

**City Manager’s Bi-Weekly Report
January 10, 2014**

Phil Batchelor, Interim City Manager



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

As you are aware, Steve Duran accepted the position of City Manager with the City of Antioch, beginning his new endeavor on January 7th. I have been retained to serve as your Interim City Manager until such time as a recruitment can be completed to fill the position permanently. On behalf of the City, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Duran for his dedication, unwavering leadership and the significant accomplishments made during his tenure and during the City’s most difficult time.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Building Division

Number of permits issued-----12
Building permit fees collected-----\$3721.44
Number of inspections----- 15
Code Enforcement inspections-----6

Planning Division

Victoria Crescent — The state Department of Finance approved the \$2,125,000 sale of the 6.24-acre Victoria Crescent site to City Ventures. Sale of this former Redevelopment Agency site is required under the state legislation that dissolved redevelopment agencies statewide. The sale is also necessary for the payment of a Redevelopment Agency debt to redevelopment bond insurer Ambac and other debts of the Agency.

City Ventures proposes to develop the 6.24-acre site on San Pablo Avenue with 43 single-family homes. On December 17, 2013, the City Council held a first reading of an ordinance and voted to approve an Environmental Impact Report addendum, Specific Plan amendment, Planned Development Plan, and Vesting Tentative Map for the project. City Council will hold the second reading of the ordinance on Tuesday, January 14, approval of which will complete entitlements for the project.

Parcel C— On Friday, January 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, the Design Review Subcommittee of the Planning Commission will be conducting a second pre-submittal review of Lewis Operating Corp.’s preliminarily proposal to develop the 17-acre “Parcel C” site on the north side of John Muir Parkway with 125–150 single-family homes. The City is under a Purchase and Sale Agreement to sell the site to Lewis Operating Corp. for \$8,000,000. As with the Victoria Crescent agreement, the sale is necessary for the payment of Redevelopment Agency debt.

Sycamore Crossing —Safeway and its subsidiary Property Development Centers (PDC) plan to hold community meetings the evening of Thursday, January 30, and the morning of Saturday, February 1 (exact time and location to be announced) to discuss their plans to develop the 11.5-acre Sycamore Crossing site with a Safeway grocery store-anchored commercial center. Safeway/PDC has a purchase & sale agreement with the City to acquire the site for \$5,000,000.

Jan. 20 Planning Commission Meeting – Cancelled (City offices closed due to Martin Luther King holiday)

Public Works Division

- Staff has submitted the State Revolving Loan Fund Application for the Pinole/Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. Received confirmation of submittal.
- Staff continues to meet with Recyclemore and Richmond Sanitary regarding collection and post-collection contracts. The franchise amendment was approved at the November 26, 2013 meeting. Discussions are ongoing regarding Joint Powers Agreement withdrawal language, reserve funds, and other items.
- Staff continues to work with Ducks Unlimited on Chelsea Wetlands Restoration Project. An RFP was issued for the work and awarded to WRA. Work will commence in approximately six months. Staff continues to meet and have included Contra Costa Flood Control in the discussions. Permits will need to be obtained through them to move forward.
- Staff continues to meet with the Clean Water Program regarding upcoming trash reduction mandates and map revisions.
- Staff repaired numerous street lights within the City.
- High level lighting has been re-lamped in the library.
- Sidewalk repair project has been completed at numerous locations throughout the City.

Engineering Division

Number of application received: 5
Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$500
Number of Certifications issued: 4
Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 1
Number of Condominium Waivers issued: 1

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 4

ITC SF Bay Trail Project No. 63001A - Construction in progress.

West Bay Trail – Site Preparation Project 63001F – Construction in progress.

Pavement Maintenance Project – Drafting bid documents for spring pavement rehabilitation project.

Hercules Municipal Utility

Visual Inspection(s)	= 108
Meter Read(s)	= 8
Meter Reinstall(s)	= 2
Meter Pull(s)	= 2
Post Red Tag(s)	= 2
Pump Vault(s)	= 3

PARKS AND RECREATION

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.

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.

Aquatics:

HOT GARLIC CRAB FEED!!!

