

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
April 5, 2019

David Biggs, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

Be sure to dispose of household hazardous waste like oil, paint, batteries, and electronics properly. You can do so safely and properly on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 1 PM in Hercules at the City's Corp Yard.



**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event One Day Only!**

**Accepted Items:**

- Electronic waste with circuit boards (including microwaves, computers, TVs, & cell phones)
- Auto products (antifreeze, gasoline, batteries, used motor oil & filters)
- Propane gas cylinders, hazardous aerosols/cleaners/sprays & poisons
- Paints, solvents, thinners, and adhesives
- Household batteries, fluorescent lights, mercury thermometers and switches
- Garden products (pesticides and fertilizers)
- Pool & photo chemicals

Open to West County residents of: Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante, El Cerrito & unincorporated West County (Kensington residents are not eligible)  
**\*\*Bring proof of residency**

- No business waste or garbage
- No explosives, ammunition, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, sharps, or radioactive waste
- No appliances including stoves, refrigerators, washers/dryers, vacuums, toasters, coffeemakers
- No TV's in consoles or TV's over 36" (flatscreens are accepted)
- No treated wood waste or contaminated soil

State regulations limit the transportation of HHW to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle per visit.  
Individual containers are limited to a 5 gallon capacity.



City of Hercules Corp Yard; 1000 Sycamore Ave at Willet St, Hercules

Date: Saturday April 13, 2019

Time: 8am-1pm

Questions? Call 888-412-9277 or visit [www.RecycleMore.com](http://www.RecycleMore.com)

Our permanent HHW Facility is open year round! Take your HHW to 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond  
Wed-Sat 9am-4pm

A free event in partnership with the City of Hercules, City of Pinole, RecycleMore, West County Resource Recovery, & Republic Services



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WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



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SERVICES

## Belly Flop with the Cops

Come join us for our first ever Belly Flops with Cops event at the Community Swim Center. The event will be held on Saturday, April 13. Register today for this **FREE** event at the Swim Center. Registration available at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com), use activity code #41830. Come watch the fun or participate alongside our men and women in blue. Prizes will be awarded to the top performers. Bring your friends and family to this new community event. Only belly flop participants will be allowed to swim at the event. This event is brought to you by the Hercules Police and Parks and Recreation Departments.



**BELLY FLOPS WITH COPS**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13th, 2019**  
**10:00AM-12:00PM**

Join us for some fun and games at the Swim Center with our Men and Women in Blue! Come watch and/or participate in the Belly Flop competition and earn a **SPECIAL PRIZE!**

**COMMUNITY SWIM CENTER**  
2001 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
Swimming Pool Open for Belly Flop Competition Only  
**510-799-8291**

The poster features a man in blue plaid shorts belly flopping into a pool. At the bottom left is a cartoon character of a red firecracker with a yellow star on top and a smiling face.

## Phone Presentation for Seniors



**FREE Specialized California Phone Presentation**

Come join us for a **FREE** Specialized Phone Presentation sponsored by City of Hercules and California Telephone Access Program (CTAP). An Expert will demonstrate the phones and explain this state - funded program. There is no cost, obligation, age or income requirement. California phones keeping you connected!

No Landline, No Problem!  
Cellphones amplifiers to make your cellphone louder!

Now it's a lot easier to hear, dial, and make calls.

**Tuesday, April 30**  
**12:00pm - 1:00pm**  
**Hercules Senior Center**  
**111 Civic Dr.**

For more information, call 510-799-8219

The flyer includes a photo of an elderly man smiling while talking on a mobile phone. At the bottom right is the City of Hercules logo, which features a tree and the text 'CITY OF HERCULES CALIFORNIA'.

## **2019 Spring Citywide Garage Sale**

2019 Spring HERCULES CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE, which benefits the Hercules Sister City Association, will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 8 AM to 3 PM. Details for sellers and buyers intending to participate in the 2019 Spring Hercules Citywide Garage Sale event are on the registration form that can be obtained can be obtained at Hercules City Hall (111 Civic Drive) from Monday through Thursday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or by calling (510) 799-8200 . There are also printed forms on the bulletin board in the Hercules Public Library. On Saturday, April 27, 2019, maps will be sold for 50 cents each on a drive-through basis, in the parking lot of the Hercules Public Library (109 Civic Drive). Map sales will begin at 8:00 am until all maps are sold.

## **Community Clean-Up Day**

Looking to get rid of the stuff you didn't sell during the Citywide Garage Sale? The annual Community Clean-up Day will be held the following weekend on Saturday, May 4th. Watch for more information soon.

## **4th of July Events**



Celebrate Hercules Inc, the local non-profit that organizes our community 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, has launched their sponsorship solicitation for the 2019 4th of July events! Information about sponsorship opportunities can be found here: [4th of July Sponsorships](#)

In addition, people and businesses can participate by:

- For \$30 you can have a 10X10 booth space in the park that has 3,000-5,000 inside the park
- For \$20 you be in the parade which again puts you in front of 3,000-5,000 people along Redwood and Sycamore Ave.

Contact (510) 990-5888 for more information.

## **County Seeking Input on Best Ways to Use Federal Funds**

The County of Contra Costa is seeking input for its Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) Survey about how to spend federal funds in Contra Costa:

WE NEED YOU to identify your community's greatest needs, and help determine how to spend over \$60 million in federal funds to help address those needs in 2020-2025! These funds can be used to improve or construct community centers and parks, improve infrastructure like roads and provide handicap access, assist local small businesses and provide job training, build or rehabilitate affordable housing, provide a wide variety of services for lower income families, individuals, and homeless persons, and much more.

