

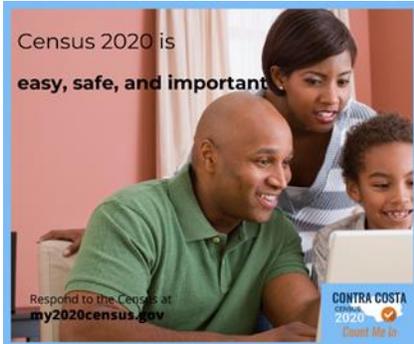
# City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report July 24, 2020

David Biggs, City Manager



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### Census Challenge – Can We Beat Pinole?



Mayor Esquivias has accepted a challenge from Pinole Mayor Pro Tem Norma Martínez-Rubin.

As of July 12, 2020, per data available on cococensus.org, Hercules' self-response rate to the Census was 72.4%. Pinole's self-response rate was 75.6%. These rates include responses from people who've completed their Census questionnaire either online, by phone, or by mail.

Completing Census 2020 is safe, easy, and important. It's important for government representation and receipt of federal funding for public services such as health, education, and transportation.

Help put Hercules ahead of Pinole!

### Special City Council Meeting – Community Policing and Use of Force Policy

On Monday this week the City Council held a special meeting to review the input received from the Virtual Town Hall on Community Policing held on July 7, 2020, and to discuss the Police Department's Use of Force Policy. Police Chief Imboden shared that he has suspended the choroid hold as a permitted tool under the Department's Use of Force Policy. The City Council authorized a second Town Hall meeting so we can share additional information based upon the questions asked that we were not able to respond to on that evening and to allow others who were not provided with a chance to speak as we ran out of time to do so. Staff will be working to set that up for the first part of August to allow for more input and information sharing. In addition, the Council requested that we plan and host an annual Town Hall meeting in March of each year to share a Police Department Scorecard as we a way to keep our residents informed. We also discussed the desire to have additional training on implicit bias and diversity, and how the City is working towards early implementation with Pinole and San Pablo on the state-mandated Racial Identity & Profiling Act.

### Tree Removal and Replacement

There were some trees removed recently in Woodsfield Park and we have had some questions this week from residents about why the trees were removed. Originally, these trees were just going to be trimmed, but as they started work, the arborist identified they were diseased and needed to come down as they were a safety issue. We will be developing a replanting plan.

## **The Exchange at Bayfront Completed**

The first phase of the long-awaited Bayfront project has been completed and a certificate of occupancy has been granted. The Leasing Office for the Exchange on site is open and the first new residents are set to move in August 1<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found at: [The Exchange Bayfront](#)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Council Meeting Public Participation**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Hercules General Municipal Election**

#### **HERCULES GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – NOMINATION FILING PERIOD IS NOW OPEN**

#### **NOMINATION FILING PERIOD – JULY 13, 2020 – AUGUST 7, 2020**

The City of Hercules holds its General Municipal Elections in November of each even numbered year, therefore a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Hercules on November 3, 2020 to elect three (3) members of the City Council which have expiring terms at the end of this year. Members of the City Council are elected to four (4) year terms. The November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election Nomination Period begins on July 13, 2020 and closes on August 7,

2020 (the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election). If an incumbent officer does not run for office by the 88<sup>th</sup> day (August 7, 2020) for that incumbent's elective office, the close of the nomination period will extend to August 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**Note:** A candidate for state or local office must file Form 501 "Candidate Intention Statement" before soliciting or receiving any contributions or making any expenditures from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. Form 501 is filed with the Hercules City Clerk located at 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547.

For questions in regards to running for a seat on the City Council at the November 3, 2020 Election, please contact Lori Martin, City Clerk at 510-799-8215. It is recommended that you make an appointment with the City Clerk to pull Nomination Papers during normal business hours once the nomination period opens. Hercules City Offices are open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed on Friday's with the exception of Friday, August 7, 2020 which is the last day of the nomination filing period and the Office of the City Clerk will be open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm by appointment.

For a current listing of candidates which have pulled nomination papers, click on the following link: [Candidate Listing - Nov 2020 Election](#). This listing is updated as new information becomes available.

### **Hercules Commission Vacancies**

The Hercules City Council is currently recruiting residents for appointment to the Planning Commission, Community and Library Services Commission and the Finance Commission. Applicants must be residents of the City of Hercules, 18 years of age or older and registered to vote with the exception of the Student Commissioner which must be a high school student and a resident of Hercules. The vacancies are open until filled. Contact Lori Martin, City Clerk, at 510.799.8215 or at [lmartin@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:lmartin@ci.hercules.ca.us) for additional information. Applications are completed through the City's website at: <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/commissions-committees>.

