



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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The City Manager's Report from City of Benicia Interim City Manager Steve Salomon 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 Information at the end of this report.

**MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CITY MANAGER STEVE SALOMON:** Solano County Registrar of Voters is in dire need of poll workers for the upcoming election on November 8. Due to the large volunteer turnout for the primary elections, the Registrar is finding a smaller pool of workers available for the upcoming election. The majority of positions in Benicia are open at the First Baptist Church on Southampton Road. Additional positions are open at the Benicia Senior Center and Club Pacifica Apartments.

Poll workers must be:

- Willing to attend a mandatory training session online and in-person prior to each election
- Able to arrange for transportation to and from training and to and from the polling place on Election Day
- Available to work the entire day on Election Day from 6:00 AM to approximately 9:00 PM. (Additional positions are available for stand-by and 4-hour shifts before and after the election.)
- At least 16 years old.



Poll workers DO NOT have to be a registered voter, resident of Solano County, or a U.S. Citizens. Volunteers receive a stipend for training and for Election Day (up to \$150), which includes a lunch break and breaks throughout the day. Questions? Please send an e-mail to [pollworker@solanocounty.com](mailto:pollworker@solanocounty.com) or call 707.784.6675. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply online.

I encourage you to be a part of the democratic process in action and volunteer to be a poll worker and to vote in the November election. The last day to register is **October 24**. – *City Manager*

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** Benicia City Offices, the Benicia Community Center and the Benicia Public Library will be closed **Monday, October 10** in observance of Columbus 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*

**HUMAN SERVICES FUNDRAISER:** The Benicia Human Services Board had another fantastic, authentic Oktoberfest fundraising event on October 1. This was the third year for the HSB's annual fundraiser. Revelers dressed in authentic costumes like these ladies and enjoyed German food catered by DJ's Bistro of Concord, brews provided by our local craft beer maker Bruehol, and live music entertainment from The Beat Makers.



Proceeds from the event will benefit the less fortunate in our community, serviced by: Benicia Community Action Council, Families in Transition, Catholic Charities and the BUSD Special Friends program.

If you'd like to donate to the Benicia Human Services Fund, contact our Finance Department at 707.746.4225 to make a one-time donation or arrange for ongoing donations through your water bill. – *Finance*

**MARIJUANA FORUM THURSDAY:** The Benicia Police Department's Youth Action Coalition and Benicia High School invite you to an educational forum:

**Marijuana: Weeding Out the Facts  
Protecting Our Youth**

**Thursday, October 6, 6:30-8:30PM**  
Benicia High School Performing Arts Building  
1101 Military West



This forum is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Patti Baron, Volunteer Coordinator, at [pbaron@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:pbaron@ci.benicia.ca.us) or 707.746.4268. – *Police Department*

## PERSONNEL NEWS:

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

[Senior Account](#), full-time, closing 10/26/16

[Police Officer – Academy/Non-Lateral](#), full-time, closing 10/07/16

[Police Officer - Lateral \(currently working\)](#), full-time, open continuously

[Reserve Officer \(Volunteer\)](#), part-time, open 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 to the Police Department:** Chief Upson is proud to welcome the newest Police Officer, Rex Hawkins. Rex served in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Travis AFB. While in the Air Force, he was a KC-10 Flight Engineer and amassed just under 4,000 flight hour flying globally. He continues to serve in the Air Force Reserve.



Rex's hobbies are being a dad which allows him to hang out with his boys and do fun things like hike, bike and the occasional video game. He and his wife enjoy home improvements and renovating, and cooking.

**New to City Attorney's Office:** City Attorney Heather McLaughlin welcomes Stacy Lawson to the City Attorney's Office as the new Admin Clerk. Stacy comes to us from the City of Brentwood Public Works Department. She says she is excited to work for the City Attorney's Office and looks forward to learning all about Benicia.



