

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
May 13, 2016**

**David Biggs, City Manager**



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**City Population Correction**

I shared that our estimated population had increased in a prior Bi-Weekly Report. Our population increased to 24,791 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, from 24,578 the prior year.

**Highway 80 Overnight Closure This Weekend (May 14th/15th)**

Highway 80 will be closed overnight from Saturday, May 14th at 11 PM to Sunday, May 15th at 7 AM for construction related to the reconstruction of the San Pablo Dam Road interchange. More information is available through the following link, including a map of the local detours: [Highway 80 Closure Information](#)

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Expansion**

Construction will be starting shortly on the over \$50 million upgrade and expansion of the joint Pinole Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant. A groundbreaking will take place next week on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the Wastewater Plant in Pinole. Construction will take place over the next 30 months and will enable the Cities of Pinole and Hercules to meet new State water quality control standards.

**Commercial Broker for Sycamore Crossing Site**

The City has finalized its listing agreement with John Cumbelich and Associates for the sale of the nearly 13 acre Sycamore Crossing site at San Pablo and Sycamore Avenues. An offering package will be available shortly on the website for the firm through this link: [John Cumbelich & Associates](#). Initial offers are due on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Commission Applications Still Open**

The City has one seat open on the Planning Commission and one seat open on the Community & Library Services Commission. Interested residents are invited to apply by May 19<sup>th</sup> through the City's website via this link: [Commission Openings](#)

**Refugio Valley Road Resurfacing Project**

Bids were opened for this summer's planned resurfacing of Refugio Valley Road. Two bids were received and the City Council will consider awarding the contract to the successful low bidder on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The project is expected to commence in June after school is out and will be completed before school starts again in August.

### **Path to Transit Update**

With work in the creek bed now permitted, construction on the new bridge across Refugio Creek to connect John Muir Parkway to Bayfront Boulevard is well underway. Work in the creek bed will also be underway shortly for the creek restoration component. The City Council will be receiving a report on the project's progress at the City Council meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **What's Possible for WCC Kids Conversation**

One in a series of "What's Possible for WCC Kids" conversations about education in West Contra Costa will take place at the Hercules Library on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The local sponsors are requesting an RSVP to [maddieyeun@gmail.com](mailto:maddieyeun@gmail.com) or [donaldkuehne@comcast.net](mailto:donaldkuehne@comcast.net). More information is available at [www.whatspossiblewcc.com](http://www.whatspossiblewcc.com).

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Building Inspection Division**

	<b>April 22 thru May 6, 16</b>	<b>FY 2015/16 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	26	561
Total Fee Collected:	\$11,187.15	\$277,470.34
Number of Inspections:	11	288
New Housing:	0	0

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



Path To Transit Project - Pile Driving for Bayfront Bridge over Refugio Creek

Maintenance & Operations – Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks and buildings. They coordinated with the West Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management Authority on solid waste issues, ground sidewalks at various locations throughout town, installed banners for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, assisted with Community Cleanup Day, and mowed weeds at various locations. Staff is also soliciting bids for the Refugio Valley tennis court backboard repair, sidewalk replacements at various locations to reduce tripping hazards, and lighting repairs in Victoria By the Bay.

Engineering –Construction on the \$11.7M Path To Transit phase of the Regional Intermodal Transit Center is moving forward. The contractor has begun constructing Bayfront Bridge which will span over Refugio Creek and the creek bypass is in place. The contractor plans to install the new sewer line in Sanderling next week which will require some traffic detouring. The Bay Trail West segment is under design and slated for construction Summer 2017. The developer for the Muir Pointe residential development is now installing the underground utilities. The \$46M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project officially began construction on May 11. Bids for the Refugio Valley Road Rehabilitation Project have been received and Council will be considering the award of a construction contract on May 24. The start date for construction is scheduled for June 13, after school is out for the Summer. Construction is underway on the public improvements for Aventine. Engineering staff is working with several telecommunications contracts on the installation of dark fiber at various locations in town.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of classes and programs that promote community, a healthy lifestyle, and provides recreational experiences and fun for all ages. For additional information visit [Parks & Recreation](#) or [register online](#) today!

Thank you to all of our community volunteers, the Hercules Police Department, Hercules Police Explorers, Rodeo-Hercules Firefighters, our Public Works Department, City Council Members, and the Community and Library Services Commissioners who helped with the Community Cleanup Day event. We'd also like to express our appreciation to Kinder's Meats and Deli, Starbucks, Trader Joe's, Hercules Chamber of Commerce, Lucky Supermarkets, and the Community and Library Services Commission Members for their donations to provide refreshment to over 90 volunteers. This event would not be possible without the generous support of our community!