Please take this 10-minute survey and let us know how these funds should be spent in Contra Costa County.

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N9CKWX7>

Español: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KNB2GJ5>

The City of Hercules does not get access to these funding sources directly, so it is important that our residents let the County know about needs in our area.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Hercules Boards/Commission Appointments and Vacancies**

While there are no current vacancies on City Boards and Commissions at this time, residents that have an interest in serving on a Hercules Board or Commission are welcome to apply at any time and your application will remain active and you will be contacted once a vacancy occurs. Contact Lori Martin, City Clerk, at 510.799.8215 or at [lmartin@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:lmartin@ci.hercules.ca.us) for additional information.

Applications are completed through the City's website at:

<https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/commissions-committees>

### **Regional Appointments – OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

For an application to one of our Regional Appointments, contact Lori Martin, City Clerk 510-799-8215, [lmartin@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:lmartin@ci.hercules.ca.us).

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

The Mosquito & Vector Control Board meets in concord on the second Monday at 7 p.m. every other month. Trustees also serve on various subcommittees, which requires attendance at additional meetings. Trustees are paid \$100 per month. Trustees should have an interest in any of the following areas: public health, public policy, wetlands, farming, community education, finance, personnel or land development.

### **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 live broadcasts of Hercules City Council and Planning Commission meetings tune in to Hercules Government Channel 28 on Comcast Cable.**

**To view City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos online 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.

### **CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay**

Broadcasting of the Hercules City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings has resumed on Hercules Cable television (HCTV) Channel 28. The following is the Contra Costa Television (CCCTV) Broadcast replay schedule of Hercules City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos.

#### **City Council Meeting**

Meetings will replay on the following dates & times after the live meeting broadcast:

- Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

Meetings will replay on the following dates & times after the live meeting broadcast:

- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Building Inspection Division**

	<b>Mar 18 thru Mar 29, 2019</b>	<b>FY 2018/19 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	39	597
Total Fees Collected:	\$9,462.76	\$978,857.24
Number of Inspections:	29	377
New Housing:	0	256

**Planning Division**

- Approved Administrative Design Use Permit ADRP# 19-09, request to construct a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 10 foot X 30 foot uncovered deck in the back of a 2-story home at 121 Topaz Court

**Anticipated Public Hearing on 3 Blocks within the Bayfront-Waterfront**

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Design Review for the Bayfront- Waterfront Blocks M-P and O. Several design modifications were requested by the Planning Commission with the public hearing being continued to 7:00pm on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The staff report and updated designs should be available on the City website under the 4/15/2019 Planning Commission meeting agenda by Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>.



**BLOCKS M/P AND O – SITE PLAN**



**BLOCK O - EAST CORNER AT JOHN MUIR AND BAYFRONT LOOP**



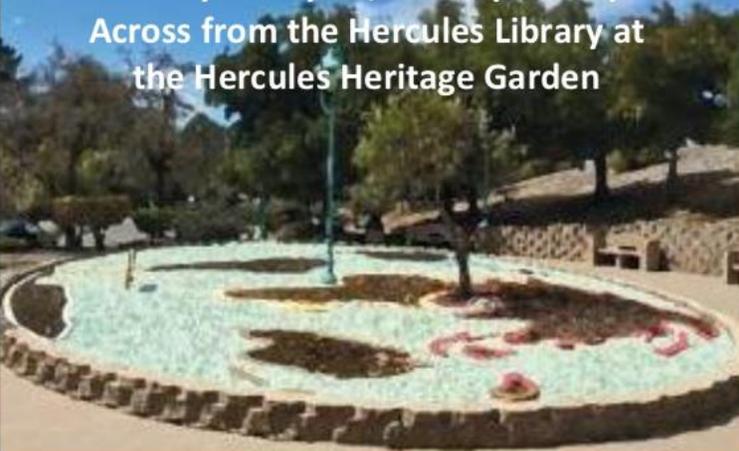
**BLOCKS M/P - BAYFRONT LOOP AT NEIGHBORHOOD SQUARE**



**BLOCKS M/P - WATERFRONT PARK AT PASEO**

**TASTE OF THE WORLD**

Saturday – May 11, 2019 5pm – 8 pm  
Across from the Hercules Library at  
the Hercules Heritage Garden



 **Sponsored by Hercules – HRC Rotary Club**  
A cultural event highlighting local youth art contest,  
dance, music, and tastes of cultural food & beverage.

Go to Hercules Rotary  for further details to:

- \*Enter the youth art contest (with judging & prizes at event)
- \*Link to Eventbrite to get your tickets (\$15/person or \$30/family of 4) and/or donate directly to our cause of supporting youth art
- \*Pickup tickets at Computer Engineering Group (CEG) in Hercules, Kel Aire in Rodeo weekdays, or Four Fools Winery in Rodeo weekends.
- \*Contact President Elect, Elias Mohammed at [elias.mohammed@gmail.com](mailto:elias.mohammed@gmail.com)

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Maintenance & Operations**

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks and buildings. At this time the Street Sign Replacement Project is approximately 75% completed, with the remaining signs received at the Maintenance Yard. A contract to paint red curb throughout town has been awarded and the contractor is scheduling the work, which has been impacted by the inclement weather. The design for the Corporation Yard sewer lateral installation was completed and will be put out to bid shortly. Numerous street lights around town were repaired. Dead trees are in the process of being removed from Refugio Lake Park plus accumulated logs and other debris were removed from the outlet of the Lake. The repairs to 20 sidewalk locations were completed through removal and replacement of concrete.

