

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
November 29, 2019**

David Biggs, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Happy Thanksgiving

We hope that all in the Hercules community have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. In observance of the holiday, City Hall and other offices will be closed Wednesday through Friday this week. Of course, many of our police officers and public works staff work through the holiday period to ensure essential services and we thank them for their service and time away from family and friends on the holiday.

Mayoral Change

The first portion of the regular December 10th City Council meeting will be the annual selection of the Mayor and Vice Mayor for the year. Vice Mayor Roland Esquivias is set to become Mayor and Council Member Chris Kelley the Vice Mayor under the Council's Rules of Procedure. We will also be recognizing outgoing Mayor Dan Romero who continues on the City Council. Please join us at 7 PM and for the reception that follows.

Public Safety & Traffic Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, the Council's Public Safety & Traffic Committee will be meeting at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. The topic of the meeting will be parking issues in the Promenade neighborhood and the results of a survey undertaken in the area.

Tree Lighting

The Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 PM at the Community Swim Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:15 PM. There will be caroling, ornament & cookie decorating, hot chocolate/coffee, and plenty of holiday cheer. We hope to see you there.

Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 14th, be sure to bring your family down to the Community Swim Center to meet Santa, take pictures, have breakfast, and participate in all of the holiday festivities! Activities will include arts & crafts, face painting and so much more! Breakfast will be served between 8:30-10:30 AM.

Bayfront Boulevard Interim Bus Improvements

The City of Hercules is working hard to bring long-promised bus service to the Waterfront area and Bayfront Boulevard. In order to do so, we have to make some interim improvements to allow for bus service to start next year, and these improvements will make use of the existing streets and an alley. The interim improvements will remain in place until the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center on Bayfront Boulevard and the bus transit plaza is completed. On Wednesday, December 4th, at 7 pm in the City of Hercules Council Chamber, a meeting will be held at which we will share information on the planned interim improvements.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Hercules Commission Vacancies

The Hercules City Council is currently recruiting residents for appointment to the Planning Commission and the Community and Library Services Commission. 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 vacancies are open until filled. 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 – One (1) Vacancy with a term 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.

Community & Library Services Commission – One (1) Student Commissioner with a term ending December 2021.

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.

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

The Safeway grocery store will be working on pouring their concrete foundation over the next few weeks and putting down parking lot paving over the next two months to better position themselves for continuous construction through the winter season for a Fall 2020 opening.

Planning Division

- Approved Administrative Use Permit AUP#19-57, a request to operate “The Next Door Baker” home based cottage food business at 1972 Shasta Lane.

Hilltown Project Workshop #2 Anticipated at December 16th Planning Commission

The Hercules Planning Commission is anticipated to be holding Workshop #2 at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, California, **at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 16, 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 <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/home> 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.

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 90% completed and the remaining signs have been received and are being stored at the Maintenance Yard. Public Works is working with BioRad to replace median island trees in the Business Park. The trees have been removed, the replacement trees have been selected, and the installation is being bid out. Staff is moving forward with replacing 160 streetlights in Lighting and Landscaping District 83-2, Zones 1 “Hercules by the Bay” and Zone 7 “Heights.” Tree trimming began on San Pablo between Hercules Avenue and Tsushima Avenue, as well as Victoria by the Bay. A contract has been executed to install the awning at the Corp Yard and that work is being scheduled. Red curbing was refreshed in Victoria by the Bay.

Engineering

The \$52M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project achieved substantial completion as of October 1, with an anticipated final completion date in early December. 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 utility plan was issued and underground work has been completed. The installation of the public improvements for the Bayfront Project are underway for Blocks Q&R and the plans are under review for Blocks M,O, & P. The design plans are also under review for the Willow Center, Sycamore Crossing, and the Hilltown projects. 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 and the Hercules Avenue Traffic Calming Project were accepted by Council on November 12. The Willow/Palm sidewalk project and Lake Refugio Dredging project are under design and staff continues to assist the Engie Company with the evaluation of potential energy saving facilities such as solar arrays and light retrofits on City buildings and land. The pedestrian enhancement projects at Sycamore/Civic and San Pablo/Sycamore is undergoing 90% review.