**Spaces still available in a few of our Tiny Tots programs for the 2016-2017 school year.** A few of our Tiny Tots preschool classes still have spots available for children ages 3-4. For more information and to download the registration packet, visit our [Tiny Tots webpage](#).

**Summer Camp is almost here!** Grab your child's spot in one of our fun summer camps before it's too late. We have full day traditional camps and specialty camps for children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grades! Check out our summer camp chart on [page 12 of our Activity Guide](#).

**Affordable ways to promote your business around town:** We have many signboard and banner locations around the city that have proven to be an effective and affordable promotional opportunity for businesses. To advertise on our sign boards or to display your banner, email [Vanessa Flores](#). New

rates now available for signboard advertisements.

**Think you have what it takes to be a lifeguard or swim? We can train you!** We're still looking for lifeguards and swim instructors for our summer swim programs. If you are able to retrieve a 10 pound brick from 13ft depth, tread water for 2 minutes, and swim 300 yards continuously and you might be interested in working at the Swim Center this summer, contact [Allie Ikeda](#) or call (510) 799-8291 for more information.

**Zumba will be back in June!** We are excited to announce the return of Zumba and Aqua Zumba in June. Checkout the [Workout and Exercise Classes](#) page for more information.

**Follow us or give us a like on Social Media** – Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@herculesrec\)](#), and [Instagram \(@herculesrec\)](#) for program information, announcements, or to see the fun everyone's having in our great programs.

**Do you have a special talent or skill you would like to share with the community?** Hercules Parks & Recreation is always interested in bringing on new classes and services for the community to enjoy. Contact [Vanessa Flores](#) for additional information or to submit a program proposal.

## **HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT**



National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

*"Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream."*

President George H.W. Bush

On May 10, 2016 the Hercules City Council presented a proclamation for National Police Memorial Week which began on May 10 through May 16<sup>th</sup>. The proclamation honored and remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service to their communities. Also a very special tribute to the surviving family members who were left behind to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives as well as the co-workers who have to cope with their loss and grief.

For our entire nation in 2015, 128 law enforcement professionals were killed in the line of duty, 6 officer and 2 K-9' in California.

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**CRIME PREVENTION TIP:** Ringing a doorbell, to see if someone is home, is a common tactic used by daytime residential burglary suspect(s). If no one answers the door the suspect(s) break in. If you are home and someone rings the bell, or knocks on the door, do not open the door. However, let the person know someone is at home ('John answer the door'; 'who is it'; 'what do you want'; or 'I am calling the Police'); and call the Police immediately

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP:** If you come home and find your house has been broken into, **DO NOT GO INSIDE AND CHECK AROUND!** There is a good chance the suspect(s) is still inside. Lock yourself in car and drive down the street, or go to a neighbors, and **CALL 911**. Checking out your residence in the job for trained Police. Officers.

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

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

**Lost or Stolen License Plates:** On May 3, 2016 at 11:24am, an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding a lost or stolen license plate. The reporting party lives in the 1000 block of Chelsea and said an unknown suspect stole the rear license plate from his White '99 Nissan Maxima. The vehicle was parked in the common parking area of the Foxboro Downs Condos sometime between 3:00pm on 04/30/16 and 11:00am on 05/01/16.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On May 3, 2016 at 3:22pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Cottage Lane to take a stolen vehicle report. The reporting party said an unknown suspect stole her Blue '02 Honda Accord sometime between 3:00pm yesterday and 3:00pm today. The Accord was parked on Titan Way at Cottage Lane.

**Found Property:** On March 4, 2016 at 1:40am, an Officer located a purse and its contents, scattered on the shoulder of Willow Avenue across from the Transit Lot. The purse contained camera equipment, bills, coins from Mexico, and misc. jewelry. The only item which could lead to the owner was several business cards. An email was sent to the name on the business card.

**Mental Health Evaluation:** On May 4, 2016 at 5:48am, the group home staff from a residence in the 100 block of Pepperwood, called to report a 23 year old male resident who attempted to set the residence on fire at 3:00am and attacked a staff member. Officers determined the male met the criteria for a Mental Health Evaluation. He was transported, by ambulance, to the County Regional Medical Center.

**Residential Burglary:** On May 4, 2016 at 7:16am, an Officer was dispatched to the 1700 block of Redwood Road to take a residential burglary report. The reporting party said she left her residence last night at 8:45pm. When she arrived home at 6:45am, she found her rear kitchen window had been shattered by an unknown suspect. The suspect reached inside the kitchen window and unlatched it to gain entry. The suspect ransacked the house.