### **Engineering**

The \$52M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is nearing completion, with an anticipated substantial completion date of July 2019. While overall the project is proceeding smoothly, power and gas services provided by PG&E were delayed. The cost impact of this delay is being assessed. The design plans are under review for the public improvements for the future Safeway, located at the southeast corner of San Pablo and Sycamore Avenue, as well as the Bayfront Project for Blocks Q&R and M,O, & P, the Willow Center, Sycamore Crossing, and the Hillcrest project. Work on the Refugio Valley Pedestrian Trail Resurfacing Project is nearing completion. Work on the new bathroom and sport court at Duck Pond Park is also nearing completion. Design is underway for the mile long segment of sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plan, computer flow modeling has begun for the City's backbone sewer system, as is the financial study for the sewer fund. Final design for the Hercules Avenue Traffic Calming Project is under review and will be bid out shortly.

### **Permits**

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 2
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$250
- Number of Certifications issued: 2
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 2

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 1

Encroachment Permits Issued: 1

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**



The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of classes and programs that help promote a healthy lifestyle, provide recreational experiences that are fun for all ages and help 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**

### **Duck Pond Amenities Ribbon Cutting**

We will be holding a short ribbon cutting event at Duck Pond Park on Saturday, April 20. The event will commence at 10:00am. Members of the community are encouraged to come out to see the new amenities at the park and play on the court.

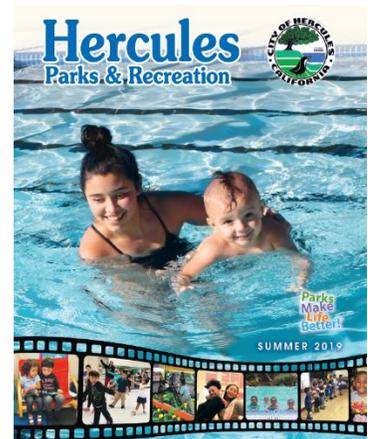
### **EGGstravaganza**

Don't miss our famous Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 20, 2019! Children and families will enjoy timeless spring activities such as; arts and crafts, face painting, and everyone's favorite egg hunt! Bring your favorite egg baskets and come join us for this wonderful Hercules tradition. This event will take place at the Hercules Senior Center which is located at 111 Civic Drive between the hours of 10am-12pm. The cost for this event will be \$5 per participant. For more information, please contact (510) 799-8289. Pre-registration is available at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com). Course #46800A. See you there!

## **Activity Guide**

### **2019 Summer Activity Guide**

The 2019 Summer Activity Guide has arrived! Registrations have begun for Summer camps, Swim lessons, on-going classes and programs. To view the entire guide online use the following link... [www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/activity-guide](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/activity-guide)  
The Summer Guide covers the months of May through August.



## **Aquatics**

### **Lifeguard Training**

Are you looking for a summer job that is exciting and rewarding? Apply for a job to become a lifeguard at the Hercules Swim Center. For more information, please call 510-799-8291



### **Lap Swim/Water Walking**

Continue to achieve your fitness goals while swimming or walking at the Hercules Swim Center. Lap swimming/water walking is currently available at the Hercules Swim Center Monday through Friday from 6-8pm. Swimmers must be at least 14 years and up to participate in this activity. Swimming is one of the best full-body, low impact workouts available.

### **High School Swim Team**

The 2019 Hercules High School Swim season is underway. The Swim Team hosted a meet at the swim center, March 27 against Alhambra High School. The Varsity Boys were able to swim away with a victory while the Varsity Girls and the Junior

Varsity teams suffered close defeats. The next home swim meet is scheduled for April 2 against Albany High School. Good Luck Titans!

### **Swim Team**

The East Bay Silver Dolphins Swim Team is a year-round USA Swim Team based at the Hercules Swim Center. This youth swim team is available for children 5 to 18 years old. All swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted prior to joining the team and will be assigned a practice time based on their swimming ability. For more information on joining the East Bay Silver Dolphins, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **Job Opportunities**

Looking for a great summer job? Look no further. We are **HIRING** for all of our summer programs! To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181>.

#### **Fee Classes**

##### **Ballet & Tap Class**

PolkaDots focuses on the foundations of ballet and tap movements, terms and definitions in a supportive and positive environment designed to bring the JOY of dance to every participant. Each session ends with a small themed recital. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing (no jeans) so that they can be active and flexible in. Ballet slippers and tap shoes are required. The current session recently started, but it's not too late to register. The program runs March 13– May 9. There are (4) classes separated by age...

- Kinetic Kids (18 Months-3 years) – 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Pre-Ballet and Tap (3 – 4.5 years) – 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Kinder-Ballet and Tap (4.5-6 years) – 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Beginning Ballet and Tap (6-10 years) – 4:00pm – 5:00pm



##### **Summer Cooking Camps**



Do you love to cook? Enjoy one of our cooking camps this summer with Cooking Round the World! We have different themes this year such as Dish of Disney, Harry Potter and Pizza Mania! Camps run Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm, and are for kids 6 – 12 years of age. Weeks vary and space is limited, Sign up now and don't miss out!



