



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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June 7, 2016

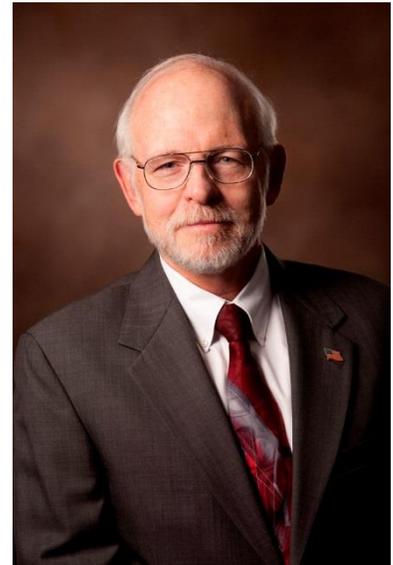
The City Manager's Report from City of Benicia City Manager Brad Kilger is published twice monthly highlighting the activities of the departments of our full-service city. Previous editions are available on the City of Benicia [City Manager's page](#). For additional information on any items in this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

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**F**AREWELL MESSAGE: I am sad to say that this will be my last City Manager's Report. On June 13, I will be starting my new job as City Manager for the City of Martinez. As you can see, I will not be far away and I plan to keep an eye on how Benicia is doing.

In looking at the more than 100 reports that were issued over the last five plus years, I am truly impressed with the multitude of civic accomplishments by the City staff, our volunteers, board and commission members, and Benicia's citizens and businesses owners to maintain or enhance the community's services and quality of life. These include such activities as:

- The Community Clean-up day at the Benicia Cemetery, which had an amazing turn out of City staff and community volunteers
- The drought tolerant demonstration garden at the Senior Center, which was organized by Rebuilding Solano and supported by City Parks staff and Community Volunteers
- The recent efforts of our Police Department staff, who volunteered their time to build a wheelchair ramp for a resident in need
- Santa visits during the holidays for kids with special needs which are coordinated by our Fire Department
- Consistent City staff and community support of fundraising events like Relay for Life and the Run for Education



These are just a few examples of the many important, but often not noticeable, ways our City staff and community members contribute their time and energy to keeping Benicia a great place to live and work.

This reminds me of the often cited proverb - "It takes a village to raise a child". Beyond its primary meaning, to me it is also germane to maintaining a community's quality of life. No one person, group of individuals or entity can sustain all the various physical, social and economic elements that make up the quality of life in Benicia. Everything is important and interconnected with everything else. Crime rates, quality of schools, the removal of trash and debris, availability of jobs and housing for all, cleanliness of the community, recreation opportunities, support for our youth, etc., all have an effect on the community's overall quality of life. To me, it takes everyone in the village, or community, to sustain a city. This is what impresses me most about Benicia, which is that so many people in the city understand this fact and are willing to give their time and resources to the common good. I will miss that community spirit very much.

In closing I want to thank my staff for the hundreds of stories and pictures and monthly operational data they submitted for the City Manager's report. It required a little coaxing at first, because in general you are taught in the public sector to go about doing your job quietly and to not seek recognition. But my view is that we need to let citizens know what we do. The reason goes beyond promoting transparency; if people do not understand who provides their services and how it is done, how can they ever be expected to become invested in seeing that the services they desire and enjoy can be sustained? Finally, many thanks to the report's Editor in Chief, Teri Davena, the City's Economic Development Specialist, who oversees our tourism and marketing programs, among her many other duties. As a lifelong resident of Benicia, her knowledge of the community, particularly its history, added immeasurably to the quality of the information provided in the report.

While I may be moving on, fear not, for the City Manager's Report will not come to an end. The report will continue to be issued twice a month by Teri and Benicia's Acting City Manager Anne Cardwell. I urge everyone to let others know where they can access the report and encourage them to sign up to receive it. Also please give us your comments and suggestions on our [Facebook page](#).

