

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
October 2, 2020**

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Do I Need a Building Permit?**

We have seen a big uptick in residents making improvements to their homes which is a great news. Did you know that most home improvement projects require a building permit? Securing a building permit, if required, ensures that the work being done on your home meets code and also shows future buyers that the work was done properly. There is information on the City's website which goes into more detail as to when a building permit is required and you can view that information here: [Building Permit Information](#). Our Community Development staff is available to help you navigate the building permit process as well.

**Please Don't Feed the Ducks!**

Look for the following signs to be installed soon at the lake in Refugio Valley Park, part of our clean water obligations.



## **Want to Help Others during the COVID-19 Pandemic?**

A local non-profit is working to connect seniors and others at risk in our community with support. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting this effort, you can learn more about Hercules Cares by visiting their website: [www.herculecares.org](http://www.herculecares.org)

## **Halloween Spirit!**

### **Scarecrow Contest**

We are excited to announce the return of the *Hercules Scarecrow Contest*! The *Hercules Scarecrow Contest* is a free event for the community. There are two categories: **Traditional** and **Interpretive** (for more info, see rules). Prizes (to be named later) will be awarded in each category. Winners will be determined by the Scarecrow that receives the most votes. Build/create your own Scarecrow and display it outside the week of October 26-31.



To participate you must complete and submit the 2020 Scarecrow Contest entry form to the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department by Tuesday, October 13. The forms can be found on the City's website at the following link...[HerculesScarecrowContest](#). Email completed entry forms to [croke@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:croke@ci.hercules.ca.us) by October 13 to be eligible.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Hercules General Municipal Election – Nomination Filing Period Is Now Closed**

The qualified candidates for the November 3, 2020 Hercules General Municipal Election and will appear on the ballot in the following order:

1. Gerard Boulanger, Incumbent
2. Celsa Taraya, Financial Consultant
3. Irina Galieva, Bank Vice President
4. Tiffany Grimsley, University Admissions Consultant
5. Alexander Walker-Griffin, Child Counselor / Advocate
6. Dan Romero, Incumbent

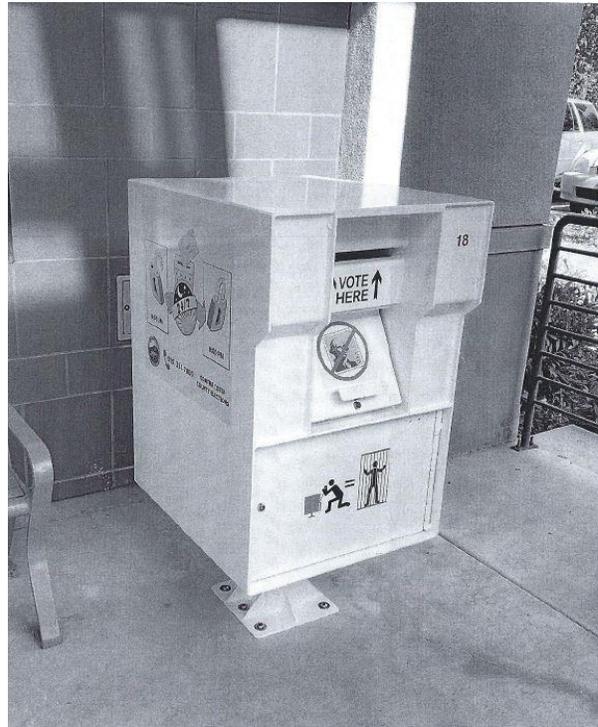
More information can be found at <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=13769>.

## **SoS USPS Frequently Asked Questions**

How is the Secretary of State's Office responding to concerns regarding the United States Postal Service (USPS)? Please visit the Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/usps-frequently-asked-questions-faqs/>

## **Mail-In Ballot Drop Off Box**

Contra Costa Elections has installed a Mail-In Ballot Drop Off Box in front of the Hercules Library. The Mail-In Ballot Drop Off Box will be unlocked on October 5<sup>th</sup> and remain available for ballot drop-off until 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.



## **Council Meeting Public Participation**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Under the Governor's Executive Order, City Council meetings may be conducted utilizing teleconferencing or other electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The live stream of the meeting may be viewed on television Comcast Channel 28 and/or online at <https://hercules.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the public may only view the meeting on television and/or online and not in the Council Chamber.

Due to the current health pandemic, Hercules City Hall is closed to the public during Council Meetings, however members of the public can participate electronically by following the instructions on the very first page of each City Council Agenda. Hercules City Hall and Police Department are open to the public during normal business hours with face coverings and social distancing requirements. Normal business hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the office of the City Clerk (510-799-8215). Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II].

## **Hercules Commission Vacancies**

The Hercules City Council is currently recruiting residents for appointment to the Planning Commission, Community and Library Services Commission and the Finance 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](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>.

### **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.

**Finance Commission – One (1) Vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 2021**

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.

