

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**APRIL 16, 2012**

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**EVERY 15 MINUTES:** Benicia and Liberty High Schools will be conducting its 7th "Every 15 Minutes" program on **Tuesday, April 17** and **Wednesday, April 18**. This statewide program is designed to raise awareness in teens of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other controlled substances. "Every 15 Minutes" derived its name, in 1991, from the fact that every 15 minutes someone in the United States dies from an alcohol related traffic collision.

The "Every 15 Minutes" program is co-sponsored by the California Highway Patrol and the Office of Traffic Safety. The event is a community collaborative and has financial and volunteer support of the Benicia Police, Fire, and Parks & Community Services Departments, Sutter-Solano Hospital, Passalacqua Funeral Home, local businesses and service clubs, and the Parent-Teacher Association. The program has been offered at many high schools across the state of California since 1991 with overwhelming success.



A major part of the "Every 15 Minutes" program is a student simulation of an alcohol-related accident scene. The simulation will take place at Benicia High School in the upper parking lot at approximately 10:57 a.m. on Tuesday. The re-enactment will include a 9-1-1 call that will be broadcast over the school's public address system and the resulting response by the Benicia Police and Fire Departments, California Highway Patrol, and other emergency vehicles including a medical evacuation helicopter.

The following day, there will be three school assemblies held at the Benicia High School Gym, two in the morning for students and an evening assembly for the community at 6:30 pm. The assemblies will show the DVD of the collision re-enactment and various presentations by students, parents and dignitaries.

- Police Department, Fire Department, Parks & Community Services

**CONFIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING:** Take advantage of the opportunity to shred your private documents, old confidential papers, tax returns, etc. at the confidential paper shredding days at VALCORE Recycling, 38 Sheridan Street in Vallejo. A truck will be on site **April 17, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15** from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Feel free to watch as your documents are shredded. The cost is \$10 to shred 1-20 lbs and there is a limit of 100 lbs per event. Sponsored by the City of Vallejo, call [VALCORE](http://www.valcore.com) for more info at 707.645.8258. – *City Manager's Office*



**RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT:** Solar panels are now producing the power to run City Hall, the Police Station, the Community Center, the Southampton Fire Station, the Corporation Yard, the Water Treatment Plant and two water pumping stations. Replacement of lights in City building and streetlights with energy-saving components continues. – *Public Works & Community Development*

**City of Benicia**  
**Renewable Energy**  
**Projects Walking Tour**

Dates: Thursday, April 19th & Friday, April 20th  
Time: Noon  
Meet at City Hall Parking Lot  
(behind building at 250 East L Street)

*In honor of Earth Day*

Join us for a 30-45 minute walking tour of recently constructed renewable energy projects. Tour will include the City Hall parking lot and the Benicia Community Center. Learn about the projects and ask questions.

Contact: Gina Eleccion at [geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us) or 707-746-4278

**EARTH DAY TOUR:** As Earth Day approaches, the City of Benicia and the Community Sustainability Commission are hosting Renewable Energy Walking Tours on **Thursday, April 19 & Friday, April 20** at noon. Meet in the parking lot behind City Hall (250 East L Street) for the 30-45 minute tour of the recently constructed renewable energy project at the City Hall parking lot and the Benicia Community Center. For more information, contact [Gina Eleccion](mailto:geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us) at 707.746.4278.

- *Public Works & Community Development*

**SOLANO LAND TRUST THROUGH THE EYES OF ARTISTS:** In celebration of Earth Day, the Library is exhibiting the work of professional artists committed to bringing public awareness and support to [Solano Land Trust's](http://www.solanolandtrust.org) mission. Seeing Solano II will be on display April 1 – May 6 in the Marilyn Citron O'Rourke Gallery at the Benicia Public Library. A special film screening of [Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time](http://www.solanolandtrust.org) will be held on **Saturday, April 21**, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. As space is limited, please RSVP to [www.solanolandtrust.org](http://www.solanolandtrust.org), email [volunteer@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:volunteer@solanolandtrust.org), or call 707.432.0150 x200. - *Library*