Take care-

*Brad*

**BENICIA IN THE NEWS:** Benicia was featured in a Bay Area News Group article by journalist Ginny Prior after a recent visit to Benicia. The article, entitled [Happy Wanderer: For a nearby getaway, try historic Benicia](#), will be featured in several Bay Area newspapers both online and in print. Ginny's visit was arranged through the Office of Economic Development and the public relations firm of Wolf Communications. Articles like this remind people throughout the Bay Area to spend a Great Day by the Bay in Benicia. – *Economic Development*



## PERSONNEL NEWS:

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

[Paramedic Firefighter](#), full-time, closing 06-30-16

[Police Officer - Academy/Non-Lateral](#), part-time, closing 06/30/16

[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*

**New Hires:** Christina Ratcliffe, Community Development Director, is pleased to announce the hiring of Rachel O'Shea as their new full-time, permanent Building Official.

Rachel has been serving as interim Building Official on a contract basis for the last year. Rachel brings with her a wealth of knowledge and over 12 years of experience in the building field. She is not only a certified Building Official, but a Certified Floodplain Manager as well. She has multiple ICC certifications, and is certified in Post-Disaster Safety Assessment. Welcome, Rachel! – *Community Development*



Public Works Director Graham Wadsworth is pleased to announce the hiring of Lee Dumas as the new Associate Engineer. A native of southwest Louisiana Cajun country and southwest Texas, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Lamar State University in Beaumont, Texas, and his MBA in Operations Management from Georgia State University.



Lee's career has spanned the California Department of Water Resources in Los Angeles, Caltrans, Southern California Rapid Transit District, and a relocation to Atlanta as senior construction manager.

Lee is a devoted parent of four grown children. He is an avid golfer, boater, fisherman, an expert in Cajun cooking, and a guitar player. His 21-foot Sea Ray cabin cruiser has been towed across the country - from Virginia Beach to Sacramento to Houston and back. Welcome, Lee! – *Public Works* (con't)



Police Chief Erik Upson is pleased to announce the hiring of Amanda Lewis as a new Public Safety Dispatcher. Born in Oakland, she was raised and continues to live in Vacaville with her husband. They have two daughters and a dog named Barley. She enjoys all outdoor activities including camping and going to the lake and enjoys visiting my oldest daughter’s classroom.

Amanda has worked primarily in customer service, including a year of dispatching for a tow company. She is excited to begin her dream career as a 911 Dispatcher. Amanda’s first day was on May 20.

Chief Upson is also pleased to announce the hiring of Irma Widjojo as the Management Analyst for the Police Department. Irma was a reporter for the last six year, most recently as a staff writer for the Vallejo Times Herald.

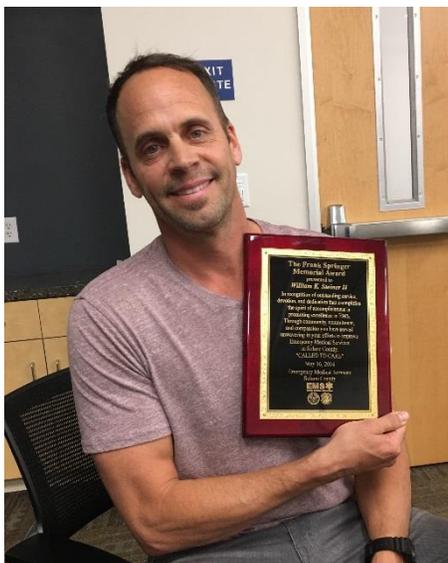
She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA in psychology and minor in English, as well as a Master of Arts degree in journalism from University of Southern California.

Irma speak fluent Bahasa Indonesia and Malay, and understand conversational German. She lives in Oakland with her husband. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, spending time outdoors and exploring new hiking trails. Her first day will be June 13. – *Police Department*



Please join me in welcoming Rachel, Lee, Amanda, and Irma to the City of Benicia family.  
– *City Manager*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION:** Benicia Fire Department Engineer William “Billy”



Steiner was recognized during National EMS Week with the Frank Springer Award for his commitment and contributions to the emergency services community. Steiner said he was “quite honored” to be selected by his peers and leaders to receive the award. Read more about it in this [Vallejo Times Herald](#) article.

