

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
February 21, 2020**

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Hercules Designated as Candidate Rail Station

The Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board, which operates the Capital Corridor train services took action on February, 12, 2020, to designate Hercules' Regional Intermodal Transportation Center as an official candidate station. More information can be found the City press release here: <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/Home/Components/News/News/2915/23>

This is an important step in helping the City to secure the grant funds needed to complete the planned rail station and related improvements.

The first three phases of the project, which sets the stage for rail service, have already been completed and were funded by a variety of Federal, State and local grant sources.



2020 Census

Census 2020 kicks off in **ONE MONTH!** On March 12, households will begin to receive a notification in the mail inviting them to respond to the census online, by phone, or by mail.

In talking with some of our residents, Hercules city staff have heard some of your questions and concerns about exactly what the census asks and how your census data will be protected, especially given this is the first time the census will be conducted. The census asks basic questions, like age, name, race, and ethnicity, about each person living in your household. **The 2020 Census will not ask about immigration or citizenship, social security numbers, bank or credit card accounts, or political affiliation.**

Your census responses are confidential.

- Extremely strong laws protect the confidentiality of your census response.
- The Census Bureau is not allowed to share your personal information with anyone, including ICE, police, your landlord, or any other government agencies.
- The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.
- The Census Bureau can only use your response to create general information about the population, like how many people live in your city, and statistics about age, gender, and race. The Census Bureau cannot share information about you as an individual.
- The Census Bureau has robust cybersecurity, incorporating industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

The law requires everyone to respond to the census completely and answer all questions truthfully. If you skip questions or don't answer the census at all, the Census Bureau might follow up to ask for the missing information, either by phone or by sending a Census Bureau worker to your home. **Nine questions, ten years of impact.**

If you still have questions or concerns about the safety of your census data, we highly recommend [this podcast produced by Asians Americans Advancing Justice](#). For more information about Census 2020 and how your data is protected visit cococensus.org.



Bayfront Boulevard Interim Bus Improvements

The City is out to bid on interim improvements to Bayfront Boulevard that will allow for the introduction of bus service to the Waterfront later this year. The initial service is anticipated to be an extension of the popular WestCAT JX service to El Cerrito del Norte BART via the Hercules Transit Center.

Draft West Contra Costa Express Bus Implementation Plan Available for Public Review!

Draft West Contra Costa Express Bus Implementation Plan Proposes Expanded Service to East Bay Destinations and San Francisco

On January 17, 2020, WCCTAC released the Draft West Contra Costa County Express Bus Implementation for public review. The Draft Plan provides a framework to expand express bus service from West Contra Costa County to job centers in Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and San Francisco. The expanded express bus service would provide an alternative commute option along Interstate 80 between Hercules and the Bay Bridge, one of the most congested freeway segments in the Bay Area. Express bus service offers commuters a streamlined, comfortable, and stress-free way to get to work.

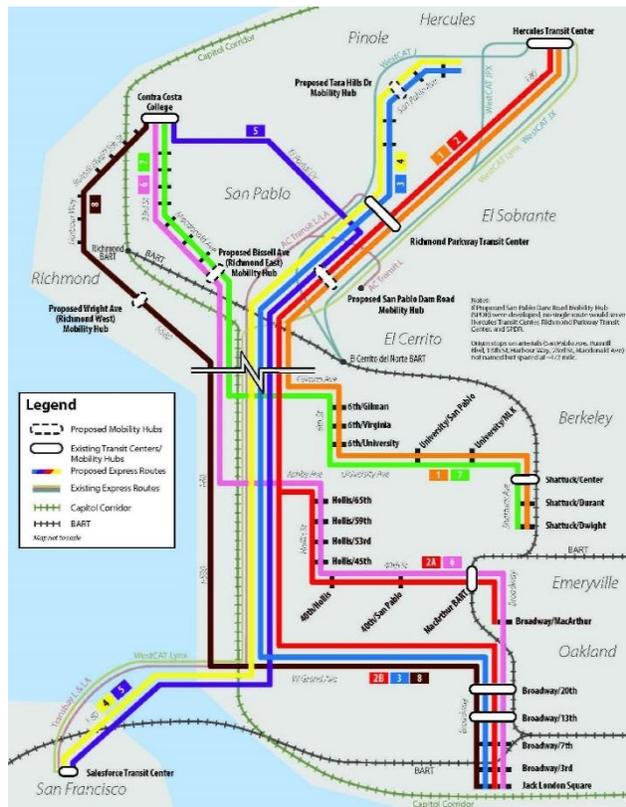
The preferred express bus routes and stops were informed by a travel market analysis of existing commute trends and by public feedback from potential riders, interested parties, and key stakeholders. As a result, the future express bus routes are designed to serve the greatest number of riders with a minimal amount of pick-up and drop-off locations.

To view the Draft West Contra Costa Express Bus Implementation Plan and learn more about the project visit: https://www.wcctac.org/app_pages/view/672?fbclid=IwAR2ZeR05OdANA8J_nP9-soMKb8G9o5bQl4MrqEA2n5_92fyR05ivfR7tHY0

Next Steps

The WCCTAC Board is scheduled to review the Draft Plan at their next meeting on Friday, January 24, 2020. Once the Plan is approved, implementation of the expanded express bus system will be dependent upon securing project funding. Two of the major funding sources that could be used to implement the Draft Plan are in a state of uncertainty. As of January 2020, Regional Measure 3 is the subject of a yet-unresolved court case, and a Contra Costa County sales tax measure will be considered for voter approval on the March 2020 ballot. To account for this uncertainty, the Draft Plan developed several funding scenarios, assuming different amounts of available funding.

Help Spread the Word! Tell your friends and family about the potential expanded express bus service. For questions or to learn more about WCCTAC, please visit www.wcctac.org, or email Leah Greenblat at LGREENBLAT@wcctac.org.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Drop-off Boxes Return to Contra Costa City Halls This Month Residents can save postage and time with this vote-by-mail program!

Contra Costa residents will find it easier to vote in the upcoming March 3rd Presidential Primary Election, as the Contra Costa Elections Office and City Clerks countywide provide convenient Vote By Mail drop off locations, prior to and on Election Day.

The secure drop-off boxes will be in place at Contra Costa city halls, the county Administration Building in Martinez and some select community centers, senior centers and libraries starting the week of February 10th – just days after voters receive their permanent vote-by-mail ballots.

New to the drop off program is the addition of a dozen permanent drop off boxes that will be located outdoors. These secure boxes will be conveniently available to voters beyond normal business hours, including nights and weekends.

There is a ballot drop-off box available in the lobby of Hercules City Hall, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547.

A full list of drop-box locations is available at <https://www.cocovote.us/election/presidential-primary-election-march-3-2020/#Election>.

The distinguishable boxes inside buildings will be available during normal business hours. Postage is not required for any Vote By Mail return method.

Contra Costa voters can drop their ballots at any location, regardless of where they live. City Clerk staff members will have the Contra Costa County's new and always-popular "I Voted" stickers available for those who drop off their ballots.

"We are excited to work with our city and community partners, along with the Contra Costa County Library and Contra Costa Office of Education to be able to offer voters this opportunity," said Debi Cooper, Contra Costa Registrar of Voters. "We urge voters to take advantage of this service."

Ballots must be postmarked or dropped off on or before March 3rd. Ballots may also be dropped off between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at the Contra Costa Elections Office in Martinez, located at 555 Escobar Street, or at any polling place on Election Day.

For more information about voting by mail, call 925-335-7800 or visit the Elections Office website at www.cocovote.us.

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

Community and Library Services Commission Meetings

The Hercules Library and Community Services Commission meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Finance Commission Meetings

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

Planning Commission Meetings

The Hercules Planning Commission meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

To view live broadcasts of Hercules City Council and Planning Commission meetings tune in to Hercules Government Channel 28 on Comcast Cable.

To view City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos online go to: [Hercules Meeting Videos](#).

Viewing of **LIVE** City of Hercules City Council and City Commission meetings can be done by performing the following:

1. Browse to the City of Hercules website at: www.ci.hercules.ca.us
2. Click the “**I Want To**” menu.
3. Click the “**View City of Hercules committee meetings**” link.
4. Locate the desired meeting and date.
5. Click the associated “**Video**” link (Video status is as follows):
 - **Video** = Video is available for on demand viewing.
 - **In Progress** = Video is available for viewing during live recording.
 - **Not Available** = Video is either unavailable or has not been recorded.

CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay

Broadcasting of the Hercules City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings has resumed on Hercules Cable television (HCTV) Channel 28. The following is the Contra Costa Television (CCCTV) Broadcast replay schedule of Hercules City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos.

City Council Meeting

Meetings will replay on the following dates & times after the live meeting broadcast:

- Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Meetings will replay on the following dates & times after the live meeting broadcast:

- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Inspection Division

	Feb 03 thru Feb 14, 2020	FY 2019/20 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	25	461
Total Fees Collected:	\$12,615.63	\$227,289.46
Number of Inspections:	36	490
New Housing:	0	0

Planning Division

- Approved Administrative Use Permit AUP#20-03, a request to operate a home-based business at 1099 Regatta Point to manage contract work transporting construction materials.

Hilltown Project Public Hearing at Monday, March 2, 2020 Planning Commission

The Hercules Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, California, at **7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 2, 2020**, to consider entitlements for the Hilltown site which is bordered on three sides by John Muir Parkway to the south; I-80 to the east; San Pablo Avenue to the west in Hercules. The Application is for the construction of approximately 598 residential units (which includes 400 townhomes and 198 apartments or condominiums) and 4,200 square feet of neighborhood commercial. The purpose of this public hearing is to consider an environmental Addendum, multiple development applications, and the overall Design and merits of the project, as it comparison with the Development Agreement and the previous Initial Plan Development Plan and to allow for public engagement. Commission may pass Resolutions recommending approval with conditions to the City Council at this meeting.

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



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Maintenance & Operations

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks and buildings. At this time the Street Sign Replacement Project is approximately 90% completed and the remaining signs have been received and are being stored at the Maintenance Yard. An awning was installed on the Corporation Yard modular building. A contract for V-Ditch cleaning in open space was executed is underway. Multiple trees fell in Refugio Park and were cleaned up. The quarterly cleaning of the sewer lift stations are underway.

Engineering

Work on the \$52M Pinole-Hercules Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project has been completed and final change orders are being negotiated as part of the contract close-out. The civil plans for the future Safeway, located at the southeast corner of San Pablo and Sycamore Avenue, have been approved and are under construction. The installation of the public improvements for the Bayfront Project are underway for Blocks Q&R and the plans are under review for Blocks M,O, & P. The design plans are also under review for the Willow Center, Sycamore Crossing, and the Hilltown projects. Design is underway for the mile long segment of sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant, computer flow modeling continues for the City's backbone sewer system, as is the financial study for the sewer fund. The Willow/Palm sidewalk project and Lake Refugio Dredging project are under design and staff continues to assist the Engie Company with the design of potential energy saving facilities such as solar arrays and light retrofits on City buildings and land. The 100% plans for the pedestrian enhancement projects at Sycamore/Civic and San Pablo/Sycamore are being reviewed. A contract to further the design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center in Hercules was approved by Council at their Tuesday, February 11 meeting.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 2
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$ 258
- Number of Certifications issued: 2
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 1

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 7

PARKS AND RECREATION



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

Seasonal Camps

President's Week Camp: Frozen 2

15 campers joined us for the President's Week Camp: Frozen 2. There were also a handful of Drop-In campers that attended for one or more days. For those that attended camp, the campers participated in many projects that fell in line with the "Frozen" theme. There were frozen crafts, chili science projects and frozen infused cooking projects, as well as games and activities. Camp was held at the Ohlone Kidz Center Tuesday through Friday. And sticking with the theme, campers went to Rite Aid for ice cream and walked to McDonald's for lunch.

Activity Guide

2020 Summer Activity Guide

We are wrapping up our 2020 Summer Activity Guide. We plan to have it in the mail the week of March 2. Getting the guide out early helps parents to plan for their summer. A few new items this summer include an expansion of our in-house traditional camps with our Camp Sparklers program. Another feature we are excited to introduce is the camp LINK program. The LINK program will help parents connect a morning camp with an afternoon camp. Or add an extended care option. These options will give parents another full day option for their kids.

Aquatics

Lifeguard Training

Join our Aquatics Team this summer! The lifeguard training course provides you all of the certifications that are required to work as a City of Hercules lifeguard. Participants will receive American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Professional Rescuers, and First-aid certifications. For more information, please call 510-799-8291.

Lap Swim/Water Walking

Join us for a refreshing twist in your fitness routine by swimming/water walking at the Hercules Community Swim Center. Swimming is one of the best full-body workouts. Lap swim/water walking is held weekdays from 6-8pm throughout the winter. Come get your swim on at Hercules Community Swim Center. *All swimmers must be at least 14 years old to participate.

Swim Team

The East Bay Silver Dolphins (EBSB) Swim Team practices year round. All swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted prior to joining the swim team. All swimmers must be between the ages of 5-18. EBSB is a USA Swim program, and participates in USA Swim Meets throughout

the year. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291, and get involved today.

Employment Opportunities

Job Opportunities

NOW HIRING for summer! If you or someone you know is searching for a job, a second job, or a change of pace, we have a great opportunity for you. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today <http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/index.aspx?page=181>.

Kidz Programs

Tiny Tots (Preschool)

The monthly themes for February include “My Amazing Body”; oval/heart for our shape and Pink for our color. Children are also exploring the concept of the 5 Senses: smell, hearing, taste and touch. It’s also Dental Health month so we will discover why we need to keep our teeth healthy. The Preschool program is on the week of President’s camp. We had Monday off in honor of President’s Day, but we came back to school and are having fun exploring Dental Health this week.

Kaleidoscope Kidz (RAP)

No RAP the week of President’s Camp February 18-21, but those children that need care signed up for our traditional seasonal camp with the Frozen 2 theme at the Ohlone Kidz Center.

Recreation Classes

Art with Kiki – Winter Wonderland **NEW**

In this fun art class you will experiment with clay, make puppets and other art projects. All projects go home the last day of class, after our finger food pot luck celebration, mini art show and puppet parade. Parents and family are invited to the last day of class, April 1st at 2:30pm to enjoy all of the fun! This class is new to the city and is sure to be amazing! Classes start on 2/26! Make sure to sign up in person, over the phone or online at www.herculesrec.com

Pizza Mania **NEW**

If your child is a pizza hound, this is the class for them! Kids make at least 2 different pizza’s every day! From Indian Naan bread pizza to French benedict pizza to German berry desert pizza. Children will learn to eat a variety of pizzas. There will also be additional side dishes! This camp was offered last year and kids



had a blast! Sign up now in person, over the phone or online at www.herculesrec.com as space is limited!

Seniors

CC Café

The CC Café is open Monday through Friday at the Hercules Senior Center from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. The café offers a well-balanced meal for seniors. The rotating menu includes many favorites and often provides a themed meal around seasonal holidays. On Thursday, February 20, we enjoyed brunch at the Senior Center! The brunch menu included a cheese omelet with salsa, pork sausage, roasted red potatoes, steamed spinach, orange juice and a muffin. Cost for lunch is a \$3.00 suggested donation for seniors 60+ or \$5.00 under 60. Please call 510-799-8219 to reserve your lunch, one day in advance by noon.

FREE Legal Advice

Free legal advice offered every first Thursday of each month. We can provide advice on topics related to wills and trusts, inheritance taxes, and probate court. Please call 510-799-8219, to schedule an appointment.

FREE HICAP

Free Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counseling offered the second Wednesday of each month. HICAP provides to Medicare beneficiaries & their families, who need assistance with Medicare. Please call 510-799-8219, to schedule an appointment.

FREE Tax Service

AARP is back again with FREE Tax Service for Seniors. This services began this week and is available through Tuesday, April 14. This service is done by appointment only, so be sure to contact the Senior Center to set up your appointment today.

Volunteer at the Senior Center

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

Sports

Hoop Never Stops Academy (HNSA)

H.N.S.A Study Hall is foundational training for parents and players to learn how to practice and improve on their own by using H.N.S.A. “Four Pillars of Practice”. In your very first session, there is a one-time materials fee that will include an H.N.S.A. Study Hall binder and every week they will get a sheet outlining the pillars and the workout that they will conduct during each Study Hall session. The February session has just begun and it isn’t too late to register. For more information, please contact our main office at (510) 799-8291 or register online at www.herculesrec.com.

H.N.S.A. will also be offering their popular Spring Break Basketball Camp which will run from

Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9, 2020. This camp is for all skill levels from basic to advance. Space will be limited and you may register today at www.herculesrec.com.

Skyhawks Sports

Is your little athlete ready to learn the motor skills needed to participate in basketball, soccer, and baseball? Skyhawks Sports is offering their very popular Tot Sports programs such as Mommy/Daddy & Me Tot Sports, Tot Sports, Mini-Hawk Sports and Full Court Basketball. These fun and exciting programs will begin in March and space is limited. If you're interested in registering, you may do so online at www.herculesrec.com.

Teens

Teen Afterschool Program

The teens had another fun filled week at T.H.E. S.P.O.T! The focus of last week was on academics as they broke into many small study groups helping each other study for tests and homework in Math, Science and many other school subjects. Once the study sessions were done, they participated in fun group games and activities like basketball, volleyball, and relay races. The teens will be off this week for President's week.

Bay Area Driving School

This online class is the first required step that must be completed prior to receiving a learner's permit. Participants must be 15 ½. This 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 any questions. Once finished, you will receive a DMV-approved certificate of completion. Register today online at www.herculesrec.com.

HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know you can check out FREE digital eBooks and audio books through the library? Downloadable bestsellers, classics, fiction, and nonfiction. Loan period is 7, 14, or 21 days; it's your choice at the time of checkout. You can have **5 titles** checked out at any time— total includes all formats. You can have up to **10 holds**.

Libby an app by OverDrive is available for Android and iOS devices. Visit the library to find out more!

Follow us on Facebook: Hercules Public Library
Follow us on Instagram: herculeslibraryccclib



For more information please visit us online at <https://ccclib.org/locations/55/>

Get Free Tax Help at the Library (United Way and AARP)
Every Saturday, February 8th-April 11th 10am-3pm
Call 510-224-4635 for an appointment

If your 2019 household income was less than \$58,000 you can get free tax help here in West Contra Costa County. IRS-certified tax preparers will help you get the refund you deserve. You could qualify for the Earned Income Tax credit which could mean a refund of up to \$6,000.

Highlighted Programs

Monday February 24th, 6:30pm

Uke and Me @ the Library

Slow down and enjoy the sounds of the islands as you learn to make beautiful music at the library. With monthly teacher-led ukulele classes you will be a master in no time. Instruments will be available to use at the program, but in order to reserve a ukulele for the class, registration is required. Participants are also invited to bring their own instrument to the class.

Monday February 24th, 7:00pm

Great Books Discussion Group

Join us for monthly discussions of Great Books at the Hercules Library.

In February we will discuss the poem "An Arundel Tomb" by Philip Larkin and the short story "Love is Not a Pie" by Amy Bloom.

Tuesday February 25th – 6:00pm

SHABANG! The History and Music of the Steel Drum

Join us for a night where we celebrate *Carnivàle* and the music and history of steel drums with a fun and informative performance by the steel pan group SHABANG! They will perform a selection of steel pan music for us while sharing about the origin of the steel drum, and its' role in black celebrations on the islands and here in the United States.

Wednesday February 26th and Wednesday March 4th – 10am

Computer Basics

Come to the Hercules Library for help with basic computer skills. The first hour will be skills taught in a group setting, followed by an opportunity to practice skills and get additional help from our instructor.

Thursday February 27th 10:15am

Hercules Library Insider's Club

Rachel Rosekind will host this poetry writing workshop for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. Participants will select pictures and words from magazines and pair them to make a visual poem.

Tuesday March 3rd 3:30pm

Builder's Club

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

Storytimes at the Library

Tuesdays 6:30pm – Family Storytime

Thursdays 10:15am – Baby Lapsit Storytime

Thursdays 11:00am – Toddler and Preschool Storytime

There's a storytime for every age at the Hercules Library. Age appropriate stories, songs, felt board stories, finger plays and engaging activities. Programs are ongoing every week.

HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE FOLLOWING CASES ONLY REFLECT A PARTIAL LIST OF ACTUAL CASES TAKEN. CALLS FOR SERVICE NOT GENERATING WRITTEN REPORTS ARE NOT USUALLY LISTED. ALL THOSE ARRESTED ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

Petty Theft: On February 5, 2020, at 12:52 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid for a theft report. An employee stated an African American adult female, and two African American male adults, worked in tandem to steal two bags of cosmetics. The suspects fled the area in a red PT Cruiser.

Possession of a Controlled Substance: On February 7th 2020 at approximately 1:24AM a HPD Officer checked on an occupied suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of Willow Ave. The Officer, in plain view, was able to see what appeared to be suspected narcotics. A 26 year old male, of San Francisco, was placed under arrest. The subject was cite/released at the scene.

Battery: On February 7, 2020 at 7:49 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched, to the 1200 block of Willow, for a report of a battery that occurred last night. Officers contacted the victim, of Hercules/Rodeo. She said her 43 year old son assaulted her last night during an argument. The subject was located inside his bedroom in their apartment. The subject said he is on Federal Probation. The victim showed Officers a bruise on her upper left arm she claimed was caused by her son. The subject denied assaulting his Mother. He was transported to The Martinez Detention Facility.

Driving Under the Influence: On February 7th 2020 at approximately 11:49PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop, on a gray 2014 VW Passat, in the 700 block of Willow Ave. The 22 year old female driver, of Rodeo, displayed the symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. She was placed under arrest after performing the Standard Field Sobriety Test. She was cite/released to a friend.

Found Property: On February 8, 2020 at 8:32 p.m., an Officer checked on an occupied suspicious vehicle parked in the Home Depot parking lot. The vehicle, a silver Infiniti SUV had a license plate, attached to it, that did not belong to that vehicle. The 40 year old female owner, from Stockton, stated she bought the vehicle with that plate attached. The plate was taken as found property to be returned to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Warrant Arrest: On February 8, 2020 at 10:24 p.m., an Officer conducted a traffic stop, on a white Cadillac sedan, for expired registration. The 28 year old male driver, of San Pablo, was found to have an outstanding No Bail warrant out of Contra Costa County. During a search an

Airsoft Revolver was located on the floor board of the rear seat which was taken as Safekeeping. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Warrant Arrest: On February 10, 2020 at 2:32 AM, a 24 year old male was stopped for a third brake light out and was found to have a \$25,000 Felony Warrant issued by San Pablo Police Department. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Felon in Possession of a Loaded Assault Rifle: On February 10, 2020 at approximately 11:04pm, an Officer stopped a red BMW 540, in the area of the 1500 block of Refugio Valley Rd, for no plates on the vehicle. The Officer contacted the occupants of the vehicle who appeared very nervous and both stated they were on probation. The 25 year old female driver was from Oakland, and the 56 year old male passenger lives in Hercules. Officers had the subjects, and an aggressive pit bull in the back seat, exit the vehicle. Officers did a probation search of the subjects and the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle Officers located a black duffle bag, in the back seat of the vehicle, which contained a fully loaded AR15 short barreled pistol. The weapon was equipped with a high capacity 30 round magazine loaded with 29 rounds of ammunition, complete with one round in the chamber of the firearm. Officers also located multiple ski masks and different types of gloves inside the vehicle. The male passenger was charged with multiple firearm related charges and booked into the Martinez Detention Facility. The female driver was had an active felony no bail warrant, for robbery, out of Newark PD. The female was taken into custody and booked into Martinez Detention Facility on the warrant.



Prisoner Pick-Up: On February 11, 2020 a Parking Enforcement Officer drove to Solano County Jail, in Fairfield, and picked up a 52 year old female. She was being held on a Hercules Warrant for several misdemeanor charges. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Battery: On February 11, 2020, at approximately 5:33 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Silver Maple for a 911 disconnect. Officers contacted a 40 year old female, who she said her 22 year old son physically assaulted her. The female did not have any visible injuries. It was determined the male had left the house, and the female declined to sign a Complainant's Arrest form. A case was taken to document the incident.

Stolen Trailer: On February 12, 2020 at 10:38 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take a report for a stolen trailer. The reporting party said he parked his Black '17 FSTRT trailer (Scotland Roofing painted on sides of trailer) on Village Parkway near N. Wildwood yesterday, February 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. He arrived at 9:00 a.m. today to find his trailer missing/stolen. He found his trailer's license plate on the ground where his trailer had been parked. The trailer was entered into the Stolen Vehicle System and an APBnet bulletin was sent out as well.

Lost Property: On February 12, 2020 at 12:06 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take a lost property report. The reporting party said he lost his ID card on February 7, 2020. He believes he lost the card when he exited the WestCat bus on San Pablo Ave. at Victoria Crescent East.

Attempted Residential Burglary: On February 12, 2020 at 3:49 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Clark St. for a report of an attempted residential burglary that just occurred. The reporting party stated unknown suspects just broke a window in an attempt to gain entry. While en-route, Dispatch advised the suspect vehicle, a Blue Honda Accord, was last seen fleeing towards S. Front St. Officers arrived in the area, but didn't locate the suspect vehicle. An Officer made contact with the residents and saw the shattered window on the left side of the home. Officers contacted a neighbor who had surveillance video camera footage of the three African American male juvenile suspects as they entered the side yard of the victim house. All three suspects were wearing hoodies covering their faces and gloves. The neighbor also had surveillance video camera footage of the suspect vehicle, a Dark Gray VW Jetta with tinted windows. A neighborhood canvass was done and a BOLO was sent to surrounding agencies.

Missing/Possibly: On February 13, 2020 at 7:23 a.m. An Officer responded to a lobby detail to take a missing person's report. The reporting party said her 65 year old husband was missing. The subject left his home, in the 500 block of Sliver Maple, at 1:00am, on his way to work in Richmond. CHP found the subject's vehicle parked on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (approximately 1 mile from San Rafael). The investigation has been turned over to CHP- Marin.

Identity Theft: On February 13, 2020 at 1:07 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take a report for an identity theft. The Hercules resident said he discovered an unknown suspect somehow hacked his cell phone number and account (Metro PCS). The unknown suspect then used the subject's cell phone number to establish a fraudulent wireless account. The unknown suspect used the subject's name and social security number to hack into his cash apps to fraudulently transfer over \$1,000 into an unknown account.

Warrant Arrest On February 14th 2020 at approximately 5:48AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop in the area of E/B Hwy 4 and Sycamore Ave. The 38 year old male driver, of Pinole, was taken into custody on a non-citable warrant. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Warrant Arrest: On February 14, 2020 at 4:38 p.m. An Officer did a pedestrian stop on a male subject in the 3900 block of San Pablo Ave. The 50 year old male subject was transient. He was found to have an outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrant out of Santa Clara P.D. The Warrant was issued on September 6, 2019. The subject was cited and released.

Driving Under the Influence and Child Endangerment On February 14th 2020 at approximately 11:54PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop in the 3900 block of San Pablo Ave. The 32 year old female driver, of Rodeo, displayed the objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. Also in the vehicle were her 6 and 11 year old children. She was placed under arrest. The children were released at the scene to a family member. The subject was cite/released, at the conclusion of the investigation, to a responsible party.

Driving Under the Influence: On February 15th 2020 at approximately 12:27AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop in the 3600 block of San Pablo Ave. The 31 year old male driver, of Richmond, displayed the objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. He was placed under arrest. The subject was cite/released to a family member.

License Plate Seized: On February 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. An Officer did a traffic enforcement stop on a Gold '97 Lexus ES 300, for vehicle code violations. While on scene, Dispatch advised the license plate returned on a Silver '06 Ford pick-up truck. The Officer located the license plates assigned to the ES 300 inside the vehicle. The Louisiana license plate was seized.

Driving Under the Influence: On February 15, 2020 at 2:20 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the area of San Pablo Ave. at Hercules Ave. for a report of an intoxicated male driving a Maroon '02 Chrysler Sebring. The reporting party saw the driver drive off the roadway in the area of Hercules Ave. at Zeus, but not hit anything yet. The reporting party next advised the male driver was again driving and turning left onto Woodfield and had stopped in the 1100 block of Williams St. Officers located the Sebring up on the sidewalk in the 1100 block of Williams St. with the male driver slumped over the wheel. Officers knocked on the driver's window and the driver woke up. The driver displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. The 72 year old male driver was a Hercules resident. The subject was unable to complete the Standard Field Sobriety Test. The Preliminary Alcohol Screening device indicated the subject was over the presumptive limit for the purposes of driving. The subject was arrested. The subject was later cited and released to a responsible party.

Auto Burglary: On February 15, 2020 at 4:43 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the Shell gas station, 3900 San Pablo Ave. to take a report for an auto burglary. The reporting party stated an unknown suspect shattered his vehicle's window and stole his wallet while he was inside the mini-mart calling for a tow truck. The Officer located a Gold '03 GMC Yukon (CA parked near the exit to the carwash. The Yukon's right front passenger window was shattered.

Outside Assist: On February 15th 2020 at approximately 9:13PM CHP requested HPD's assistance in locating a suspect vehicle involved in a hit and run collision. A HPD Officer located the vehicle and the subject in the 100 block of Coventry. CHP arrived on scene and took over the investigation.

Felony Evading, Resisting Arrest, Probation Violation: On February 16th 2020 at approximately 4:40AM a HPD Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a black Harley Davidson in the 800 block of Willow Ave. The motorcycle fled from Officers and on to W/B I-80. The pursuit continued until it reached the dead end of Phillips Ct in the City of Richmond. The subject attempted to flee on foot from Officers and resisted arrest. He was eventually taken into custody. The 41 year old male, of Newark, was found to be on probation out of San Joaquin County for evading, resisting, and narcotics violations. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Miscellaneous Investigation: On February 16, 2020, at approximately 6:21 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to 1000 block of Maybeck Lane for a disturbance. Officers arrived and a 58 year old male and his 12 year old daughter, who was the reporting party. The 12 year old daughter claimed her dad hit her, but she did not have any marks or evidence of any altercation. There were

no independent witnesses. A case was taken to document the incident.

Probation Violation: On February 16, 2020 at approximately 09:17PM, HPD officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Beryl Ct. regarding a report of a subject who threatened to hit his wife. The reporting party stated she did not want prosecution against Martinez for criminal threats and she was not in any sustained fear. A Judge contacted and granted an EPO as a precaution. The subject was later served with a copy of the EPO. Martinez was also found to be on searchable probation of Contra Costa County. The terms for his probation is to comply with all laws and not consume any alcohol. The subject had objective symptoms for being under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested for probation violation and later transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Domestic Violence: On February 17, 2020, at 11:43 am, Hercules PD Officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of Yosemite Place for a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival it was determined that a 35 year old female slapped her husband (CV) twice on his face during an argument. She was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Driving Under the Influence: On February 17, 2020 at 8:46pm, and HPD Officer made a traffic stop, on a blue Dodge Caravan, for a red light violation. The adult male driver displayed the objective signs of being under the influence. The Standard Field Sobriety Test was administered. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Warrant Arrest: On February 18, 2020, at approximately 8:39 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Sparrow for an unwanted person. Officers arrived, and contacted several parties at the residence. One of the parties, a 33 year old female, had a misdemeanor warrant. The subject was arrested, and transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

Collision: An Officer pulled a case for a non-injury collision that occurred on February 11. A 2004, Toyota was driving west on Crystal Circle, and struck a street sign on the corner of Crystal and Amber. Public works was notified, and are in the process of repairing the sign.

Weapon Taken for Destruction: On February 18, 2020, at approximately 12:14 pm, a resident from Hercules brought in a 22 caliber rifle to be turned in for destruction. The firearm was booked at HPD.

Warrant: On February 19, 2020 at approximately 1:55am, an Officer stopped a 1999 Mitsubishi, in the area of Willow Ave at Hawthorne Dr, for a traffic violation. The 34 year old male driver had an active felony warrant for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility

Auto Burglary: On February 19, 2020 at approximately 3:50 PM an HPD Officer was dispatched to 3500 Franklin Canyon Rd in regards to a window smash auto burglary on a White 2018 Subaru Cross Trek. The take was a teal purse. The suspect Vehicle was described as a white Cross over car with red paper plates.

Attempted Residential Burglary: On February 19th 2020 at approximately 8:07PM a HPD

Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1300 block of Sycamore Ave for an attempted burglary. Surveillance footage shows an African American male, approximately 18 years of age, wearing a camo shirt, attempting to force the front door open with an object. No entry was made.

Driving Under the Influence/Warrant: On February 19th 2020 at approximately 11:31PM HPD Officers were dispatched to the area of Refugio Valley Rd and Redwood Rd for a silver vehicle that was on the side walk. Officers located the vehicle with front end damage facing north on the south sidewalk. Officers located the 30 year old male driver, of Half Moon Bay, and he displayed the objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. He refused the Standard Field Sobriety Test and was placed under arrest for suspicion of DUI. The subject also had non-citable warrant held by San Mateo County. The subject refused to submit to a chemical test so a blood draw warrant was obtained the subject he was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

Stolen Vehicle: On February 19th 2020 at approximately 11:56PM a HPD Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 600 block Turquoise Dr. for a vehicle theft that occurred within the last 5 minutes. The victim stated an unknown person took his gray 2004 GMC Yukon without his permission. An area check was conducted but the vehicle was not located and it was entered into the Stolen Vehicle System.

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 2/6/20-2/19/20

CALLS FOR SERVICE	974
REPORTS	71
TRAFFIC CITES	63
PARKING CITES	129
ADULT ARRESTS	33
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	10
PART 1 TOTAL	307

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meeting

Date: 02/25/2020 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

Planning Commission Meeting

Date: 03/02/2020 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

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