Stacy has an Associate's degree in criminal justice and loves to learn new things. She is married to her high school sweetheart and is a devoted mother of two beautiful daughters. She has two dogs, Jasper and Bella, whom she adores as her 'other children'. In her free time she is busy with her daughters' cheerleading practice and competitions. She loves to travel and recently took a trip to Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta. – *City Attorney's Office*

Please join me in welcoming Rex and Stacy to the City of Benicia family. – *City Manager*

**BENICIA ART WALK CONCLUDES SATURDAY:** The last event of Benicia Art Walk 2016 is **Saturday, October 8, 3:00 - 6:00 PM** on First Street in downtown Benicia. Look for the blue banners at six galleries celebrating great art by hosting special events that Saturday:

[Once Upon A Canvas](#) in the historic Tannery building at 129 First Street invites you to watch artist [Kris Patton](#) do a demo of her unique mixed-media portrait style and maybe even get your portrait sketched live and see how it is made into a contemporary painting! In addition, enjoy a sculpture demonstration by Meagan Will, and a handmade jewelry trunk show by Maria Scime. Sharon Campbell's Daydreams and Nightlights is still on display and Sharon will be doing a demo along with Barbara Rodgers who is doing a photography demo. Stop by and enjoy refreshments and live music, too.



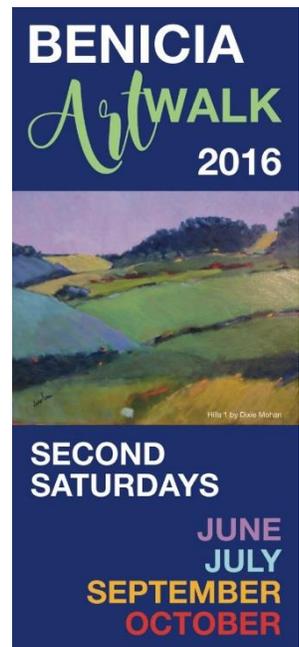
*Strolling the Fishing Pier  
by Susan Street*

[Benicia Plein Air Gallery](#) at 307 First Street is hosting member-artist Susan Street's exhibition, *Benicia and Friends*, featuring scenes of Benicia, on display through October. Meet Susan at her reception during Benicia Art Walk.

[Gallery 621](#), next door at 309 First Street is a co-operative gallery featuring contemporary artists working in a variety of media including painting, printmaking, sculpture, and photography. Stop by and see their latest exhibit.

[Mernie Buchanan Studio & Gallery](#) is at 117 East D Street (near First Street). Artist Mernie Buchanan's *Let's Go for a Walk* series of paintings of dogs, people and scenes along First Street and Benicia's Bay Trail will be on display, along with 10 original paintings by guest artist [Catherine Buchanan](#). They will be serving refreshing ginger beer during Art Walk.

[Lindsay Art Glass](#) at 109 East F Street (near First Street) invites you to a trunk show by their handmade greeting card artist Kardz by Kris during Benicia Art Walk. Stop by and watch artist David Lindsay making hand-blown creations including his popular fall pumpkins.



*Blue Skull  
by Keri Luiz*

[Gallerie Renee Marie](#) invites you to meet their featured artist for October, Keri Luiz. She is bringing her longtime fascination with skulls in an exhibition called *Skullcentric*, showcasing skulls, both in her jewelry and in acrylic paintings. Meet Keri at the reception during Art Walk.

While strolling First Street, enjoy live music during Benicia Art Walk with Jazz guitarist Steve DellaMaggioria in front of the Tannery building and Once Upon a Canvas. Kevin Frazier, jazz saxophonist, will be playing for your enjoyment outside of Gallerie Renee Marie.

Benicia Art Walk 2016 is co-sponsored by the City of Benicia tourism campaign [Visit Benicia](#) and the [Downtown Benicia Alliance](#). – *Economic Development*

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:** "Don't Wait - Check the Date!" During Fire Prevention Week, **October 9 – 15**, we remind everyone to check the date of their smoke alarms and replace them every 10 years. [Click here](#) for fast facts about fire.

