

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
January 9, 2015**

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to the Hercules community. 2015 promises to be a year of continued improvement and progress here in Hercules. At City Hall we hope our residents had a wonderful holiday season.

Japan Bound?

The Hercules Sister City Association is hosting an informational meeting for those who may be interested in going to Japan as part of the 2015 Sister City Delegation to Tsushima. The informational meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10th from 1 to 3 PM at the Hercules Library. All are welcome to attend and join the delegation which will include Youth Ambassadors on the trip which will depart in the third week of July.

Storm Response

City employees continue to do a great job in preparing for and responding to our winter storms. The storm New Year's week downed trees, which was expected given the saturation of the soils from such a wet December. Most trees did not end up compromising streets and we are working to clear downed trees in the next week or two, except for one which did block lanes on San Pablo. We continue to monitor trees throughout the city and have appropriate response plans in place.

Sycamore Crossings/Safeway Project

On Tuesday next week the City Council will be considering the final approvals for the proposed Sycamore Crossings project which will include a new Safeway and other retail. The project site is bounded by San Pablo, Sycamore, and Tsushima and promises to be a welcome addition to the City's retail base. If the City Council approves the project next week, construction could commence towards the end of 2015 and will bring numerous new retailers to Hercules. The public hearing the project will start at 7 PM on Tuesday or shortly thereafter.

Police Office of the Year

Police Corporal Daniel Barazoto will be honored as the Police Office of the Year at Tuesday's City Council meeting next week. Corporal Barazoto is being recognized for his proactive approach in performing his duties, his leadership skills and his service to the City of Hercules,

including serving as Advisor the Hercules Police Explorers. Congratulations to Daniel Barazoto and we are fortunate to have such a fine person as a Police Office in Hercules.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Resources

NEOGOV is up and running and has streamlined the process for the recruitment process. Current recruitments include Accountant, Administrative Specialist, and various part-time positions. We are working on getting temporary help for the Finance Department in the interim.

City Advisory Boards

The new application process for advisory boards will be going live later this month and the annual recruitments will begin. The newly formed Finance Commission will hold its first meeting on Monday, January 26. The members will all be sworn into office and select a chair and vice chair at that meeting.

Information Technology

Seventy-five percent of the Recreation Department is now on virtual desktops. The deployment of virtual desktops to other departments will take place this week.

Multifunction machines for the child care centers, teen center, senior center and swim center were purchased and have been installed at four of the locations. The remaining two installations will take place within the next two weeks. One multifunction machine for the corporation yard is included in the budget and will be ordered next week.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Inspection Division

	Dec 05 Thru Dec 19, 2014	FY 2014/15 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	34	494
Total Fee Collected:	\$12,433.72	\$412,693.59
Number of Inspections:	10	204
New Housing:	0	20

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreation classes and programs that cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. Classes and programs provide a great

opportunity to have fun and exercise while interacting with others in a safe environment. A sampling of classes offered is provided below. For additional information, to access a full listing of classes and programs or to register, please visit the City website at www.ci.hercules.ca.us or register online at www.herculesrec.com today.

Parks & Recreation Summer 2015 Activity Guide – Are you interested in having your business or company advertised in our summer 2015 edition of the activity guide? Hercules Parks & Recreation prints and distributes 10,000 copies and is sent out to all residents in Hercules. Advertising with us is a great way to get your business out there to all community members of Hercules and letting them know what you have to offer. Call Andrea Mendez at (510) 799-8291 or via email at amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us today!

New Guide Feature Application! – The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department has now released their electronic and printed versions of the Winter/Spring 2015 Activity Guide. You may take a look at our printed or online versions at www.ci.hercules.ca.us for the most up to date classes and new programs that will be offered in 2015.

Facilities: The City of Hercules offers several conveniently located facilities to rent for your meeting, wedding reception, graduation, retirement or baptism. Halls range from a capacity of 10 to our largest which has a maximum capacity of 300. Visit the City website at www.ci.hercules.ca.us or call (510) 799-8291 for more information on facility locations, dates available and amenities offered at each location.

Recreation Classes: Hercules Parks & Recreation is always interested in bringing on new programs, classes and services for the community to enjoy. Please contact Andrea Mendez at (510) 799-8290 or amendez@ci.hercules.ca.us for additional information or to submit applications of interest.