### **Planning Commission – One (1) Vacancy with a term ending December 2021**

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

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

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

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

- Develop plans and recommendations for parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and use of community buildings.
- Work with the Parks and Recreation Department on the development and evaluation of recreation programs and community activities/events.
- Provide assistance and support in the planning and operation of City sponsored community events.
- In cooperation and consultation with the Parks and Recreation Department, make recommendations to the City Council with respect to priorities for recreation, library, and community services expenditures in the City's capital improvement program.
- Review and comment on the annual operating and capital improvement budgets for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Make recommendations with respect to community service needs such as child care, youth summer employment, senior activities/programs, and recreational programs.
- Review and make recommendations with respect to fees for the use of parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and community buildings.
- Advise on matters of policy and public interest related to the management, use and preservation of library facilities and property.
- Render such other specific services as are consistent with the role of an advisory board on the library system, to include recommendations and advice to the county librarian on matters related to the Hercules library.
- The Commission member serving as the City's Area Representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission shall routinely report to the entire Community and Library Services Commission on actions taken at the Contra Costa Library Commission meetings.
- Review and make recommendations regarding the Arts in Public Places Program and exhibits at the Hercules Public Library.
- Oversee the Heritage Memorial Garden Plaque Program which is designed to recognize Hercules residents or civic leaders and enhance the historical aspect of the garden.
- Oversee the Library Art Exhibition Program which is designed to review art pieces submitted by participants of the program to be allowed to display their art pieces at the Hercules Public Library.
- Such other duties relating to recreation activities and community and library service needs as may be directed by the City Council.

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

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

- Quarterly review of City's financial status; review and comment on audit reports, the proposed operating budget and the capital improvement program budgets.
- Makes recommendations to the Council with respect to budget priorities.

- Advises the Council on matters of policy and public interest related to the management of the City’s finances and budget.
- Serves as the Oversight Committee for Measure “A,” including providing an annual report, to ensure that utility user tax funds are spent in accordance with the voter approved measure adopted in June 2013.
- Serves as the Oversight Committee for Measure “O,” including providing an annual report, to ensure that the sales tax revenues approved by Hercules voters are spent in accordance with the voter approved measure adopted in June 2012.

## **Human Resources**

For a current listing of employment opportunities at the City of Hercules go to: [Hercules Employment Opportunities](#).

## **City Meeting Schedules**

### **City Council Meetings**

The Hercules City Council meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. \*\*Please Note that for the month of November and December the City Council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday only. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in November and December have been canceled.

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

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

### **Finance Commission Meetings**

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

### **Planning Commission Meetings**

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

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

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

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

1. Browse to the City of Hercules website at: [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us)
2. Click the **“I Want To”** menu.
3. Click the **“View City of Hercules committee meetings”** link.
4. Locate the desired meeting and date.
5. Click the associated **“Video”** link (Video status is as follows):
  - **Video** = Video is available for on demand viewing.
  - **In Progress** = Video is available for viewing during live recording.

· **Not Available** = Video is either unavailable or has not been recorded.

### **CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay**

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

#### **City Council Meeting**

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

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

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

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

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

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Building & Planning Departments Open!**

Community Development staff are working to process new building permits and inspection requests. The Department front desk is open to the public, Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. by appointment. Per State and County health mandates, all visitors **MUST** wear a face covering and maintain safe physical distance to the extent practical. For questions and assistance, please contact Shiva Matinpour (Building Permit Technician) at [smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us) / 510-799-8244.

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

### **Building Inspection Division**

	<b>July 1 thru July 17, 2020</b>	<b>FY 2020/21 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	49	49
Total Fees Collected:	\$45,436.30	\$45,436.30
Number of Inspections:	27	27
New Housing:	0	0

### **Planning Division**

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #20-28 for Neeru Kaushal Giri, doing business as “Inception Realty,” to operate a home-based business at 205 Lilac Circle providing property management, accounting, and bookkeeping services. (*Final appeal date: Thursday, August 6*)

## Planning Commission

There are currently no items scheduled for Planning Commission review.

### Update from Community Workshop: Safety Element Update and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

On July 21, the City hosted its second workshop to present and get community feedback on the City's draft update of the Safety Element of the General Plan and the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. The General Plan Safety Element covers goals, policies, and implementing actions regarding both natural and man-made issues, including earthquake, wildfire, severe weather, sea-level rise, oil/gas spills, utility/power failure, hazardous materials transport by rail, power shutoffs, epidemics, and active shooter situations. Separate but related to the Safety Element, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is meant to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, and economic disruption, and provide disaster assistance costs resulting from natural disasters. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is a precondition for the city receiving FEMA mitigation project grants.

