



## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: July 14, 2012

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

FROM: Steve Duran, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

The City Council will meet on Tuesday, July 24 and then take a summer break until Tuesday, August 28.

### **REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Redevelopment Oversight Board is scheduled for Monday, July 30.

### **CITY CLERK UPDATES**

#### **November 6, 2012 General Election - Hercules City Council Candidate Nominations:**

On June 12, 2012, the City Council adopted resolutions calling for a municipal election to be held and consolidated with the General Election on November 6, 2012. The purpose of the election is to fill three (3) expiring terms on the Hercules City Council.

Any person who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States, a resident and registered voter of the City of Hercules is eligible to be elected or appointed to a City Office. City candidates are required to file a Nomination Petition, nominating the individual for candidacy, containing 20 valid signatures of registered voters with the City Clerk. Nomination Petitions will be available from the City Clerk beginning Monday, July 16, 2012. Completed nomination documents must be submitted no later than Friday, August 10, 2012. However, should an incumbent fail to submit a nomination petition for re-election, the deadline for submittal of the nomination petition is extended an additional five calendar days, August 15, 2012.

For further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (510) 799-8215

## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**ITC - Bayfront Project:** This project will develop a 42.36 acre portion of the 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. The City portion of the project includes the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) and other public improvements, including the extension of John Muir Parkway and the construction of a major Bay Trail segment.

On Wednesday, July 18, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) will consider a new resolution approving the \$2,162,000 previously approved for the City to acquire the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) site on Bayfront Boulevard. CCTA’s Administration and Project Committee has recommended approval and the City Council has passed a resolution accepting the new terms of the grant. Staff was able to negotiate a one month extension of close of escrow deadline with the seller at no cost to the City. If all goes well, escrow will close before the end of the month.

Caltrans is completed its audit of the City’s project management procedures and published the results last week. While there are a number of issues with past practices, there is nothing that cannot be almost immediately corrected moving forward. Based on the audit, Caltrans recommended approval of the grants we received on June 27 for the project, as noted below:

On June 27, 2012, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) voted unanimously to allocate: \$8,000,000 for the locally administered State Transportation Improvement Program, Regional Improvement Program (STIP-RIP) for the Hercules Intercity Rail Station; and \$1,959,000 for two locally administered State Transportation Improvement Program, Transportation Enhancement (STIP-TE) for the San Francisco Bay Trail, Bio-Rad Segment

If the CCTA approves a new resolution on July 18, grant funding for the ITC project secured this calendar year will exceed \$14 million.

Upcoming significant milestones:

- Working with CCTA to close escrow on the right-of-way for the Project
- Work with East Bay Regional Park District to obligate the \$1.4m in TIGER II funds
- Advance and finalize permitting efforts for the Project
- Finalize design for the initial construction packages

**Sycamore North:** This proposed development includes approximately 140 market rate apartments and about 10,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space. The due diligence period has been extended due to a high number of title and survey issues that will take time to address. These items should have been addressed prior to the City taking title to the property. Consultants have been retained to conduct CEQA analysis for the project. Staff plans to bring an Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement to the City Council, clarifying issues related to no requirements for affordable housing and conditions for closing. Buyer has submitted a planning application and both an initial study and a traffic study has been initiated.

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES UPDATE

### Building:

- Number of permits issued-----13
- Building permit fees collected-----\$7890.42
- Number of inspections-----27
- Code Enforcement inspections-----6

### Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Applications received-----3
- Inspection fees collected-----\$375.00
- Number of Certificates issued-----2
- Number of deficiency notices-----1
- Number of condominium waivers issued-----0

### Other Permits:

- Wide-load permits-----0
- Encroachment permits-----1
- Grading permits-----0

### Other Activities:

- Staff continues to collect documents for the potential sale or lease of the HMU and is creating maps for emergency response.
- Staff is assisting with drafting the Sanitary Sewer Emergency Response Plan 2012 for the State Water Board.
- Staff continues to move forward with demolition orders on two properties on Carson Street. Second letters have been sent to 221 and 227 Carson advising them of pending demolition. Staff has been trying to contact the management company for 239 Carson Street regarding that property to establish what their intent for the property is.
- Goats have arrived and are clearing designated hillsides.
- Streetlight wiring on San Pablo between John Muir Parkway and Linus Pauling Drive that had been stolen has been replaced and the lights are once again functional.
- Staff continues to paint red curbs city-wide.

## 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](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) to get more information or to register for classes.

### Sign up for our Licensed Before & After School Child Care and Camps:

Now taking registrations for Summer Camps and Fall Child Care and Tiny Tots, please make sure

to register early so you get your space. For more information please call 245-4803. What are the benefits of our licensed programs?

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

### **Aquatics**

Sign up now for our swim lessons, next session start 7/23

Come out to Public Swim which is from 1:45-4pm M,T,Th,Fri and Saturdays 1:30-5pm.  
New Lap Swim Hours 6/11-8/17 -Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am-1:30pm and 4:30pm-6:30pm.

### **Teens:**

Sign up for our SPOT summer camp which is filling up fast! We have great trips planned this summer including Trips to A's games, Discovery Kingdom and Water World in Concord!

### **Seniors:**

Programs include: Art Class, Card Club, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Low Impact Exercise Classes, Dance Club, and a Hula Dance Fundraiser.

### **Sports:**

Now taking registration for the Co-ed Elementary Basketball League for ages 10-13 start 7/16-9/21 & upcoming Summer Basketball camps and clinic

### **Facilities:**

Are you looking for a hall to rent to hold a party, wedding reception, graduation, birthday, retirement and baptisms. Check out our many facilities we have to offer by going online to [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) or call 799-8291 for more information.

### **Parks & Recreation Activity Guide:**

We are now accepting applications to advertise in our upcoming edition of the Parks and Recreation activity guide. If you have specific questions feel free to give Andrea Mendez a call at (510) 799-8290 or email [amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us).

### **Recreation Classes:**

We are now taking registration for many new and exciting summer camps that Hercules Recreation will be offering. Camps include, Incrediflix, Lego Camp, and Jewelry Making Camp. Make sure to register before camps fill up.

## **WEEKLY POLICE REPORT (Partial List) AS OF JULY 13, 2012**

**Identity Theft:** On July 6, 2012 at 1:10 p.m., a resident from the 100 block of Aster Ct. called regarding identity theft. The victim stated he was checking his credit report online and discovered an account was opened in the end of 2011, and the account was past due. He did not open the account nor did he authorize anyone to open the account in his name.

**Commercial Theft:** On July 6, 2012, at 7:04 p.m., an off-duty Hercules Officer was in front of a business in the 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue when he saw two subjects running out of a business with several items as an audible alarm was sounding. The subjects were seen getting into a blue Chevy Blazer and leaving the area at a high rate of speed. The Officer followed the Blazer and notified on duty officers. Officers caught the vehicle on W/B I80 and two subjects fled from the vehicle. The driver, 28 year old Irene Vargas of El Sobrante and 48 year old Michel Greenman of Milpitas were detained in the vehicle. Two other occupants fled on foot from the vehicle. A search was done for the outstanding subjects without locating them. During a search of the vehicle stolen items were located inside. Both Greenman and Vargas were placed under arrest and transported to HPD for further investigation. This case is still under investigation.

**Hit and Run Collision:** On July 7, 2012, at about 2:28 a.m., Officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of Pheasant Drive for a reported hit and run that just occurred. The suspect vehicle was described as a dark colored older model truck with a camper shell and was last seen turning onto Partridge from Pheasant. The suspect vehicle should have damage to the passenger side of the vehicle. The victim vehicle sustained minor damage and a case was taken for hit and run.

**Found Property:** On July 7, 2012 an anonymous citizen reported an abandoned bicycle at the bottom of the steps at Victoria Crescent at Victoria Park. The bike was booked into lost property.

**Warrant Pick-up Alameda County:** On July 7, 2012 an officer responded to Santa Rita Jail to transport 21 year old Denika Rochell of Oakland for an arrest warrant held by Hercules Police. Rochell was booked into Martinez Detention Facility.

**Theft from Vehicle:** On July 8, 2012 at 12:58 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of Montego reported tools were stolen from his parked truck sometime during the night. The owner had left the truck unlocked.

**Stored Vehicle:** On July 8, 2012 at 9:51 a.m., Parking Enforcement towed a 1991 Chevy 1500, #7D09134, on Heather at Poppy for a 72 hour parking violation. The vehicle was later released to the owner.

**Stored Vehicle:** On July 8, 2012 at 11:27 a.m., Parking Enforcement towed a 2001 Chrysler 300, #4USK505, in the 400 block of Sparrow for expired registration.

**Stored Vehicle:** On July 8, 2012 at 1134 hours, an Officer towed a 1998 BMW 740, #6JAD060, in the 1000 block of Turquoise for expired registration.

**Theft from Vehicle:** On July 8, 2012 at 12:58 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of Montego reported tools were stolen from his parked truck sometime during the night. The owner had left the truck unlocked.

**Stored Vehicle:** At 1:47 p.m. Parking Enforcement towed a 2007 Sterling commercial truck, #EBTR501, on Newbury at Cardiff for expired registration. The truck contained seven brand new dishwashers and four used ones. The owner of the truck said he had rented the truck to someone who delivers appliances for Best Buy.

**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol:** On July 9, 2012 at 4:13 a.m. Officers were dispatched Cottage Lane for a collision of a vehicle into a parked car. Upon arrival 34 year old Dimitar Popov, of Hercules was contacted and determined to be the driver during the collision. A DUI investigation was conducted and Popov refused to cooperate with the investigation. He was placed under arrest and a forced blood test was conducted. Popov has several previous DUI convictions and was transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

**Mental Health Evaluation:** On July 9, 2012 at 3:20 p.m. officers were dispatched to the area of Redwood Road and Refugio Valley Road for a report of a male lying on the ground "out of it." Contact was made with a Hercules resident who was confused and hadn't slept for days. He was transported to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center for a mental health evaluation.

**Identity Theft:** On July 9, 2012 at 4:11 p.m., a victim from the 100 block of Orchid Court reported that someone added themselves to her Best Buy, Kohl's, Nordstrom's, and Macy's credit card accounts. Between the four businesses a large quantity of merchandise was fraudulently charged. This case is under investigation.

**Warrant Arrest:** On July 9, 2012 at 8:54 p.m. police responded to the 100 block of Glenwood for a disturbance call. While contacting the residents it was learned that 27 year old Renee Vargas had two outstanding warrants for her arrest, one for theft and the other for grand theft. Vargas was arrested and transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

**Indecent exposure:** On July 9, 2012 at 11:33 p.m. a female resident was driving in Forest Run towards her residence in the 1300 block of Forest Run when a tall black male wearing a baggy white t-shirt and baggy blue jeans in his late 20s or early 30s waved at her. The female waved back as she continued to drive. She parked her car and walked towards her residence. The same male appeared out of some bushes and began walking next to her. He engaged her in conversation and complimented her on her appearance. As the female neared her residence the male pulled his t-shirt up with his left hand and used his right hand to pull his non erect penis and testicles from his boxer briefs and shook them up and down. The female walked quickly to her residence and reported the incident to police. This case is under investigation.

**Lost Property:** On July 10, 2012 at 1:43 p.m. an Officer was contacted by Guy Tape, 118 Cortes Ct., regarding property he originally claimed was stolen by his ex-wife but opted to report as lost instead. The listed items were Tape's social security card, California I.D., spare car key, and a diary.

**Stored Vehicle:** On July 10, 2012 at 4:42 p.m. Parking Enforcement towed a 1997 Ford XPD at 1244 Sanderling Dr.

**Burglary:** On July 11, 2012 at 1:58 a.m., an Officer was dispatched to 2101 Forest Run for a Residential Burglary report. Hsiang NI Lin had her iPad stolen from the residence today while she slept. The burglary occurred sometime between 10:00-10:45 a.m. Lin left the dining room window open and her iPad was on the table in plain view of the walkway through the complex. She was awakened by some noise and when she got up to check she did not notice anything unusual so she went back to sleep. When she finally woke up from her nap and walked into the dining room she noticed the screen was removed from the window and her iPad missing.

**Vehicle Fire:** On July 12, 2012, at 2:51 am, Officers responded to a vehicle fire in the 100 block of Pepperwood. Upon arrival a Ford F-150 pickup truck was located in the driveway fully engulfed. The residents were evacuated and traffic control was conducted while the Hercules Fire Department station 76 extinguished the fire. There were several flammable items in the bed of the truck but the cause of the fire is still unknown at this time.  
(Incident # H12-9040)

**Drunk in Public:** On July 12, 2012 at 5:13 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to Lucky for a report of an intoxicated male subject. The officer located the subject at the bust stop. Subject was identified as Tedros Yohannes of Hercules. Yohannes displayed objective symptoms of being intoxicated. He blew a .307 on the PAS. Yohannes was taken into custody and transported to MDF.

**Burglary:** On July 12, 2012 at 5:43 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to 171 Sequoia for a residential burglary. V-Rebecca had advised home had already been checked. Time frame was from 9:30 a.m. today to the time of call. The home was ransacked and the take was coins and jewelry. Suspect(s) entered home through unsecured downstairs window.

**Mental Health:** On July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to the corner of Hercules Ave at San Pablo Ave. for a report of a WFA lying on the stairs. Officers contacted Reynee Mara Waldrap age 33 out of Castro Valley. Due to her mental condition she was transported to the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center for a mental health evaluation.

**Probation Search:** On July 12, 2012 Hercules Investigators teamed up with allied agencies and conducted numerous probation searches throughout West Contra Costa County.