To culminate Fire Prevention Week, we invite the community to the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 15 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Fire Station 11, 150 Military West. – *Fire Department*

**Don't Wait – Check the Date!**  
 Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

**Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15, 2016** Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

**1** Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.

**2** Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

**3** Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.

**4** Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

**For more information about smoke alarms, visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) and [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).**

U.S. Fire Administration | FEMA | Fire is Everyone's Fight | NFPA | NFPA is the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922



# BENICIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

# 2016 OPEN HOUSE

Saturday 11 am—3pm 

# October 15th

Fire Station 11, 150 Military West, Benicia

- \* Free Food \* Goodie Bags for the Kids \* Fire Station Tours \*
- \* Face Painting \* Benicia Police Department \* 9-1-1 Dispatchers \*
- \* Hands-on Extinguisher Demo \* Coast Guard Boat Tours \*
- \* Fire Engine Show & Tell \* Family Resource Center \* CHP \*
- \* REACH Air Medical \* Benicia Emergency Response Team (BERT) \*
- \* Jump House \* Benicia Amateur Radio Club (BARC) \* AND MORE...



Benicia Family Resource Center



For more info, call  
707-746-4275

Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong



**FREE FLU SHOTS:** The County of Solano is hosting a free flu shot clinic on **Wednesday, October 19**, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Benicia Senior Center, 187 East L Street. The clinic is open to all ages. – *Human Resources*

**WHAT'S ON DISPLAY?** The Marilyn Citron O'Rourke Gallery at the Benicia Public Library is currently displaying works by Susan Sharman in her exhibit, *The Daily Fabric*, mixed media collage with textiles. Susan's exhibition runs through **October 16**.

Next on display will be *Transitions: Watercolor, monotype & mixed-media* by Barbara Abbott from **October 23 - November 27**. – *Library*



**SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES:** The Senior Speaker Series is sponsored by the [Carquinez Village Project](#) and the [Benicia Public Library](#) and is on the third Thursday of the month, 10:30-11:15AM at the Benicia Public Library. The next event is on **Thursday, October 20:**

*Do you know what Solano County has to offer seniors?  
You might be surprised...!*

On **Thursday, November 17:**

### *Strategies for Smart Estate Planning*

The Carquinez Village Project also sponsors Movies for Seniors is on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM in the Dona Benicia room at the Benicia Public Library. Their license does not allow them to provide titles in advance, so come join them for a morning of unanticipated delight!

Email [CarquinezVillageProject@gmail.com](mailto:CarquinezVillageProject@gmail.com) or call 707.297.2470 for more information. – *Library*

**ARE YOU ALERTBENICIA?** In late September, the City's new Community Mass Notification System, AlertBenicia, as launched. The response has been tremendous, but the success of the system is dependent on getting as many people as possible to register who live, work or play in Benicia. Register today at [www.AlertBenicia.org](http://www.AlertBenicia.org). We challenge all Benicians to share this information with friends, family, and neighbors so that we can all be informed in the event of an emergency.

A few highlights of the system:

- **Get Emergency Alerts** - Register your cell phone, email, or voice over internet to receive emergency alerts sent by voice, text, or email
- Register multiple addresses (home, work, kids' school)
- System is for anyone who lives in, works in, or visits Benicia
- Emergency officials will use this system to push out rapid, incident-specific alerts or provide potentially life-saving instructions to specific geographic areas
- System will be tested at 11:00 AM on the first Wednesday of every month. Please do not call 9-1-1 with questions about system tests.



**If we can't REACH you**  
**we can't ALERT you**



Please call the Benicia Fire Department at 707.746.4275 with any questions or help in registering.  
– Fire Department

## Jack-o-Lantern Contest



**Wednesday, October 26th**

**7:00 p.m.: Judging begins**

**7:30 p.m.: Stories for all ages**

**8:00 p.m.: Contest results**

### CONTEST AT THE LIBRARY:

Bring your pumpkin or just come to vote for your favorites at the Benicia Public Library. While the judges choose the winners, go to one of three story times: scary, a little scary, and not scary at all.

