

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**JUNE 4, 2012**

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**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE:** Tuesday, June 5, is Election Day. Among the items on the ballot is Measure L. Passage of Measure L will continue to provide the Library with 1/8 cent sales tax – funds that amount to 33% of the library's budget. If Measure L fails, the Library will lose 1/3 of its budget. For more information on Measure L or the Library's budget, call the Library at 746-4343. - *Library*



**SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** The Library's summer reading program starts June 1. Kids get to read whatever they like, and free special events and great rewards are all part of the fun. Events start Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm for 3 1/2 to 8 years and Wednesday, June 20, at 3:00 pm for 8-14 years of age. See the [Library's website](#) for the schedule of performers. All events are free. – *Library*



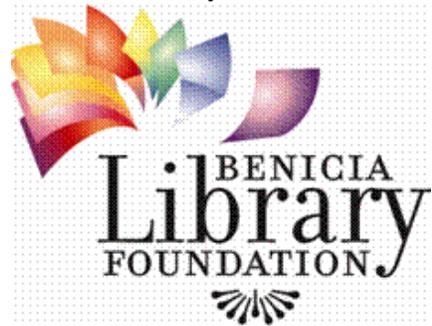
**BENICIA'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CUPCAKE CONTEST:** Who will win the title of the best cupcake



baker in Benicia? Come join in tasting some mouth-watering delicacies as the Benicia Library Foundation presents the [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cupcake Contest](#) on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm. Judging the cupcakes will be Andrea Ballus and Corey Fanfa, owners of [Sift](#) and winners of [Food Network's Cupcake Wars](#).

Spectators are welcome to taste the cupcakes. As always, there is no charge for events at the Library, although an optional \$1 donation may be given to vote for the "Audience Favorite" plus a plate and silverware. To enter the contest, contact [Helaine Bowles](#) at the Library before Friday, June 8, 2012 or call 707.746.4358. - *Library*

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER:** Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 13, when the Union Hotel Restaurant will host an event in support of the [Benicia Library Foundation](#). From 11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., the restaurant will donate 20% of net sales to the Benicia Library Foundation for any guests who bring in a [Benicia Library Foundation Coupon](#). Funds will be used to help with the purchase of a new electronic self-check machine for our Library. Guests must have a coupon. So download a Coupon, have a delicious meal, and support your local library. - *Library*



**WELL DONE, CAPTAIN LISA DUBNOFF:** Pioneering Benicia Fire Department Captain Lisa



Dubnoff retired from the City of Benicia June 30. Lisa was hired by the Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic in 1983 and became the first paid female firefighter in Benicia and Solano County. In 1998, she was promoted to Fire Captain. Continuing education was important to Lisa. In 1991, she earned her B.S. in Psychology from U.C. Berkeley and received her nursing degree in 2009. During her career, Lisa received many honors and was Chairperson for the Solano County Critical Incident Stress Management Team, and mentored several Firefighters to obtain promotions. Safety and health will continue to be a focus as Lisa works to ensure that

Benicia is designated a Heart Safe Community, having recently secured a one thousand dollar donation from the Kiwanis Club of Benicia towards the project. Way to go, Lisa! – *Fire Department*



**GETTING READY FOR SUMMER:** In an effort to provide beautiful parks, well-maintained facilities and excellent recreation programs the Parks, Building Maintenance, and Community Services Divisions have been very busy in preparation for the summer season. Below are just a few highlights.

**Building Maintenance:**

- Stained the 1,200 square foot deck at the Benicia Community Center.
- Completed remodel and move of City Attorney's office.
- Prepared James Lemos Swim Center by cleaning filters and deck, re-stained exterior trim and trellis, refinished the floors in the entry and men' and women's restroom.
- Prepared two offices and meeting room at the Youth Activity Center for the relocation of the Family Resource Center.



- Structure enhancement of the playground equipment for the Playground of Dreams 20 year Celebration.
- Constructed and installed information boards along the Bay Trail.
- Completed annual resurfacing of the Clock Tower and City Gymnasium hardwood floors.