JANUARY 18, 2014 PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW. Come and experience this wonderful Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed! The Crab Feed includes hot roasted garlic crab, pasta, and salad. Help support the Hercules East Bay Silver Dolphins and Hercules Piranhas Swim Teams. Enjoy an evening filled with dinner, dancing, and fun

Lap Swim:

Monday-Friday- 6-7pm

Ages: 14+

Fees: Resident- Youth & Senior \$4/ Adult \$5

Non-Resident- Youth & Senior \$5/ Adult \$6

EBSD Year Round Membership- 77 Enrolled

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

Winter Swim- 4 Enrolled

Dates: 11/12/13-2/7/14

Code: 52201-Q

Days: Monday-Friday

Times: 5-6:30pm

Registration Fee: \$270

High School Swim Team Conditioning:

Ages: 14-18 years

Dates: 1/6/14-1/31/14 (M-F)

Times: 5-6:30pm

Fees: \$100

Aqua Zumba will resume in April 2014.

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 March 2014. For the Banner Program we have a few spots open for January 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.

Licensed Before & After School Child Care and Seasonal Camps: 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
- Currently we have 55 participants registered at Hanna, 31 at Lupine and 32 at Ohlone Child Cares

Teens: Our goal is to provide programming that will foster human development, promote health and wellness, and increase cultural unity with life experiences. As our youth grow into teens, we want to give them a sense of belonging to the community and ownership. Come out and enjoy the programs and activities at the new Teen Center "T.H.E. S.P.O.T." (Teens of Hercules Empowering through Spirit, Perseverance, Outreach, & Teamwork) located at 2007 Refugio Valley Road. Sign up for the Fall SPOT Before and After school program.

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.

Sports: We offer sports and other positive leisure activities for patrons of all ages. Our recreational programs help promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing an environment in which people can enjoy themselves. Whether it is recreation team sports you are seeking, or an individual leisure activity/hobby, the City of Hercules is proud to offer it.

The 10-13 years old Elementary Basketball League started on 1/6/14 and we have 100 participants.

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.

Tiny Tot program has a 5 day Jr kindergarten program, A MWF Pre K program and a T/TH Little Leaner which are all full!

Recreation Classes: We are now taking registration for many new and exciting recreation classes that cater to all ages and helps to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our classes provide a great opportunity to have fun 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Parking Enforcement: The goals of the Police Department are to enforce all Hercules Municipal Codes and all California Vehicle Codes that are applicable to parking issues. Recently, the Police Department completed the training of a second volunteer to conduct parking enforcement. This volunteer will focus on abandoned vehicles throughout the City.

Reserve Officer Program: The Hercules Police Department is continually recruiting Reserve Police Officers. These are volunteer positions which assist the department in all areas including patrol and investigations. On January 9, 2014, the Police Department held interviews for Reserve Police Officers. Two of the applicants will move forward in the background process.

Police Explorers: The Police Explorers have been very busy in the community. During the month of December they participated in a Pasta Feed for the Typhoon Relief in the Philippines. This event raised over \$10,000 for the relief efforts in which the Explorers donated over \$500 and served those attending.

The Explorers have been training very hard for the annual National Tactical Competition in Chandler, Arizona which takes place January 17, 18 and 19, 2014. Along with competing, the Hercules Police Explorers Honor Guard has been chosen to present the colors at this year's event. This is a great honor to perform this task where over 60 teams from all over the United States participate in the event.

On January 9, 2014, the Police Explorer Honor Guard presented the colors at the Mayor Conference. They also managed the parking of vehicles for the event as well as greeted the attendees.

Police Officer of the Year: The Hercules Police Officers Association has chosen Detective Dwayne Collard as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Detective Collard will be honored at the January 28, 2014 City Council meeting. This is Detective Collard's second time being chosen as the Police Officer of the Year. Detective Collard is very proactive and has made the most self-initiated arrests in the department. He is an excellent investigator and is also the Assistant Team Leader for the Special Response Team.

New Member of the Police Department: Please join us in welcoming Reverend Wayne Anderson to the Hercules Police Chaplain program. Rev. Anderson will join Fr. Larry Young, Liz Lonsdale and John Wright who are current members and who devote many hours to the officers and members of the Hercules community.

