability through energy and resource savings as part of the City's recently adopted Business Development Action Plan.

The three pilot project companies are Dunlop Manufacturing, Suba Manufacturing, and All Points Petroleum.

Dunlop Manufacturing was awarded a \$10,000 grant for modifications to an existing compressor system that will improve the efficiency and reduce the operating costs of some 50 industrial machines in their main manufacturing plant. The total cost of their project is \$45,000. The remaining \$35,000 is being financed using PG&E's On Bill Financing Program.



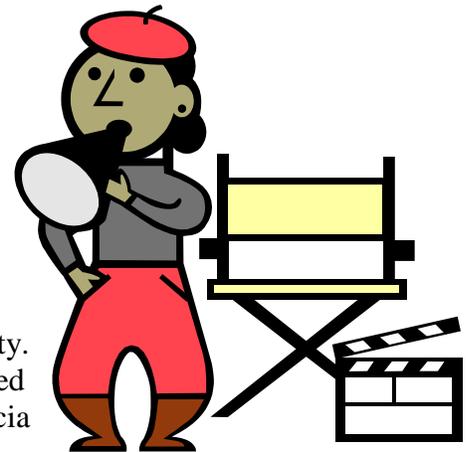
Suba Manufacturing was awarded a \$9,100 grant for new office and factory energy efficient lighting for overall energy savings.

All Points Petroleum will be awarded an estimated \$10,000 grant for new interior and exterior illumination and security lighting to reduce energy costs.

Funding for the program is allocated from the VIP Agreement. All three projects will result in the reduction of approximately 40 metric tons of greenhouse gasses per year in the Benicia Industrial Park. – *Economic Development*

**VIDEO TOUR OF BENICIA:** The newly released [Video Tour of Benicia](#) has been posted on the homepage of the City’s website. Topics for the short videos are:

- [Welcome](#)
- [Quality of Life](#)
- [Real Estate and Relocation](#)
- [Things to Do](#)
- [Doing Business](#)
- [History](#)
- [Arts & Culture](#)



These videos were produced free of charge to the City. Special thanks go to our staff and citizens who volunteered their time to help us brag about the things that make Benicia special. – *Economic Development*

**BENICIA POLICE CONDUCT BIKE RODEO:** On March 22, members of the Benicia Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a bicycle safety rodeo at Mary Farmar Elementary School. This project is funded through the Solano County Safe Routes to School Program. Tracy Nachand from the Solano County Health Department, arrived with the Safe Routes to School mobile bike trailer and conducted safety inspections of participant’s bikes and the bike helmets they wore. If a participant did not have a bike, one was provided. If the participant had a helmet that was not safe or did not fit correctly, helmets were provided for the children to keep. The main focus of this event was to promote bike safety and the wearing of bike helmets. Officers from Benicia Police explained basic “rules of the road” and provided safety tips when riding bikes. Several parents and teachers from Mary Farmar also assisted to make this a successful event.



After completing the bike and helmet safety inspection and learning some of the rules of the road, the participants rode through several fun bike safety courses. Approximately 150 students participated in this annual event. Traffic Officer Fred Ayala was responsible for setting up the event with assistance from Animal Control Officer Darlene Jelonek, Volunteer Jay Colvin, Volunteer Ron “Doc” Uhlman and Volunteer Bruce Shea. – *Police Department*



**ART ON DISPLAY BY LIBERTY AND BENICIA HIGH STUDENTS:** There are many talented, artistic students at Benicia High and Liberty High Schools.

A selection of their art is on display at the Library now through the end of April. You are encouraged to come in and take a look! Some examples are:

- Typeface Design by Ciara Anies and Christian Manasala
  - Fierce Tiger by Shanela Garcia
  - Tree of souls by Daisy Hayward
- Library



**BLACK LIGHT DANCE AT THE CLOCK TOWER:** Benicia Youth Commission hosted their second Black Light Dance of the 2012-13 school year at the Clock Tower on Friday, March 15. Roughly 350 Middle School students attended from 6:00-8:00PM and about 180 High School students from 8:30-10:30PM. Commissioners added Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day decorations to the black lights, blue rope lights, and colorful electroluminescent wire.

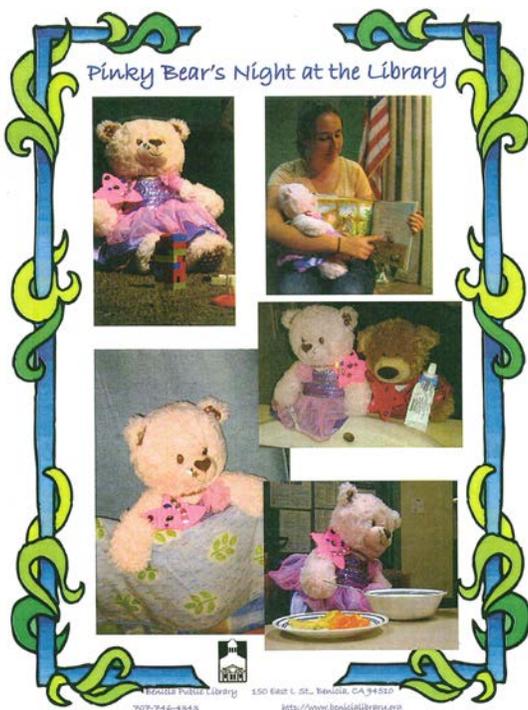
Special thanks to Officer Sam Peterson for hanging black lights the day before as well as coordinating Police Assistance during the event (Officer Will Patterson and PD volunteers). Thank you to Parks & Community Services Staff (Brittany Silva, Taylor Grisham, Maureen Patterson, Dominguez Dickerson, Kylie Silva & Brett Brightwell) and School Board Member, Gary Wing. – *Parks & Community Services*



**FIRST CFO IN SOLANO COUNTY:** Whipt Baked Goods of Benicia is the first company in Benicia, and Solano County, to receive Solano Health Department approval for a home-based business that can make certain foods for retail sales under recently implemented AB 1616 – [Cottage Food Operations](#). The Community Development Department was instrumental in helping the owner define and work through the process. This is another example of our City Departments working to make business work in Benicia. [Whipt Baked Goods](#) cookies look yummy! Order some today. – *Economic Development*



**TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER AT THE LIBRARY:** On Monday, March 25, the Library



held its first-ever Teddy Bear Sleepover. After the evening storytime, children left their teddy bears in the Library overnight. When they picked them up the next morning, each child was given a set of photos showing what fun the teddy bears had overnight. The event was popular with attendees. Library staff are planning another Teddy Bear Sleepover for the fall. – *Library*



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