**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 canceled.

**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 will meet regularly every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The Finance Commission 2020 meetings will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 & Planning Departments Open**

Community Development staff are working to process new building permits and inspection requests. The Department front desk is open to the public, Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00

p.m., and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. by appointment. Per State and County health mandates, all visitors MUST wear a face covering and maintain safe physical distance to the extent practical. For questions and assistance, please contact Shiva Matinpour (Building Permit Technician) at [smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us) / 510-799-8244.

The Contra Costa County Conservation & Development Department (which provides building and plan check services for the City) has more detailed information about construction safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic at: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-orders>

**Building Inspection Division**

	Aug 31 thru Sep 11, 2020	FY 2020/21 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	48	230
Total Fees Collected:	\$24,175.47	\$106,969.90
Number of Inspections:	31	151
New Housing:	0	0

**Planning Division**

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #20-37, a request by Thomas A. Snyder (doing business as “Tom Snyder Management and Consulting”) to operate a home-based business at 172 Eagle Court providing project management and consulting services. *(Final appeal date: Tuesday, September 28)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #20-38, a request by Courtney Jamison (doing business as “Coco Rae Body and Beauty”) to open a shop specializing in applying eyelash extensions, hair styling, waxing and body sculpting at 1500 Sycamore Avenue, Suite B8 . *(Final appeal date: Tuesday, September 28)*

**Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission meeting schedule for Monday, September 21, has been canceled. Two public hearings are scheduled for the following regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Monday, October 5:

- Conditional/Special Use Permit #20-01, a request from Crown Castle/AT&T to remove three existing 11-ft.-tall towers and antennas and replace them with new antennas, remote radio units, and surge protectors mounted on a new 35-ft.-tall monopole at the existing AT&T wireless site at 3519 Franklin Canyon Road (on John Muir Land Trust’s Fernandez Ranch property, south of Highway 4 and the Franklin Canyon Golf Course); and
- Zoning Text Amendment #20-02, revisions recommended by City staff to update Title 10, Chapter 16 – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities section of the Hercules Municipal Code to align City policies and processes regarding small cell and small wireless facilities with current technologies and State and Federal standards.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



### **Maintenance & Operations**

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks, buildings, and sewer lift stations. They cleaned up numerous illegal dumping, removed fallen tree limbs, repaired street lights throughout town, power washed the gazebo area in Refugio Park, repainted the traffic striping in the business park and John Muir Parkway, coordinated with Engie on the Energy Generation and Conservation Project, and are repairing 2 park tables in Refugio Park.

### **Engineering**

Construction continues on the future Safeway, located at the southeast corner of San Pablo and Sycamore Avenue, and the grading began on the Willow Storage Project. The installation of the public improvements for the Bayfront Project have been completed for Block N and are underway for Q&R while the plans are under review for the associated abandonment of the terminus of Linus Pauling. The design plans are also under review for Sycamore Crossing, Hilltown and Willow Storage projects. Design is underway for the mile long segment of replacement sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant. The financial study for the sewer fund is on-going. The pedestrian enhancement project at Sycamore/Civic was awarded to HM

Construction, a local contractor, and construction is anticipated to start soon. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing.

### **Permits**

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 7
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$903
- Number of Certifications issued: 8
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 2

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 4

Encroachment Permits Issued: 16

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Fall Programs**

#### **Dynamite Adventures**

To kick off the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Dynamite Adventures Camp, campers enjoyed a nice nature walk through Hanna Ranch Park searching for wildlife, flowers, and bugs. We also played some exciting group games on the soccer field including soccer, frisbee golf and kickball. To cool down from the hot weather, we enjoyed some yummy fruit popsicles under the tree! The previous week, campers had to shelter inside the classroom due to the poor air quality. But, that didn't stop the fun! Campers participated in group games like "4 Corners" and "Heads-up 7-up". They also enjoyed the many arts and crafts projects but what they loved the most was the free play they had with their friends! If you're interested in joining the Dynamite Adventure Camp, we are now taking registrations for our third block. Please contact our main office (510) 799-8291 for more information or please visit our website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).





### **Dynamite Crew – Distance Learning Support Hub**

Dynamite Crew is a distance learning support lab that meets at the Teen center for distance learning in the morning and moves to Hanna Kidz center in the afternoon. Staff will assist participants with their blended learning experience during school, then transport campers (via our City Vans) once the school day is over. Dynamite Crew is a hybrid program that offers a little bit of both worlds: support during distance learning and free play. For more information, contact us at (510) 799-8291.

### **Preschool Camp**

Our Fall Preschool camp was designed for children 4 - 5 years old, and going into kindergarten next school year. Preschool Camp is set up in 3-week with stable groups of up to 14 per pod. Preschool Camp runs Monday through Thursday. In order for the program to run, we must reach our minimum enrollment of 10 participants for each program. Fall Preschool camp is a Nut Free Zone. For more info on any of our Fall offerings, please visit our website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us) or contact us at (510) 799-8291. You can also register anytime online at [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

### **Competitive Swim Camp**

Competitive Swim Camp is a 4-week swim camp, featuring several different pods. Some of the pods swim 3 days a week, while other pods swim 2 days a week. The Competitive Swim Camp program continues to follow all of the best practices as outlined by the County Health Official.

