

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE: The Benicia Police Department's Monthly Reports for the first quarter of 2013 ([January](#), [February](#), [March](#)) are available on the City's website (www.ci.benicia.ca.us) under City Departments, Police, Annual & Monthly Reports. The report provides information on Crime Statistics, Community Service, Professional Development, and interesting Monthly Case Summaries. Check it out. – *Police Department*



BENICIA FIRE CO-HOSTS DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP: On Friday, April 19,



[Firefighter's ABC's](#)

21st Century Diversity Recruitment Workshop
Sponsors Vallejo Fire Department & IABPFF SWR
Co-Host Benicia Fire Department

Benicia Fire Department
Cordelia Fire Protection District
Dixon Fire Department
Marin County Fire Department
Palo Alto Fire Department
Roseville Fire Departments Local Union
San Rafael Fire Department
Stockton Fire Department
Vacaville Fire Department
Vallejo Fire Department

Benicia and Vallejo Fire Departments co-hosted a diversity recruitment workshop held at the City of Vallejo's Council Chambers. The purpose of the workshop was to form collaborative efforts and best practices that lead to recruiting, training and educating a 21st century fire service that reflects a diverse workforce. The goal is to ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to compete for public safety careers and to serve the public. Fire, police, EMS and other public safety agencies and organizations in the Bay Area were invited to partner with or attend this workshop.

Representing Benicia was Fire Chief Jim Lydon, Division Chief Nicolas Thomas, Benicia Volunteer Firefighters Tom Clausen and Nehemiah O'Neal, and Kim Imboden and Shelsia Rishell from the Human Resources Department. – *Fire Department*

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

- Becon Construction Company -- 6320 Goodyear Road, owners: John P. Dyson and Mary Quazzo
- The Dharma Door USA -- 991 Tyler Street, Unit 101, owner: Katherine Zilavy
- Kiwi Tyz, LLC -- 865 Teal Drive, owners: Rex, Maureen and Paul Daysh, Toni Mitchell
- The Loft Wine Bar -- 280 First Street, owner: Jason Diavatis
- RA Storelee Insurance Agency -- 321 First Street, Suite 201, owner: Robert Storelee
- Santa Clara Warehouse, Inc. -- 539 Stone Road and 540 Stone Road, owner: John Yandell
- Steve Desmond, Inc., DBA: Desmond Johnson ltd. -- 4830 East Second Street, owner: Steven Desmond
- Ling's Spa -- 810 Southampton Road, Owner: Tian Rong Wu
- RV / Kincaide & Associates, Inc. -- 3200 Bayshore Road, owners: Vincent E. Rettew and Timothy R. Kincaide
- Napa Bella -- 131 First Street, Suite C, Owners: Cindy and Michael Coffey
- Crane Station, Inc. -- 401- D West Channel Road, owners: Rex and Maria Imelda Sevilla
- Wild Flower Skin Care Studio -- 835 East Second Street, owner: Francesca Cavanaugh
- Sky Capital Management LLC, DBA: Sky Capital -- 1350 Hayes Street Suite A26, owners: Kim Hillebrants and Maxine Babb

- *Economic Development*



WATER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WATERS END: The City of Benicia Public Works Department recently announced that it is joining with Shea, Pulte to construct water service improvements for the Waters End development this season.



The first project will be to replace the copper services within the development, which convey treated water from the water main in the street to the water meter in the sidewalk for each residence. The copper pipes, which are corroding due to the soil environment, will be replaced with polyethylene which is an alternative piping material, also commonly used. Work is scheduled to begin **May 13** and be completed within three months and includes street resurfacing after the new water service lines have been installed.

The second project, which is currently under design, is a pressure reducing station that will substantially lower the pressure of the water delivered to each residence within this development. It is anticipated that this project will be completed this fall.

Funding for this work is being shared by the City and developers with the City's funding being provided from the water/connection fee fund. – *Public Works*

UPDATE ON CITY EMPLOYEES' RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM: Join City employees on **August 24 and 25** to raise awareness (and money) to save lives from cancer at [Relay for Life of Benicia](#).

What is Relay for Life? Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries take part in this event and raise awareness and much-needed funds to save lives from cancer. We walk for 24 hours to remember, celebrate, and fight back against this disease that has affected so many of us.



How can you help? If you are a City Employee, join our team. If you are an interested citizen, consider forming a team of your own, or make a donation, or dedicate a Luminaria Bag to honor/remember/celebrate someone you know. We will proudly display your bag in the Luminaria Ceremony at the event, or come cheer us on or walk with us on August 24 and 25.