**Attempted Residential Burglary:** On May 4, 2016 at 11:21am, Hercules Police Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Lapis Court for a report of a residential burglary in progress. The reporting party was upstairs and heard her front door open and believed someone was downstairs. Officers advised the reporting party to lock herself inside her bedroom. Officers arrived and heard the home's audible alarm system sounding. Officers contacted the reporting party and observed the door frame had been cracked as a result of a front door kick. It did not appear the unknown suspect gained entry. The reporting party said the suspect initially rang her front doorbell but she didn't respond. She heard the front door being kicked. When she looked outside, she saw a Silver Kia Soul in front of her house.

**Residential Burglary:** On May 4, 2016 at 12:19pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Carson Street for a report of a residential burglary that occurred between 10:00am, and the time of call. The reporting party said he arrived home and found his front door kicked in. He went inside to look for any suspects but didn't find any. The upstairs master bedroom and a downstairs bedroom were ransacked.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On May 5, 2016 at 7:06am, an Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Brighton for a stolen vehicle report. The reporting party said, sometime after 10:00pm yesterday and 6:30am this morning, an unknown suspect stole his 1993 Honda Del Sol.

**Driving under the Influence of Alcohol/Collision:** On May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at approximately 9:09pm, an Officer witnessed a non-injury, two vehicle collision, in the area of San Pablo Avenue and John Muir Parkway. One of the drivers, 70 year old Juanito Latorre Escareal, displayed the objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. He was administered the Standard Field Sobriety Test. The Preliminary Alcohol Screening device indicated Escareal was over the presumptive limit for the purposes of driving. Escareal was arrested for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. He refused to pick a chemical test and refused a blood draw. A search warrant was obtained for the subject's blood. After the test he was cite/released to his wife.

**Hit and Run:** On May 7, 2016, at 12:10am, an Officer heard a collision in the 1300 block of Willow Avenue. The Officer located a 2016 Honda Civic, parked near the BART Lot. The driver, of the victim's vehicle, said he was stopped at the intersection of Willow Avenue and Palm Avenue. His vehicle was rear-ended by a blue van. The suspect vehicle passed the Honda and continued Southbound, on Willow Avenue, at a high rate of speed. The victim driver tried to follow the suspect but lost sight of him near the BART Lot. The victim driver was uninjured. The area check was negative.

**Missing Person:** On May 7, 2016, at 4:52pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Aster Court, for a missing 28 year old female. The female was last seen, by her father, on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The female was entered into the Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

**Recovered Stolen Vehicle:** On May 7, 2016 at 9:33am, an Officer located a reported stolen white 2 DR Honda Civic Del Sol parked in carport on Bristol Street. The Del Sol was reported stolen on May 5, 2016, from the 200 block of Bristol Street. The interior of the Del Sol was ransacked. The Anti-Theft device (Club) had its locking mechanism cut and was lying on the passenger seat.

**Unattended Death:** On May 7, 2016 at 10:24am, Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of

Walnut Court for a Welfare Check. Officers came through a bedroom window. The 74 year old female resident was found deceased on her bedroom floor. There were no signs of foul play. The County Coroner's Office was contacted and the Deputy released the body.

**Department of Justice Stop on Vehicle:** On May 7, 2016 at 4:54pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Aster regarding a missing adult. The Missing Person's mother, reported she returned home this morning, and took the mother's 2015 gray E230 Mercedes. The mother did not want the vehicle entered into Stolen Vehicle System. The reporting Officer added it to the MP status and put a DOJ stop on it.

**Returned Missing Person:** On May 7, 2016 at 9:00pm, an Officer located the 2015 Mercedes C300 in the driveway of their residence. The officer made contact with female missing person, inside the residence. The Female was removed from MUPS and the vehicle from SVS.

**Warrant arrest:** On May 8, 2016, at 9:14pm, an Officer conducted a traffic stop, on a blue 1990 Volvo, for a vehicle code violation. The driver, 40 year old Jasmine Cote of Vallejo, had an outstanding warrant. The warrant was held by Contra Costa County SO. She was given a new court dated and cite released at the scene.

**Petty Theft/Forgery:** On May 9, 2016 at 9:49pm, a Resident from the 200 block of Grenadine called to report her wallet was taken on April 29<sup>th</sup>, from her shopping cart at Lucky. The unknown suspect altered information on a check, which was in her wallet, and cashed the check.

**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol:** On May 9, 2016 at 10:14pm, an Officer observed a red Ford F150 speeding on Sycamore near Promenade. The Ford was paced at 70mph on Sycamore as it passed Tsushima, and failed to slow for the stop sign. The vehicle yielded on Sycamore at San Pablo Avenue. The driver of the vehicle, 32 year old Donel Joaquim Goodwin, showed objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication. He refused to complete the Standard Field Sobriety Test or use the Preliminary Alcohol Screening device. Goodwin was arrested for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. He refused to choose a chemical test and. Search Warrant was issued for a blood draw. The vehicle's registration was expired in September 2015. Goodwin was later released with a citation to his wife.

