



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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May 17, 2016

The City Manager's Report from City of Benicia City Manager Brad Kilger is published twice monthly highlighting the activities of the departments of our full-service city. Previous editions are available on the City of Benicia [City Manager's page](#). For additional information on any items in this report, please see Contact List at the end of this report.

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** Benicia City Offices, the Benicia Community Center and the Benicia Public Library will be closed **Monday, May 30** in observance of Memorial Day.

Requests for emergency water and sewer service may be made at the Benicia Police Department, 200 East L Street or 707.745.3411. – *City Manager's Office*

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:** Benicia Historical Society invites you to attend the free event on **Monday, May 30** at 10:00 AM at the oldest military cemetery on the West Coast (1847), Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery (take Military East to Hospital Road to Buchanan Street, follow the signs).

Memorial Day Ceremony includes:

- The National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer;
- Brief history of the Benicia Arsenal Post Cemetery;
- Laying of wreaths for American, Italian, and German Soldiers, and Service Animals;
- Poems;
- Keynote speaker M. Ted Wong, DDS, MHA, Major General, US Army (Retired)
- Rifle salute by the Military History Preservation Society honoring the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor;
- Military Oath of Enlistment, Taps & Reprise, and Amazing Grace;
- And a special fly-over by the 60th Air Mobility Wing-Travis Air Force Base!



More info at [www.BeniciaHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.BeniciaHistoricalSociety.org) – *Economic Development*

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**DOWNTOWN BENICIA CLEANUP DAY:** Benicia Main Street is hosting the Downtown Benicia Cleanup Day on **Saturday, May 21**, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. They are seeking volunteers to help. A BBQ lunch will be provided at noon. Contact Benicia Main Street to RSVP. – *Economic Development*

# Downtown Benicia Cleanup Day



**Saturday, May 21, 2016 | 8am - 12pm**

Benicia Main Street is seeking businesses, organizations, churches, and individuals to help cleanup First Street. Trash bags, gloves, and water provided. BBQ lunch provided by Allied Waste at 12pm at Benicia Main Street.

**To register call 707-745-9791 or email  
[info@beniciamainstreet.org](mailto:info@beniciamainstreet.org)**



**ELECTION NEWS:** Solano County Registrar of Voters needs help with the June 7 Primary Election.

"It takes more than 800 citizens to help conduct a statewide primary election and we are still a little short," said Solano County Assistant Registrar of Voters John Gardner.

Provisional Clerks are needed on Election Day in Benicia. Apply online at [www.SolanoCounty.com/Elections](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/Elections) and click the "Poll Workers" icon, or, NEW this year, text the word "SOLANO" to 2VOTE (28683). Message and data rates may apply. You may use the same link to verify your voter registration, register to vote, and look up your polling place. You must register to vote by **Monday, May 23** in order to vote in the June 7 Primary Election.

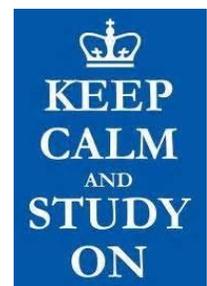


All poll workers must be willing to attend mandatory training sessions prior to the election. Training is specific to each position and includes on-line training, plus in-person hands-on exercises with equipment used on Election Day. Trainings are offered between May 26 to June 4 at the Solano County Administration Center with some evening and Saturday classes available.

Participants must arrange for all of their own transportation needs and be able to work on Election Day from 6:00 AM to approximately 9:30 PM.

For their Election Day duties and training commitment, all poll workers, including alternates, receive a stipend ranging between \$50 and \$250, depending on the position. The Registrar also has a poll worker program for high school students who need not be registered to vote but have met the other requirements. – *City Clerk's Office*

**EXTENDED FINALS WEEK HOURS:** Need a place to study? Benicia Public Library is offering extended hour **Monday, June 6 – Wednesday, June 8**. The Library will be open from 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Coloring pages will be available for stress relief breaks! - *Library*



**SUMMER READING PROGRAM (SRP) STARTS:** On **Wednesday, June 1**, children ages 0-14 can come to the Benicia Public Library and pick up their BINGO card, which is this year's reading log. There are four different BINGO cards, each with different activities and challenges. Can you complete them all by August 31?

