

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
April 19, 2019**

**David Biggs, City Manager**



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Duck Pond Park Amenities Ribbon Cutting - POSTPONED**



The ribbon-cutting planned for this Saturday, April 20th has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. A new date has been confirmed. We will hold the event **Saturday, April 27, at 10am.**

We apologize for any inconvenience. In the meantime, the amenities are now open and available for use.



***PLEASE JOIN US***

**NEW DATE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019  
10:00AM**

RIBBON-CUTTING INVITATION

**BASKETBALL COURT  
& RESTROOMS**

**DUCK POND PARK**  
(997 Sycamore Ave, Hercules CA 94547)

THE CITY OF HERCULES  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING  
OF THE **NEW** BASKETBALL COURT AND  
RESTROOM FACILITY

*REFRESHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FOR THE KIDS DURING THE EVENT*



**27  
APR**

**RIBBON CUTTING  
EVENT**

**10  
AM**

Duck Pond Amenities Project  
(Basketball Court & Restroom)  
997 Sycamore Ave., Hercules  
RSVP to [croko@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:croko@ci.hercules.ca.us)  
or call 510-799-8291

## Citywide Clean-up Day

**CITY OF HERCULES  
COMMUNITY  
CLEANUP DAY**

**Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 8-11am (or until full)**



A one day event to beautify our community by providing a dumpsite to throw away outdoor trash, yard clippings, tree limbs, small appliances and furniture. Residents will be required to dump their own trash from vehicle.

**\* No Household Hazardous Waste Allowed!**

**Suggested Donation:**  
Cars \$5 • Trucks \$10 • Trucks w/Trailers \$20  
No Construction or Commercial Dumping

**CORP YARD AT 1000 SYCAMORE AVENUE**

The annual Community Cleanup Day is almost here. The event always takes place the first Saturday in May. This year that means Saturday, May 4. The event is held at the Corp Yard, located at 1000 Sycamore Ave. The event will be held from 8-11am (or until the dumpsters are full) – whichever comes first. **\*NO Household Hazardous Waste Allowed!**

Suggested donation: Cars \$5 – Trucks \$10 – Trailers \$20. **No construction or commercial dumping allowed!**

This event is for Hercules residents. You must show proof of address. Residents are required to dump their own trash from their vehicles.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. If you'd like to volunteer, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 799-8291.

## EGGstravaganza



Our famous Eggstravaganza is coming up this Saturday, April 20. It will be held at the Hercules Senior Center, located at 111 Civic Drive. The event will begin at 10a and conclude at 12pm. 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. 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. We hope to see you there!

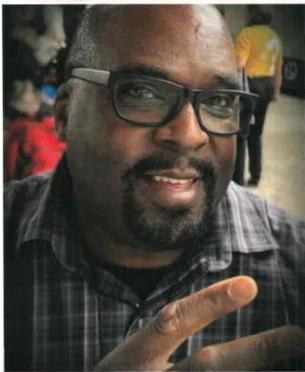
## 2019 Spring Citywide Garage Sale

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.

## Rec Expo Week

The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department is excited to host our annual REC EXPO WEEK next week. Rec Expo runs M-Th April 22-25, from 10am to 4pm at the Community Swim Center. The Rec Expo Week is all about learning about new summer programs, and if you sign up and pay in full, many of the summer programs offer a 10% discount. 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) !

## Posthumous Proclamation



The City Council will be recognizing City staff member Charles “Chuck” Durley who passed away suddenly last week with a posthumous proclamation at their meeting next week. Chuck was a great contributor in our Information Technology operation and the person behind the camera for the broadcast of the City Council meeting. He will be greatly missed.