Parks & Recreation Online System - Hercules Parks & Recreation online registration system (www.herculesrec.com) has been updated. Make sure to take a look at the new site with improved features. If you have any questions feel free to contact recreation offices at (510) 799-8291.

Sports Programs: Our programs help promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing an environment in which people of all ages 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. To access a full listing of classes or to register, please visit our website at www.herculesrec.com.

Recreation Classes: We have classes that are ongoing year round which include yoga, Zumba, piano and guitar! To access a full listing of classes or to register, please visit the City website at www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

Seniors/50+: Come to the Senior Center to enjoy the CC Café, or to participate in an Art Class, Card Club, Ping Pong, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Low Impact Exercise Classes, Dance Club, or Hula Dance. Your annual membership of \$20.00 gives you access to over 30 classes and programs at a discounted rate.

Aquatics: The Hercules Swim Center is a beautiful place that provides valuable resources to the community of Hercules, by providing a place for families, adults, teens and children to recreate! The Swim Center's programs specialize in fostering human development, strengthening safety and security, promoting health and wellness, and providing recreational experiences.

Lap Swim:

Monday – Friday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ages: 14+

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

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

EBSD Year Round Membership: The City of Hercules East Bay Silver Dolphins is a USA swimming team that practices & competes year-round! The team & coaches are dedicated to fostering a positive and challenging environment for athlete growth in the East Bay! Swimmers will have fun while improving their skills, sportsmanship, and self-esteem. EBSD believes that while swimming is fun and great exercise, it also teaches important life skills such as self-motivation, the importance of hard work and dedication, setting and obtaining personal goals, and time management. Each swimmer is an important part of the team. They learn to have fun together and provide encouragement and motivation for their teammates:

Dates: 1/1/15 – 9/31/15

USA Registration Fee: Year Round Swimmer \$80.00 (made payable to EBSD)

Code: 52200-A-L

Spinners: Monday – Thursday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$66.00

Intermediate: Monday – Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Fee: \$83.00

Advanced: Monday – Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$94.00

EBSD Winter Membership:

Date: 11/10/14-02/06/15

USA Registration Fee: Year Round Swimmer \$80 (made payable to EBSD) Code: 52200-M

Spinners: Monday – Thursday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Intermediate: Monday – Friday: 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Advanced: Monday – Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.

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 ownership and belonging to the community. We accomplish this through the many enjoyable programs and activities available at the Teen Center, "T.H.E. S.P.O.T." (Teens of Hercules Empowering through Spirit, Perseverance, Outreach, & Teamwork) located at 2007 Refugio Valley Road. Registration is now being accepted for the Fall S.P.O.T. Before and After school program.

Tiny Tots & Little Learners: A great introduction to your child's "First Learning Experience". They will have fun making their first school friends, learning through play, games, and arts and crafts. Our loving and qualified staff will guide them in socialization and self-help skills. Children have so much fun; they do not realize they are learning! Our program runs with the

school year, 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
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Pre-K Program
- Tuesday/Thursday: Little Learner Program

Licensed Before & After School Child Care: The new school year is upon us and there are limited spots available, if you are interested in the program feel free to give us a call today, at (510) 245-4803.

What are the benefits of our licensed programs?

- They provide a safe and nurturing environment
- They provide a qualified and mature staff
- All lead staff members have training in school age programming through accredited colleges
- They provide a 1 staff to 14 children ratio, not to exceed 28 children per classroom
- All staff have passed a Live Scan/Background check

UPCOMING EVENTS*

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

Community and Library Services Commission Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers.

Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed:

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for auction review and bidding. Auction will close at 6:30p.m. Dinner will begin being served at 6:30p.m. and includes bread, salad, pasta, and hot roasted garlic crab. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. Tickets will not be sold at the door so please purchase in advance. Join us for an evening of great company, good music, and delicious food!

Date: 01/24/15

Time: 5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Location: Hercules Community Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Road

Fees: 3-5 years \$25.00, Adults \$45, Party of 6 \$240.00 (additional tickets \$40.00)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol Highlights

