

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
October 4, 2019**

David Biggs, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Hercules Avenue Traffic Calming



The City has completed the Hercules Avenue Traffic Calming project which installed marked traffic circles using the safety blue color and other road narrowing elements to reduce speeds along Hercules Avenue from San Pablo going towards the Bay. There were “Changed Conditions Ahead” signs out in advance of these new improvements and they will remain in place for a period of time. Drivers are encouraged to slow down and don’t forget that you go around the traffic circle to right to access Skelly and Zeus, the intersecting streets. This project is designed to reduce speeds and accidents.

Streetlight Replacement

On September 24th, the City Council approved the purchase of the remaining 160 metal LED streetlight lights which will replace the final failing hollow-core wood pole street likes in Hercules by the Bay (Zone 1) and Refugio Heights (Zone 7). At the same meeting, the City Council awarded a contract to NEMA Construction, as the low bidder, to install the new streetlights. Once the streetlights are received, NEMA will start the installation process. Thank you to the property owners in Zones 1 and & who supported the assessment increase which will allow this important public safety project to proceed. Earlier this summer, the first 25 streetlights were replaced under a staff approved contract to get the process started.

New City Limit Signs

A new style of City limit signs is being piloted as you enter Hercules from Pinole on San Pablo Avenue. After an initial feedback period, we will install signs at the other entries into the City.



Upcoming Refinery Work

The Phillips 66 Refinery in adjacent Rodeo will be undergoing some major maintenance in October and November. They have provided a fact sheet with is available here: <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=13189>

Coyotes Come to Town

Hercules is blessed to be surrounded by much natural open-space, which also serves as habitat for many forms of wildlife. While we get to enjoy the scenic beauty of our setting, it also means we get four-legged visitors of many types. There have been many coyote sightings in town, including one coyote who reportedly is very skilled at raiding garbage cans. For some information on coyotes and how to co-exist, you can go to the [Keep Me Wild - Coyotes](#) portion of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Fire Department Open House

On Saturday, October 12th from 11 AM to 2 PM, the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District will be hosting their annual Open House at Fire Station 76 here in Hercules. Lots of activities and educational opportunities for all. Come out and learn more about our Fire Department and how you can keep your family safe and make Hercules a safer place. More information can be found here: <http://www.rhfd.org/open-house/open-house-october-12-2019/>

Hercules' Bay Trail 30th Anniversary Walk



2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the San Francisco Bay Trail! Plus, it is the 85th anniversary of the East Bay Regional Parks District.

All of the planned Bay Trail segments in Hercules have been completed, except for along Bayfront Boulevard between John Muir Parkway and Railroad Avenue. This final segment will be completed first on an interim basis, and then as part of the Regional Intermediate Transportation Center and Bayfront development. Also, the East Bay Regional Parks District will soon start construction on a Bay Trail extension from Hercules to Rodeo, and some segments of the Bay Trail in Hercules are operated by the Park District.

Hercules Safety Element / Hazard Mitigation Survey

The City of Hercules is updating the Safety Element of the [General Plan](#), and simultaneously authoring a new Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City invites residents to participate in an online safety & hazards survey to gauge the public's understanding of citywide hazards, to identify ways the City might educate the public on hazards, and to guide the development of hazard policies and programs. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey.

If you would like to participate in the review of the draft plan, or contribute your ideas, please notify Michele Rodriguez, City of Hercules Planning at mrodriguez@ci.hercules.ca.us or call 510-799-8242.

[Take the Hercules Safety Element & Hazard Mitigation Plan survey now!](#)

Join Hercules City Manager David Biggs and East Bay Regional Park District Director Colin Coffey on a walk along the Hercules segments of the Bay Trail. On Saturday afternoon, October 12th, we will start from Shoreline Park in Victoria by the Bay at 4:00 PM and will walk to Pinole. On the walk you will learn about planned Bay Trail improvements and development planned for the Hercules Bayfront.

There will be shuttles from the walk end point back to Shoreline Park, so it will be only a one-way walk of just over 2.2 miles.

