

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
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Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel

A panel of six volunteer professionals from various land use and planning disciplines has been in town for two days starting yesterday to review development on the bay side of Hercules. This panel was arranged by the San Francisco District Council of the Urban Land Institute, a national non-profit dedicated to responsible use of the land. The panel has reviewed information on Hercules, development sites which are committed or pending, and conducted stakeholder interviews. The Panel will be producing a report making recommendations on how the City can best accomplish its development goals in the study area. At 1 PM this afternoon, Friday January 23rd, the Panel will be presenting their report in the City Council Chambers and anyone interested in attending is welcome to attend. In a few weeks, a printed version of the report and recommendations will be available.

New Finance Commission

The first meeting of the City's new Finance Commission, which replaced the Citizen's Finance Committee and the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee, will take place on Monday, January 26, 2015. The new Commissioners, all of whom were either members of the Citizens Finance Committee or the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee, will be sworn-in and the public is welcome to attend the meeting which starts at 7 Pm in the City Council Chambers. Congratulations to our new Commissioners - Virgilio DeLeVega, Anton Jungherr, Bill Shea, Stanley Tom, and Jose Zaveleta.

City Update

Since not every household gets the City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report or views it on-line, a City Manager update will be mailed to all households the last week of January, so watch for that in your mailbox!

Employment Opportunities

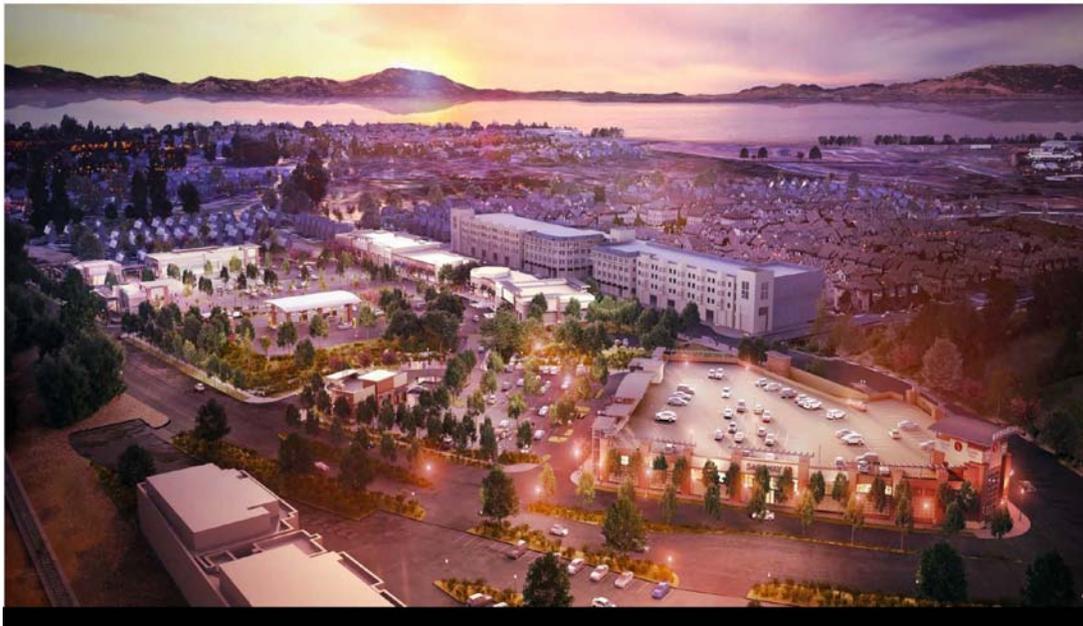
The City is recruiting to fill three full-time positions in our Finance Department – a Senior Accountant, an Accountant, and an Accounting Technician. The application closing date is February 16, 2015, so if you are anyone you know would be a good fit for our Finance Department, please visit the City's website for more information and to apply.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Division

Safeway – Sycamore Crossing Project Approved by City Council

Last week the City Council unanimously approved all the necessary City Planning entitlements for the 12.85 acres retail shopping center project between San Pablo and Sycamore Avenues and Tsushima Street. Now the developer will be working diligently with the East Bay Municipal Utility District, PG&E, and the gas company on plans to relocate various onsite utilities. Additionally, they will be working with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Fish and Wildlife for needed permits to work in the wetland areas of the site. The developer has not yet been able to provide a timeline for starting construction, as much of it depends on getting permits that neither the City nor they have control over, however they are pushing to be underway as soon as possible. Thanks go out to the entire community for providing input to the developer at their outreach meetings and in City meetings as it made the project approval what it is going forward!!!