Cultivation of Marijuana: On December 22, 2014, at 10:43 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of Marigold reported four unknown Asian males going in and out of 118 Marigold with tools. Upon arrival officers detained two adult Asian male subjects in front of the house. One subject said the

resident had asked him to drop off some dog food. While officer were attempting to contact the landlord and the tenant, via cell phone, a third Asian male ran from the side of the house. This subject was also detained. A security check, of the exterior of the house, was conducted to check for the possible fourth subject seen by the reporting party. The rear slider was unlocked and the interior of the house was also checked for any additional subjects. There was no else in the house. Several marijuana plants and equipment to grow marijuana were observed in the house. The tenant initially said one of the subjects had permission to be at his house. He declined to respond to the house and then stopped answering his cell phone. The West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team arrived and took over the investigation. 20 year old Haiyang Shi from San Francisco; 19 year old Jiyong Zhang from San Francisco; and 37 year old Penggao Chen from Alameda were arrested and transported to County Jail. Four vehicles associated with the above subjects were towed away. The Public Works department "red-tagged" the house. This is the second time Hercules Police has responded, to this house, for a possible Marijuana Grow House.

Prowling: On December 23, 2014, at 07:33 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of Victoria Park reported an unknown subject walking on his side yard. When the subject saw the resident, he ran toward the rear of the house. Officers were unable to locate the subject. He was described as an African American male; in his mid-twenties; about six feet tall, slender; and wearing a gray hooded shirt.

Possession of Marijuana for Sales: On December 23, 2014 at 11:23 p.m. an officer conducted a traffic stop, of a Blue '94 Honda Civic, on Turquoise Dr. near Lucky. The driver was identified as 30 year old male, of Richmond. The male was on Searchable Parole. A Parole Search was done and the following was located: 2 digital scales; a large amount of a substance, believed to be Marijuana, packaged in various plastic sandwich baggies; and almost \$1,000 cash, in various denominations. The male has a valid Cannabis card; and had an empty 1 gram baggie, from a Medical Marijuana dispensary, in his backpack. The male was arrested for Possession of Marijuana for Sales; and Transporting Marijuana for Sales. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Attempted Residential Burglary: On December 30, 2014, at 1:15 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Weymouth for a residential alarm. Upon arrival, an officer noticed the rear slider door handle was missing. The homeowner arrived shortly after and said the handle had been missing for a while. The slider was locked and no entry into the house appeared to have occurred. After the officer left, the homeowner called back and said she noticed fresh pry marks on the slider.

Road closure due to traffic hazard: On December 30, 2014, at 4:01 p.m., an officer responded to San Pablo Avenue near Tsushima for a tree that appeared ready to fall. The officer arrived on scene and saw a large tree had fallen and was blocking all southbound lanes on San Pablo Avenue, just north of Tsushima. The lanes were closed to all vehicles, and traffic was redirected through the Sycamore extension. Public Works arrived and began cutting the tree. Reserve Officers, and an Explorer, responded and assisted with traffic control. The roadway was finally reopened at 6:40 p.m.

In addition to the above incident, other smaller trees fell on Lupine and Victoria Crescent. These trees were promptly removed from the roadway.

Due to the windy conditions, officers were dispatched to twelve alarm calls'

Recovered Stolen Property: On December 30, 2014 at 4:15 p.m. an officer was dispatched to a report of a found property in the 600 block of Valley Run. The officer was delayed due to priority calls. The reporting party said he found a black rolling suitcase, blue backpack, and black briefcase, lying in the street (Redwood Rd. near Poplar Ct.) the evening of December 29, 2014. The officer determined the items belonged to a resident of San Diego, who was visiting in the Bay area. The Officer contacted property owner and discovered he was the victim of an Auto Burglary at Outback Steakhouse, on December 29th, in Pinole (Pinole P.D. took a case). The property owner responded to HPD and took possession of his recovered stolen property.

Auto Burglary: On December 30, 2014 at 10:35 p.m. an officer was dispatched to take an auto burglary report in the parking lot of Lucky, 1590 Sycamore Ave. The reporting party stated her Black Toyota 4Runner had been burglarized. The incident occurred within the last 15 minutes. The officer located the vehicle parked near the front of the store. The left rear passenger window had been shattered. The reporting party stated she was shopping at the Lucky store. When she returned to her vehicle she saw her window was shattered. The loss was a black leather bag containing an Apple iPad in a red colored case.