**REC EXPO WEEK**

**10% OFF**

Monday-Thursday  
APRIL 22-25  
10:00am – 4:00pm

**The Hercules Parks & Recreation Department is excited to announce the 2019 Rec Expo Week! During this week, receive 10% off of programs and classes that are paid in full.**

Discounts will **NOT** be applied to:  
**Childcare, Tiny Tots, or Summer Camp.**

Community Center, 2001 Refugio Valley Road

## **Clean Up After Your Pets!**

While most pet owners are responsible, some do not clean-up after their animals defecate. Did you know that not doing so is a violation of the law in Hercules and you could be subjected to a fine? The City has adopted the County's animal regulations and the applicable provision is:

### **416-12.204 - Animal wastes.**

Any person having the ownership, custody, or control of any animal which defecates on public walks, in public recreation areas, in public buildings, or without the owner's consent on private property, shall immediately remove the excrement from any such place to a site not prohibited by law. This restriction shall not apply in areas identified as horse trails or areas specifically set aside for exercise of animals.

Public property generally includes the parkway strips in front of your home. Please do the right thing and clean-up after you pets and help keep Hercules a cleaner community.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Hercules Boards/Commissions 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).

### **The City of Hercules Needs You!**

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

#### **Make a Difference that Protects Public Health in Contra Costa County.**

Make a difference and represent Hercules on the Board of Trustees for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. The District is the public health agency that works to prevent vectors, which are the insects and animals that can cause harm or spread disease to humans. As a member of the District's Board of Trustees, you would represent Hercules and make decisions that help to shape the District's public health programs. Each trustee initially serves for two years and will receive \$100.00 per month in lieu of benefits for attending a meeting, regardless of the number of meetings attended. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month at the District's offices in Concord. Trustees must be at least 18-years-old, a resident of Hercules, a Contra Costa County taxpayer, and have an interest in public health, public policy, wetlands,

farming, community education, finance, personnel, or land development in accordance with California Health & Safety Code, Section 2242. [Apply here](#) to represent Hercules on the District's Board of Trustees.

### **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>April 1 thru April 12, 2019</b>	<b>FY 2018/19 YTD</b>
<b>Number of the permits issued:</b>	31	628
<b>Total Fees Collected:</b>	\$15,122.83	\$993,980.07
<b>Number of Inspections:</b>	27	404
<b>New Housing:</b>	0	256

### **Planning Division**

- Approved Administrative Use Permit AUP# 19-10, request to conduct a home-based business cleaning services for homes and offices at 199 Lilac Circle.
- Approved Administrative Use Permit AUP# 19-11, request to conduct a home-based business to sale skin care and hair care products on line at 206 Beechnut Drive.

## Taste of the World

The poster features a blue sky background with the text "TASTE OF THE WORLD" in large white letters. Two yellow Rotary logos are positioned on either side of the word "WORLD". Below the title, the event details are listed: "Saturday – May 11, 2019 5pm – 8 pm" and "Across from the Hercules Library at the Hercules Heritage Garden". A photograph of a circular garden bed with a central tree and colorful flowers is shown. At the bottom, there is a light blue box containing the Rotary logo, the text "Sponsored by Hercules – HRC Rotary Club", a description of the event, and a list of instructions for ticket purchase and contact information.

**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, Ellias Mohammed at [ellias.mohammed@gmail.com](mailto:ellias.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 is out to bid. Numerous street lights around town were repaired. Shrubs were cut-back along the stretch of Sycamore between Palm and the SR-4 Ramps. Over 500 cars dropped off items last Saturday at the Household Hazardous Waste event at the Corp Yard.

## **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 substantially complete. Design is underway for the mile long segment of sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant, 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 will be bid out shortly. The 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project is under design and will be built this summer.

## **Permits**

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 7
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$875
- Number of Certifications issued: 3
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 5

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued:1

Encroachment Permits Issued: 5

## **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**

### **Belly Flops with Cops**

On Saturday, April 13, the Inaugural Belly Flops with Cops event took place at the Hercules Swim Center. In total, there were 14 brave floppers that participated: (6) from PD, (5) from Parks and Rec, (2) kids and a surprise entry, Mayor Dan Romero. Overall the event was a success! All the participants and spectators had a great time. We are looking forward to next year, and hope to get more participation from the staff and the community. Here are a few photos for inspiration...