## **Minecraft Engineering Camp**

Do you like Minecraft AND Legos? Come join us for Minecraft Engineering Lego Camp! Bring



Minecraft to life using tens of thousands of LEGO! Build engineer-designed projects such as a motorized Creeper, a portal to the Nether, and a moving Minecart! Create your favorite Minecraft objects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. Whether you are new to Minecraft and LEGO or a seasoned veteran, you'll be hooked on the endless creative possibilities. This class was a hit last year! You can sign up now online, over the phone or in person!

## **Marketing**

### **Social Media**

Stay connected to the Hercules community through the Parks and Recreation social media platforms. Just hit “Like” on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@herculesrec\)](#), and/or [Instagram \(@herculesrec\)](#) pages, and you will start to get information about all the happenings through Hercules Parks and Recreation. Visit us at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) to get started and/or to stay up to date with all of our programs.

### **Promote your business**

Let the City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department help promote your business around town by advertising your business through our signboard program, banners and/or place an ad in our activity guide. For more information please contact 799-8291 for rates and availability.

## **Kidz Programs**

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

Kaleidoscope Kidz/RAP is held at all 3 elementary sites in Hercules: Hanna Ranch, Lupine and Ohlone. The theme for March *Sports Around the World/Europe*. Participants are working around these two themes and having a lot fun with art activities and group games outside

Our PE teacher Jeanne celebrating the theme by talking to the classes about March Madness and working on basketball skills and doing drills with the ball. This introduces a learning skill of control of the ball and works on large motor skills. At the end of the month we have a big basketball game.



This photo at the Lupine Kidz Center with Jeanne.

Spring Camp starts April 1-5 it had less than 14 children at our deadline on March 25<sup>th</sup>, but by the 26<sup>th</sup> we met our minimum count. On April 1<sup>st</sup> we reached 21 children for spring camp and we have all kinds of exciting fun planned out. What's happening a yummy pizza lunch, Python Ron's reptile show and we will end the week with the Jungle book movie and popcorn snack!

### **Tiny Tots Programs (Preschool)**



The Theme in Preschool this month is Blast off to Space. The Preschool classes will explore sequencing through shapes, number and colors through group activities. The Jr. Kinder class this week made the planet earth with paints. Preschool classes are working on the shape octagon, the letters, Ss and Tt; and the Color of the month is blue.

The Jr. Kinder class made little spaceships and talked about space. They have it hanging in their classroom and are very proud of it.



### **Seniors**

#### **Year Round Programs**

The Senior Center offers a variety of programs every week all year long. This picture features the participants from the Line Dance class held every Monday at 2pm and Wednesday at 10am! Meet new friends, dance, exercise, and have some fun! The program has become very popular and continues to grow each year! Come by and join us at our next class.



### **CC Café**

The CC Café is open Monday through Friday at the Hercules Senior Center. The café offers a well-balanced meal for seniors. The rotating menu includes many favorites and often provides a themed meal around seasonal holidays. There is a new item for lunch on April 8, enjoy a cheese omelet with salsa, pork sausage, roasted red potatoes, steamed spinach and muffin. Ages 60 and under cost is \$5.00, for ages 60 plus is a suggested \$3.00 donation. Please call 510-799-8219 reserve your spot for lunch.

### **Blood Drive**

The Blood Drive was held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2-8pm at the Senior Center. 37 people registered to donate blood and 34 pints were donated to the American Red Cross. This means 102 blood products for patients in our hospitals! The next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, August 27.

### **FREE Tax Service**

AARP is providing a FREE Tax Service to seniors at the Senior Center through Monday, April 15. This a very popular program and all of the appointments are reserved.

### **Volunteer at the Senior Center**

The Hercules Senior Center is looking for volunteers. If you are looking for a great way to give back to the community or just to keep active, please contact Kristina Griffith at 799-8219.

### **Sports**

#### **Pickleball**

See photos below we have a new pickleball group! This group of ladies and gentlemen have checked out our gym a couple of times this March. What fun they had out on the court. We hope to see them again soon.



#### **Hoop Never Stops Academy**

Coach Marcus Wagner will continue to offer the very popular basketball skills clinics on Thursday nights. HNSA clinics offer basketball skills training for all skill levels from basic to the elite. There are (4) sessions a month and each session is (1) hour.

#### **Spring Break Basketball Camp**

HNSA will be offering a Spring Break Basketball Camp from April 1-4, 2019. This camp will focus on the fundamentals of basketball as well as developing the skills to overcome “game-like”

obstacles with basketball concepts and training methods. Coach Marcus will be offering (2) different sessions: Beginner (Ages 8-12) from 9am-12:00pm and Advanced (ages 12-18) from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

### **Skyhawks Sports, Kidz Lover Soccer, Starlings Volleyball and**

The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department works with several different youth sports groups, contractors and clubs to bring amazing sports opportunities to the community. Some of the contractors we are currently working with include:

- Skyhawks sports programs offer a variety of programs for young athletes including Mommy /Daddy & Me Tot Sports, Tot Sports, Mini-Hawk Sports and Full Court Basketball programs.
- Kidz Love Soccer offers several soccer programs for a wide age range beginning with a Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer program, Tot/Pre-Soccer, and Soccer 1. Classes are age based.
- AOSL Basketball Clinics are ideal for young athletes that want to improve their basketball skills. Whether you are looking to learn the basic fundamentals, or improve a certain aspect of your game, the AOSL Basketball Clinics offer something for everyone. The program consists of (1) session a week and a total of (4) sessions a month.
- Starlings wants to help your child prepare for club tryouts. SVP will focus on the fundamentals used in volleyball. SVP is a weekly clinic that focuses on a variety of techniques designed to help your child develop basic proficiency in passing, setting, hitting, and serving.