Administrative Use Permits Approved for New Business

- JXJ Barnes Enterprises, Inc. home occupation to be located at 112 Sunflower Court providing real estate appraisal and real estate office space.

Building Inspection Division

	Jan 2 thru Jan 16, 2015	FY 2014/15 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	22	516
Total Fee Collected:	\$6,706.77	\$419,916.36
Number of Inspections:	8	212
New Housing:	0	20

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Maintenance & Operations - Staff responded to the recent wind storm and oversaw the removal of trees that were destabilized in Refugio Park and on Sycamore Drive. Reimbursement requests were submitted to PG&E for approximately 250 street lights that were converted to energy efficient LEDs. Repairs were made to street lights that were knocked down in traffic accidents on Refugio Valley Road, San Pablo Avenue, and Victoria by the Bay. Potholes were filled throughout town, with efforts concentrated on Refugio Valley Road and Willow Avenue. Staff cleaned out drainage ditches in the Marsten Ranch area and removed graffiti in Victoria Park.

Engineering – Construction on the \$6M Bay Trail phase of the Intermodal Transportation Center continues and is approximately 50% complete. 95% plans for the Path To Transit phase were completed and staff is working with the environmental regulatory agencies to secure the permits on this project. Construction is in progress on the Victoria Crescent residential development and grading and improvements plans for the Muir Pointe residential development were submitted for review. Staff also met with the State Water Quality Control Board for the \$42M loan for Pinole Hercules Water Pollution Control Plan upgrade and completed the prequalification application process for future potential bidders.

Permit activity for January 4-17 was as follows:

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

- Number of applications received: 1
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$125
- Number of Certifications issued: 1
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 1
- Number of Condominium Waivers issued: 2

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 4

Encroachment Permits Issued: 3

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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 or register online at www.herculesrec.com today.

Parks & Recreation Summer 2015 Activity Guide – Are you interested in having your business or company advertised in our summer 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 Andrea Mendez at (510) 799-8291 or via email at amendez@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 Winter/Spring 2015 Activity Guide. You may take a look at our printed or online versions at 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 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 Andrea Mendez at (510) 799-8290 or amendez@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) 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.

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.

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

EBSD 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: 1/1/15 – 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

Licensed 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.

What are the benefits of our licensed programs?

- They provide a safe and nurturing environment
- They provide a qualified and mature staff
- All lead staff members have training in school age programming through accredited colleges
- They provide a 1 staff to 14 children ratio, not to exceed 28 children per classroom
- All staff have passed a Livescan/Background check

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, February 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers.

Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed:

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for auction review and bidding. Auction will close at 6:30p.m. Dinner will begin being served at 6:30p.m. and includes bread, salad, pasta, and hot roasted garlic crab. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. Tickets will not be sold at the door so please purchase in advance. Join us for an evening of great company, good music, and delicious food!

Date: 01/24/15

Time: 5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Location: Hercules Community Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Road

Fees: 3-5 years \$25.00, Adults \$45, Party of 6 \$240.00 (additional tickets \$40.00)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Home Invasion Suspect Arrested

On January 20, 2015 Hercules Police Detectives arrested Lawrence Barton, 25 of Oakland, for a Home Invasion Robbery, which occurred in 2013. The identification was made through DNA evidence, processed by the Contra Costa County Crime Lab.

On July 23, 2013 at approximately 10:38pm, Hercules Officers responded to the 100 block of Bonaire Ave, for the report of a Residential Robbery. Officers contacted the adult female victim, who was the lone occupant of the residence.

