

Send in your Benicia ZipOdes!

Whether you are a Benicia resident or connected to Benicia by another affiliation, send ZipOdes* by June 9 to poetlaureatebenicia@gmail.com subject line ZipOdes.

What's a ZipOde?: A ZipOde is a poem about a town, based on that town's zip code.

- Your ZipOde will have 5 lines, one for each digit in Benicia's zip code.
- The number of words in each line is determined by the digits in the zip code.

ZipOde for zip code 94510, Benicia CA, would have this word distribution:

9	[9 words]
4	[4 words]
5	[5 words]
1	[1 word]
0	[no words—you can use a symbol or a sound or silence]

An example:

9	I will change into my painting pants and shirt
4	Benicia is a palette
5	Of limitless and gorgeous vistas
1	Yay!
0	[Ooooo]

Writing your ZipOdes:

- Write and submit as many as you like.
- Write about any aspect of Benicia: the beauty, the shortcomings, your appreciation, your frustrations, whatever.

Submitted ZipOdes

- May be displayed at the Benicia Library,
- Or read aloud at the June 25th event "Benicia Our Home" (see flyer attached).
- Will be collected and posted on the Library website.
- Your ZipOde will be identified by your first name and last name initial—unless you request anonymity.

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