

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report**  
**May 4, 2018**

**David Biggs, City Manager**



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Landscape & Lighting Assessment Ballots**



On May 9<sup>th</sup>, ballots will be mailed out to property owners for proposed landscape and lighting assessment increases in zones 1 (Hercules by the Bay), 3 & 4 (The Gems & Birds), 6 (Village Parkway), 7 (Heights), and 9 (Birds and Country Run).

Landscape & Lighting Assessments pay for a variety of services in your neighborhoods, and if increased assessments are approved, will allow for the replacement of failing hollow core wood street lights with new poles and more energy efficient fixtures in all of the Zones but one. The City is replacing lights in those Zones which have the resources to do so and will shortly be installing a demonstration replacement streetlight in each of the other zones. Once they are installed, look for the sign to the left so you can see what a replacement light looks like.

These assessment increases are not new taxes, and they are not associated with your HOA dues.

In addition, we are putting the assessment increase up for vote because many of our landscape and lighting districts do not have enough money to pay for their maintenance and operating costs. All of them, except zone 7, have deficits and have borrowed money from other zones to pay their ongoing costs. This isn't sustainable, and the only way to address the deficits is to increase assessments.

If passed, your assessment will stay within your neighborhood and pay for the maintenance and operations of your street lights, parks, roadway landscaping, and open spaces. It does not go to the City's general fund, and it does not go to Sacramento. If the assessment increase does not pass, many of these services will be significantly reduced or halted.

The City has a web page – [www.lightandlandscapefix.com](http://www.lightandlandscapefix.com) – that details the proposed assessment increase and the services provided in each of the neighborhoods. Please watch for your ballot and learn more about these important local services.

**Star Wars Day**

“May the Fourth Be With You” is here! Come on out to this fabulous FREE event. Be sure to stop by the Library for some fun free activities on in the afternoon, then join us in the park for more festivities. There will be a “Story-Walk” around the perimeter of Refugio Park featuring the story

book “Life on Mars” by Jon Agee. In addition there will be Star Wars characters in the park, a raffle and a movie at Refugio Park.

Be sure to get your Passports stamped by the participating businesses. To be eligible for the raffle, you **must** get your passport stamped by all 12 businesses, and turn it in before the movie at Refugio Valley Park on Friday, May 4. Be sure to bring your chairs, blankets, dinner or snacks, and spend May the Fourth at Refugio Park with your fellow community members. For more information contact 799-8291.

### **Community Clean-up Day**

The City of Hercules will be holding the annual Community Clean-up day this Saturday, May 5. The event will be held at the Hercules Corp Yard, located at 1000 Sycamore Avenue. The event will be held from 8-11am. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for cars, \$10 for Trucks, \$15 for Trucks with trailers and \$20 for U-Haul less than 14’.

This event is open to Hercules Residents only. You must show your ID to get in. Please note, there will be NO e-Waste of Household Hazardous Waste at this event. For more information on this event, please contact 799-8291.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Considering Running For Office?**

Join Contra Costa County Elections for a free workshop on May 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to learn about the basics of running for public office. Topics include candidate filing and campaign finance disclosure requirements, working with the media, and hearing from past local candidates. This Workshop will be held at the Pacheco Community Center, 5800 Pacheco Blvd, Pacheco, CA. For more details go to: [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us).

### **Hercules General Municipal Election – Filing Period Opens Soon**

The City of Hercules holds its General Municipal Elections in November of each even numbered year, therefore a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Hercules on November 6, 2018 to elect two (2) members of the City Council which have expiring terms at the end of this year. Members of the City Council are elected to four (4) year terms. The November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election Nomination Period begins on July 16, 2018 and closes on August 10, 2018 (the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election). If an incumbent officer does not run for office by the 88<sup>th</sup> day (August 10, 2018) for that incumbent’s elective office, the close of the nomination period will extend to August 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**Note:** A candidate for state or local office must file Form 501 “Candidate Intention Statement” before soliciting or receiving any contributions or making any expenditures from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. Form 501 is filed with the Hercules City Clerk located at 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547.

For questions in regards to running for a seat on the City Council at the November 6, 2018 Election, please contact Lori Martin, City Clerk at 510-799-8215. It is recommended that you make an appointment with the City Clerk to pull Nomination Papers during normal business hours once the

nomination period opens.

### **Commission Vacancies**

For Hercules residents interested in serving on any of the City's Boards or Commissions we invite you to submit an application through the City's website at: [Apply for Board or Commission](#)

The Community and Library Services Commission currently has one (1) Commissioner vacancy with an unexpired term ending 12/31/18.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Hercules, 18 years of age or older and registered to vote with the exception of the Student Commissioner which must be a high school student and a resident of Hercules. Your application will be maintained in our system and the City Clerk will contact you when a vacancy occurs. Commissioners are appointed by City Council at a duly noticed meeting. The active Boards & Commissions for the City of Hercules are: Planning Commission, Finance Commission and Community and Library Services Commission. Commissioners serve 2 year terms.

### **Regional Appointments - Recruitment Open until filled.**

**Mosquito & Vector Control - One (1) Vacancy with a two (2) or four (4) year term.**

**CCTA (Contra Costa Transportation Authority) Citizen Advisory Committee – One (1) Vacancy with a two (2) year term.**

### **Human Resources**

For a current listing of employment opportunities at the City of Hercules go to: [Hercules Employment Opportunities](#)

### **City Meeting Schedules**

#### **City Council Meetings**

The Hercules City Council meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

\*\*Please Note that for the month of November and December the City Council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday only. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in November and December have been cancelled.