No reservations required, and please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Hercules Commission Vacancies - APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 27, 2019

The Hercules City Council is currently recruiting residents for appointment to the Planning Commission, Finance Commission, Community and Library Services Commission as well as recruiting for regional committee appointments. Applicants must be residents of the City of Hercules, 18 years of age or older and registered to vote with the exception of the Student Commissioner which must be a high school student and a resident of Hercules. The Application Deadline is **October 27, 2019**. Contact Lori Martin, City Clerk, at 510.799.8215 or at 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>

Planning Commission – Two (2) Vacancies with terms ending December 2021

The Planning Commission meets the first and third Mondays of every month at 7 p.m. The Commission is advisory to the Council and has statutory duties imposed by State law. The Commission:

- Performs all functions assigned to it by the zoning and design review ordinances of the City.
- Reviews and makes recommendations to the Council on the general plan, specific neighborhood plans, tentative subdivision maps, environmental impact reports, and planned unit developments.
- Reviews the capital improvements program and makes recommendations to the Council.
- Provides design review of proposed buildings and other construction projects and reviews landscape plans.
- Grants use permits and variances.

Finance Commission – Two (2) Vacancies with terms ending December 2021, One (1) Vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020

The Finance Commission meets the bi-monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Commission is advisory to the Council and has the following duties:

- Quarterly review of City’s financial status; review and comment on audit reports, the proposed operating budget and the capital improvement program budgets.
- Makes recommendations to the Council with respect to budget priorities.
- Advises the Council on matters of policy and public interest related to the management of the City’s finances and budget.
- Serves as the Oversight Committee for Measure “A,” including providing an annual report, to ensure that utility user tax funds are spent in accordance with the voter approved measure adopted in June 2013.
- Serves as the Oversight Committee for Measure “O,” including providing an annual report, to ensure that the sales tax revenues approved by Hercules voters are spent in accordance with the voter approved measure adopted in June 2012.

Community & Library Services Commission – One (1) vacancy with a term ending December 2021, one (1) Student Commissioner with a term ending December 2021, One (1) Vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020

The Community and Library Services Commission meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Hercules City Council Chambers located at 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547. The Commission is advisory to the Council and has the following duties:

- Develop plans and recommendations for parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and use of community buildings.
- Work with the Parks and Recreation Department on the development and evaluation of recreation programs and community activities/events.
- Provide assistance and support in the planning and operation of City sponsored community events.
- In cooperation and consultation with the Parks and Recreation Department, make recommendations to the City Council with respect to priorities for recreation, library, and community services expenditures in the City’s capital improvement program.
- Review and comment on the annual operating and capital improvement budgets for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Make recommendations with respect to community service needs such as child care, youth summer employment, senior activities/programs, and recreational programs.
- Review and make recommendations with respect to fees for the use of parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and community buildings.
- Advise on matters of policy and public interest related to the management, use and preservation of library facilities and property.
- Render such other specific services as are consistent with the role of an advisory board on the library system, to include recommendations and advice to the county librarian on matters related to the Hercules library.

- The Commission member serving as the City’s Area Representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission shall routinely report to the entire Community and Library Services Commission on actions taken at the Contra Costa Library Commission meetings.
- Review and make recommendations regarding the Arts in Public Places Program and exhibits at the Hercules Public Library.
- Oversee the Heritage Memorial Garden Plaque Program which is designed to recognize Hercules residents or civic leaders and enhance the historical aspect of the garden.
- Oversee the Library Art Exhibition Program which is designed to review art pieces submitted by participants of the program to be allowed to display their art pieces at the Hercules Public Library.
- Such other duties relating to recreation activities and community and library service needs as may be directed by the City Council.

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.

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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.
 **Please Note that for the month of November and December the City Council will meet on the 2nd Tuesday only. The 4th 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 2nd Monday of the month.

Finance Commission Meetings – New Meeting Schedule starting in June 2019

The Hercules Finance Commission will meet regularly every other month on the 3rd Wednesday's starting in June 2019. The Finance Commission June – December 2019 meetings will be held on July 17th, September 18th, and November 20th.

Planning Commission Meetings

The Hercules Planning Commission meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd 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
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

	Sep 16 thru Sept 27, 2019	FY 2019/20 YTD
Number of Permits Issued:	23	186
Total Fees Collected:	\$11,468.55	\$103,584.26
Number of Inspections:	28	214
New Housing:	0	0

Planning Division

Approved Design Review Permit ADRP#19-39, a request to install signage for a veterinary clinic in the Creekside Shopping Center at 1511 Sycamore Avenue, Suite A&B

Hilltown Project Workshop at October 21st Planning Commission

The Hercules Planning Commission will be holding a workshop at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, California, at **7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 21, 2019**, to consider a development proposed at the Hilltown site which is bordered on three sides by John Muir Parkway to the south; I-80 to the east; San Pablo Avenue to the west in Hercules. The Application is for the construction of approximately 598 residential units (which includes 400 townhomes and 198 apartments or condominiums) and 4,200 square feet of neighborhood commercial. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview of the Project to the Planning Commission and public as it relates to the proposal and comparison with the Development Agreement the developer has with the City. No decisions on the merit of the Project will be made at this meeting.