**To view the recorded video of the meeting and to download the presentation and the draft Safety Element update and the Hazard Mitigation Plan, visit the project web page:**

**<https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/planning/safety-element-hazard-mitigation>**

*(This was the second of two community workshops, the first having been held on September 25, 2019. The City also conducted an online community survey from October 1 through January 23 to: gauge the public's understanding of citywide hazards; identify ways the City might educate the public on hazards; and guide the development of hazard policies and programs. )*

If you would like additional information, please contact Robert Reber, Community Development Director ([rreber@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:rreber@ci.hercules.ca.us) / 510-799-8248) or Michele Rodriguez, Adjunct Planner ([mrodriguez@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:mrodriguez@ci.hercules.ca.us)).

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

After a long wait, the Armadillos are finally in on the Interim Bus Stop Project! Technically called a pedestrian lane separator bump, they provide a buffer for pedestrians.



## **Maintenance & Operations**

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks, buildings, and sewer lift stations. They cleaned up numerous illegal dumping at various locations, removed fallen limbs from trees at multiple locations, abated graffiti, repaired street lights, filled potholes, and assisted the County with replacing a signal pole that was knocked down. A striping contract was put out to bid and an arborist report was completed for trees in Refugio Park.

## **Engineering**

The civil plans for the future Safeway, located at the southeast corner of San Pablo and Sycamore Avenue, have been approved and construction continues. The installation of the public improvements for the Bayfront Project are underway for Blocks N and Q&R and the plans are under review for the associated abandonment of the terminus of Linus Pauling. 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 was completed for the City's backbone sewer system, and the financial study for the sewer fund is on-going. The pedestrian enhancement projects at Sycamore/Civic were is out to bid. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Summer Camps**

#### **Hercules Adventure Camp**

Our first 2-week block of Hercules Adventure Camp has come to an end. We had 2 cohorts (also known as "bubbles" or "pods"). We held a K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade bubble up at Hanna Ranch Kidz Center, and a 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade bubble at the Teen Center. Both locations offer a variety of indoor and outdoor activities all day long.



Our second 2-week block began this week. We have 3 bubbles: a "Red Bubble" and a "Green Bubble" at Hanna Ranch Kidz Center, and a 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade bubble at the Teen Center. As per the Health Order from the Contra Costa Health Official, enrollment is limited to 12 children per bubble. Our goal is to accommodate as many community members as possible. The standing premise we are working from is that we will only run camp: if we meet our minimums for enrollment, and if we have enough staff. To register, contact the Parks and Recreation Department today by calling (510) 799-8291.

Below are a few photos from Crazy Hair day last week, one of our activities with the Hercules Police Department, and a few photos from our "Moon" activity on National Moon Day, including some messy but fun moon dough!



### **Competitive Swim Camp**

The Competitive Swim Camp is a 4-week swim camp, featuring a dozen different pods. Some of the pods are in the water 3 days a week, while others are in the water 2 days a week. Regardless of however many days the pods are in the water, one thing that is clear is that after one week back in the water, we see and hear a lot of happy people; both swimmers and parents alike are so excited to be back in the water swimming. As previously noted, the swim camp is following all of the best practices as outlined by the County Health Official. Each pod reports at an assigned time ready to swim.

### **Now Open!**

#### **Picnic/BBQ areas**

All Picnic/BBQ areas are now open for reservations including our two new parks: Sierra and Shasta Parks featured in the photos below. Both of these locations feature covered shade structures, tables and BBQ pits. If you are looking to get out of the house and do something fun with your family, make a reservation at one of our fabulous picnic areas. Don't delay, make your reservation today! Contact us at 799-8291 for rates and availability.

## **Marketing**

### **Promote Your Business**

Are you looking for a unique way to promote your business around town? Let the City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department help. We have several affordable ways to assist you with your advertising needs including signboards, banners and/or activity guide. For more information please contact 799-8291 for rates and availability.

## **Seniors**

### **CC Café**

CC Café continues to provide meals to seniors that sign up on a weekly basis here in Hercules. Last week on July 14, we served 32 seniors, and on Tuesday, July 21, there were 42 seniors for the meal service plan. As a reminder, the meal service plan provides 5 frozen meals once a week, including a loaf of bread, fresh fruit and a half gallon of milk. Provided with this week's meal was a 2-page article on tips regarding what to eat with diabetes. This information is still useful and applicable to seniors without diabetes, as the risk for developing this health condition increases with age. In order to participate, you must contact the Senior Center ahead of time at (510) 799-8219.