#### **Community and Library Services Commission Meetings**

The Hercules Library and Community Services Commission meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

#### **Finance Commission Meetings**

The Hercules Finance Commission meets regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

#### **Planning Commission Meetings**

The Hercules Planning Commission meets regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month.

To view City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos go to: [Hercules Meeting Videos](#).

Viewing of **LIVE** City of Hercules City Council and City Commission meetings can be done by performing the following:

1. Browse to the City of Hercules website at: [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us)
2. Click the “**I Want To**” menu.
3. Click the “**View City of Hercules committee meetings**” link.
4. Locate the desired meeting and date.
5. Click the associated “**Video**” link (Video status is as follows):
  - **Video** = Video is available for on demand viewing.
  - **In Progress** = Video is available for viewing during live recording.
  - **Not Available** = Video is either unavailable or has not been recorded.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### **Building Inspection Division**

	<b>April 13 thru April 27 18</b>	<b>FY 2017/18 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	39	687
Total Fees Collected:	\$14,974.68	\$1,100,496.90
Number of Inspections:	19	444
New Housing:	0	236

#### **Planning Division**

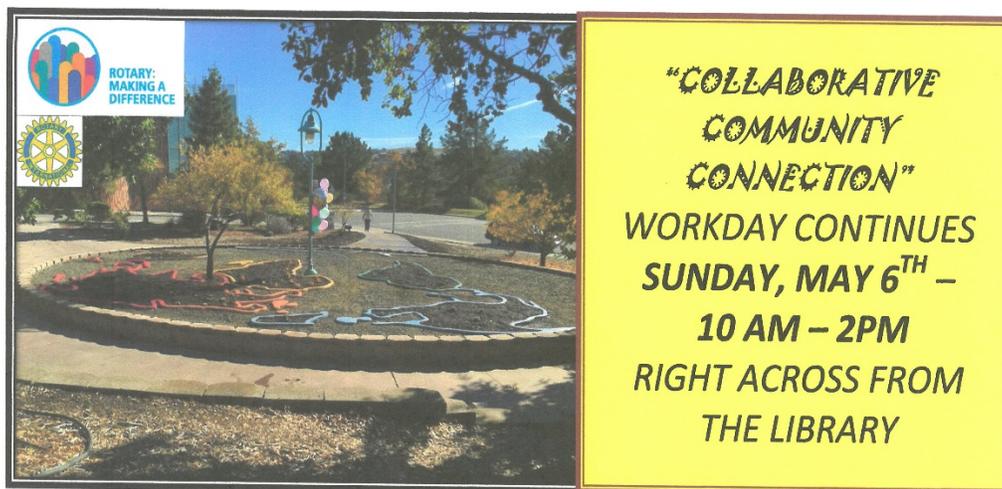
- Planning Department approved Administrative Use Permit# 18-09 , a request to open a Pizza Restaurant “Domino’s Pizza” at 1581 Sycamore Avenue, Suite A10 in the Creekside Shopping Center

#### **Continued Public Hearing on Blocks Q & R within the Waterfront on 5/7/2018**

The Planning Commission will hold an additional Design Review public hearing for the next 2 City blocks within the Bayfront Waterfront Master Plan Area (known as blocks Q&R) adjacent to the Muir Pointe subdivision currently under construction by Taylor Morrison. The project site is bounded on the West by John Muir Parkway and on the South by the North Channel (near Tioga Loop) south of Bayfront Boulevard (also referred to as Blocks “Q&R” or Parcels 29 & 30 in the Vesting Tentative Map) within the larger Bayfront Master Plan Area.

The proposed project consists of a single building with two landscaped courtyards that is a 4-story residential apartment building with 232 apartment units (with approximately 15 units being affordable), along with approximately 12,000 gross square feet of lobby and residential amenity spaces. There is one mostly below grade parking level with 221 spaces and one above grade parking level with 91 spaces (totaling 314 spaces) that are wrapped with units and a residential

lobby with 1 ingress/egress access point for each parking level (without the 2 garage tied together). This project is the second project to move forward in the area covered under the Waterfront District Master Plan (adopted by the City in 2008 out of the original Initiative process with several revisions made over the years).



**“COLLABORATIVE  
COMMUNITY  
CONNECTION”**  
WORKDAY CONTINUES  
SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> –  
10 AM – 2PM  
RIGHT ACROSS FROM  
THE LIBRARY

**WE WILL BE PLANTING 11 NATIVE TREES (2 OAK TREES AND 9  
WESTERN REDBUD TREES) ALONG THE HILLSIDE  
ABOVE THE HERITAGE GARDEN GLOBE**

**BRING YOUR GLOVES, SHOVELS, HATS AND ENERGY  
TO HELP US COMPLETE THIS PROJECT TOGETHER!!!**

More info text 559-707-4616 or go to [Facebook@hercules.rotary](https://www.facebook.com/hercules.rotary)

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Maintenance & Operations**

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks and buildings. The new modular maintenance and operations building is being fitted with communication cabling and staff is in the process of moving in. The first phase of the Street Sign Replacement Project, which replaced street signs on major streets, has been completed and the first order of signs for residential streets just arrived. The replacement generator damaged by fire at the Community Center has been ordered and we are waiting for delivery. Emergency power is supplied in the interim with a temporary generator. The Community Center Re-roofing Project and Duck Pond Park Improvement Project are out to bid. The Pilot Streetlight Replacement Project, which will replace 75 streetlights, was awarded by Council and will be starting next week. Staff also repaired numerous streetlights throughout town, including a few which were knocked down by automobiles. The top down cleaning of the City's entire sewer system is now underway.