Chief Lydon said, “We are proud of this recognition and fortunate to have him in the Benicia Fire Department.” – *Fire Department*

**UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES:** In response to citizen feedback received after notices were received in March, the City will be sending out a new notice regarding the rates in mid-June with more information regarding the proposed rates, as the feedback the City received on the prior notice was that it was not very clear.



Given the number of inquiries regarding the notice, the City Council directed staff to rescind the notice and reissue an improved notice. The new and improved notice was approved at the June 7 City Council meeting and will be mailed out to customers with a new public hearing date scheduled for August 16.

It is hoped that the new and improved notice will respond to any questions and concerns residents or businesses may have, but if they still have questions after they receive the notice, they are encouraged to contact Acting City Manager Anne Cardwell at 707.746.4200.

Please note, for those customers whom have already submitted a protest regarding the rates, there is no need to resubmit another protest. The City will still consider those protests already received. If, after reviewing the new notice, you wish to revoke your protest, please mail or drop off your written withdrawal to the City Clerk's Office at 250 East L Street.

In addition to the new and improved notice, staff will be conducting further outreach to the community by providing "drop in hours" at City Hall for questions regarding the rates and/or assistance with estimating your new bill amount, as well as providing information at the City of Benicia booth at Thursday's Farmers Markets.

Utility customers can also contact City Hall directly at 707.746-4200 with questions, or visit the City's website at [www.ci.benicia.ca.us](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us). – *City Manager's Office*

**GRADUATION CEREMONY:** Many graduation ceremonies are happening this time of year including Joe Henderson Elementary's DARE Program. On Wednesday, May 25, Officer



Roberson participated in the graduation ceremony. Officer Roberson enjoyed working with these wonderful kids!

Benicia Police Department is proud of these students, their commitment to making good decisions and leading healthy lives. They appreciate and value the strong partnership they have with our schools and Benicia Unified School District. – *Police Department*

**BENICIA ART WALK 2016:** The first Art Walk of the year kicks off on **Saturday, June 11** from 3:00 – 6:00 PM on First Street. Six galleries will be celebrating great art in Benicia by hosting special events:

[Gallerie Renee Marie](#) at 1038 First Street is a co-op of 12 artists who focus on Contemporary Urban Art. See the work of featured artists, painter Anne Petty and photographer Robert Schweibert, and art by other co-op members.

During the day, watch local artist and gallery member Randy Bernard create an art project in front called the 2016 Art Walk of Fame, commemorating the fallen stars of this year including Muhammad Ali, Prince, David Bowie and many others. Children will be invited to help Randy finish the project in front of Gallerie Renee Marie at about 3:00 PM.

[Lindsay Art Glass](#) at 109 East F Street (near First St.) is excited to hold a trunk show for Cheryl Sirkus, jewelry artist from Sonoma Art Works.

Also, at Lindsay Art Glass, you will be able to watch glass blowing demonstrations or make your own ornament. From 3:00 – 5:00 PM, David Lindsay and Carl Spurgeon will be demonstrating their glass blowing talents and are happy to answer your questions. If you would like to schedule an appointment to make your own ornament, send an email to [wholesale@lindsayartglass.com](mailto:wholesale@lindsayartglass.com).

[Mernie Buchanan Studio & Gallery](#) is at 117 East D Street (near First Street). The artist's past series include Faux Louvre and The Money Series. Stop by to watch Mernie at work on her current dog series.

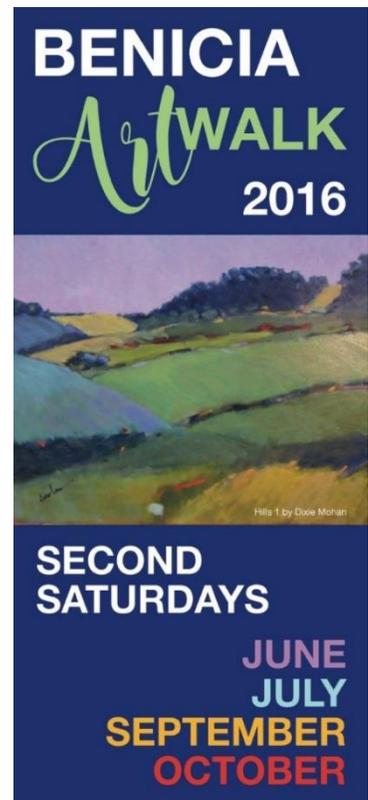
[Gallerie 621](#) at 309 First Street proudly presents all new works by Kathy Oja in her exhibition, Colorful Expressions and an exhibition of gallery member's new works. Meet the artists at her reception during Art Walk. In addition, there will be painting demonstrations throughout the afternoon by artist Marjorie Lutz and more!

[Benicia Plein Air Gallery](#) at 307 First Street will be celebrating their group show, Reflections. Meet the artists at the reception during Art Walk. Refreshments will be served.

[Once Upon A Canvas](#) in the historic Tannery building at 129 First Street is a studio space to exhibit, learn and create. During Art Walk, you can enjoy a portrait demo by Tom Contreras, wine glass painting by Sue Kleiman, and Charles White will be doing an oil painting demonstration outside in front of the Tannery. Additional art work will be on display at Pups N Purzz, Mosaic Market, Alford's Treasure Chest, and Bonjour Fashion and Living.

Live music on the street will be provided by Kevin Frazier – saxophonist and Sven Chilton – violinist.

Benicia Art Walk 2016 is on the Second Saturdays of June, July, September and October from 3:00-6:00 PM in downtown Benicia. More information and a map are available at <https://www.facebook.com/BeniciaArtWalk/>. – *Economic Development*





# SUMMER SLICE

June 13th- August 31st, 2016  
Youth Local Day Pass – Only \$1  
Youth Local 31-Day Pass – Only \$15  
Youth Day Passes can be purchased for same-day use onboard SolTrans local routes. Youth 31-Day passes available at the Vallejo Transit Center. Unavailable at other sales outlets, quantities are limited. No refunds or exchanges. 31-Day passes sold at the discount rate will expire September 1 and will not be sold after August 6. Passes sold after that date will be sold at the regular rate but will be valid for the full 31 days. Applies to Youth ages 6-18.



For details visit [SolTransRide.com](http://SolTransRide.com)

## SUMMER SLICED YOUTH PASSES ARE BACK:

**June 13 - August 31**

Youth Local Day Pass – Only \$1

Youth Local 31-Day Pass – Only \$15

Applies to Youth ages 6 – 18. Youth Day Passes can be purchased for same-day use on board SolTrans Local routes. 31-Day passes available at the Vallejo Transit Center through August 6. Unavailable at other sales outlets, quantities are limited. Promotional passes expire 9/1/2016 and will not be sold after August 6. Promotion not valid

on Solano Express. No refunds or exchanges. 31-Day Youth passes purchased after 8/1 will expire on 8/31, and will not be available for purchase after 8/5. – *City Manager's Office*

**LENDING A HELPING HAND:** On Sunday, May 22, members of the Benicia Police Department came together to help a community member in need. They had recently met Stephanie and learned she had a significant problem. She is confined to a motor scooter and couldn't leave her own home because it only has stairs; a prisoner in her own home without a ramp to leave.



The men and women of BPD came together to help give Stephanie's home a minor makeover. Two wheelchair ramps were constructed and installed along with some major landscaping in the front and backyard.



Special thanks go to Foster Lumber and Ace Hardware for donating the materials to make this possible. They want to also recognize and give a special thank you to retired Sergeant Mark Alkire and retired Officer Sam Peterson for their time and work building the two wheelchair ramps.

Stephanie will now be able to leave her home whenever she wants and can enjoy her

newly landscaped property. PD staff say it was an absolute pleasure working with Stephanie and that she is a wonderful person! – *Police Department*

**BUS HUB PARK & RIDE:** Construction at the Bus Hub Park and Ride Project near the intersection of Park Road at Industrial Way has moved from the underground work phase to above ground work phase. This picture shows concrete being poured on May 27 for the curbs around the parking lot.