### **Food Bank**

The Contra Costa Food Bank was in Hercules this past Tuesday, July 21. This week there were 252 people that stood in line to receive fresh fruits, vegetables and canned goods in their FREE food distribution. As usual, the group made sure to follow all social distancing requirements. The Contra Costa Food Bank distributes food at the Hercules Senior Center on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. The next day for food distribution will be August 4.

### **Senior Outreach Program**

The Senior Center staff continues to create activity packets for the senior membership as a way to help keep seniors busy and their mind active. This was the 9<sup>th</sup> activity packet, and we included several fabulous games, puzzles, word searches, crosswords, Sudoku puzzles and word scrambles. These stay at home activities have quickly become a favorite among our senior membership.

The Friends of the Hercules Senior Center continues to call the 200+ members of the Hercules Senior Center and conduct their routine wellness checks. Thank you to all the volunteers in the Friends group who take the time to make the calls and check in on one another.

### **Membership Drive**

Due to COVID-19 the Hercules Senior Center annual Membership Drive was cancelled. However, membership registrations forms were mailed out at the end of June to give members the option to renew their membership for the new fiscal year 2020-2021. As of July 20, over 80 members have renewed their membership. We expect this number to grow throughout the year.

## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **Lynda.com is Back!**

Learn new job skills with Lynda Library covering web design and development, IT, instruction, media production and more. All free with your library card.

Learn more here: <https://ccclib.org/resource/lynda-library/>

### **Using Picture Books to Talk to My Son About Racism**

Knowing how to explain racism and racial justice to little ones is hard, but some resources available through the library can help. Read more here <https://ccclib.org/author/youth/>

### **Dive Deep in Summer Reading**



Beginning June 6, 2020. Sign up at <https://wandooreader.com/ccclib/summer-reading-2020-dive-deep/users/sessions/new> to keep track of your reading and learning. The whole family can get swept away with summer fun and entered in to a drawing for a chance to win prizes including an **Xbox One X**. Come back often to wrap your tentacles around updated information as it bubbles to the surface.

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

#### **Here's How it Works:**

##### **Place Hold**

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

##### **Get Notified**

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

##### **Schedule**

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

### **Pick up**

- Upon arrival, call or text library staff to alert them that you have arrived. The number to call or text will be prominently displayed in front of the Library entrance. You will be asked to provide the library card account information for any holds you will be picking up.
- Your items will be placed on the table outside the library in a bag labeled with your name. Staff will let you know when you may retrieve the items.

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

### **Book Donations**

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

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

### **No Card, No Problem.**

**No card,  
No problem.**



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

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

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

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

**With the continuing need to social distance, the library has added more online programming offerings. Here's a sampling of what you can participate in:**

### **Virtual Library Comic Convention**

Over 4,000 comics, graphic novels, and children's materials are available for free to all residents of California this summer through August 31. The Califa Group has partnered with BiblioLabs to create the Virtual Library Comic Convention. To access the comic and graphic novel collection and learn more, visit [ca-vlcc.biblioboard.com](http://ca-vlcc.biblioboard.com)

**A Live Interactive Adventure with Traveling Tidepools**  
**Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00pm-5:00pm**

Join our good friend Captain Bobby and his crew of live sea animals as he shares and explores the tide pools LIVE. You will get to meet his sharks, sting ray, starfish, crabs, sea snails, and much more.

*Sponsored by Friends of the Hercules Library*

To access this event on your device, use the “Join Zoom Meeting” link below. (You won’t need a password as it is securely embedded in the link.) You will be guided through a short process to download and use a Zoom program that will enable you to see the event live. Note: if you already have Zoom installed, do not open it first. Just click on the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/91698285253>

You can also view the recorded video on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ccclib](http://www.facebook.com/ccclib) or YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/theccclib](http://www.youtube.com/user/theccclib)

**ESL Conversation Group**  
**Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm – Beginning August 1st**

Would you like to become more confident in your English Language skills? This group will cover conversation topics and provide opportunities to practice speaking with native English speakers and with other learners.

The day before the event a link will be sent out with a zoom link for the meeting. Your email is required to register. For more information on registration, click on the link:

[https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=is\\_virtual:\(true\)/event/5f09f5f1d4dbcc39008e01b0](https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=is_virtual:(true)/event/5f09f5f1d4dbcc39008e01b0)

**For a complete list of online events at the Contra Costa County Library visit:**

[https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=program:\(5e2b7849df59234500450f71\)?\\_ga=2.70725014.708251091.1588012522-1218323575.1585147616](https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=program:(5e2b7849df59234500450f71)?_ga=2.70725014.708251091.1588012522-1218323575.1585147616)

**Digital Resources**

go to <https://ccclib.org/resource/> for a complete list and to access the resources

Not ready to come back to the library for physical books yet? You can still check out lots of great eBooks and audio books through the library’s digital collection.