**Hit and Run/Child Endangerment:** On May 10, 2016 at 12:38am, Units were dispatched to the 2200 block of Pheasant for a solo vehicle collision into a retaining wall. Officers located a Nissan Pathfinder unoccupied, and the occupant(s) were not on scene. The reporting party said an adult male and a young male child, walked away from the crashed car. While on scene a tow truck arrived. The tow driver said a tow was requested by a resident in the 1200 block Turquoise. Officer contacted the residents at the Turquoise address. The residents denied any knowledge of who was driving the vehicle. The investigation determined 32 year old Custodio Guterrez was driving the vehicle. His 4 year old son was a passenger. Guterrez was found hiding in the back yard of a house in the 1200 block of Turquoise and arrested. The collision was determined to have been caused by excessive speed. It appeared the child was not restrained properly in a child seat and was transported to a hospital complaining of shoulder and stomach pain. Guterrez was later released, so possible injuries could be evaluated. The investigation is continuing for Felony Hit and Run and Felony Child Endangerment.

**Identity Theft:** On May 10, 2016, at 10:09am, a Resident in the 1000 block of Promenade reported, through the online reporting system, that someone accessed her personal information to obtain a mortgage loan.

**Battery on School Grounds:** On May 10, 2016, at 3:25pm, a School Resource Officer responded to a high school classroom for a fight between two females. The officer determined a 16 year old student punched a 15 year old. The investigation is still ongoing.

**Vandalism to a Residence:** On May 10, 2016, at 6:18pm, a Resident in the 100 block of Farragut reported the rear patio slider of the residence had just been smashed. The resident saw two subjects, possibly juveniles, running away toward Coronado. This residence backs onto Coronado. The damage to the slider was consistent with what is caused by a pellet from a BB gun.

**Stolen Vehicle and Recovery:** On May 10, 2016 at 8:21pm, a 14 year old resident from Amber Court, called to report his Honda dirt bike was just stolen. The motorcycle was listed for sale and a subject arranged to meet the victim at the Amber Court address. The suspect was told he could drive the bike in the court. Once the suspect was on the dirt bike he rode off down Turquoise. As the call was being dispatched, a Pinole Officer advised he had the dirt bike and rider at McDonalds in Pinole. The rider, 18 year old Miguel Angel Ochoa of Richmond, positively identified his dirt bike, and stated Ochoa was the person who stole the bike. Pinole arrested Ochoa and transported him to the Martinez Detention Facility. The dirt bike was returned to the owner.

**Warrant Arrest:** On May 11, 2016 at 11:00am, 34 year old James Blue, of Richmond, surrendered himself in to HPD. James had a misdemeanor traffic warrant out of Solano. James was cited and released with a new court date.

**Miscellaneous Investigation:** On May 11, 2016 at 1:46pm, a School Resource Officer received information about a student who had a knife on campus. The student was contacted and he did not have a knife on his person. The student, and his parents, were advised regarding the law concerning having knives, or other weapons, on a school campus.

**Miscellaneous Investigation:** On May 11, 2016 at 4:39pm, an Officer was driving northbound in the 800 block of Willow when his attention was drawn to a toddler (3 years old male) crossing Willow Avenue from the Burger King side. The Officer was able to safely remove the toddler from the roadway. The toddler was alone and no adult/parent was located in the area. At about 4:57pm the toddler's aunt and grandfather contacted the officer, while they were out looking for the child. The aunt said the toddler walked out of their backyard, in the 800 block of Coral Ridge (Rodeo), while she was sleeping and the grandparents were gardening. The child appeared to be healthy, and well cared for, and was returned to the family members. A case will be forwarded to Child Protective Services.

**WC SHIFT STATS**  
**Date: 04/28/16-05/11/16**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	651
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REPORTS	47
TRAFFIC CITES	24
PARKING CITES	26
ADULT ARRESTS	12
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	0
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	16
PART 1 TOTAL	125

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT	1
BURGLARY	4
LARCENY	6
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Commission and Committee Member Training**

**Date:** 5/16/2016 6:00 PM

**Location:** Council Chambers, City Hall

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:** 5/16/2016 7:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall - Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

#### **Finance Commission**

**Date:** 5/23/2016 7:00 PM

**Location:** Hercules City Hall - Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

#### **City Council Meeting**

**Date:** 5/24/2016 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers  
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Hercules, California 94547