**Parks:**

- Pruning the lighting and landscape districts, street medians, parks, and landscaped areas.
- Routine maintenance and preparation of the irrigation systems at the parks, lighting and landscape districts, school sites and landscaped areas.
- Prepared the First Street hanging planter baskets with plant material.
- Preparing and assisting Benicia Unified School District with Middle School and High School with graduation.
- Spring and summer annuals have been planted at the median and turnaround in front of the Library, East Second Street and Military West, City Park, St. Paul's square, and the turnaround at the south end of First Street.
- Upon completion of the Solar Project at City Hall staff will now maintain the new plant material.



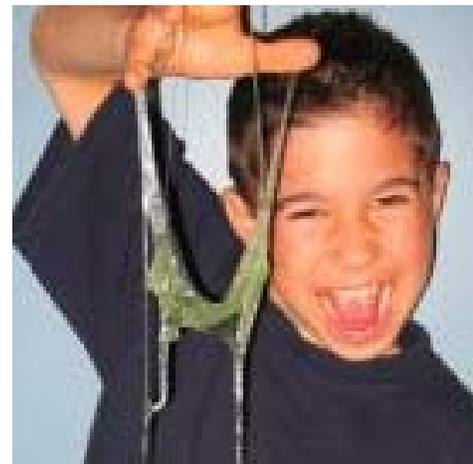
- Prepared City Cemetery for Memorial Day event. This consisted of staff removing derbies and minor pruning on the trees.
- Prepared Bocce courts for the start of the 2012 season.



**Community Services Summer Programs & Classes for All Ages:**

**Pre-School Summertime Programs-**

- Pre-School Summer Fun Camps
- Mini Adventures Day Camp
- Pre-School Hip-Hop
- Fairytale Fun
- Rhythm and Music
- Tiny Tumblers Gymnastics
- Kindergym
- 6 and Under Gym
- Little One's Tap/ Ballet
- FUNDamental Drawing



**Youth Summertime Programs:**

- Lego Camps
- Adventures Day Camp (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- K2 Adventures Day Camp (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Summertime Field Trips with Adventures Day

Camp (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

- Creative Kid Camps
- Mad Science Camps
- Young Rembrandt's Art Classes
- Boy's Hip-Hop
- Girl's Hip Hop
- Ballet/ Tap Combo
- Gymnastics
- Young People's Performing Arts
- Gymnastics
- Youth Gymnastics
- Glee Class/ Voices of Benicia
- Jr. Leader Program
- Staff in Training Program
- Driver's Education on the Internet
- Sewing for Beginners
- Benicia Youth Commission
- Wizbot's Camp
- Babysitting Classes
- Benicia Youth Orchestra



- Healthy Cooking Classes with Kids
- Berkeley Chess Camp

**Sport and Fitness Programs during the summer:**

- Co-Ed Volleyball
- Adult Summer Softball
- Adult Co-Ed Kickball
- Drop In Gym
- Youth Soccer Classes
- Juniors Basketball Camp
- Summer Baseball Camp
- British Soccer Camps
- Skyhawks Sport Camps
- Adapted Sport Program
- Yoga Classes
- Day Hikers
- Tennis Classes
- Line Dancing
- Tai Chi For Health
- Karate/ Tae-Kwon-Do/ Self-Defense
- Hula Classes
- Hot Hula Fitness
- Modern Dance
- Cardio Kickboxing and Practical Fitness
- Cardio Kickboxing
- Power Ballet and Toning
- Beginning Skate Camp
- Adult Beginning Sewing
- English as a Second Language
- One Day Parenting Workshops (STEP)
- Bridge Club
- Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning
- American Heart Association CPR/AED for Health
- Real Estate Classes
- Feng Shui
- Belly Dancing
- Dog Obedience Classes



**Aquatic Summertime Programs:**

- Recreation Swim- (June 4-August 19)
  - Daily 1:00-4:45pm
- Lap Swim- (June 4-August 12)
  - Monday to Friday 7:00am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-7:30pm
  - Saturday, Sunday and Holidays- 9:00am- 12:45pm and 1:00-4:45pm
- Youth Water Polo
- Swim Lessons
- WSI- Water Safety Instructor Course
- Rescuer Recruits
- Senior Zone- Ages 55+ (June 11-August 9)
  - 8:00am- 10:00am
- Advanced Shallow Water Aerobics- Aqua-Athletes/ Aqua-Conditioning
- Deep Water Aerobics
- American Red Cross Safety Training for Swim Coaches
- Beginner Shallow Water Aerobics- Aerobics/ Water Pilates

**Senior Center Summertime Programs:**

- Senior Tours and Trips
- Catered Luncheons
- Senior Exercise Classes
- Senior Ballroom Dance Workshop

- Parks & Community Services



**ANNUAL WILDFIRE SEASON PREPARATION:** Benicia Fire Department has begun its annual wildfire season preparation. Throughout the month of May firefighters checked out wildfire season equipment and conducted off-road driver training.



A special thanks to Joe Bateman, Valero Fire Chief, for allowing us to use Valero property and for allowing his firefighters to participate in our training.

On May 19 and 20, the City and Allied Waste partnered to complete the annual green waste drop off. Approximately 95 Benicia residents made drop offs over the weekend, ultimately

reducing the amount of vegetation around their homes. The event was staffed by: Public Works Maintenance Division members Drake Valentine, Rick Silva, Nick Wilson, Jeremiah Rice, Jeff Trezza, and Jeffrey Henning; Benicia Fire member Nicolas Thomas; and Benicia Volunteer Firemen Incorporated members David Deal, Dustin Anderson, Rich Gardner, and Tom Clausen.



The annual discing of open space began on May 21 and is expected to conclude the week of June 24. Discing is critical to our strategy for combating grass fires and preventing fire spread to homes and other structures. The grass is tall and temperatures are warming up. Please be careful! – *Fire Department*

**FIREFIIGHTERS PLAY IN KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT:** On May 24, Benicia Firefighters



Carl Lusted, Jeff Toynbee, Carl Littorno, Nicolas Thomas, Dave Calkins, Vince Parga, Alan Bates, and Lisa Dubnoff played in the [Benicia Kiwanis Club](#)'s 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament. The Kiwanis Club is dedicated to serving the children of the world by helping one child / one community each day. A portion of the funds from the golf tournament will go towards the Benicia Fire Department Heart Safe Community Project. – *Fire Department*

**DOWNTOWN GATEWAY PROJECT STARTS SOON:** In June construction will begin around City Park as part of the City's "Intermodal" project. The project along Military between First and West Second Streets, and on First Street between Military and K Street, is funded from Benicia Bridge tolls, so the money is required to directly benefit the Route 78 bus operation -- the money can't be used for some other purpose, such as paving streets elsewhere in the City. But in addition to improving safety and providing amenities for bus riders, the project will also repave the project area, improve safety for pedestrians crossing Military, make it easier for bicyclists to navigate the area, upgrade the traffic signals, delineate parking spaces with "T's" and replace streetlights and lamp posts in and around the park with ones that match the historic design of the lights along First Street. The project includes a flashing crosswalk across Military in front of the Fire Station and a new sidewalk into Solano Square from the Library where none exists currently.

### **DOWNTOWN INTERMODAL FACILITIES PROJECT**



**Intersection of First and Military**

Unfortunately, the May issue of Benicia Magazine in error reported that travel lanes would be eliminated along Military. That is not the case. The existing lane configuration along Military will remain as it is, although bike lanes will be extended. The project is expected to take up to three months to complete. During that time, signs will notify motorists that Downtown businesses are open. Detours will be clearly marked, and inconvenience to travelers through the area will be minimized as much as possible. – *Public Works & Community Development*

**ANNUAL REPAVING COMPLETED:** The 2012 Street Resurfacing Project has just been completed. This project constructed \$700,000 of roadway improvements including repaving

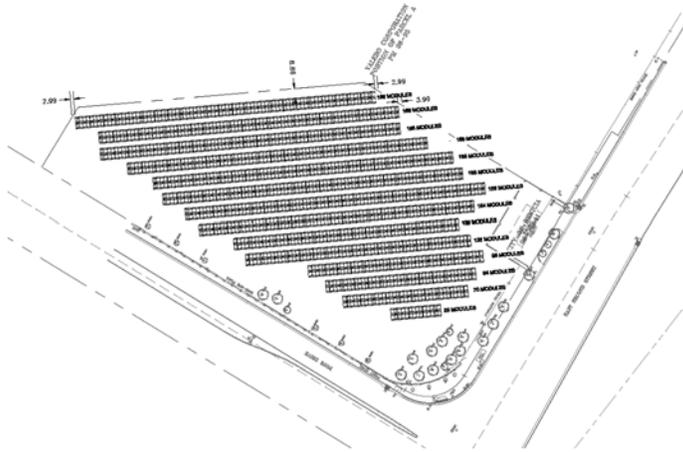


Stone Road and the flood-prone section of Industrial Way in the Industrial Park and the highly traveled section of Rose Drive between Columbus Parkway and the I-780 Overcrossing.

The 2012 Slurry Seal project, which will seal and provide a new driving surface on a number of residential streets throughout

Benicia, will be beginning shortly. – *Public Works & Community Development*

**SOLAR PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION:** Work has begun at the last of 10 sites included in the City of Benicia 2011-12 Renewable Energy and Conservation project. The 1.75-acre lot at the corner of East Second Street and Rose Drive will house solar panels to run a pumping station critical to supplying drinking water throughout Benicia. Solar panels have already been installed to provide power at City Hall and the Police Station, the main Fire Station,

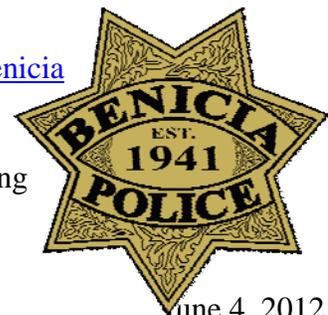


the Community Center, Community Park, the Corporation Yard, the Water Treatment Plant, the City pool, and two other water system pumping stations. The overall project also includes changing streetlights citywide (except on First Street) to energy-saving induction or light emitting diode (LED) types and upgrading lighting and heating/cooling systems in a number of City buildings.

The East Second/Rose site accounts for about 25% of the energy and cost savings of the overall project, which will save enough energy to power more than 200 houses, reduce the amount of pollution from more than 9,000 cars, and keep carbon out of the atmosphere as effectively as planting 400 acres of pine forest. Just as importantly, the project will save the City money. The project is being paid for with \$13.2 million in bonds that were sold last year. The bond principal and interest payments will be made with the savings in energy costs resulting from the project, plus rebates from PG&E and therefore will have no impact on the City General Fund. Based on similar projects and the average City energy, the project team has calculated that the project will not only be able to repay the loan, but provide additional savings -- estimated at more than \$2 million over 25 years. These savings will be placed in the City's Energy Conservation Fund for use in funding future energy conservation projects. The panels are warranted for the full 25 years, and maintenance and replacement of the panels, streetlights and associated parts is included in the bond financing. – *Public Works & Community Development*

**FIRST STREET SIDEWALK UPGRADES SCHEDULED:** The City recently received a \$20,000 grant, which will be coupled with \$10,000 in gas tax funding to repair sidewalks and install new accessibility ramps on First Street. The work will take place in June and be completed in time for the July 3 and 4 events. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Greco of the Engineering Division at [egreco@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:egreco@ci.benicia.ca.us). – *Public Works & Community Development*

**POLICE DEPT MONTHLY REPORT:** The latest edition of the [Benicia Police Department Monthly Report](#) has been published and is available online. The report has information on Crime Statistics, Community Service, Professional Development, and an interesting Monthly Case Summary. Check it out. – *Police Department*



**WAY TO GO, LT. DALEY:** On May 31, the Benicia Police Department said farewell to Lieutenant Mike Daley after thirty-two and a half years of dedicated service to the citizens and the City of Benicia. In customary fashion, members of the Benicia Police Department and the Chief of Police who hired Mike in 1979, Retired Chief Pierre Bidou, caravanned to Lt. Daley's home to escort him to work on his final day. The procession made its way up First Street, where many citizens waved and saluted Lt. Daley on his final day of service with the Benicia Police Department. Lt. Daley served as the Division Commander in all three divisions at the police department (Patrol, Investigations & Services), finishing his career as the Services Division Commander. He was responsible for



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many of the cutting edge technological advances made by the Benicia Police Department over the past fifteen years. Lt. Daley and his wife Kim plan on traveling the country during the next six months enjoying his retirement.

Congratulations Mike!  
– Police Department



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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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