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

Tree Lighting

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City of Hercules & Community HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Please join us for a magical evening as we kick off the Holiday Season with our annual Tree Lighting event!

Help our community this holiday season by contributing canned food items, gently used coats, and/or unwrapped toys.

Please bring an ornament.

Santa will arrive at 5:15pm!

**December 1st
5-7pm**

**Community
Swim Center
2001 Refugio
Valley Road**

**FOR MORE
INFO:
510-799-8291**



Breakfast with Santa

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Tickets may be purchased at the Community Swim Center or the Senior Center during office hours. Admission for ages 2 & under is FREE. Children 3-10 is \$5. Ages 11 and up is \$10, or you can purchase a group of 4 for \$25. For more information, call (510) 799-8291.

Friends of the Hercules Senior Center present:
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 14

Bring your family down to the Hercules Community Center to meet Santa, have breakfast, take pictures, and participate in the holiday festivities! Enjoy entertainment, arts and crafts and much more!

Admission:

- Free ages 2 & under
- \$5.00 Children 3 - 10
- \$10.00 per person
- \$25.00 Group of 4

Tickets may be purchased at the Community Center & Senior Center during office hours.

Cooking by:

Chef Bill Goswick
& Sous Chef Paul Cardaropoli

Adult Breakfast Items Include:

3 Pancakes w/ hot syrup, 3 sausage, 3 bacon, eggs, coffee, juice, & water

Breakfast will be served from:

8:30am - 10:30am

Arts & Crafts

10:00am - 12:00pm



2001 Refugio Valley Rd.
More info @ 799-8291



Activity Guide

Parks & Recreation Activity Guide

The 2020 Winter/Spring Activity Guide is here! There are lots of great activities for all ages in this Winter/Spring edition. Give the gift of a class, a camp or even a trip to your family for the holidays. See the Extended Trips info below. Our Winter/Spring guide is online on the City's website at <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/activity-guide>.

Aquatics

Lap Swim/Water Walking

Join us during the Thanksgiving week to get your workout in, whether you lap swim or water walk, we will be open during the holiday week M-W from 6-8pm. Swimming is one of the best full-body workouts available. Our regular winter schedule is M-F from 6-8pm. All swimmers must be at least 14 years old to participate.

Swim Team

The East Bay Silver Dolphins (EBSD) Swim Team practices year round. In fact the team will be swimming at the Hercules Community Swim Center during the "Thanksgiving Recess". Team practices are scheduled for Monday-Wednesday, November 25-27, from 8-10am.

In general, 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. EBSD 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.

Fee Classes

Karate Dojo

This class is dedicated to teach the basic skills of Karate: self-discipline, self-esteem, and confidence in protecting yourself. Karate will help you develop physical strength, coordination and mental focus. Over time your body and mind will become stronger. Karate is fun for the whole family! They offer the first month free for first time participants and family discounts. You can sign up now online at www.herculesrec.com, in person or over the phone! **Karate is now held at The Van Domselaar Room at Samara Terrace on Tuesdays located at 102 Civic Drive!**



Baking Round the World

Enjoy breads, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, buns, muffins, brownies and more?? Enjoy it with an international spin! Our baking will span the world. Each country has its own flavors, spices and baking crafts. Children will hear about the global origins of what they make, learn to be discerning about tastes, and lick their fingers from the deliciousness! Classes are held on Wednesdays and start January 8th. Sign up now as space is limited! *\$40 Material fee due to instructor on first day of class.



Kidz Programs

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is our Preschool program here in Hercules. There are several programs, including a Little Learners class, Multi-age and Pre-Kinder. Classes have started to settle in to their routine for the school year. We are happy to announce that almost all classes are full. Orange and brown are the colors of the month. The theme for November is Animal Season: Hibernation. This is the first year the preschooler have had a unit in hibernation and we feel they learned a lot!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has 2 locations this year: 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 activities, games, crafts and more. Some participants are so sleepy in the morning, they chill with friends or watch cartoons before school. The Breakfast Club offers a variety of food choices for the kids and allows parents to get to work earlier. The Ohlone Breakfast club is almost full. We currently have 25 children, but could take up to 28. Parents are so pleased that we offered a morning program next to the Ohlone School. It has made it a lot easier for them to get out of town and off to work.

