

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**JULY 16, 2012**

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**IS BENICIA THE FITTEST CITY IN SOLANO COUNTY?** Solano County Library Foundation, along with Solano Mall and SolanoFit Magazine are pleased to announce the 1st Inaugural SoFitCity Health and Fitness Festival.

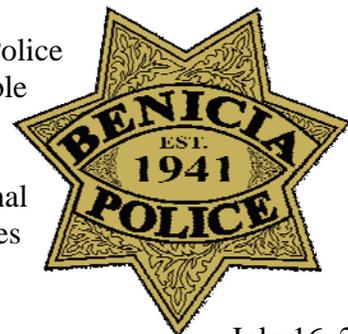


This event will take place on **Saturday, September 29** at Solano Mall and will feature a health and fitness expo, kids' activities and a fun 1mile/5K/10K competition among the seven cities for the 'Fittest City' in Solano County.

Proceeds from the event will support the Solano County Library Foundation in its mission to build fit minds, and

fit bodies for a fit future with the development of WeCanDo, a non-profit organized to defeat obesity in Solano County. The Foundation will divide the proceeds from race entry fees by the number of entries per city. The more Benicia residents registered for the race, the more funding for our local library. So grab a friend or put together a team and show the rest of Solano County why Benicia is the best. Register at [www.SoFitCity.com](http://www.SoFitCity.com). – *Library*

**PD MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE:** The Benicia Police Department's [May](#) and [June](#) Monthly ReportS are now available online. These concise monthly reports contain the latest information on the Department's Community Services activities, Crime Statistics, information on departmental Professional Development, and interesting Monthly Case Summaries . – *Police Department*



**CONFINED SPACE RESCUE TRAINING:** During the months of June, July and August, Benicia Fire Department members will be participating in Confined Space Rescue Training at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. Over the last decade, fire departments have assumed responsibility for an increasingly broader range of special operations. Today, there's heightened awareness of the need for dedicated training and development of specialized rescue skills. These skills include rope rescue, water rescue, trench rescue, structure collapse, heavy rescue and confined space rescue. Confined space rescue represents one of the most challenging



and dangerous rescue operations undertaken by



fire departments today. Confined space rescues can be technically challenging, due to the environment in which they occur. Confined spaces are often narrow and constricting preventing easy access by rescuers. They are usually either unlit or poorly lit, so rescuers must provide their own light source. Finally, confined spaces often contain hazardous materials in liquid or gas form, which can be harmful or fatal to humans. In a joint effort with the City of Benicia Waste Water Treatment Plant, Fire Department personnel will be training, so that they can safely and effectively respond when needed. – *Fire Department*

**BUSINESS RESOURCES INCENTIVE PROGRAM:** The Community Sustainability Commission, with City Council approval, is supporting the Business Resources Incentive Program (BRIP). This is a complementary program for businesses in Benicia, and completely free to business owners. The focus is to help businesses save money through energy-efficiency improvement and is a coordinated effort with the Office of Economic Development as part of the Council-adopted [Business Development Action Plan](#).

The City has contracted with [WattzOn](#) to collect bill data, produce personalized reports and conduct surveys on energy usage and costs. Any business interested in participating in



**WattzOn**

the program should contact Mario Giuliani at [mgiuliani@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:mgiuliani@ci.benicia.ca.us) or 707.746.4289. - *Community Development & Economic Development Departments*

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** The Benicia Police Department announces this year's 29th Annual Neighborhood Watch National Night Out event is on Tuesday, August 7 from 6:00-9:00 pm. The annual event is a partnership between law enforcement and neighborhood watch groups to promote "[America's Night Out Against Crime](#)". Local Neighborhood Watch groups join together and host block potlucks, ice cream socials and BBQ's as a family-fun social get-together confirming their commitment to each other to support a safe community.