The victim stated she was sleeping, in the upstairs master bedroom, when she was awakened by a male. The male shined a bright light in her face, and said he was “the police”. The suspect asked the victim if she was alone in the house, then punched her in the face and tied her up with a cord. The suspect put an object to the victim’s head and threatened to kill her. The victim believed the object was a gun, but did not see it. The suspect dragged the victim into the master bedroom closet and demanded money and jewelry. When the victim stated she had neither, the suspect hit her again and threatened to shoot her. The victim heard a second male, in the bedroom, but did not see him. The victim heard the suspects leave the house, and a vehicle drive off. She was able to free herself and call the police.

Officers examined the home and determined the suspects entered through an unlocked downstairs bedroom window. The master bedroom, and closet, was ransacked.

The victim received facial injuries and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. She was later released.

Hercules Crime Scene Officers collected numerous pieces of evidence and submitted it to the Contra Costa County Crime Lab for analysis.

In December 2014, the Hercules Police Department was informed an identifiable DNA sample, belonging to a male, was located on one of the pieces of evidence. The DNA came back to Lawrence Barton, of Oakland.

In January 2015, detectives obtained a Ramey Warrant (Probable Cause) naming Barton as the suspect in this case. Detectives determined Barton would be at the Solano County Court House, on an unrelated matter, on January 20, 2015. Detectives went to Solano County and arrested Barton. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

On January 21, 2015 detectives presented the case to the Contra Costa District Attorney’s Office; the District Attorney’s Office then filed the following formal charges against Barton: 209(b) PC (Kidnapping for Commit Robbery); 211/212.5(a) PC(First Degree Residential Robbery); 459/460(a) PC (First Degree Residential Burglary); 245(a)(4) PC (Assault by Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury); 245(a)(2) PC (Assault with a Firearm); 236/237(a) PC (False Imprisonment); plus numerous enhancements. The total bail is \$1,325,000.

Barton will make his first court appearance at 8:30am on January 22, 2015.

The second suspect is still at large and the investigation is continuing.

Patrol Highlights

Residential Burglary: On January 8, 2015 9:42am an officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of Chelsea for a report of a residential burglary. The reporting party said, sometime between 4:01pm yesterday and 9:28am today, his residence was burglarized. The point of entry appeared to be via the rear slider. Stolen items included electronics, clothing, and jewelry.

Public Intoxication: On January 8, 2015 at 4:26pm officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Willow Avenue for a report of an intoxicated passenger aboard a WestCAT Transit bus. Officers contacted a 30-year old female of San Pablo. The female displayed objective signs/symptoms of intoxication. The female was very incoherent and at times became irate with officers who were trying to find her a ride home by a responsible party. The female voluntarily provided a breath sample via a Preliminary Alcohol Screening Device and was 4 times the legal limit, if she had been driving. The female had no keys to her home and officers were unable to contact local friends or family. It was determined the female could not care for herself in her current condition. She was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Vehicle Theft: On January 10, 2015 at 11:03am an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Hermes Court regarding a stolen vehicle. The reporting party said he parked his 1997 Nissan Maxima, in his assigned parking stall, on January 9, 2015 at 5:30pm. On January 10, 2015 at 10:00am he returned and his vehicle was gone.

Possession of Marijuana for Sales/Child Endangerment/Towed Vehicle: On January 11, 2015 at 10:49 am an officer observed a vehicle parked in front of the UPS Store at 1511 Sycamore Avenue. The vehicle, a silver 2002 Toyota Camry, was found to have expired registration (September 2014) but had a 2015 year tab affixed to the rear license plate. The officer contacted the 32-year old male driver and immediately smelled the odor of Marijuana. There was a 21-year old male in the front passenger seat, and the driver's 4-year old son in the left rear passenger seat. The officer did a search of the adult occupants and the vehicle. The officer found Marijuana packaged for sales (twist tied in paper napkins), a digital scale, cash and cell phones with text messages regarding sales. Both the driver and front passenger were arrested. The 4-year old was later picked up by his Aunt. The passenger admitted to purchasing Marijuana from the driver (2 times). The passenger was released with no charges at this time. The officer determined the driver had put his son at risk, and added the charge of Felony Child Endangerment to the Possession of Marijuana for Sale.