### **Engineering**

Bay Trail West has been substantially completed. This 0.3 mile long project eliminates the last paving gap along the waterfront and is funded with a \$1.5M grant. The \$52M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is now 2/3 completed with an anticipated final completion date of February 2019. While overall the project is proceeding smoothly, most recently the new power supply provided by PG&E was delayed. The cost impacts of this delay is being assessed. The grading plans for Sycamore Crossing and public improvements for Bayfront Block N are under review. Staff is in discussions with firms to provide plan review on the Safeway Project and obtain environmental permits to dredge Lake Refugio contracts for permit support for the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC). Staff is also beginning the design for capital projects to be constructed next construction season, including resurfacing the Refugio Valley Pedestrian Trail and a major street rehabilitation project.

### **Permits**

#### **Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:**

- Number of application received: 11
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$1,375
- Number of Certifications issued: 9
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 8

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 3

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**



The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of classes and programs that help promote a healthy lifestyle, provides recreational experiences that are fun for all ages and helps to build a strong sense of community pride. For additional info, visit our website at [Parks & Recreation](#) or [register online](#) for a class or program today!

### **Special Events**

### **Activity Guide**

#### **Summer 2018 Parks & Recreation Activity Guide**

The 2018 Summer Activity Guide is here! Copies are available at the Community Center, Senior Center, Teen Center, City Hall and Hercules Library. Hercules residents were also mailed a copy late last week. Summer includes programs scheduled in May-August. Some highlights for the summer guide include our all new CIT (Counselor-In-Training) program, a Family Camp Adventure for the whole family at Camp Concord, the “Lunchables” program, and our Movies in the Park series happening on the 3rd Friday of each month (June through August). For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 799-8291 or visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com)!

#### **Become an independent contractor**

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for new instructors to teach classes or camps to the community for the Fall 2018. If you think you have what it takes to become an independent contractor, or know someone that does, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 799-8291.

### **Aquatics**

#### **High School Swim Team**

The 2018 Hercules High School Titan Swim regular season ended on April 27 with a league swim meet at Cal Maritime. Qualifying swimmers will compete in the NCS (North Coast Section) Championship meet May 11 & 12. Congratulations to all the Titan swimmers on a successful season.

#### **Piranhas Swim Team**

The 2018 Hercules Piranhas Swim season began on Monday, April 30. The pool was full of excitement as many of the returning swimmers got in the water for the first time since the season ended in August 2017. There were also a lot of new faces to the team. The first month concentrates on conditioning and getting the kids refreshed on swim skills and techniques. The first swim meet will be held in June after school is out for the summer.

#### **Lap Swim Lap Swim**

Swimming is one of the best full-body, low impact workouts that you can get. The Hercules Swim Center is currently open for lap swimming/water walking M-F from 6-8pm. To participate, swimmers must be at least 14 years old. Come get your swim on at Hercules Swim Center.

### **Success! Lifeguard Training during Spring Break**

The City of Hercules is conducting another Lifeguard training before summer for all of those who were unable to attend the Spring Break training. Participants will learn water and land rescues, surveillance techniques, CPR, AED, and First-Aid, in addition to team work. For many lifeguards in training this will be their first job. Congratulations to the participants. See you all this summer!

### **Annual County Health Inspection**

Last week, the City of Hercules was visited by the Contra Costa County Health Department as part of their routine annual health inspection. Both the Snack Shack and Kitchen at the Community Swim Center passed as expected.

### **Fee Classes**

#### **Zumba is back!**

Zumba is a hit! If you are looking for a way to get your groove on, we are currently offering Zumba classes on Tu/Th at the Ohlone Community Center at 10:30a, and at the Senior Center at 10a on Wednesdays. Zumba is a great work out, and its' fun too! Come join us and get movin'! For more information contact 799-8291.

#### **Extended Trips**

The City of Hercules recently began a partnership with Premier World Discovery to offer extended trips around the county. Of the 4 planned trips for 2018, we have recently booked a few residents for a couple different trips.

Remaining Trips include a:

- 9-day Colorado Rockies, Rails and Western National Parks trip in July,
- 9-day Niagara Falls and Heritage Highlights trip in September and
- 6-day Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in October.

We are excited to send our first families off on these amazing adventures and can't wait to hear how the trips turn out. If you are interested in one or more of the trips, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 799-8291.

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **Job Opportunities**

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for staff to round out our summer programs. We current have openings in Aquatics, Breakfast Club, RAP, Teens and/or Facilities. To join Team Dynamite, visit the City of Hercules website at <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181>

#### **Online Classes**

Online classes have become an extremely popular platform. Where else can you take a class in your PJ's? There are hundreds of online classes to choose from in our Winter/Spring guide. Registration for online classes is easy, just go to [www.ed2go.com/herculesrc](http://www.ed2go.com/herculesrc), and find the perfect class for you. For more information on any of our classes, visit us online at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com) or call 799-8291.

#### **Registrations**

We are currently accepting registrations for a variety of programs featured in our 2018 Winter/Spring guide. From fitness, to trips, and everything in between, there is something for everyone. To register for classes either visit us online at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com) or call 799-8291.

### **Family Camp Adventures NEW!**

“Family Camp Adventures” is an amazing Family Camp trip is perfect for that unique family vacation in the Sierras, or a great way to schedule a vacation with a play group, a sports team, a group of neighbors or extended families. The City of Hercules has partnered with Camp Concord in South Lake Tahoe to bring a NEW program to our residents.

At Family Camp Adventures, families arrive at camp and check into their own cabin. All meals and activities are included in the adventure. Activities include things like archery, a luau on the beach, hikes in the El Dorado National Forest, Social Hour (“Happy Hour”), Campfires, Twilight games on the beach, and much more. The photos to the right show the dining hall, the green room and the deck. Can you smell the fresh air???