Kids receive prizes for each BINGO card they complete - everything from a paper prize to put on the wall to a free book!



Special SRP events start **Tuesday, June 21**. For children ages 3 ½ to 10, special events are held at 7:00 PM on the following Tuesdays:

- June 21 - The tradition of Magic Dan continues!
- June 28 - Puppet Art Theater presents the "Tale of the Dragon's Tail"
- July 5 - Music with Bingo Schmingo!
- July 12 - The Bubble Lady is back!
- July 19 - Caterpillar Puppets' new show: "La Liebre y la Tortuga"/"The Tortoise and the Hare"
- July 26- Tony Borders, magical Ventriloquist!

For people in middle school, ages 11 to 14, special events are held at 7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays:

- June 22 - NorCal Bats will bring some bats to see!
- June 29 - Upcycle your old t-shirts!
- July 6 - Take things apart with the Benicia Makerspace!
- July 13 - Make your own terrarium!
- July 20 - Dinosaur bone excavation!
- July 27 - Reptiles & more with East Bay Vivarium!

And for those 15 and older, including adults – there will be other activities and prizes. Come enjoy the summer fun. More info is available at [www.BeniciaLibrary.org](http://www.BeniciaLibrary.org) - *Library*

## **M**ORE READING OPPORTUNITIES:

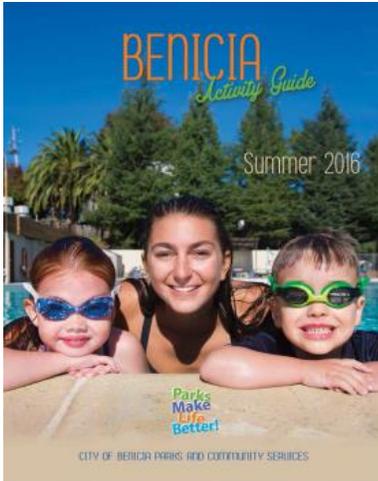
Family Reading Night is **Tuesday, May 24**, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Benicia Public Library. Listen to a librarian read stories, enjoy a free pizza dinner, read a book with your family in their cozy reading space, play some reading games, learn new tips to promote reading, AND



leave with new books and ideas you can share at home. RSVP at <http://www.benicialibrary.org/register-family-night-dinner>.

Tails & Tales is on **Wednesday, June 15 – August 17**, starting at 2:30 PM. Participants will have a chance to read to a dog. Sign-ups are recommended; the list for each Wednesday opens up at 2:00 PM. Up to seven children can read to the dog in a given day; if no one come for ten minutes, the dog goes home. - *Library*

**THERE'S NOTHING TO DO!** Benicia Public Library's After School Zone continues until **May 31** and will resume with the school year on Wednesday, August 24. During the summer break Summer Video Games will be provided on Mondays and Tuesday from 2:30 - 4:30 PM for ages 8-19. – *Library*



**THE SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDES ARE HERE:** The Summer Activity Guides were mailed to Benicia residents recently and is also available on the [City of Benicia](#) website. Take a look at the wide variety of programs - camps for kids, classes for adults, sports, fitness, senior activities, aquatics, library, rental information and park highlights; returning favorites plus exciting new classes.

Registration for Benicia residents began on Monday, May 9. Stop by the Benicia Community Center at 370 East L Street to register for one of our great programs. – *Parks & Community Services*

**TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS:** The City of Benicia recently received the following message on the City's Facebook page:

“I want to give a shout out to the folks at the city. I have never been so happy I



purchased my new home in Benicia as when I found out the awesomeness that is in this city. I started at permitting and got great help and advice with attitude. Then proceeded to the waste water dept. where I was referred to

Drake -- he helped me figure out a plumbing history on my home and even sent Nick and Ian out to the house the same day (!!!) to check the line. They explained everything, going above and beyond to help me understand and gave me some good tricks for my water. They also let me know I can always call the city first for help with any water or sewer problem. This confirms my suspicion that Benicia is one of those place that "no longer exists" in the "real world" (especially the Bay Area) and I am so thankful to be here.”