Violation of Probation, Driving on Suspended DL, and Evading: On January 12, 2015 at 1:20am an officer observed a 26-year old male drive through the stop sign on Canterbury at Dartford. When the officer activated his emergency lights the driver accelerated, and turned right onto Sheffield, then made a left onto Liverpool. The driver stopped at the dead end, and his back up lights came on. The driver's vehicle's exit, to the rear, was blocked by the officer's patrol car; although his reverse lights stayed on. The driver was arrested for Misdemeanor Evasive Driving. It was determined the male was driving with a license which was suspended for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol; he was also on two active probations in Contra Costa County. The terms of the probations included the subject "shall not drive with alcohol in his system". The driver was administered the Standard Field Sobriety test, which included the Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) test. The PAS results indicated the subject had alcohol in system, but was under the "presumptive" limit (.08%) for the purposes of driving. The driver was arrested for Evasive Driving; Suspended Driver's License; and Felony Violation of Probation. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Hit & Run Collision (Pedestrian): On January 12, 2015 at 4:45 pm Hercules Officers were dispatched to McDonald's, 1570 Sycamore Avenue, for a report of a hit and run that occurred within the last 10 minutes. The female caller stated her son needed an ambulance for a possible leg injury. The suspect vehicle was described as a Maroon truck or SUV with an adult female driver, in her 50's. The suspect and suspect vehicle were last seen eastbound on Sycamore Avenue towards Redwood Road. Officers did an area search but did not locate the suspect or suspect vehicle. An officer contacted the 15-year old male victim. The victim complained of pain to his left knee and asked to be transported, by ambulance, to Kaiser - Vallejo. The victim told the officer he was walking westbound on Sycamore Avenue, crossing in the crosswalk, from east curb of Turquoise Drive towards the west curb of Turquoise Drive. The victim stated he saw a Maroon truck or SUV driving towards him (northbound Turquoise Dr.) in the right hand turn lane. Hampton stated the Maroon truck or SUV did not stop and collided into his knee while he was still in the crosswalk. The victim stated the driver did not stop and continued on by making the right turn onto eastbound Sycamore Avenue. The victim walked up to McDonald's and called his Mother.

Residential Burglary: On January 13, 2015 at 10:07am the owner of the backpack, in the case above, came to HPD to pick-up his backpack. The property owner stated he realized his backpack was actually taken from inside his home (1100 block of S. Shelter Bay) sometime yesterday (January 12, 2015). The property owner said he put his backpack on a chair near his home's side glass doors (inside the home). He believes an unknown suspect entered his home, via an unlocked door, and took his backpack. The owner said his iPad Mini was missing from his recovered backpack.

Auto Burglary: On January 13, 2015 at 11:04 am an officer processed an online police report regarding an auto burglary, which occurred overnight, in the 1100 block of Cottage Lane. The reporting party stated she parked her white 2014 Volkswagon Touareg on Cottage Lane at 7:30pm. She came outside at 6:45am this morning her vehicle's left rear passenger window shattered.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On January 14, at 12:32am an officer located an unoccupied stolen, 1994 Nissan Altima, on Apollo at Bacchus. The vehicle was parked unlocked in the guest parking area. It was reported stolen to Richmond Police on January 8, 2015.

Stolen Vehicle 10851 CVC: On January 14, 2015 at 6:13am a resident from the 100 block of Newbury reported her 1994 Gold Honda Accord was stolen between 10:00pm and the time of call.

Auto Burglary 459PC: On January 14, at 6:23am a resident from the 100 block of Mulberry Court reported someone broke out the front passenger window of her black 2003 Hyundai Tiburon and stole personal items.

