

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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JUNE 3, 2013

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**SUSTAINABLEBENICIA.ORG:** The Community Development Department is pleased to announce the launch of the new [SustainableBenicia.org](http://SustainableBenicia.org) website. This website was developed with the assistance of the Community Sustainability Commission and will serve as the central information sharing platform for matters related to sustainability in Benicia. Please visit the website to learn more about the City's Climate Action Plan, upcoming events, and ways Benicia residents and businesses can be more involved in local environmental planning efforts. – *Community Development*



**PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION:** On Friday, May 24 at 10:55AM, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Drake Valentine was notified of a water leak at 360 East H Street. Drake immediately dispatched a Public Works Maintenance field technician to evaluate the situation. The technician found that a City-owned water service line, which fed the East H Street address, was leaking. Due to potential damage to the street and surrounding area, the leak was considered an emergency needing immediate repair. At 11:09AM an Underground Service Alert was called. The utilities in the area were identified and the crew (Danilo Stanovich, Devin Stanovich, Jimmy Seiffert, Nick Wilson and Jeremiah Rice) was able to break ground at 12:00PM. 25 feet of leaking 3/4" water service line were replaced. The crew impressively completed the job by 2:30 PM. Way to go! – *Public Works*



**BENICIA YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE:** The Benicia Youth Commission and their advisor, Officer Sam Peterson, placed flags on the graves of Veterans for the Memorial Day weekend at the City Cemetery. This annual event is always very popular with the youth of our community. They recognize how important it is to remember those individuals who served our country. It's a powerful sight to see all of the flags on display once the task is completed.



In other news, Youth Commissioners gathered at the Commanding Officer's Quarters on May 29 for their annual awards dinner. The dinner marked the completion of another successful school year and an opportunity to acknowledge our graduating seniors and honoring award recipients. We wish our seniors Ariana, Maria, Sammi & Ali the very best next year. Award winners are: Alex Reep for "Totally BYC" and Ariana Chaney for "Most Dedicated". – *Parks & Community Services*

**OFF-ROAD EMERGENCY VEHICLE TRAINING:** During the month of May, Benicia Fire Department, in collaboration with Valero Corporation, hosted an off-road emergency driving course on Valero property located across the street from the City's Corporation Yard on East Second Street. This is the third consecutive year of off-road training for both the Benicia and Valero Fire Departments. A formal course was constructed with the assistance of the City's Public Works Maintenance Division; creating realistic situations firefighters may encounter while driving in challenging terrain during wildland fires. This course is taught by Benicia Fire Department members who have attended a formal off-road emergency vehicle train-the-trainer course in Hollister, CA. The program has gained such popularity, that this year the Vallejo Fire Department also sent members to participate in the training. – *Fire Department*



**SUNSET CELEBRATION WEEKEND:** Visit Benicia was an exhibitor at this year's Sunset Celebration Weekend on June 1-2. This is Benicia's third consecutive year at Sunset. The response was fantastic with over 600 visitors filling out entry slips for our daily drawings for prizes that included two gift baskets of items donated by Benicia merchants and assembled by Studio 41 valued at \$742 and \$630! Additional drawing prizes were a garden gift of potted succulents from Joyous Spaces and hand-blown art glass pieces donated by Lindsay Art Glass and Symers Glass! Drawing prizes were on display both day, representing the best of Benicia.



The Benicia's booth was well staffed by the City's ED team with Jack Wolf of Wolf Communications, City-staffers Karen Majors, Teri Davena, and Mario Giuliani, and members of the Economic Development Board and the Tourism Committee taking shifts. This was a great event for Benicia's tourism campaign! –

## Sunset Celebration Weekend

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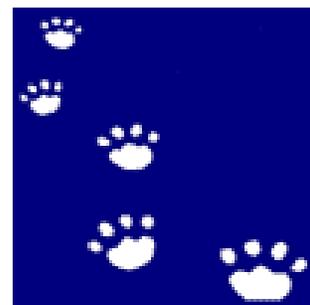
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statements to showcase your strengths, talents and skills and also allows you to download, edit, publish, save and update your information. This resource is also available with a Spanish option. Take a look! - *Library*

**BENICIA SENIOR CENTER LUNCH:** The Parks & Community Services staff along with our friends Peggy Mekki (Human Resources) and Gina Eleccion (Community Development) served lunch to sixty seniors on Wednesday, May 29 at the Benicia Senior Center.



Everyone enjoyed a delicious Mexican meal catered by Sandoval's Restaurant. Deanne Sandoval Ponder exceeded everyone's expectations!! The seniors were treated to chicken enchiladas, chicken flautas, beans, rice, chips, salsa and all the fixings. No one left hungry and smiles and laughter filled the room. Be sure to check with the [Benicia Senior Center](#) for the next date for a senior lunch. They are a lot of fun and great time to visit with friends. - *Parks & Community Services*



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING:** Benicia Public Library celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year on East L Street with several events in June...

**June 17 – July 28:** Art exhibit by Hedi Desuyo, official photographer of the East L Street Library construction. Come take a look at the history of the construction of our beautiful library! Commemorative posters will be available for sale.

**June 19:** From 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Hedi will talk about her experiences in chronicling the construction of the Library through her photographs.



**June 17:** At 7:00 PM, Random House representative Ron Shoop will return to give some suggestions for good books to read over the summer. His intriguing descriptions captivate and inform, inviting one and all to enjoy a good book!

**June 19:** Summer reading begins! Kid’s summer reading kick-off event for ages 8-14 starts at 3:00 PM. The theme is “Party like it’s 1993”, as we look back at the year the Library building opened. 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the Dona Benicia Room

**June 20:** At 6:00 PM, come view the winning films from the 48 hour film festival. Each film will be appropriate for all ages, and 5 minutes or less in length. Each film must contain three specific elements: a prop, a line & a location. What these will be is still to be determined and will be announced on June 14 at 1:00 PM. Participants have until June 16 at 1:00 PM (48 hours) to create a film that includes these three elements. The competition is open to all ages and group-sizes.

**June 21:** Join the Library Foundation for a fundraiser at the home of Scott and Christina Strawbridge. The Strawbridge’s home at 144 East G Street was previously home to the public library, and it served for many years as a community gathering place and information mecca. A reception will be held at 5:30 PM and the great, great granddaughter of Dona Francesca Vallejo will speak a little about her great grandparents and Benicia of yesterday. Advance ticket sales are \$40 each or \$70 for two and are available at the Library or Benicia Main Street and will be \$50 at the door, if available. - *Library*

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