Patrol Activity – January 2 - January 9, 2014

Mental Health Evaluation: On January 2, 2014, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Lapis Court for a report of an out of control adult. Officers contacted the male and determined he met the criteria for a mental health evaluation. The male was transported, by ambulance, to the County Regional Medical Center.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On January 2, 2014, an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Drake Lane for a report of a vehicle blocking the reporting party's driveway. The officer located a blue 1993 Nissan Sentra blocking the driveway. Shortly after the officer towed the Nissan, the registered owner reported the vehicle stolen to Richmond PD.

Miscellaneous Investigation: On January 2, 2014, an officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue for a possible elder abuse case. A teller, from the reporting party's bank, notified HPD that there were unusual transactions on the victim's accounts. The victim, who suffers from the early stages of dementia, believes family members may be stealing money from her accounts. The Officer is following up on the case.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol: On January 3, 2014, an officer made a traffic stop on a 2002 Kia, as the driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver failed the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Possession of Stolen Property; Probation Violation; Multiple Drug Offenses; Failure to Register as a Sex Offender: On January 4, 2014, an officer checked a suspicious vehicle at Bayfront/Railroad. The vehicle was occupied by three adult males who were determined to be on searchable probation. As a result of a search of the vehicle, the male subjects were arrested on various charges, from possession of stolen property, violation of probation, failure to register as a sex offender, possession of a controlled substance, bringing a controlled substance in to a jail, possession of drug paraphernalia. All three males were transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Two Vehicle Collision: On January 3, 2014, an Officer was dispatched to the area of Chase Bank for a report of a two-vehicle collision which occurred on San Pablo Ave. and John Muir. Two vehicles struck each other while making lane changes. Both drivers indicated the other was at fault. The damage was minimal and there was no medical attention needed.

Restraining Order /Probation Violation: On January 4, 2014, Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Heather Ave. regarding a report of a family disturbance. Officers made contact with the reporting party who told officers his stepson had been drinking and was not welcome in the home, requesting that the subject be removed from the home. Officers contacted the subject who stated he slept in a vehicle over night and came in the house to get out of the cold. A records check revealed the subject had an active criminal restraining order where his mother was a protective party. His mother was present in the household. The subject was placed under arrest for a Court Order Violation and Violation of Probation. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Evading: On January 5, 2014, an Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop, on a blue off road type motorcycle, for no license plate. The vehicle was first seen in the 4000 block of San Pablo Ave. The motorcycle failed to yield and a pursuit ensued. The motorcycle fled on to W/B I-80 and reached a stop speed of 90 MPH. The pursuit was turned over to CHP on W/B I-80 at Central Ave and all HPD units terminated the pursuit. CHP pursued the motorcycle into Oakland and lost it in the Lake Merritt area. The suspect was described as an unknown race male, wearing a dark green jacket, with a gray hooded sweatshirt underneath, blue jeans, and black motorcycle helmet.

Mail Theft: On January 5, 2014, an officer responded to the 100 block of Shorebird Drive to contact a possible mail theft victim. Subsequently, Pinole P.D. contacted a subject in a vehicle on Primrose Lane at Pinole Ave. The subject was in possession of mail belonging to a Hercules resident. The officer contacted the resident who confirmed the subject did not have permission to be in possession of her or her husband's mail. The Hercules resident desired prosecution and Pinole P.D. arrested the subject on multiple charges and transported her to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Forgery: On January 6, 2014, an Officer took a report regarding a forged personal check. The Hercules resident stated on 11/25/13 he went to the Richmond Post Office and mailed a personal check to pay his Comcast bill. He stated that on 11/29/13 he received a late payment notice from Comcast. He said when he investigated why his check, that was mailed, wasn't cashed he discovered an unknown suspect had cashed the check. The victim received a copy of his forged check which indicated in individual had forged his name on the pay to line of the check, before cashing it on 11/27/13.

Mental Health Evaluation: On January 6, 2014, Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Maple Ct. for a family disturbance. Upon arrival it was determined an adult female met the criteria for a Mental Health Evaluation. The female was transported, by ambulance, to the County Regional Medical Center.

Miscellaneous Report: On January 7, 2014 an officer went to the 100 block of Violet to contact someone from the Care Home at that address. The officer was following up on an identity theft case that was taken by the San Rafael Police Department. The adult female victim, who now resides in San Rafael, lived at the Care Home for a short time. Around that time someone accessed her bank account and withdrew money from her account without authorization.

