

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**W**ATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVES NOW AVAILABLE TO BENICIA RESIDENTS: The City of Benicia has officially launched its [Plumbing Fixture Upgrade Program](#). The City recognizes the importance of conserving water and ultimately energy while saving its residents money on their water and energy bills.

### **What fixtures qualify?**

Fixture rebates are as follows:

- \$250 per washing machine (15 rebates)
- \$100 per toilet (10 rebates)
- \$75 per smart irrigation controller (15 rebates)
- \$5 per high efficiency sprinkler head (30 rebates)

### **How much funding is available and who is eligible?**

\$10,000 is available for all rebates on a first-come, first-serve basis. All Benicia residents are eligible.

### **What are my options for receiving a rebate and what are the steps?**

The incentive is available as a voucher or a rebate. Residents must complete a [Benicia Homes Save Program \(BHSP\) in-home water assessment](#) before they are eligible to apply for a voucher or rebate. The City encourages residents to “buy local” and therefore, the voucher must be used at one of two local vendors: Pedrotti ACE Hardware or Benicia Home Improvement, Inc.



### **Where can I get more information and an application?**

More information and the application form are available [here](#) and on [SustainableBenicia.org](#). If you have any questions about the program, contact Brian Woodward at [beniciarebateprocessing@gmail.com](mailto:beniciarebateprocessing@gmail.com). Get your rebate while funding is still available! – *Community Development*

**FIREFIGHTER/ENGINEER TESTING WRAPS UP:** On Wednesday, July 17, personnel from the Fire Department, with the support of the Human Resources Department, completed the final phase of the Firefighter Engineer examination process. This final phase consisted of a practical and technical skills assessment. Using the upper parking lot behind Benicia High School, personnel were put through a scenario designed to simulate operation of the fire engine at an incident. The personnel were given specific tasks to complete, and were then challenged with some technical questions associated with the operation. We were also supported in this process by a panel of outside evaluators from fire departments in Fairfield, San Rafael, and Vacaville.



On the previous Friday, the personnel participating in this examination process also completed a practical driving and vehicle safety inspection in accordance with the Department of Motor Vehicle's criteria. This process was also overseen by an outside evaluator from the California Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Division.

With the testing completed, the Fire Chief conducted interviews and expects to make appointments in August. – *Fire Department*



**BADGE PINNING CEREMONY:** The Benicia Fire Department invites all to the badge pinning ceremony for Carl Littorno and Vince Parga, who have both been promoted from Firefighter/Paramedics to Engineers, on Friday, **August 16** at 9:00 AM at Benicia Fire Department, Station 1, 150 Military West. Light refreshments will be served. – *Fire Department*



**POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT AVAILABLE:** The Benicia Police Department monthly report for June is available. It contains a monthly wrap-up of Community Service, Professional Development, Statistics, and an Interesting Case Summary. [Click here](#) to read more. – *Police Department*

## **BENICIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION:**

On July 22, Benicia Fire units responded to a report of a vehicle accident on Lake Herman Road near Reservoir Road. Upon arrival, units found a mid-size passenger vehicle that had rolled over and was resting on its roof.



There was a solo occupant trapped in the vehicle complaining of pain. Fire crews stabilized the vehicle and extricated the driver. Firefighter/Paramedics then stabilized the patient for transport to a local emergency department. – *Fire Department*

**CITY OF BENICIA JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for several positions: [Seasonal Parks Worker – Part Time](#), which closes on **August 8**, [Recreation Leader II – Adult Softball Scorekeeper](#), closing **August 12**, [Department Aide](#) and [Assistant Recreation Leader](#), closing **August 15**, [Assistant Water Operator/Water Operator](#), closing **August 19**, and [Police Officer – Lateral](#), which is open continuously.