**Seeing Solano II** Solano Land Trust through the eyes of artists

**NEED RESUME HELP?** Want a CAREER change? Need one-on-one help with your resume? [Make an appointment](#) with a professional Librarian to get assistance by calling 707.746.4347. We also have books on resumes and cover letters as well as a binder on current job openings. - *Library*

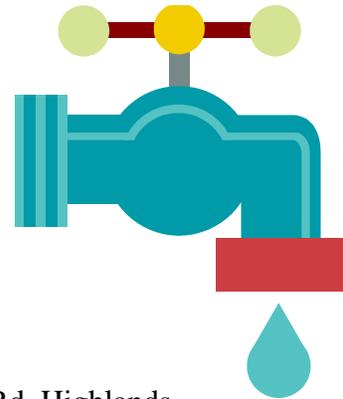


**SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING:** The City of Benicia contracts with Solano College Small Business Development Center to provide business training to our Benicia small business owners and potential owners. Training sessions are held throughout Solano County. The next training session in Benicia is [From Kitchen to Market](#) on **Thursday, May 5** from 2:00-5:00 pm at the Benicia Community Center. If you have a special food product that you'd like to bring to market, [register](#) for this event. – *Economic Development*

**UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS:** Take a look at what the Public Works Department was busy with in March...

**Maintenance - Water Division:**

- 8 service line replacements
- 6" water main repair on Denfield Way
- 2 customer side leak calls
- Monthly meter reading
- 4 after hours calls
- 9 customer check for leak calls
- 2 customer pressure check calls



**Maintenance - Collections Division:**

- Sanitary sewer cleanings- city wide 9,137 feet total
- Lift station cleanings- Teal Ct, Industrial Way, BI, Park Rd, Highlands
- Televised inspections- 400 block West I St, Wingfield Way, 400 block East K St, 100 block West J St, McAllister Bench Road.
- Customer service calls- (11) city wide

**Maintenance – Streets:**

- Patch paving- 900 block West L St Alley, Alta Loma, West 2nd @ West K St, Rose Dr, Reed Ct: 53 tons of asphalt total
- Concrete Replacement - Alta Loma curb & gutter, West K St sidewalk
- Joint sidewalk removal- East J St, West L St
- Potholes- Industrial Park area (27), West K St, East 3rd @ I St, West 7th @ I-780, 150 Industrial Way, East Channel @ Bayshore Rd, Southampton Rd (11), Rose Dr, West I St, East O St., Brentwood Dr, Goodyear Rd, East 2nd @ F St, Teal Ct, West 2nd (3): 51 total
- Debris & trash removal- 300 West K St alley, East 2nd St v-ditch @ Riverhill Dr

**Waste Water Treatment Plant:**

- Completed an emergency repair of the treated effluent pipeline

- *Public Works & Community Development*

**BENEFIT FOR THE HUMAN SERVICES FUND:** The [Human Services Board](#) announces a benefit fundraiser at the [Winterhawk Winery](#) (4537 Abernathy Road in Fairfield) on Sunday, June 15 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The Human Services Board is responsible for distributing requests for funding to all interested non-profit agencies that provide services to Benicia citizens who are in need of assistance. Contact Board Member Mike Caplin for more information at 707.746.0380. – *City Manager's Office*

**DOWNTOWN BUSINESS NEWS:** Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. [Elisa's Closet](#) at 623



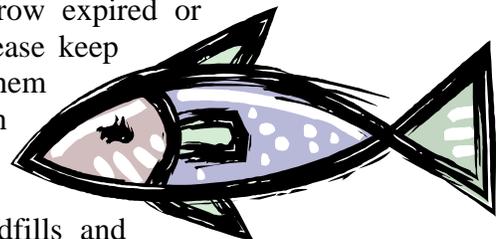
First Street has a huge selection of vintage clothing, jewelry and accessories. Owner Elisa Anderson is always willing to teach your young one the fine art of negotiating for the perfect Mother's Day gift. For Dads, Elisa's Closet has a ton of Hawaiian shirts for Aloha Fridays at the office!

Speaking of Mother's Day, on Saturday, May 12 the Benicia Historical Society is hosting their annual [Vintage Home and Garden Tour](#). This is a wonderful way to celebrate Mom with lunch in one of [Benicia's great restaurants](#) followed by the tour where you get to take a peek behind the doors and gates of nine vintage Benicia homes and yards and enjoy a reception in the gardens of the Fischer Hanlon House. Tickets are \$25 in advanc/\$30 day of the tour and are available at [Benicia Main Street](#), [Benicia Chamber of Commerce](#), [Bookshop Benicia](#) and [Camellia Tea Room](#). Proceeds benefit the Benicia State Park Assn.'s efforts to keep the State Capitol open and the Society's fund to restore the Von Pfister Adobe.



Getting married in June or know someone who is? [Benicia Antique Mall](#) has a selection of vintage wedding shower decorations to make the party unique. Stop by 918 First Street to see these and all the other unique items available. – *Economic Development*

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY:** Don't throw expired or unused drugs in the garbage or down the drain. Please keep them out of our landfills and waterways by taking them instead to the [Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#) on **Saturday, April 28** at the Solano County Sheriff Coroner's Office at 520 Clay Street in Fairfield from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Keep them out of our landfills and waterways. More information is available at 707.421.7500. – *City Manager's Office*



**1/8 SALES TAX HELPS THE LIBRARY:** Originally passed in 1998 as Measure B, [Measure L](#)



will continue the existing sales tax at a rate of .0125 percent (one-eighth of a penny) to benefit the Libraries in Solano County. The sales tax generated in Benicia stays in Benicia, and in 2010-11, this amounted to \$710,221, or 33% of the Benicia Library's total budget. These funds were used to extend hours of operation (including evening, Saturday and Sunday hours), purchase additional materials, and increase services and

programs for children and teens. A fundraising event to support the Benicia Public Library as well as other libraries in the county will be held by the Solano County Library Foundation on April 29 at the Winterhawk Winery. Information on how to help and details on the campaign are available at <http://www.keepsolanolibrariesopen.com/>. - *Library*

**IRRIGATION FOR NATIVE PLANTS IN A RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE:** Learn about the



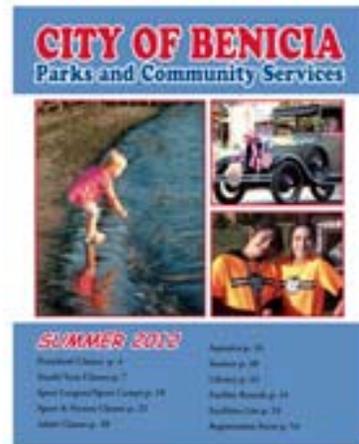
differences between water requirements for native plants and other plants in your yard, and some irrigation methods and equipment considerations during a program held by the [California Native Plant Society](#) on **Monday, April 23** at 7:00 pm in the Library's Dona Benicia Room. - *Library*

**SIGN OF THE TIMES ANTHOLOGY:** The [First Tuesday Poets 2012 anthology](#) will be celebrated on Saturday, April 28 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Dona Benicia Room of the Library. Refreshments will be served. - *Library*



**SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE IS HERE:** Residents received the Parks & Community Services [Summer Activity Guide](#) in the mail the first week in April. The Summer Guide is the resource for hundreds of local recreation class, programs, and events from May 1 - August 31. Always a fun time

of year, don't miss Movies & Music in the Park, Summer Shows, camps, sports, classes, swim lessons, and much more. Registration began Monday, April 9 for residents and April 16 for non-residents. - *Parks & Community Services*



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

- South Villa Chinese Restaurant (new ownership) - 2040 Columbus Parkway.
  - 907 Grill - 907 First Street - Owner: Randy Ramos
  - Feel Good Foods LLC (new ownership) - 560 First Street #A-105
  - Bay Area Metal Fabrication - 250 West Channel Road
  - Networxx.Biz - 110 East D Street #B
  - MedDev Strategies LLC - 3820 Industrial Way #D
  - Bay Area Entertainment - 280 First Street
  - Synergy Glass & Packaging Inc - 447 East Channel Road
  - Cremona Fine Violins - 601 First Street #D
  - Rap Distributors - 865 Teal Drive
  - Unico Mechanical Corp - 750 Jackson Street (2nd location)
- *Economic Development*



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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:

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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**