If you want more information about this project, please contact the Planning Department, Mondays through Thursdays, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. You may also submit a letter to the Planning Commission on or before the workshop date. The workshop will also be televised on Channel 28 and live streamed on through the City website at [www/ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) and clicking on meetings and selecting the Planning Commission meeting. This meeting is open to the public. Any person may attend the workshop on this project

Legend

-  Proposed Pedestrian Circulation
-  Pedestrian Circulation (7' minimal sidewalk per Center Line of Roadway page 105)
-  Loop Road
-  Alley
-  Open Space Node
-  Proposed Bicycle Circulation
-  Existing Site Area (East Bay Greenway plan of Records page 18-19)



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FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
VESTING TENTATIVE MAP
AUGUST 2019



MOVEMENT & ACCESS DIAGRAM

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



New Traffic Calming Circle on Hercules Avenue

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. Staff is moving forward with replacing the streetlights in Lighting and Landscaping District 83-2, Zones 1 “Hercules By The Bay” and 2 “The Heights”. Council awarded the purchase and installation of the 160 streetlights on September 24th. The last several weeks were windy, tree limbs were removed in Ohlone Dog Park and sidewalk/streets throughout town. Additionally, quite a bit of litter was picked up.

Engineering

The \$52M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is nearing completion, with an anticipated final completion date of November 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 final review for the public improvements for the future Safeway, located at the southeast corner of San Pablo and Sycamore Avenue. The grading/demolition plan was issued and the contractor is on site working. The design for the public improvements for the Bayfront Project were approved for Blocks Q & R and are under review for Blocks M, O, & P. The design plans are also under review for the Willow Center, Sycamore Crossing, and the Hilltown project. Design is underway for the mile long segment of sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant, computer flow modeling continues for the City’s backbone sewer system, as is the financial study

for the sewer fund. The 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project on Pheasant Drive was substantially completed. Hercules Traffic Calming Project was substantially completed as well (see photo). The Willow/Palm sidewalk project is under design with an anticipated construction date of next summer. On September 24th Council also approved the next phase of Engie Company's evaluation of potential energy saving facilities such as solar arrays and light retrofits on City buildings and land.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 4
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$516
- Number of Certifications issued: 4
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 4

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 0

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

Trunk or Treat

Our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat event will be held on Friday, October 25th, from 6-8pm at the Community Swim Center. Our version of Trunk or Treat is unique in that we will show a free movie to the community during the event.

The event will begin with the collection of treats at 6pm for as long as supplies last.

Several City Recognized Nonprofit groups and City work units will be participating by decorating a vehicle and passing out candy. We are looking for a few more participants to decorate their vehicles and participate with handing sweet treats out from their vehicles. If you are interested in participating with your vehicle, please contact the Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.



Save the date

The City of Hercules annual Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held on Sunday, December 1, at the Community Swim Center from 5-7pm. This is a FREE community event. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at approximately 5:15pm. This is a wonderful event with opportunities to take a photo with Santa, decorate ornaments, take selfies in front of some amazing winter landscapes, and watch some great performances of local youth groups.

Activity Guide

Parks & Recreation Activity Guide

We are working on our Winter/Spring 2020 Activity Guide. If you are interested in offering a class or program please contact us at (510) 799-8291.

All classes in our 2019 Fall Activity Guide are available for registration. You can do so online at www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/registration-information/webtrac. Or you can pick up a copy of the guide at the Community Center, Senior Center, Library, or City Hall. Don't delay, register today!

Aquatics

Swim Lessons

This week we started our final session of the Fall swim lesson program. The swim lesson program will resume in April 2020 with swim lesson sessions on Saturdays and Tuesdays/Thursdays to get everyone ready for the summer. Look for information in the Winter/Spring Activity Guide which will be available before Thanksgiving.

Lap Swim/Water Walking

Lap swimming/water walking has transitioned to the Fall schedule at the Hercules Swim Center: M-F 6-8pm. All swimmers must be at least 14 years old to participate. Whether you are an avid swimmer or not, swimming is one of the best full-body workouts you can do.

Swim Team

East Bay Silver Dolphins (EBSA) Swim Team is a year round program. Practice times are based on your child's swimming ability. All swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted prior to joining the swim team. All swimmers must be between the ages of 5-18. EBSA is a USA Swim program, and participates in USA Swim Meets throughout the year. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291, and get involved today.