To register for any of these great programs, please contact us at 799-8291, or visit us online at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

## **Teens**

### **Junior Staff-In-Training**

The Junior Staff-In-Training (Jr SIT), is program is focused on helping teens prepare for employment, including basic skills like interviewing and resume writing. The Jr. SIT program is sure to help your teen with leadership, professionalism, customer service, and more. Our energetic staff is here to help mentor teens and prepare them for their first job! To register for the Jr SIT program please visit our Recreation Office or call the Teen Center at (510) 799-8291.

### **T.H.E. S.P.O.T. After-School Program**

T.H.E. S.P.O.T., is our Teen After-School Program. It is held at the Teen Center M-F throughout the school year. The SPOT is a great place for teens to get a jump on homework, hangout or participate in a variety of fun activities. The SPOT is a great environment with lots of fabulous things to do. For more information, please contact us at 799-8289.

## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **Read to 2020**

#### **A Year of Reading Challenges**

Are you up to the challenge?

Pick a challenge and read a book, eBook or listen to an audiobook.

Track your monthly reading progress at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org)

#### **April...Roses are Read**

- Read a book of poetry
- Read a book in verse
- Read a book about gardens or gardening

#### **April is Volunteer Appreciation Month**

Hercules Volunteer Recognition Reception, Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Hercules Library.

#### **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> 11-5:30**

##### **Friends of the Hercules Library Spring Book Sale**

Thousands of used books, CDs and DVDs.

- Hardbacks \$1.00
- Paperbacks \$0.50
- Children's books \$0.25
- CDs and DVDs \$0.50

**Members of the Friends of the Hercules Library can enter one hour early at 10am on Saturday** for best selection. Join at the door!

All proceeds from the book sale and the Friends of the Hercules Library Book Store go to support the collections and programs at the Hercules Library.

#### **Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 12-4:30PM**

##### **Friends of the Hercules Library Spring Book Sale \$2.00 per bag day**

Fill your own bag(s) from remaining stock **\$2.00 per bag**

All proceeds from the book sale and the Friends of the Hercules Library Book Store go to support the collections and programs at the Hercules Library.

**Follow us on Facebook (Hercules Public Library) and Instagram ([herculeslibraryccclib](https://www.instagram.com/herculeslibraryccclib))**

### **Highlighted Programs**

#### **Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm**

##### **English Conversation Group**

Join us as we improve our conversational English through reading and discussion!

#### **Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-11:30am**

##### **Computer Basics**

Come to the Hercules Library for help with basic computer skills. The first hour will be skills taught in a group setting, followed by an opportunity to practice skills and get additional help from our instructor.

No registration required

**Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**

**Drop-in Homework Help**

Teen volunteers help kids in grades K-5 with their homework!

**Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm**

**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.

**Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm**

**Kindergarten Countdown: Talking and Singing Workshop**

For 4-5 year olds who will soon be entering Kindergarten. In this workshop we will be focusing on Talking and Singing skills. Participants will create their own story with the opportunity to share with the whole group and make their own instrument to practice rhythm exercises as a group.

Two more workshops will be held on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

**Stargazing Party**

Come out to the Hercules Library for an inspiring experience of the night sky! The Eastbay Astronomical Society will bring their telescopes and share views of the moon, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. This event will take place in the library garden on the children's side. This event may be cancelled in the event of rain.

**Storytimes at the Library**

**Tuesdays 6:30pm – Family Storytime**

**Thursdays 10:15am – Baby Lapsit Storytime**

**Thursdays 11:00am – Toddler and Preschool Storytime**

There's a storytime for every age at the Hercules Library. Age appropriate stories, songs, felt board stories, finger plays and engaging activities. Programs are ongoing every week.

**File your taxes for free at the library with VITA, United Way's Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Program**

**Saturdays February 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> 11am-12:30pm and 1:30-3pm**

**Tuesdays February 5<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8pm**

Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Bay Area tax preparation assistance to low-moderate-income individuals, families and seniors. Our volunteers are here to assist you in filing your taxes. Did you earn less than \$64,000/household in 2018? Do you have a valid email address? Do you have a valid Social Security Number or Individual taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)? You may be eligible to file both your state and federal tax returns for free online through the United Way.

Our volunteers are certified in many but not all topics of the tax law. Unfortunately, we cannot help everyone who struggles with financial issues in the Bay Area. Here are a few of the most common situations where we cannot help:

- Married Filing Separately
- Rental Income
- More than 5 stock trades

**STEP #1: MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE** If you are eligible, register through Eventbrite to make an appointment with us.

**STEP #2: GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS**

Go to <http://earnitkeepitsaveit.org/what-to-bring/>

**STEP #3: GO TO THE HERCULES LIBRARY ON YOUR APPOINTMENT DAY**

**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**

**Auto Burglary:** On March 21, 2019 at 11:45am, an officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Windsor to investigate an auto burglary. The reporting party parked and locked her vehicle at about 10:00pm last night in her designated parking stall. When she returned to her vehicle at about 11:45am this morning, she found the passenger door unlocked and the glove compartment open. Items from the glove compartment were scattered about the vehicle, the car's stereo had been removed.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 21, 2019 at 18:48pm, an officer was dispatched to 100 block of Oxford to investigate an auto burglary. The owner of the 2002 Honda Civic said he parked and locked his vehicle on March 18, 2019 at 9:00pm. This evening he noticed items missing from the vehicle. There was old damage to the door preventing the method of entry to be determined. Stolen were 10 soccer balls, and other soccer equipment.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 22, 2019 at 12:50am, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Rocky Point for a suspicious person on foot in the area looking in cars. The person also rang the reporting party's doorbell. Officers contacted a 20 year old male, who lives in the area. He said he was a neighbor who attempted to make contact regarding the reporting party's car door being open. The reporting party did not desire a report for a missing jacket and there was no damage to their vehicle. The subject also reported a broken window to a 2010 Mercedes parked on the street. The Mercedes' owner was contacted and he was unable to locate any missing items. The time frame is between March 21, 2019 at 8:30pm and time of call.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 21, 2019 at 1:13am, an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Lewis to investigate a vehicle with a smashed window. The 2012 Mazda belongs to a resident in

the area. The owner was contacted and he said he parked his vehicle on March 21, 2019 at 7:30pm and it was not damaged. He said a gym bag with a yoga mat and other miscellaneous items were missing from the vehicle.

**Found Property (Hand Gun):** On March 22, 2019 at 7:35am an officer was dispatched to Sycamore Ave at Claeys Ranch regarding a found pistol. Landscapers, working in the area, located a semi-automatic pistol as they were clearing brush from the area. The weapons was booked as found property.

**Occupied Stolen Vehicle:** On March 22, 2019 at 7:23am, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Agate. The caller reported an occupied black Mercedes had been parked in the area since last night. Officers conducted a records check on the Mercedes and were advised the vehicle was reported stolen, to Oakland PD, on March 4, 2019. A 36 year old male, of Oakland, was the sole occupant of the vehicle. The subject was arrested and booked into County Jail.

**Lost Property (Wallet):** On March 22, 2019, a Hercules resident came to HPD to report he lost his wallet (containing his identifying information) somewhere near 828 Willow.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 22, 2019, at approximately 7:30 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 3600 San Pablo Avenue for an auto burglary. Sometime between 2:10 pm, and 7:30 pm, an unknown suspect broke the rear driver's side window of a 2008 Toyota Matrix, and took a backpack from the back seat of the vehicle.

**Driving Under the Influence:** On March 22, 2019, at approximately 8:47 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to Willow Avenue for a possible impaired driver who was seen exiting Highway 80 east bound at Willow Avenue. The vehicle was a black Chrysler 4 door. An Officer located the vehicle at 76 Gas Station, and contacted the 42 year old driver. The subject was uncooperative, and displayed objective signs of alcohol intoxication. The subject refused to do any tests. He had an injury to his right shoulder, and it appeared he had been involved in an accident, and there was fresh damage to the front of the car. The subject was placed under arrest, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was transported out to the County Regional Medical Center due to a possible collision and injury. Officers checked the surrounding area and were not able to locate any evidence of where a collision may have occurred. A blood draw search warrant was authored and signed. The subject was medically cleared and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 23, 2019 at 8:59am an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Chestnut to investigate an auto burglary. Sometime after 6:00pm yesterday, an unknown suspect(s) pried open two diamond plated tool boxes that were attached to his truck. Taken from the boxes was a spray gun and five gallons of paint.

**Domestic Violence:** On March 23, 2019 officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Bobolink to investigate a possible Domestic Violence case. The caller told CHP 911 operators her husband hit her and hung up. Prior to officer making contact at the residence, the female called our dispatch and said her husband had left the residence and she no longer needed our assistant. Officers arrived and contacted the adult female. The female had a small cut to the bridge of her nose and redness in her face. She was uncooperative and would not provide officers with any information about why she called 911 or how she received her injuries. She declined medical assistance. Case taken for

domestic violence for documentation.

**Warrant Arrest:** On March 23, 2019, an officer contacted a 64 year old male, at his home in the 100 block of Robin Ct, and cited him for his misdemeanor warrant. The warrant was related to this agency's case.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 23, 2019 at 2:29pm an officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of North Shelter Bay to investigate a window smash auto burglary. The reporting party parked her 2013 Rogue sometime after 8:00pm yesterday. She came out to her vehicle today and saw that an unknown suspect(s) had shattered the window of her vehicle.

**Carry Concealed Loaded Stolen Firearm, Not Registered Owner/ Possession of Stolen Property:** On March 23, 2019 at 11:44pm, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a blue 2003 Toyota Camry for equipment violations. The officer contacted the 20 year old male driver. The officer observed a black handgun, on the driver's floor board, immediately accessible to the driver. The four occupants of the vehicle were detained, and the hand gun was secured. The driver was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The other occupants were released on scene.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 25, 2019, at 5:48 am, a citizen called to report their vehicle had been burglarized within the last few minutes, while parked in the Starbucks parking lot of 3700 San Pablo Avenue. The passenger side window to their green Ford Fusion was shattered and an iPad, laptop, and purse were stolen.

**Lost Property:** On March 25, 2019 at 10:09 am, an Officer was dispatched to HPD for a Lost Property report. The Hercules resident reported his Brazilian Passport lost sometime between October 1, 2018 and today. He last saw it before he moved from San Jose to Hercules.

**Attempted Robbery:** On March 25, 2019 at 11:31 am, HPD units were dispatched to an attempted robbery at the 76 Gas Station, located at 828 Willow Ave. The suspect was described as an African American; 5-09; 170-200 lbs; wearing blue hooded jacket, blue jeans and a white mask over his face. The suspect entered the store, pulled the white mask over his head, and approached the cashier. He asked for all the money and he had his hand underneath his shirt with something pointed at her. She asked the suspect if he was going to rob her. He then fled on foot prior to police arrival and ran to a blue Toyota Camry parked on the on ramp to eastbound I-80 and drove away.

**Auto Burglary:** On March 25, 2019 at 5:15pm, an Officer was dispatched to The Home Depot, located at 1625 Sycamore Ave, for an auto burglary report. The victim parked and locked his silver 2003 2-Door Honda Civic, in the Home Depot parking lot, this morning. When returned to his vehicle at 5:15pm, he discovered his driver side rear quarter window had been smashed and his black back pack and two drills were missing from the back seat of his vehicle.

**Found Property:** On March 26, 2019 at 7:47 a.m. An Officer responded to the 100 block of Pecan to recover found property. The reporting party found mail on the ground near 109 Pecan.

**Impounded Vehicle/Possession of a Controlled Substance/Drug Paraphernalia:** On March 26,

2019 at 8:23 a.m. an Officer stopped a white 2005 Chevy Van on westbound I-80 from John Muir. The registration for the Van was expired over six months but a current registration tab was attached to the plate. During an inventory search of the Van, the Officer located a substance, suspected to be a narcotic, and drug paraphernalia. The 50 year old male driver, of Vacaville, and was later cited and released.

**Found Property:** On March 26, 2019 at 11:24 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Dogwood Ct. for mail dumped near a fire hydrant. The Officer located opened, and unopened mail, from the Lupine Rd. and Redwood Rd. area. The Officer collected the mail and contacted US Postal Inspector, who will pick up the found mail.

**Stolen License Plates:** On March 26, 2019 at 3:10 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Dover St. to take a report for two stolen license plates. The victim said an unknown suspect stole the two license plates assigned to her '07 Infiniti G35. The vehicle was parked in her assigned carport. The theft occurred sometime March 23, 2019 and the time of call.

**Warrant Arrest:** On March 26, 2019, at 8:03 pm, Hercules Officers responded to the 100 block of Coventry for a report of an intoxicated person. The 53 year old female, was argumentative and causing a disturbance. She was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was taken into custody and transported to The Martinez Detention Facility.

**Residential Burglary:** On March 26, 2019, at 8:44 pm, Hercules Officers responded to the 100 block of Skelly for a report of a residential burglary which occurred between 4:30 pm to the time of call. The suspect used the resident's ladder to enter the house through an unsecured second story window in the backyard. Loss included Jewelry and electronics.

**Missing Person:** On March 26, 2019, at 11:53 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 1900 block of Lupine Road for a missing person report. A 30 year old female, and her 2 year old daughter, are Richmond residents, but were visiting her aunt in Hercules. At 7:30 am, this morning the aunt noticed the two females had left and borrowed her black 2005 Honda CRV. The Missing Person had a cell phone with her, but is not answering it. When she had not returned tonight the aunt got concerned and called the police. On March 28, 2019 both subjects were located and found to be safe and well.

**Driving Under the Influence:** On March 27, 2019, at 2:38 am, an Officer stopped 33 year old male, of Vallejo, while driving a 1988 Toyota Corolla for a traffic violation. Investigation determined the subject was intoxicated beyond the presumptive limit permitted for operating a motor vehicle. He refused to cooperate with testing and a DUI Blood Draw Warrant was approved by a judge. After the blood draw the subject was transported to the Martine Detention Facility.

**Identity Theft:** On March 27, 2019 at 8:28am, a Hercules resident came to HPD to report his identifying information had been compromised. An unknown suspect obtained a personal loan from Discover using his identity

**Traffic Collision (Non-Injury):** On March 27, 2019 at 8:41am, officers were dispatched to Willow at Palm for a non-jury collision. The involved vehicles were a 2019 Dodge and a 2001 Toyota Camry. The collision caused major damage to both vehicle.

**Contraband Taken for Destruction:** On March 28, 2019 2:29pm, an officer went to the 100 block of Trellis Bay to recover found narcotics. The reporting party was cleaning out a vehicle and found the drugs inside. The small amount of drugs was taken for destruction.

**Located Missing Person:** On March 29, 2019 at approximately 12:38am, Officers were dispatched to the 200 block Shipwatch Ln. for an outside assist for Albany PD. Albany PD requested we attempt to make contact a 38 year old adult missing person who had recently walked away from a rehab center in Oakland. Officers contacted the subject, who was in good health and did not appear to be in crisis.

**Court Order Violation:** On March 29, 2019 at 3:01pm, an officer was dispatched to Lupine Hills Elementary regarding a child custody exchange. Per a court order, the father was to pick up the child at 3:00pm today. When he arrived he was told by the school that the grandmother (mother's side) had already signed the child out. The father believes this violates the court order.

**Warrant Arrest:** On March 20 2019 at approximately 11:12pm an Officer stopped a silver 2017 Honda Civic, for having no license plates, on Willow Ave over Highway 4. The 37 year old male driver, of Vallejo. The subject had two warrants for his arrest out of Solano County. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Domestic Violence:** On March 31, 2019at approximately 12:11am, Officers were dispatched to the 200 block Coronado St. for a report of a disturbance in front of the residence. Officers contacted 20 year old female victim, in the front yard of the residence. The victim stated she had been in an altercation with her 20 year old boyfriend, who had left the area prior to Officers arrival. The victim said the suspect pinned her down on the bed and then slapped her across her face. The victim had visible injuries and requested to press charges. An Emergency Protective Order was granted by a judge. Officers were unable to locate or make contact with the suspect at the time of the incident.

**Natural Death:** On March 31, 2019, at 9:07 pm, the fire department requested Hercules Officers respond to the 200 block of Nutmeg Court for a report of a 66 year old female, who was declared deceased after lifesaving measures failed. The subject reportedly had several medical issues. The Contra Costa County Coroner's Office released the body to the family.

**Residential Burglary:** On April 1, 2019, at approximately 6:03 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 2200 block of Railroad Avenue in Hercules for a residential burglary. Sometime between 7:50 am, and 5:50 pm an unknown suspect/s entered the residence by kicking the rear door in. The loss was jewelry and electronics.

**Vehicle Theft:** On April 1, 2019, at approximately 6:12 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Violet for a vehicle theft. Sometime between March 25, at approximately 8:00 pm, and the time of call, a red 2018 Kia Optima, 4-Door, with Louisiana license plates was taken.

**Vandalism:** On April 1, 2019, at approximately 6:41 pm, an Officer responded to Pinnacle Court for the report of a residential burglary. The Officer determined the dining room window, near the rear of the residence, was broken. There was a large rock found inside on the dining room floor, and there was no apparent entry made into the residence. The vandalism occurred sometime between 2:00 pm, and the time of call.

**Non-Injury Collision:** On April 2, 2019, at approximately 8:03 am, an Officer was dispatched to Willow Avenue, near the westbound Highway 80 entrance, for a vehicle collision. The 27 year old male driver, of a 2016 Toyota Corolla, was turning onto Highway 80 westbound from northbound Willow. He struck by a 2017 Hyundai, Sonata, driven 62 year old male, who was driving southbound on Willow. There was major damage to the vehicles; however, no injuries.

**Recovered Occupied Stolen Vehicle:** On April 2, 2019, at approximately 8:44 am, an Officer was checking the area of California Street in Rodeo for a stolen 2018 Kia Optima. The Optima was reported to Hercules PD on April 1, 2019. The officer received information the vehicle may be in the area of Rodeo. The Officer located the vehicle pulling out of a parking lot onto California Street near Trigger. The vehicle pulled to the side of the road just before Trigger, The 26 year old male, solo occupant of Rodeo, was taken into custody. Due to the circumstances surrounding the possession of the vehicle, and it being a rental car which was overdue, the subject was interviewed, and released. A case will be submitted to the DA for review. The vehicle was towed.

**Hit and Run Collision:** On April 2, 2019, at approximately 6:10 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to a collision on Falcon near Wren. The reporting party said a white Toyota Camry hit some garbage cans. The driver was a white female approximately 18 years old. Officers found the garbage cans, in front of a house in the 300 block of Falcon, were knocked over and broken. The suspect vehicle was not anywhere in the area.

**Vandalism:** On April 3, 2019, at 1:07 am, a citizen called to report the alarm activated, on his blue 2009 Yaris, after a passenger side window was smashed. The vehicle was parked in a covered stall at in the 1300 block of Chelsea. An African American male suspect was seen running to an awaiting white Jeep or van, last seen driving out of the complex. Nothing was taken.

**Probation Search/Possession of Burglary Tools/Possession of Pepper Spray by Felon:** On April 3, 2019, at approximately 11:00 HPD Detectives, and Officers, conducted a probation search at a residence in El Sobrante. The search was based on a crime which occurred in Hercules. The subject of the search is a 51 year old male is on felony probation in Contra Costa County with a full search clause. The subject was contacted at the residence, and arrested for Possession of a taser by a convicted Felon, and Possession of Burglary Tools. The subject was interviewed and released pending further investigation.

**Residential Burglary:** On April 3, 2019, at approximately 12:49 pm HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Carson Street in Hercules for an interior motion alarm. Officers observed the living room window, on the northwest side of the residence, was shattered. Officers cleared the residence. Several drawers were open in the Master Bedroom. Items were located, on the ground, just outside the broken window. The known loss is jewelry. It appeared the suspects entered the backyard from the northwest side, from Coronado Street, where there is no houses.

**Petty Theft of Mail:** On April 3, 2019, at approximately 2:29 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to 300 Turquoise for the report of a theft of mail which just occurred. The Reporting party said the suspect was a Caucasian male; with a “buzz cut”; wearing a white tee shirt, and blue jeans. He was seen driving a black Volkswagen Jetta.

## WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 03/21/19-04/03/19

CALLS FOR SERVICE	864
REPORTS	79
TRAFFIC CITES	49
PARKING CITES	75
ADULT ARRESTS	15
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	18
PART 1 TOTAL	237

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY (attempted)	1
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	0
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	3
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	11
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Spring Break Camp "Animal Kingdom, a Spring Time Adventure" - Teen Center**

**Date:** 04/01/2019 - 04/05/2019

**Location:** Teen Center Event Hall

[2007 Refugio Valley Road](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

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

**Date:** 04/08/2019 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

#### **Belly Flops with Cops**

**Date:** 04/13/2019 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Community Center - Swim Center

[2001 Refugio Valley Road](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

**Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:** 04/15/2019 7:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)