## **Activity Guide**

### **2019 Summer Activity Guide**

The 2019 Summer Activity Guide was mailed out to residents at the end of March, and registrations for all summer programs are underway! Whether you are looking for a Traditional Summer camp, a unique contract class, swim lessons, or just some fun...we have something for everyone in our 2019 Summer Activity Guide. 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. The next Lifeguard Training course of the year will be offered on Saturdays from May 4 thru 25. For more information, please call 510-799-8291.

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

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**

It's hard to believe that the 2019 Hercules High School Swim season is almost over. The team recently competed in the Tri-County Athletic League Swim Meet on April 17.

## **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**

We are still looking for a few staff to round out our summer programs. If you are someone you know is looking for a great summer job, send them our way. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181>.

### **Fee Classes**

**Little Dragons** Sensei Hilarie offers three Little Dragons martial arts classes from beginner to advanced. The Classes are held on Monday. For more information, please visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com) to view the full class schedule and to register today!



### **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**

We have several unique opportunities to help you promote your business around town. Let the City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department help you advertise by using one or more of the following programs: 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 April Participants are working around these two themes and having a lot fun with art activities and group games outside. The April theme Is Go Green-The Environment/Africa. Children are learning about recycling and what we can do to help our environment.

## Recap Spring Break Camp



Spring Break Camp was a huge success with 24 kids! Staff and participants had a great time. The theme was Animal Kingdom. The camp featured Python Ron's reptile show (see photo), pizza lunch, themed arts and crafts, cooking projects and games. We ended with the week with a viewing of the new Jungle Book movie complete with popcorn, drinks and snacks.



## Tiny Tots Programs (Preschool)

The Theme in Preschool this month is Nature Detective. The Preschool classes will explore Top & Bottom/Short and Tall 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 diamond, the letters, Vv. W w X x; and the Color of the month is Yellow.

**Egg Hunt Time:** children are dying eggs and going on an egg hunt in each Preschool class. Some classes are having pot-lucks and other are watching Peter Cottontail but a fun week in each class.



**Preschool Public Registration** for the 2019-2020 school year was held this past week on April 16, at the Community Swim Center. We had 38 families lined up outside before registration began. By the end of the event, close to 50 families registered for the fall Preschool program. There is limited space available in the Little Learner 3's class, Pre-K's and Multi-Age older 3's young 4's classes. We are completely full in the has only 5 spots left after the first day of registration. What an exciting time for the City of Hercules Preschool programs. Tiny Tots Is popular program and our staff and Park and Recreation department provide a wonderful experience for the Preschool age.



## Seniors

### Free Tax Service

The AARP free tax service has concluded. We had a phenomenal turn out compared to previous years. We had a total of 305 appointments scheduled. We will offer this free service again next year!

## **CC Café**

The Café offers a well balanced meals for seniors Monday through Friday at the Hercules Senior Center. The menu rotates frequently. There are many favorites and/or themed meals for seniors around seasonal holidays. There was a new item for lunch this past week: buffalo drumsticks, broccoli cheddar soup, carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, potato salad, and a big cookie. Ages 60 and under cost is \$5.00 for ages 60 plus is a suggested \$3.00 donation. Please call 510-799-8219 to reserve your spot for lunch.

## **Egg Hunt**

On Saturday, April 20, 10 volunteers from the Senior Center will partner with the Teen program to help make their event successful for their annual Easter egg hunt.

## **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**

### **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.

### **Pickleball**

We have a new pickleball group using the Community Center on Wednesday's from 10a-1pm! This is being run as an open gym program. If you are interested come on down and join the fun. Bring a paddle if you have one, if not, they generally bring a few extras just in case.



### **Skyhawks Sports, Kidz Love Soccer, Starlings Volleyball, and AOSL Basketball**

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**

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

This month we honor all the generous individuals who dedicate their time and energy to helping organizations in need. Thank you for lending your time, talent and support.

### **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

### **Highlighted Programs**

**Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm**

#### **English Conversation Group**

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

No registration required

**Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-7:30pm**

**UKE and Me @the Library**

Slow down and enjoy the sounds of the islands as you learn to make beautiful music at the library. With monthly teacher-led ukulele classes you will be a master in no time. Bring your own ukulele or use one provided by the library. A limited number of instruments will be available to take home, registration required to reserve a provided ukulele.

**Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</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.

**Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-5pm**

**Kindergarten Countdown: Writing and Reading Workshop**

For 4-5 year olds who will soon be entering Kindergarten. In this workshop we will be focusing on Writing and Reading skills. Participants will explore letters and how to form words and use images to create their own wordless book they can share with the group. There will be one more workshop on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 3-5pm**

**Drop-in Homework Help**

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

**Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm**

**Coventry and Kaluza**

Coventry & Kaluza is a hilarious circus act which includes juggling, comedy, music, and high numbers hula hooping and is fun for all ages.

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm**

**Coloring Club**

Kids and Adults! Join us for Coloring Club on the last Saturday of every month and color something beautiful! Kids and Adults meet from 11 to noon and adults have the chance to relax and color from noon to 1 pm! We'll supply the coloring books and pages, colored pencils and crayons! See you there!

**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 1pm**

**Dave Rocha Trio**

Join us for this free performance by the Dave Rocha Trio. Enjoy a great mix of tunes reflecting some of the most creative compositions of the 50's and 60's: a "renaissance" period in jazz music. Dave Rocha on trumpet and flugelhorn Ben Stolorow on electric keyboard. Ollie Dudek on upright bass.

**Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm**

**Kindergarten Countdown: Playing Self Help and Motor Skills Workshop**

For 4-5 year olds who will soon be entering Kindergarten. In this workshop we will be focusing on imaginative play, self-help, and fine-motor skills. Participants will learn skills that are important

for the new Kindergarten student.

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

**Brave Buddies Storytime**

Join us for this special storytime by the Contra Costa American Medical Response team. Afterwards, they will give kids and adults a tour of their ambulance and will also bring their special bear-a-medic mascot, Brave!

**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.

**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 April 7, 2019, at approximately 2:18 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to Lucky for the report of an auto burglary which just occurred. The witness observed an African American male; age unknown; in a yellow sweatshirt, with the hood pulled over his face; run from a gray newer model Mercedes sedan immediately after she heard the glass break. The suspect was carrying a purse taken from the Mercedes, and ran to the Refugio Valley Rd side of Lucky, and got into an older tan Honda Accord 2 Door. The point of entry was the front passenger side window smash

**Reckless Evading:** On April 7, 2019, at approximately 5:44 pm, an Officer conducted a traffic stop on a black (approximately 2006 model) Mercedes MLK 300, with paper license plates, on Highway 4 west bound just west of the Willow off ramp for not having license plates. The Officer started to approach the vehicle, and the driver drove off west bound on Highway 4 and a pursuit was initiated. The Mercedes continued west bound on Highway 4, and made a U-turn just prior to San Pablo Avenue. The Mercedes then entered Highway 80 west bound, and the pursuit was terminated. The driver of the Mercedes was a Hispanic male in his 20's.

**Auto Burglary:** On April 7, 2019, at 9:29 pm, a citizen called to report locating a 2009 Nissan Maxima parked in a guest stall, on Dutch Elm at Silver Maple, with the driver's side rear window smashed. The owner was contacted and stated a battery charger was taken from the rear passenger seat. The vehicle was last seen intact on April 6, 2019, at 12:00 pm.

**Vandalism:** On April 8, 2019, at 2:40 am, Hercules Officers responded to Willow Food & Liquor, 828 Willow Avenue, for a "Glass break" alarm. Officers arrived to find one of the large windows, at the front of the store, had been shattered by an unknown object. Officers checked the interior

and discovered no theft had occurred.

**Prisoner Pick-Up:** On April 8, 2019, a parking enforcement Officer went to Santa Rita Jail to pick up a 28 year old male for a Misdemeanor warrant held by Hercules PD. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility and booked.