During this past winter, the contractor has been building a new 24” water pipeline under Park Road. There are many underground utility pipes under Park Road, so care was taken to build around the existing pipes. With the water, sanitary sewer and storm drainage pipe work nearly complete, the parking lot and road construction work is progressing.

The next order of work is to place base rock and asphalt concrete pavement for the parking lot and part of Park Road. Once this work is complete, then the remainder of Park Road will be rebuilt with an estimated completion date in mid-August.

For more information on the project, contact Lee Dumas, Associate Engineer, at 707.746.4281 or [ldumas@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:ldumas@ci.benicia.ca.us). – *Public Works*

**ADULT SOFTBALL:** The spring seasons of adult sports is wrapping up with Benicia Parks and Community Services. The Men’s Softball Leagues had their playoffs and championship round on May 18. No Glove No Love came out victorious in the League 1 division, and B-DUB clinched the championships shirts for the League 2 division. The co-ed teams are taking the field on Friday, June 3 at Benicia Middle School and Benicia Community Park for their championship games.



Registration for the Summer Softball Leagues has closed and season play will begin the week of **June 15**. Staff is looking forward to another exciting season of adult softball for all divisions!

You can find pictures of the Champion teams for all the adult sports leagues at [www.ci.benicia.ca.us/sports](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/sports). Click on Adult Sports. – *Parks & Community Services*

# Dump the Pump

**RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT**  
**JUNE 16, 2016**



**Ride The Bus FREE all day!**  
**All Local Routes!**



Dump the Pump and Ride Free:

**Thursday, June 16, 2016**

Free rides on all SolTrans Local Fixed Routes

**EVERYONE!**

Quick Facts:

- In 2015, Americans took 10.6 billion trips on public transportation – – the third highest in 10 years.
- People board public transportation 36 million times each weekday. Since 1995 public transit ridership is up 37 percent, outpacing population growth, which is up 21 percent, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT), which is up 30 percent.
- Public transportation is a \$66 billion industry that employs more than 400,000 people.
- More than 6,800 organizations provide public transportation in the United States.

Note:

Not valid on Multi-zone SolanoExpress Routes.

Clipper riders should not tag their card if they are utilizing the promotion.

31-Day pass holders should not swipe their card.

- *City Manager's Office*



**POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:** The Benicia Police Department monthly report for April 2016 is now available. It contains a monthly wrap-up of Community Services, Professional Development, Statistics, and Interesting Case Summaries. [Click here](#) to read more. – *Police Department*

**BIKE RODEO AT ROBERT SEMPLE SCHOOL:** The Benicia Police Department would like to thank the Benicia Unified School District, Safe Routes to School, and Bay Area Bike Mobile for hosting a Bike Rodeo for Robert Semple Elementary students on Friday, May 27. Kids were treated to free bicycle helmets if they did not have one, proper fitting of their helmets, and a bicycle inspection station. Before starting they were also given a quick review of traffic safety rules by the Benicia Police Department. Once each child had their helmet properly fitted and bicycle inspected, they rode through different obstacles that tested their braking, slow speeds, riding in circles with other bike riders and weaving in and around cones.

Safe Routes to Schools and Bay Area Bike Mobile are sponsored by Solano Transportation Authority. They conduct over 300 Bike Rodeo's each year, providing 7,000+ kids with helmets and bike inspections. Benicia Police Department and Benicia Unified School District work together to make sure this fun and educational event is held at each elementary school in town. As you can see the kids had a great time! – *Police Department*



**WATER RESCUE TRAINING:** Members of the Benicia Fire Department updated their water rescue skills recently. In wetsuits and drysuits, they trained in emergency water rescue, practicing the operation of their watercraft and advance swimming rescue techniques in the fast moving waters of the Carquinez Strait. Read more about it in [this article](#) in the Vallejo Times Herald. – *Fire Department*



**SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS:** We love our adult sports, but we are excited about our younger players too! The Summer Camp season is almost upon us and we have a great variety of youth sports camps for kids of all ages and interests (and lots of other camps as well). Everything is offered from Flag Football, Baseball/Softball, Volleyball, Soccer, and all sorts of sports, to Skate Camp at the X-Park for your active kiddos.