Each pod reports at an assigned time ready to swim, all swimmers go through a screening and temperature check prior to entering the facility. To find our more information about the Competitive Swim Camp, please contact us at (510) 799-8291.

## **Fee Classes**

### **P.E. in the Park**

The City of Hercules would like to announce a new partnership with National Academy of Athletics (NAofA) to offer new and exciting sports programs to our community! Physical activity might be more important than ever. NAofA has successfully upgraded our already highly recommended Sports After School Club to incorporate Social and Emotional Learning, (SEL). It is the most powerful (and unappreciated) “medicine” for present and future health issues – For the body, mind, and spirit. On top of creating a safe place for kids to move their bodies we challenge the kids to help create confidence, optimism and personal growth.

### **Online Virtual Programming**

The National Academy of Athletics offers a Virtual After School club that is the perfect solution for families who enjoy sports and exercise, but are not comfortable with, or do not have access to, in person instruction. This entire program is designed to be done in the comfort of your own home! To register for these programs, please visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

### **Skyhawks Sports**

Build your own schedule with individual classes or go with the flexibility and value of a season pass! There will be three (3) virtual class series such as Active Series, Mind & Body Series, and SuperTots Series, which all serve ages 3-12. To register for a season pass or to view other exciting online programs, please visit [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com).

### **X-Fit Backyard Fitness & Games**

X-Fit Training “Backyard Fitness and Games” is where you can discover all the wonders around your house as your children get fit and stay fit. "Backyard Fitness & Games" by X-Fit Training will:

1. Give your children knowledge of health and nutrition.
2. Teach them exercises that they can do all school year.
3. Kids will learn how to play games with simple objects around the house.
4. Go on a scavenger hunt inside and outside of the house.

All programs will be instructed over ZOOM. There is still space available for the upcoming October and November sessions. If you would like to register for any of these programs, please visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

### **Kids Love Soccer**

Kidz Love Soccer offers several livestream programs. They are a 30-minute classes presented over the internet. Participants join the class using the ZOOM meeting client and connect through any web browser. This program is not only convenient, but affordable. No equipment is provided or required to participate. To ensure the security of the class, each week families are emailed a security code they will need to log into the class. In the security email, they’ll also receive a list

of common household items they'll use in class. To register for any Kidz Love Soccer programs, please visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

## **Marketing**

### **Promote Your Business**

Promote your business through the City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department. We have a few opportunities to help advertise businesses around town including banner and signboard space. For rates and availability on these affordable options, please contact (510) 799-8291.

## **Seniors**

### **CC Café**

The CC Café continues to provide meal service to the Hercules Senior Center. Meal service is every Tuesday and includes 5 frozen meals with a loaf of bread, fresh fruit and a half gallon of milk. After seeing an initial spike when the pandemic hit, the numbers have leveled out to our new normal of approximately 40 (+/-) folks receiving meals each week. There were 37 last week (9/22), and 41 this week (9/29). If you would like to participate, contact the Senior Center in advance to place your order. Contact us at (510) 799-8219.

### **Senior Outreach Program**

The Senior Center staff continues to create activity packets for the senior membership. These activity packets are a great way to help keep seniors busy and keep their mind active. This week's packet focused on a Fall theme. The packet was full of games, puzzles, word searches, and scrambles. Staff distributed the 19<sup>th</sup> activity packet this past Tuesday at the food pick/up and distribution events. In addition, the Friends of the Hercules Senior Center continue to do wellness checks with Senior Center members. This has proven to be a great way to check with the membership during the pandemic. We'd like to thank all of the volunteers who help make our center something special.

## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **October is Discover & Go Month**

<https://ccclib.org/discover-go-month/>

Take part in **online events** for kids and adults presented by the Charles M. Schulz Museum, the Asian Art Museum, the Legion of Honor, and Ruth Bancroft Garden. Participate in the Discover & Go Month quiz for a chance to win prizes, and **support** the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano

### **Here's a list of the online programs offerings through our Discover & Go partners:**

Bancroft Garden Storytime – October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-11:15am

Plants & People: A Special Garden Tour – October 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-11:30am