Vehicle Evading/ Felony Resisting Police Officers: On January 14, 2015 at 8:54am an Officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a gray 2010 Honda Insight, in the 200 block of San Pablo Avenue, for expired registration (November 2014). The driver failed to yield and continued driving northbound on San Pablo Ave. The officer told Dispatch that the vehicle appeared to be

yielding on San Pablo Avenue at Linus Pauling. The vehicle did not yield and turned onto Trellis Bay, stopping in a driveway in the 100 block. The adult female exited her vehicle and started walking toward the officer. The officer advised the driver, several times, to return to her vehicle but she refused. The officer attempted to detain the driver but she began to pull away from the officer. The driver ignored all verbal commands and continued to try to pull away from the officer. The officer, and his cover officer, each placed the driver in a rear wrist lock. The driver continued to resist arrest. One of the officers "swept" the driver's left leg and took her to the ground. The 29-year old driver was arrested for Evading a Police Officer, and Felony Resisting Arrest. The suspect refused to get into the patrol car. Officers had to pick her up and physically place her into the rear of the patrol car. One of the officers sustained a cut to his right hand and left knee. The suspect was transported to HPD where she complained of pain to the left side of her face. She was examined by medical personnel and she refused to be transported. The suspect had no visible injuries. The suspect was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Strong-Armed Robbery: On January 14, 2014 6:44pm victim a 17-year old male, from Richmond, said he and a 17-year old male friend were at Burger King, in the 800 block of Willow Avenue. The victim stated he was confronted by two male juveniles, one of whom he knew, regarding a mutual fight in front of the Burger King. An uninvolved party stepped in to separate the parties. The unidentified suspect indicated he had a weapon, and made a threat to the party attempting to break-up the fight. No weapon was seen. The group separated and went separate ways. The victim and his friend went to a nearby bus stop. At the bus stop the victim was again confronted by the two suspects. The unidentified suspect again threatened the victim (again indicating he had a weapon, which was not seen). The known suspect took the victim's phone, wallet, and backpack. Follow-up investigation will continue.

Attempt Residential Burglary: On January 14, 2014 6:47pm officers responded to the 300 block of Weymouth. The homeowner said her front door was intact early this morning when she left for work. Her step-son was in his bedroom when he heard a loud bang at about 4:30pm. When he looked out the peephole he didn't see anything and didn't think to inspect the door. He later discovered damage along the doorknob and door frame, consistent with a shoulder push in an attempt to force it open.

Residential Burglary: On January 15, 2015 at approximately 4:33pm an officer was dispatched to a Residential Burglary that had occurred in the 100 block of Tanager Way. The reporting party stated he left this home on January 15, 2015 at approximately 4:30am. He returned home at 4:30pm and found the front door of his house had been forced open. The loss is cash.

Residential Burglary: On January 15, 2014 7:08pm a Residential Burglary was reported in the 100 block of Tanager Way. The home owner said her front door was intact when she left for work at 6:30am. When she returned at 7:00pm she discovered the bedrooms had been ransacked. Point of entry was the front door, which appeared to have been pried. The loss appeared to be jewelry.

Outside Assist: On January 15, 2014 8:35pm Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office requested emergency assistance for a lone deputy responding to a shooting at Port Street/Pomona,

Crockett. Hercules Police Department officers' involvement was limited to holding a perimeter while the downed victim was tended to by FIRE and AMR personnel.

Commercial Burglary: On January 16, 2015 at 11:45am an officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue for a report of a Burglary. The reporting party left the business at 9:00pm last night. When he arrived at the business this morning, he noticed the side door was ajar. The loss appears to be soda and beer.

Possession of an Unloaded Firearm: On January 16, 2015 at 12:57pm officers were dispatched to the 100 of Beryl Court on a report of an a male, outside of his in-law's house, armed with a gun, and upset over a divorce. Apparently the male thought he would find his wife at the house. The male was reportedly driving a white pick-up truck. As officers were preparing to make an approach towards the house, the suspect backed his vehicle out of the court, at a high rate of speed, and was driving towards the officers. Officers conducted a high risk stop and detained the 31-year old male suspect. The suspect was asked if he had any weapons, and he advised he had a gun in his vehicle. An unloaded pistol was found inside the rear map holder of the front right seat. The gun was not inside a closed/locked container nor were there any safety devices installed. Officers contacted the females, inside the house, and they stated they did not see a gun and the male never threatened anyone. The male was arrested for Possession of a Concealed Firearm, in a vehicle, not properly secured.

