



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2011

TO: Mayor Dan Romero and City Council Members
City Employees
Members of the Public

FROM: Steve Duran, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING. A community driven all volunteer Holiday Tree Lighting was held on Thursday, December 15, from 6 pm-8 pm at Hercules City Hall. A crowd of about 200 gathered in the City Hall courtyard and lobby to participate in various Holiday activities. Live music and a choir, tree decorating, musical skits, Santa and Mrs. Claus, coffee, hot chocolate and cookies, and Harley Davidson's decked out in Christmas lights added to the fun of the Holiday Tree lighting. Thanks to all the volunteers that made this lovely event possible.

CITY HALL SCHEDULE. City Hall will be closed Thursday, December 22 through Monday, January 2; reopening on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Enjoy the Holidays!

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

ITC - Bayfront Project: The purpose of this project is to move the City toward the ultimate goal of building an inter-modal transit (ITC) center and to provide the Bayfront developer with development entitlements for medium to high density transit oriented development that will put the City in position to leverage additional grant funding for the ITC. This project proposes to develop a 42.36 acre portion of the City of Hercules Waterfront District master Plan (WDMP) area with the "Hercules Bayfront Project," a transit-oriented, mixed-use neighborhood that includes a variety of dwelling unit types with businesses, an associated system of walkable streets, pedestrian interconnections, and public plazas with bay views.

On Tuesday night, December 13, 2011, the City Council adopted findings and documents related to the Bayfront Environmental Impact Report. The City Council also amended the Waterfront District Master Plan and the Hercules General Plan to allow the construction of the 42.36 acre Bayfront development including 1,392 dwelling units, 115,000 square feet of office space, 90,000 square feet of retail space, and 134,000 square feet of flex-space. The City Council continued the Vesting Subdivision Tract Map, and two Development Agreements to a later date next year.

On Tuesday, December 20, the City Council will consider various actions to take the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process forward. The Implementation Agreements, Tentative Map and Waterside Purchase and Sale Agreement are being finalized and should be ready for City Council consideration in January.

Sycamore North: On November 22, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into exclusive negotiations with Presidio Development Partners for a purchase and sale agreement for the Sycamore North project. This has been accomplished and the exclusive negotiation period will end on December 31, 2011.

Yellow Freight Site: A purchase and sale agreement with Stephens and Stephens for the 3.4 acre “Yellow Freight” Franklin Canyon site has been executed and escrow is scheduled to close by early January. The sales price is \$1,460,000 and the City should clear about \$1,400,000 from the sale.

Sycamore Crossing: On November 22, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into exclusive negotiations with Property Development Centers for the sale of the Sycamore Crossing site at the corner of Sycamore and San Pablo Avenue and the development of retail uses. The negotiation period is three months. Staff has met with the developer and the agreement to negotiate exclusively is being finalized.

Parcel C and Victoria Crescent: After hearing a report on the real estate broker selection process, on November 22, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into listing agreements for the sale of Parcel C on John Muir Parkway and the Victoria Crescent site on San Pablo Avenue. Parcel C is being listed with CBRE, Inc. and Victoria Crescent is being listed with Cassidy Turley/BT Commercial.

Mountain Mike’s Pizza: Interior improvements continue at 848 Willow Avenue, between 44 Sports and the Biryani House restaurant at the Willow Shopping Center. Building Permits were issued at the beginning of November, 2011. Rough plumbing improvements were inspected and approved on November 29, 2011. The owner hopes to open in early January.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES UPDATES

Building and Code Enforcement, December 1 - 9:

Number of permits issued-----	4
Building permit fees collected-----	\$1994.05
Number of inspections-----	14
Code Enforcement inspections-----	4

Engineering Sewer Lateral Inspection Program, December 5 - 9:

Applications received-----	3
Inspection fees collected-----	\$375.00
Certificates issued-----	3
Deficiency notices-----	1
Condominium waivers issued-----	0
Encroachment Permits Issued-----	4
Wide load permits-----	1

Other Activities of Note:

The Municipal Services Director attended a training seminar hosted by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regarding electric vehicle charging stations. The seminar discussed their efforts to provide stations throughout the bay area and the planning involved in doing so. The City of Hercules currently has two charging stations located in the parking lot of City Hall.

Staff has been working with West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCCTAC), Caltrans, and other local cities, in the development of the Interstate 80 Integrated Congestion Management plan. This program will provide for metering lights at the on-ramps to Interstate 80, reader boards to alert drivers of problems on the Interstate, and way-finding signage to redirect the traffic on city streets to avoid the back-ups on the freeway.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Currently the Park & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreation classes and programs that cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. The classes & programs provide a great opportunity to have fun and exercise while interacting with others in a safe environment. You can go online to www.ci.hercules.ca.us to get more information or to register for classes.

Child Care

All the child care sites will be closed from 12/19/2011 -01/2/2011

Become an Instructor

If you have a talent or interested in teaching a hobby or class with the City of Hercules, please contact Andrea Mendez at 799-8290 or amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us.

Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed Fundraiser

Purchase your tickets & save the date for the City of Hercules East Bay Silver Dolphins & Hercules Piranhas annual Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed Fundraiser for Saturday, January 21, 2012. Tickets: 18+ are \$45, children 12 years & under are \$25, and parties of 6 adults is \$260.

Senior Center Avon Fundraising Event

Now through 03/21/12. Items for the event will be displayed at the Hercules Senior Center (111 Civic Drive), as well as online. The Hercules Senior Center would like to thank you in advance of your support. Participate Online: Go to www.youravon.com/antoinettelima. During check-out enter the promotional code: EVT1HSCENTER30 to ensure that the Hercules Senior Center receives 30% of the sale. Free shipping on orders of \$30.00 or more! Participate In-Person: Hercules Senior Center (111 Civic Drive)

Cash or Credit Card accepted (No checks please).

The City of Hercules Recreation Department has been entered in to the “Reader’s Digest We Hear You America 2012” contest!

This is an opportunity for all community members to vote for Hercules to receive funding to assist with our current financial crisis. All you have to do is sign up and vote as many times as you would like. All you have to do is vote, let us come together and do something positive for Hercules! You can go online to www.ci.hercules.ca.us to get more information on how to vote.

WEEKLY POLICE REPORT (Partial List) AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2011

The Hercules Police Department signed a MOU with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department as a participating agency in the Driving Under the influence Campaign-Avoid the 25. The term for this program will be January 1, 2012- December 31, 2015. Agencies involved in this program will receive reimbursement for the officer's overtime hourly rate to include benefits.

Police Department Staff met with Heald's College to participate in their Criminal Justice Intern Program. The Police Department will facilitate three students who will volunteer 110 hours each. The goal is to work with criminal justice students to give them an opportunity to test their interest in a law enforcement career while earning credit for college courses.

Driving Under the Influence: On December 9, 2011 at 2:02 a.m. an officer stopped a vehicle on Lupine at Sycamore and arrested 21 year old Elizabeth Aguilar from El Sobrante for DUI.

Driving Under the Influence: On December 10, 2011 at 9:23 p.m. an officer stopped a vehicle on Sycamore at Lupine and arrested 19 year old Samantha Sullivan from Crockett for DUI.

Driving Under the Influence: On December 11, 2011 at 2:56 a.m. An officer stopped a vehicle in the 2000 block of Refugio Valley and arrested 22 year old Hugo Panuco from Hercules for DUI.

Theft: On December 11, 2011 at 11:53 a.m. a resident in the 100 block of Cottage Lane reported his car stereo and other items were stolen from his car sometime during the night. The resident believed he left one of the vehicle doors unlocked.

Outside Assistance: On December 11, 2011 at 11:35 p.m. CHP requested assistance with a head-on collision on Highway 4 near Franklin Canyon Road in which the driver of one of the vehicles had fled from the collision on foot. A Hercules Officer located the subject near Christy Road. She was arrested by CHP for felony DUI.

Outside Assistance: On December 12, 2011 at 2:01 a.m. The Sheriff's Department requested assistance with a commercial burglary in progress on Parker Avenue in Rodeo. Three subjects were arrested.

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Residential Burglary: On December 13, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. The owner of a vacant residence in the 100 block of Tidewater reported her residence had been broken into sometime last Sunday (12/11/11). Items stolen included a set of cabinet doors from the kitchen and fixtures from a bathroom.

Arrest for Residential Burglary: On December 14, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. Hercules Detectives arrested 22 year old David Ross from Hercules for his involvement in a residential burglary occurred last month in the 300 block of Grenadine. Ross is the second suspect arrested in this case. He was transported to County Jail.