

# City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report March 20, 2015

**David Biggs, City Manager**



## **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

### **Alexandria at Victoria by the Bay**

The construction of this 43 unit new home subdivision is moving forward quickly. While the opening of the model home has been delayed to allow for completion of the interior streets, you can now see the framing going up on the 10 homes in phase one of the project as you drive by the project on San Pablo Avenue.

### **Interim Parks & Recreation Director**

With long-term employee Pedro Jimenez departing as our Parks & Recreation Director at the end of next week, I am pleased to announce we have secured the services of a very experienced interim Parks & Recreation Director. Mr. John De Lorenzo will be starting next week as our Interim Parks & Recreation Director so we have one week of overlap Pedro departs. John has substantial experience in the Parks & Recreation field and retired as the Director of Community Services for the City of Fairfield a number of years ago. He occasionally takes up interim assignments and has works in interim roles in numerous communities in the Bay area. John is excited to be able to help out here in Hercules for up to six months or so and to work with our great staff in Parks & Recreation.

### **Economic Development Committee Meeting**

The City Council's Economic Development Committee will be hosting a town hall style meeting for residents on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the City Council Chambers. The Economic Development Committee welcomes residents to participate in a review and discussion of Hercules Financial Sustainability and Economic Development. The City of Hercules has been through some tough financial times, and while things have improved, the City's finances remain strained. With some exciting economic development opportunities ahead, the Committee would like to hear from residents about their ideas to ensure a financially sustainable future.

### **Oil by Rail Letter**

The City of Hercules has added its voice to those local cities concerned with the growing transport of crude oil by rail. Last week the City sent a letter to the Federal Government endorsing and encouraging implementation of a 10 point plan to enhance oil by rail safety as developed by the League of California Cities. The regulation of rail operations is controlled exclusively by the Federal Government and cities in California have banded together to get the Federal Government to address our local concerns.

### **Hercules Intermodal Transportation Center**

Congressman Mike Thompson paid a visit to Hercules last week for an update and briefing on the City's Intermodal Transportation Center and the San Francisco Bay Trail extension under construction now as part of the first phase of the project. The Congressman has been a big supporter of the project and has been instrumental in assisting the City in securing funding for the first phase and future phases. A site

visit to the construction site allowed the Congressman to see what a spectacular amenity this future section of the Bay Trail will be for the entire region. We are working to provide a “preview” day for our residents to experience the Bay Trail sometime early this summer.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Building Inspection Division**

	<b>Feb 27 Thru Mar 13, 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014/15 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	21	591
Total Fee Collected:	\$8,618.68	\$458,166.43
Number of Inspections:	9	253
New Housing:	0	20

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Maintenance & Operations** – Staff completed their regularly scheduled janitorial and other facility-related tasks in public parks and buildings, repaired street lights throughout town, mowed grass along roadways, replaced street signs that were faded or damaged by graffiti, and repaired pedestrian lights in Victoria By the Bay. M&O staff also coordinated with the West Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management Authority on solid waste and Ducks Unlimited on the Chelsea Wetlands Restoration Project.

**Engineering** – Construction on the \$6M Bay Trail phase of the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) continues and is approximately 50% complete. Staff is working with the environmental regulatory agencies to secure the permits for Path to Transit, which is the next phase of the ITC project and scheduled to go out to bid this April/May. The Willow Avenue rehabilitation project is under design. Construction is in progress on the Victoria Crescent residential development while minor grading and cleanup will be occurring on the Muir Pointe residential development in the next several weeks. Staff is in the process of approving an encroachment permit to shift traffic on Sycamore in front of Town Centrale to allow room for construction activities on that project. Staff is also executing a contract with LCC Inc. to prepare the City’s sewer service charges for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year and reviewing new draft flood mapping from FEMA. Lastly, a new landscaping maintenance contract for the City’s lighting and landscaping districts is being prepared for bid.

**PERMITS: 3/1-3-14**

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 3
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$375

- Number of Certifications issued: 5
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 1
- Number of Condominium Waivers issued: 3

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 2

Encroachment Permits Issued: 9

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreation classes and programs that cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. Classes and programs provide a great opportunity to have fun and exercise while interacting with others in a safe environment. A sampling of classes offered is provided below. For additional information, to access a full listing of classes and programs or to register, please visit the City website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) or register online at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com) today.