For more information, visit [Relay for Life](#) or contact Gina Eleccion at geleccion@ci.benicia.ca.us or 746-4278 and help us fight for more birthdays! – *Community Development*

Now Hiring: The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the full-time position of [Field Utilities and Streets Supervisor](#). This job opportunity is open to current employees of the City as well as the general public. The final filing date is **Tuesday, May 14**. Information and application materials are available on the city's website at www.ci.benicia.ca.us (select the Job Openings tab on the left). – *Human Resources*



HIP HOP DANCE PERFORMANCE: Renee Day-Roa and her preschool and boy's & girl's Hip Hop Dance classes gave parents, family members, friends, and Benicia Community Center staff a special performance on April 4. Children ranging from 2 – 8 years of age delighted everyone with their talented Hip Hop moves. Audience members had the opportunity to see the children dance, laugh, smile and show off their creativity on stage.



For more information on a wide variety of dance classes, please check out our Summer Activity Guide (available at the Benicia Community Center) or [online](#) on the City's website, www.ci.benicia.ca.us. – *Parks & Community Services*

FREE SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING: The City of Benicia is pleased to announce the upcoming FREE training session for small businesses, artists, retailers, business-2-business, non-profits and more on Wednesday, **May 15** at 8:30AM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Karen Rice, Regional Development Director for Constant Contact, will be back to discuss [Social Media Tools for Success](#) including time management, measuring the return on activities, tips on search engine optimization, and expanding business reach.

There will be a bonus session at 10:00AM. Build Your List, Build Your Business or "If you build it, they will come" will review best practices for increasing your reach and growing your business by building your customer list.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Benicia Office of Economic Development, Benicia Chamber of Commerce, and Benicia Main Street. [Click here](#) to sign-up online. – *Economic Development*

BENICIA FIRE CELEBRATES BADGE PINNING: On April 29, Benicia Fire Department celebrated the badge pinning of Captain Jeff Davidson. Jeff was hired as a Firefighter Paramedic in October 1997, and was recently promoted to Captain. The ceremony included introductions by Benicia's new Fire Chief Jim Lydon, an inspirational message by Police-Fire Chaplain Jerry Pollard and the Oath of Office administered by Senior HR Analyst Kim Imboden. The ceremony was attended by past and present Fire personnel along with Jeff's wife, Trish, his children, 15 year-old Andrew and 3 year-old Addison, his mother, Lynda Weir, and additional friends and family. Congratulations Jeff! – *Fire Department*



DOWNTOWN INTERMODAL PROJECT

UPDATE: The Downtown Intermodal Project is substantially complete. This week the contractor is finishing the final punch list items and the project is tentatively scheduled for acceptance at the May 21 Council Meeting. There are two remaining pieces of the project that will be completed this summer with the Intermodal West project. One is the remaining parking T's around the park and the other is installation of the high visibility, colored crosswalks at the intersections of Military & First and First & K. Both of these items were deferred due to cold, wet weather at the time. Last week the lighted crosswalk was energized and is now fully functional.

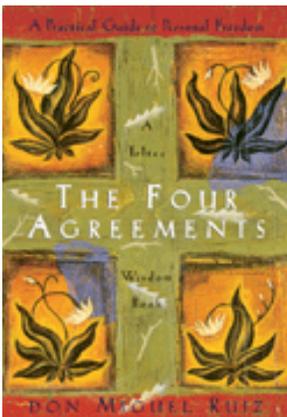


The City is happy to say that feedback from the community has been very positive overall. The concerns we have received have primarily dealt with the median noses. In that regard, to assist motorists in navigating the intersection additional direction striping has been placed through the intersection, the median curb faces have been painted yellow, reflective buttons have been placed on top, and this week reflective signs will be placed at the front of each nose. While there have been some complaints with the turning radii the median noses have been constructed per Caltrans truck turning design standards. As with any new road alignment it takes a little time for drivers to become accustomed to the new driving patterns.

Staff is pleased with the new facility and believes the project has met the goals of improving the existing transit stops, enhancing safety for all modes of travel, improving infrastructure, and beautifying this core area of the downtown. This project is 100% grant funded from moneys that were generated from bridge tolls, which Benicians pay, and appreciate being spent in our community. – *Public Works*

NOOK E-READERS WITH TITLES IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH:

During May's month-long celebration of books by and about Latinos, check out the Library's preloaded Nook e-readers. Our bi-lingual Nook collection has titles in English and Spanish and can be checked out from the Library for three weeks. Look for their boxes on the New Books shelving, then bring the empty box to the Public Service Desk. Some of the available titles can be found on the [Library's website](#). – Library



NEXT GENERATION ART IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS: The latest Arts Benicia Presents exhibit in the City Council Chamber has been installed. Entitled “Next Generation,” all the artists are local students from Benicia Middle School, Art Exploratorium, Emily's Afternoon Art, Liberty High, Joe Henderson, Mary Farnar, St. Dominic, Linden, Matthew Turner, and Robert Semple. Artists range in age from 5-1/2 to 17 years. There are also several group pieces in addition to individual pieces.



