

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
September 4, 2020**

**David Biggs, City Manager**



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Welcome to Crew Members of the USS Emory S. Land**

Some crew members from the USS Emory S. Land are being housed in the Exchange @ Bayfront in 73 apartments as of mid- August. Ledor, the building owner, shared that were awarded a corporate lease from the USN for a ship from Guam which is in dry dock at Mare Island. The Corporate lease is for +/- 6 months until the ship is completely serviced and retrofitted. The City of Hercules welcomes our temporary neighbors and thanks them for their service to our Country. At the Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor will be presenting a proclamation formally ~~welcoming~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ ~~of~~ ~~Hercules~~.



**2020 Census**

Be Counted! We are in the final stages of the 2020 Census and a census taker may visit your home. For more information about how to identify a Census taker, please visit this announcement on the City's website: [Census](#)

**Exchange Ribbon Cutting**

The first phase of the Bayfront project called the Exchange had its first new residents move in August 1<sup>st</sup>. The developer hosted a small ribbon-cutting on August 19<sup>th</sup> and coverage of that event can be found here: [Exchange Ribbon Cutting](#)

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

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

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

1. Gerard Boulanger, Incumbent
2. Celsa Taraya, Financial Consultant
3. Irina Galieva, Bank Vice President
4. Tiffany Grimsley, University Admissions Consultant

5. Alexander Walker-Griffin, Child Counselor / Advocate
6. Dan Romero, Incumbent

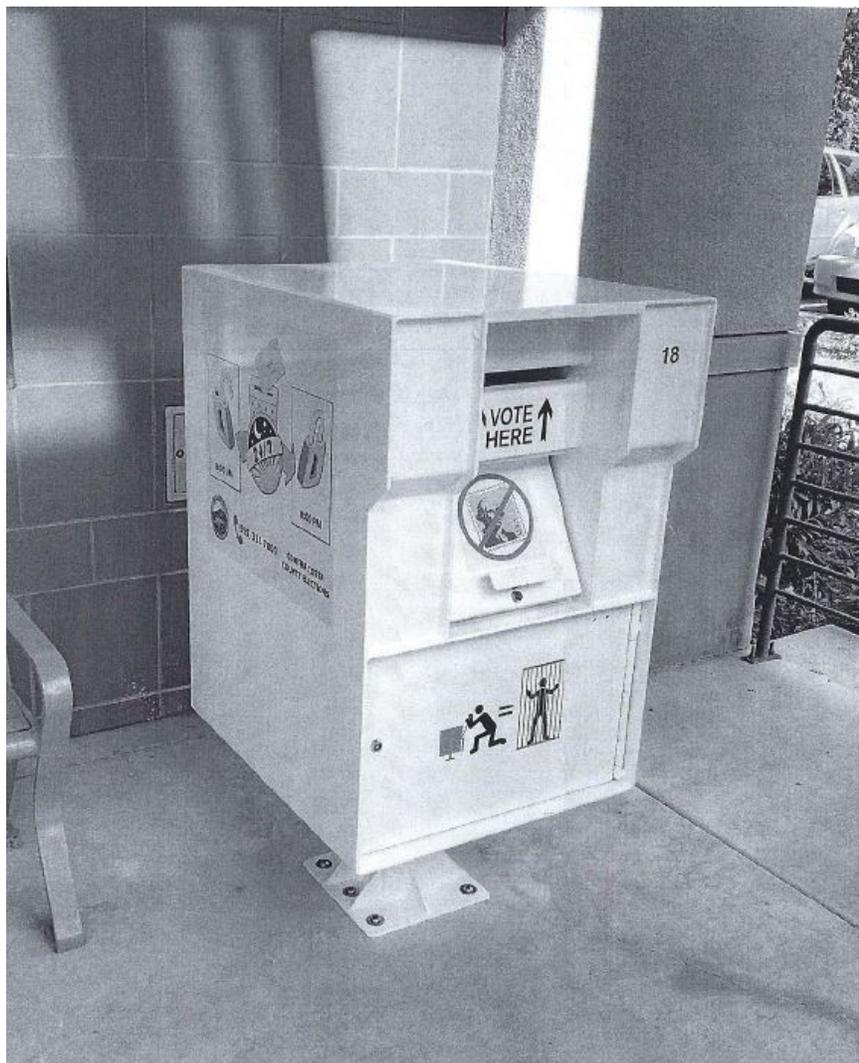
More information can be found at <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=13769>.