**Parks & Recreation Summer 2015 Activity Guide** – Are you interested in having your business or company advertised in our Fall/Winter 2015 edition of the activity guide? Hercules Parks & Recreation prints and distributes 10,000 copies and is sent out to all residents in Hercules. Advertising with us is a great way to get your business out there to all community members of Hercules and letting them know what you have to offer. Call (510) 799-8291 or via email at [vflores@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:vflores@ci.hercules.ca.us) today!

**New Guide Feature Application!** – The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department has now released their electronic and printed versions of the Spring/Summer 2015 Activity Guide. You may take a look at our printed or online versions at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) for the most up to date classes and new programs that will be offered in 2015.

**Facilities:** The City of Hercules offers several conveniently located facilities to rent for your meeting, wedding reception, graduation, retirement or baptism. Halls range from a capacity of 10 to our largest which has a maximum capacity of 300. Visit the City website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) or call (510) 799-8291 for more information on facility locations, dates available and amenities offered at each location.

**Recreation Classes:** Hercules Parks & Recreation is always interested in bringing on new programs, classes and services for the community to enjoy. Please contact Vanessa Flores at (510) 799-8290 or [vflores@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:vflores@ci.hercules.ca.us) for additional information or to submit applications of interest.

**Parks & Recreation Online System** - Hercules Parks & Recreation online registration system ([www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com)) has been updated. Make sure to take a look at the new site with improved features. If you have any questions feel free to contact recreation offices at (510) 799-8291.

**Sports Programs:** Our programs help promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing an environment in which people of all ages can enjoy themselves. Whether it is recreation team sports you are seeking, or an individual leisure activity/hobby, the City of Hercules is proud to offer it. To access a full listing of classes or to register, please visit our website at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

**Recreation Classes:** We have classes that are ongoing year round which include yoga, zumba, piano and guitar! To access a full listing of classes or to register, please visit the City website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).

**Seniors/50+:** Come to the Senior Center to enjoy the CC Café, or to participate in an Art Class, Card Club, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Low Impact Exercise Classes, Dance Club, or Hula Dance. Your annual membership of \$20.00 gives you access to over 30 classes and programs at a discounted rate.

**Aquatics:** The Hercules Swim Center is a beautiful place that provides valuable resources to the community of Hercules, by providing a place for families, adults, teens and children to recreate! The Swim Center's programs specialize in fostering human development, strengthening safety and security, promoting health and wellness, and providing recreational experiences.

**Lap Swim:**

Monday – Friday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ages: 14+

Fees: Resident: Youth & Senior \$4/ Adult \$5

Non-Resident: Youth & Senior \$5/ Adult \$6

**EBSB Year Round Membership:** The City of Hercules East Bay Silver Dolphins is a USA swimming team that practices & competes year-round! The team & coaches are dedicated to fostering a positive and challenging environment for athlete growth in the East Bay! Swimmers will have fun while improving their skills, sportsmanship, and self-esteem. EBSD believes that while swimming is fun and great exercise, it also teaches important life skills such as self-motivation, the importance of hard work and dedication, setting and obtaining personal goals, and time management. Each swimmer is an important part of the team. They learn to have fun together and provide encouragement and motivation for their teammates:

Dates: 3/1/15 – 9/31/15

USA Registration Fee: Year Round Swimmer \$80.00 (made payable to EBSD)

Code: 52200-A-L

Spinners: Monday – Thursday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$66.00

Intermediate: Monday – Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Fee: \$83.00

Advanced: Monday – Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$94.00

**Teens:** Our goal is to provide programming that will foster human development, promote health and wellness, and increase cultural unity with life experiences. As our youth grow into teens, we want to give them a sense of ownership and belonging to the community. We accomplish this through the many enjoyable programs and activities available at the Teen Center, "T.H.E. S.P.O.T." (Teens of Hercules Empowering through Spirit, Perseverance, Outreach, &

Teamwork) located at 2007 Refugio Valley Road. Registration is now being accepted for the Fall S.P.O.T. Before and After school program.

