

Benicia Chamber of Commerce NEWS



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CHAMBER MEETS WITH LEGISLATIVE AIDES



Representatives from the offices of Congressman Thompson, Senator Dodd and Assemblyman Grayson's offices recently met with the Chamber's Business Advocacy Committee. Advocating for business and the membership is an important aspect of the Chamber's mission. These meetings provide an opportunity for business to meet informally, share ideas, hear concerns, and provide an awareness of the wide variety of legislative issues that may impact businesses, both negatively and positively. Relationships with elected officials go a long way towards communicating our members' business interests and effectively working on their behalf.

The Benicia Chamber of Commerce extends its appreciation to representatives Mel Orpilla (Thompson), Tom Bartee (Dodd), and Jana Modena (Grayson) for their ongoing accessibility and willingness to interact with the Benicia Chamber of Commerce membership.

Benicia Chamber of Commerce members are welcome to participate on this informative committee that meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 8:00 a.m., at the Chamber office. Call 745-2120 for additional info.

DRAWING FOR TWO 'HAMILTON' TICKETS & UBER GIFT CARD

To assist with the Chamber's ongoing fundraising efforts, Round Table Pizza Benicia has generously donated two tickets to see HAMILTON at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco, Sunday, September 1, 2019, 1:00 p.m. (Mezzanine level – Row D).

For an opportunity to win these highly sought-after tickets and a \$50 UBER gift card, stop by the Chamber office, 601 First Street, Suite 100, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



Opportunities are available for purchase at 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100, and will then be entered in a drawing with one lucky person being randomly selected as the winner on Thursday, August 1, 2019.

BENICIA CHAMBER SAYS "NO" TO CITY'S PROPOSED MASTER FEE INCREASES

Without having adequate time to digest, discuss, educate and determine the impacts that the City's proposed Master Fee increases will have on business and our community. Benicia Chamber of Commerce Board members attended the June 18, 2019, City Council meeting to remind Council members that many of the fees were significantly increased in 2017 and by the CPI the following year. The Chamber asked that the City Council vote to Deny the Adoption of the Proposed Updated Master Fee Schedule for 2019-2020. Following a report by City staff to the Council, fees were increased by the CPI, which the Chamber did not oppose or support, and the proposed master fee schedule was approved with the exception of the building and planning fees. It was agreed that City staff and Chamber representatives will meet in the near future to discuss the issue further. The Chamber's letter of request addressed to City Council members is available for viewing on the Benicia Chamber of Commerce website at beniciachamber.com.



JOINT CHAMBER MIXER THURSDAY, JULY 18

Benicia Chamber Members – Save the Date, Thursday, July 18, 2019, 5:30-7:30 p.m., as we look forward to networking with you at the Solano Community College Auto Tech Center and meeting others from the American Canyon, Fairfield-Suisun, and the Vallejo Chambers of Commerce. Thank you, Solano Community College Education Foundation, Travis Credit Union and the SBDC for hosting this not to be missed membership networking event!

APPLY TODAY

2019 FINE ARTS, CRAFTS & MARKETPLACE

NEW CATEGORIES AVAILABLE!

Applications are now available at the Chamber office, 601 First St., Suite 100, Benicia, or download online at www.beniciachamber.com for this annual popular event scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., beginning at First and G Streets in downtown Benicia. Admission & parking are free.



This event, a favorite of both vendors and attendees alike, now considers items that are complimentary to Fine Arts & Crafts, which historically have been limited to items made by the seller.

Vendors—Complete an application and return to the Chamber for consideration.

Shoppers—Save the date—invite your friends and family to join you!

CHAMBER REINVESTMENTS

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE RECENTLY REINVESTED IN THE BENICIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT GO A LONG WAY IN CARRYING OUT THE CHAMBER'S MISSION.

★ = 110% MEMBER

NUMBER INDICATES YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ★ ABM BUILDING SOLUTIONS, LLC 7
- ★ ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 24
- ★ AMERICAN PACIFIC ADVANCED MORTGAGE GROUP 27
 - ★ AMPORTS 39
- ★ BENICIA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL 13
- ★ BENICIA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATES, DBA BENICIA MINI STORAGE 37
 - ★ BENICIA JAZZERCISE 3
 - ★ BIAGI WAREHOUSING 31
 - ★ THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP 21
- ★ DUNLOP MANUFACTURING, INC. 38
 - F3 & ASSOCIATES, INC. 7
 - ★ FEATHERER PET, INC. 34
 - ★ FREEDOM MORTGAGE 6
 - FRIENDS OF LOMA VISTA FARM 2
 - ★ GRIFFIN FITNESS 18
 - HAMANN REAL ESTATE 23
- ★ DR. RICHARD JOYCE-OPTOMETRIST 26
- ★ KAUFMAN CHIROPRACTIC 27
 - KERMETICO, INC. 11
- ★ LAND HOME FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 5
- JOSEPH MIESCH—EXIT STRATEGIES GROUP, INC. 31
 - ★ MINUTEMAN PRESS 3
 - MIYOJI PRODUCTIONS 20
 - ★ PRAXAIR, INC. 33
- REBUILDING TOGETHER SOLANO COUNTY 10
 - ★ RESCOM PROPERTIES 4
 - ★ ROMANCING THE HOME 17
 - ★ SAILOR JACK'S 10
 - ★ SCHOENSTEIN & CO. 13
- ★ SOLANO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION 21
 - ★ SPECIALTY AC PRODUCTS, INC. 15
 - ★ SWAN ASSOCIATES, INC. 31
 - TRI-CITY FENCE CO., INC. 23
- ★ BOB TRIGLIA—COLDWELL BANKER SOLANO PACIFIC 3
 - TULLOCH CORPORATION 24

Welcome - New Chamber Members

Benicia Masonic Temple Association

110 West J Street, Benicia 94510
(415) 292-9111
www.beniciamasonichall.org

Hampton Inn Discovery Kingdom Napa Gateway

2596 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo 94589
(707) 554-9655

<https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hampton-inn-discovery-kingdom-napa-gateway-SFOVLHX/index.html>

Reep & Mitchell

1001 Madison St., 2nd Floor, Benicia 94510
748-0900
www.solanolawgroup.com

Rooted Beauty Studios, LLC

601 First Street, Suite 101 Benicia 94510
(707) 342-3801

Solano Property Management

285 East H Street, Benicia 94510
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(707) 718-2780

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