Kaleidoscope Kidz

All 3 Kidz Centers (Hanna Ranch, Lupine and Ohlone) have the week of November 25-29 off for “Thanksgiving Recess”. We offered a “Thanksgiving Camps” at the Community center with four different vendors: Tiny Tech Animated: Game ON!, Chess Camp, Pastel drawing, and HNSA Basketball camp all for ages 6-14 years. Unfortunately, we didn’t receive enough interest to run the camps. This is our second year with the school closing this week. We will reach out to the families to better gauge their needs for this week for 2020.

Seniors

Kaiser Medical Seminar

On Thursday, November 14, 16 seniors participated in the Kaiser Medical Seminar held at the Senior Center. Topics covered included among other things how to make the most of your Medicare benefits. Whether you are planning retirement or are already retired, this seminar was a great way to learn more about how to use your benefits.

Turkey Giveaway

On Friday, November 22, the office of Supervisor Federal D. Glover distributed 65 turkeys to the Senior Center, for our members to take home and enjoy a meal with their families for the holidays.

Blood Drive

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, from 2-8pm at the Senior Center. Please consider donating blood.

Holiday Luncheon

On Friday, December 20, we will be hosting a Holiday Luncheon fundraising event from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Tickets are \$6.00, and includes lunch provided by the C.C. Café and entertainment by our hula and line dance class. We will have lots of raffle prizes, music, & more! Reserve your seat at least one day in advance by calling 510-799-8219. We hope to see you there.

Extended Trips

Looking for a great trip, or gift for your parents or family members? Look no further! The City of Hercules has once again partnered with Premier World Discovery to offer extended trips around the county. There are 5 amazing trips scheduled that are sure to appeal to everyone. All trips include round trip airfare, baggage handling, a tour director and more. Advanced registration is required for all trips, so be sure to register early to save your spot.

Here are the trips we have scheduled for 2020:

- 6-day Great Trains and Grand Canyons – 4/19 to 4/25/20
- 7-day Iceland Explorer – 6/20 to 6/26/20
- 7-day Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park – 7/28 to 8/4/20
- 6-day Philadelphia, Amish Country & the Brandywine Valley – 10/4 to 10/10/20
- 6-day Music Cities – 12/4 to 12/10/20

To register for any of these great programs, or for more information, please contact us at (510) 799-8291, or visit us online at www.herculesrec.com.

Volunteer at the Senior Center

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

Sports

X-Fit Training: Lil Ninja & Adult Boot Camp

X-Fit Training will be offering a December session of Lil Ninja and Adult Boot Camp! Both programs will begin on December 2, and will run through December 18. You may purchase a (4) or (8) session pass that can be used for either program. What better way to end 2019 than getting a healthy jumpstart to 2020! Register today by visiting our website at www.herculesrec.com or visit our office at 2001 Refugio Valley Rd.

Teens

Teen Afterschool Program

T.H.E. S.P.O.T. after school program is the place to be after school to hang out with your friends, play group games, video games, receive homework help, and so much more! T.H.E. S.P.O.T provides a fun and safe environment for teens to be with their peers and engage in enrichment activities such as cooking/baking, arts and crafts, and team building. Space is still available for this amazing after school program. For more information, please contact (510) 799-8289.