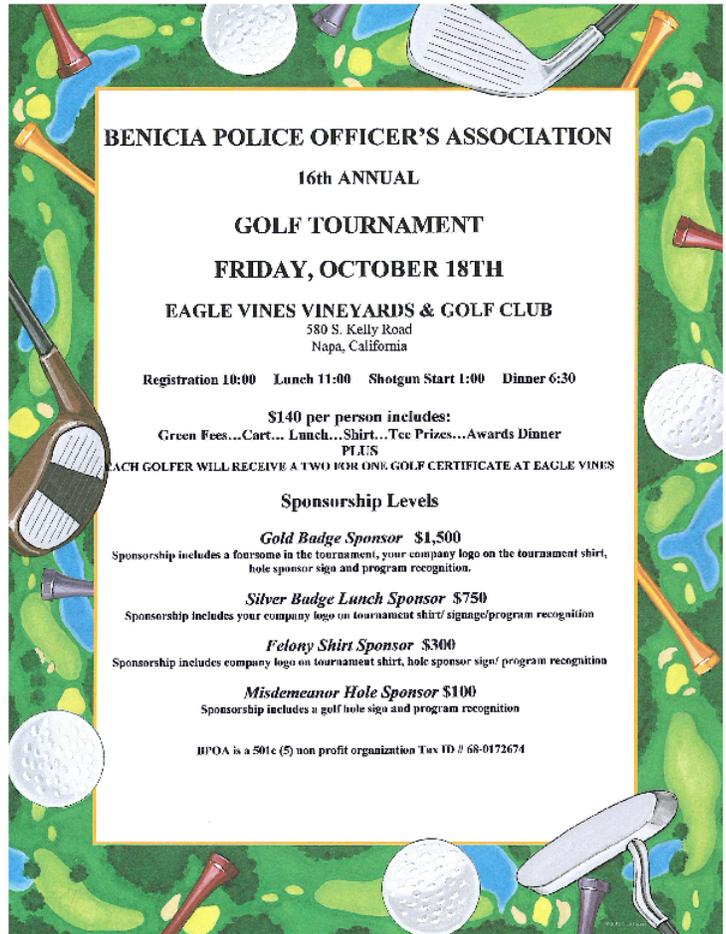
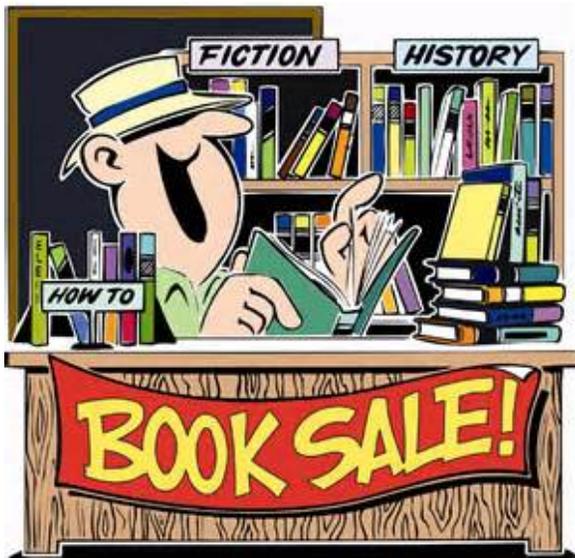
To apply, the application and supplemental form can be filed online at: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/benicia/default.cfm>. City of Benicia employment applications may also be obtained from and must be returned to the Human Resources Department at 250 East L Street, Benicia.

These job opportunities are open to any current City of Benicia employees (full or part time) as well as the general public. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please let them know. – *Human Resources*



**INVITATION TO GOLF:** The Benicia Police Officer's Association is hosting their 16th Annual Golf Tournament on **Friday, October 18** at Eagle Vines Golf Club in Napa. The \$140 entry includes green fees, cart, lunch, shirt, tee prizes, and the awards dinner. Tournament sponsorships are available. To register or sponsor the tournament, contact Patti Baron at [pbaron@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:pbaron@ci.benicia.ca.us). – *Police Department*

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE:** Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Benicia Public Library's upcoming Book Sale.



Thursday, **August 8** is set aside for the Member's Only sale ([click for application](#)) from 6:00-8:00 PM. Friday, **August 9** from 10:00AM-4:00PM is the "Thank you Benicia" sale allowing people to avoid the Peddler's Fair Day rush by coming in a day in advance. Saturday's sale (**August 10**) begins at 8:00AM and runs until 4:00PM and includes a White Elephant Sale. To donate items to the White Elephant Sale, please call 707.745.1455 - *Library*

**CAMPFIRE SAFETY:** On Saturday July 27, Benicia Firefighters met with Benicia Cub Scout Pack 108 to stress the importance of fire safety before an evening of making s'mores on a camp-out at Benicia's Camel Barn Museum.