**Tiny Tots & Little Learners:** A great introduction to your child's "First Learning Experience". They will have fun making their first school friends, learning through play, games, and arts and crafts. Our loving and qualified staff will guide them in socialization and self-help skills. Children have so much fun; they do not realize they are learning! Our program runs with the school year, September – June. Come see what keeps our children smiling! Children must be completely toilet trained.

- Tiny Tot program has a 5 day Jr. Kindergarten program
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Pre-K Program
- Tuesday/Thursday: Little Learner Program

**Before & After School Child Care:** The new school year is upon us and there are limited spots available, if you are interested in the program feel free to give us a call at (510) 245-4803 today.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS\***

*\*Events are subject to change. Please visit the City Calendar available on the City's website for the most up-to-date information.*

**Community and Library Services Commission Meeting:** Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers.

#### **Egg Hunt:**

Annual Egg Hunt

Date: 04/4/15

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Hercules Senior Center, 111 Civic Dr.

Fees: \$7.00 Pre-order 3/6-3/27

\$10.00 Day of the Event, if space is available

For More Information call 510-799-8291 or visit [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).

#### **Rec Expo:**

Come to this free event and take a look at all of the programs and services that Hercules Parks & Recreation will be offering for spring and summer 2015! Meet summer day staff, aquatics staff, and recreation class instructors and try out a demo of most classes and even get your questions answered in person! On this day only receive 10% off programs/classes that are paid off in FULL!

Date: 04/11/15

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hercules Community Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Road

Fees: FREE

For More Information call 510-799-8291 or visit [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).

**Hercules Running Rebels Poker Tournament Texas Hold ‘Em Fundraiser:**

Come support this great fundraiser to help raise funds for the Hercules Running Rebels and City of Hercules, Parks and Recreation Department programs and services. Must be 21 or older to participate. It's includes dinner from OUTBACK.

Date: 04/25/15

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Location: Hercules Community Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Road

Fees: \$60

Dinner Only \$25.00

For More Information call 510-367-0420 or visit [www.herculesrunningrebels.com](http://www.herculesrunningrebels.com) .

**2015 Hercules Citywide Annual Garage Sale**

4/25/2015 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Register for the 2015 Annual Hercules City-Wide Garage Sales event that will occur on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Co-sponsored by the City of Hercules and the Hercules Sister City Association (HSCA) to support the Youth Ambassador Program, this event encourages the re-use and recycling of unwanted items. The registration form <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=18&recordid=4230> . Just complete and submit it with your payment to the address shown on the form. For any questions, just call 510-724-7063. Please note that this year's event will be held only once to encourage more participation as the event, held in the last several years also in September, will not be scheduled.

**Community Clean-Up Day & E-Waste Event**

Date: 5/2/2015 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: FREE for Hercules Residents - Must show ID

Location: Hercules Corporation Yard

1000 Sycamore Avenue

Hercules, California 94547

This event brings residents, businesses and volunteers together for a common goal, to beautify the community! Spruce up your yards, sidewalks and streets! Dumpsters will be placed at the Hercules Corporation Yard where you can drop off your trash. Only outdoor trash, yard clippings, and tree limbs will be taken as well as small appliances and furniture. Electronic waste will also be accepted. Anyone interested in volunteering call 799-8291.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**IRS SCAMS CONTINUE TO INCREASE**

Hercules Police continues to receive several calls a day from residents indicating they had received a call from the "IRS" threatening them with arrest, outrageous fines and other penalties unless residents immediately obtain pre-paid credit cards and furnish the card account numbers to the "IRS" agents. The scammers usually tell the residents they owe about \$4,000.00.

Nationally, federal authorities say it's the largest IRS impersonation scam they've ever seen -- swindling victims out of more than \$15 million since it began in 2013.

"They have information that only the Internal Revenue Service would know about you," said Timothy Camus, deputy inspector general for investigations with the Treasury Department. "

Using identity theft technology, the thieves have successfully victimized more than 3,000 people in the past two years, although the Treasury Department cautions that number is only documented cases and the true number might be higher. More than 366,000 reports of contact with the scammers, and it's increasing at a rate of 10,000 to 12,000 a week.

Authorities believe the thieves are operating out of India, using phishing technology to make it appear they're IRS agents in Washington.