### **SoS USPS Frequently Asked Questions**

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

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

Coming Soon to Hercules, Contra Costa Elections will be installing a Mail-In Ballot Drop Off Box in front of the Hercules Library.



## Vote By Mail County Press Release

Elections Office  
925.335.7800  
925.335.7836 fax

**Contra Costa County  
Clerk-Recorder Department**  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Deborah Cooper  
County Clerk-Recorder  
and Registrar of Voters

Scott O. Konopasek  
Assistant County  
Registrar



### **PRESS RELEASE**

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION  
555 Escobar St, Martinez, CA 94553

**FOR RELEASE AUGUST 3, 2020**

FROM: Deborah Cooper, County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters  
CONTACT: Scott O. Konopasek, Assistant County Registrar  
PHONE: (925) 335-7800

**All Voters will be Mailed a Ballot for November Election  
Change Affects Less than 25% of Contra Costa Voters**

For more than 560,000 vote by mail voters in Contra Costa County, voting will look the same as it always has. For the 160,000 voters who have not previously voted by mail, the November voting experience may be new.

To make sure these voters know they will receive a ballot in the mail and to help them successfully cast their votes, the Elections Division is reaching out with an informative direct mail piece this week. Voters who traditionally vote by mail will not receive the notification.

Voters receiving this mailing can update their signature on file by signing and returning the postage paid postcard.

"While very few ballots are not counted because of unmatched signatures, we want voters to update their signature we have on file, if they believe their signature has changed," said Debi Cooper, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar. "We want to be sure every ballot can be counted."

Because ballots are mailed to a voter's residence address, all voters should check their registration status and address on the County's website [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us) or on the Secretary of State's website [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) to ensure they receive their ballot. Ballots are not forwardable.

Voters who wish to follow the status of their vote can track their ballot through the process by signing up for notifications at [www.wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](http://www.wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov).

Detailed information on the vote by mail process in Contra Costa County can be found at <https://www.cocovote.us/registration-and-voting-options/how-vote-by-mail-works/>.

"I voted" stickers will be included with every vote by mail ballot for this election and return postage is already paid. Voters may also return their ballots at ballot drop boxes located throughout the County.

Be Safe! Vote at Home!

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## **Council Meeting Public Participation**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Hercules Commission Vacancies**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Human Resources**

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

### **City Meeting Schedules**

#### **City Council Meetings**

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

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

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

#### **Finance Commission Meetings**

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

#### **Planning Commission Meetings**

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

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

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

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

1. Browse to the City of Hercules website at: [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us)
2. Click the “**I Want To**” menu.
3. Click the “**View City of Hercules committee meetings**” link.
4. Locate the desired meeting and date.

5. Click the associated “**Video**” link (Video status is as follows):
- **Video** = Video is available for on demand viewing.
  - **In Progress** = Video is available for viewing during live recording.
  - **Not Available** = Video is either unavailable or has not been recorded.

**CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay**

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

**City Council Meeting**

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

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

**Planning Commission Meeting**

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

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Building & Planning Departments Open**

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

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

**Building Inspection Division**

	<b>Aug 17 thru Aug 28, 2020</b>	<b>FY 2020/21 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	41	182
Total Fees Collected:	\$18,020.05	\$82,794.43
Number of Inspections:	29	120
New Housing:	0	0

## **Planning Division**

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #20-34, a request by Chang Hoon Baek (doing business as “Dapara ecommerce”) to operate a home-based business at 103 Rocky Pointe Court selling merchandise (clothing, toys, housewares, and miscellaneous goods) online. *(Final appeal date: Tuesday, September 8)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #20-35, a request by Cesnae and Yashica Crawford (doing business as “C & Y Crawford Consulting”) to operate a home-based business at 133 Onyx Court, providing consulting services for training and leadership coaching, curriculum development, meeting and event facilitation, and project management. *(Final appeal date: Tuesday, September 8)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #20-36, a request from David Ford of All Signs Services to install eight (8) illuminated wall signs to replace existing signs for “Rite Aid” located at 1560 Sycamore Ave. *(Final appeal date: Thursday, September 17)*

## **Planning Commission**

The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is September 21 (agenda items are tentatively pending but not confirmed).