Way to go to members of our Community Development and Public Works Departments! We enjoy received questions and comments from our residents. Feel free to check out the links at the end of this report for contact info, friend us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#), and sign up for [Nextdoor](#). – *City Manager's Office*

## PERSONNEL NEWS:

**City of Benicia Job Opportunities:** The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the following positions:

[Facility Attendant II](#), part-time, closing 05/24/16  
[Police Officer - Lateral \(currently working\)](#), full-time, open continuously  
[Reserve Officer \(Volunteer\)](#), part-time, continuously

To apply, the application and supplemental forms 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*



**Public Works Promotion:** Laboratory Technician Ali Boren has been selected to fill the position of Laboratory Analyst in the Water Quality Division of the Public Works Department.

Ali started with the City as a Laboratory Technician in April 2015, after completing her Master's Degree in Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology at UC Santa Cruz. In her new position as Lab Analyst, Ali is the lead staff in charge of laboratory scheduling and operations. – *Public Works*

Please join me in congratulating Ali on her new position. – *City Manager*

## UNION NEWS:

**Armed Services Support:** The Benicia Fire Department / Benicia Firefighters Association would like to invite all to show your support and admiration for our Armed Services personnel, both active duty and veterans alike. Around Memorial Day, and other selected dates throughout the year, you will see your Benicia Firefighters trade in their regular duty shirts for a camouflaged pattern shirt honoring all those who have served our great country! We hope you will join us by wearing your shirt anytime to show your support for our Armed Services personnel.

Camouflaged shirts are available to the public for purchase at Fire Station #11, 150 Military West, between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Both regular crew neck and ladies V-neck styles are available. The cost of the T-Shirts is \$25.00 with all proceeds being donated to the [Fisher House](#). The Fisher House is an amazing, non-profit organization that provides military families housing close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury. – *Fire Department*



**Education Support:** Members from the Benicia Public Service Employees' Association (BPSEA) handed out bottled water to participants of the Benicia Education Foundation's Run for Education. Held on Sunday April 10, this was the event's 9th year. Regardless of the blustery rainy day, there was a great turn out of walkers, runners, and volunteers.

The proceeds from this fundraising event benefits the Benicia Education Foundation, a volunteer-run, community-based, non-profit organization that helps to fund library and technology programs in the Benicia Unified School District.

BPSEA volunteers arrived at 6:00 Sunday morning to set up their booth then handed out water to many thirsty walkers and runners. Besides giving out bottled water, BPSEA was a Gold Sponsor of the event. BPSEA is proud that this is our fifth consecutive year being a sponsor, and our third year to offer bottled water.

Shown are BPSEA members Roy Garibaldi, Pam Namba, Steve Schuler, Colleen Williams with Ted Kozlik behind the camera. – *City Manager's Office*



**TAKE-BACK RESULTS:** On Saturday, April 30, the Benicia Police Department participated in the National Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Prescription Drug Take Back event. A total of 400 lbs. of expired or unused prescription drugs were turned into the Benicia Police Department by 365 people. This was one of the largest collections since the Police Department has been offering the service since 2011. After collection, the drugs are incinerated by the DEA.