**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**

**Domestic Battery:** On July 7, 2020 at 4:03 pm, an Officer was flagged down at Overlook Ter. and Ridgepointe for a domestic dispute that had occurred the previous evening. The adult female victim reported her adult husband threw a cigarette at her. A case was taken.

**Missing Juvenile:** On July 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 7:54PM a HPD Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Terrace Ct for a missing juvenile. The 13 year old female was last seen leaving the house around 6:00PM. The subject has left home, several times before, and always returns home according to family. Attempts to contact her via telephone, friends, and social media were unsuccessful. An area check was conducted but she was not located. A Trak Flyer sent to out to neighboring agencies and entered into the Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

**Possession of a Controlled Substance:** On July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 11:24PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. A probation/probable cause search was conducted and the Officer located a substance, suspected to be a narcotic, on the 29 year old male driver. He was placed under arrest, and later cite/released at the scene.

**Possession of a Controlled Substance:** During the above contact a substance, suspected to be a narcotic, was located on the 26 year old female passenger. She was placed under arrest and later cite/released at the scene.

**Commercial Burglary:** On July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 8:59 am, officers were dispatched to Railroad Ave. and Main St., to the old Brick Building, for a Burglary. The suspect(s) cut through the fence and broke out a window, after removing the plywood over the window. While inside the suspect(s) did considerable damage with spray paint.

**Grand Theft:** On July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 2:21 pm, a resident from the 100 block of Hidden Cove came into the police department to report that on July 4, 2020 he had a party and during the party someone stole Jewelry.

**Battery:** On July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 1:16 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of Bayfront Blvd. for the report of a battery. A construction foreman reported he had just laid off an employee, and in the process the subject spit at him in the face. A case was taken.

**Violation of Court Order:** On July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 4:48 pm, an officer was dispatched to the Police Department Lobby for the report of restraining order violation. The adult female victim reported that her ex-husband has been messaging and calling her, in violation of a court order.

**Natural Death:** On July 11, 2020 at 10:35 am, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Caprice Circle for a deceased female. Officers arrived on scene, with fire, to find 69 year old female deceased in her bedroom. The coroner released the body to the family.

**Shoplifting:** On July 11, 2020 at 12:46 pm, officers were dispatched to Big Lots, at 1551 Sycamore Ave, for the report of a theft that had just occurred. The Store Manager stated the female was in front of Bank of America, taking the boom box that she stole, out of the box. Officers arrived on scene and arrested an adult female for shoplifting. The Manager stated the subject had stolen from the store, on previous occasions. The subject was transported to Martinez Detention Facility, and was served a "no trespassing order" to not return to Big Lots.

**Auto Burglary:** On July 11, 2020 at 1:36 pm, an officer was dispatched to the area of Railroad Ave and Bayfront for an auto burglary. The victim placed her purse in the back of her Chevy Volt at approximately 12:30 and went for a walk. When she returned at approximately 1:30 the vehicles window was broken and the purse was missing.

**BB Pistol Taken for Destruction:** On July 11, 2020 at 9:41 p.m. An Officer stopped a Gray '12 Hyundai Sonata, for vehicle code violations. The 36 year old male driver, of Martinez, was on searchable Parole for Robbery. A Parole search was done and the subject told the officers he had a BB gun pistol in the trunk of his vehicle. A BB pistol was located, in a backpack, in the trunk. The subject agreed to allow Officers to take the BB pistol for destruction.

**Drunk in Public:** On July 11, 2020 at 10:24 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Armstrong Ct. for a Battery that just occurred. The reporting party stated his sister's boyfriend assaulted his sister. The 26 year old male suspect, of Antioch, was last seen walking away on foot. Officers searched the nearby area, but didn't initially find the subject. Officers returned to Armstrong Ct. to speak with the reporting party. While there, Officers saw the subject hiding underneath a nearby vehicle and he was detained. The subject was determined to be too intoxicated to care for himself and was arrested. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The Battery was determined to be unfounded.

**Drunk in Public:** On July 11, 2020 at 11:30 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Sycamore Ave. for a welfare check on a possibly intoxicated person. A caller reported seeing someone passed out, in a White SUV, near the Aventine Apartments. The reporting party stated a car door was open, a car alarm was sounding, and the vehicle's emergency hazard lights were on. Officers located a White '16 Ford Edge parked near the south curb of Sycamore Ave. near South Front St. Officers saw the right rear door was open and a female appeared to be passed out in the rear passenger seat. Officers contacted the 30 year old female, of Vallejo. She was heavily intoxicated. Officers attempted to find out if the subject had anyone, nearby, who could respond to care for her, but she was uncooperative. Officers then determined the subject was too intoxicated to care for herself and she was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Stolen Vehicle – Already Recovered in San Pablo:** On July 12, 2020 at 12:07 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Devonwood to take a stolen vehicle report. The Black '17 Jeep Patriot was found burning/destroyed in San Pablo. Dispatch advised San Pablo P.D. was dispatched to a car fire. An Officer contacted the owner stated she last saw her vehicle parked near the 900 block of Devonwood an hour prior to the time of call. The owner said all her car keys were accounted for and no one had permission to take her vehicle.

**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol:** On July 12, 2020 at 5:04 a.m. An Officer checked on a Green '08 Jeep Liberty, on San Pablo Ave. at Sycamore Ave, for impeding traffic/being passed out behind the wheel. The 25 year old male displayed objective signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication. The subject was given the Standard Field Sobriety Test. The Preliminary Alcohol Screening Device indicated the subject was above the presumptive line for driving. The subject was then arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was cited and released to a responsible party.

**Warrant Arrest:** On July 12, 2020 at 9:21 p.m. An Officer checked on an occupied suspicious Gray '92 Chevy Silverado at 76 gas station, 828 Willow Ave. The 35 year old male, Transient, had an outstanding Felony Warrant, out of San Francisco County S.O. The Warrant was issued on May 15, 2020. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Property Damage Collision:** On July 12, 2020, at approximately 2:06 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the area of San Pablo Avenue and Victoria Crescent East for a truck that drove off the roadway, and into a fence, and the driver is still in the vehicle. Officers arrived and located a 1995, GMC Pick-Up truck, facing in a northeast direction. The 24 year old male driver appeared to have a medical issue, which may have led to the accident. The subject was transported to a local hospital to be checked out.

**Auto Burglary:** On July 13, 2020, at approximately 7:29 am, an Officer was dispatched to Home Depot for an auto burglary. Sometime between 6:51 am and 7:21 am, an unknown suspect broke into the locked truck box of a 2012 Ford, F-150 Pick-Up truck, which was parked near Bank of America. The suspect stole miscellaneous tools.

**Shoplifting:** On July 13, 2020, at approximately 8:10 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid for a theft that just occurred. The store manager reported a 35 year old female, known to the store, had just stolen two bottles of beer from the store and was walking away. The description of the female matched a suspect Officers had just contacted, regarding food she stole, at Lucky Market. Officers located the suspect and beer was located in her bag. Rite Aid wished to press charges, and subject was arrested and transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

**Vandalism:** On July 13, 2020, at approximately 5:32 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Turquoise for a female banging on the door. Officers arrived and determined two neighbors have been fighting with each other for years, and today one neighbor threw some tree branches over the fence and broke some garden ornaments in the backyard of the other resident. The resident, with the damage, wanted to press charges. A case was taken.

**Warrant Arrest:** On July 13, 2020 at 10:32 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Black '03 Honda Accord for no front license plate. The 23 year old male driver was found to be on Parole, and had an outstanding, cite releasable, Misdemeanor Warrant. The Warrant was issued on June 29, 2020. The subject was arrested on the Warrant, cited, and released.

**Warrant Arrest:** On July 14, 2020 at 5:32 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Black '19 Nissan Sentra, for speeding. The 23 year old male driver, of Vallejo, was found to have an outstanding Felony Warrant out of Fremont P.D. The Warrant was issued on November 8, 2019. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Auto Burglary:** On July 14, 2020, at approximately 11:42 am, an Officer was dispatched to Santa Fe and Pinole Street for an auto burglary. Sometime, between 10:30 am and 11:30 am, an unknown suspect broke the front passenger window to a 2019 Honda and stole a leather purse and iPhone 6 from the front seat of the vehicle.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On July 14, 2020, at approximately 2:30 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Shell

Gas Station located at 3900 San Pablo Avenue for a theft of a vehicle. On Saturday, July 11, 2020, at approximately 10:48 pm, the owner of a brown 2005 Ford Mustang left his vehicle parked near the dumpsters behind the car wash due to mechanical issues. Today, at approximately 11:12 am, the owner returned to the gas station to get his vehicle and it was no longer there.

**Warrant Arrest:** On July 15, 2020 at 1:38 a.m. an Officer did a traffic stop on a Green '95 Ford Explorer, for a vehicle code violation. The 54 year old female driver, of Martinez, was found to have an outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrant. The Warrant was issued on January 28, 2020. The subject was cited and released.