The Federal Trade Commission, which goes after scammers like these from a civil standpoint, and the Treasury Department, which leads the criminal probe, both have open investigations. The largest loss reported was a staggering \$500,000.

The thieves are incredibly smart and convincing. They harness stolen identities and use programs such as Google Earth to identify locations where their victims can transfer money.

Camus said many people are afraid when they hear from the IRS, so they do whatever the caller says.

How to get help: If you think you have been a victim of an IRS impersonation scam, you can report it to TIGTA's [web site](#) or call 800-366-4484.

### **Patrol & Investigations Priority Calls**

**THE FOLLOWING CASES ONLY REFLECT A PARTIAL LIST OF CALLS FOR SERVICE THAT POLICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO.**

**Stolen Vehicle:** On March 5, 2015 at 7:16am an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Bobolink for a report of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party said, between 8:00pm last night and time of call, someone stole his white 1991 Honda Accord from the driveway of his home.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 5, 2015 at 7:19am an officer was flagged down in the 300 block of Sparrow regarding an auto burglary. The reporting party said, between 8:00pm and 1:00am, someone burglarized her vehicle. The reporting party's brother saw her car doors open when he left for work this morning.

**Stolen/Recovered Vehicle:** On March 5, 2015 at 7:24am an officer was investigating the above listed stolen vehicle (in the 100 block of Bobolink) when he observed a suspicious red 1997 Honda Accord parked in the area. The officer contacted the registered owner, who lives in the 100 block of Starling. The registered owner said he parked, and locked, his vehicle on March 4,

2015 at 8:00pm. He did not realized his vehicle was stolen until notified by the police.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On March 6, 2015 at 8:48am an officer was dispatched to Sycamore at Promenade for a report of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party said, between 8:00pm last night and time of call, someone stole his green 1997 Honda Civic from in front of his home.

**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol:** On March 7, 2015 at approximately 1:49am a HPD Officer stopped a silver 2006 Mercedes C280 for a vehicle code violation. The 27 year old female driver, of San Mateo, displayed the objective symptoms of intoxication. The subject did poorly on the Standard Field Sobriety, but the breath test should her blood alcohol level to be below the legal limit for the purposes of driving. The subject was released.

**Public Intoxication:** On March 7, 2015, at approximately 3:06am, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Skelly Way for a disturbance between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The reporting party stated that her boyfriend was under the influence of alcohol, and/or narcotics, and was attempting to gain entry in her vehicle. Officer observed 23 year old Colby David Ringhand, of Hercules, trying to gain entry into the vehicle via the front passenger door. Ringhand displayed obvious symptoms of intoxication. He was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Vehicle vs Pedestrian Collision:** On March 7, 2015, at approximately 7:42am, HPD Officers were dispatched to Lucky parking lot for a collision with a vehicle versus a pedestrian. A Hercules resident was driving east through the parking lot, at approximately 5mph. The driver struck a 90 year old female, of Hercules, while she was walking across the parking lot. The female was transported, by ambulance, to John Muir hospital. The driver stopped at the scene and cooperated with the investigation.

**Identity Theft:** On March 7, 2015, at approximately 9:15 am, a Hercules resident reported someone used her personal information to enroll at San Francisco Community College. The reporting party was contacted by California Franchise Tax Board because they were holding her tax return due to an outstanding bill from San Francisco Community College.

**Driving under the influence of Alcohol:** On March 8, 2015 at 3:51am an off duty Police Officer, from an outside jurisdiction, called in a subject sleeping in the drive through at Jack in the Box. Prior to HPD's arrival another customer woke the individual by honking their horn several times. Hercules Officers located, and stopped, the vehicle on Basin Ct. 45 year old Peter Mckenzie of Hercules, was arrested for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. McKenzie was cited and released to a responsible party.

