

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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**STATE PARKS:** Staff met with Steve Bachman, Acting District Superintendent, Mary Pass, Silverado Sector Superintendent, Ted Novack, Staff Services Manager III, and James Luscutoff, Concessions, Reservations, and Fees Division, on Tuesday, October 11, to begin discussions regarding the proposed agreements for the State Recreation Area, Fisher Hanlon House and Benicia State Capitol. – *Parks & Community Services*



**ARBOR WEEK ACTIVITIES:** Arbor week events were open to the public and began on Tuesday, October 11 with the tree inventory and master plan preview at the Community Center. The Tree City USA sign was installed on Wednesday, October 12 at Military West between West K Street and Southampton Road. The Tree City USA Qualification Event, which included a tree planting, took place on Thursday, October 13 near the playground area in Community Park. The week concluded with Benicia Arbor Day and was celebrated from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 15 at City Park. – *Parks & Community Services*



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**LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT.** The Library's [Annual Report](#) is now available. Full of interesting statistics and a review of library events and programs offered in 2010-11. This brochure is available at the kiosk in the library or on the Library's website. – *Library*

**VALERO BENICIA REFINERY AWARDS \$25,000 TO THE LIBRARY:**



Board of Trustees Member Carole Nail and Head of Children’s Services Librarian Allison Angell accept check from Doug Comeau, Valero Benicia Refinery General Manager, on behalf of the Benicia Public Library.

The Valero Benicia Refinery announced on September 30 that \$25,000 of the funds raised through the 2011 Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children Golf Classic tournament would be awarded to the Friends of the Benicia Public Library. These funds will be used for children’s materials, including a new collection in the Children’s Reading Room devoted to “World Languages.” The library will use the money to buy more children’s books, particularly those related to other cultures, said Allison Angell, head of the library’s Youth Services, who with Carole Nail picked up the check.

Angell said the organization will buy books in Tagalog, Mandarin, Hindi and Russian, all of which are spoken in Benicia. – *Library*

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION BUSINESS BREAKFAST:** On September 30, the Library Foundation held a business breakfast. Guest speaker Carolyn Higgins, President of Fortune Marketing Company, gave a presentation on using electronic marketing to improve your business. – *Library*

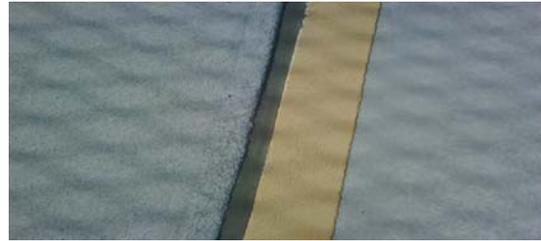
**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN:** The City of Benicia Economic Development Board hosted an all-day conference on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Benicia Community Center to review the draft [Business Development Action Plan](#). The conference, divided into three sessions, was facilitated by Audrey Taylor of Chabin Concepts and provided an opportunity for stakeholders with an interest in Downtown/Tourism, Commercial Centers, and the Benicia Industrial Park to provide input on the Plan.



The next step in implementation is a joint meeting of the City Council and the Economic Development Board on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Dona Benicia Room at the Benicia Public Library. This meeting will allow the Council and Board to discuss priorities and ways to fund the Plan as well as receiving input from interested businesses and the public. - *Economic Development*

**BENJAMIN FRANDLIN EXHIBIT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS:** The library held a number of activities and programs for all ages to accompany the Benjamin Franklin exhibit. On September 26, 75 children and adults gathered to color kites and then headed out to the park to fly them. Display of the exhibit has been so popular that it will be extended through the Thanksgiving weekend. – *Library*

**ROSE DRIVE PEDESTRIAN/BIKE BRIDGE:** Since the Rose Drive pedestrian/bike bridge was completed, the space separating the two lanes has expanded slightly, creating a place where a narrow tire could get trapped. The maintenance crew has filled the space with a rubberized caulk to ensure bicyclist safety. – *Public Works & Community Development*



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