Nationally, there are approximately 6,500 barbecue and campfire accidents per year resulting in over 100 injuries primarily to children under the age of 14. – *Fire Department*



**FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING:** The Benicia Fire Department, in collaboration with the Benicia Water Treatment Plant, conducted confined space rescue training for its personnel during the month of July. These specialized rescue practices are utilized



when individuals become trapped, or rendered incapacitated in extremely hazardous situations. Fire Department members perform these rescues in tight, cramped and often pitch black conditions. – *Fire Department*

**BENICIA HOSTS LIFEGUARD GAMES:** The City of Benicia hosted the 2013 BAPPOA (Bay Area Public Pool Operators Association) Lifeguard Games on August 4. Twenty-six teams from all over the Bay Area participated in the following lifeguarding skill based events:

- CPR
- spinal care
- passive victim extrication
- swim relay and rescue relay



The day was a great success. Three teams of City of Benicia lifeguards were entered in the games, participants included: Becky Bennigson, Shane Mang, Michael Puza, Sam Kleinschmidt, Brennen Cooper, Courtney Harper, Daniel Sanderson, Katie Laramore, Tyler Harris, Emily Wolfe, Tyler Stickney and Nicole Peck.

Tyler H, Tyler S, Nicole and Emily placed 1st in the CPR event! Congratulations and good work to all participants. – *Parks & Community Services*



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**BENICIA FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN WITH LIFEGUARDS:** James Lemos Swim Center lifeguards were thrilled to be a part of the annual in-service training with the City of Benicia's firefighters. Every year one of the fire crews visits the pool and offers advanced training for the guards. This year Captain Greg Petersen and crew members Alan Bates, Scott Hansen, Dave Calkins and Vince Parga trained on splints,



backboarding victims with spinal injuries on land, caring for burns and CPR/AED. Not only was this a great training, but it's a reminder that the firefighters and guards are both a part of the same team working to

ensure the safety and care of our community. – *Parks & Community Service*

## **CPR TRAINING FOR FIRE**

**EXPLORERS:** On July 2, Firefighter Paramedic Dave Calkins coordinated with Christine Cooley of *CNT-Cardiac and Trauma* to provide training in CPR to seven volunteers in the Benicia Fire Department's Explorers Program. This provided skills training and assessment in the treatment of cardiac arrest in both adults and children. The Fire Department



would like to thank Christine for the donation of her teaching services, which she provided at no charge to the department. – *Fire Department*

**NEW DISPATCHER AT THE CONTROLS:** Benicia Police Department is proud to introduce their newest Public Safety Dispatcher, Amanda Donohue. Amanda joins the Benicia Police Department after 3-½ years dispatching for the Richmond Police Department. Richmond PD also provides Dispatch Services for the cities of El Cerrito, Kensington and San Pablo. Prior to dispatching, Amanda worked as an analyst for the Mervyn's corporate office in Hayward. – *Police Department*



**BACK TO SCHOOL SURVIVAL PHOTO CONTEST:** Here is a fun photo contest for kids, sponsored by the Benicia Public Library. To enter, just decorate your backpack, book cover or notebook and post a photo of it on the [Teen Zone Benicia Facebook](#) page by **August 18**. Make sure to share your favorite things that help you survive back-to-school as a comment on your photo. Photos AND comments will be judged by fellow teens and the winner will be announced the following day. The winner will receive their own survival kit full of school supplies, junk food and a Benicia Public Library USB port in a cool "I read banned books" tote bag. – *Library*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CERS TRAINING:** During the week of July 22, Benicia Firefighters received training on the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), which is a statewide web-based system to support California Unified Program Agencies (CUPA). The training was provided by Colby La Place, a Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist with the Solano County Department of Resource Management Environmental Health Division. The focus of the training was on how emergency responders can access reported chemical inventories, inspection/enforcement history and site maps of Benicia businesses during an emergency event. – *Fire Department*

**CAL FIRE/BENICIA FIRE COORDINATION:** In a continuing effort to improve the Benicia Fire Department's effectiveness in combating fires in the Wildland Urban



Interface areas in which many Benicia residences back up to (open space), Benicia Firefighters recently collaborated with CAL Fire to discuss core issues that arise when working together. Battalion Chief Geoff Belyea, a local CAL Fire representative, discussed the resources that CAL Fire can provide, multi-agency coordination, and multi-agency radio communications during an emergency. Partnerships like these allow for better working relationships on the scene of an emergency incident. – *Fire Department*

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

- **Simply Gorgeous** — 814 First Street, owner : Frankie Nunley
- **All Points Manufacturing** — 6840 Goodyear Road, owners: Richard and Philip Snowden
- **Johns Auto and Truck Repair** — 860 Teal Drive, owner: John Malone
- **Bay Valve Service & Engineering** — 3948 Teal Court, owner : BVSE Holdings, Inc. (new owners only - existing business)

- *Economic Development*



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