

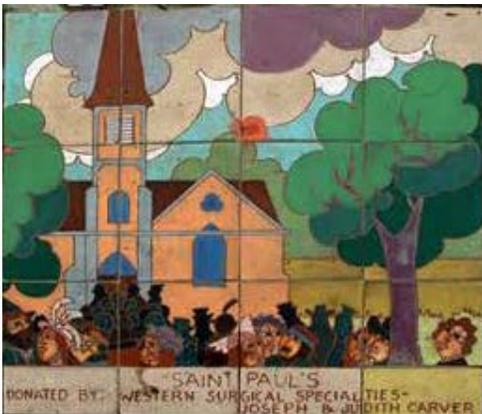
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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OCTOBER 7, 2013

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**GRANIZO MOSAIC TILES ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY:** The Granizo mosaic tiles imbedded in First Street sidewalks will be featured during the last Art Walk of the year on **Saturday, October 12, 3:00-7:00PM**. Benician Guillermo Wagner Granizo was one of the world's premier ceramic-tile muralists. In addition to the 27 tiles on First Street, his works grace the Steinhart Aquarium, Monterey Conference Center, Mission Delores, and Cal State LA (Olympic mural). Local tiles feature prominent Benicia citizens and historical events.



As a special feature of this Art Walk, we are pleased to announce that the Benicia Historical Museum has made a loan to the Benicia Public Library of 13 additional rarely seen Granizo tiles. The tiles will be on display in the Dona Benicia Room at the Library during Art Walk only. Don't miss your chance to see them.

Booklets describing the First Street tiles are available for purchase from several Art Walk participants. [Click here](#) to download the Art Walk brochure and map or look for the blue Art Walk banners and pick one up from a participating business. – *Economic Development*



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:** Since most fires start in the kitchen, this year's theme of Fire Prevention Week (**October 6-12**) is "preventing kitchen fires". At the Benicia City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 1, Fire Chief Jim Lydon and Benicia Firefighters received a proclamation from Mayor Patterson in recognition of Fire Prevention Week and the work Benicia Firefighters do. – *Fire Department*



**FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY:** Looking for something to do this **Saturday, October 12?** The Benicia Fire Department is hosting its annual Open House from 11:00AM-3:00PM. Please come and join in the fun! – *Fire Department*

**BENICIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Open House**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Saturday, October 12, 2013**  
**11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
 Benicia Fire Department  
 Station 11  
 150 Military West

- ★ Fire Station Tours
- ★ Hands on Equipment Demonstrations
- ★ Equipment Displays
- ★ Blood Pressure Checks
- ★ Food and Refreshments
- ★ Fire Engine Rides

**BFD**  
 poster design by Muzzarts  
 www.muzzarts.com

**FIRE DEPARTMENT AT FARMERS MARKET:** On Thursday September 26, fire personnel from Station 11, along with Acting Division Chief Smith and Chief Lydon, were on hand at the Farmers Market. This served as a great opportunity to interact with the community and share vital information regarding fire prevention and other safety programs. It also served as an opportunity to promote the Open House scheduled for **October 12** at Station 11.

Personnel distributed in excess of 100 announcements for the event. The number of folks that stopped by our booth was highlighted by the significant number of plastic fire helmets that were seen throughout the



market area. Benicia Main Street's invitation to participate at the event is greatly appreciated. – *Fire Department*



**BENICIA CLEANTECH EXPO 2013:** This year's CleanTech Expo is on Friday and Saturday, **October 18 & 19** at the Clock Tower, 1189 Washington Street. Anyone engaged or interested in the new clean tech economy is invited to attend Solano County's only expo promoting economic growth in Benicia through clean technology. This exposition continues the success of the initial 2012 Expo with twenty-six exhibitors, 19 workshops and 400 attendees. Attendance is Open to the Public and FREE!

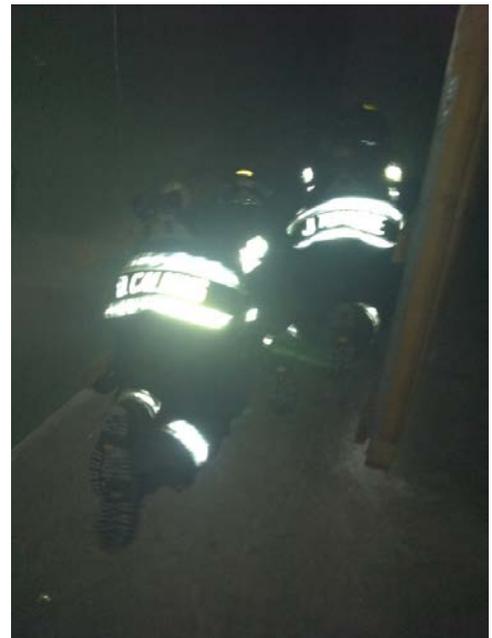
# Benicia CleanTech Expo 2013

**What is CleanTech?** Any product or service that improves operational performance, productivity or efficiency while reducing energy or water consumption, waste or environmental pollution.

Likely to be one of the most significant engines for job growth over the next decade, the [Benicia CleanTech Expo 2013](#) is dedicated to covering the clean technology space and connecting industry stakeholders from throughout the region. A special feature of Expo 2013 will be a Makers/Innovators Space with hands on demonstrations of 3D printing. Exhibitors will cover all facets of alternative energy and transportation among other CleanTech sectors. Attendees at the expo will gain an up-to-date perspective on the state of the industry, policy developments, and emerging technologies. They will also learn the keys to successfully design, finance, and build renewable energy projects. There will be opportunities to learn about clean tech industry from local business leaders and educators through workshops and seminars.

The expo will start on Friday, October 18 at 1:00PM with exhibits and workshops on the half-hour. Friday's Expo has a business emphasis. On Saturday, October 19, 10:00AM-4:00PM the Expo has both a residential and business focus. More information is available [online](#). – *Economic Development*

**FIREFIGHTER SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING:** Have you ever tried to work in complete darkness? So dark, you cannot see your hand in front of your face? Benicia Firefighter train for these situations, so that they are better able locate and rescue victims in structure fires, or other emergency situations in which they must operate in total darkness. This month in conjunction with the Valero Refinery and the Valero Fire Department, Benicia Firefighters utilized a training prop on refinery grounds to practice these life saving techniques. – *Fire Department*



**SOLANO COMMUTE CHALLENGE CONTINUES:** We're two-thirds of the way through the Solano Commute Challenge! Benicia is currently registered as a participating employer and we have two employees tracking their commute trips.

Although the Challenge began in August, employees can still sign up and pledge to commute by carpool, van pool, bus, train, ferry, bicycle, or walk at least 30 workdays until **October 31**.

*You could be eligible for the following rewards:*

- \$50 if you use one of the commute alternatives listed above at least 30 days and entered for a \$100 gift card;
- \$100 in commute bucks if you use alternative commute methods more than anyone else in the City and be entered for a \$500 grand prize;
- \$25 just for signing up and trying to meet the 30 day challenge; and/or
- Discounted SolTrans bus passes (contact Alex Porteshawver for more info)



To get more information or register online, [click here](#), or contact [Alex Porteshawver](#) in Community Development at 707.746.4280. – *Community Development*

**PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING PROVIDED TO LOCAL BUSINESS:** On Monday, September 30, the Benicia Fire Department and the Benicia Volunteer Firemen Incorporated provided portable fire extinguisher training to employees of Life Technologies at 6010 Egret Court. Lead instruction was provided by retired Benicia Fire Captain Joe Thurin, with assistance from Fire Engineer Jason Fein and Firefighter Alan Bates. In all, twenty-eight employees of Life Technologies were able to practice extinguishing a propane-fed fire using a carbon dioxide extinguisher. Benicia businesses or associations interested in portable fire extinguisher training may contact the Benicia Fire Department for further information at 707.746.4275. – *Fire Department*



**PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK SCHEDULED:** The Benicia Police Department will participate in the last Prescription Drug Take Back event of the year on **Saturday, October 26** from 10:00AM-2:00PM at the main lobby of the Police Department at 200 East L Street.

This bi-annual event gives the public the opportunity to get rid of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, prescription and over-the-counter human and veterinary drugs, and nutritional supplements. Citizens are asked to take the labels off the bottles or combine all pill medications in a bag. This is a free service and anonymous as no questions are asked.

IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE

**Don't throw Expired or Unused Drugs in the Garbage or Down a Toilet..**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**  
**Saturday, Oct. 26th, 2013**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**

 **Benicia Police Department**  
 200 East L St, Benicia / (707) 746-4268  
 **Dixon Police Department**  
 201 West A St, Dixon / (707) 678-7070  
 **Rio Vista Police Department**  
 50 Poppy House Rd, Rio Vista  
 (707) 374-6366  
 **Solano County Sheriff Coroner's Office**  
 520 Clay St, Fairfield / (707) 784-7500  
 **Suisun City Police Department**  
 701 Civic Center Blvd, Suisun City  
 (707) 421-7373  
 **Vallejo Police Department**  
 111 Amador St, Vallejo / (707) 648-4080

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS are medication waste defined as items intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals. Medication waste is synonymous with drug waste, pharmaceutical waste, unused or expired medication, unused or expired drugs, prescription and over-the-counter human drugs, veterinary drugs, diagnostic agents and nutritional supplements.  
<http://Recycle.SolanoCounty.com>






REMEMBER! Seal all liquids and creams • Remove personal information • No Sharps

ENSURE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

MAINTAIN A SAFE COMMUNITY • INVEST IN AND FOR THE FUTURE

If you have any questions about the event, contact Community Service Officer Patti Baron at 707.746.4268. – *Police Department*

**JOE HENDERSON TOUR OF FIRE STATION 12:** Fire Station 12, located on Hastings



Drive at Solano, recently gave three second grade classes from Joe Henderson Elementary School a tour of the fire station. The children were excited to learn about all aspects of the station, including getting a close-up look at the fire engines. Topics on the tour included an overview of equipment like heart monitors, the Jaws of Life, the big hoses and nozzles used to fight fires, and safety gear worn by firefighters. The students also learned how firefighters live, clean, train and respond to calls in the community while at the

station. – *Fire Department*



**ADULT SPORTS:** Children aren't the only ones who like to play sports and games. We are very lucky to have a large group of active adults who enjoy playing recreational sports in our adult leagues. If you have an opportunity to stop by the City Gym or one of our ball fields, you are sure to see a lot of great team work, laughter and action packed games. Currently we have Coed Volleyball, 5-on-5 Basketball, and Adult Softball.



Recently, the adult teams were treated to free samples of CLIFF BARS donated to us by our registration system ACTIVE NETWORK AND CLIFF BAR. Everyone enjoyed snacking on the samples as they warmed up to play their games. Thank you to ACTIVE NETWORK and CLIFF BAR.



For more info on local adult leagues, check out our [Fall/Winter Activity Guide](#). – Parks & Community Services

**BPD OFFICER RECEIVES LOCAL AND STATE VALOR AWARDS:** Benicia Police Officer Jenna Cameron received the department's [Medal of Valor](#) for her actions during the shooting incident that occurred on July 14, 2012. Her nomination was submitted to California Peace Officers Association (CPOA) for their annual Statewide Award of Valor. Chief Bidou announced that he was recently notified that Officer Cameron was selected for this prestigious award which will be presented at CPOA's annual conference luncheon (COPS West) in Ontario next month.



On behalf of the entire organization I want to congratulate Officer Cameron on her well-deserved award. I know I speak for everyone when I say we are very proud of her accomplishments and thank her for her superior dedication to the safety of our community. This is another excellent example of the exceptional staff we have in the City of Benicia. – *City Manager*

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

- [Recreation Leader II](#), closing **October 17**
- [Account Clerk I/II](#), closing **October 18**, 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 POLICE FRC AND BENICIA MOMS GROUP PROVIDE BACKPACKS:** To help families with the increasing costs that come with the start of a new school year, the Family Resource Center (FRC) partnered with the Benicia Moms Group to provide backpacks and supplies for families in need of assistance. A total of 14 families received 26 backpacks filled with recommended school supplies. The Moms group donated 15 of those backpacks for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and the FRC provided 11 backpacks for students in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This was the second consecutive year that the Moms Group has chosen the FRC for this community outreach project. In addition to the generous donations of backpacks and school supplies, individual members have donated maternity clothes, children’s clothing, and other useful items that parents of young children need. The Moms Group has been a great resource for the FRC, as well as for women in the community who are in the early stages of motherhood. The group provides a way for mothers to connect, make friends, discuss parenting issues, and develop a support network.

Access to parenting support and education is a service the FRC strives to provide for any parent or caregiver in the community. These services range from individual parenting education to weekly group classes. For the past 3 years, the FRC has offered Parent Project Sr. to parents with children ages 11-18 years of age. The next class series will be offered in January, and again in April. For more info on FRC services, call 707.746.4352.