**Residential Burglary – In Custody:** On March 8, 2015 at 12:55pm Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of Pheasant Drive for a report of a suspicious person seen walking around a neighbor's house, within the past five minutes. The reporting party stated they last saw the male in the backyard. The reporting party flagged down the officers and pointed to a two story white house with Brown trim. Officers found the side garage door unsecured and made entry into the garage. Officers also found the door leading into the house unsecured. A Caucasian adult male opened the door, as Officers were preparing to make entry inside. The

male said he didn't live at the house and he didn't know the homeowner. He was detained for further investigation. Officers checked the backyard and found a shattered open rear dining room window. The window screen was removed and was found on the side of the house. Officers found property, belonging to the male, inside the house. Officers contacted the property owner and he responded. He told Officers he was at the house on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the house was intact, with no shattered windows. The owner locked all the doors and windows when left the house. The owner did not know the male, and wanted him prosecuted. 57 year old Daniel Arnold, a transient, was arrested for Residential Burglary and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 9, 2015 at 3:10pm an Officer was dispatched to take a grand theft report in the 300 block of Azalea Ct. The reporting party said an unknown suspect gained entry into her locked Burgundy '00 Ford Explorer. The vehicle was parked in the driveway of her home. The incident occurred between 10:00 p.m. last night and 10:00 a.m. today

**Strong Arm Robbery:** On March 9, 2015 at 9:39pm a 17 year old female reported a strong armed robbery which occurred, at the 76 Station, at 9:00pm. The reporting party (RP) said when she pulled into the 76 station for gas she saw an ex-friend (19 year old male). The male was with two African American female adults she did not know. After paying for her gas the RP returned to her car and was confronted by one of the females (suspect #1). The RP attempted to get in her car but suspect # 1 began punching the RP in the head. Suspect #2, and the male (suspect #3), also began punching her. The two female suspects took the RP's purse, and a bracelet, and left the area. The purse and the bracelet were found the parking lot.

**Residential Burglary:** On March 11, 2015 at 11:47am and officer was flagged down, on Willow Ave. at Canterbury St, regarding a residential burglary that occurred 03/10/15, between 3:00-4:30 pm, on Davenport. The victim said he left his front door open yesterday, but closed his security screen door, to go out for a short walk. He thought he locked his security screen door when he left. When he returned home he found his security screen door open and a laptop computer missing, from inside his home.

**Hit & Run/DUI/Driving on a Suspended Driver's License:** On March 11, 2015 at 12:44pm Hercules Officers were dispatched to a report of a hit and run that just occurred on Sycamore Ave. at Lupine Rd. Dispatch advised a Black Ford Explorer, driven by a female, had just collided into the stop sign and drove off without stopping. Officers found the stop sign, which had been sheared off and was lying in the roadway. Officers were told, by a witness, the Explorer was last seen turning W/B onto Sequoia Rd. from S/B Lupine Rd. An officer located the Black '99 Ford Explorer parked, in front of a residence, in the 100 block of Manzanita Place. Officers found impact, and scuff mark, damage to the right front bumper of the Explorer. Officers knocked on the front door of the residence the vehicle was parked in front of. The resident opened the front door and officers asked if the driver of the Explorer was there. 34 year old Leta Swanson, registered owner of the vehicle, came outside. Swanson showed obvious signs of intoxication. Swanson did poorly on the Standard Field Sobriety test. The Preliminary Alcohol Screening showed Swanson to be over the legal limit for driving. She was arrested for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol; and Driving on a Suspended Driver's license. Swanson was medically cleared, at County Hospital, and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Traffic Collision with Minor Injuries:** On March 11, 2015 at 4:36pm Hercules Officers were dispatched, to a report of a vehicle vs. pedestrian traffic collision, on Sycamore Ave. at Tsushima St. Officers contacted the adult male pedestrian sitting on the curb. He had a minor cut to his right knee and left elbow. He was medically evaluated, by RHFD, and declined to be transported. The adult female driver stopped, and cooperated with the investigation. She was driving W/B Sycamore Ave. when she struck the pedestrian walking from the south curb to the north curb, in the crosswalk. The collision occurred at a low speed. The driver said she didn't see the pedestrian.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 11, 2015 at approximately 7:44pm a HPD Officer was dispatched, to the Franklin Canyon Golf Course, for a report of an auto burglary. The incident occurred between 2:30pm and 7:44pm. The Pittsburg resident stated someone broke into her silver 2012 Toyota 4Runner. Entry was gained via breaking out the left rear passenger window.

**Auto Burglary:** During the above call it was determined that a second vehicle was also broken into during the same time frame. The reporting party had his silver 2014 GMC Yukon was broken into. Entry was gained via breaking out right rear passenger window.

**Criminal Threats:** On March 12, 2014, at approximately 11:50am, and again at 12:10pm. an unidentified male called the main line of the Hercules Police Department. The male made several threats, towards Hercules Police Officers, concerning an arrest.

**Identity Theft/Probation:** On March 12, 2015, at approximately 5:24pm. an officer stopped a 2000 Ford Escort for expired registration. The 46 year old female driver was determined to be on active probation, with a search clause, in Contra Costa County. A probation search was conducted. The officer found a book, in the driver's purse, which contained numerous person's personal information. The information included social security numbers, birth dates, names, credit card numbers, and other information. One of the person's, whose name was in the book was contacted. The person confirmed they had been a victim of identity theft. The female also had a credit card in that victim's name. Kendra Timmons, of Richmond, was placed under arrest for identity theft, possession of stolen property, and probation violation. She was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Residential Burglary:** On March 12, 2015 at approximately 7:34pm Officers were dispatched, to the 200 block of Bobolink Way, for a residential burglary. The reporting party said the burglary occurred between 11:00am and 7:30pm. The reporting party said an unknown person gained access to his house via a bedroom window. The loss consisted of electronics and cloths.

**Vehicle Tampering:** On March 14, 2015, at about 2:56pm, a Pinole resident came to the HPD to report an incident that occurred on 3/13/15, at about 10:40am. The reporting party parked, and secured, her vehicle in the parking lot of Refugio Valley Park. When she returned to her car she observed an adult female standing next to her passenger side door. The reporting party asked the female what she was doing. The female immediately fled in an unknown vehicle parked adjacent to the reporting party's vehicle. There was minor damage to victim's passenger side door and she suspected it was caused by the female.

**Suspicious Package:** On March 14, 2015, at about 5:42pm, a business owner, from the 1500 Sycamore Ave, called in regarding a suspicious package. The reporting party stated a briefcase was left outside of his store since 7:00am. Officers re evacuated the immediate area and cordoned it off. A BART PD officer, with an Explosive Detection K-9, arrived and checked the area, and suspicious briefcase, with his dog. They received no alert. The briefcase was recovered, by BART PD, and learned to be empty. The briefcase was properly disposed of and the area was re-opened to the public.

**Shoplifting:** On March 15, 2015 at 6:02pm Hercules Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid, 1560 Sycamore Ave. for a report of a petty theft that just occurred. An employee was reportedly following the suspect. The suspect left the store after setting the alarm off. The suspect was described as a Caucasian adult male; 6'00" tall; 150 lbs; bald; and wearing a dark blue jacket. The suspect was last seen walking up Turquoise Dr. Officers located a male, matching the suspect's description, as he was trying to hide in the bushes next to Rite Aid on Turquoise Dr. Officers recognized the male from a previous contacts. Officers searched the area in the bushes, where male was hiding, and found stolen items from Rite Aid. The male was positively identified by a Rite Aid employee. 44 year old John Peralta, of Hercules/Vacaville, was arrested for Shoplifting and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Residential Burglary and Felony Vandalism:** On March 15, 2015 at 8:10pm a Hercules resident reported being the victim of vandalism and burglary at her residence, in the 100 block of Paradise. The victim reported someone broke into her residence by breaking a window and kicking open the front door. The suspect cut up all of her clothes, using a pair of scissors, and put them in one pile in her bedroom. The suspect threw all of her make-up into a garbage can, then covered it with flower and hot sauce. The victim suspects an ex-boyfriend.

**Vandalism:** On March 16, 2015 at 4:04pm Hercules Officers were dispatched to a vandalism which had just occurred in the parking lot of McDonald's. The victim stated an African American male juvenile just threw a rock at his Black Honda station wagon causing damage. The suspect was reported inside McDonald's. The suspect was described as 15 years old; wearing Black pants, Black Shirt; and had an Orange back pack. Officers did not locate the suspect at McDonalds. A Security Guard, at McDonald's, told Officers he just had several male juveniles leave the restaurant and they were last seen walking W/B Sycamore Ave. An officer located an orange back pack Sycamore Ave. near the Forest Run Fire Trail. The victim is an employee at Hercules High School and identified the suspect from prior contacts. The back pack contained items, with the name of the suspect. The victim wants prosecution against. The officer will follow-up on this case.

