

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**EVERY 15 MINUTES:** On April 17-18, Benicia and Liberty High Schools conducted their 6th "Every 15 Minutes" program. This statewide program is designed to raise awareness in teens to the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other controlled substances. The event is coordinated by Patti Baron, Community Service Officer with the Benicia Police Department, Ann Dunleavy, Supervisor with Benicia Parks and Community Services, Ron Wheat, Vice Principal with Benicia High School and Gary Wing, Benicia School Board Member.



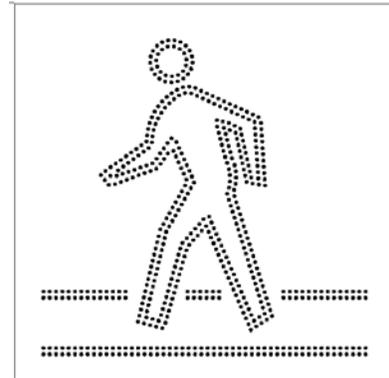
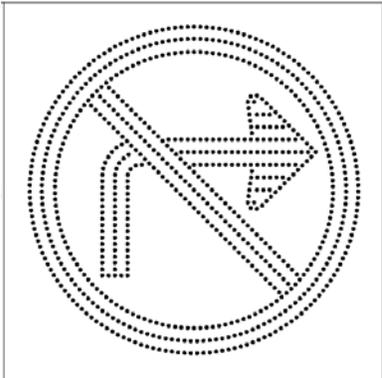
The "Every 15 Minutes" program is co-sponsored and grant funded by the California Highway Patrol and the Office of Traffic Safety. The event is a community collaborative and has financial and volunteer support of the Benicia Police and Fire Departments, Parks and Community Services Department, Sutter Hospital, Calstar Medical Helicopter, Passalacqua Funeral Home, the Parent-Teacher Association, and local businesses and service clubs.

The two-day event included a student simulation of an alcohol-related accident scene and a parent/student educational retreat. The re-enactment is filmed and the next day, three school assemblies were held to show the DVD of the collision re-enactment and various presentations by students, parents and community leaders. The event was a major success thanks to everyone involved. – *Police Department*

**GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE:** In an example of a great partnership that helped one of our citizens...on a Friday afternoon, Library Assistant Debra Edwards received a phone call at the customer service desk from a U.S. Airways employee. The employee told her he found a book from the Benicia Public Library at the ticket counter. The airline's employee gave the barcode number to Debra, who identified the name of the person who had checked out the book. The airline found the customer's name on their boarding list and sent the book to the gate in time to get it to the customer who was waiting in line to board the flight. – *Library*



**PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:** Beginning next week, new electronic signs will be installed at three popular street crossings to alert drivers that pedestrians are in the intersection. One sign will be located at East 2nd & Military to prevent cars southbound on East 2nd from making a right turn when pedestrians are in the crosswalk. Another sign will be located at Military & West 7th to alert drivers eastbound on Military turning north onto West 7th that there is a pedestrian in



the intersection. Two more signs will be located at Columbus Parkway & Rose Drive to alert drivers that pedestrians are crossing Columbus to or from the new bike path. Hopefully by enhancing safety, these signs will encourage more walking and bicycling. – *Public Works & Community Development*

**HOW DO PARKS MAKE YOUR LIFE BETTER?** Send Ashley How an email with your photo and answer to one of the following:

**Play is . . .**

**My Favorite Park is . . .**

**My Favorite Recreation Program is . . .**

and your response could be included in the next [Activity Guide](#). – *Park & Community Services*.

**MEDITATION: EXPERIENCE THE PEACE, CALM AND JOY YOU ARE SEEKING:** Each day, the outer world seems darker and more frantic, so we need some way to leave it behind for a while to access the joy, calm, and peace that lie within each of us. It is a matter of learning how to still the mind, and every one of us can quickly learn this vital meditation technique. Presenter Marshall Zaslove, MD, will provide instruction in these valuable techniques on May 17 at 7:00 pm in the Library's Dona Benicia room. - *Library*



**BUSINESS NEWS:** *NINE O SEVEN GRILL* is open. Randy Ramos' new restaurant at 907 First Street is open serving lunch and dinner. [Check out the menu](#), then stop by and welcome him back. Yum! – *Economic Development*

**FREE MUSEUM PASSES:** Looking for an inexpensive date option? Gearing up for summer with the kids? The Library is now lending Museum passes for the [Asian Art Museum](#), [Benicia Historical Museum at the Camel Barns](#), the [Exploratorium](#), and the [Lindsay Wildlife Museum](#). Stop by the Library to check out a pass or two, and don't forget to check the museums' websites for hours, holidays, and special events. - *Library*



**SPRING CLEANING:** The Benicia Fire Department and Allied Waste Disposal, Inc. are hosting the annual **citywide green waste and weed abatement clean up program**. This annual free program is for Benicia residents and homeowners who need to clean their property of weeds and other vegetation. Only green waste/vegetation will be accepted at this event. No commercial dumping will be allowed.



The spring clean up event is being held at the Benicia Corporation Yard at 2400 East Second Street on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. – *Fire Department*

**BIKE TO WORK DAY:** Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is [Bike to Work Day](#) in Solano and Napa Counties. Sign up with a team in the Team Bike Challenge or go it solo, but sign up so that you are eligible for prizes when you ride your bike to work during the week of May 7 – 11. For your convenience, there are several brand new blue bike racks in the parking lot in back of City Hall and all over town.



Thinking about getting a bike? Take advantage of the Bucks for Bike! Program and receive a grant of 60% of the cost (up to \$100) of a new bike. Check out the inventory at [Wheels in Motion](#) at 735 First Street. - *Public Works & Community Development*

**NEW BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** The [Sustainable Management Program](#) was approved by Council on April 17. The Program is a major initiative of the City's recently adopted [Business Development Action Plan](#) (BDAP). The purpose of the Program is to provide resources to businesses that will allow them to increase their competitiveness and productivity. Functionally, the Program provides a sustainable (energy, water, waste, behavior) analysis for Benicia businesses in the Benicia Industrial Park, and then provides funding to enable those businesses to act upon the recommendations identified in the analysis. This program is designed to serve both as an economic development tool and a vehicle to help implement the goals identified in the City's [Climate Action Plan](#). If you know of a business that might be interested, please refer them to the Office of Economic Development. – *Economic Development*

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