A special thank you goes out to the Carquinez Strait Stitchers quilt guild, for their donation of 12 hand crafted blankets for infants and toddlers, as well as, 12 equally unique pillowcases for children. A presentation was made to the FRC at the monthly guild meeting on September 5. What a wonderful example of generosity and commitment to the community. – *Police Department*

**FIRE DIVISION CHIEF NICOLAS THOMAS INSTALLED AS BENICIA KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT:** On September 25, Nicolas Thomas was installed as the President of the Benicia Kiwanis Club. The installation ceremony was held at the Fire Museum and was catered by Capitol Cafe. Alice Tollefson, Kiwanis District 8 past Lt. Governor, conducted the presidency transfer to Nicolas Thomas.

The [Benicia Kiwanis Club](#) was established in 1924. The focus of the community service club is on supporting the youth of our community; changing the world one child at a time and one community at a time. During the upcoming year, Benicia Kiwanis will participate in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing, sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and continue the Feed the Hungry Program. In addition, Kiwanis will continue serving the community by placing Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) in places of public assembly, by sponsoring a Cub Scout Troop, and by supporting our local school programs. – *Fire Department*

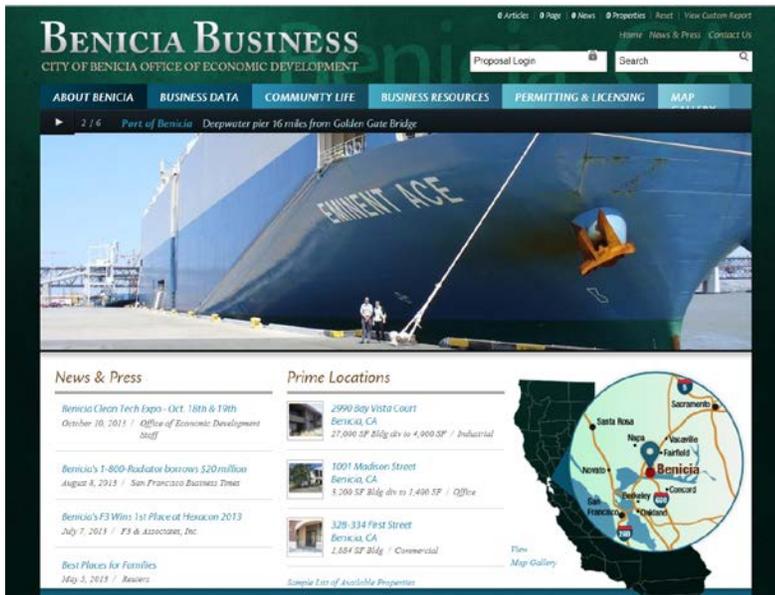


**YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE:** Don't forget sign ups have started for this year's Youth Basketball League. Programs for grades 1– 8, Kindergarten & Adaptive are offered. All teams are coached by parent volunteers.



The programs fill up early so don't wait to sign up. Registration dates are **October 1– November 15**. Registration and coach information is available at the Benicia Community Center, [online](#), or call 707.746.4285 for more information. – *Parks & Community Services*

**Economic Development Website Goes Live:** The long-awaited new website for assisting and attracting businesses to do business in Benicia went live at the October 1



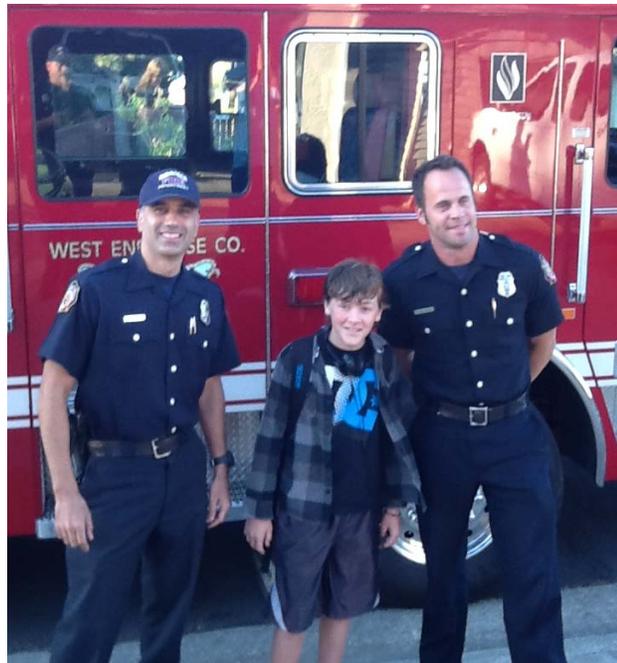
City Council meeting. Economic Development Manager Mario Giuliani made a presentation, highlighting the features of the new business website, [BeniciaBusiness.com](http://BeniciaBusiness.com). The site features useful information about doing business in Benicia, living in Benicia, and provides a wide variety of demographic information. The site is mobile-friendly and has a helpful 'report builder' feature that allows users to choose those pages helpful to them and save them into a single .pdf to save or

