

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**FREE BUSINESS TRAINING:** The City of Benicia Office of Economic Development is pleased to announce **FREE** business training on September 24. Co-sponsored by Benicia Chamber of Commerce and Benicia Main Street this presentation is geared to artists, craftsmen, retailers, small business owners, non-profits, and business-to-business.



**Tuesday, September 24  
8:30-11:00 AM  
Benicia Community Center  
370 East L Street**

Focusing on creating a marketing campaign, the session begins with [Grow Your Business with Email & Social Media](#). Participants will receive a *free workbook* to use to create a marketing campaign on the spot. This will be helpful in preparing for holiday promotions and promotions throughout the year.

The session continues with [Getting Started with Email](#), a refreshers on creating an email, selecting templates, loading lists and branding your emails, creating a professional look and feel, linking to websites and social media sites, and adding links to subscribe to your newsletter or join your email list.

Registration is available [online](#). Contact [Teri Davena](#) at 707.746.4202 with any questions. – *Economic Development*

**TECHNICAL TRAINING EXERCISE:** Benicia firefighters continuously train for difficult and dangerous rescues. This technical rescue exercise involved constructing a system which used pulleys and friction devices to lower a simulated victim from an above ground platform at the Clock Tower. – *Fire Department*



**POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE:** Since the start of



Benicia's Relay for Life five years ago, the Benicia Police Officers Association and the Benicia Dispatchers Association have helped to sponsor the event by donating \$1,000 as a Bronze sponsor and continued to raise funds during the 24-hour event.

At this year's event, Traffic Officer Mark Simonson was on hand with his motorcycle providing an opportunity for citizens to take a photo on his bike.



K9 Officer Brian Collins and his partner Mirco gave two demonstrations. Mirco showed his skills in apprehending a bad guy and detecting hidden drugs. The Police Department provided valuable educational materials on breast cancer, colon cancer, stop smoking tips, and provided fresh whole fruits throughout the day. The Police Department raised over \$1,300 for

the cause. – *Police Department*

**RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT:** Two members of the Benicia Fire Department, Tony Horner



and Jason Fein, raised \$1,274.00 for the 2013 Relay For Life event that was held on August 24 at Benicia High School. Tony and Jason were there for the entire 24-hour period and were cheered on by both on-duty and off-duty crews. Great job Tony and Jason!

Over \$102,000 was raised at this year's event including funds raised by the City of Benicia Employees' team. Team members walked the entire 24-hours, solicited donations, and sold candy and knit scarves and hats in Relay purple. – *Fire Department*

**GRIDIRON UPDATE:** As part of the City's agreement with the Benicia Unified School District, the Parks and Community Services Parks Division has been hard at work renovating the Benicia High School football field, which included re-sodding a portion of center field. Work was completed and the field was reopened just in time for the Relay for Life event.



Currently, Benicia High School's preseason football games are underway. The first league game occurs on **October 18** when the Panther's play Vallejo High during their Homecoming Game. – *Parks & Community Services*

**BENICIA FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:**

With the Benicia school year starting August 21, the Fire Department concluded the reimplementation of its summer internship program for the year. This summer Connor Hatfield, a Benicia High School sophomore and son of City of Benicia employee Stacy Hatfield, used his outstanding computer skills to assist the Benicia Fire Department with updating their electronic records management database. Connor worked in excess of one hundred hours on the project, volunteering his time to provide this invaluable community service. Connor, thank you for a job well done!  
– *Fire Department*



**CITY OF BENICIA JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for several positions:

- [Senior Account Clerk](#), closing **September 11**
- [Water Quality Supervisor](#), closing **September 12**
- [Parks Landscape Building Maintenance Worker](#), closing **September 13**
- [Associate Planner](#), closing **September 18**
- [Public Safety Dispatcher](#), closing **September 20**
- [Deputy City Clerk](#), closing **September 27**, 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*



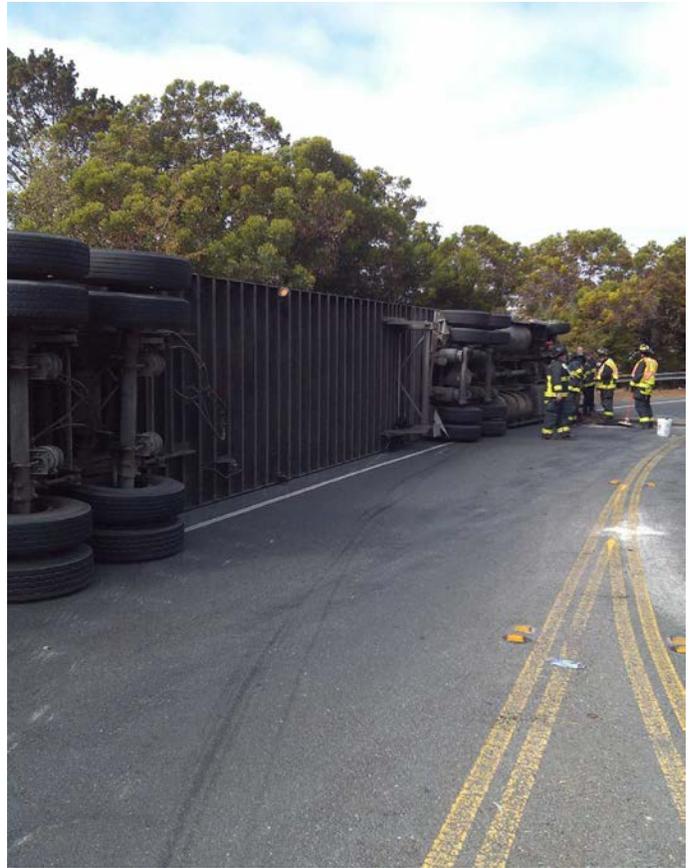
**BENICIA WILDLAND FIRE STRIKE TEAM:** The Benicia Fire Department did its part to help control what has become one of the largest wildland fires in California history. The Department sent one engine staffed with three firefighters as part of a five engine Solano



County strike team. The strike team included single engines from Benicia, Dixon, Vacaville District, Vacaville City, and Vallejo. The crews left at 2:30AM on August 19 and were originally assigned to the Swedes Fire in Butte County. After working for four days on the Swedes Fire, the Solano County team was reassigned to the Plumas Lightening Complex in Plumas County and

then was reassigned to the Rim Fire in Yosemite, which had grown in size and at the time was zero percent contained. The Benicia engine was staffed by Captain Jeff Davidson, Engineer Jeff Toynbee, and Firefighter Paramedic Adam Malbrough. – *Fire Department*

**BENICIA FIREFIGHTERS ON THE JOB:** On August 22, the Benicia Fire Department responded to a reported big rig roll over on the East Second Street off-ramp from East-bound I-780. Benicia Police Department officers were the first to arrive on scene and updated the first responders on extrication needs, number of patients, and vehicle description. Remarkably, the truck driver walked away from the incident uninjured and no other vehicles were involved. The scene was stabilized by the Fire Department, and traffic diversion was managed by both the California Highway Patrol and the Benicia Police Department. – *Fire Department*



**BENICIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (BERT) EXPANDS CAPABILITIES:** On August 21, Fire Division Chief Nicolas Thomas, BERT Chief Larry Whitney, and BERT Logistics Chief Sue Maddux traveled to Vacaville to pick up a 2014 Look Cargo Trailer. The trailer was funded through a Department of Homeland Security grant program. This trailer brings BERT's rolling stock up to two trailers and a 2008 Ford F-250 pick-up truck,

all grant funded purchases. This newest acquisition will be equipped for disaster preparedness and response, and will be stored at Fire Station 12 (Hastings and Solano). This purchase would not have been possible without the support of Alex Benetti, Solano County Office of Emergency Services, and BERT members Larry Whitney, Steve Ball, Sue Maddox and Len Corbaley. – *Fire Department*

**LIBRARY ADDS CONSUMER REPORTS TO RESEARCH SECTION:** Have you ever wanted to use the online version of [Consumer Reports](#) but don't subscribe to the magazine? Benicia Public Library SNAP has recently added this to their database collection. Find it

under the [RESEARCH](#) tab on the [Library's website](#) and access it with your library card number from home (or in the Library). – *Library*



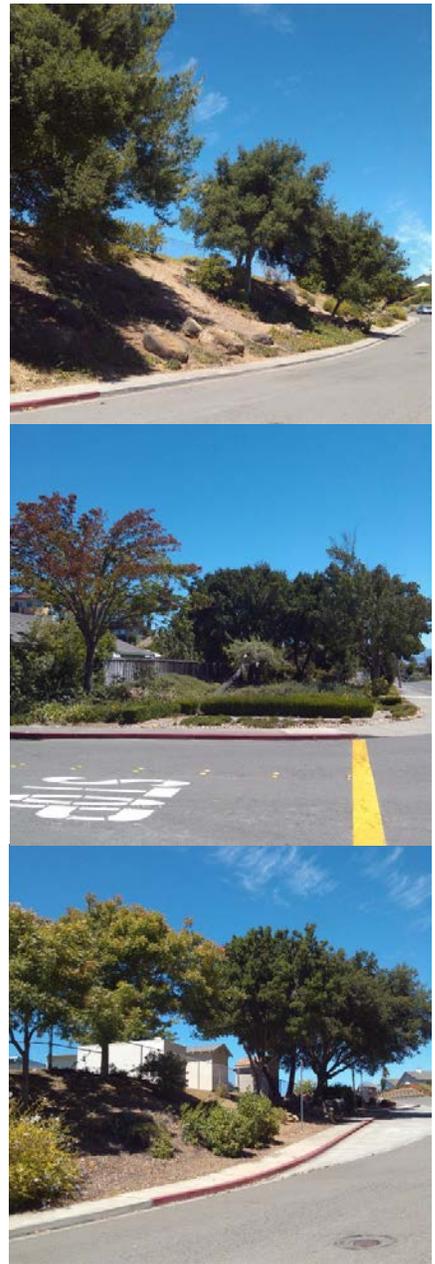
**TREE CITY USA IN ACTION:** In August, the Parks Division performed tree work along Military West and Drolette Way. In all, 59 trees were pruned to improve the health and structure of the trees and three trees were removed because they were deemed hazardous.

Benicia is a [Tree City USA](#). The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 120 million Americans call home.

Urban Forestry in Benicia, why? Because trees improve air quality and public health, cool our homes and conserve energy, help prevent soil erosion and excessive storm water runoff, and increase private real estate value adding to our local tax base. Find out more at [BeniciaTrees.org](#). – *Parks & Community Services*

**BAY AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING:** On August 21, the Benicia Fire Department hosted a quarterly meeting of the Bay Area Incident Management Task Force. Representatives from the CA Department of Transportation, California Highway Patrol, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Fire Departments, Coroner/Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Medical Services, Public Works Departments, Tow Operators, Transportation Agencies and the Federal Highway Administration were in attendance.

Participants were treated to a vehicle extrication demonstration and a few observers took turns opening a car door using the “jaws of life”. The simulation also emphasized the resources needed and steps involved in extricating a trapped victim from a modern automobile. – *Fire Department*



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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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