The trip is scheduled for 4 days/3 nights, from Tuesday 7/10 to Friday 7/13. For more information contact 799-8291.



### **Kidz Programs**

Our current theme for the last month of Preschool is “**Alphabet House**”. The children are reviewing all concepts, Letters **A-Z**, the colors **Rainbow**, all the shape throughout the school year. These concepts get reviewed through art, discovery centers and workbooks. Each week we work on a different Discovery Center area that helps children work on their fine-motor and listening skills.



The pictures is the Pre-Kinder class at Lupine Kidz Center. This class is celebrating the Alphabet after learning about it this past 9 months. Each child gets award and trophy for learning Alphabet A-Z. This is one of Ms. Chris favorite days surprising them with Alphabet party!



We are in the process getting ready for Mother's Day Tea parties and Teddy bear day. The Jr. Kinder and Pre-Kinder Teachers are collecting money for the graduation caps/.tassels for graduation May 31 & June 1.

### **Kaleidoscope Kidz, a Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP)**

Our Recreation Afterschool Program, Kaleidoscope Kidz, is held at all 3 elementary school sites: Hanna Ranch, Lupine and Ohlone. The theme for May in RAP is "Rainforest/Oregon."



New program 2018-2019 school year at the Lupine Kidz Center only. We will start picking up the T.K (Transitional Kindergarten) at Lupine Elementary School. We can provide PM care only pick up time of 1:45pm. There will be some adjustments with staffing the program but we are really looking forward to helping this group of families out with their Afterschool care needs.

Registration for the 2018-2019 Breakfast Club and After School programs are in full swing. We have also begun to take registrations for the Dynamite Summer camp program as well.

### **Traditional Camps**

#### **Summer Breakfast Club – **NEW!****

This program is located at the Teen Center for grades K-8. Summer Breakfast Club will run M-F from 6:30-8:30a. The program costs \$49(R)/\$60(NR) per week. Participants will enjoy arts & crafts, passive and active games and other fun activities. You may purchase a Breakfast Meal Pass to make your morning easier. Your child will be dropped off at either the Dynamite Summer camp location, or they will be walked up to the Community Center depending on the camp they have signed up for. For more information contact us at the Community Center at 510.799.8290.

#### **Dynamite Summer Camp K-4<sup>th</sup>**

All K-4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend Dynamite Camp Monday-Friday 8:30a-5:30p. The cost is \$225(R)/\$254(NR). Dynamite campers will enjoy a fun and exciting summer with weekly entertainment and swimming three days week. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will attend three field trips (one each month) and we will provide Thursday Dinner Day Lunch every week. Each week we follow a theme with lots of games, contests and prizes. For more information call 510.245-4803.

#### **LIT/CIT Program - **NEW!****

Leader In Training/Counselor In Training (LIT/CIT) is for those teens 14-16 years old looking to prepare for a job working with children when they come of age. Our LIT/CIT program will help teens gain valuable insight and job training/leadership skills as participants. LIT/CIT's will work along-side of trained counselors in our famous Camp Dynamite summer program. Register at our Community Center Monday-Thursday and sign up for one of two 5-week sessions starting June 11 to August 10. Call 510.799.8230 for more information.

## **Seniors**

### **Blood Drive**

Last week the City of Hercules held a successful blood drive at the Senior Center. Over all there were registered 30 donors, and 23 pints of blood was collected. Thank you to all who came out to give blood.

### **Membership at the Senior Center**

Joining the Hercules Senior Center is easy. There is a \$20 annual membership rate that includes discounts on a wide variety of activities, and an affordable daily lunch Monday through Friday. There is a suggested \$3 donation for lunch. For more information please call us at 799-8219.

### **Volunteers**

The Hercules Senior Center is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or to simply find out more information about upcoming volunteer opportunities, please contact Kristina Griffith at 799-8219.

## **Sports**

### **Skyhawks Sports – Summer Programs**

Skyhawks sports camps and tot sports and now open for registration for their upcoming summer programs! These weekly camps are designed to introduce to young athletes the value of hard work, conditioning, developing motor skills, playing games and having fun! Skyhawks offer many weekly summer sports camps such as flag football, tennis, basketball, soccer, and so much more! If interested contact the Parks and Recreation Department at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com) or please call 799-8291.

### **Kidz Love Soccer – Summer Programs**

Registration is now available for the upcoming summer sessions of Kidz Love Soccer programs. Kidz Love Soccer offers instructional programs for children between the ages of 2½ to 10 years of age. Kidz Love Soccer offers a variety of instructional programs for all skill levels including Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer, Tot/Pre Soccer, Soccer 1 and Soccer 2. Each program is broken down based on age. If you're interested in registering for any of these programs or would like more information, please contact our main office at (51) 799-8291.

### **AOSL (All Out Sports League)**

Registration is now open for the AOSL Jr. Bantam Basketball league which is available for boys and girls between the ages of 10-13. Player evaluations are set for Friday, June 8 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Hercules Community Center. Practices will begin the week of June 18, and games will begin the following Saturday. There will be (1) practice and (1) game a week. All teams will use NBA team names and all players get to keep their uniforms after the season. To register, you must do so in person at the Hercules Community Center. Please register now as space is limited! For more information, please contact 799-8291.