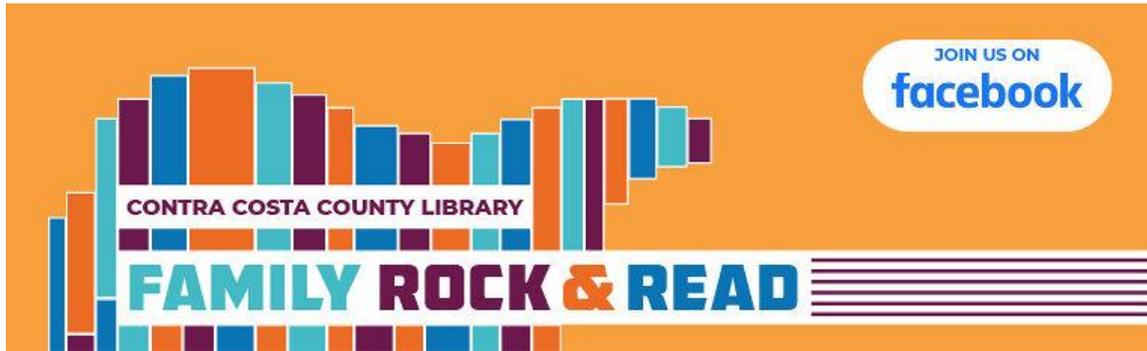
Learning to Cartoon with Peanuts – October 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am-11:00am

Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art – October 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm-7:30pm

Virtual Art Talk – Last Supper in Pompeii – October 27<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm-1:45pm

Basic Design Principles – Gardening in Small Spaces – October 31<sup>st</sup>-10:00am-11:00am

### **Family Rock & Read**



**Contra Costa County Library Family Rock and Read**  
**Starting Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**  
**3:30pm-4:30pm**

Project Second Chance (PSC) teamed up with Contra Costa County Library's Youth Services team and shared some simple ways to help kids develop the building blocks for reading with parents and caregivers at all literacy levels. Tune in each Friday in October at 3:30 p.m at PSC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/psccontracosta/>) for storytimes, guest presenters, fun activities, and accessible tips for continuing the learning at home.

*This week's topic is "sing" with special guest presenters Alphabet Rockers!*

**Contra Costa Community-wide Read – “How Much of These Hills is Gold” by C Pam Zhang**



Join us for **CoCo Reads**, a community-wide read of "How Much of These Hills is Gold" by C Pam Zhang. **From 9/7/20-10/28/20**, we encourage you to check out a copy of this debut, Booker-nominated novel about two Chinese American orphans trying to survive during the California Gold

Rush and find a sense of home. The author will speak during a Zoom presentation on 10/28/20 at 7:00 p.m., and other related events will be scheduled during this time. Check our events calendar and Facebook events page in September for all the details.

**Here's a list of the Community Reads programs:**

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=how%20much%20of%20these%20hills/event/5f3c638478798a2400cd1c36>

**CoCo Reads Book Discussion  
Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**San Francisco's Chinatown by Dick Evans and Kathy Chin Leong  
Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art: A Presentation by the Asian Art Museum  
Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Author Presentation with C Pam Zhang  
Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm (also broadcast live on the library's Facebook page)**

**Civic Engagement at Your Library**

<https://ccclib.org/civic-engagement/>

This page is designed to provide resources to help you get involved in and understand your community. Find information on voting, ballot issues and candidates, library resources and a link to the County Elections website.

**Front Door Service Continues at the Library!**

**Here's How it Works:**

**Place Hold**

- Place your holds and wait to receive confirmation that they are available.
- You will be able to place up to 25 items on hold at a time.

**Get Notified**

- You will receive email, text or phone confirmation that the items you placed on hold are available.
- Now you are ready to schedule an appointment.

**Schedule**

- Once you receive notification that your holds are ready you can schedule an appointment.
- Click the link below to book an appointment to pick up your holds. Be sure to schedule the appointment at the library where your holds were sent.
- An appointment isn't necessary to pick up your holds, however, without an appointment you may have a longer wait.

**Pick up**

- Upon arrival, call or text library staff to alert them that you have arrived. The number to call or text will be prominently displayed in front of the Library entrance. You will be asked to provide the library card account information for any holds you will be picking up.

- Your items will be placed on the table outside the library in a bag labeled with your name. Staff will let you know when you may retrieve the items.

For questions about library services, contact staff via [Chat](#), Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or text questions to (925) 290-7627. You can also call the Hercules Library to speak to a staff member during open hours 510-245-2420

### Donations

**Please do not drop off book donations for the Friends of the Hercules Library. We cannot accept donations at this time.**

Please check the homepage of the Library website for any changes to services. Visit [cchealth.org](http://cchealth.org) for the details about the order from the Health Officer and more information on COVID-19/Coronavirus.

### No Card, No Problem

**No card,  
No problem.**



You don't need a physical library card to access many of the online resources available through our website.

Signing up for a **library eCard** is easy and fast.

Visit <https://ccclib.org/no-card-no-problem/>

For questions about Library services and programming or account information, contact the library via online Chat or text questions to (925) 290-7627. Both services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org)

### **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**

**Natural Death:** On September 16, 2020 at 9:45 am, an officer was dispatched to a residence on Poplar Ct. for the reported natural death.

**Warrant Arrest X2:** On September 16, 2020 at 11:31 am, Officers were dispatched to the area of the Bart Transit Lot at 1375 Willow Ave. The reporting party stated a male just pushed over another male. Both parties had left the scene prior to Officers arrival. While responding, two officers located the suspect who was found to have two misdemeanor warrants. The subject was

cited for his warrants and BART PD took over the investigation.