**Trespassing & Vandalism:** On March 16, 2015 at 4:10pm Hercules Officers were dispatched to report of a trespassing, and possible Vandalism, occurring at the Mason's Lodge on Railroad Ave. The reporting party saw two subjects hiding behind trees. Three subjects were located, and detained, to the rear of the Mason's Lodge. A fourth subject ran from Officers, but was detained as he was hiding on the North side of the building. All four subjects were found with spray paint cans and had been spray painting graffiti on the back of the Mason's Lodge. 21 year old Robert Quintero, of Pinole, 22 year old Bijan Mehdizadeh, of Berkeley; 18 year old Roberto Rodriguez,

of Richmond; and 18 year old Fabian Sanchez, of Berkeley; were arrested for Trespassing and Vandalism. They were transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 16, 2015 at 10:51pm an officer was dispatched to Caprice Circle for a report of a found purse. The reporting party found the purse at 10:50pm, on Refugio Valley Rd, near Falcon Way. The officer located a documents, in the purse, indicating the owner lived in the 100 block of Marsala Ct. The officer spoke with a resident, who said the purse belonged to her daughter, who was at work at Lucky's. The officer contacted the daughter who stated her purse had been in her car, concealed by a blanket. When the officer checked the vehicle he discovered the left side rear window was broken and the vehicle had been burglarized. The victim stated the only item missing, from her purse, was her wallet.

**Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds/ Brandishing a Knife:** On March 17, 2015, at 3:37 pm, a Hercules Middle School student informed a School Resource Officer (SRO) that another middle school student brandished a knife at him. The incident occurred on a West Cat bus. On March 18, 2015 the SRO identified the suspect brandishing the knife. The SRO contacted the suspect and found a "butterfly" knife in his pant pocket. The suspect was placed under arrest possessing a knife on school grounds. The suspect was also charged with the brandishing incident from the day before. The suspect was booked into Juvenile Hall.

**Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds:** On March 18, 2015, during the above investigation, the SRO were alerted to a second middle school student on campus with a knife in his possession. The student was identified and interviewed. The SRO found a black knife in student's pant pocket. The student was placed under arrest for being in possession of a knife on school grounds. This student was also book into Juvenile Hall.

**Cruelty to Animals:** On March 18, 2015 at 11:42am an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Oxford regarding a dog inside a vehicle. The officer located the, large mix breed, dog inside a closed unlocked vehicle. The dog was removed from the vehicle by the officer. The 70 year old owner of the dog was located. He was cited and released at the scene.

**Miscellaneous Investigation:** On March 18, 2015 at 1:57pm officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of Lupine to investigate a report of a male telling/showing kids he possessed a gun. No reporting party was located. Officers did contact an Ice cream Vendor in front of the address. The male was cooperative and denied ever talking about or showing anyone a gun. He consented to a search of the truck and no gun was located. At this time it is unverified that vendor was the person the reporting party called about.

### **HERCULES POLICE BI-WEEKLY STATS (3-5-15 TO 3-18-15)**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	703
REPORTS	94
TRAFFIC CITES	23
PARKING CITES	20

ADULT ARRESTS	31
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	3
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	15
PART 1 TOTAL	25

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	1
ASSAULT	2
BURGLARY	5
LARCENY	14
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3

### **UPCOMING EVENTS\***

*\*Events are subject to change. Please visit the City Calendar available on the City's website for the most up-to-date information.*

**Finance Commission Meeting** – Monday, March 23, 2015, 7:00 PM at City Hall – Council Chambers

**City Council Meeting** – Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers (Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.)

**West County Mayors' and Supervisors Association** – Thursday, March 26, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at San Pablo City Hall

**Special City Council Meeting** – Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

**Community and Library Services Commission Meeting** – Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

**Hercules Spring Egg Hunt** – Saturday, April 4, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at Hercules Senior Center

**Planning Commission Meeting** – Monday, April 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers