

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
September 22, 2017

David Biggs, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



**The Hercules Police Explorers will be hosting a  
TACO DINNER!!**



**When:** Friday, October 13, 2017

**Time:** 6 PM

**Where:** Hercules Community Center - 2001 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules

Come and enjoy a delicious Taco Dinner!! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for Children ages 12 & under. All proceeds from this event go towards Hercules Police Explorers Post #2111 to help fund their program.

To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact:

Sergeant Barazoto (510) 799-8275

Officer Dan Miller (510) 799-8276, ext. 3031

## 2017 FALL HERCULES CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

A Benefit for the Hercules Sister City Association's Youth Ambassador Program  
**Saturday, September 30, 2017      8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

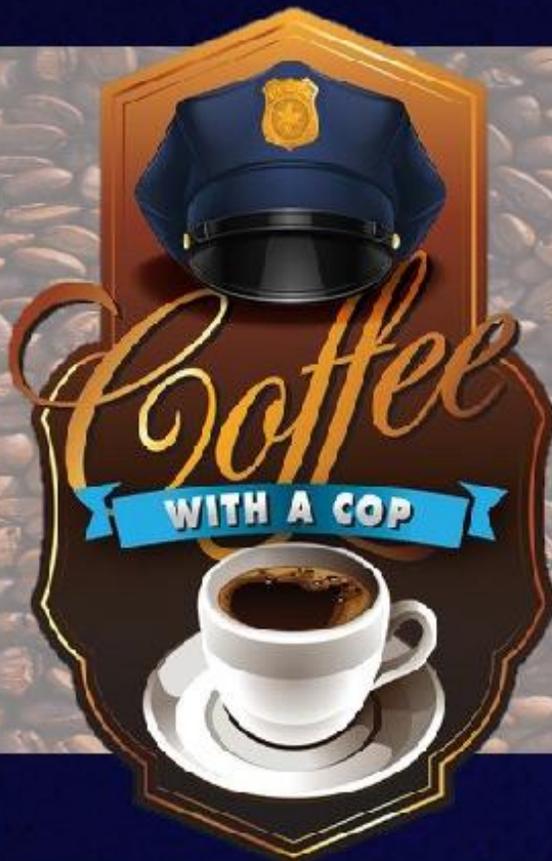


All Hercules residents are invited to participate in this exciting event! Sponsored by the City of Hercules and the Hercules Sister City Association (HSCA) to support the Youth Ambassador Program, this event encourages the re-use and recycling of unwanted items instead of throwing them away. There may even be treasures to be found! Clean out your closets, enjoy the opportunity to get acquainted with neighbors, build community trust, and promote goodwill locally and globally.

Rain or shine, the event will be held in Hercules. The event is 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 30, 2017**. However, you may choose to start or end earlier on Saturday and/or conduct sales on Sunday. All of the money you make from the sale of your items is yours to keep. Please be aware that your HOA may have some restrictions and that City parking enforcement will be in effect.

**MAP SALES:** Maps listing locations will be available for sale to prospective buyers for 50 cents each starting at 8 a.m. on the day of the event, outside, on the parking lot side of the Hercules Public Library at 109 Civic Drive (off Sycamore Avenue).

**INFORMATION:** For questions about this event call the City of Hercules at 510-799-8200 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday.



**Starbucks**  
**October 4, 2017**  
**9:00-11:00am**  
**3700 SAN PABLO AVE.**

**Starbucks**  
**October 5, 2017**  
**9:00-11:00am**  
**842 WILLOW AVE.**

## **JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions,  
voice concerns, and get to know the officers  
in your neighborhood!**

For more information, contact Courtney Crofoot at (510)799-8262 or [ccrofoot@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:ccrofoot@ci.hercules.ca.us)

# **HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT**



## **Social Bite a Great Success!**

Social Bite moved down to Bayfront Boulevard this year and the event this last Saturday was a great success. This street festival featuring food trucks, entertainment, info and vendor booths, and a car show, was well attended. The weather was very nice and Bayfront Boulevard made a great venue for this event.



## **Street Work**

The City's summer street repair program is underway. There will be a day or two of detours on Lupine, Redwood, and Turquoise later this month. Watch for notifications along these streets for the specific detour days. We appreciate everyone's patience as we upgrade our streets.

## **West Contra Costa County Business Briefing**

The goal of the 2017 West Contra Costa County Business Briefing is to convene businesses across the West County sub-region through local chamber memberships and city networks, provide them with an inspirational business keynote speaker and a Business Expo comprised of service providers from the public, nonprofit and private sectors.

Rosemary Turner, President of UPS Northern California will be the featured keynote speaker.

**When:** Thursday, October 5, 2017

**Where:** The City of Hercules Community Center Event Hall, 2001 Refugio Valley Road

**Time:** 9:00am – 9:30am: Check-In, Networking & Business Expo

9:30am – 11:30am: West County Business Needs Survey

Keynote Speaker

Raffle & Business Expo

**RSVP:** <https://wcccbusinessbriefing.eventbrite.com>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **COMMISSION VACANCIES**

The Hercules City Council is currently recruiting residents for appointment to the Planning Commission, Finance Commission, Community and Library Services Commission as well as recruiting for a few regional committee appointments. Applicants must be residents of the City of Hercules, 18 years of age or older and registered to vote with the exception of the Student Commissioner which must be a high school student and a resident of Hercules. The Application Deadline is **November 1, 2017**. 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://hercules.granicus.com/boards/forms/126/apply/745660?code=f4657e67-490d-44db-9c37-a55f8ec9bc64>

### **Planning Commission – Two (2) Vacancies with terms ending December 2019**

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

- Performs all functions assigned to it by the zoning and design review ordinances of the City.
- Reviews and makes recommendations to the Council on the general plan, specific neighborhood plans, tentative subdivision maps, environmental impact reports, and planned unit developments.
- Reviews the capital improvements program and makes recommendations to the Council.

- Provides design review of proposed buildings and other construction projects and reviews landscape plans.
- Grants use permits and variances.

**Finance Commission – Two (2) Vacancies with terms ending December 2019, One (1) Vacancy for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018**

The Finance Commission meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. The Commission is advisory to the Council and has the following duties:

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

**Community & Library Services Commission – One (1) vacancy with a term ending December 31, 2019, One (1) Student Commissioner seat with a term ending December 31, 2018, one (1) Vacancy with an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.**

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

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

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

### **Regional Appointments**

**Mosquito & Vector Control - One (1) Vacancy with a two (2) or four (4) year term.**

**CCTA (Contra Costa Transportation Authority) Citizen Advisory Committee – One (1) Vacancy with a two (2) year term.**

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) NEWS:**

- The City of Hercules is undergoing a website re-design to help better serve the Hercules Community. As such, feedback from users is extremely valuable. To help us create a more user-friendly web experience, we invite you to take a 13 question survey via the link below. We ensure that your responses will be kept confidential.

Thank you for your time and for being a positive part of our dynamic team.

To take the survey, click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGY7T92>

- A comprehensive audio/video upgrade was recently completed in the City Council Chambers which provided new cabling and electrical connections, HD camera's, upgraded audio/video equipment, new monitors, an interactive white board for presentations and a new assistive listening system. This upgrade brings a more reliable and a higher quality of digital electronics to the City of Hercules. Our IT staff and consultants which to thank everyone for your patience during the installation and testing of the new equipment while they fine tune all of the components to bring forth good quality audio and video to the City of Hercules.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

For a current listing of employment opportunities at the City of Hercules go to:

<http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181>

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Hercules City Council meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

Tune in to the Hercules City Council meetings by watching Cablecast live on Comcast Channel 28 or AT&T Channel 99.

In addition, Hercules City Council meetings can be viewed live or on-demand from the City's website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Building Inspection Division**

	<b>Aug 31 thru Sep 14, 2017</b>	<b>FY 2017/18 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	69	267
Total Fees Collected:	\$34,080.47	\$381,483.65
Number of Inspections:	21	113
New Housing:	0	31

### **Planning Division**

- Planning Department approved Administrative Use Permit# 17-40 to provide 12 Administrative Offices for Home Health and Hospice Services at 750 Alfred Nobel Drive , Suite 202 and 204
- Planning Department approved Administrative Use Permit # 17-41, home based office for Security Guard Patrol at 1012 North Shelter Bay
- Planning Department approved Administrative Use Permit# 17-42, home based office to arrange flowers for special events at 121 Bellflower Court
- Planning Department approved Administrative Use Permit #17-43, home based business for baking at 2 Knoll Court

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Maintenance & Operations – Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks and buildings. Additionally, striping, tree trimming, re-lamping the Hercules Transit Center, and pothole patching are in the process of being bid out. Street lights throughout town were repaired and the medians in the business park are being evaluated with respect to tree trimming and replacements as well as ground cover. New street name signs are in the process of being field tested. To improve service in the Lighting and Landscaping Districts, two Maintenance Worker IIs were designated as “Leads”, one has been put in charge of City street lighting and the other quality control on the landscaping contracts to provide more focused oversight on this key program. Alternatives for the CoGen and backup generator at the

Community Center which were recently destroyed by fire are being evaluated, including renting a temporary backup generator until a permanent generator can be purchased.

Engineering –The summer slurry seal project is well underway and anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of the month. The construction contract for the Bay Trail West project was awarded by Council on September 12 and the construction management contract will be before Council on September 26. Consultant interviews for staff augmentation to advance the wastewater program took place and a recommendation will be brought to Council on September 26. The \$46M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project is moving forward on schedule, the contractor is constructing the new headworks facility and solid waste handling facility. The project will span 3 years, is over 50% complete at this time, and on schedule for completion in November 2018. The speed survey which confirms the speed limits on streets is nearing completion and will be brought to Council on September 26 for discussion. The grading plans for Sycamore Crossing were submitted and are under review.



Electrical duct work installation for the Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

## PARKS AND RECREATION



The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of classes and programs that help promote a healthy lifestyle, provides recreational experiences that are fun for all ages and helps to build a strong sense of community pride. For additional info or to get involved, visit our website at [Parks & Recreation](#) or [register online](#) for a class or program today!

### AQUATICS:

#### **Swim Lesson**

Our second session of Fall swim lessons began on Tuesday, September 19. All registered participants are grouped based on ability each session, rather than parents guessing what level their swimmer is. Staff assess participants and group them with other swimmers performing at the same level. This new process has been well received by parents and instructors. We still have two more sessions scheduled this Fall: (1) beginning this coming Saturday, September 23, and (2) the final session beginning on Tuesday, October 3. Be sure to register in advance for group and/or private swim lessons as space is limited. Fall swim lessons will run through October 14.

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

Looking for a great workout? Come get your swim on at Hercules Swim Center. Lap swimming and water walking is open to the public M-F from 7-8pm, through December 15. Not only are swim passes affordable, but they are great for individuals and/or families. Swimmers must be at least 14 years of age to participate. Come out and enjoy our beautiful facility and get a low-impact workout in the process. *Note: Dates and times are subject to change. Swimmers may be asked to share lanes (circle swim) or move to designated lanes as needed.*

#### **Swim Team**

The East Bay Silver Dolphins (EBS D) hosted their annual USA swim meet on September 16 & 17. There were a total of 271 swimmers on Saturday and 259 on Sunday. EBS D has a reputation for this meet being low-key and always having delicious food.



Fall membership for EBS D began on Tuesday, September 5. EBS D is a year round USA Swim Team. Practice times are based on swimmers ability, not age. All swimmers must be between the ages of 5-18 to participate, and they must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted prior to joining the swim team. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291, and get involved today.

#### **High School Water Polo**

The Hercules High School Water Polo season is in full swing. Last week they had their first home game against Concord High. While they didn't come away with a win, the team performed well and remains very enthusiastic about the rest of the season. The Titans next home game is Tuesday, September 26, against the Clayton Valley Charter High School Ugly Eagles. The Titans Water Polo team practices daily at the Hercules Swim Center and play their home games at Contra Costa Community College. If you have never seen a water polo game you are encouraged to come support the Hercules High Boys & Girls Teams and witness this exciting sport for yourself.

### **KIDZ PROGRAMS:**

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

Staff is happy to report that after 4 weeks of Preschool, the preschoolers have finally adjusted to their new schedules...which means no more crying! According to staff the children are starting to understand the routine of the classroom, and look forward to seeing their teachers. Each teacher has spent time introducing basics like lining up, sitting in a circle and sharing during center time. The Jr. Kinder class is working on how to measure and pour their own drinks as well as get snack supplies. Helpers are assigned to the different areas in each classroom on a weekly basis.

#### **Breakfast Club (Before School)**

Breakfast Club starts at 6:30am daily at the Teen Center. The program is continuing to grow and has surpassed the total numbers in the morning care from last year. So far we continue to hear nothing but positive feedback from parents and participants about the start time. The 6:30am start has really made a difference for parents who need to get on the road earlier. Additionally, parents have been extremely complimentary about the new format and the food options. We're pleased to hear all of the positive feedback and look forward to the rest of the school year.

#### **Kaleidoscope Kidz, a Recreation Afterschool Program (After School)**

The Kaleidoscope Kidz is a Recreational Afterschool Program (RAP). The RAP program is being held at all 3 sites: Hanna Ranch, Lupine and Ohlone. We currently have 116 children enrolled in Kaleidoscope Kidz. Limited space is still available at Lupine and Hanna Kidz Centers, but not for long. We are currently looking for more staff for the RAP program. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested in working in our RAP program, please visit our website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).

Our new changes with homework time and our "stations" format are working out well. We have received several great comments from parents about children who are getting their homework done before coming home. The word is out about RAP and we look forward the rest of the school year.

### **FEE CLASSES:**

#### **Cooking Program**

We are excited to have our new Cooking Program start Thursday, September 21! Each class will explore the food and culture of a different country in the kitchen. Children will learn to cook two delicious and authentic recipes, take part in language education, listen to folktales, and play international games. Classes are held on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm and will end on December 7. For more information, call (510) 799-8291.

### **Little Dragons**

Little Dragons has returned! Sensei Hilarie is back from maternity leave to offer her wonderful Little Dragons martial arts program to the community. The Beginning Little Dragons class is an introduction on providing exercises for students to hone in their own body awareness, individual and group interaction. This class will prepare them for the next level in their Karate career. Classes are held on Mondays. Visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com) to view the full class schedule and to register today!

### **Public Speaking & Debate**

It's not too late to register for Public Speaking and Debate. Studies have shown that Public Speaking builds confidence, which can lead to good grades. Classes will be held on Mondays starting September 25 at the Community Center. For more information, a full class schedule, and/or to register visit [www.herculesrec.com](http://www.herculesrec.com).

### **ACTIVITY GUIDE:**

#### **Fall 2017 Activity Guide**

Pick up your copy of the Fall 2017 Hercules Parks & Recreation Activity Guide at any of our centers, City Hall, or the Library and see all the new programs we have for the community. Some of the new programs include our rebranded morning care program called Breakfast Club, our rebranded afterschool program called Kaleidoscope Kidz, Fall Swim Lessons, day trips, hikes and extended trips. There are also a plethora of online lifelong learning classes available through Ed2Go. To reserve your spot in anyone of these fabulous classes click [here](#) to view the Fall 2017 Hercules Parks & Recreation Activity Guide!

#### **Become an independent contractor**

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently in search of new instructors to teach classes to the community. What's your special skill/talent? We are working on our 2018 Winter/Spring Activity Guide which covers programs from January through April. If you are interested in becoming an independent contractor or would like more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291 or submit a program proposal form.

### **SPORTS:**

#### **AOSL (All Out Sports League):**

Player evaluations have been delayed one week for the Mighty Mites Basketball League. The Mighty Mites is for boys and girls ages 7-9. The player evaluation will take place on Friday, September 29, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hercules Community Center. The Mighty Mite program features (1) practice and (1) game each week. Players will be divided into equal teams. All players will receive an NBA Team Logo uniform. Games are held on Saturday mornings and can be streamed live from the AOSL website. Space is still available. Registration will close on Wednesday, September 27. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

#### **Kidz Love Soccer:**

Soccer is the world's most popular sport, and Kidz Love Soccer offers a variety of soccer classes to children as young as 2 years of age with their Mommy (or Daddy) & Me Soccer class. Kidz Love Soccer also offers classes for Tots, Preschoolers, kinders and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. The City of Hercules is proud to partner with Kidz Love Soccer to bring this great sport to the community. Registrations

are currently being accepted for Mom/Dad & Me Soccer, Tot Soccer, Pre Soccer, and Soccer 1. Classes begin September 25. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

**Skyhawks Sports:**

Skyhawks Sports brand is known to provide a wide variety of fun, safe and positive sports programs teaching valuable lessons in sports and life, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship. The City of Hercules has successfully partnered with Skyhawks for several years to bring sports opportunities to the community. This Fall Skyhawks is offering Tot Sports for ages 3-4, Mini-Hawks Sports for ages 5-6, and basketball for ages 5-7. Each program is designed to give participants a positive introduction into sports. To register for one of these fabulous opportunities please visit our Recreation Office located at 2001 Refugio Valley Rd., or call (510) 799-8291.

**TEENS:**

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

T.H.E. S.P.O.T. After-School Program is held at the Teen Center every day after school. The program is for teens in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and is the perfect place to work on and/or get help with your homework, socialize with your peers in an exciting, fun atmosphere. T.H.E. S.P.O.T. staff are here to provide mentoring and assistance in all areas. There is an annual registration fee due at the time of registration. For more information about T.H.E. S.P.O.T. program, please call (510) 799-8289.

**Teen Youth Council (T.Y.C.):**

The Teen Youth Council (better known as T.Y.C.) will be meeting this Thursday, September 21, to discuss and coordinate the upcoming Halloween Carnival event. The Halloween Carnival is the first of 3 community events put on by T.Y.C.. All three events are held at the Teen Center. The Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 10am-12pm. The other events that T.Y.C. has scheduled for the 2017-18 school year include the Winter Wonderland Workshop scheduled for December 16, and the Eggstravaganza scheduled for March 31, 2018.

TYC is open to teens in the 6th-12th grades. We are currently accepting registrations. To register, please visit our Recreation Office or contact us at (510) 799-8291.

**Online Driver's Education:**

Are you ready to experience more freedom and independence? The Online Driver's Education course is a great way to start down the path to achieving this goal. Online Driver's Education is provided by Safety Driver's Ed. To be eligible you must be a minimum of 15½ to receive a learner's permit and 16 to get a driver's license. This class is the first step that must be completed. The course includes videos, animated driving scenarios and sample test questions. Learn the rules of the road, major causes of traffic collisions, DMV procedures, and more. A licensed instructor is available to answer questions that may come up. Participants will receive a DMV-approved certificate of

completion at the end of the course. Registration is ongoing and you may sign up at any time. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

### **SENIORS:**

#### **Day Trip with East Bay Regional Park District**

On Thursday, September 14, the Seniors went on their first East Bay Regional Park day trip to Las Trampas Bollinger Canyon. A group of 21 Seniors enjoyed a 1.5 mile stroll around the park and a nice picnic lunch to end the trip. The next day trip will be a guided hike at Point Pinole. This trip is scheduled for on Tuesday, September 26, and is already full.



#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luau**

Friends of the Hercules Senior Center held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Luau Fundraising Event at the Senior Center on Thursday, September 14, from 5:30 - 7:30pm. The Luau was a huge success with lots of great food provided by Kinder's BBQ and Tahitian dancers. A total of 70 tickets were sold for the event.

#### **Extended Travel Trips**

On Wednesday, September 20, a representative from Premier World Discovery came out to give a presentation at the Senior Center. The presentation featured a question and answer period and was well received by an enthusiastic crowd. There are 4 trips planned for 2018, including...

- A 5-day San Antonio Getaway scheduled for March 25-29, 2018
- A 9-day trip to Colorado Rockies, Rails & Western National Parks July 15-23, 2018
- A 9-day adventure to Niagara Falls & Heritage Highlights Sept 26-Oct 4, 2018, and
- A 6-day adventure to Albuquerque October 12-17, 2018.

In case you missed this presentation, there will be at least 2 more presentations at a future date. The City of Hercules Parks and Recreation Department is excited to bring these opportunities to the community. For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

## **Volunteers**

Calling all volunteers! The Hercules Senior Center is looking for additional helping hands for our many wonderful events and programs! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or to simply find out more about upcoming volunteer opportunities, call Kristina Griffith at 799-8219 today.

## **Senior Activities**

There's always something to do when you join the Hercules Senior Center. We offer a wide variety of activities Monday through Friday. There is an annual membership fee of \$20, and those who participate in multiple activities on the same day will receive a discount. We offer a daily lunch program Monday through Friday as part of the CC Café program. There is a \$2 suggested donation. For more information on any event at the Senior Center, please call 799-8219.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

### **Social Bite**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Social Bite event was held at the Bayfront in Hercules on Saturday, September 16. There were more than a dozen food trucks, business vendors, a car showcase, and a plethora of entertainment. The event drew approximately 3,000 people throughout the day. Overall the event was a huge success. Be on the lookout for future Social Bite events.



## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Job Opportunities**

Join the Hercules Park & Rec team this Fall! We have current openings for Breakfast Club, Kaleidoscope Kidz, Teens, Facilities and more. For more information visit the City of Hercules website at the following link [www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181), and join Team Dynamic today!

## **MARKETING:**

### **Don't forget to like us on Social Media**

Stay connected to Hercules Parks and Recreation. Look for updated program information and announcements, or just follow us on one or more of our Social Media platforms like [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@herculesrec\)](#), and [Instagram \(@herculesrec\)](#). Here we highlight some of the fun and creative programming happening in our great City.

### **Promote your business around town**

Promote your business around town by advertising with our signboard or banner program. The Hercules Parks & Recreation Department offers several affordable ways to advertise your business.

To advertise on our signboards or to display your banner, please email [Vanessa Flores](mailto:Vanessa.Flores@herculeslibrary.org) for rates and availability.

## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **September is Library Card Sign-up Month!**

Don't have a library card yet? Don't fret! Now is a great time to come into the Hercules Library to sign up for a library card. All you need is photo ID with your current address (if your photo ID does not have a current address, please bring a piece of 1<sup>st</sup> class mail with your current address). It only takes a few minutes to sign up!

### **Banned Books Week**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and to raise awareness about the harms of censorship. The Hercules Library is celebrating banned books with a display of books that are the most challenged or restricted in schools and libraries through our country. Come to the library to learn more and get your picture taken with your favorite banned book!

## **HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS**

### **English Conversation Group**

**Mondays, 2-3pm**

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

### **Homework Help**

**Wednesdays 3-5pm**

Local teen volunteers are available to help Elementary school kids, age K-5th grade, with their homework (for all subjects)! Homework Help is on a drop-in, first come, first serve basis and is totally free!

### **Great Books Book Club**

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

Join us for an evening of lively discussion at our monthly book group. This month, we will discuss the graphic story "Flies on the Ceiling" by Jaime Hernandez.

### **Maximizing the Success of Your Home-Based Business**

**Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8pm**

Over 16 million work from home in the United States and this figure is expected to grow. Learn how to become a successful self-employed, home-based professional. Whether working part or full-time, you can build a profitable business from your home. We will explore the advantages and disadvantages of home-based operations, licenses, permits, fees, insurance and a Master Action Plan to make it all happen. So, if you are ready to be in control on your own profitable business, register today! Register online at [www.ContraCostaSBDC.org](http://www.ContraCostaSBDC.org)

### **Gayle's Drop in Crafts\***

**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 11am-5pm**

Kids and parents are welcome to come in and make an easy craft!

**Hercules Library Coloring Club**  
**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm**

Who says coloring is only for kids?! Everyone is welcome to join us for our new coloring club! We provide the colored pencils, crayons, and coloring pages or you can bring your own! Stop in, sit down, get creative and have fun!

**Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with Trovadores**  
**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Hercules Library with the music of Trovadores.

**Free SAT/ACT Practice Test**  
**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm**

Hurry and register for this ACT/SAT practice test, hosted by C2 Education! These practice tests offer a valuable real-world test environment, allowing students to better understand the testing process, while accurately measuring performance before taking the real test. Plus: tips and pointers to help you achieve your best score for these tests! Register online or by calling the library at 510-245-2420

**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**

**Theft:** On September 7, 2017, at 11:20am, an Officer requested a case number for a theft of a tablet computer. The tablet was stolen from one of the classrooms of the high school on September 5, 2017 at about 2:30pm.

**Possession of Burglary Tools:** On September 7, 2017 at 1946 hours, Hercules Officers were dispatched to Home Depot 1625 Sycamore Avenue for the report of a WMA, 508, short brown hair possibly attempting to steal items from the store. One officer contacted the reporting person in the store and when the suspect saw the officer, he put down a large bag he was carrying. The suspect then made a purchase at the register and after attempting to leave the store the theft security sensor alarm sounded. Officers contacted the suspect out of Magalia (Butte County). A search was conducted of the subject which revealed the reason for the alarm sounding which was a security peg key which is used to remove security locks from items in stores. The subject was arrested for possession of burglary tools.

**Miscellaneous:** On September 7, 2017 at 2034 hours, an Officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of Pheasant Drive for a report of two subjects at the front door claiming to be police officers. The reporting person stated the subjects left 10 minutes prior to the time of call down Pheasant in a light color Dodge challenger for Charger. The reporting person was able to provide video of the subjects who both had a badge and ID they showed to the camera. The reporting person never opened the door for the subjects.

**Suspended Driver / Warrant Arrest / Impounded Vehicle:** On September 8, 2017 at 11:03am, an Officer stopped a 2012 Lincoln Navigator in the 800 block of Willow Avenue for no license plates. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license. He also had a non-extradition warrant out of Nevada for FTA and a no-cite traffic warrant out of San Mateo County for FTA. The subject was taken into custody without incident, was cited for the suspended license, and transported to MDF for the warrant.

**Theft:** On September 8, 2017 at 3:43pm, an Officer requested a case number for a stolen cellphone from the high school campus.

**Traffic Collision:** On September 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Willow to investigate a two-car collision. It was determined to be a non-injury collision.

**Vandalism:** On September 9, 2017 at 7:50am, an Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Palermo Court for a report of a vandalism. The reporting person said that sometime within the last five days an unknown suspect keyed the front, hood, quarter panels, hatch, bumpers and roof of his 2003 Yukon.

**Miscellaneous:** On September 9, 2017 at 8:56am, an Officer was dispatched to Lancaster Court for a report of a house and car being egged overnight.

**Delay / Obstruct / Threat Officer:** On September 9, 2017 at 12:31pm, HPD Officers were dispatched the 500 block of Dutch Elm for a report of at least three teenagers arguing for the past hour. Officers arriving on scene could hear a loud verbal argument from approximately 50 feet away. An Officer located three subjects standing next to a blue Honda Accord. One of the subjects had an injury to the left side of his face. The three subjects were asked to have a seat, and the Officer explained he was just making sure no crime(s) had been committed. One subject became uncooperative, resisted detention, was placed in the patrol car, and transported to MDF without further incident.

**Vehicle versus Bicyclist Collision:** On September 10, 2017, at 8:59am, HPD Officers were dispatched to Refugio Valley Road and Falcon for a collision involving a bicyclist and a vehicle. The driver stopped at the yield and the bicyclist struck the passenger side of his vehicle with her bicycle, was treated by Rodeo Hercules Fire at the scene, and released.

**Suspended Driver / Possession of Marijuana While Driving:** On September 10, 2017, at 11:20 am, an Officer stopped a green Nissan Altima for an equipment violation. The driver of San Pablo was found to have a suspended driver's license. 254.9 grams of suspected Marijuana was located in the vehicle. The subject was cited and the Marijuana was taken for evidence.

**Possession of controlled substance/parole hold:** On 9/10/17 at 7:25pm, an Officer stopped the driver for a vehicle code violation. The driver was on parole for robbery. A parole search was conducted and controlled substance was located in a backpack in the vehicle. The driver was arrested and his vehicle impounded. Parole was contacted and his parole officer was eventually able to be reached and granted the hold for the misdemeanor violation. The driver was transported to MDF.

**Possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia:** On 9/10/17 at 9:45pm, an Officer saw a subject driving within the Valley Bible Church parking lot located at block of 1400 Willow

Avenue. The church was closed at this hour. The subject parked and walked away from the vehicle. Officer drove closer and recognized the subject of Hercules. Subject claimed to come to the church to pray. Subject was found to be on searchable Contra Costa probation and admitted to having controlled substance and paraphernalia. During a probation search controlled substance was located on this person. Subject was arrested and his vehicle impounded.

**Probation violation:** On 9/10/17 at 11:02pm, reporting party (RP) block of 1500 Sycamore reported her daughter as drunk and potentially violent. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the daughter at the apartment. Daughter was very intoxicated compared to past contacts. Daughter was on Contra Costa probation twice. Daughter was arrested for the probation violation and transported to MDF.

**Warrant arrest:** On 9/12/17 at 2:53am, an Officer stopped a bicyclist from Crockett near SPA/Sycamore for a vehicle code violation. Bicyclist was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor Sonoma County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic offense. The warrant was confirmed and was a cite release only warrant. Bicyclist was cited out on the warrant.

**Carry concealed/loaded firearm with high capacity magazine:** On September 12, 2017 at 9:40 pm, an Officer checked on a suspicious occupied parked vehicle backed into a spot in the 1500 block of Chelsea. Upon contact he smelled an odor of marijuana from the vehicle. He also saw marijuana in plain view inside the vehicle. A probable cause search for more marijuana was conducted after the four occupants were taken out of the vehicle. A loaded Glock 17 (9 mm) pistol with a fully loaded inserted 30 round magazine was located in a purse next to where a passenger had been sitting in the front passenger seat. All four subjects were arrested without incident to investigate who owned the pistol. The males all denied any knowledge regarding the pistol. The passenger invoked her Miranda rights and stated she'd rather talk to an attorney. The males were then released and the passenger was transported to HPD then MDF on the following charges: 25400/25850/32310PC.

**Property Damage Only Collision:** On September 13, 2017, an Officer responded to the 100 block of South Arbor regarding a minor two car collision involving a city vehicle. The resident from South Arbor backed out of his driveway and hit the push bumper of patrol car four which was parked in the court.

**Identity Theft:** On September at 4:54pm, an Officer was dispatched to HPD for a lobby detail. The reporting person said that an unknown suspect may have used his identity to fraudulently rent a house.

**Criminal Threats:** On September 14, 2017 at 7:19pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of O'Neil Circle for a reported criminal threats incident. Upon arriving the reporting person related the following: he had invited a friend to his house for a get together. At the conclusion of the party, the friend got upset and later contacted him via telephone and made several threats of violence and death. In the early morning hours the subject arrived carrying a tire iron. He was denied entry and left the area. Security cameras show the subject pacing around the residence with the tire iron.

**Theft:** On September 15, 2017, an Officer requested a case number for a laptop that was stolen from the school on August 30, 2017.

**Found Property:** On September 15, 2017, an anonymous citizen called dispatch and told them he found a wallet at RVR Park and put it in the mail slot at City Hall. The wallet was logged into evidence as found property.

**Shoplifting / Warrant / Felony Probation Violation:** On September 15, 2017 at 3:41pm, Officers were dispatched to Home Depot for a theft in progress. The caller told dispatch that a BMA wearing a gray shirt, black pants, black hat and a black backpack had just stolen a drill set from the store. The BMA was last seen walking towards Civic Center. Officers located the suspect walking east on Sycamore Avenue. He was taken into custody without incident and was transported to HPD and later transported to MDF.

**Vehicle Pursuit:** On September 16, 2017 at 1:14am, an Officer observed a blacked out motorcycle merging onto E/B highway from John Muir, at a high rate of speed. Speeds in excess of 100 MPH were reached while the motorcycle still pulled away from the Officer. The motorcycle exited the Sycamore off-ramp from E/B 4 and a traffic stop was initiated. The rider then accelerated away and merged back onto E/B 4. The rider fled at speeds excessive of 120 MPH. The rider exited just past the Fernandez Ranch entrance and got onto W/B 4. While on W/B 4 near Willow, the Officer lost sight of the motorcycle and terminated the pursuit.

A perimeter was established with HPD, PPD and CCCSO units. After several verbal announcements from Pinole's K-9 Officer, the suspect emerged from a tree area and surrendered. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and was transported to CCCRMC for complaint of pain and numerous thorns lodged under his skin which he obtained while running through the thorn bushes. The motorcycle's identity is still unconfirmed but appears to be a VIN switched stolen.

**Social Bite:** No problems were noted.

**Warrant Arrest / DUI:** On September 16, 2017 at 8:57pm, Officers were dispatched to the area of Sycamore Avenue near Clay's Ranch for a disabled motorist who had possibly been drinking. Officers located a blue Ford Explorer completely parked on the west sidewalk of Sycamore near Lupine. The vehicle's driver displayed obvious signs of being intoxicated. A records check revealed the subject had a no bail probation violation warrant out of Alameda County and was placed under arrest for the warrant and suspicion of DUI and was transported to MDFI.

**Drunk in Public:** On September 16, 2017 at 8:41pm, Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Toyon Court for an intoxicated subject at the residence. Upon arrival, Officers contacted a subject who appeared very intoxicated and was involved in some type of disturbance with other party goers. Subject's girlfriend agreed to drive him home and they left the area.

At 9:54pm, Officers were dispatched to the area of Chestnut for a male and female, reportedly pushing each other as they walked up Chestnut. Officers arrived back at Toyon Court and located the subject and his girlfriend. The subject was arrested for 647f PC and transported to MDF.

**Reckless Driving:** On September 16, 2017 at 11:58pm, an Officer was traveling N/B on San Pablo Avenue when two vehicles, a Ford Mustang and a Honda Accord, were observed traveling S/B at 70-75 MPH. The Officer turned around and attempted to catch up to the vehicles. The vehicles appeared to speed up in an attempt to flee and both made a right turn onto Hercules Avenue. When the Officer got close enough to activate his lights and siren to initiate a traffic stop, the Honda yielded on O'Neil Circle. A high risk stop was conducted and the driver and passenger were

removed. The driver was cited for 23103 VC.

**Lost Property:** On September 11, 2017, a Hercules Middle School student lost his school issued PC tablet while riding on a bus. He was unable to locate the tablet anywhere, and an online report was made by his mother.

**Warrant Arrest:** On September 17, 2017, at 11:19pm, an Officer saw a male urinating on 800 Willow Avenue underneath the I-80 overpass. The male was identified, had a \$10,000 warrant for VC 23152 (b) and 12500 (a) out of Contra Costa County and was transported to MDF.

**Possession of a control substance:** On September 17, 2017, at 11:54pm, an Officer was dispatched to the Shell Gas Station for a female driver asleep in her vehicle. The Officer arrived and found the vehicle parked next to pump #4. He saw a female sitting in the driver seat slumped over. The Officer saw a small plastic bag containing marijuana inside her purse when she reached for her ID. The driver was removed from the vehicle. She said she had drunk alcohol earlier today and blew .00% on the PAS. The Officer did a search of the vehicle and found .9 grams of methamphetamine in her cigarette box. She was arrested and transported to HPD for an interview and booking.

**Petty Theft:** On September 18, 2017, at approximately 8:32am, an Officer was flagged down at Heather and Lupine for the report of a stolen 2018 Registration tab from his vehicle. Reporting Party told the Officer sometime between September 15, 2017, at approximately 7:00pm, and Monday, September 18, 2017, at approximately 8:00am, an unknown person took the 2018 Registration tab from his rear license plate on his vehicle parked in front of his house. There were no cameras or witnesses to the incident.

**Petty Theft:** On September 18, 2017, at approximately 8:41am, an Officer was dispatched to 300 block of Grenadine Way for the report of a theft from a vehicle. Sometime between Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at approximately 6:30pm, and Sunday, September 17, 2017, at approximately 2:00pm, and unknown person went into a vehicle parked on the street in front of 300 block of Grenadine Way, and took some sunglasses, and headphones. The victim was not sure if the vehicle was locked or unlocked, and the Officer was not able to locate any signs of forced entry. There was no cameras or witnesses located.

**Parole Hold:** On September 18, 2017, at approximately 11:26am, HPD Officers were dispatched to the rear of the Restaurant located at 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue for the report of a suspicious male not wearing a shirt, pacing back and forth, and talking to himself. Officers arrived and contacted the subject from Vallejo behind the restaurant. The subject said he was in town to see a girlfriend who lived in town, but would not provide a name or address for the girlfriend. The subject was on Parole for Burglary. A Parole Officer was contacted and the Officer said the subject was supposed to be at a treatment program in Oakland. The Parole Officer placed the subject on a Parole Hold, and he was transported to MDF and booked.

**Release of Firearm:** On September 18, 2017, at approximately 1:45pm, a case was taken by records for the release of a firearm to an outside agency.

**Found Property:** On September 18, 2017, at approximately 1:35pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail where a city employee found a California Driver License and credit card at the swimming

pool. An Officer made multiple attempts to contact the owner of the documents and was unable to make contact with him. The CDL and credit card were booked for Safekeeping, and several messages were left.

**Sexual Battery:** On September 18, 2017, at 3:57pm, A School Resource Officer was notified by school staff a freshman male student sexually touched a female substitute teacher. The SRO will be conducting further follow up tomorrow.

**Rape:** On September 18, 2017, at approximately 5:00pm, an Officer was dispatched to a motel in Pinole for the report of a rape. The Officer arrived and met with the Confidential Victim. CV said she has been raped multiple times by a housemate over the last couple of weeks, the last rape being one week ago. The rapes occurred at CV’s home in Hercules. The CV has been staying at the motel for a couple of days because she does not want to go home. CV was intoxicated when the Officer contacted her, and she was transported to CCRMC for a SART exam. The on-call Detective was called out to stay with the CV until she sobered up enough to be able to consent to the SART exam. Further follow up will be conducted.

**Found property:** On 9-18-17, at 2210 hours, an Officer was dispatched to Refugio Valley Park for a found property report. The Reporting Party saw a bicycle: BMX type “Rallye Malice” black and red by the play structure between 1700- 2210 hours. The bicycle was entered into found property.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon:** On 9-19-17, at 0410 hours, an Officer was dispatched to the Lucky’s parking lot for a female: assault victim was sleeping in Refugio Valley Park, near the bridge in the encampment. The suspect: HMA, 40’s wearing a black baseball cap with “Marvel”, striped shirt, and light blue jeans. The suspect used a stick and struck the victim one time on her right ear causing a laceration. The victim was transported to County Hospital by AMR. CPS was called and in route to the hospital. Assault victim is listed as a runaway and had a warrant. A perimeter was set up around the park and Richmond canine arrived for an area search with negative results.

**WC SHIFT STATS**  
Date: 09/07/17-09/20/17

CALLS FOR SERVICE	695
REPORTS	89
TRAFFIC CITES	46
PARKING CITES	116
ADULT ARRESTS	20
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	0
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	27
PART 1 TOTAL	299

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	1
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT	2
BURGLARY	0
LARCENY	3
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Finance Commission**

**Date:** 9/25/2017 7:00 PM

**Location:** Hercules City Hall - Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

#### **City Council Meeting**

**Date:** 9/26/2017 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

#### **2017 Fall Hercules Citywide Garage Sales**

**Date:** 9/30/2017 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Hercules, California 94547

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:** 10/2/2017 7:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall - Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547