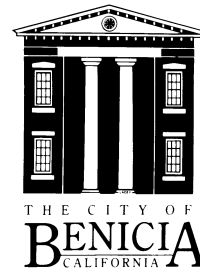


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RE: **CITY RAISES REWARD FOR TREE VANDALISM TO \$750**

On March 15th City staff announced a reward of \$500 for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person who was responsible for the willful destruction of 18 tulip trees at Southampton Park during the weekend of March 12th.

Following announcement of this reward Benicia residents, including Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, have generously contributed to the reward fund, prompting the City to raise the reward to \$750.

If anyone has information regarding this act of vandalism they should contact the Benicia Police Department at 745-3412.