



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 23, 2011

TO: Mayor Myrna de Vera and City Council Members  
City Employees  
Members of the Public

FROM: Liz Warmerdam, Interim City Manager  
*Special Thanks to Anton Jungherr and Lori Chinn for Assisting with this report.*

SUBJECT: Interim City Manager's Weekly Report

**Overview of Report:** The following topics are included in this weekly's update:

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**FINANCE**

The City's new independent auditor, OUM, began their work on Monday, September 19, 2011. Staff is working with them to ensure their work is consistent with the work of the State Controller Auditor.

**LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS**

Last week the incoming City Manager, Steve Duran, David Baum and I met with both District Directors of Assemblywomen Bonilla and Skinner. We discussed assistance with the State

Supplemental Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) either through legislative or administrative (Department of Finance) channels. After a short presentation, we gave them a tour of the City including the waterfront.

Congressman Mike Thompson and his District Representative Brian Bottari will be here next Tuesday, September 27, 2011 to meet City officials and take a tour of Hercules. He will become Hercules' representative (taking Congressman George Miller's place) should he win election in November 2012.

## **PLANNING, PROJECTS AND REDEVELOPMENT**

**Bayfront Project:** On Monday, September 19, 2011, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council certification of the Bayfront Environment Impact Report (EIR). The City Council will vote on the certification at their regular meeting of October 11, 2011.

**Sycamore North:** On August 23, 2011, the City Council adopted a resolution that marks a turning point in the Project. That resolution established the Sycamore North Project as conceived as a "failed project" and lays the foundation for hopefully moving in a different direction. The site is currently listed with the broker CB Richard Ellis to determine the viability of a market rate project.

## **FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE BRAVO FIRE**

The Rotary Service Club will be hosting a fundraiser/dinner to help the families that were affected by the fire at the Bravo neighborhood on Saturday October 22, 2011 in the Hercules Swim Center. For more information on how you can help or to buy tickets, please contact Rotary President, Dee Lopez at (510) 299-5799, (510) 724-0997 or [deliamlopez@aol.com](mailto:deliamlopez@aol.com).

## **CITY MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS**

The City Council has selected Mr. Steve Duran as the new City Manager. Mr. Duran comes to us from the Richmond Redevelopment Agency and will begin on October 10, 2011. The entire staff would like to welcome him and looks forward to working with him to continue on the path of healing and financial recovery.

## **HERCULES LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

Founding President Joanne Ward is attempting to put together a meeting of the remaining members of the Library Foundation Board. It is her hope that at that time, the members can make new appointments to the Board. However, at this time, we only have three (3) applications. If anyone is interested in being on the Board, applications can be found on our website, or by contacting [lwarmerdam@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:lwarmerdam@ci.hercules.ca.us).

## **DUCK POND PARK**

The grand opening of this newest Park is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 4:00pm**. We would like to turn this event into an opportunity for the neighborhood to get together and are

suggesting a neighborhood potluck. The City will provide the basics but is asking the community to bring a dish to share. If anyone from the neighborhood would like to assist us, please contact either myself or Pedro Jimenez at 799-8228.

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The West Contra Costa Unified School District broke ground on the new Ohlone Schools site this past Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Council Members Bill Wilkins and Dan Romero were on hand to address the guests as well as members of the School Board and School Administration. A lot of effort went into getting the West Contra Costa Unified School District to take interest in this very important project and it is now coming to fruition. Congratulations Hercules and the Ohlone community!!

<p><b>THE NEW OHLONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY</b></p> <p>12:30 pm TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 AT THE SCHOOL 1616 PHEASANT DR. HERCULES</p>	<p><b>PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b> Principal Liz Lonsdale</p> <p><b>PERFORMANCES</b> Songs by 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Ohlone School</p> <p><b>REMARKS</b> School Board President Charles Ramsey</p> <p><b>REMARKS</b> City of Hercules Mayor Myrna DeVera</p> <p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</b> West Contra Costa School District</p> <p><b>GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY</b></p>
	
<p>West Contra Costa Unified School District</p>	<p>For more information please contact WCCUSD Facilities at 510-307-4544</p>

**POLICE REPORT**

**Parole Search:** On September 14, 2011 at 12:31 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle on Sycamore at Willow. The driver, 29 year old Eugene Clark from San Pablo was on parole for manslaughter. A parole search of Clark and his vehicle was conducted and Clark was released after the search did not disclose any criminal activity.

**Attempted Robbery & Resisting Arrest:** On September 14, 2011 at 4:41 p.m., Officers responded to the 1200 block of Devonwood for a subject who had attempted to take a cell phone from another subject. Officers located the suspect, later identified as 46 year old Diane Campbell from Hercules, on Hercules Avenue. When the officers attempted to contact Campbell, she became verbally belligerent and continued walking. Campbell began swinging wildly at the officers and an officer deployed his Taser striking her once in her left hand. She was detained without further incident. After the victim identified Campbell, she was arrested and initially transported to a hospital for an injury she sustained during the incident.

**Warrant Arrest & Possession of a Loaded, Concealed Firearm:** On September 15, 2011 at 12:25 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle in the 800 block of Willow and arrested 34 year old Eric White from Richmond for an Illegal Possession of a Handgun in a vehicle warrant. After White was arrested his vehicle was searched and a loaded firearm was found. White was transported to County Jail.

**Attempted Residential Burglary:** On September 16, 2011 at 10:23 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Pepperwood for a male banging on the front door of a residence. The resident said he heard banging on the front door and saw the front double door bowing in the middle. The resident and a friend went to the door and pushed on the door to keep it closed. The resident yelled for the person to leave and the subject fled on foot. He was only described as a male. The resident reported the incident fifteen minutes after the subject fled. An area check met with negative results.

**Illegal Dumping:** On September 17, 2011 at 1:22 p.m., a citizen reported seeing a large pile of trash left on Bayfront at Earnest. An officer found mail among the trash addressed to a resident in the 200 block of Apollo. The Apollo resident was contacted and she said she paid \$200.00 to a "Tyrone Williams" to take the trash to the dump. The Apollo resident removed the trash. Dispatch was unable to find any information on Williams.

**Commercial Burglary:** On September 18, 2011 at 3:41 a.m., officers responded for an alarm at a business in the 1500 block of Sycamore. While checking the front door the officers saw the ceiling was caved in inside the business indicating a possible rooftop burglary. Officers checked the roof and determined an unknown suspect gained entry into the store through the roof. A backpack with tools, a ladder, and a pry bar were found on the roof. The business owner responded with the keys to the front door. An Orinda PD K-9 responded and entry was made into the business and no one was located inside. A garbage bag filled with cartons of cigarettes was found in the business. It appeared the suspect fled without stealing anything after the alarm sounded.

**Domestic Violence:** On September 20, 2011 at 4:39 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of Montego for a report of domestic violence. The victim stated her 23 year old boyfriend had slapped her and that she had locked herself in a bedroom. After delaying for several minutes, the boyfriend came outside and was detained without incident. The victim had cuts inside her mouth and a swollen cheek. Her boyfriend was arrested and transported to County Jail.