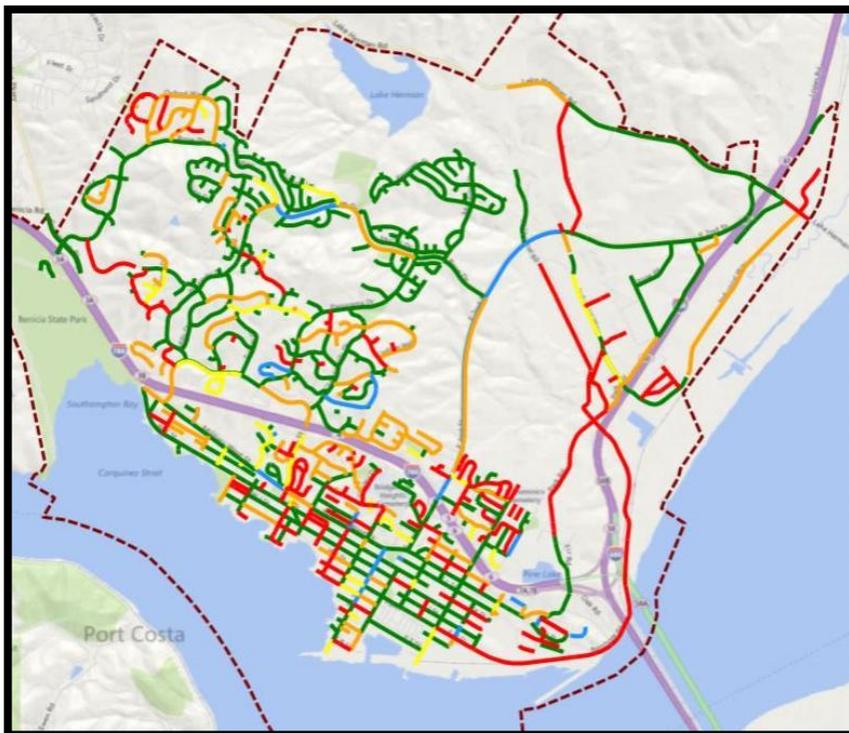


This bi-annual event provides citizens in our community a safe way to dispose of their prescription drugs, keeping them out of reach of our youth and protecting our environment. This event is held twice a year in the spring and fall. The next event will be held in September, the date will be announced by the DEA. [Click here](#) to sign up to be notified by the County of Solano of upcoming Take Backs. – *Police Department*

**ROADS UPDATE:** In May, the Public Works Maintenance crew has been sealing cracks in city streets to help keep water out of the road base. This picture shows Mike Ferrara with the crack seal wand, Ben Hirsch with the squeegee, and Jimmy Seiffert driving the truck on Military from East Fifth toward East Fourth Street. This section of Military East was overlaid with asphalt concrete approximately 10 years ago and has some longitudinal and block cracking. Preventive maintenance to keep water out of the cracks in the pavement will delay alligator cracking, base failures and potholes that happen as the pavement gets dry and brittle with age.



It is less expensive to keep a good street in good condition than let a street deteriorate to the point where it needs to be rebuilt. For example, a slurry seal that protects good pavement from the rain and sun costs approximately \$2.35 per square yard. Overlaying a street with new asphalt concrete can cost \$45 per square yard. Removing the old asphalt concrete and reconstructing the street can cost \$95 per square yard!



The City's Pavement Management Program (PMP) shows this section of Military with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 69 out of 100, which is classified by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a "Fair" condition. A slurry seal treatment is used to protect streets with a PCI above 70 to keep the street in "Good" condition.

To give you some perspective on the City's PMP, the City has 200 lanes miles of streets with an average PCI of 58, which is down from 68 in 2007. There are 30 miles of "Failed" streets (PCI less than 25), 40 miles of "Poor" streets (PCI between 25 and 49), 46 miles of "Fair" streets (PCI between 50 and 69), and 84 miles of "Good" streets. The PMP shows that the City would need to spend \$48 million over the next 10 years to bring the average PCI up from 58 to 83. The City is spending approximately \$2 million per year in Measure C sales tax, Gas Tax and garbage franchise funding on street maintenance in fiscal years 2015 - 2017, which should help keep the average PCI from dropping further. – *Public Works*

**CLEAN-UP RESULTS:** On Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1, the Benicia Fire Department and the Public Works Department worked together with Republic Services to coordinate the annual Citywide Green Waste and Weed Abatement Clean-up Program. Over the course of two days, Benicia residents dropped off over 100 truckloads of green waste! The event was free of charge to city residents, and was intended to assist citizens in reducing fire danger while helping to beautify our neighborhoods. – *Fire Department*



**COPING WITH CALIFORNIA’S WATER CHALLENGES:** The Benicia Community Sustainability Commission is sponsoring a presentation by Rainer Hoenicke, Deputy Executive Officer for Science at the Delta Stewardship Council at the Benicia Library in the Dona Benicia room on **Thursday, June 16** at 7:00 PM to discuss:

- Coping with California’s Water Challenges,
- Impact of Climate Change on Supply,
- Maintaining the Health of the Delta Ecosystem,
- Depletion/Overuse of Groundwater,
- and related issues.

You are invited to take this opportunity to learn more and ask questions of someone who can answer from a scientific perspective instead of a political one.