Battery on School Grounds: On January 16, 2014 at 8:50pm a School Resource Officer overheard a loud argument, between several people, coming from Refugio Valley Road. Additional Hercules Police Department officers responded to the area. The involved subjects dispersed when the School Resource Officer arrived on scene. The School Resource Officer determined a 17-year old female student got into a heated argument with her 17-year old ex-boyfriend, also a student. During the argument the male grabbed the female's phone, pushed her to the ground, then threw her phone onto the asphalt; breaking the device. The female did not have visible injuries and refused medical attention. The School Resource Officer will follow-up on this incident.

Stolen Trailer and ATV: On January 17, 2015 at 8:59am an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Scupper Court for a report of a Theft. The reporting party said on January 16, 2015 between 5:30pm and 8:30am in the morning, someone stole his 2001 Big Texas Trailer, and his camouflaged 2000 Polaris 500 Sportsman ATV, from in front of his residence.

Stolen Vehicle: On January 18, 2015 at 15:59 pm an officer was dispatched to take a stolen vehicle report in the 100 block of Farragut Street. The reporting party said she came home, from a trip, at 3:50pm and found her black '09 Mercedes ML 350 had been stolen from her driveway. The victim last saw her vehicle on Friday January 16, 2015 at 12:00pm.

Stolen Vehicle recovery: On January 18, 2015 at 9:10pm an officer located a 1987 Mercedes 300E parked on Bobolink at Partridge, locked and secure, without plates. The vehicle identification number came back to a vehicle which was reported stolen, today, to Vallejo PD. The officer was able to determine the registered owner's son loaned it to a friend. The theft was determined to be civil as the reporting party did not want prosecution.

Recovered stolen vehicle: On January 19, 2015 at 5:04am an officer located an unlocked stolen white 1995 Honda Civic parked on Tanager at Sparrow. The Honda was reported stolen to Vallejo PD on January 17, 2015. The registered owner responded and took possession of the vehicle.

Residential Burglary: On January 20, 2015 at 1:08pm an officer was dispatched, to the 500 block of Athena, to take a report for a Residential Burglary. The victim said she had been gone from Friday, January 16, 2015 to Monday, January 19, 2015. When she returned home she noticed that jewelry and medication had been stolen from her bedroom. The reporting party also told the officer she reported her gray 2010 Toyota Corolla as a stolen vehicle. The report was made to CHP – Santa Rosa today. The reporting party said her adult son had driven her car to Rohnert Park, on January 19, 2015, and the vehicle was stolen there. The victim believes that whoever stole her Corolla may be responsible for entering her home. The officer did not find any signs of forced entry.

Crime Prevention Tips

20 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

- 1) Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
- 2) Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- 3) Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
- 4) Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- 5) If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
- 6) A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

7)It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

8)I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

9)Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

10)Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

11)You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

12)A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.

13)Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

14)The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

15)I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

16)I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

17)I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

18)Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

19)To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

20)If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

PREVENT VEHICLE BREAK-INS!

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity. Don't give the crooks the chance to take advantage of you! Below are some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim.



DON'T leave ANYTHING visible in your vehicle! Criminals will break into your vehicle to take something that might have zero to little monetary value. If you must leave items in your car, put them in the center console, glove compartment, trunk, or anywhere out of sight.



PARK your vehicle in your garage or some other indoor secured parking area when at all possible. If you are parking in a public place try to park your vehicle in an area of high visibility. Stay away from areas of concealment such as alleyways or behind bushes.



Lock your doors and roll up your windows!

**HERCULES POLICE BI-WEEKLY STATS
(1-6-15 TO 1-21-15)**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	750
REPORTS	79
TRAFFIC CITES	48
PARKING CITES	27
ADULT ARRESTS	31
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	20
PART 1 TOTAL	16

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	2
ASSAULT	1
BURGLARY	7
LARCENY	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5

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.*

Wild about Writing Class – Every Saturday, 3:30 p.m. at Hercules Library

Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed – Saturday, January 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at Hercules Community Center

Finance Commission – Monday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 PM at City Hall – Council Chambers

City Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meeting – Monday, February 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

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

City Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers