



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2013

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

FROM: Steve Duran, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager’s Weekly Report

**MEETING SCHEDULE FOR
April 29, 2013 through May 17, 2013**

Date and Time	Event	Location
Mon., April 29, 2013 6:30 p.m.	Joint Council Finance Subcommittee Citizens Finance Advisory Committee Measure O Oversight Board	Hercules City Hall – Council Chambers 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547
Tues., April 30, 2013 6:30 p.m. – Closed Session 7:00 p.m. – Open Session	Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board	Hercules City Hall – Council Chambers 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547
Sat. May 4, 2013 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Annual Clean Up Day	Hercules Corporation Yard 1000 Sycamore Avenue
Mon., May 6, 2013 7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting	Hercules City Hall – Council Chambers 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547
Monday, May 13, 2013	Community and Library Services Commission	Hercules City Hall – Council Chambers 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547
Tuesday, May 14, 2013 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session 7:00 p.m. – Open Session	City Council Meeting	Hercules City Hall – Council Chambers 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547

MEASURE A – UTILITY USER TAX “FAQ”

The City of Hercules Fiscal Accountability/Services Protection Measure will be Measure A on the June 4, 2013 Special Election ballot. This measure is an update and temporary 2% increase in the City’s Utility Users Tax for five years. If passed, the funds generated will be adequate for the City to balance its annual budget and maintain our own Police Department. For a list of frequently asked questions and the answers, check the City website or e-mail the City Manager at sduran@ci.hercules.ca.us. Also, if you would like to have someone answer questions at your HOA, club or other group setting, please e-mail the City Manager.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Housing Element Update: On April 26, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City issued an Initial Study and a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed Updated Housing Element of the Hercules General Plan and related Zoning Ordinance amendments. The finding of the initial study is that the proposed Housing Element Update and related Zoning Ordinance amendments will not have a significant effect upon the environment. The Initial Study is available for public review and can be downloaded from the City web site: www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=196). Printed copies of the Initial Study are also available for review at Hercules City Hall and the Hercules Library. Comments on the proposed environmental document should be sent in writing to the Planning Department no later than 4:00 pm on May 28, 2013.

In February, the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) sent City staff a letter stating that the revised Housing Element will comply with State housing element law, once the revisions are adopted by the City and submitted to HCD. Therefore, once the 30-day public review period for the Initial Study concludes, staff will schedule Planning Commission and City Council hearings to consider adopting the revised Housing Element. Staff will also begin preparing zoning ordinance amendments to enact the Housing Element and to comply with State requirements, including identifying adequate sites with appropriate zoning densities and infrastructure to meet the community's need for housing, including its need for low- and very-low-income households, transitional/supportive housing, and emergency shelters. Having a current certified Housing Element will ensure the City's eligibility to apply for certain grant funding opportunities.

Franklin Canyon/Fernandez Ranch: The Muir Heritage Land Trust (MHLT) is proposing to integrate its Franklin Canyon property (a 483-acre parcel on the east end of Hercules) with Fernandez Ranch for public use and enjoyment by providing multi-use trails. The project would also re-introduce grazing to the Franklin Canyon site to improve rangeland health and overall site habitat quality. Project construction primarily includes building hiking & biking trails, installing fencing for grazing cattle, and adding or restoring ponds. The project is consistent with Measure M, which City of Hercules voters overwhelmingly approved in 2004 to preserve Franklin Canyon as open space/agricultural land. The land straddles both County and City jurisdiction, but because the project is primarily within City limits, the City is acting as the lead agency for the environmental review. Therefore, the City has prepared and expects to issue within the next week an Initial Study and a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. Once the 30-day Initial Study public comment period concludes, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider approving a conditional use permit for the project.

Planning Commission Workshops: Immediately following the May 6 meeting of the Planning Commission, the City will hold the first of what is envisioned as a series of community workshops to review the status of the Hercules General Plan, the Central Hercules Plan, and other related land use plans and regulations and develop a set of recommendations for the City Council to consider as new projects and development come forward. In order to accommodate the additional time for the workshop, the start of Planning Commission meeting will be moved from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the workshop to follow right after the conclusion of the regular meeting. All members

of the community are highly encouraged to attend and participate. for updating the City's various plans. Please note that although all Planning Commission meetings are broadcast on local TV and available as both live streaming and archived video on the City's web sites, the workshops will not be televised or recorded.

REAL PROPERTY PROJECT UPDATES

Town Centrale: On April 9, 2013, the City Council approved an amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) to extend the close of escrow until July 31, 2013 to provide time to obtain construction and emergency access easements on "R Alley" adjacent to the property and to give the buyer time to value engineers the project to reduce costs.

On Wednesday, April 17, Mayor Delgado and I met with the Bayside HOA to provide information on the adjacent project and explain the need for construction and maintenance easements. The HOA board will be considering a draft easement agreement in early May. Staff has engaged an appraiser to provide an estimate of the easements value.

Sycamore Crossing: A Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) was entered into with Property Development Centers (PDC) in January. PDC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Safeway and plans to build a 55,000 to 65,000 Safeway store and gas station near San Pablo Avenue, with another junior anchor, restaurant and shop space to compliment the supermarket. PDC/Safeway is now proposing a podium or roof-top parked store on the non-deed-restricted 3.5 acre parcel on the site, right at the corner of Sycamore and San Pablo Avenue.

On April 23, the City Council approved an amendment to the PSA to provide time to negotiate a substantive amendment to address several issues, including but not limited to: the increased cost of podium or roof-top parking construction versus a one story store; and impacts of AB 1484 that affect the project timeline due to required state Department of Finance approvals that were not required when the PSA was negotiated.

Intermodal Transit Center: The Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) project is envisioned to include a terminal for train, ferry and bus, as well as other public improvements, including the extension of John Muir Parkway and the construction of a major Bay Trail segment.

This week, the City received the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) p permit for Phase 1, which includes the Bay Trail, track preparation, sanitary sewer, and grading projects. Next steps include acquiring fuel line right of way easements and finalizing design for the initial ITC construction package.

HERCULES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

The City's negotiations with Pacific Gas & Electric Company for the sale of Hercules Municipal Utility are proceeding close to schedule and staff anticipates having an Agreement on the City Council agenda for consideration in May. Once the City and PG&E have executed an agreement, we will be filing for approval of the sale with the Public Utilities Commission. It is anticipated that PUC approval will take anywhere from six to 18 months.

AMBAC LAWSUIT AND OLIVER NOTE UPDATE:

Ambac and the City have extended the performance date on the court approved stipulation to May 12, 2013 and are negotiating an amended stipulation to further extend for time and to provide for the requirements of AB 1484. The property attachment that is part of the current stipulation is set at \$6.5 million, but the amount due at closer to \$5.5 million. Staff and Ambac met with the Department of Finance staff in Sacramento on April 15 to discuss the disposition of properties owned by the City as Successor Agency and expediting the approval of real estate to meet the requirements of the court approved stipulation that former Redevelopment Agency properties are sold expeditiously.

The properties in question include Sycamore Crossing, which is in contract with Property Development Centers/Safeway to build a Safeway anchored Shopping Center, Victoria Crescent, which is in contract with City Ventures to build single family detached homes for sale, and Parcel C, which is out of contract and being marketed for all potential uses. Any proceeds of these sales will go toward financial obligations of the obligations the former Redevelopment Agency. Although no sales proceeds will go to the City, the fees, sales tax and utility user tax that will be created by the development of these properties will go a long way toward stabilizing the City’s finances over time.

In the case of Parcel C, there is a note and deed of trust in favor of Oliver Company, with over \$2 million past due as of March 31, 2013. Staff is in discussing an extension of the time to meet this obligation; but in any case, the sale of this and the other properties needs to be done expeditiously or the City risks losing control of the dispositions or even losing the properties and/or having the Ambac suit proceed to trial.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES UPDATES

Building:

- Number of permits issued-----19
- Building permit fees collected-----\$4108.96
- Number of inspections-----14
- Code Enforcement inspections-----5

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 9
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$1,125
- Number of Certifications issued: 4
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 6
- Number of Condominium Waivers issued: 0

Other Activities:

- Staff continues to work on the State Revolving Loan Fund Application for Pinole/Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.
- Staff is reviewing lighting & landscaping costs in preparation for new Engineer’s report.

- Capital Improvement budget for Streets and Sanitary Sewer accounts.
- Met with representatives of the Interstate 80 Connection Management Program to discuss City of Hercules facilities needed to accommodate the system.
- SF Bay Trail Project.
- Title VI program development.
- Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0
- Encroachment Permits Issued: 3
- Staff met with contractor to request quotes for removal and replacement of wooden rebound wall at Refugio Tennis Facility.
- A large sink hole was reported on Poppy Drive near Lupine Road due to a break in a storm water pipe. The sink hole was approximately 6 foot square and the area was barricaded until emergency repairs could be made. Emergency repairs are now complete.
- A large pothole approximately 8 foot in diameter was repaired on Lily Court.
- A large section of tree fell on Lupine Road on April 20th. The street was cleared by Public Works staff.
- Staff met with contractors to request quotes for removal and replacement of the wooden rebound wall at Refugio Tennis Facility.
- All irrigation systems have been brought back on line for the summer season with repairs on-going.

Hercules Municipal Utility Activities:

- Performed visual inspections of equipment: 136
- Pumped water out of vaults: 3
- Meter reads: 7
- Meters installed: 2
- Meters pulled: 1
- Mark/identify & locate conduit: 6 facilities
- Posted Red Tag(s): 4
- Affix ID number(s) to equipment: 1
- Caulk(d) Pad mounted equipment: 6
- Meter voltage check: 1
- Requested inspections: 9

Outside Agency Activities:

- ARB Construction is continuing their work at the freeway overcrossing at Sycamore Avenue and behind Home Depot. They are contractors for Chevron repairing the coating on Chevron's pipeline in previously identified locations.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Clean Up Day Date: 5/4/2013 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Cost: FREE

Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 8:00am-11:00am. Richmond Sanitary Service will graciously provide the dumpsters to be placed at the **City of Hercules Corp Yard, 1000 Sycamore Avenue**. We are requesting the participation of Volunteers for this event. This effort is to have the city look its best. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please call (510) 799-8290.

Seniors/50+:

Come to the Senior Center Programs to enjoy: CC Café, Art Class, Card Club, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Low Impact Exercise Classes, Dance Club, and a Hula Dance. Become a Member for \$20.00, your membership gives you access to over 30 classes and programs at a discounted rate.

- \$1227.50 in revenue for this week for the nutrition Café, donation and classes.
- Special Thank You to the Friend of the Hercules Senior Center for donating \$500.00 to the center.

Texas Hold ‘Em Fundraiser: Friday, June 21, 2013

The Friends of the Hercules Senior Center and Parks & Recreation is bringing you Texas Hold ‘Em Fundraiser! It will be held at the Hercules Community Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Rd. \$60.00 Buy-in, \$20.00 Re-buys, raffle prizes. Dinner Buffer/ Happy Hour 6-6:45p Tournament 6:45-11p. Cash Bar (Beer & wine will be available for purchase). Funds raised will help support Senior/50+ services and programs. For more information please call: (510) 799-8291

Licensed Before & After School Child Care

Sign up for Child Care; 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
- \$4,446 in revenue for this week child care programs.

Public Registration Day

Monday, 4/22/13 at 9am at the Hercules Community Center! We will be taking registration for the following:

- K-2nd Grade Summer Camps
- 3rd-5th Grade Summer Camps
- 6th-9th Grade Summer Camps
- K-9th Grade Fall 13/14 Childcare

- Little Learners 13/14 Program
- Pre-Kindergarten 13/14 Program
- Junior Kindergarten 13/14 Program
- Download a packet online fill out the information and bring it to the Hercules Community Center at 9am on Monday, 4/22/13; do not forget to be here early to secure your spot!

Aquatics:

\$568 in revenue for this week Aquatic programs.

Attendance for the week of April 15th – April 19

- 4/15/13- 84
- 4/16/13- 112
- 4/17/13- 91
- 4/18/13- 150
- 4/19/13- 90

We are now offering the following programs:

- **EBSD Spring Membership**
 - Dates: 2/4/13-5/3/13
 - Fees: \$295
 - USA Registration fee: Seasonal Swimmer \$55 (made payable to EBSD)
 - Code: 52201-O
 - Spinners: M-TH, 6:30-7pm, \$66
 - Intermediate: M-F, 5-6:15pm, \$83
 - Advanced: M-F, 5-6:30/7pm, \$94
- **EBSD Year Round Membership**
 - Dates: 10/1/12-9/31/13
 - USA Registration fee: Year Round Swimmer \$80 (made payable to EBSD)
 - Code: 52200-G-L
 - Spinners: M-TH, 6:30-7pm, \$66
 - Intermediate: M-F, 5-6:15pm, \$83
 - Advanced: M-F, 5-6:30/7pm, \$94
- **EBSD Monthly Swim Clinics**
 - Ages: 5-18
 - Days: M/W/F
 - Fees: \$65
 - Dates: 4/1-4/29 Code: 52202-D
- **Lap Swim/Water Walking: Swim Passes are available!**
 - Ages: 14+
 - Days: M-F (Wednesdays 6-8pm)
 - Times: 6-7pm (until 4/30 then times will change)
 - Fees: Resident- Youth & Senior \$4/Adults \$5
 - Non-Resident- Youth & Senior \$5/Adults \$6

- **Swim Passes:**
 - 10 Visit Swim Pass Resident- \$40 Adults/\$30 Youth Non-Resident-\$50 Adults/\$40 Youth
 - 25 Visit Swim Pass Resident- \$100 Adults/\$75 Youth Non-Resident- \$125 Adults/\$100 Youth

Programs coming up:

- **Hercules Piranhas**
 - Registration Period: 3/4/13-6/21/13
 - Spring Season (4/30-6/9) Minimum: 21 Swimmers/Summer Season (6/11-8/12) Minimum 85 Swimmers
 - Beginners: Spring Season Hours: M-TH, 6:30-7pm Summer Hours: M-TH, 6:30pm-7:15pm
 - Intermediate: Spring Season Hours: M-F, 5:15-6:30pm Summer Hours: M-F, 7:15-8:45pm
 - Advanced: Spring Season Hours: M-F, 5-7pm Summer Hours: M-F, 7-9pm
 - 1 Swimmer Registration Fee \$404 Deposit \$200
 - 2 Swimmers Registration \$707 Deposit \$200
 - 3 Swimmers Registration \$909 Deposit \$200
 - 4 Swimmers Registration \$1145 Deposit \$200
 - 5 Swimmers Registration \$1345 Deposit \$200

(PAYMENT ARRANGEMANTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. Times are subject to change depending on enrollment. No proration's for late enrollment.)

- **Individual Swim Lessons:**
 - Ages: 3+
 - Days: M/T/TH/F
 - Dates: 5/6-5/17 Times: 6-6:30pm Fees: Res-\$158/Non-Res-\$172 Code: 21307-A
 - Dates: 5/6-5/17 Times: 6:30-7pm Fees: Res-\$158/Non-Res-\$172 Code: 21307-B
 - Dates: 5/6-5/17 Times: 7-7:30pm Fees: Res-\$158/Non-Res-\$172 Code: 21307-C

- **MONTHLY ZUMBA CLASSES AND PASSES INCLUDE:**

- Fees: \$45 Residents / \$50 Non-Residents
- Drop in: \$10 per class
 - Zumba (Mondays, 7-8pm)
 - Zumba Gold (Wednesdays, 9:30am-10:30am)
 - Aqua Zumba (Wednesdays, 7-8pm)
 - Zumba Sentao (Fridays, 5:45pm,-6:45pm)
 - Zumba (Fridays, 7-8pm)

- Zumba Toning (Sundays, 9-10am)
- Aqua Zumba Gold (Starting in June, Sundays, 11am-12pm)

Teens:

Sign up for our SPOT Before and After school program for grades 6th -9th.

- \$2724.16 in revenue for this week Teen programs.

Facilities:

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

- \$1,285 in revenue for this week facility reservations.

Recreation Classes:

We are now taking registration for many new and exciting classes. Classes include Tutoring, Math Tutoring, Oil Painting, Chinese, Dog Obedience, Ballet, Gymnastics, Belly Dance, Guitar, Karate, Ab Lad, Zumba & Jazzercise. Make sure to register early before they fill up or get canceled for low enrollment.

- \$884 in revenue for this week recreation classes.

Parks & Recreation Activity Guide & Banner Programs:

We are accepting applications to advertise in the next edition of the Parks and Recreation activity guide which will come out in July 2013. For the Banner Program we have a few spots open for May 2013. If you have specific questions feel free to give Andrea Mendez a call at (510) 799-8290 or email amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us.

Sports:

We have started our Co-Ed 7-10 Junior Pee Wee Basketball League. The league will run from April through July, 6 days per week with practices being held Monday through Thursday and games on Fridays and Saturdays. We currently have 96 kids enrolled.

- Offering a Basketball Leagues of 3 on 3 with 6 teams on Thursday night.
- Softball Leagues at Fernandez Park we have 7 Men's teams on Monday nights and 6 Co-Ed teams on Tuesday Nights
- Golf League at Franklin Canyon (Potentially Wednesday late afternoon). For More Information please call 799-8293.
- \$2,700 in revenue for this week sports programs.

Tiny Tots & Little Learners:

A great introduction to your child's "First Learning Experiences". They will have fun making their first school friends, learning through play, games, arts, crafts, and healthy snacks. Our loving and qualified staff will guide them with socialization and self-help skills. Children have so much fun, they do not realize they are learning! Our program runs along with the school year from September-June. Come see what keeps our children smiling! Children must be completely toilet trained.

- \$1,023 in revenue for this week tiny tot programs.

WEEKLY POLICE REPORT – Week ending April 25, 2013

Suspicious Circumstance: On April 18, 2013, at 12:10pm, officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Willow Ave. An adult female told officers she was picked up, on Sonoma Blvd, in Vallejo by an unknown adult African American male, driving a gray or Tan Honda. There was an adult African American passenger in the car. Powell thought the couple was taking her home (Vallejo); instead they drove to the 800 block of Willow Ave, and dropped her off. The reporting party was not injured. The reporting party said she had been kidnapped. Vallejo PD was contacted and the reporting party was instructed to contact Vallejo PD.

Vehicle Theft/Possession of Stolen Property/ Leaving the Scene of an Injury Accident/ Driving with a Suspended License:

On April 18, 2013, at 1:34pm, officers were dispatched to San Pablo Ave and Sycamore Ave for a hit and run collision. The caller stated the driver, of the responsible vehicle, (Honda Civic) had fled the scene, and was last seen running eastbound on Sycamore Ave towards the Creekside Shopping Center. The Honda was reported stolen to Vallejo PD earlier in the day. The driver of the victim's vehicle, declined medical attention, but had road-rash type injuries on his right arm. Minutes later Officers located an adult female, to rear of the businesses, at the Creekside Shopping Center. The female matched the description of the suspect. The female was positively identified, by witnesses, as the person seen fleeing from the Honda. The female had keys, in her hand, when she was detained by officers. One of the keys fit the Honda's door and ignition. 27 year old Madelyn Torres, of Napa was arrested for Vehicle Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Felony Hit and Run, and Driving on a Suspended License. Torres was transported the County Regional Medical Center, for medical clearance, then taken to the Martinez Detention Facility.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT: On April 18, 2013, at 10:55pm an Officer was on a traffic stop in the 800 block of Willow Ave. He heard a male voice yelling something about missing his bus. The Officer located an adult male was walking down Willow Avenue, and the male displayed objective symptoms of intoxication. It appeared the male was unable to care for himself. 45 year old Lawrence Gillum, of Richmond, was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

VANDALISM: On April 18, 2013, at 10:46 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Crosswind Court. A Hercules resident reported someone broke the windshield, and rear window, of her 2002 Hyundai Accent. The vehicle was parked in front of her residence. The incident occurred sometime between 10:40 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

VANDALISM: On April 19, 2013, at 5:57 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Violet. The Hercules resident said at approximately 10:00 p.m.(April 18, 2013) she heard a loud smashing noise. She looked out the front window of her residence and observed a male, in all dark clothing, running down Violet. The reporting party did not notice the damage to her vehicle until the next morning when she was leaving for work.

Mental Health Evaluation: On April 19, 2013, at 9:48am, officers were dispatched to the 500

block of Silver Maple for a domestic disturbance. Officers contacted an adult male and his wife in front of their residence. The male appeared lethargic and confused. The male met the criteria for a Mental Health Evaluation and was transported, by ambulance, to the Regional Medical Center.

Stolen Vehicle: On April 19, 2013, at 11:17am, an Officer was dispatched to the front Lobby for a stolen vehicle report. The reporting party said sometime between 4/17/13 at 8:00pm and 4/18/13 at 10:30am, someone stole his 2001 Mitsubishi Galant. The incident occurred on Napoli Court.

Runaway Juvenile: On April 19, 2013 at 2:38pm, and officer responded to 2000 Refugio Valley Road. The reporting party reported her 14 year old daughter had a runaway. The juvenile returned home later in the day.

PEDESTRAIN VS VEHICLE COLLISION: On April 19, 2013, at 6:46 p.m., officers were dispatched to Willow Avenue at Highway 80 East bound off ramp for a collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian. The adult male driver of the vehicle was turning west bound onto Willow Avenue from the off ramp of Highway 80 east bound. Adult male pedestrian was walking in the crosswalk south bound across Willow Avenue, and was struck by the vehicle at a slow speed. The pedestrian suffered minor cuts and abrasions to his left elbow, and left knee. He was treated by Medics at the scene, and transported to his son's house in Hercules.

WARRANT ARREST: On April 20, 2013, at 1:08 a.m., an officer stopped a white, Ford Taurus in the Bart lot on Willow Avenue, for expired registration. The passenger was determined to have two, non-citable warrants. 36 year old Christina Ford, of Antioch, was arrested for the warrants and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Attempt residential Burglary: On April, 20, 2013, at 4:39pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Elderberry Ct. The reporting party stated she left her home today at about 12:30pm. When they returned at about 2:40pm, she discovered that someone removed the screen from the rear dining room window and damaged it by bending it. It did not appear entry was made into residence.

Warrant Arrest: On 04/20/13 at 7:08 p.m. Hercules Officers went to the 400 Olympus and arrested 40 year old Rhonda Walker for a no bail Misdemeanor warrant. Walker was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Suspicious Circumstance: On 04/20/13 at 8:46 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to a possible residential Burglary, in progress, in the 100 block of Maple Ct. Officers contacted the reporting party outside her home. She stated she saw two, unknown race, males hop over her backyard fence after seeing them inside her house trying to steal her computer. Officers made entry into the house but didn't find any suspects inside. Officers didn't find any forced entry and nothing inside the house appeared to be disturbed. A case was taken for suspicious circumstance due to the fact that an attempted burglary could not be substantiated.

Spousal Battery: On 04/20/13 at 11:15 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 200 block

of Lilac Circle. Officers contacted the adult male and female who live at the residence. The victim told Officers he and his wife got into an argument. His wife struck him in his face several times with an open hand. 28 year old Jessica Gomez was arrested for Misdemeanor Spousal Abuse and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Mental Health Evaluation: On 04/20/13 at 11:58 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of South Wildwood for a welfare check. The reporting party stated an adult female, wearing a white dress, was standing in front of his residence. She was carrying a walking stick, and a lantern. Officers contacted the female on S. Wildwood. She said she was waiting for her Fiancé to pay her marriage dowry. The female was determined to meet the criteria for a Mental Health Evaluation. She was transported, by ambulance to the County Regional Medication Center.

Corporal Injury upon a Spouse and Assault with a Deadly Weapon: On 04/21/13 at 3:11 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 2300 block of Forest Run for a report of a Domestic Dispute. Officers contacted the adult female victim and saw she had a large knot on her forehead and bruising to her face, neck, and arms. The victim stated her boyfriend punched her in the face and head. The victim grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed the suspect once, in his left shoulder, to defend herself. The suspect was transport to a local Hospital and treated and released. 24 year old Alvaro Mota was arrested for Felony Spousal Ramirez and Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Physical Assault Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury). He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The victim was transported, by ambulance, to the County Regional Health Center. She was treated and released; then transported home. The investigation is continuing.

Indecent Exposure: On April 21, 2013, at about 9:24 am, an employee from a business in the 800 block of Willow Ave reported that a White male, with dark hair, wearing a grey hoodie, exposed himself to the victim. Officers located a juvenile male subject, who fit the description. The juvenile was positively identified by the victim. He was arrested for Indecent Exposure. He was cited and released to his parents.

Coroner's Case: On April 21, 2013, at about 1:57 pm, Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Vierra Way for a welfare check of a 73 year old male. The subject had a history of heart problems, and was not answering his telephone. There was no answer at the front door so the Fire Department assisted Officers to gain access to an open 2nd floor window. The male was located in the upstairs bathroom with obvious signs death. The subject appeared to have died from health related issues. The Coroner's office responded, as the subject's family lives out of the area.

Residential Burglary: On April 22, 2013 at about 11:10 am, Officers were dispatched to a reported audible residential alarm heard in the 1900 block of Redwood St. Officers located the residence and found a second story bedroom window ajar with the screen cut. The Fire Department was called to assist with access to the open window. A check of the residence revealed various items strewn about in the bedroom with the open window. The rest of the house appeared undisturbed. The homeowners responded to the residence and said that they left just shortly before the time of the call. Loss appears to be small electronics and jewelry

Residential Burglary: On April 22, 2013, at about 11:52 am, a citizen from the 1400 block of Partridge reported that he left his residence for about 20 minutes. When he returned home he

noticed an unfamiliar vehicle parked near his home. He described the vehicle as a dark in color, occupied by a African American adult male, 19-20 years old. The male was wearing a white t-shirt, with a short fade haircut. The resident went to confront the subject who immediately drove away towards Pheasant Drive. When the resident went back inside his residence he noticed that his master bedroom had been ransacked and the attached bathroom window was completely removed. Loss appears to be jewelry.

Residential Burglary: On April 22, 2013, at about 2:11 pm Officers responded to the 200 block of Newbury. The reporting party said the burglary between 12:30-2:00 pm. The point of entry was a side garage door which was pried open. The loss appeared to be cash and jewelry.

Residential Burglary/ Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On April 22, 2013, at about 2:26 pm, Officers responded to the 100 block of Goldenrod. The reporting party stated four African American males were seen walking into the backyard. The males were associated with a white van. While officers were in route, dispatch advised one of the subjects was on the roof attempting to get into a window. The subject to gained entry and was inside the residence. Moments later, the reporting party said the subjects exited the residence and all four got into a white 1996 Honda van. Officers located the van as it turned onto Goldenrod from Columbine. A pursuit was initiated, after a traffic stop was attempted, and the driver of the Honda failed to yield. During the pursuit, the occupants of the van began to discard items out of the van including a loaded firearm. The firearm was later determined to be associated with another residential burglary in the 200 block of Lilac Circle. The pursuit went on several city streets and continued onto I-80 WB. The Honda exited onto McDonald Ave, in Richmond, and continued onto San Pablo Ave. The Honda turned onto Cutting Blvd. The pursuit was terminated, in front of Kennedy High School, for student safety. Shortly afterward, Richmond PD advised that the Honda had been located, unoccupied. The vehicle was determined to have been stolen out of San Francisco, April 21, 2013. Hercules PD responded and had the vehicle towed back to the Hercules Police Department for evidence. The residents, at the Goldenrod residence, were contacted. Entry appeared to be through a bedroom window and the screen was removed. There is no known loss at this time.

Stolen Vehicle: On April 22, 2013, at about 5:00 pm, a citizen from the 100 block of Lotus Ct reported that someone took her 2003 Honda Accord between 4/19/13 at 10:00 am and 4/22/13 at 5:00 pm. The Honda was last seen parked in front of her residence. A records check showed the vehicle was towed, earlier today, by CHP in San Francisco for blocking the roadway. A case was taken for a stolen vehicle report and the victim was advised to contact the Highway Patrol.

Residential Burglary: On April 22, 2013, at about 6:30 pm, Officers went to the 200 block Lilac Circle to attempt to contact the owner of the firearm, which had been discarded in the prior pursuit. There was no answer at the front door. Officers checked of the exterior portion of the residence and found a rear sliding glass door was open. The master bedroom was ransacked. The loss appeared to be firearms.

Non-injury Collision exchange of INFO: On April 22, 2013 8:40 PM an Officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of Willow Ave. The collision occurred on private property. The officer assisted the drivers with an exchange of information.

Vehicle Theft 10851 CVC: On April 22, 2013, at 9:39 PM, an Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of N. Wildwood. The reporting party stated that her Gray 2003 Acura CL was parked on Village Parkway, at Devonwood, and was stolen between April 20th at 3:00 PM and April 22 at 9:39 PM.

Outside Assist: On April 23, 2013, at about 9:45 am, Hercules Officers and Pinole Officers responded to request by a Contra Costa Sheriff's Department. Deputies responded to an, in-progress, residential burglary in the 2300 block of Shawn Drive, in Tara Hills; and had one adult male in custody. Deputies were looking for two more suspects. One suspect fled on foot; and another suspect was associated with an older model burgundy sedan type vehicle. Hercules and Pinole Officers assisted with the "containment" perimeter, while the Deputies searched for the two suspects. No additional suspects were located.

Stolen Vehicle: On April 23, 2013, at about 12:28 pm, an employee of the Franklin Canyon Golf course reported a 2009 EZ Go golf cart stolen sometime between 4/20/13 at 6:00 pm and 4/22/13 at 10:00 am.

Possession of stolen property and a controlled substance: On April 23, 2013, at about 1:10 pm, an Officer was checking a white 2002 Toyota RAV that was unfamiliar to the area. The vehicle was parked in the 200 block of Oxford with the windows down. The Officer observed the ignition appeared to have been tampered with, and there were latex gloves visible inside the vehicle. The Officer conducted an investigative search of the vehicle and located an I-pad that was reported stolen from a residential burglary on 10/18/12 to Benicia PD. The registered owner of the vehicle stated her adult daughter had the car and was visiting a friend on Oxford. 29 year old Audrienne Fandinola, of Vallejo, arrived back to the scene; and was placed under arrest for Possession of Stolen Property. Incident to the arrest, a small plastic baggie containing a controlled substance was located on her person. Fandinola was additionally charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, and was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Possession of a controlled substance: On April 23, 2013, at about 1:40 pm, an Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2009 Toyota that was associated with the suspicious vehicle noted above. The front seat passenger, an adult male, of Richmond, was in possession of a controlled substance. The male was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was later released pending further investigation.

Recovered stolen vehicle: On April 24, 2013 at 06:23am, the victim of an auto theft reported she found her 02 Toyota Corolla, in Oakland, and drove it home. The vehicle was stolen in Oakland, but reported to HPD, on April 17, 2013.