**Theft by False Pretense:** On April 8, 2019, at approximately 2:24 pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail for a theft. The reporting party received a call from a person saying they were from Apple and said her computer had been hacked. The caller convinced the reporting party to buy two Google play gift cards. She also gave the person her credit card number. The credit card has been cancelled, but the gift cards were redeemed.

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP:** Beware of anyone who calls you about your computer being hacked; infected with a virus; or anything which requires them to “make a fix” on your computer. Be particularly suspicious if the caller wants you to pay for a service by buying “Google Play Gifts Card” or any prepaid credit or gift card. Repairable vendors do not asked for payment with “gift cards”. Do not give out any personal information and hang up on the caller.

**Reported Sounds of Shots Fired:** On April 9, 2019, at 0145 hours, officers responded to the area of **Mandalay** for a report of shots fired. Additional callers from **Grenadine** and **Florence Court** also reported hearing shots. After an extensive search, officers were unable to locate a scene.

**Negligent Discharge of a Firearm:** On April 9, 2019, at approximately 1:45 am, HPD Night Officers were dispatched to the area of Catalina for shots fired in the area. There were multiple callers in the area who heard the shots. HPD Officers completed an extensive search of the area, and were not able to locate a crime scene. At approximately 9:25 am, HPD day shift Officers were dispatched to the area of the walking path behind the baseball field for ammunition casings on the ground. Officers located five ammunition casings, and one live round, on the walking path just south of the foot bridge to the rear of Portifino Court.

**Vehicle Theft:** On April 9, 2019, at approximately 3:19 pm an Officer handled a lobby detail for a vehicle theft. Sometime between April 8, 2019, at approximately 10:15 pm, and April 9, 2019, at approximately 9:00 am, a blue, 2002, Mercedes C320 4-door was stolen from the 100 block of Starling Way in Hercules.

**Auto Burglary:** On April 9, 2019, at approximately 4:40 pm an Officer handled a lobby detail for an auto Burglary. Sometime between April 9, 2019 at 4:10 pm, and 4:20 pm, an unknown subject broke the rear window of a 2002 Toyota Rav4, and took a backpack. The car was parked in the parking lot of Hercules Fitness on Alfred Nobel.

**Vehicle Collision:** On April 9, 2019, at 8:10 pm, officers responded to the area of the 1500 block of Refugio Valley Road for a report of a tree down in the #1, westbound, lane. Officers were able to clear the roadway by moving the tree onto the center median. Later, a citizen reported colliding into the tree with his vehicle causing front end damage. A fog lamp cover was located at the scene. Public Works was notified..

**Report of Shots Fired:** On April 10, 2019, at 6:05 am, officers responded to the area the 200 block of Florence Court for a report of shots fired (to the rear “on the hillside”). Officers canvassed the area, and searched the hillside, but were unable to locate a scene.

**Shoplifting:** On April 10, 2019 at 11:21 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to Home Depot, 1625 Sycamore Ave. for a report of a shoplifting. Loss prevention reported 30 year old male stole \$700.00 worth of power tools Monday, April 8, 2019, at 12:58 p.m. The suspect is known to Loss prevention for several other recent thefts in the area.

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 11, 2019, at approximately 1:05 pm, an Officer contacted a 44 year old male, on Willow Avenue near Hawthorne. The subject had a Felony warrant by Hercules PD. He was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Late Reported Robbery:** On April 11, 2019, at approximately 3:00 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Home Depot for a Robbery which occurred on April 10, 2019, at approximately 6:35 pm. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 30’s, slim, approximately 5’8” tall. The suspect walked out the door, with multiple items of merchandise, without paying for them. An employee contacted him just outside the exit doors. The suspect pulled out a folding knife, and threatened the employee, and continued to walk. The suspect got into a U-Haul pick-up truck, with an AZ license plate The U-Haul pick-up truck was later determined to be a stolen vehicle out of Turlock PD on April 5, 2019.

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 11, 2019 at approximately 9:06 pm, an Officer stopped a silver Infinity, for having no plates. The 23 year old driver, out of Rodeo, had a non-citable warrant for his arrest out on Pittsburg. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Martine Detention Facility.

**Auto Burglary:** On April 12, 2019 at approximately 12:42am, Officers were dispatched to the area of the 1100 block of Promenade St. for a report of a suspicious circumstance. The reporting party stated there were three unidentified subjects, in the alley way, breaking into vehicles. The subjects were wearing black hooded sweatshirts and associated with a small gray SUV. An Officer located the vehicle traveling on Bayfront Blvd. The vehicle tried to avoid the Officer but quickly yielded when Officers caught up. A 19 year old male, out of Antioch; an 18 year old male, out of Richmond; and a 17 year old male, out of Hercules; were in the car and detained. A search of the vehicle revealed multiple items, of stolen property, from unreported auto burglaries in the area. All three subjects, and the vehicle, were positively identified by the reporting party. The subjects were arrested. The juvenile was cite released to a parent. The other two suspects were transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. At this time five confirmed auto burglaries were committed. This case is still under investigation.

**Auto Burglary:** On April 12, 2019, at 6:41am officers were dispatched to an auto burglary in the 1000 block of Taraya Terrence. The victim said, sometime after 8:00pm yesterday, an unknown suspect(s) shattered the right front passenger window of her 2017 Mercedes. The suspect(s) stole a work bag

**Auto Burglary:** On April 12, 2019, at 12:41pm an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Main Street for a reported auto burglary. The victim stated, sometime after 7:00pm yesterday, an unknown suspect(s) shattered the rear window of her 2004 Lexus and stole a black TUMI bag

**Commercial Burglary:** On April 12, 2019 at 12:57pm, an officer was dispatched to Rite Aid for a report of a burglary. The Manager reported that at about 9:00am this morning he noticed the lock on the store's outdoor merchandise container had been cut and entry was made. During an initial inspection of the container, the Manager discovered a few items had been stolen. The Manager last saw the container secured at about 3:00pm yesterday

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 13, 2019 at 6:14pm, officers were dispatched to a man with a knife call in the 100 block of Goldenrod. Officers arrived and detained two brothers (a 39 year old male and a 34 year old male). Officers also contacted two females, one of which was the 80 year old mother of the brothers. It was determined the brothers got into a verbal altercation and the mother intervened. Somehow suffered a small cut to her lip. The 39 year old was found to have a no cite warrant. He was arrested, for his warrant, and transported to County Jail. The 34 year old was deemed a danger to self /others and was transported to County Hospital.

**Natural Death:** On April 13, 2019 at 1:56pm, officers responded with Rodeo-Hercules Fire to the 100 block of Citrine regarding a Coroners Case. The reporting party returned home and found her 86 year old husband deceased. There was no evidence of foul play. The deceased was reportedly on multiple medication. The Coroner was contacted and released the body to the family.

**Outside Assist / Stolen Vehicle Recovery:** On April 14, 2019 at approximately 12:24am, Officers were advised of an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) hit eastbound I80 at Appian Way. The vehicle had been stolen, in the city of Hercules, April 8, 2019. A Pinole unit located the vehicle in the driveway of a residence in the 800 block of Jones Ave. Hercules units responded to the area to assist with attempting to locate a suspect. While Officers were inspecting the vehicle, a 40 year old male, from Richmond, exited the residence He was taken into custody by Pinole PD.

**Shoplifting/Reckless Evading:** On April 14, 2019, at approximately 9:39 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to Home Depot for the report of a fraud in progress. A Hispanic male, wearing a Fedora hat, and a Hoody, just walked out of the store. He got into a gray Dodge SUV. An Officer observed the vehicle leaving. The Officer attempted to stop, the Dodge, and the vehicle turned west onto Sycamore, and did not yield. A pursuit was initiated, and the vehicle turned north bound onto San Pablo Avenue. The Dodge then entered Highway 80 west bound, and the pursuit was terminated for safety reasons. The Officer determined the suspect went into Home Depot with no items. He selected a Drill and went to the return desk. He returned the item he had just selected from the sales floor.

**Public Intoxication:** On April 14, 2019, at approximately 11:15 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Bedford for a disturbance. The Reporting Party said her 40 year old husband took her car and drove it down the street. He would not tell her where it was. Officers contacted the husband on the corner of Bedford and Canterbury. He displayed objective signs of being intoxicated. He did not appear he was able to care for himself, and he was arrested for public intoxication. The subject was transported to The Martinez Detention Facility. The car was located at Canterbury and Newbury.

**Possession of a Controlled Substance:** On April 15, 2019, at 2:09 am, an officer stopped 41 year old male, who was driving a silver 2009 Mercedes, for an equipment violation. The male was found to be in possession of a substance, believed to be a narcotic, and paraphernalia. He was cited

and released at the scene.

**Recovered Occupied Stolen Vehicle:** On April 16, 2019, at 2:33 am, an officer stopped a 22 year old male, of Vallejo, who was driving a white 2000 Ford F250, for multiple vehicle code violations. Investigation revealed the Ford to be an unreported stolen vehicle out of Concord. The driver, and 24 year old male passenger of Vallejo, were detained and interviewed. The driver was arrested and transported to Martinez Detention Facility. The passenger was released.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On April 16, 2019, at approximately 7:46 am, an Officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of Earnest Street for the report of a theft of a vehicle. Sometime between April 15 at 4:45 pm, and April 16, at 3:30 am, an unknown suspect took a red, 1997, Honda Accord 4-Door, without the registered owner's permission.

**Missing Person:** On April 16, 2019, at approximately 11:42 am, an Officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Crepe Myrtle for the report of a missing person. A 37 year old East Indian male was last seen at one of his jobs, in El Sobrante on April 15, 2019 at 10:45am. The subject's phone appears to be off at this time. An All-Points Bulletin r was sent out in an attempt to locate Singh

**Petty Theft:** On April 16, 2019, at approximately 12:30 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Glenwood for the report of a theft. Sometime between April 14, 2019, at approximately 12:00 pm, and April 16, 2019, at approximately 12:27 pm an unknown person took the saddle bags from a 2019 Harley Davidson Motorcycle which was parked in the general parking area

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 17, 2019, at approximately 12:54 pm, an Officer stopped a 2004 Infiniti, for an equipment violation. The 22 year old male driver had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was arrested, and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

**Shoplifting:** On April 17, 2019, at approximately 1:12 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to Home Depot for a theft suspect in custody. The Officer arrived and contacted the 22 year old male suspect in the Asset Protection Office. Loss Prevention stated the suspect placed approximately \$280.00 in paint, into an empty plastic bin he selected from inside the store, and walked out of the store without paying for the merchandise. Home Depot Desired prosecution. The suspect was issued a citation, and released.

**Possession of Controlled Substance:** On April 18, 2019 at 1:45am, an officer checked on a suspicious, occupied, vehicle at 800 Willow Avenue. During a search of the 24 year old passenger, of Sacramento, a controlled substance was located. The driver was released on scene. The passenger was transported to HPD and later released pending further investigation.

**WC SHIFT STATS**  
**Date: 04/08/19-04/17/19**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	564
REPORTS	82
TRAFFIC CITES	70

PARKING CITES	46
ADULT ARRESTS	14
JUVENILE ARRESTS	4
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	11
PART 1 TOTAL	228

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	2
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	0
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	2
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	17
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Rec Expo Week**

**Date:** 04/22/2019 10:00 AM - 04/25/2019 4:00 PM

**Location:** Community Center Event Hall

[2001 Refugio Valley Road](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

### **Finance Commission**

**Date:** 04/22/2019 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

### **City Council Meeting**

**Date:** 04/23/2019 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

### **Public Safety/Traffic Subcommittee Meeting**

**Date:** 04/24/2019 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

**2019 Spring Hercules Citywide Garage Sales**

**Date:** 04/27/2019 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Hercules, California 94547