The Benicia Police Department along with the Benicia Fire Department will visit each of the neighborhood watch block parties to help celebrate the partnership between law enforcement and the community to keep our neighborhoods safe. For more information contact Community Service Officer Patti Baron at 707.746.4268. – *Police Department*

**ELDER FRAUD PREVENTION WORKSHOP:** The Benicia Police Department will present an Elder Fraud Prevention Workshop on Wednesday, August 15 at 1:00 pm at the Benicia Senior Center, 187 East L Street. The goal of the workshop is to inform the participants about fraud targeting and promote the prevention of elder fraud. The workshop will provide useful information and resources and cover:

- **Effects of Elder Fraud**
- **Types of Elder Fraud**
- **How Fraud is Perpetrated**
- **How to Recognize Fraud**
- **What to do After a Fraud has Occurred**

For more information, contact Aldo Serrano, Benicia Police Department at 707.745.3412 or Ann Dunleavy, Community Services Superintendent at 707.746.4828. – *Police Department*



**ATTA-BOY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES:** As part of the First Street Sidewalk Upgrade Project, a tulip tree was posted for removal at First and H Street due to the tree's roots lifting the sidewalk, creating a tripping hazard. Public Work's Mike Roberts met with Parks & Community Service's Rick Knight and Theron Jones and the three were able to craft an alternative sidewalk repair plan that included grinding down the sidewalk and revising the planter strip, thereby saving the tree. Way to go! – *City Manager*

**BPD LIEUTENANT BOB OETTINGER RETIRES:** On July 2, Lt. Bob Oettinger retired after 22 years at the Benicia PD. Bob started his career with the City of Benicia as a Reserve Police Officer and later became the Animal Control Officer. In 1998, Bob was hired as a fulltime police officer. Bob worked patrol for several years becoming the department's Youth Services Officer. He was later promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant and a short time later to the rank of Police Lieutenant staffing the the "night time" Lieutenant position in charge of the SWAT Team, K9 Team, Traffic Unit and other specialized assignments within the Operations Division. Bob was the first BPD member to graduate from the prestigious Los Angeles Police Department West Point Leadership Program.

On a Thursday evening in June, members of the Benicia Police Department held a farewell gathering for Bob at McCovey's Restaurant in Walnut Creek which included the presentation of a shadow box displaying his various badges and rank insignia he attained while at the Police Department. Chief Bidou praised Bob for his accomplishments and his contributions to the Department.



Bob & his wife are relocating to southwest Florida where he is going to take time to relax and play a lot of tennis. – *Police Department*

**BPD PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN:** The Benicia Police Department once again participated in the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on Wednesday, June 20. For more than 16 years, members of the Police Department have been involved in the run along with other Solano County law enforcement agencies as the torch passes from Contra Costa County through Solano County.



The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run is a year round fundraising campaign that culminated at the Special Olympics Northern California on the weekend of June 23 at the UC Davis Aggie Stadium. The Benicia Police Officers Association donated \$500 to the Special Olympics Torch Run this year.

Running this year and pictured at left are Dispatcher Teresa Olson, recently retired Lieutenant Mike Daley, Chief Andrew Bidou, Lieutenant Scott Przekurat and his daughter Alexis, and Detective Gregg Rouse. They started from the entrance of the Benicia State Recreation Park and ran to the Benicia Marina. The Torch was passed off to Suisun Police Department and taken by a Solano County Sheriff's Boat to Suisun where it later made its way through Solano County to UC Davis for the weekend event. – *Police Department*

**PARK ROAD SIDEWALK CONNECTOR PROJECT:** Construction on the Park Road Connector Project began on Monday, July 16 and will continue through early October 2012. The work consists of construction a 6-foot wide pedestrian sidewalk along the north side of Park Road between Jefferson Street and the terminus of the bicycle-pedestrian facilities for the Benicia-Martinez Bridge at Oak Road.

While the work is underway, Park Road will remain open to facilitate traffic flow; however, traffic patterns will be changed to allow the improvements to be constructed and reduced speeds will be effected to ensure safe passage through the construction zone. Minor delays are anticipated.