The contest is open to everyone, including teens and adults, so show off those carving skills! (No flashing lights in the pumpkins, please.) - Library

## NINTH STREET DEDICATION: San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail site designation ceremony at Alvarez Ninth Street Park on October 1



*Harry Engelbright, Maureen Gaffney, Ben Botkin & Mayor Patterson*

marked the inaugural Bay Day, a one day annual celebration of the San Francisco Bay. Dozens of communities from every part of the Bay Area hosted celebrations and led special programs to enable people to be active on or along the Bay.

The City of Benicia joined the celebration with a

dedication ceremony for one of the newest San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail sites, Alvarez Ninth Street Park. Speakers included Ben Botkin (Water/Bay Trail Planner from the Association of Bay Area Governments), Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, Maureen Gaffney (Bay Trail Planner from ABAG), and Harry Engelbright (Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Board Member).



*Council Members Campbell, Strawbridge, Vice Mayor Hughes, Mayor Patterson & Council Member Schwartzman*

The Carquinez Strait is unique in that it is the only segment of the 500+ mile planned sections of the SF Bay Trail and Ridge Trail where the two trail share the same alignment. Alvarez Ninth Street Park is now the only location in the entire Bay Area where the Water, Bay, and Ridge Trails converge.

In addition to the Water Trail dedication, Benicia groups hosted three Bay Day activities.



The Benicia Bicycle Club led a ride of the Carquinez Scenic Loop, the shared alignment of the Bay and Ridge Trails that circles the Carquinez Strait. The Benicia Outrigger Canoe Club provided free outrigger canoe rides with experienced club members and Benicia Kite & Paddle Sports offered free Stand Up Paddleboard sessions from the Ninth Street beach.

Special thanks go to Vic Randall and Teri Davena for planning the dedication ceremony and showing off Benicia to the Bay Area. - Parks & Community Services

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, October 22, 2016**  
9:00am - 3:00pm



ENSURE RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

MAINTAIN A SAFE COMMUNITY • INVEST IN AND FOR THE FUTURE

-  **Benicia Police Department**  
200 East L Street / (707) 746-4268
-  **Dixon Police Department**  
201 West A Street / (707) 678-7070
-  **Rio Vista Police Department**  
50 Poppy House Road / (707) 374-6366
-  **Solano County Sheriff Coroner's Office**  
520 Clay Street, Fairfield / (707) 784-7500
-  **60th Wing Travis Air Force Base**  
BX (Next to Starbucks) 461 Skymaster Circle Bldg 650 / (707) 423-5345
-  **Suisun City Police Department**  
701 Civic Center Blvd. / (707) 421-7373
-  **Vacaville Police Department**  
660 Merchant St. / (707) 469-4707
-  **Vallejo Police Department**  
111 Amador Street / (707) 648-5291

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>

A Local Partnership Supporting the Drug Enforcement Agency's National "Prescription Take Back" Initiative.






## POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS: Benicia Police Officer Alex Maravilla was honored with



*Lt. Mike Greene, Chief Upson, Officer Maravilla and Sgt. Mark Menesini (l-r)*

a First Responder of the Year Award on September 28 at Kaiser Permanente Vacaville Medical Center's EMS Awards ceremony. Officer Maravilla was recognized for his life saving effort earlier this year when he spotted a man on fire on East Second Street. The man had caught fire when his trailer was ablaze. Officer Maravilla helped him remove the burning clothing and extinguish the fire, preventing any major injuries.

We are so proud of Officer Maravilla and his effort to continue the Police Department's mission to be the best police department. – *Police Department*

## CURRENT LIBRARY STATISTICS:

- Total August visitors: 17,580
- Record Day of Visitors on August 29 with 799 visitors
- August Internet sessions: 2,770
- Wireless Internet Sessions: 1,931
- Library Adult & Teen Facebook views: 27,275

-Library

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[City Attorney](#): 707.746.4216

[Administrative Services](#) (Finance, Human Resources, I.T): 707.746.4200

[City Clerk](#): 707.746.4200

[Community Development](#): 707.746.4280

[Economic Development](#): 707.746.4202

[Fire Department](#): 707.746.4275

[Library](#): 707.746.4343

[Parks & Community Services](#): 707.746.4285

[Police Department](#): 707.746.4265

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