Be sure to browse all the options in your Summer Activity Guide. Didn't get a guide in the mail? Stop by Benicia Parks and Community Services in the Community Center at 370 East L Street to pick up a copy, or access the online version at: [www.ci.benicia.ca.us/parksandcommunityservices](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/parksandcommunityservices).



You'll find information about the Summer Sports Camp online and the wide arrange of summer camps. There are so many other options to keep your kiddos busy this summer. Let the Parks & Community Services Department teach, entertain, and care for your kids while you are at work! – *Parks & Community Services*

**SUNSET CELEBRATION WEEKEND:** Tourism Committee members, Economic Development Board members, local business owners, City staff members and Benicia residents volunteered to staff the Visit Benicia booth at the annual Sunset Celebration Weekend on May 14-15 at its new location, CornerStone in Sonoma.



*Elizabeth d'Huart, Benicia Historical Museum, Heather McLaughlin & Teri Davena, City of Benicia, and Jack Wolf, Wolf Communications*

Sunset Celebration weekend is Sunset Magazine's showcase of travel, food, gardening, home and lifestyle. Visitors to the booth were given collateral materials on having a Great Day by the Bay in Benicia and signed up for a drawing for a hand-

blown glass bowl donated by Lindsay Art Glass or a gift basket of items donated by Benicia merchants valued at \$800! More than 300 entries were received over the two-day event allowing staff to capture valuable contact information.



*Gina Eleccion, Teri Davena & Amy Million, City of Benicia*

Look for the Visit Benicia booth at next year's Sunset Celebration Weekend, May 20 & 21. – *Economic Development*

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL:** The Spring Coed Volleyball league was headed into playoffs and Championships on Monday, June 6. This season, the City Gym has been filled with some fierce competition in both divisions. The players are enjoying the new volleyball equipment and the addition of some new teams to the schedule.

The next season of volleyball will start on June 27, with registration opening on **Monday, June 6**. The Summer Season will be reverse co-ed, an exciting modification to regular coed, where teams play on a women's height net and the ladies have the net advantage. You may see some hard hitting guys in the regular coed seasons, but the summer season will be a showcase of the power that our female players bring to the court. This is a season not to be missed. Be sure to get your registration in soon because this league will fill! Go get 'em gals!! – *Parks & Community Services*



**UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:** Here is a look at what the Public Works Department was up to this past month. Perhaps they were in your neighborhood.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant - Projects:**

The Wastewater Treatment Plant staff performed a number of beneficial projects during the past month. There is a backup biological treatment process that the treatment plant utilizes during the typical “wet weather” months of the year, called the Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) Process. Staff successfully shut this process down for the summer and performed all necessary maintenance to the system. The drain pipe for our backup Belt Filter Press was cleared out, making it possible to use this equipment to dewater treatment plant process solids. The level-sensing instrumentation in the pump well for our wastewater pumping station at Park Road and Industrial Way was reconfigured to function more efficiently. Staff also replaced all of the discharge plumbing for our wastewater pumping station on the shipping docks on Bayshore Road.



**Wastewater Treatment Plant - Maintenance:**

Wastewater Treatment Plant personnel successfully completed 50 preventative maintenance work orders and 5 corrective maintenance work orders.

**WWTP Plant Performance:**

The Plant processed 62.81 million gallons of wastewater with no Permit exceedances. Nutrient pollution removal was 98% for BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) Total Suspended Solids (TSS) = 99% for TSS (Total Suspended Solids). The Effluent Acute Bioassay testing had a 95% survival rate

This information was determined by Water Quality Laboratory personnel conducting 1,452 analyses on 311 different samples using 47 analytical methods.

- *Public Works*

**E**VENTS CALENDAR: The Benicia Public Library lists the following events on their Events Calendar. For more information go to [www.BeniciaLibrary.org](http://www.BeniciaLibrary.org) or call 707.746.4343. – Library

[Friends of the Library Book Sale](#)

**Saturday, June 11**

10:00 AM

In the Library's Basement. Not just books, find DVDs, magazines, and more.