print. The site will receive ongoing edits and upgrades by Economic Development staff.  
– *Economic Development*

**RIDE TO SCHOOL FOR JESSE ROSS:** As part of the fund raising that was conducted



during the August Benicia Relay for Life, the Benicia Fire Department auctioned rides to school for local Benicia students. On Friday, September 20, the crew from Station 12 provided Jesse Ross a ride to the Benicia



Middle School. The crew arrived at Jesse's home a little before 8:00AM for a quick photo opportunity. Then it was off for the short trip down the street to BMS. Chief Lydon was on hand to assist in completion of the task in the event of an emergency incident requiring the response of the fire engine. Jesse and his family were very excited by the experience. – *Fire Department*

## **LEED PLAQUE CEREMONY FOR THE BENICIA COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Benicia Community Center was many years in the making and the culmination of the efforts of



many people within the community: City Council, City staff, The Good Neighbor Steering Committee, Valero and the architectural design and construction team.

The project achieved LEED Gold certification for its sustainable site attributes, reduced energy and water use, materials resource conservation, and superior indoor environmental quality. The project provides abundant natural day lighting in over 90% of its regularly occupied spaces and carries through in its energy efficient operations by optimizing

performance through Energy Star-rated equipment and appliances and a variety of other sustainable design strategies. By using less energy and water, LEED certified buildings save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, youth, city staff, and the larger community.

LEED Gold certification of the Benicia Community Center, achieved in March of 2013, was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact both the City and the neighbors, of all ages, who use the building. Additional green design features include:

- Use of recycled products (over 20%)
- Use of regionally sourced materials and products within a 500 mile radius (over 20%)
- Use of non-toxic, low-VOC emitting paints, adhesives, sealants, carpeting, and composite wood casework, supporting good Indoor Air Quality
- Over 97% diversion of construction and demolition waste
- Use of over 50% FSC certified wood products
- Individual Controllability of Lighting Systems
- Optimized energy performance of lighting power and control systems
- Optimized energy performance of HVAC systems
- Public Transportation Access including bicycle storage, shower and changing rooms for staff
- 35% potable water use reduction

The project originally set out to achieve at least a LEED ‘Certified’ level, requiring only a minimum of 21 points; but due to an enthusiastic design team and diligent construction firm, garnered 34 points out of a possible 57 points in the LEED -CI (for Commercial Interiors) version 2.0 rating system, putting it in the LEED Gold level (32-41 pts.), just below the highest level, LEED Platinum, receiving the LEED Gold level plaque on September 17.

Since its opening, the building has provided a healthy center for the community to gather, work, and recreate in and serves as a model for reducing Benicia’s environmental footprint. – *Parks & Community Development*

**2013/2014 BENICIA YOUTH COMMISSION:** The Benicia Youth Commission is busy planning for their 2013/2014 year. They have set the dates for their next two dances, **November 15, 2013 and February 28, 2014.** Times are 6:00-8:00PM for Middle School students and 8:30-10:30PM for High School students. Costs at the door are \$5 or \$3 w/ canned food donation. Fliers and announcements will be made at the schools the week before both dances. Students must live or attend school in Benicia and show valid photo ID (school ID or driver's license).



Clock Tower dance proceeds are used to support BYC Community Service projects and events. We are fortunate to have a dynamic group of youth that want to volunteer and give back to our community. For questions on the Benicia Youth Commission, contact [Ashley Howe](#) at 707.746.4283. – *Parks & Community Development*

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[Fire Department:](#) 707.746.4275

[Library:](#) 707.746.4343

[Parks & Community Services:](#) 707.746.4285

[Police Department:](#) 707.746.4265

[Public Works:](#) 707.746.4240