**Found Property:** At 7:39 PM, a Hercules resident reported found property at Bristol/Weymouth near the hillside parking. An Officer collected a several suitcases with clothes, mail, checks, and miscellaneous wallet cards for safekeeping. He identified three owners and returned the property.

**Found Property:** At 5:00 AM, a citizen called in a BMX bicycle was found in the middle of San Pablo Ave/Sycamore Ave. An Officer collected the bicycle for safekeeping - owner unknown.

**Occupied Stolen Vehicle:** On September 17, 2020 at 1:08 pm, a resident called to report a suspicious vehicle parked in the 100 block of Grenadine Way. The vehicle was a 2016 Gray Toyota Tundra. The Tundra had been reported stolen out of Martinez today. The vehicle left the area prior to Officers arrival. Officers located the vehicle on Refugio Valley Rd. A stop was conducted on Sycamore near Willow Ave. The Tundra was released to the owner. The 35 year old female driver, out of Richmond, was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The jail declined to receive the subject and she was sent to the County Regional Medical Center, for Medical issues. The subject was released at the hospital and the case will be sent to the District Attorney's Office.

**Hit and Run:** On September 17, 2020 at 5:28 pm, and officer was dispatched to the Lucky Parking Lot at 1590 Sycamore Ave for a hit and run. The victim stated he was sitting in his vehicle when a green SUV was leaving and hit his vehicle. There was very slight damage to the victims BMW and it appears the other party may not have known he hit the victim vehicle.

**Towed Vehicle for Spinning Donuts:** On September 17, 2020 at 6:43 pm, officers were on a call, on Redwood Rd, when a subject decided to start spinning donuts at Redwood Rd. and Walnut. A traffic stop was made on the Silver G35 Infinity and the 19 year old driver, of Hercules, was cited for reckless driving. His vehicle was towed with a 30 day hold.

**Found Property:** On September 18, 2020 at 7:39 am, Home Depot called to report a found wallet at the business. The officer attempted to contact the owner but there was no answer. The wallet and contents were place into evidence.

**Identity Theft:** On September 18, 2020 at 2:03 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Devonwood for an Identity Theft Report. The victim stated an unknown suspect used her Identity to get medical assistance and the victim received a bill for it.

**Warrant Arrest:** On September 18, 2020 at 2:35 pm, Officers were dispatched to the area of the UPS store for an intoxicated subject. Officers arrived and contacted a 51 year old male, out of Rodeo. The subject did not appear to be intoxicated but had a cite releasable warrant out for his arrest. The subject was arrested and issued a citation, with a new court date, and released at the scene.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On September 18, 2020 at 4:16 pm an officer was dispatched to the 1600 block of Sycamore Ave, Home Depot, for the report of a stolen Vehicle. The vehicle is a 2006 Ford Box truck with RVO Rooter on the side.

**Warrant Arrest x 2:** On September 18, 2020 at 10:46 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a

Black '00 Mercedes for vehicle code violations. The 28 year old male driver, of Vallejo, was found to have two outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrants. The first, was out of Alameda County Sheriff's Office, issued on July 07, 2020. The second, was out of BART PD, issued on October 23, 2019. The subject was arrested, cited, and released on both Warrants.

**Possession of a Controlled Substance:** On September 19, 2020 at 4:02 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Blue '99 Toyota Corolla for vehicle code violations. The 60 year old male driver was from Rodeo. The 49 year old female passenger, of Martinez, was found to be on Felony Probation with a search clause. A search was done, and an officer found a small Ziploc plastic baggie, containing a substance suspected to be narcotics, in the subject's purse. The subject was arrested then cited and released.

**Auto Burglary:** On September 19, 2020 at 7:56 am, a resident from the 100 block of Canterbury called to report the toolbox in his 2019 Chevy Silverado was broken into sometime overnight. A safety construction harness was stolen.

**Package Theft:** On September 19, 2020 at 8:11 am an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Athena for a package theft. The victim stated yesterday a package was stolen off her porch.

**Domestic Dispute:** On September 19, 2020 at 10:09 am, officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Willow Ave for the report of a domestic dispute. Officers determined there was only a verbal altercation that had occurred near Mariner's Pointe. During the verbal altercation, between a 35 year old male and 36 year old female, the male left with their young child. The male was contacted, and officers facilitated a civil standby for the male to return the child, get his belongings, and leave the residence. A case was taken for documentation.

**Theft:** On September 19, 2020 at 5:44 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Athena for a theft of passports. The passports were delivered to the house and the package with the passports was stolen.

**Outside Assist – Sideshow Activity:** On September 19, 2020 at 11:33 p.m. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office requested an outside assist for a large number of vehicles conducting an illegal sideshow in the parking lot of the Dead Fish Restaurant, 20050 San Pablo Ave. in Crockett. Hercules Officers, along with CCCSO Deputies, and CHP Officers were able to get the large number of vehicles to leave. Most of those vehicles then travelled to Richmond. Some of the vehicles drove to Willow Ave. in Hercules. Hercules Officers spent the next hour monitoring the city for any of the vehicles from the group that left the Dead Fish Restaurant.

**Fraud:** On September 20, 2020, an Officer created a case for a fraud which was reported on September 18, 2020. The Hercules resident reported her "Stimulus" Check was cashed, but she never received the check in the mail. The Officer received a copy of the check, and it was signed with another name, and deposited through mobile banking. The Officer is conducting follow up to try to locate the suspect.

**Warrant Arrest x 2:** On September 21, 2020 at 12:40 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Blue '98 Ford Ranger for vehicle code violations. The 36 year old male driver was found to have two cite releasable Warrants. The first, was out of Nevada County Sheriff's Office, issued on January

10, 2020. The second, was out of Solano County Sheriff's Office, issued on March 17, 2020. The subject. was cited and released on both Warrants

**Grand Theft – Catalytic Converter:** On September 21, 2020 at 8:03 p.m. An Officer was flagged down in the Lucky parking lot, 1590 Sycamore Ave. regarding a theft of a catalytic converter. The San Pablo resident said an unknown suspect stole the catalytic converter from his Tan '07 Toyota Prius. The Prius was parked in the parking lot closest to McDonald's and had been parked there since 8:00 a.m. this morning. He parked this morning and left on a bus trip. When he returned, he noticed a loud noise upon starting the ignition. He then discovered his catalytic converter had been stolen.

**Recklessly Evading a Peace Officer – Towed Vehicle:** On September 21, 2020 at 9:45 p.m. An Officer was parked in the Park & Ride parking lot across from the 76 Gas station, in the 800 block of Willow Ave. The Officer on-viewed a Silver '03 Honda Accord exit the E/B I-80 off-ramp and make an illegal right turn from a designated straight or left turn only lane. The Accord sped up and drove around another vehicle before continuing in the #1 lane of N/B Willow Ave. The Officer attempted to catch up to the Accord. The driver of the Accord made a second unsafe lane change making right turn from the #1 lane of N/B Willow Ave. onto E/B Hawthorne Dr. The Officer attempted to stop the Accord on N/B Vaqueros near Elm St. The driver of the Accord failed to yield. A short pursuit ensued. The Officer lost sight of the Accord on Dempsey Way and found it parked abandoned in the parking lot in the 1200 block of Trigger Rd. The Accord did not have any ignition damage or any other obvious signs of being an unreported stolen vehicle. The Accord was towed.

**Petty Theft:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 7:46 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to My Goods Market located at 828 Willow for an unwanted person who just stole an item from the store. The Reporting Party said there was a restraining order issued against the 27 year old female. Officers located the female walking on Willow Avenue away from the business. She was detained, and it was determined she was never properly served with a trespass order from the market; however, she did steal property from the store. The subject was placed under arrest for theft. She was served with the trespass order; issued a citation for the theft; and released from the scene.

**Felon in Possession of Loaded Firearm/Altered Obliterated Serial Number:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 9:33 an Officer stopped a 2006, BMW 750IL, on San Pablo Avenue at Hercules Avenue, for an equipment violation. Th 25 year old male, driver was on active felony probation. A probation search was conducted, and a loaded firearm was located under the driver's seat. The serial number for the firearm was obliterated and was unreadable. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Lost/Located Property:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 10:29 am, an Officer was dispatched to Starbucks, located at 3700 San Pablo Avenue, for a lost wallet. The Officer took a case. The Reporting Party later called back and said he had located his wallet.

**Theft of Catalytic Converter:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 1:23 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Copper Beech Glen for a theft of a Catalytic Converter. Sometime, between September 19, at approximately 11:30 pm, and September 21, at approximately 5:30 pm,

the catalytic converter from a 2008 Toyota Prius was stolen. The vehicle was parked on the street in front of the residence.

**Battery/Elder Abuse:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 1:48 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Crepe Myrtle for an assault. A 39 year old male hit his 74 year old mother, in her head and face, several times with his fist. The male subject was detained. The female had a large lump on her head and was treated by Paramedics at the scene. The suspect was determined to have medical issues and was transported, by ambulance, to the County Regional Medical Center. The case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

**Property Taken for Destruction:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 2:47 pm a resident from Hercules came to HPD and turned in a bag of ammunition which belonged to his deceased father. He wanted it destroyed.

**Identity Theft:** On September 22, 2020, at approximately 3:53 pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail for an identity theft. The Hercules resident received a letter, from Chase bank, on September 21, 2020. The letter stated someone attempted to open a bank account, at Chase Bank, using her personal information.

**Shoplifting:** On September 23, 2020 at 10:06 am, officers were dispatched to 1551 Sycamore (Big Lots) for the report of a theft. It was reported an adult male walked into the store wearing a green camo jacket and black jeans. Subject left with a comforter set and pots and pans. The suspect left in a light blue check

**Identity Theft:** On September 23, 2020 at 11:23 am, an officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of Promenade St. for an identity theft report. The victim stated that she was contacted by a previous employer regarding an unemployment claim. The victim stated she did not file for unemployment and wanted to make a police report for someone filing a claim using her information.

**Domestic Violence:** On September 24, 2020 at 12:04 AM, officers responded to an OnStar activation from a vehicle, registered in the 1000 block of Rock Harbor, with a female heard crying. Officers contacted the female who stated she was choked by her husband and she had scratch marks on her neck. The male was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. No Emergency Protective Order was desired.

**Miscellaneous Investigation:** On September 24, 2020 at 2:24 pm, officers were dispatch to the area of Willow Ave and San Pablo Ave for an elderly female walking down Willow Ave. Officers located the 87 year old female walking on Willow at the I80 WB on Ramp. She was given a ride home.

**Out of State Warrant Arrest:** On September 24, 2020 at 3:39 pm, officers were dispatched to the area of Tsushima and Central for a suspicious subject. Officers contacted a 31 year old male, out of Washington State, sitting on a bench in the 2000 block of Tsushima St. The subject had two extraditable warrants out of Washington. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Natural Death:** On September 25, 2020 at 9:23 am, officers were dispatched to the 500 block of

Falcon Way for CPR instructions being give over the phone. Officers arrived on scene. Rodeo Hercules Fire and AMR arrived at the same time and took over CPR. The officers determined the 65 year old female had a history of medical issues. Despite the efforts of paramedics, the subject was pronounced deceased at 9:55 am. The Contra Costa County Coroner released the body to the family.

**Warrant Arrest / Possession of Controlled Substance:** On September 25, 2020 at 1:32pm, an officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a 2008 Nissan Sentra due to the driver not wearing a seatbelt, and no front plate on the vehicle. The 31 year old male driver, of Richmond, was determined to have a Felony no bail warrant. The subject was searched, incident to arrest, and was found to have 4 small baggies of a substance suspected to be a narcotic. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility for the warrant and possession of a controlled substance.

**Theft from Unlocked Vehicle:** On September 25, 2020 at 3:59 pm, an officer was dispatch for the report of a theft from a vehicle at the intersection of Sycamore Ave and San Pablo Ave. The victim parked his truck to put out political signs. While he was gone someone opened his truck and stole an iPad and cell phone. The victim was later contacted by a postal worker who found his cell phone.

**Miscellaneous Investigation:** On September 25, 2020 at 5:41 pm, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Topaz Ct. Officers contacted the reporting party who stated that her 21 year old son had recently been stabbed and arrested in San Jose. The son bailed out of jail early this morning and was picked up by an unknown subject, in a Silver Ford Fusion. The reporting party noticed a gun was missing from the house. She thinks her son maybe en route to find the person who stabbed him. The reporting party does not know who that person is. San Jose PD was notified. Case taken for documentation

**Natural Death:** On September 25, 2020. 8:52 PM, Rodeo Hercules Fire requested police respond, to the 100 block of Kensington Circle, for a 61-year-old diseased male. The male reportedly had diagnosed medical issues. No signs of foul play were noted, and the coroner released the body to the family.

**Petty Theft:** On September 25, 2020, at 11:26 PM, a Jack in the Box employee reported her purse was stolen from behind the counter on September 23, 2020. Video showed a suspect taking the purse. The suspect appears to be a male transient who frequents the area/store.

**Domestic Battery no Prosecution:** On September 26, 2020 at 3:56 pm, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Glenwood for a possible domestic dispute. Officers contacted a 34 year old female and a 70 year old male. Both parties had conflicting stores as to what happened. Neither party wanted anything done and neither party had any injuries. Case taken for documentation and will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

**Shoplifting/Trespassing:** On September 27, 2020, at approximately 7:53 am, Officers were dispatched to My Goods Market located at 828 Willow Avenue for an unwanted subject who also stole merchandise from the store. Officers contacted the 27 year old female suspect. The suspect was served with a no trespass notice last week, and she also stole an item from the store at that

time. The subject has stolen a number of items from the store for the last several weeks. The subject was positively identified by the manager and placed under arrest for shoplifting and trespassing. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Shoplifting:** On September 27, 2020, at approximately 1:01 pm, HPD officers were dispatched to Lucky for a theft which just occurred. Three male adults and one female adult, entered the store, filled up three shopping carts full of groceries totaling approximately \$750.00, and left the store without paying. There was a waiting vehicle outside with an adult male driver. The suspects all loaded up the merchandise and left the area.

**Petty Theft:** On September 27, 2020, at approximately 4:51 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Big Lots for the theft of a wallet. Sometime between 3:00 pm, and 4:30 pm today an employee's wallet was stolen from the break room. The credit cards were used at Shell after the theft.

**Cultivating Marijuana:** On September 27, 2020, at approximately 4:54 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to a fire in a front yard, in the 600 block of Turquoise. Officers determined there was an active underground electrical fire in the front yard area. Occupants, from nearby residences, were evacuated for safety reasons. There was no response at the house, where the fire was located. Fire said they needed to clear the house to make sure there was no active fire, occupants, or other safety concern inside the residence. Entry was forced into the residence and two upstairs rooms were determined to be used for cultivating marijuana. A detective was called out to handle the investigation. PG&E was called out to restore power to residents and the fire was put out.

**Lost Property:** On September 27, 2020, at approximately 6:20 an Officer was detailed to a lost wallet report. The reporting party lost his wallet containing his driver's license and some credit cards sometime between 5:00 and 5:45 pm today in Refugio Valley Park.

**Failure to Yield – Evading a Peace Officer:** On September 27, 2020 at 10:03 p.m. an Officer attempted to do a traffic stop on a Black '95 Honda Civic, in the 4000 block of San Pablo Ave, for a third brake light out. The driver failed to yield and drove 55-60 mph from the W/B I-80 on-ramp to El Portal Dr. where he finally yielded. The 26 year old male driver, of San Pablo, told the Officer his flashing red/blue lights were too bright, and he did not know he was being stopped. The subject was cited and released.

**Miscellaneous:** On September 28, 2020, at approximately 12:19 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Onyx Court for a disturbance. The 64 year old Reporting Party said his 49 year old wife hit him. The wife denied hitting her husband, and their adult daughter, who was present, said there was no physical assault from either party. The husband left the residence for the night. A report was taken to document the incident.

**Collision:** On September 28, 2020, at approximately 12:22 pm, a Honda Odyssey was driving west, in the number 2 lane of Sycamore just prior to Willow. The vehicle made a quick left turn to turn into the Shell Gas Station. The Odyssey was hit by a Ford Mustang driving west in the number one lane of west Sycamore Avenue. There were no injuries. The driver of the Honda had a suspended license and no insurance.

**Warrant Arrest:** On September 29, 2020, at approximately 10:56 am detectives were doing

follow up under the overcrossing on Hercules Avenue near San Pablo Avenue, and they contacted 29 year old male who had a warrant. The subject was arrested and transferred to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Identity Theft:** On September 29, 2020, at approximately 3:20 pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail for fraud. The Hercules Resident was checking her credit when she discovered a loan was opened in her name via a website, and she did not authorize the loan. The victim notified the company the loan was not hers.

**Felony Vandalism:** On September 29, 2020, at approximately 4:43 pm, HPD officers were dispatched to Burger King located at 836 Willow Avenue for two females who broke a window and cash register. The two females were described as African American adults, approximately 5'10 and 5'11". They left the area in a white Chevrolet Impala with no front license plate and a temporary plate on the rear. Officers could not locate the suspects or suspect vehicle. The two females bought food with a credit card then tried to get a refund in cash. The employee said they were not able to do that. The females threw a chair through the plexiglass, in front of the register, damaging the register and the milkshake machine. The estimated damage is over \$1,000.

**Recklessly Evading a Peace Officer:** On September 29, 2020 at 7:21 p.m. An Officer was on San Pablo Ave. at John Muir Parkway when he saw the Yellow motorcycle that has evaded several Officers recently. The unknown rider waved at the Officer as he accelerated onto W/B 1-80. A Motor Officer got onto W/B 1-80 at Willow Ave. and caught up to the Yellow Motorcycle on W/B 1-80 at El Portal Dr. The Yellow Motorcycle was speeding in excess of 100 mph. The Motor Officer attempted a traffic stop and the Yellow Motorcycle failed to yield. A short vehicle pursuit was initiated, and the rider of the Yellow Motorcycle exited onto Barrett Ave. in Richmond where he drove the wrong way down 44th St. The vehicle pursuit was then discontinued.

**Grand Theft – Catalytic Converter:** On September 29, 2020 at 7:08 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Woodfield St. to take a report for a theft of a catalytic converter from a Blue '02 Toyota Prius. The Officer contacted who said an unknown suspect cut and removed the catalytic converter sometime between midnight and possibly 2:00 a.m. this morning. The victim spoke to a neighbor who heard his Prius' alarm sounding between those two hours.

**Driving Under the Influence(DUI)– Towed Vehicle:** On September 29, 2020 at 11:48 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Silver '07 Subaru for vehicle code violations. The 25 year old male drive displayed objective signs and symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. The subject was given the Standard Field Sobriety Test. He refused to do the Preliminary Alcohol Screening test. The subject was arrested for DUI and for having an expired driver's license. The subject was cited and released to a responsible party.

## WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 09/17-09/30/2020

CALLS FOR SERVICE	880
REPORTS	82
TRAFFIC CITES	70
PARKING CITES	91
ADULT ARRESTS	22
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	3
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	9
PART 1 TOTAL	21

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	-----
HOMICIDE	
RAPE	
ROBBERY	
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	4
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	
LARCENY (auto burglary or thefts)	16
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:**10/05/2020 7:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

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

**Date:**10/12/2020 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

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#### **City Council Meeting**

**Date:**10/13/2020 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

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