[BHS Alumni Improv Show](#)

**Monday, June 13**

6:00 PM

Enjoy an evening of Improv, past and present, as members of the current BHS Improv Team pair up with seasoned alumni!

[Senior Speaker Series - The Paper Chase](#)

**Thursday, June 16**

10:30 AM

Which documents to keep, which ones to throw away. Presented by Judith L. Carlisle, Esq., Favaro, Lavezzo, Gill, Caretti & Heppell, P.C. The 2016 Senior Speaker Series is sponsored by the [Carquinez Village Project](#) and the [Benicia Public Library](#). Email



[CarquinezVillageProject@gmail.com](mailto:CarquinezVillageProject@gmail.com) or call [707-297-2470](tel:707-297-2470) for more information.

[Magic Dan](#)

**Tuesday, June 21**

7:00 PM

The tradition of Magic Dan continues. For ages 3 1/2 to 10.

[NorCal Bats](#)

**Wednesday, June 22**

7:00 PM

NorCal Bats will bring some bats to see! For ages 11-14.

**P**OLICE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHP TRAINING: The Benicia Police Department congratulates Officer MarJonne Roberson on his graduation from the Contra Costa/Alameda Leadership Development Program (Inner Perspectives) class #4. This is an intense five month leadership development program that consisted of five sessions held at the Richard Trudeau Training Center in Oakland. The commencement ceremony was held on May 24 with Walnut Creek Police Chief Tom Chaplin as the guest speaker.



*Officer Roberson congratulated by Chief Upson (r)*

Unlike the supervisory leadership program that has been in place for front line supervisors, this program is designed for officers not in a supervisory role but who have been identified by their agencies as possible future leaders.

Officer Roberson is the first Benicia Police Officer to attend this exceptional leadership program. During the five months in this program students are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work. Congratulations Officer Roberson on your outstanding accomplishment! – Police Department

**V**ALVE EXERCISE PROGRAM: On May 10, the Public Works Maintenance Division received a new water valve exercising machine. The new machine will aid in the preservation of the water distribution system valves used to isolate specific sections of the utility during emergency and routine maintenance activities. During the research stage of this acquisition several manufacturers of valve exercising equipment were considered. Two manufactures continued to provide the desired functions capable of satisfying the American Water Works Association's routine maintenance recommendations.

One of the main purposes of a Valve Exercising Program is to proactively identify faulty or broken valves. In the event of a planned water pipeline shutdown, the Maintenance Division will always give notification to property owners prior to making repairs.

The trailer mount unit the Maintenance Division acquired has an onboard data logger capable of saving information of up to 10,000 water valves. The useful information collected for condition assessment includes GPS coordinates, torque levels applied to each exercise cycle, valve size and type, date of maintenance and an inventory of operational status. The trailer mounted equipment include a storage bin for traffic control equipment, standard safety warning light devices and an auxiliary hydraulic hose reel used for supportive equipment during repair operations.

Prior to delivery of the new equipment a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was written to insure maintenance activities and safety procedures are consistent with all staff. A deployment map was created breaking the city into five zones to provide a better picture of valve health in each specific target area.

A special thank you is in order for the City's Information Technology (IT) staff, who played a vital role in coordinating the integration of equipment software used to analyze the collected data. – *Public Works*



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

**TINY TOT'S PRESCHOOL - FIELD TRIP TIME FUN:** Tiny Tot's Preschool walked to visit their friends at the Benicia Police Department recently. Students, parents and teachers received a tour of the facility and got to see the Dispatch Center and police vehicles up close.

*Police Department*

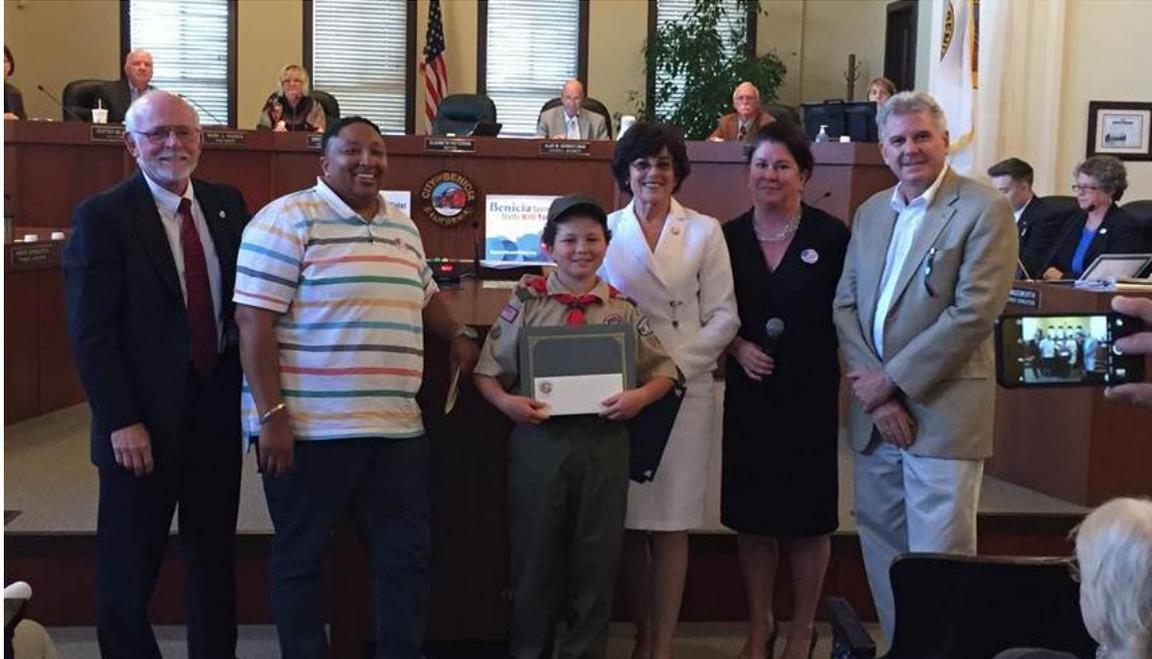


Then the students received a special visit at the Community Center by their friends from the Benicia Fire Department. Firefighters and Paramedics spent time answering questions and visiting with the students. Then they got to tour a fire engine, too!! They are sending a very special thank you to Benicia Police and Fire Departments for taking the time to spend with our preschool students. We are very lucky to work in a city where departments are so helpful and welcoming to people of all ages. – *Parks & Community Services*

*Fire Department*



**LAW DAY WINNERS:** The winners of the 2016 Law Day contest were presented with awards at the June 7 City Council meeting. The winners were Maximillian Burgess-Shannon, shown accepting his award from Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, Morgan Castleman, Morgan Fry, Wyatt Fry and Leilani Singh. The generous donations of Benicia attorneys, Carol Langford, Mark Boehme, Robert Schroth and Gizzi and Reep, LLP made the awards of \$50 each in Downtown Dollars possible.



*City Manager Brad Kilger, Open Government Commission member Zoe Bartholomew, Burgess-Shannon, Mayor Patterson, and Suzanne Foley Sprague and Scott Reep of the Benicia Law Firm Gizzi and Reep, LLP*

The 2016 Law Day theme, *Miranda: More than Words*, recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court landmark decision *Arizona v. Miranda*. The students were challenged to write an essay, or poem, or create a piece of artwork on the theme. – *City Attorney*

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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[City Attorney](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us): 707.746.4216  
[Administrative Services](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us) (Finance, Human Resources, I.T): 707.746.4200  
[City Clerk](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us): 707.746.4200  
[Community Development](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us): 707.746.4280  
[Economic Development](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us): 707.746.4202

[Fire Department](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us): 707.746.4275  
[Library](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us): 707.746.4343  
[Parks & Community Services](mailto:edev@ci.benicia.ca.us):  
707.746.4285  
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