The project is good news for those interested in walking the Benicia-Martinez Bridge span. – *Public Works*

**FIREFIGHTER ENTRY EXAMINATION:** On July 10 through July 12, the Benicia Fire Department, in conjunction with the Benicia Human Resources Department, conducted a Firefighter/Paramedic recruitment assessment center. During the three days, Firefighter/Paramedic candidates were placed through a series of scenarios and oral interviews intended to evaluate their knowledge, skills, and abilities. Prior to being selected to the assessment center, candidates were required to pass a written exam. Additionally, all candidates were required to have successfully completed a State Firefighter Academy, EMT school, Paramedic School and a California Firefighter Physical Agility test. Top candidates will move forward to a Chief's interview and should be working on a fire engine by the end of August. – *Fire Department*



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

- PointSure Insurance Services Inc - 110 East D Street #D
- Bay Mountain Appraisal LLC - 1350 Hayes Street #C-16
- Critical Weld Inspections Inc - 4588 East 2nd Street #O

- *Economic Development*



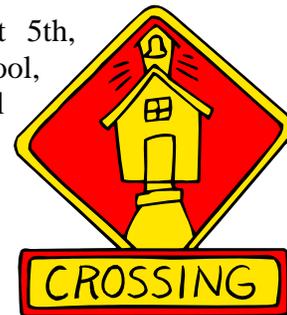
**WEST 7TH STREET WATER MAIN BREAK:** On Saturday, June 16, approx. 11:30 am, an eight-inch water main broke near the I-780 overpass, raising up the pavement and closing the adjacent eastbound off-ramp. Maintenance staff, Jeff Trezza and Chris Sorrentino, were quickly called to action to troubleshoot the issue. The repair was completed and the roadway patched by 10:10 p.m. that night. Throughout the incident, Police Department personnel and Police Volunteers rerouted traffic around the incident to insure that maintenance staff could work safely and efficiently to insure that residents' water needs were met through water rerouting, and repair of the break. In addition to those mentioned, Mike Ferrara, Danilo Stanovich, Bruce Chamberlain, Jeff Henning, Devin Stanovich, Drake Valentine, Rick Silva, and Scott Rovanpera, all worked tirelessly to repair the break and restore water to all residents affected. – *Public Works*



**UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS:** Take a look at what the Public Works Department was working on in June. Were they busy in your neighborhood?

**Maintenance – Streets:**

- Paving-Lori Drive, Chelsea Hills @ Carlisle, 1335-1364 West L Street, 677-687 West I Street, 500 blk West I Street, 840 Elane Way, 800 blk West K Street, 726-856 West 6th Street. *55.6 tons total.*
- Potholes-(2) 600 East K Street, (6)186 El Bonito, (9) 900 Southampton Road, (3)100 blk West H Street alley.
- Weed Abatement-E Street parking lot, Citywide alleys, East 2nd Street gutters
- Vegetation Trimming- Columbus Parkway turnaround clearing, West 7th Street north of Carolina Drive.
- Legend Painting-McCall @ Panorama, East 3rd, East 5th, Hillcrest, Viewmont, St. Dominic's, Benicia High School, Robert Semple, Mathew Turner, Middle School crosswalks & legends.
- Shoulder Sediment Removal-Industrial Way.



**Waste Collection:**

- Monthly Cleanings-Citywide *10,550' Total*
- Customer Service Calls-6 After Hours, *17 Total*
- CCTV Inspection-West 6th @ J Street, 900 Block Elane Way, 100 blk Carlisle Way, 500 blk East K Street, 500 blk West I Street, La Cruz Avenue.
- Monthly Lift Station Cleanings-Parkway Plaza, East B St., Park Road, Corp Yard.

**Water Distribution:**

- Water Main Leaks - 3
- Service Line Replacements - 9
- Fire Hydrant repairs - 1 (*hit by truck, water loss 63,890 gals*)
- Customer side after hour calls - 8
- After hour call outs – 11

- *Public Works*

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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:

**City Manager/Human Resources/Economic Development/I.T.: 707.746.4200**

**City Attorney: 707.746.4216**

**Finance Department: 707.746.4225**

**Fire Department: 707.746.4275**

**Library: 707.746.4343**

**Parks & Community Services: 707.746.4285**

**Police Department: 707.746.4265**

**Public Works & Community Development: 707.746.4240 or 746.4280**