Sports

Youth Sports

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:

Hoop Never Stops Academy: Coach Marcus is a professional skills trainer that will help your

young basketball player with the skills to overcome “game-like” obstacles with basketball concepts and training methods. He will be offering (2) sessions of basic skills and (1) session for the intermediate and elite players. The next session will begin on Thursday, October 3rd. Register today as space is limited.

X-Fit Training: X-Fit training is offering two programs during the Fall season; Lil Ninja Training and Boot Camp! October sessions are about to begin and it’s not too late to register!

Lil Ninja Warrior is designed for all skill levels. This is a non-competitive program that helps your child develop gross motor skills, core strength, balance, and control of their body in an athletic atmosphere.

Boot Camp is an inspiring, fun and challenging group fitness class designed to benefit everyone from a first-timer to a seasoned athlete. Bringing together elements of athletic conditioning, strength training, core and functional training, body weight exercise, stretching and plyometric training. X-Fit Boot Camp is scalable to individual needs and is designed to improve your quality of life.

Employment Opportunities

Job Opportunities

The City of Hercules Parks and Recreation Department is looking to hire energetic, enthusiastic, artistic, creative people to work in a variety of programs including Child Care, Teens, Breakfast Club, Preschool and Facilities. If you or someone you know is looking for a fun and rewarding job, click the following link <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181>, and complete your application today. Or visit the Human Resources tab on the City of Hercules website and view all the wonderful opportunities that are available.

Marketing

Promote your business

Let the City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department help you advertise or promote your business. We have several different options from our signboard program, to the banner program and/or place an ad in our up-coming activity guide. For more information please contact (510) 799-8291 for rates and availability.

Social Media

Be sure to “Like” us on Social Media and stay connected to the Hercules community. [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@herculesrec\)](#), and/or [Instagram \(@herculesrec\)](#) are just a few of the Social Media platforms that Hercules Parks and Recreation is a part of. These outlets allow us to provide current information about our programs, community events, and more on a regular basis. Visit us at www.ci.hercules.ca.us and stay up to date with all of our programs.

Kidz Programs

Tiny Tots

The Preschool program is in full swing. Little Learners (age 3) class are starting to adjust to the school routine. Preschool is offered at two locations: Lupine and Hanna Ranch. The Lupine site has the Pre-Kinder group on Tuesday-Thursday. Many families had been requesting another location in town for Preschool and this has worked out great.

Breakfast Club

This year the Breakfast Club has 2 locations: the Teen Center and Ohlone Community Center. Breakfast Club is our morning, before school program. It is open to grades K-8, M-F from 6:30-8:30am. Participants enjoy things like arts & crafts, games, and more. Or they can watch cartoons and chill with friends before school. The Breakfast Club offers a variety of food choices for the kidz and allows parents to get to work earlier. For more information contact us at (510) 799-8291.

Kaleidoscope Kidz, a Recreation Afterschool Program (After School)

Kaleidoscope Kidz is a Recreation Afterschool Program (or RAP for short). RAP is held on all 3 Elementary sites: Hanna Ranch, Lupine and Ohlone. We have multiple classrooms running this year and we are super excited! Space is extremely limited, so call today to register. We can be reached at (510) 799-8291. The Kinder -2nd class below is at the Ohlone Kidz Center. At this site we have a waiting list for afterschool care K – 5th graders. Space is extremely limited at the other Kidz center, so call today to register. We can be reached at (510) 799-8291.

Seniors

FREE Flu Shot

The City of Hercules has partnered with Rite Aid to bring free flu shots to the Senior Center on Thursday, October 3rd, between 9-10 am. A Rite Aid pharmacist will be on site to administer the flu shots. Rite Aid recommend that Kaiser Members visit their local Kaiser for their flu shot needs. Walk-ins are welcome or you can sign up in advance at the Senior Center. For more information, please contact Kristina Griffith at (510) 799-8219.

Thunder Valley Casino Trip

On Monday, October 7th, a group of Seniors will head to Thunder Valley Casino. Boarding place is the McDonald's parking lot in Hercules at 8:00 am. Fee is \$20 with \$15 back in slot play and \$5 for buffet. For more information, please contact Kristina Griffith at (510) 799-8219.

Fleet Week

Our next day trip is to Fleet Week on Friday, October 11th, at 9:00 am. We will head to San Francisco for the day to watch the blue angels air show and the parade of ships down on Chrissy field. The trip is currently full, but you can be placed on a waitlist in case of a cancellation.