Warrant Arrest Possession of a Controlled Substance: On January 2, 2015 at 9:28am an officer conducted a check, on a suspicious vehicle, in the 200 block of Linus Pauling. The vehicle was a silver Hyundai Accent with Indiana license plates. The license plate came back with no record on file. The Vehicle Identification Number showed the vehicle was registered to an adult female. The officer observed the ignition had been damaged. A records check, on the registered owner, revealed she had a no bail warrant. The RO was located inside a building in the 100 block of Linus Pauling. She was arrested for the warrant. Incident to the arrest the officer conducted a search of the female and her purse. The officer located a small clear plastic baggie containing a substance, believed to be a narcotic. An additional charge, of Possession of a Controlled substance, was added to the warrant arrest. The female was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Possession of Marijuana for Sales/Violation of Probation: On January 3, 2015, at 9:45am, and officer checked a suspicious vehicle parked on Bayfront. The occupants were a 23 year old male, from Vallejo (owner of the vehicle); and a 22 year old female, from Hercules. The male was on searchable probation. The officer searched the vehicle and found a zip lock bag, containing a large brown substance, rolled into a ball. The officer found a second plastic bag, knotted at the end, containing a smaller brown substance, rolled in a ball. The substances tested positive for Marijuana.

Noise Disturbance with First notice given: on January 4, 2015 at 1:36 AM officer were dispatched, for the third time, to the 200 block of Brenner. There was a loud party being hosted by a 63 year old male. The host was served with an official first notice regarding a disturbance

and the public safety fee. The prior complaints were at 11:15 PM and 1:00 AM.

Stolen Vehicle: On January 5, 2015 at 6:41 a.m. an officer was dispatched to take a stolen vehicle report in the 500 block of Falcon Way. The reporting party said an unknown suspect stole his Blue '00 Honda Civic. The incident occurred between 11:00 p.m. last night and the time of call this morning. The Civic was parked on the street in front of the house. An area check for evidence or other stolen vehicles was done. None was found.

Stolen Vehicle: On January 5, 2015 at 5:07 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to take a stolen vehicle report at McDonald's, 1570 Sycamore Ave. The reporting party, a McDonald's employee, said an unknown suspect stole her Tan '95 Honda Accord. The incident occurred in the parking lot between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. An area check for evidence or other stolen vehicles was done. None was found.

Recovered Stolen vehicle: On January 5, 2015 at 8:47 PM an officer located a white 94 Honda Civic, parked unoccupied, on the north side of Home Depot (near the railroad tracks). The driver's door window was down and the door was unlocked. The officer determined the vehicle was stolen today from the Orinda BART station. The officer found the catalytic converter was cut out of the vehicle. The owner responded to take possession of their vehicle.

HERCULES POLICE BI-WEEKLY STATS
(12-22-14 TO 1-5-15)

CALLS FOR SERVICE	652
REPORTS	55
TRAFFIC CITES	27
PARKING CITES	36
ADULT ARRESTS	16
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	2
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	14
PART 1 TOTAL	5

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT	1
BURGLARY	1
LARCENY	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2

HERCULES LIBRARY

Every Tuesday at 6:15pm, Hercules Library, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND U.S.: RETOLD **NEW!**

This six-week course will cover the History of the Philippines, between 1898-1946 specifically, and its relationship with the United States. Taught by Mr. Ernesto L. de Paz, who is a Hercules resident and native Filipino. He has taught Filipino History at Solano Community College and in the Philippines. He has a Master of Arts degree in History from the Philippines. Adults and high school students are welcome to drop-in. 109 Civic Drive. Call (510)245-2420.

Every Thursday at 4:00pm, Hercules Library, MEDITATION **NEW!** Experience group guided meditation led by Roslyn Seaton, a mediator for 29 years, and teacher with the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization. This weekly workshop is for adults. Drop in. 109 Civic Drive. Call (510)245-2420.

Tuesday, January 16 at 4:00 pm, Hercules Library, KIDS CRAFTS
Drop in for a fun craft! Make friends and enjoy a relaxing time with the kids. For kids ages 5 to 11 years old. 109 Civic Drive. Call (510)245-2420.

Tuesday, January 20 at 4:00 pm, Hercules Library, CHESS CLUB
Join this monthly meet-up for chess players at all levels! Meet new partners and challenge yourself. A great opportunity for kids to practice and play with other families! For all ages 5 years and older. 109 Civic Drive, (510)245-2420.

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Wild about Writing Class – Every Saturday, 3:30 p.m. at Hercules Library

Community and Library Services Commission Meeting – Monday, January 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

City Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meeting – Monday, January 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall – Council Chambers

West County Mayors' and Supervisors Association – Thursday, January 22, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at San Pablo City Hall

Hot Roasted Garlic Crab Feed – Saturday, January 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at Hercules Community Center