Warrant Arrest: On January 7, 2014, an officer did a pedestrian stop, on two adult males, near the mini-mart of 76 Gas Station. One subject was found to have an outstanding Misdemeanor

Warrant, was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Towed Vehicle & False Tab: On January 7, 2014, an officer towed a Green '91 Nissan Maxima, from the BART Transit Lot, for expired registration over 6 months. The rear license plate had a 2014 year tab, affixed to it, which did not belong to that vehicle.

Coroners Case: On January 7, 2014, Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Grenadine Way for a death investigation. A 47 year old male was found in the garage and was pronounced deceased by the Rodeo Hercules Fire Department. There were no signs of foul play. The subject had a history of heart problems. The Contra Costa County Coroner released the body to the family due to his prior health history.

Warrant Arrest x 2 & False Impersonation of Another: On January 7, 2014, an officer stopped a vehicle for expired registration in front of Starbuck's. The rear license plate had a 2014 year tab affixed to it, which was not associated with that vehicle. The driver and passenger identified themselves, however a records check indicated the driver had provided false information to officers. The passenger was found to have a non-citable Misdemeanor Warrant and was arrested. No identification was found on the driver, and he was arrested. Fingerprinting found the driver to have an outstanding Felony No Bail Warrant, he was arrested for the warrant, driving without a driver's license; False Impersonation of Another (where the actual person could incur a penalty).

Auto Burglary: On January 7, 2014, an Officer was dispatched to Big Lots located in the 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue for an auto Burglary. The reporting party stated he parked his vehicle in the parking lot of at approximately 2:30 p.m. He returned to his vehicle at approximately 4:50 p.m. and found the rear passenger side window broken. There was a cannon digital camera and a cannon camera lens on the passenger side rear floor board of the vehicle that was stolen from the vehicle. The camera and lens cost approximately \$1500.00 combined.

Felony Evading Arrest; Driving into on Coming Traffic; Possession of Stolen Property; Auto Theft; and Violation of Probation: On January 7, 2014, an Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for no front license plate. The unknown driver accelerated and a pursuit was initiated reaching speeds of 100 MPH. The pursuit ended in the north side of the parking lot of the Willow Glen Apartments. The subject was found hiding on the ground next to a nearby vehicle. He was arrested for felony evading and driving into oncoming traffic. The vehicle was reported stolen to Oakland PD on December 9, 2013. Officers located identification for four separate auto burglary victims. The vehicle burglaries recently took place in El Cerrito and Richmond. The subject was additionally charged with auto theft, and four counts of possession of stolen property.

Identity Theft: On January 8, 2014, a Hercules resident reported being a victim of identity theft. The victim discovered through Equifax that an attempt was made to open a Chase Bank account, establish credit with Wal-Mart, and open an AT&T cellular phone account. To the victim's knowledge all her personal information is accounted for and she is not missing any mail.

Hit and Run Collision: On January 8, 2014, an officer was dispatched the 100 block of Trestle Cove for a report of a hit-and-run collision that occurred sometime between 1/5/14 at 8:00 pm and 1/7/14 at 9:00 pm, when the car alarm was heard activating. Nothing of evidentiary value was

discovered, except a slight crack on the left side of the rear bumper and an indentation of the bottom left corner of the tailgate.

Criminal Threats: On January 9, 2014, a Hercules resident came to the lobby of the Police Department to report criminal threats. The victim told the officer that she received two phone calls from an unknown male caller, who stated that she was a snitch and he would kill her. The victim did not have any suspect information or know any reason why he would call her. The suspect called the victim by her name while making the threats.

UPCOMING EVENTS*

List scheduled Council, Planning, Commission, Subcommittee meetings. List any holiday closures or special events.

Design Review Subcommittee Meeting – January 10, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers. Item: Parcel C – Pre-submittal Design Review Presentation by Lewis Operating Corp. and KTG Y

Community and Library Services Commission Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers

Hercules City Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers

Hercules East Bay Silver Dolphins and Hercules Piranhas Swim Teams Fundraiser - Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed – Saturday, January 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m., Community Swim Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules. Adults: \$45.00, Kids: \$25.00, Group of 6: \$240.00

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Monday, January 20, 2014, City offices will be closed in observance of the Holiday.

**Events are subject to change. Please visit the City Calendar available on the City's website for the most up-to-date information.*