### **AOSL Basketball Skills Clinics**

The AOSL Basketball Clinics have fast become a family favorite here in Hercules. These clinics are ideal for young athletes interested in the game of Basketball. Whether you are looking to learn

the basic fundamentals, or to improve your skills, the AOSL Basketball Clinics offer something for players of all abilities. This program consists of (1) session a week and a total of (4) sessions a month. To register, please visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

## **Teens**

### **Teen Dynamite Summer Camp**

Teen Dynamite is now available for registration for all the in-coming 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Teens will have the opportunity to attend (2) field trips a week, arts/crafts, cooking/baking projects, sports and activities including: swimming, group games, and more. Let our friendly staff keep your teens active and entertained this summer! Space is limited on all of our field trips, so be sure to register in advance. For more information, please contact our main office at (510) 799-8291.

### **Driver's Ed**

Do you have a teen that is ready for the open road? We offer an online Driver's Ed course through Safety Driver's Ed. The course includes videos, animated driving scenarios and sample test questions. In addition, participants will learn the rules of the road, major causes of traffic collisions, and DMV procedures...all from the comforts of your own home. A licensed instructor is available to answer any questions. Once you complete the course, participants will receive a DMV-approved certificate of completion. Register any time on our website at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com). Driver's Ed is the first required step for any teenage driver before they can get their driver's license. For more information, please contact us at (510) 799-8291.

## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **May the Fourth Be With You Day Activities!**

The City of Hercules, the Hercules Library and the Bay Front Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to bring you all things Star Wars April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 4<sup>th</sup>. Visit local businesses and get your "passport" stamped to be entered into a raffle for prizes. On May 4th go on a Storywalk at Refugio Park, visit the Hercules Library from 3-5 for fun activities including the Contra Costa Mobile Adoption Van and finally, at Sundown, go back to Refugio Park to meet characters from the Star Wars Movie and watch The Star Wars movie. Raffle tickets are due by 7:45pm at Refugio Park.

### **Highlighted Programs**

#### **Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**

#### **May the Fourth Be With You Day Activities at the Library**

Padawans! Jedis! Sith Lords! Make a stop at the library and share the force with other Star Wars fans. Fun activities and pet adoptions with Contra Costa Animal Services will help you make the jump to lightspeed on this special day. Come to the library you must!

#### **Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm**

#### **Storywalk in Refugio Valley Park**

Take a walk around Refugio Valley Park and read *Life on Mars* by Jon Agee as you get ready to travel to a galaxy far, far away. Stay for the *Star Wars Movie* which will be shown at sundown.

#### **Read to a Dog H.A.L.O. Angel Ears**

**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

Certified therapy dogs, READ trained, will listen to children read. Sessions with these special dogs are about 15 minutes each. The HALO dogs provide a nurturing acceptance and a warm empathy that makes children feel safe, providing a nonjudgmental space for learning. Registration suggested.

**Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm**

**Free Comic Book Day**

Hey kids and teens! Join the Hercules Library to celebrate Free Comic Book day! We will have a drawing class with artist Sam Filstrup, crafts, green screen, and best of all: **FREE COMICS!**

**Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**First Generation Farmers**

Join us as the First Generation Farmers bring their mobile zoo to the Hercules Library! Pet and feed live goats and chickens, get your hands dirty in our worm bin, and plant a seed to take home and watch it grow. Learn about composting and how the foods we eat make it from the farm to your table.

**Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Business Master Mind Class for Women Entrepreneurs**

Let us network and support each other on the journey of Entrepreneurship. Whether you are just starting your business or have an existing one, this is a great place for discussion, problem-solving, support, and to learn how to grow your business in the company of peers like yourself. We will present a different business topic each month: -Marketing -Branding -Financials -Taxes -Growth Strategies ...and more! Register Now at [www.ContraCostaSBDC.org/events](http://www.ContraCostaSBDC.org/events) or call 925.602.6810

**Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Genealogy Workshop**

Curious about your family history? Want help with completing your family tree? Volunteers from the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society will be available to help you use HeritageQuest, the library's new Genealogy program as well as other resources to discover more about your family history! Registration suggested as space is limited. Call the library at 510-245-2420 to register

**Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm**

**Chess Club**

The third Tuesday of each month we'll have chess games in the large conference room. We provide boards, or bring your own. All ages are welcome, bring a friend or find a new opponent.

**HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**THE FOLLOWING CASES ONLY REFLECT A PARTIAL LIST OF ACTUAL CASES TAKEN. CALLS FOR SERVICE NOT GENERATING WRITTEN REPORTS ARE NOT USUALLY LISTED. ALL THOSE ARRESTED ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY**

**Recovered Stolen Vehicle:** On April 19, 2018, at approximately 2:31 am, CCCSO requested an Officer check the 100 block of Bluebird for a gray Chrysler 300 which was just involved in a threats, and vandalism, case in North Richmond. Officers checked the area and did not find the

suspect vehicle. An Officer checked the license plate of a blue 2017 Hyundai Sonata, with an Arizona Plate, parked in the drive way of the house they were checking. The vehicle came back as a stolen vehicle out of San Mateo County. The Hyundai was recovered and towed.

**Residential Burglary:** On April 19, 2018 at 12:56pm, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of South Wildwood. An anonymous caller said, 20 minutes prior to calling, he saw two unfamiliar males, in dark clothing/hoodies, leaving his neighbor's House. They were carrying bags filled with unknown items. Officers arrived and located an open rear slider that was intact. Officer checked the house and no one was located inside. Ingress/egress appeared to be through the rear slider. The house was ransacked. The victim was contacted and confirmed the burglary.

**Lost/Stolen Plate:** On April 19, 2018 at 4:04pm, an officer responded to the 200 block of Compass Point. The reporting party said her front license plate, for her 2019 BMW, was lost or stolen. The plate was entered into the Stolen Vehicle System.

