



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**JUNE 18, 2012**

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**WINE TASTING:** The Benicia Human Services Fund is sponsoring a benefit Wine Tasting on Sunday, July 15 from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Winterhawk Winery, 4537 Abernathy Road in Fairfield. Tickets are \$30/person or \$50/two and are available at the City Hall Finance Office, Benicia Main Street, and Bookshop Benicia. Your participation will help provide funding to the Community Action Council, Families in Transition, Catholic Social Services, Benicia Community Gardens, Special Friends, and Children's Nurturing Project. For more information, contact Mike Caplin at 707.746.0380.  
– *City Manager's Office*



**SPRING FIRE SERVICE FIELD TRAINING EVENT:** On the morning of June 8, the Solano County Fire Chiefs Association coordinated a field exercise at the Benicia Community Park in preparation for the upcoming Wildland Fire Season. The event included representatives from CalFIRE, the Solano County Incident Management Support Team, the Solano County Office of Emergency Services, and emergency



response units from Benicia, Vallejo, Cordellia, and Fairfield. Some of the objectives of the event were to have representatives from CalFIRE share information on the upcoming fire season, utilize new radio interoperability radio frequencies and to exercise Unified Command. – *Fire Department*



## **BENICIA POLICE HOST TRAINING CLASS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT LEGAL ISSUES:**



On May 30, the Benicia Police Department hosted an 8-hour training course at the Clocktower entitled “Critical Law Enforcement Legal Issues.” The course instructor was Mildred “Missy” O’Linn, an Attorney from a Los Angeles law firm. The course provided an overview of agency and individual liability, focusing on civil liability and police misconduct, supervisory issues and high-profile incidents. Topical concerns for law enforcement agencies were discussed as were recent cases dealing with use of force and risk management action plans.

This training course came about after Chief Bidou attended a course instructed by Ms. O’Linn and was so impressed with the topic and its presentation; he brought it to his supervisory staff and made it available for local agencies as well. Over 175 individuals from local, state and federal police agencies along with employees of District Attorney’s Offices were in attendance representing eight counties throughout Northern California. This training was funded by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments).

The success of the course was due to the hard work of BPD employees Kelly Botello, Suzie Kaluza, Kenny Hart and the entire BPD Services Division. – *Police Department*

**A GREAT DAY:** Looking for something to do? Have friends or family coming to town and want to show off your knowledge of Downtown Benicia? Check out the [A Great Day](#) tab on the VisitBenicia.org website and you will find handy links to themed ways to shop or spend your day in Benicia, such as:

- [Art Escape](#)
- [Family Fun](#)
- [Furry Friends](#)
- [High End Fashion](#)
- [History Lives](#)
- [Home & Gift](#)
- [Pamper Yourself](#)
- [Vintage Visit](#)



Feel free to print them out, email to friends, or view on the go on your smartphone. – *Economic Development*

**SGT. DAMIEAN SYLVESTER RECEIVES THE PRESTIGIOUS MADD AWARD:** On June 2, Benicia Police Sergeant Damiean Sylvester was honored at the annual Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Law Enforcement & Community Recognition Dinner for his efforts in enforcing the drunk driving laws in 2011 in the City of Benicia. The dinner was held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento and sponsored by MADD, State of California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



With over 600 people were in attendance, awards were given to individual officers, departments, state park agencies, media, and community partners whose actions and policies are aligned with the mission to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking

Sgt. Sylvester was a K9 handler with his partner Mirco during 2011. They both attended numerous community events, educating both adults and school aged children on the importance of safe, sober driving, bicycle safety and other law enforcement issues. Damiean made 54 DUI arrests in 2011. This accounted for more than 30% of the entire number of DUI arrests made by Benicia PD in 2011. Damiean received a red service pin with the numbers "23152" that he will be allowed to wear on his duty uniform to signify his accomplishment. 23152 is the California Vehicle Code section that identifies the crime of DUI. In addition to the service pin, he was given a plaque, as was the Benicia Police Department for their overall participation in the DUI campaign in 2011. Congratulations Sgt. Sylvester on your award! – *Police Department*

**MEASURE L – THANK YOU!** The Benicia Public Library staff and volunteers thank everyone who supported the Library by voting YES on Measure L. 81.62% of the voters in Benicia approved this measure, sending a clear message that the community appreciates and values library services.



The one-eighth of a penny sales tax is a continuation of an existing measure passed by the voters in 1998. The funds provide approximately 33% of the Library's budget and pay for additional hours of Library operation, primarily weekend and evening hours. Children's and Teen Services staff is paid for with these funds, allowing us to provide 150% more children's programs than in 1997. Due to this source of revenue, 30% more money is available for books, DVDs, CD, and other items. Recently these funds have also paid for new technology, such as Nook e-readers, downloadable e-books and e-audio books, as well as for our free public computers. As always, thank you for your support of the Library! - *Library*

**UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS:** Take a look at what the Public Works Department was up to in May...

**Maintenance – Streets:**

- Paving-(1) Oxford Way, (6) Rose Drive, 18 tons total
- Potholes-(2) East 2nd @ Rose Drive, (2) East 2nd @ Reservoir Road, (5) Southampton Road
- Weed Abatement-Rose Drive, East 2nd Street, East 5th Street, Cambridge Drive (Sewer Bench Rd.), McAllister (Sewer Bench Rd.), Lake Herman Dam, Turner Drive, West J Street, Church Street, Mallard Drive, Teal Drive, Sprig Drive, Industrial Way, Water Way, Reservoir Road, East Channel Road, Panorama Drive, Hastings Drive, Jackson Street, Bayshore Road
- Crack Sealing-Palace Court, Corcoran Court, Windsor Drive, Knight Drive, Sorrel Court, Orchid Court, Rose Drive, Camelia, Myrtle Court, Heather Court, Gerald Court, DuVall Court, Baker Street, Arbor Court, Mizner Court, Casey Court, Jasper Court, Thomas Drive, Panorama Drive, Raymond Drive, 200-400 West K Street, East 6th Street.
- Misc.-City Pool striping, First Street tree branch removal, McAllister Storm Creek head wall debris removal, Channing Circle Park fort structure removal.



**Maintenance – Collections:**

- Closed Circuit Televising-West 4th & M Street, alley 800 blk of West I Street, Warwick Drive @ Sunset Circle.
- Lift Stations-Carlisle Way., Panorama @ Chelsea Hills, Cambridge Drive., Park Road.
- Routine Cleanings-City wide 8,511'

**Maintenance – Distribution:**

- Replaced 10 water services to finish lower Rose Drive in preparation for the slurry seal project.
- Responded to 7 backflow devices that were stolen, and 6 after-hour call-outs.
- Continuing with the Lower Arsenal water mapping updates.

**Water Treatment Plant:**

- Brush Removal: The WTP Supervisor has been systematically removing the intrusive greasewood brush that has infiltrated the WTP site. Working with a tree removal service, we have cut down and chipped hundreds of these "weeds" from our perimeter fenceline and adjacent to the photovoltaic solar system, reducing future maintenance costs, and reducing fire danger. By year's end, we should have nearly all of the bushes eliminated from the 36-acre facility.
- Entrance Road: With the assistance of Nouae Vue, Public Works Engineering, the entrance driveway to the WTP was re-paved.

- Phase 2 of the WTP Enhanced Security Project: Scheduled to kick off next month, this phase will concentrate on surveillance issues, to include four cameras and a DVR at the WTP, hatch alarms at all of the drinking water reservoirs, key-card door locking systems for the buildings at the WTP, and improved reporting from the system to the operator's station at the plant.

- *Public Works & Community Development*

**EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY:** Summer reading is a Benicia tradition, with many fun special events being offered at the Library along with great reading ‘rewards’. Carl’s Jr. coupons, grab bag prizes, and a book to keep forever are part of the incentives to keep kids reading during the summer. Programs for kids 3 ½ to 8 years old include Rebecca Nile, the Bubble Lady, on June 26, “The Wizard’s Mistake” presented by Caterpillar Puppets on July 10, and Magic Dan on July 24. For kids 8 to 14, other programs are offered, including exotic reptiles from the East Bay Vivarium on June 27.



The [Friends of the Benicia Public Library](#) sponsor most programs for children and young adults at the Library – thank you Friends! For more information, check out the [Library’s newsletter](#) or come visit the Library! – *Library*

**NEWS FROM PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Wednesday, June 20 was the day scheduled for the Mad Science Show at the City Gym. Mad Science was our second of three Summer Shows presented by the Parks & Community Services Department. Over 250 children attended our first show on June 6 to see Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom.

Do your kids need a field trip? Next week the Adventures Day Camp has two field trip opportunities on Wednesday, June 27: California Academy of Science, San Francisco (Grades 1-5) and Sky High & a movie, Concord (Grades 6-8). Check out page 9 of our [Summer Guide](#) or call 746-4285 for more information.



The first Water Safety Day event took place on Saturday, June 16 during recreation swim at the James Lemos Swim Center. The City of Benicia aquatics staff, Benicia Fire Department, Debbie's Swim School, American Red Cross, Stingrays Swim Team and the Drowning Prevention Foundation were all present to educate the public on water safety and drowning prevention. There were games, give-aways and a special visit from Josh the Otter. There was a great turn out for the event. We are looking forward to Water Safety Day 2013. – *Parks & Community Services*

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

- American Pacific Mortgage Corp DBA: Advanced Mortgage Svf - 615 First Street
- Hair Potions - 414 Military East #A
- Mary Parkerson Fine Art - 131 First Street #D
- Sweet Escape Bodyworks - 821 East 2nd Street #201C
- Benicia Ice Cream Store Inc. DBA: Baskin Robbins (new ownership) -191 Military East #G
- Tom Wilson Architect - 920 First Street #202
- DC Solar Distribution Inc. - 471 East Channel Road #KLM
- Cullen's Tannery Pub - 131 First Street #B
- The Benicia Yoga House - 425 Military East #F
- Parviz Hypnotherapy - 940 Adams Street #P

- *Economic Development*



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