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DATE: September 29, 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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**LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS**

On Tuesday, September, 27, 2011, Congressman Mike Thompson and his District Representative Brian Bottari visited Hercules. Mayor DeVera, Vice Mayor Delgado, Council Member Romero and incoming City Manager Steve Duran were on hand to assist staff and provide a tour of the City. Congressman Thompson will become Hercules’ representative (taking Congressman George Miller’s place) should he win the election in November 2012.

**PLANNING, PROJECTS AND REDEVELOPMENT**

**Bayfront Project:** As mentioned in my last report, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council certification of the Bayfront Environment Impact Report (EIR) last Monday. The City Council will vote on the certification at their regular meeting of October 11, 2011.

**Sycamore North:** We expect to receive offers on this project by the end of next week. Once offers are received, they will be reviewed by staff and our legal advisors.

### **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 in the Bravo neighborhood on **Saturday, October 22, 2011** at 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).

### **HELP LIBRARY GALA – 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**

**HELP** (Hercules Emergency Library Project) is a group of Hercules Library supporters who are conducting a community-wide fundraising campaign to ensure that the Library remains open 40 hours a week. The financial crisis in Hercules meant that the city was forced to cut the library's hours. Unless \$50,000 can be raised for this fiscal year, the Library will be open only 35 hours a week.

In an effort to raise these funds this year, HELP is sponsoring a masquerade party on **Sunday, October 23, 2011**. There will be a dinner, dancing, drinks and prizes. Masks are optional but encouraged and can be purchased at the door. Evening events include a no host bar by the Lions Club from 5:00p.m. to 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### **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 to make new appointments to the Board. Thank you to those of you who have recently submitted your applications, we now have six (6) applications. If anyone else is interested in being on the Board, please download an application or contact me [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 on 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!



## **POLICE REPORT**

**Vehicle vs. Bicyclist:** On September 23, 2011 at 10:24 a.m., a vehicle driven by a Hercules resident, was traveling eastbound on Catalina Dr. at approximately 15 MPH when a 9 yr. old came pedaling down on his BMX bicycle, southbound, from Cayman Way. The bicyclist failed to come to a stop at the limit line or yield to the vehicle and subsequently collided with the SUV causing minor scratches on the front bumper. The juvenile suffered minor abrasions on his back and a slightly swollen left elbow. He was treated and released to his mother. He was wearing a helmet.

**Residential Burglary:** On September 26, 2011 at 12:15 p.m., Officer responded to a call of rear forced entry to a residence in the 2000 block of Lupine Rd. Initial loss is a laptop computer and some jewelry.

**Stolen Engine:** On September 26, 2011 at 2:46 p.m., a Hercules Officer stopped a Hercules resident driving a 1994 Acura Integra in the 500 block of Dutch Elm. The Officer obtained the engine VIN during the traffic stop and later ran the engine VIN through the NICB database at HPD. The engine was from an Acura reported stolen to Sunnyvale PD on 3/14/11 and recovered 3 days later stripped of its engine and transmission. The Officer re-contacted the driver and spoke to the driver's father by phone. The officer found that the driver's father (of Sunnyvale) had swapped out the engine in his son's vehicle 6 months ago. He claims to have bought the engine on Craigslist. The Acura was impounded pending further investigation. The victim was contacted by phone and the officer found that both the victim and the father live on the same block/street in Sunnyvale. A follow up investigation revealed that Nilo Sadsad of Sunnyvale

eventually admitted he stole and stripped the Acura from Sunnyvale PD's case. Nilo was booked, live scanned, and released. The case will be forwarded to Sunnyvale PD for prosecution.

**Warrant Arrest:** On September 27, 2011 at 12:10 p.m., a juvenile's probation officer requested that Hercules Police attempt to serve a warrant for a juvenile at his residence in the 100 block of Paradise Dr. for violation of probation. The juvenile was located inside his bedroom and was arrested without incident. He had been listed as a missing person.

**Auto Burglary:** On September 27, 2011 at 6:14 p.m., a 1998 Honda Accord was burglarized at 3500 Franklin Canyon between 2:30 p.m. and time of call. Suspect(s) disabled the alarm system to gain entry and stole the stereo and speakers.

**Domestic Battery:** On September 27, 2011 at 8:31 p.m., a male subject came to HPD to make a domestic violence report against his wife, who followed him to the police department. The incident occurred in the 200 block of Florence Court and it stemmed over the husband accusing the wife of taking or misplacing his daughter's driving permit. The wife ended up poking her finger into her husband's chest several times and the husband pushed her away. Both parties agreed to separate for the evening.

**Robbery:** On September 27, 2011 at 8:57 p.m., officers responded to the areas of Lupine and Redwood in search of two armed robbery suspects. Both suspects were said to be BMA's 6' tall in their 20's wearing all black with black hoodies and had a white rag covering their faces, bandit style. Both suspects were armed with semi auto handguns (one black & the other silver or chrome).

The victim had backed into his driveway in the 500 block of Silver Maple and stepped out. At that time, one of the suspects approached him from behind, pointed a gun at him, and ordered him to the ground. The suspect reached into victim's pocket and removed his wallet. The suspect then ordered victim to lie face down on the ground.

During this time, the second suspect approached the second victim from behind as he was stepping out from the van. The suspect reached into the victim's pockets and took his wallet and cell phone at gun point. A comprehensive search of the area was conducted with negative results. The case is still under investigation.