Harris was released and the Protégé was towed by A&D Towing.

Residential Burglary: On April 24, 2013, at about 5:30 pm, a resident from the 100 block of Grissom Ct reported their home had been burglarized. Officers did not locate anyone inside. The side garage door had been forced open. The incident occurred between 7:30 am and the time of call. The loss is small electronics, cash, jewelry, and silverware.

Warrant Arrest/False Impersonation of Another/Felony Probation Violation: On April 24,

2013 at, 8:22 p.m., an Officer stopped a vehicle for expired registration. An adult female passenger identified herself verbally and said she had no ID. The Officer later determined the female falsely identified herself in order to avoid arrest for three felony warrants. 42 year old, Tamasha Michelle Wright, of Richmond, was arrested for three felony warrants, and Falsely Identifying Herself as a Real Person. She was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Press Release

The City of Hercules is experiencing a spike in residential burglaries during the month of April, 2013. To date there have been eleven residential burglaries this month, verses two during April 2012. Of particular concern are the five burglaries which occurred on Monday April 22, 2013, between the hours of 11:00am and 2:30pm.

Four of the burglaries occurred on the East and Southeast sides of Hercules; in the 1900 block of Redwood Rd; 1400 Partridge St; the 100 block of Lilac Circle; and the 100 block of Goldenrod Dr. Three of these four homes were entered through second story, open windows. The fourth home was entered by forcing a sliding glass door at the side of the house. The fifth home was on the Northeast side of the City, in the 200 block of Newbury St. At least four of the cases appear to be related (Redwood, Partridge, Lilac, and Goldenrod) and appear to have been committed by the same suspect or suspects. There was an additional case, on the Northeast side of the City in the 100 block of Newbury, during the same time frame. This case may also be related, but the method of entry was different from the other four.

An alert neighbor, on Goldenrod Dr. alerted the Police Department that four African American males jumped over a neighbor's fence, into the backyard. The witness stayed on the line and reported one of the male was on the roof, of the house, then entered a second story window. A short time later all four males exited the front of the house and entered a White Honda Odyssey.

As Officers were in route to the Goldenrod address they observed the Honda Odyssey leaving the area. An Officer attempted to stop the vehicle, and the driver refused to yield. Officers pursued the vehicle around Hercules City streets, then onto W/B Highway 80. The vehicle exited at Macdonald Dr, in Richmond, proceeding onto San Pablo Ave, then on to Cutting Blvd. Officers terminated the pursuit when they entered the area near Kennedy High School, as the risk to students was too great. A short time later Hercules Police were advised the Richmond Police had located the Honda, unoccupied, on Wall St. The vehicle had been reported stolen on April 21, 2013, from San Francisco. The vehicle was brought back to Hercules for processing.

During the pursuit, the suspects were seen throwing items out of the vehicle. The only item recovered was a handgun. It was recovered on Redwood Rd and had been taken in one of the burglaries.

The common element in ten of the eleven burglaries, during April, was that they occurred between the hours of 5:30 am and 3:00pm. Many of the entries were through open windows or by forcing a sliding glass door. The loss appears to be small electronics, cash and jewelry. In one case a vehicle was taken out of the garage.

Another area of concern was a group of residential burglaries which occurred the latter part of March and the first week of April. These four cases occurred between the hours of 7:00pm and 11:30 pm, on the North side of town, in an area known as Victoria Crescent. In three of the cases the residents were not at home at the time of the burglaries. In the fourth case the suspects fled when they saw the residents inside the home. Entries were made by smashing sliding glass doors, or through open windows. The loss was small electronics and jewelry.

This number of burglaries, in a short time span, is an unusual occurrence in Hercules. Most residential burglaries are crimes of opportunity and occur when the residents are not at home. The common method of operation is to knock on the door, or ring the door bell; if no one answers the suspects look for an easy point of entry.

The Hercules Police Department advises all residents to take the normal crime prevention precautions. Lock your doors and windows, particularly when you are not at home. If someone rings your door bell, or knocks on the door, and you do not know them, do not open the door. However, let the person know you are in the residence. Ask who is there, or say you are calling the police. This tells anyone, with criminal intentions, to move on.

The Hercules Police Department requests our citizens continue to be vigilant about what is going on in your neighborhoods. If you see a vehicle, or a person, you consider suspicious, call the Police (510-724-1111). We would rather respond to something that checks out okay, then miss something that puts our citizens, or their property, at risk.