Junior Staff in Training

The Junior Staff in Training program is designed to help teens get ready to make the transition into the work force. The goal of this program is to help and mentor teens to learn how to go through an interview process, demonstrate professionalism, understand what customer service is, and so much more! They will gain experience by working with our energetic teen staff and assisting them in our after school program with coordinating group games, assisting with homework and a mentor for our middle school participants. This program is for ages 14-18. Space is still available. For more information, please contact (510) 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

December: The End is Near

- A book you meant to read all year or decade
- An apocalyptic/futuristic book
- A book about winter or the holidays

COMING SOON: A BRAND NEW WEBSITE AND CATALOG



On November 19, the Library began a preview of a new website and catalog. The preview version, which is still under construction, will allow library users to explore the new website and use the new catalog to search and put materials on hold. The new website features a sleek, modern design, simple navigation and is mobile responsive. The new user-friendly catalog makes it easier to search the Library's collections and also gives users the ability to create reading lists, rate books and find reading recommendations from others. The Library's current website and catalog will remain active until the new platform is launched on December 16th.

Check out 10 items get a bag! One per family while supplies last.



All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed on Thursday November 28th for Thanksgiving

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

Tuesday November 26th, 3pm

Thanks for Playing: Board Games at the Library

Because we are thankful for our patrons, we invite you to come play classic board games at the library. No registration is required, just good sportsmanship

Monday December 2nd 3-4pm

English Conversation Group

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

No registration required

ESL Conversation Group will be on break from December 9th- December 30th. We will resume on January 6th, 2020.

Tuesday December 3rd, 3:30-5pm

Builders Club

Kids let your imaginations take over as you build with LEGOs. Creations will be displayed in the library. No registration required. Unless otherwise noted, the Builders Club meets the first Tuesday of every month. We ask that parents keep an eye on little ones for choking hazards.

Tuesday December 3rd, 6:00pm

Holiday Tree Decorating

Join us as we decorate our annual holiday tree! Make an ornament, eat some sweets, and listen to joyful holiday music! All materials will be provided. Fun for the whole family.

Tuesday December 3rd, 7:00pm

Sincerity Girls Ensemble

Enjoy an evening of holiday music with our local harmonic ambassadors! Consisting of middle and high school students, The Sincerity Girls Ensemble has travelled the world—Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Spain, the Philippines and most recently, France—promoting music appreciation for over a decade. Come join us for an enchanting evening of both contemporary and classic holiday music by the Sincerity Girls Ensemble. Choir Master: Mary Griño Asst. Choir Master: Katrina Cortado Music Director: Henry Torres

Wednesdays December 4th and 11th 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 December 4th and 11th 3-5pm

Drop in Homework Help

Teen volunteers help kids in grad K-5 with their homework.

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.

Theft (BobCop Online Report): Sometime between October 11, 2019, and October 14, 2019, an unknown suspect cut a lock to a storage container in front of a residence on Crystal Circle, and stole two nail guns.

Possession of Stolen Property/Conspiracy/Violation of Probation: On November 14, 2019, at 2:38am, an officer made a traffic stop in the 200 block of Sparrow. The 36 year old female driver had an expired license and was on searchable probation. The 27 year old male passenger was also on searchable probation. Officers searched the two subjects and the car and found mail not addressed to either of the subjects. The subjects were arrested and transported to the Martine Detention Facility.

Theft: On November 14, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., a 64 year old male came to the police department to report a cold theft of electronic items. He also reported his 25 year old niece caused minor injuries

to his arms during a prior altercation.

Theft by False Pretenses: On November 14, 2019, at 11:48 a.m., a citizen reported his mother (senior citizen) was a victim of fraud. While conducting an online job search, the mother was contacted by a suspect asking her to be a “Secret Shopper.” She was to deposit the check, she was sent, for \$2,450. She was advised to purchase \$2,000 in gift cards, and keep the remaining \$450. After providing the gift card numbers to the suspect, she was directed to conduct another transaction for \$1,500. She realized she was a victim of a scam after the check(s) bounced.

Theft by False Pretenses: On November 14, 2019, at 2:20 p.m., a citizen (senior citizen) reported being scammed out of \$55,000. An unknown suspect contacted her over the phone stating he was a Microsoft representative. The suspect stated she would receive a large refund from an old account, but only after she wire transferred \$55,000 to an account in Bangkok.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP: Anytime someone says you “won a prize”; “have a refund coming”; etc; but wants you to send them money first, **DON’T DO IT. This is a SCAM. Another common SCAM is for a scammer to call or send you a letter, and say you won a contest, or inherited a fortune, etc. In order to collect you “prize” you need to send money to pay “Taxes”, etc. DON’T DO IT. When in doubt contact a relative, friend, or the police, for advice.**

Warrant Arrest: On November 15, 2019, at 2:27 p.m., officers determined the whereabouts of a local, 32 year old male, Hercules resident, wanted by our agency for a misdemeanor which occurred on November 4, 2019. The subject was arrested and transported to county jail.

Auto Burglary: On November 15, 2019, at 6:05 p.m., a citizen called to report the left rear window to his Toyota Camry was smashed and a roller bag taken. The vehicle was parked on John Muir Parkway at Bayfront. Occurred between 4:45 p.m., to 5:45 p.m.

Occupied Stolen Vehicle Recovery On November 15th 2019 at approximately 10:00PM HPD Officers were notified of an Automated License Plate Reader hit for a stolen silver 2009 Ford Escape in the area of E/B I-80 and Appian Way. An Officer located the vehicle in the 800 block of Willow Ave and stopped the vehicle. The 50 year old female driver, of Crockett, was taken into custody and the vehicle was towed.

Stolen Vehicle: On November 16, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., a citizen came to the police department to report her black 2011 Honda Civic was stolen, from the front of her residence in the 100 block of Watermark Terrace, four days ago.

Outside Assist: On November 16, 2019, at 1:59 p.m., CHP Air Unit H31 requested Hercules P. D. respond to an in progress auto burglary at the CHP Park & Ride located on Willow Avenue at the I-80 eastbound off-ramp. The Air Unit stated the suspect vehicle was a green 1997 Chevy Silverado, and the victim vehicle was a blue Nissan Pathfinder. There were three suspects involved. A 40 year old female suspect, of Vacaville, was seen removing items from the rear of the Nissan. A 25 year old male suspect, of Pittsburg, was seen rummaging through the center console of the vehicle. The third suspect, a 31 year old male of Pittsburg, was the driver of the Chevy. Hercules Officers contacted and detained the suspects. The local CHP units responded and

took over the investigation.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On November 16, 2019, at 12:54 p.m., an Officer located a blue 2011 Toyota RAV-4, in the 1000 block of Promenade. The vehicle had been reported stolen to our agency on October 30, 2019. The vehicle was in good condition, nothing was removed from the vehicle, and the owner responded to take possession.

Public Works Call Out: On November 17, 2019, at 8:28 p.m., a citizen reported locating a 20' tree branch in the #2 northbound lane of San Pablo Avenue at Hercules Avenue. Public Works responded and removed the branch.

Found Property: On November 18, 2019, at approximately 9:23 am, an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding found property. A public Works Employee found a set of car keys and a credit card in front of the Corp yard on Sycamore. The keys and credit card were entered into evidence as Safekeeping after not being able to contact the owner of the card.

Theft from Unlocked Vehicle: On November 18, 2019, at approximately 2:10 pm, an Officer was dispatched to HPD Lobby for a report of theft from a vehicle. On November 17, 2019, at approximately 7:00 am, the reporting party said she parked her 1997 Honda, in the parking lot in front of McDonalds located at 1570 Sycamore Avenue. She returned to her vehicle at 9:00 pm, and found her CPAP machine missing from the trunk of her vehicle.

Found Property: On November 18, 2019, at approximately 1:41 pm, an Officer was dispatched to HPD Lobby for found property. A resident located a wallet on the sidewalk near Willow Avenue and Viewpoint. The wallet contained with a driver's license and two debit cards. The owner was contacted later and picked up the wallet at HPD.

Identity Theft: On November 18, 2019, at approximately 3:20 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Starling Way for the report of fraud. On November 4, 2019, the victim received a letter from retailer, in Modesto, stating he was responsible for an account which was opened and charged \$1,834.21. The victim had no idea who opened the account. The victim received a second letter on November 12, stating someone attempted to open a second retail charge account in his name which was denied.

Theft: On November 18, 2019, at approximately 5:12 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Bio Rad, located at 6000 James Watson, for the report of a theft. Sometime between November 18, 2019 at 9:00 am, and 5:00 pm a catalytic converter was stolen from a 2010 Honda, Element, when it was parked in the parking lot.

Assault on School Grounds: On November 19, 2019, at approximately 9:37 am, a School Resource Officer was advised of a fight on the High School Campus. A 15 year old female student pulled the hair of a 14 year old female student. The 15 year old dragged the 14 year old to the ground and punched and kicked the victim, in the face, several times causing injuries. The 15 year old was arrested and transported to juvenile hall.

Stolen Trailer: On November 19, 2019, at approximately 1:00 pm, an Officer was dispatched to

Home Depot for a vehicle theft. The reporting party stated she received a notification from Fairfield PD regarding one of their utility trailers which they rent out to customers. It was located abandoned in Fairfield. The reporting party stated she last saw the trailer on October 11, 2019 and did not notice it missing. Records indicated the trailer had not been rented out.

Probation Violation and Possession of Controlled Substance On November 20th 2019 at approximately 3:03AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a black 1999 VW Golf. The driver, the 40 year old male driver, of San Pablo, was determined to be on searchable probation. During the compliance check, the Officer located approximately a substance, suspected to be a narcotic, and a syringe loaded with a suspected narcotic. The suspect was arrested and cite/released at the scene.

Targeted Traffic Enforcement: Hercules Police Traffic Officer; a Hercules School Resource Officer; two HPD volunteers; along with Richmond and San Pablo Traffic Officers, conducted targeted traffic enforcement, of crosswalk moving violations, at the intersection of Refugio Valley Road at Coronado. During the hours of 7:30 am to 9:00 a.m. 20 traffic related citations were issued. This type of targeted enforcement will be conducted, periodically, throughout the City of Hercules.

Petty Theft: On November 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 1500 block of Swallow Way to take a theft report. The reporting party said she had a Comcast subcontract employee at her house earlier today. After the employee left, she noticed several items were missing.

Warrant Arrest: On November 20, 2019 at 3:36 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a White '99 Mercedes ML 430 for an equipment violation. The 58 year old male driver, of Canyon, CA, was found to have an outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrant. The Warrant was issued on January 31, 2017. The subject was cited and released on the Warrant.

Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Injury Collision: On November 20, 2019 at 3:54 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to San Pablo Ave. at Hercules Ave. for a pedestrian that was just struck by a vehicle. Upon arrival, Officers located the 18 year old female pedestrian, of Pinole, kneeling down in the crosswalk near the east curb of San Pablo Ave. at Hercules Ave. A White '09 Ford E-350 Van was stopped near the east curb of San Pablo Ave. at Hercules Ave. The 57 year old female driver, of Vallejo, was standing next to her vehicle. The pedestrian complained of pain to her back and buttocks. AMR transported the female to Kaiser Richmond for her complaint of pain. A witness stated the pedestrian was crossing San Pablo Ave, in the crosswalk, with a green walk signal. The pedestrian was struck by the Van as it made a right turn from W/B Hercules Ave. onto N/B San Pablo Ave.

Driving Under the Influence: On November 20, 2019 at 5:48 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Silver '10 Ford Ranger, in the 100 block of Skelly Way, for a vehicle code violations and DUI indicators. The driver continued driving and yielded in his driveway (in the 100 block of Skelly Way). The 63 year old male driver displayed objective signs and symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. The subject was administered the Standard Field Sobriety test, but refused to do the Preliminary Alcohol Screening device. The subject was arrested. A search of the truck was done and two empty beer cans were located along with a small amount of suspected Marijuana.

The subject was later cited and released to his to a responsible party.

Found Property: On November 21, 2019, at 1:55 p.m., a citizen located some employee identification cards in the Home Depot parking lot and turned them into the PD. The owner was contacted and the cards were mailed.

Residential Structure Fire: On November 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., Hercules Officers responded to the 100 block of Tamarack Drive for a report of a house fire. Officers were the first on scene and were told by a resident that his brother was upstairs. The garage and a vehicle, parked in the driveway, were fully engulfed. Several officers entered the first floor and were unable to locate anyone. Due to the intensity of the fire and thick smoke, officers were unable to clear upstairs. The surrounding residents were evacuated. Fire units from Rodeo/Hercules Fire; Crockett Fire; Contra Costa County Fire; and Pinole Fire; arrived on scene and extinguished the fire. A check of the house revealed no one was inside. A small dog was removed from the rear yard, and was unharmed. The house, garage, and a car were damaged. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Fire Department.

Warrant Arrest On November 22nd 2019 at approximately 7:25PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a white 2019 Chevy van. The 62 year old male driver, of El Cerrito, was taken into custody on a non-citable warrant held by San Pablo PD. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Warrant Arrest On November 23rd 2019 at approximately 1:07AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a black 2012 Ford Fusion. The 22 year old female passenger, of Stockton, was taken into custody on four non-citable warrants held by Stockton PD. She was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Possession of a Controlled Substance: On November 23, 2019, at 8:56 a.m., an Officer stopped a 24 year old male of Walnut Creek, while driving a white Toyota Camry, for a vehicle code violation. Several substances, believed to be narcotics, were located in his possession. The subject was later cited and released from the police department.

Warrant Arrest/ Possession of a Controlled Substance: On November 23, 2019, at 4:25 p.m., an Officer located a 30 year old suspicious male subject, of San Francisco, peering aimlessly into businesses while walking around Creekside Shopping Center, 1625 Sycamore Avenue. A consensual contact revealed the subject was on felony probation. Officers contacted his 35 year old male friend, of San Francisco, seated in a white 2018 Ford Transit van, parked near Dragon Terrace. The subject was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of San Francisco. During the above contact, the officer located a substance, suspected to be a narcotic, on the subject's person. He was cited for the drug violation before being transported to county jail.

Warrant Arrest On November 23rd 2019 at approximately 8:39PM HPD Officers were dispatched to a business in the 1500 block of Sycamore Ave for a possible theft in progress. The theft was unfounded but a 23 year old female, of Hercules, was taken into custody on a citable warrant held by San Jose PD. She was cite/released from the scene.

Evading and Probation Violation On November 24th 2019 at approximately 3:15AM a HPD Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a silver 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse. The vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle became disabled, via a flat tire. The 32 year old male driver, of Hercules, was taken into custody. The vehicle was an unreported stolen. The subject was also determined to be on probation and was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility...

Collision: On November 24, 2019, at approximately 2:46 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to 100 block of Sequoia Road for a collision with unknown injuries. Officer's located a 1994, Dodge Dakota, facing south bound, in the front yard of 130 Sequoia and 124 Sequoia. The 63 year old female driver of the Dodge, had minor injuries to her leg and arm. It was determined the Dodge was driving south bound on Sequoia when a 2019, Toyota Corolla, facing south bound on Sequoia near 133 attempted to pull away from the curb, causing the Dodge to strike the driver's side front of the Toyota Corolla, and then swerve into the front yard of 130 Sequoia. The Toyota was being driven by a 24 year old female. The driver of the Dodge was treated for minor injuries by AMR, and the other driver was not injured.

Warrant arrest: On November 24, 2019 at approximately 7:24pm, an Officer contacted 44 year old male in front on Amber Ct. The subject was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Contra Costa County. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 11/13/19-11/24/19

CALLS FOR SERVICE	833
REPORTS	66
TRAFFIC CITES	59
PARKING CITES	75
ADULT ARRESTS	23
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	0
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	12
PART 1 TOTAL	235

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	---
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	2
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	0
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	9
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** City Offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday on 11/27/19 – 11/28/2019 ****

Holiday Tree Lighting

Date: 12/01/2019 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Community Center - Gymnasium

2001 Refugio Valley Road

Hercules, CA 94547

Planning Commission Meeting – CANCELLED

Date: 12/02/2019 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Community and Library Services Commission

Date: 12/09/2019 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

City Council Meeting

Date: 12/10/2019 6:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Breakfast with Santa

Date: 12/14/2019 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Community Center - Gymnasium

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