**Identity Theft:** On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:57 am, an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Valley Run for an Identity Theft report. The victim stated that someone opened an account in her name without her permission.

**Vehicle Burglary:** On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 1:09 pm, an officer was dispatched to Santa Fe and Railroad Ave. for the report of a vehicle burglary. The officer found a window broken, out of the victims Ford F150, and her purse had been taken.

**Felon in Possession of Firearm / Possession of High Capacity Magazine/ Resisting Arrest / Probation Violation:** On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 3:19 pm, two HPD Officers were working a County wide Vehicle Suppression Enforcement Team, in Antioch. They conducted a traffic stop, on a 2000 Buick. The 35 year old male driver, of Antioch, pulled over and attempted to flee on foot. After a short foot pursuit the subject was arrested. Officers located a handgun next to the driver's seat where the subject was seated. The subject was cleared medically then transported to Martinez Detention Facility. The 23 year old male passenger, of Antioch, was released.

**Miscellaneous:** On July 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 11:51PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. Officers located three 30 round AR-15 magazines and approximately 300 rounds of .223 ammunition, in the vehicle. The 40 year old male driver, of Oregon, stated he was a convicted felon in Texas. He said he was driving from Oregon to SFO to catch a flight to Washington DC. The subject stated he was unaware the items were in the car and believed they may belong to his father or brother. He requested that HPD take the items, for destruction, because he is not supposed to be in possession of them. The Officer booked the items, for destruction, in to the Police Property Room. The subject was released.

**Domestic Violence:** On July 17, 2020, at 2:58 pm, officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of Tioga Loop for a domestic dispute. The incident occurred in the Bank of America Parking Lot (1611 Sycamore Ave.) Officers were advised the male half lived in the 1200 block of Willow Ave. An officer responded to Tioga Loop and contacted an adult female (later determined to be the suspect). Another officer responded to Willow to contact the adult male victim. It was determined the female hit the male on the side of his head, causing a bump. The female was arrested and was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Domestic Violence:** On July 17, 2020 at 4:45 pm, an officer was dispatched to Basin Ct. for a domestic violence case that happen the night before. The adult female victim stated her adult husband punched her in the face. The husband was not on scene. The judge granted an Emergency Protective Order. On July 18, 2020 at 7:14 am, officers responded to Basin Court for a follow-up

investigation on a domestic violence case. Officers located, and arrested, the husband and he was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Grand Theft from a Vehicle:** On July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 5:23 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Woodfield for the report of a theft from a vehicle that occurred sometime overnight. The victim had a jackhammer taken out of the bed of his work truck.

**Outside Assist:** On July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 8:30PM a HPD Officer observed a vehicle, with major front end damage, traveling eastbound on I-80. CHP was contacted and confirmed a vehicle, matching that description, was just involved in a hit and run collision. A stop was conducted and the investigation was turned over to CHP.

**Embezzlement:** On July 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 12:25AM HPD Offices were dispatched to Home Depot for an embezzlement. An 18 year old male employee had been detained by loss prevention after security camera footage revealed he had stolen over \$1,000 worth of power tools. Home Depot wished to press charges. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Occupied Recovered Stolen Vehicle:** On July 19, 2020, at approximately 11:40 am, an Officer Checked on a white, Subaru Impreza, with no license plates on it, parked at Shell Gas Station at the gas pumps. A 19 year old female was getting into the driver's seat of the vehicle, and had her belongings in the vehicle. The Officer determined the 1983 Subaru was an unreported stolen vehicle out of Berkeley. The female was detained. The subject said she purchased the vehicle for \$200.00, this morning, from a male in Berkeley. The registered owner was contacted and Berkeley PD took the stolen vehicle report. The registered owner just wanted the vehicle back and would not say one way or another whether she wanted to press charges. The suspect was released pending further investigation.

**Unauthorized Use of Access Card:** On July 20, 2020, at approximately 9:46 am an Officer was dispatched to a phone detail regarding the loss of a wallet. On June 29, 2020 at approximately 10:00 pm the 18 year old reporting party lost his wallet somewhere in the Victoria Green Apartments in Hercules. On July 2, 2020, at approximately 1:40 pm the victim's credit cards were used, in Davis, at multiple locations.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Domestic Battery:** On July 20, 2020, at approximately 12:19 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to Lucky for a vehicle versus a pedestrian collision where there was a pedestrian bleeding from the face. Officers located, a 51 year old male in front of the store, bleeding from a moderate laceration to his left eyebrow area. It was determined male was sitting in a gray 2008 Jeep Cherokee, with his 55 year old girlfriend, in the parking lot of Lucky when they began arguing. The female hit the male, in the face, with a metal curtain rod causing a laceration above his left eye. Medical personnel treated the male on scene. The male did not want to press charges and refused to go to the hospital and receive treatment. A judge was contacted for an Emergency protective order, and one was issued. Officers attempted to locate the female suspect, and her vehicle, in the area. They were unable to locate her or the vehicle. The suspect later called HPD and agreed to come to HPD to give her statement; however she never showed up.

**Unlicensed Driver/Possession of Burglary Tools/Probation Violation/Towed Vehicle:** On July

20, 2020 at 10:50 p.m. An Officer was preparing to do a traffic stop on a Gray '90 Mercedes, for expired registration and, a cracked right rear taillight. However, the driver sped up making a sudden right turn onto 7<sup>th</sup> St (in Rodeo) veering into the oncoming W/B lane almost colliding with the north curb. The driver then drove into the Safeway shopping center stopping near the Fresh Day Spa, 681 Parker Ave. The driver was detained. A large kitchen knife was found at his feet. The vehicle's ignition was damaged/missing and the vehicle was "hotwired." Dispatch attempted to contact the registered owner, but was not able to make contact. The 28 year old male driver, of Rodeo, was found to be an unlicensed driver. The subject was also on Misdemeanor Court Probation, in Contra Costa County for Burglary. A set of keys was found, on the driver's floorboard, which included one shaved key. The subject had two credit cards (Visa Debit & Home Depot) issued to other people. The subject complained of not being able to breathe while handcuffed and seated in the rear of a patrol SUV. AMR and Fire were requested and the patrol SUV's rear door was opened to allow him to get fresh air. While seated in the back of the SUV, the subject threw himself out of the rear seat, landing face first on the ground. The subject sustained two small cuts, to his right cheek. The subject continued to complain of not being able to breathe and not being able to walk. He was sat up on the nearby curb. AMR and Fire responded to medically evaluate the subject. He declined to be transported to a hospital. The subject was cited and released.

**Possession of Controlled Substance for Sale/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Parole Hold:**

On July 21, 2020, at approximately 8:46 am, an Officer stopped a white Honda Civic Coupe, with no license plates, at Taco Bell. The 40 year old male driver, of Rodeo, was on searchable Parole in Contra Costa County. An Officer located a small amount of a substance, believed to be a narcotic, and a glass pipe commonly used to smoke narcotics, on the subject's person. The Officer located more of the substance, believed to be a narcotic, in a computer bag inside the vehicle. The subject was arrested, and his Parole Officer authorized a parole hold. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Warrant Arrests:** On July 21, 2020, at approximately 9:35 am, an Officer stopped a 2005, Lincoln for expired registration. The 34 year old male driver had two warrants; one Misdemeanor warrant out of Napa, and one felony warrant out of Solano County. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Vandalism:** On July 21, 2020, at approximately 9:45 am, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Beechnut for vandalism. Sometime between July 16<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 10:00 pm, and the time of the call, an unknown suspect cut the main power line and brake lines to a construction trailer that was parked in the driveway.

**Outside Assist – Vehicle Fire/Arson:** On July 21, 2020 at 11:47 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the BART Transit Lot, 1375 Willow Ave. for a suspicious person. An anonymous reporting party stated they saw a man near the road holding something in his hand. Upon arrival, Officers found a Black '02 Kia Spectra on fire and fully engulfed. The vehicle fire spread to the grass to the rear of the Transit Lot near E/B SR-4. Rodeo-Hercules Fire responded and extinguished the vehicle fire and the fire that spread towards SR-4. BART PD responded to take over the vehicle fire/arson investigation.

**Outside Assist:** A HPD Officer took a courtesy report for a violation of a restraining order where

the victim lives in Napa and the suspect lives in Hercules. The report will be forwarded to Napa PD for investigation.

**Warrant Arrest:** On July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at approximately 4:26AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 36 year old male driver was cite/released on a traffic warrant out of San Mateo County.

**WC SHIFT STATS**

Date: 07/09-07/22/2020

CALLS FOR SERVICE	905
REPORTS	74
TRAFFIC CITES	38
PARKING CITES	66
ADULT ARRESTS	21
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	5
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	9
PART 1 TOTAL	17

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	-----
HOMICIDE	
RAPE	
ROBBERY	
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	4
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	1
LARCENY (auto burglary or thefts)	10
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**City Council Meeting**

**Date:** 07/28/2020 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

\*The Hercules City Council holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules.

Closed session - 6:00 p.m.

Regular session - 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:** 08/03/2020 7:00 PM

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

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