Rainer has been studying lake, river, estuary, and coastal ocean ecosystems for more than 30 years. He has a Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis in Ecology and had his



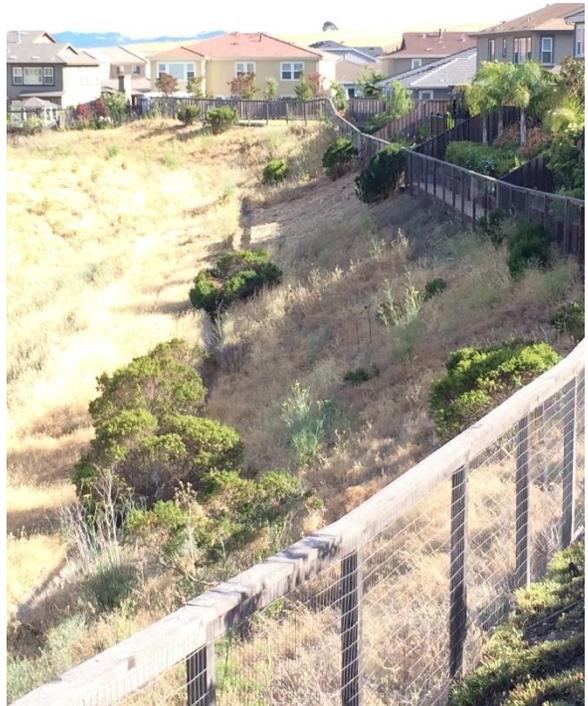
first “real” job as a field logistic team leader for EPA’s National Acid Precipitation Program that led to key reforms of the Clean Air Act in 1990. After that he was the lead scientist with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project, and helped launch the San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program, which has informed regulatory and natural resource trustee agencies to improve water quality and ecosystem health since the early 1990s. He served as Executive Director of the San Francisco Estuary Institute from 2008-2013, and is now Deputy Executive Officer for Science at the Delta Stewardship Council - a relatively new agency, established in 2010, to pursue the co-equal goals of improving statewide water supply reliability and protecting and restoring a vibrant and healthy Delta ecosystem, all in a manner that preserves, protects and enhances the unique agricultural, cultural, and recreational characteristics of the Delta. – *Community Development*

**OPEN SPACE DISKING:** Disking of Open Space areas has begun. The contractor, APEX Grading, will move throughout the City, at the direction of the Fire Department, completing by the end of June. (See before and after photos.)

The goal is to reduce vegetation along property lines bordering open space. It is expected that the contractor will conduct all operations in a responsible, professional, and environmentally conscious manner.

As fire season is upon us, we'd like to remind all residents to:

- ☑ Keep your trees and shrubs away from buildings and fences.
- ☑ Remove all combustibles such as dead trees, shrubs, and dried vegetation.



- ☑ Remove dead branches, leaves, needles from under trees and shrubs.
- ☑ Keep access roads and driveways trimmed to allow for Fire Dept. access.
- ☑ Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street.

Please contact Division Chief Josh Chadwick with any questions at 707.746.4275 or [jchadwick@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:jchadwick@ci.benicia.ca.us) – *Fire Department*

**FREE CONCERT:** The Diablo Regional Concert Band invite you to their free concert on **Friday, June 3** at 7:30 PM at Benicia Public Library. Cora Martens will be conducting. - *Library*



**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK:** On May 11, the Solano County Retired Peace Officers Association hosted the Solano County Peace Officer's Memorial to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in Solano County.



This memorial service is held annually at the Peace Officer's "Wall of Honor" in front of the Solano County Sheriff's Office in Fairfield. The first recorded Peace Officer line of duty death in Solano County was on June 20, 1892, with a total today of nineteen officer names listed on the wall.

Ten members of the Benicia Police Department, sworn and professional staff, attended the memorial ceremony. Officer Jessica Woods proudly represented the Benicia Police Department by standing on the "Wall of Honor."

National Peace Officers Memorial Day falls on Sunday, May 15. This year's official National Police Week dates are Sunday, May 15 through Saturday, May 21. However, several annual events such as this take place across the country before May 15. – *Police Department*





**FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:** The Benicia Fire Department monthly report for April 2016 is now available. It contains information about Emergency Operations, Prevention, Training, and Response Times. [Click here](#) to read more. – *Fire Department*

**GALLERY EXHIBIT:** The current exhibit in the Marilyn Citron O'Rourke Gallery at Benicia Public Library is *A Trip through the Southwest*, photography by Robert Brusca. The exhibit run through **June 15**. View it for free during regular Library hours. - *Library*



**A Trip Through The Southwest**

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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