

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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AUGUST 20, 2012

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**ELDER ABUSE WORKSHOP:** On August 15, the Benicia Police Department hosted an Elder Fraud Prevention Workshop at the Benicia Senior Center attended by nearly 100 people. The goal of the workshop was to provide information to the participants to promote the prevention of elder fraud.



Benicia Police Officer Aldo Serrano presented information on the numerous potential scams elderly people are facing today and the effects of elder fraud, types of elder fraud, how a fraud is perpetrated, how to recognize fraud and what to do after a fraud has occurred. Examples of dumpster diving, contractor fraud, “phishing,” cold calls, ID fraud and “pay up or else” were discussed. Information was presented on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud and how to properly get rid of “junk mail” or mail and documents with personal information. In addition to the many questions asked during the workshop, many of the attendees stayed after the class and asked further questions.

The class material and the PowerPoint presentation was put together by Officer Serrano. A special thanks goes to Ann Dunleavy of Parks & Community Services for her assistance in setting up the class. – *Police Department*

**SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 6, 2012:**



Our kick-off for [National Fire Prevention Week](#) is scheduled for Saturday, October 6. The program will include firefighter demonstrations, station tours, and activities for children. More details will be provided, as we get closer to the date. – *Fire Department*

**BENICIA YOUTH COMMISSION:** Last December, Heidi Wing, Benicia's 2011-12 Youth Commission Chairperson,



spearheaded fundraising events to contribute to the Benicia Water Project. One element of the Benicia Water Project is to provide clean drinking water through construction of new water wells in Uganda. Heidi traveled with a team of volunteers from Benicia to Uganda this summer. The Benicia Youth Commission helped raise money for several wells and Heidi dedicated them during her trip this summer. Way to go Benicia

Youth Commission & Heidi for your work on this meaningful project. At left is a picture of one of the wells and a young girl having her first drink. – *Parks & Community Services*

**PLAY BALL:** Staff has completed turf renovation on the Benicia High School Football field. This included aerating the field and applying new seed and topsoil. With the school year starting at Benicia High School students can enjoy the beautiful football field for their sports season.

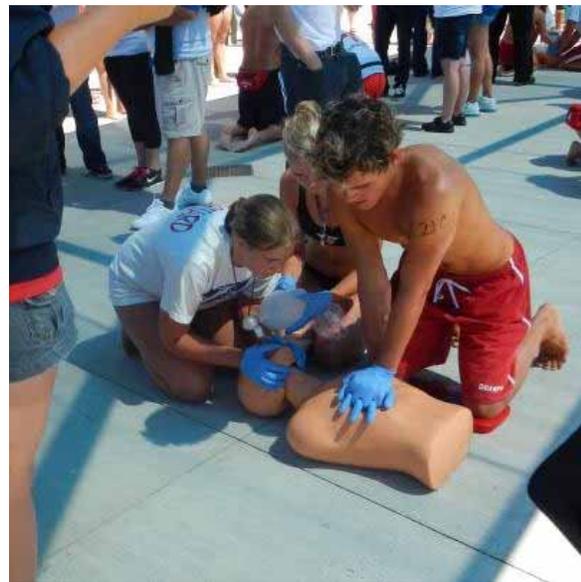


– *Parks & Community Services*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JAMES LEMOS SWIM CENTER LIFEGUARDS:** On Sunday,



August 5, 31 lifeguard teams from all over the Bay Area competed in a series of 5 events at the 2012 Lifeguard Games in San Ramon. Benicia Parks & Community Services sent two teams. Our veteran team took home 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Team Swim Relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall in the games. Our second team, which was made up of all rookie lifeguards, placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall and won the Spirit/Sportsmanship Award. All eight lifeguards who participated enjoyed the



event and became much more advanced in their lifeguarding skills from all the practice they dedicated to the Lifeguard Games. We are very proud of our lifeguards!! – *Parks & Community Services*

**GET READY FOR BENICIA’S FIRST REUSE DAY:** Are the kid’s old clothes sitting around now that they are outfitted for the new school year? Is your garage too full? Closets cluttered? Help a charity and let us conveniently pick up your items from the curb.



Allied Waste Services, in cooperation with the City of Benicia and Pacific Rim Recycling, is organizing the first reuse curbside pickup day in Benicia on Sept. 21. Appointments are limited for this one-day event. Please call Allied Waste Customer Service at 707.747.0608 to be on the pickup schedule or if you have questions.

This service will be offered twice a month. Only the following items will be collected: clothing, accessories and shoes, garden supplies and metal garden umbrellas, dishware, house wares and textiles, bicycles (working or not), bicycle parts, and school supplies. Place items at the curb before 7:00 am, but not the night before. No mattresses, large appliances, garbage, e-waste or hazardous waste, cribs or car seats. Contact [Customer Service](#) for help with these items. – *City Manager’s Office*

**BENICIA PD PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** On Tuesday, August 7, members of the Benicia Police Department participated in the [29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out](#). This national event encourages local Neighborhood Watch groups across the country to participate by hosting special events in their neighborhoods. The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Benicia has over thirty Neighborhood Watch groups registered with the Police Department and this year seven neighborhoods participated by hosting block parties. Events were held on Panorama Drive, Byron Court, Heather Court, Shannon Court, Buena Vista, Vecino Drive and the 400 block of East K Street.



Volunteer Coordinator Patti Baron spearheaded the event showcasing the successful partnership between the community and the Police Department. Members of the Benicia Police Department (including Chief Bidou), police officers and volunteers, in addition to representatives from the Benicia Fire Department, City Council, City Manager's Office and members of the BERT team spent the evening driving from block party to block party to meet citizens and thank them for their support and hard work. – *Police Department*



**PD MONTHLY REPORTS AVAILABLE:** The Benicia Police Department's [July Monthly Report](#) is 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*

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

- Fabulous Finds - 129 First Street #L & J
- The Steffen Collection - 627 First Street
- Premiera Inc - 5000 East 2nd Street #L
- Nest - 131 First Street #C

- *Economic Development*



**BENICIA PD HOSTS POST CERTIFIED DISPATCH TRAINING COURSE:** On Thursday, August 16, the Benicia Police Department hosted a POST certified Dispatch Training course at the Benicia Fire Department EOC/Training Room. The training was provided by instructors from the Public Safety Training Consultants and was titled “You Just Never Know.” Dispatcher Teresa Olson coordinated Benicia hosting this important training class. Public Safety Dispatchers from Solano Sheriffs Office, Napa County, Alameda County, Oakland PD, Yolo County, San Francisco, Vacaville PD, Martinez PD, San Leandro and several other agencies were among the nearly 40 in attendance. Benicia P.D. was represented by Public Safety Dispatchers Stephanie Barreto, Lauren Teel and Christina Ensley. Some of the topics covered were; dealing with mass casualty incidents



involving airplanes, trains, large industrial incidents, HAZMAT incidents, and submerged vehicles. The students listened to numerous actual dispatch tapes of people calling in, some needing help, some reporting crimes, and some making complaints. The main focus of this training course was to remind the students to not be too complacent and remember that the Public Safety

Dispatcher is usually the first contact citizens have with police, fire and EMS. The PD wants to thank the Fire Department for the use of their training room. – *Police Department*

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

**Engineering:**

- Summer Slurry Sealing Work Completed: 3.5 miles of residential streets, including 18 cul-de-sacs, have been slurry sealed as part of this year's street resurfacing program. The work was performed by Graham Contractors for the low bid amount of \$153K and was funded with gas tax monies. Slurry seal is a thin protective layer of asphalt surfacing that extends the service life of residential streets. As part of this project, a right turn lane was added on Rose Drive at Columbus Parkway for traffic heading towards Vallejo.



- Park Road Sidewalk Project Underway: Construction of the 1,100 feet of sidewalk is underway. When completed, the new sidewalk will span from the terminus of Caltrans' pedestrian facilities at Oak Road to the existing sidewalk at Jackson Street, thereby eliminating a major gap in the regional sidewalk network. The work is being performed by W. R. Forde for the low bid amount of \$188K and is funded by a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.



#### **Maintenance - Water Division:**

- Replaced 4 water service lines.
- Repaired 2 mains - 6800 Goodyear Road., which we were able to repair the 8" water main with a full circle clamp, and 574 Rose Drive where crews replaced a 5' section of the 12" water main. We had 17 customers out of water, who we delivered bottled water to while the leak was being repaired.
- There were 3 after-hour call-outs for water.
- Turned off 1 customer side leak.
- West 7th & I-780 Citizen's Assist: While marking out the intersection for pavement repairs, a woman yelled from her car across the intersection to Maintenance Supervisor Rick Silva that she had a young child and a newborn in her car. When Rick looked over, there was smoke or steam coming from under the hood. Once Rick determined that there was no danger of fire, he had her get back into her car and he pushed her around the corner out of traffic making sure that she and her children were ok. She called a tow truck and thanked Rick as he finished his work at the intersection.

#### **Maintenance: Streets Division:**

- Paving: 500 blk East L Street - 4 tons
- Painting Legends: Benicia Middle School Area, Robert Semple School area, Mills School Area, Benicia High School Area, East L Street @ East 3rd Street, Military East @ East 3rd Street, Military East @ East 4th Street, East L Street @ East 4th Street.
- Curbs (Red): Industrial Way @ Lake Herman Road, Joe Henderson School area, Mathew Turner School area, Mary Farmer School area, Hastings @ Jack London Park area, Robert Semple School area.
- Other: Torch Light Parade set-up and breakdown, water leak @ Goodyear Road Business Park, Pistol Range Clean Up (with Aldo Serrano), Art and Jazz Festival set-up and breakdown, Farmers Market set-up and breakdown, Industrial Way storm ditch clean-up and dredging.

### **Maintenance - Sewer Collection Division**

- Waste Collection: Citywide monthly sewer main cleanings - 7,575' cleaned.
- Customer Side Calls: 90 Carolina Drive, 428 Brentwood Drive.
- Lift Station Cleanings - Park Rd, East 7th St @ Vons, Cambridge Dr, Marina Storm Water Facility Maintenance
- Routine Maintenance - Hospital Rd - CCTV from Manhole #343 to Manhole #843, Bayshore Rd - Exercise 1/4 Turn Force Main Valves
  - *Public Works*

**BENICIA BOOTH AT THE SOLANO COUNTY FAIR:** The City of Benicia booth at this



year's Solano County Fair, designed and organized by Renee Jordan of Jordan Real Estate, was a big success this year. Renee was able to recruit many local volunteers to set-up, takedown, and man the booth along with organizing the donation of daily raffle prizes from local businesses and organizations. The City is proud of and thankful for all our businesses, organizations, and citizens who get involved and volunteer their time to let people know how special Benicia is and encouraging them to spend [A Great Day by the Bay](#). – *Economic Development*

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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