**Offensive Words:** On April 19, 2018 at 4:15pm officers went to a residence in the 100 block of Tuscany for follow-up on previous calls. When officers arrived they heard a male and female neighbor arguing. It was later determined that female used offensive words towards male and trespassed on his property. He stated he wanted prosecution. The female said the male used offensive language toward her and she also wanted prosecution.

**Suspected Possession of a Controlled Substance/ Drug Paraphernalia /Impounded Vehicle:** On April 19, 2018 at 5:56pm, an Officer stopped a red Honda Civic, in the parking lot of 3600 San Pablo Ave, for expired registration. The 19 year old male driver told the Officer he had a pipe, commonly used to smoke narcotics, and a usable amount of a narcotic on his person. The subject was arrested. He was later released with a citation.

**Brandishing a Firearm:** On April 20, 2018, at approximately 8:11 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Pheasant Drive and Partridge Drive for the report of a male who was brandishing a firearm. The caller did not give any further information. Officers checked the area and were not able to locate any victims of witnesses. The Reporting Party/Victim- was contacted by telephone and was not cooperative over the phone. Officers went to the reporting party's house and he would not open the door. Over the phone the subject said was he was driving on Pheasant near Partridge, and a Hispanic male, driving behind him in a gray colored Toyota Tacoma, flashed his high beams at the subject. He pulled over, and the other male stopped next to him. The Hispanic male pointed a handgun at the reporting party. The reporting party was unwilling to provide many details, and declined to come to the Police Station to sign a Citizen's Arrest form.

**Lost Property:** On April 20, 2018 a School Resource Officer requested a case for a lost cellphone.

**Fraud:** On April 20, 2018 at 2:52pm an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Obsidian for a fraud scam. The reporting party said he was sent a check for a job (which turned out to be bogus) and was convinced to deposit it into his account. He was then instructed to withdraw the same amount and send cash money to the fraudster. When the Scammer's check "Bounced". The bank deducted the amount from his account.

**Possession of Controlled Substance/Drug Paraphernalia/Probation Violation:** On April 20, 2018, at approximately 9:56 pm, an Officer stopped a gray Cadillac Deville, for not displaying a license plate, in the 1400 block of Willow Avenue. The 36 year old male driver, was on searchable

probation, in Contra Costa County. A probation search was done, and a substance, believed to be a narcotic; and a glass pipe, commonly used to smoke narcotics, were located in the vehicle. The subject was arrested and issued a citation. The vehicle was towed for expired registration.

**Prisoner Pick-Up:** On April 21, 2018, an Officer went to Solano County Jail to pick up a 43 year old female for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for a Hercules Case. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Annoy/ Threats:** On April 21, 2018 at 12:16pm, an officer was dispatched to HPD for a lobby report. The reporting party said a female called and threatened her.

**Domestic Violence** On April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 at approximately 12:02AM HPD Officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of De Anza Lane for a domestic violence incident. The reporting party stated her 44 year old husband, punched her in the face and left the residence. The husband had took his 13 year old daughter, from another relationship, with him. The husband has full custody of the child. An area check was conducted for the suspect but he was not located. The reporting party declined medical attention and did not want prosecution, or an Emergency Protective Order.

**Domestic Violence/Child Endangerment/Obstruction of Justice:** On April 22, 2018 at 7:23 am, Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Dover for a disturbance. The 26 year old female reporting party said her 32 year old boyfriend was trying to break into her house and her child was with her. The male was gone when the officers arrived. The reporting party said the male kicked out the driver's side window her Honda while she, and their 8 year old son, were sitting in the car. The male then punched her in the left arm. The suspect male was located parked, and asleep, in his vehicle at the end of Palm. The subject was then awakened but refused to exit the vehicle and comply with verbal commands to exit the vehicle. The subject eventually rolled down the driver's window enough to be handcuffed and removed from the vehicle and arrested. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. An Emergency Protective Order granted.

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 22, 2018 at 2:05 pm, an Officer conducted a pedestrian stop of 49 year old male, of Rodeo. The subject had two citable misdemeanor warrants. The subject was cited, with new court dates, and released.

**Non Injury Vehicle Collision:** On April 22, 2018 at 5:33 pm, a driver of a white Toyota Camry said he was momentarily distracted and collided into a fire hydrant at the corner of Victoria Crescent East/Crepe Myrtle. RHFD responded to shut off the water and EB MUD responded to replace the hydrant.

**Grand Theft:** On April 23, 2018, at 2:54 pm, a Loss Prevention Officer from Home Depot came to HPD to report a theft of power tool. He stated the item was stolen from the Hercules Home Depot last Saturday by a known African American male suspect.

**Auto Burglary:** On April 23, 2018 at 4:19 pm, an owner of a Toyota RAV 4 was the victim of a window smash burglary, in the 3600 block of San Pablo. Two backpacks were stolen. The time frame 4:00 to 4:35pm.

**Residential Burglary:** On April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at approximately 7:14PM HPD Officers were

dispatched to a residence in the 400 block Grenadine Way for a burglary. The reporting party said unknown suspect(s) broke into his house between 10:00AM and 6:45PM. Access was gained by prying open the front door. The house was ransacked and various items were taken.

**Warrant Arrest** On April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at approximately 11:04PM a HPD Officer checked on a suspicious red 2003 Chevy Corvette in the 3600 block of San Pablo Ave. A 56 year old male was seated in the driver's seat. He had a warrant held by Marin County SO. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The vehicle was towed for expired registration.

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 24, 2018, at 10:44 am, an Officer a 31 year old female at Turquoise/Sycamore. The officer had been advised the subject had warrants for her arrest. The warrants were verified. The subject had a misdemeanor warrant, from Hercules, and a felony warrant from Richmond PD. The subject was arrested and taken to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Theft by False Pretense:** On April 24, 2018at 11:21 am, an Officer responded for a lobby detail. A Hercules resident said she was offered a loan and provided the "loan company" her banking account information. The suspect deposited funds into the victim's account and then asked her to send money back, via Walmart gift cards, providing pin numbers to the suspect. The suspect also had the victim wire money, using Walmart, to a person in Houston Texas.

**Crime Prevention Tip: Scammers will often send an unsuspecting victim a check, saying it is for a job; supplies; rent; lottery winnings, etc., and tell the victim to deposit the check in their personal account. The checks usually appear to be "cashier's checks" and even fool the bank tellers. Once the check is deposited the scammer asks the victim to send them, or another scammer, some of the money back. They tell the victim to use money grams, prepaid cash cards, etc. The victim does not know there is anything wrong until the bank says the cashier's check "Bounced". The bank deducts the whole amount from the victim's account and the victim is out the money they sent to the scammer. Anytime someone sends you money and wants you send some, or all, of it back, Run, IT IS A SCAM.**

**Residential Burglary:** On April 24, 2018at 12:54 pm, the resident from the 1000 block of Waverly Circle reported an interrupted front door kick residential burglary. The subjects, with their faces covered, left in a silver vehicle. Time frame of burglary was noon and 12:54pm. Suspects were described as 3 African American males, in their late 20 to early 30s. Vehicle had paper plates.

**Violation of a Court Order:** On April 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at approximately 8:47PM HPD Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Starling Way for a family disturbance. The reporting party stated her 49 year old son was "destroying" the house. Officers located the subject as he was attempting to leave the area. The mother is a protected party in a Temporary Restraining Order, requiring her son to stay at least 5 feet away from her. The mother wished to press charges. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Arson:** On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 at approximately 1:14AM HPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Sycamore Ave and San Pablo Ave for someone who lit a garbage can on fire. An Officer located a garbage can on fire with 20 year old female standing behind it. The subject admitted to lighting the garbage can on fire. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The fire was.

**Court Order Compliance:** On April 25, 2018 at 2:26pm, a Richmond resident came to HPD to turn in his handgun pursuant to a served Domestic Violence restraining order. The gun was collected and logged into evidence safekeeping.

**Assault:** On April 25, 2018 at 1:49pm, a Hercules resident came in to report that on April, 20 2018 his father-in-law, pushed him against a wall during a family altercation. The reporting party does not desire prosecution, and only wanted documentation.

**Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Collision:** On April 26, 2018 8:24am, officers responded to the 1800 block of Lupine for a traffic collision. The adult female driver of a SUV was driving westbound on Lupine Rd when a 13 year old female pedestrian entered the roadway from the north curb across from her house. The SUV struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver remained on scene and cooperated with the investigation.

**Elder Abuse/Assault with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Harm:** On April 26, 2018, at approximately 8:07 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Starling Way for a disturbance. There was an open line, and two males were heard yelling in the background. Officers contacted the residents in the house. The investigation indicated the 50 year old son threw his 89 year old step-father to the ground and choked him. The father used a walking stick, and hit the son, to defend himself. The father declined medical attention. The son was arrested then transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Possession of Controlled Substance/Probation Violation:** On April 26, 2018, at approximately 9:03 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to 76 Gas Station on Willow for a driver, in a gray Honda Civic, possibly being an impaired driver. Officers arrived and contacted a 29 year old male, from Vacaville, sitting in a silver Honda Civic. The subject was determined to be on searchable probation. A search of the vehicle, and the subject, revealed two baggies with suspected controlled substance inside them. The subject was arrested, issued a citation and released.

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 27, 2018, sometime around 6:25 am, Pinole PD had an auto burglary which had just occurred at Noah's Bagels on Fitzgerald Drive. The suspect vehicle was described as a gray vehicle with dark tinted windows. An Officer was driving through the parking lot of 3700 San Pablo Avenue and observed a gray vehicle with paper plates, and dark tinted windows, parked near Starbucks. The vehicle appeared unoccupied. The Officer parked and started to walk up to check the VIN on the vehicle. The vehicle quickly backed up and drove out of the parking lot. The Officer stopped the vehicle. The 35 year old driver, from Vallejo, had a warrant out of Washington State. The warrant had extradition authority. The subject was also on active probation out of Santa Clara County. The subject was arrested for the warrant and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 27, 2018, at approximately 10:07 pm, an Officer stopped a blue, Ford Fusion, at Canterbury and Dartford, for the driver's view being obstructed. A 32 year old male passenger of the vehicle, from Richmond, had a citable misdemeanor warrant from Martinez. The subject was issued a citation, with a new court date, and released after signing a promise to appear.

**Missing Juvenile:** On April 28, 2018, at approximately 1:33 am, an Officer was dispatched to the

100 block of Ridgeview Terrace for the report of a missing 16 year old female was dropped off at school, in Richmond, at 8:00am on April 27, 2018. She was supposed to be staying at her friend, in San Pablo. The subject was not at her friend's house and believed to be with a boyfriend. Her phone was turned off, and was not able to be located. An APB Flyer was sent out to surrounding counties.

**Missing Juvenile Returned:** On April 28, 2018, 1:55pm, an Officer was dispatched back to the 100 block of Ridgeview Terrace regarding the missing person. The subject was contacted and released to her aunt, at the mother's request.

**Fighting:** On April 28, 2018 at 6:10pm officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of Swallow for a fight between juveniles. When officers arrived the parties were separated. The investigation revealed the two juveniles were fighting because one tried to steal the other's cellphone earlier. No one was injured and neither party wanted prosecution. Case taken to be and will be forwarded to the Probation Department for review.

**Officer Involved Vehicle Collison:** On April 28, 2018 at approximately 8:32pm, Officers were responding to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of Sycamore Ave. The reporting party stated she could hear some kind of an altercation between a male and female, and it sounded physical. A responding officer was traveling westbound on Sycamore Ave, through the intersection at San Pablo Ave, with his emergency lights and siren activated. The officer collided with a Green Kia Soul, traveling Southbound through the intersection. The Kia then collided with a Black Audi stopped, at the light, in the eastbound lanes of Sycamore Ave. The officer sustained minor injuries from the collision. The solo occupant of the Kia sustained, what appeared to be, non- life threatening injuries and was transported to a hospital. She was treated and released. The occupants of the Audi were contacted, and none of them sustained any major injuries. The officer was later taken to the hospital with a complaint of pain. He was treated and released.

**Hit and Run Collision:** On April 28, 2018 at approximately 11:43pm, Officers were dispatched to the area of South Wildwood at Village Parkway for a report of a hit and run that just occurred. The reporting party stated a Black Prius, with an unknown license plate, just collided with two vehicles parked along the curb near. The Prius was last seen leaving at a high rate of speed. On arrival Officers located a Black Ford Explorer and a Silver Chevy Avalanche. Both vehicles sustained damage from the collision. An area check was done for the suspect vehicle, but it was not located. The registered owners of the vehicles were contacted and a case was taken for this incident.

**Attempted Burglary and Vandalism:** On April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 at approximately 9:56PM HPD Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1300 block of Canterbury for a rock through a window. The reporting party stated an unknown suspect threw a rock through a living room window. The rock damaged an I-pad that was on the counter. Officers believe that the incident was an attempted burglary and the suspect(s) fled the scene once they realized the residence was not vacant.

**Public Intoxication:** On April 30, 2018 at 8:23 am, a Hercules Public Works employee reported seeing a 58 year old male sleeping on the bus bench, on Refugio Valley Rd, in front of Lucky Supermarket. The subject declined offers for services to get him off the street. The subject was

found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Attempt Residential Burglary:** On April 30, 2018 at 2:54 pm, Officers responded to the 100 block of Armstrong for an alarm with living room motion. The residents' daughter arrived prior to PD arrival. She advised a window screen had been removed and a window broken. Officers cleared the residence and determined the suspect(s) had not made entry. A report was taken.

**Fraud in Progress/ Identity Theft/Parole Violation:** On April 30, 2018, at 4:53pm, a Bank of America employee called regarding an adult male trying to cash a fraudulent check. Officers contacted the 35 year old male and confirmed he was attempting to cash a check not issued to him. The subject was found to be on parole. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Stolen Vehicle Recovery/Possession of Stolen Property:** On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 at approximately 4:38AM a HPD Officer checked on an unoccupied vehicle in the parking lot of Rite Aid. An early 2000s model silver BMW X5 displayed the license plate that came back to a 2012 BMW. A check of the VIN# revealed the BMW was report stolen to San Jose PD on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. An Officer remembered speaking to the driver of the BMW the previous night and he stated he does night time cleaning for Rite Aid. After knocking on the door for several minutes, a Hispanic male adult approached the door, but would not open the door. The subject walked away and disappeared from the officers' view. A store manager, who happened to be inside the store, was contacted and let Officers in. The subject was contacted and the key to the BMW was located in his pant pocket but he denied ownership of the vehicle. The 42 year old male subject, of San Jose, was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Possession of Dirk:** On May 2, 2018 at 7:22 AM, Officers were dispatched to Shell for a suspicious male subject panhandling. An officer contacted a 30 year old male, of Pinole. A search was conducted which revealed a concealed dirk. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Auto Burglary (Bobcop):** On May 2, 2018 at 9:09 AM, a resident from the 100 block of Daisy Ct., submitted an on-line auto burglary report with no suspect info. The vehicle was burglarized on the morning of April 24, 2018.

#### WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 04/19/18-05/02/18

CALLS FOR SERVICE	826
REPORTS	67
TRAFFIC CITES	30
PARKING CITES	92
ADULT ARRESTS	25
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0

TOWED VEHICLES	18
PART 1 TOTAL	234

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	4
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	4
LARCENY (auto burglary or thefts)	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You Day**

**Date:** 05/04/2018 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location:** Hercules Library  
109 Civic Drive  
Hercules, California 94547

**Movie in the Park – Star Wars – A New Hope**

**Date:** 05/04/2018 7:00 PM

**Location:** Refugio Valley Park  
1515 Refugio Valley Road  
Hercules, California 94547

**Community Clean-Up Day**

**Date:** 05/05/2018 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Location:** Hercules Corporation Yard  
1000 Sycamore Avenue  
Hercules, California 94547

**Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:** 05/07/2018 7:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall – Council Chambers  
111 Civic Drive  
Hercules, California 94547

**City Council Meeting**

**Date:** 05/08/2018 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall – Council Chambers  
111 Civic Drive  
Hercules, California 94547

**Community and Library Services Commission**

**Date:** 05/14/2018 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall – Council Chambers  
111 Civic Drive  
Hercules, California 94547

**Finance Commission – Special**

**Date:** 05/14/2018 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Location:** Samara Terrace – Van Domselaar Meeting Room  
102 Civic Drive  
Hercules, California 94547

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

**Date:** 05/19/2018 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Location:** Corporation Yard  
1000 Sycamore Avenue  
Hercules, California 94547