Spaghetti Feed

Friends of the Hercules Senior Center is hosting a fundraising event on Monday, October 14th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 and available for purchase at the Senior Center Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. This will be an event you don't want to miss!

Extended Trips Presentation

On Wednesday, October 16, at 10am, Premier World Discovery is hosting an informational session

at Samara Terrace. They will discuss how to travel to many fun destinations throughout the U.S. and the world. Our 2020 trips will include places such as: Iceland, Canadian Rockies, Grand Canyon, Philadelphia, and Nashville. For more information on trips and/or informational session please contact 510-799-8219.

Teens

Teen Afterschool Program

T.H.E. S.P.O.T. after school program is going strong. On a daily basis, teen participants have an opportunity to get homework assistance, learn how to cook/bake, playing group games, watch movies, play video games and make new friend at the SPOT! Space is still available for this amazing after school program. For more information, please contact (510) 799-8289.

Junior Staff in Training

Join our Junior Staff in Training program to assist after-school program staff and understand the importance of a counselor's responsibility. Also, you will learn how to go through an interview process, demonstrate professionalism, understand what customer service is, and so much more! This program is for ages 14-18. Registration is now available. Let us help you become job ready!

Bay Area Driving School

This online Driver's Education course is provided by Bay Area Driving School. DMV allows teens to receive their Learner's Permit at age 15 ½ and a license at age 16. This class is the FIRST, required step that must be completed. This is an online course with videos, animated driving scenarios and sample test questions. Learn the rules of the road, major causes of traffic collisions, DMV procedures, etc. A licensed instructor is available to answer any questions. Receive DMV-approved certificate of completion. Sign up any time. Registration is ongoing.

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 <http://ccclib.org/>

October: BOOOOOOO-ks!

- A spooky/scary book
- A book with an orange or black cover
- A book with a supernatural creature in it

October is Discover and Go Month



*Your ticket to a world of
adventure, learning and fun!*



The Contra Costa County Library is celebrating Discover & Go Month this October. Visit your local branch and enjoy the Library's ongoing partnership with Bay Area museums and cultural venues. Enter drawings for a chance to win prizes and help give back to the community at the same time.

The Library is partnering once again with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. With every donation of nonperishable food items patrons bring to any branch, they can enter to win prizes including premium awards for some of the Bay Area's most popular attractions.

Discover & Go is a nationally recognized partnership between libraries and museums offering free and low-cost passes for world-class cultural venues to library cardholders from every community and background

All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed on Monday October 14th for All Staff Day Training

Follow us on Facebook: [Hercules Public Library](#)

Follow us on Instagram: [herculeslibraryccclib](#)

For more information, please visit us online at <https://ccclib.org/locations/hercules.html>.

Highlighted Programs

Mondays October 7th and 14th 3-4pm

English Conversation Group

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

No registration required

Monday October 7th 7pm

Fast, Healthy Meals for Families

Learn to Love the Foods that will LOVE you back!

Think healthy eating is bland or gross? Think again! Join us for a fun and informative, live food demo with Health & Lifestyle Coach, Yvonne Medina. We will prepare a fast and delicious dish while we discuss the impact food choices have on your health. Learn simple tips and tricks to help incorporate healthier eating habits for you and your family! Food samples will be served.

Tuesday October 8th 4pm

Read Aloud Book Club

No need to pre-read before each meeting come to the library the second Tuesday of every month and spend the afternoon listening to a great story read by a Hercules Library staff member. Light snacks and easy activities will be provided. Best for grades 3-5. Registration is required.

Tuesday October 8th 6pm
Spanish Bilingual Storytime

Please join us for an interactive storytime program in Spanish and English, for children of all ages and their families. Brought to you by Tandem, Partners in Early Learning.

Wednesdays October 9th and 16th 10-11:30am
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.

Wednesdays October 9th and Thursday October 17th 3-5pm
Drop in Homework Help

Teen volunteers help kids in grades K-5 with their homework. Please note that there will be no homework help on Wednesday October 16th, however, we will have a session on Thursday October 17th.

Saturday October 19th 11am and again at 12pm
The Zoo mobile from Oakland Zoo!

An Oakland Zoo Education Specialist will bring small animals and animal artifacts to teach kids and adults fun facts about wildlife. Participants will have an opportunity to see the animals up-close and personal!



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELLED

Date: 10/07/2019 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers
111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

City Council Meeting

Date: 10/08/2019 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers
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Community & Library Services Commission

Date: 10/14/2019 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, CA 94547