Feel free to explore it during public meetings or stop by the City Manager’s Office and ask us to unlock the door for you. – *City Manager’s Office*

BENICIA PD PROVIDES SENIOR FRAUD PREVENTION TRAINING: On April 25, Benicia Police Detective Aldo Serrano spoke to the members of the Benicia Friendship Group



about how to prevent being victims of various frauds and scams to promote the prevention of elder fraud and the numerous potential scams that elderly people are facing today. Some of the topics covered were the effects of elder fraud, types of elder fraud, how a fraud is perpetrated, how to recognize fraud, and what to do after a fraud has occurred. The two-hour workshop related how personal information is obtained including dumpster diving, “phishing”, cold calls, and provided information on ID fraud, contractor fraud, and “pay up or else” scams.

In the “pay up or else” scam, a caller will call an elderly person and indicate that their grandchild is being held in a Mexican jail, and money needs to be sent to bail this person out. The unsuspecting grandparent will wire the money via Western Union and sometimes be contacted a second time by the caller requesting more money. Sometimes the caller will try to pass themselves off as the grandchild. This type of case usually occurs in the late evening hours or early morning hours.

Information was presented on how to avoid becoming a victim of this type of fraud and how to properly get rid of “junk mail” or mail and documents with personal information. Many questions were answered during and after the session. – *Police Department*

CITY RECEIVES GREEN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP AWARD: At the Green California



Summit in Sacramento on April 18, the City of Benicia received a Green California Leadership Award in the Renewable Energy Category for our 2011-12 Renewable Energy and Conservation Project that included solar power for 10 City operations sites and energy-saving streetlights citywide. This comprehensive project reduces the City's dependence on

conventional grid energy and increases the supply of local, clean power.

The statewide awards recognize outstanding environmental achievements by government agency entities in California. The City is honored to be among energy-conservation leaders in the state and hopes to continue to serve as an example for other local governments. – *Community Development*

BENICIA FIRE HOSTS CONTINUING EDUCATION LECTURE: Prehospital Care Reports

documenting a patient's medical status are written on a daily basis by Benicia Fire Department's twenty-two Paramedics while on calls. On April 26, the Benicia Fire Department hosted a continuing education lecture titled Medical/Legal Aspects of Documentation. This program was presented by Pat Timm, an attorney with Galloway Lucchese Everson and Picchi in Walnut Creek. Pat was a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse at Sutter Solano Medical Center for many years, and is now a practicing attorney while still finding time to work as a Registered Nurse. Ms. Timm brought an aspect of realism to the discussion, providing tips and techniques to reduce our legal exposure while improving our documentation process. – *Fire Department*



BOOKS FOR BOOK CLUBS: The Library now has sets of books available for book clubs



to use. Each title provides the number of books available in the set and a summary of the story. One person from the group may check out the set for 60 days, giving members twice the normal check out period so readers will have enough time to read, discuss and return. More than 20 titles are available.

To place a hold on a set of books, call Helaine at 746.4358 or email hbowles@ci.benicia.ca.us. - *Library*

BENICIA YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE: The Youth Commission supported the Kid's



1-Mile Race at the Run for Education on April 14. Over 20 Youth Commissioners rallied in support of the Benicia Education Foundation at their annual fundraiser by participating in the 5K or 10K races, in addition to volunteering along the Kid's 1-Mile race course. Sporting their hot pink BYC event shirts, Commissioners cheered and helped keep runners on course. – *Parks & Community Services*

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING: At the April 16 Benicia City Council meeting, City Volunteers were honored with a Proclamation presented by the Mayor. Mayor Patterson thanked the volunteers for their dedication and hours of volunteer service provided to the City of Benicia. Benicia PD Volunteers in attendance were Ron "Doc" Uhlman, Art Schipper, Dick Meyer, Louise Thibeaux and Art Mayoff.

The City Council was presented with a check from the City of Benicia Volunteers for the 34,335 hours volunteered to the City. These volunteer hours equaled \$748,160.00 when converted to a monetary value.



BPD Volunteer Coordinator Patti Baron was also present and later thanked all the volunteers for their service at a private reception following the City Council meeting. She stated, "Our police volunteers are an integral part of our department, providing a tremendous amount of time and talent to assist our staff every day. All of the City's volunteers help to support the various departments providing valuable services to our community." – *Police Department*

THANK GO TO BENICIA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: The Benicia Firefighters



Association made a generous donation to the Parks & Community Services Department by donating cups of coffee, hot tea & hot chocolate to various classes and programs at the Benicia Community Center. The first lucky group was our K2 program! Students were treated to a cup of hot chocolate on a cold rainy morning during our Spring Break Camp. They loved the special treat. – *Parks & Community Services*

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY CELEBRATED: City of Benicia administrative



professionals were treated to a luncheon and fashion show on April 24 at the Clocktower, compliments of City administrators. The Great Gatsby themed fashion show was a fundraiser for the Benicia Community Action Council and featured local fashions by Christina S, Be Chic, and Lottie Ballou. Pictured are Police Department administrative staff Suzie Kaluza, Kelly Botello and Angela Knight. – *City Manager*

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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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