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



**Tree Work in Refugio Park**

## **Maintenance & Operations**

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks, buildings, and sewer lift stations. They cleaned up numerous illegal dumping, removed fallen limbs began and the annual street restriping project was bid out. Sidewalks were ground in approximately 200 location to remove uneven areas. Repairs to the bricks on Bayfront Boulevard Bridge are underway. The lights in Bayside Park were repaired. A kickoff meeting was conducted with Engie for the Energy Generation and Conservation Project

## **Engineering**

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

## **Permits**

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 7
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$903
- Number of Certifications issued: 7
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 4

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 8

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Fall Programs**

#### **Dynamite Adventure Camp**

Summer is officially over but not here at the Hercules Dynamite Adventure Camp! We are continuing the fun with exciting group games, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and so much more! After a busy morning of distance learning, our campers arrive in the afternoon ready to have some fun! Campers are enjoying the beautiful warm weather with some outdoor fun. For arts and crafts, all of our campers got to decorate their cubbies with different designs and stickers. When all of the projects were completed, campers really enjoyed their time to socialize with their peers, play board games, and read books. We had such a fun first week of camp and we can't wait to see what our second week has in store for us. If you're interested in joining the Dynamite Adventure Camp,



we are now taking registrations for our second block. Please contact our main office (510) 799-8291 for more information or please visit our website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).



### **Fall Camps**

The Dynamite Adventure Kidz program opened on Wednesday, August 26, and the kids are having a blast. The Dynamite Crew program, a distance learning support lab, was postponed due to low enrollment. We continue to work with the community as well as the Health Department to work towards meeting the needs of our community. Fall programs will continue to be held in 2 to 4 week blocks to ensure consistency. They will be small stable pods where we will adhere to all social distance and Health Department best practices (temperature checks, face coverings, etc). We have made some adjustments for the next block of Fall programs featuring longer hours for distance learning and even a potential preschool group. For more info or to register for these or other Fall programs, please contact us at (510) 799-8291.

### **Competitive Swim Camp**

We are wrapping up the second session of Competitive Swim Camp. Competitive Swim Camp is a 4-week swim camp, featuring several different pods. Some of the pods swim 3 days a week, while other pods swim 2 days a week. The Competitive Swim Camp program continues to follow all of the best practices as outlined by the County Health Official. Each pod reports at an assigned time ready to swim, all swimmers go through a screening and temperature check prior to entering the facility.



If you are interested in getting in on the next Competitive Swim Camp, please contact us at (510) 799-8291 for more information.

## Marketing

### **Promote Your Business**

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



## Open

### **Picnic/BBQ areas**

Are you looking for a place to meet outside? The City of Hercules has several picnic/BBQ areas open to the public for reservation. 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 today. Contact us at 799-8291 for rates and availability.

## **Seniors**

### **CC Café**

The CC Café continues to provide meal service to the Hercules Senior Center once a week. CC Café delivers 5 frozen meals with a loaf of bread, fresh fruit and a half gallon of milk to seniors every Tuesdays. In order to participate you must sign up in advance. If you would like to participate, contact the Senior Center in advance to place your order. Contact us at (510) 799-8219. Last week, August 25, we served 40 seniors. This week, September 1, 44 seniors received the meal plan.



### **Food Bank**

The Contra Costa Food Bank was here in Hercules this past Tuesday, September 1. More than 225 people stood in line to receive fresh fruits, vegetables and canned goods courtesy of the Contra Costa Food Bank and their FREE food distribution program. The Food Bank continues to distribute food at the Hercules Senior Center on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 11:00am to 12:00pm. The next scheduled day for food distribution is September 15.



### **Blood Drive**

On Tuesday, August 25, the American Red Cross had 26 registered donors including 3 first time donors resulting in the collection of 22 units of blood during their Blood Drive held at the Hercules Senior Center. The

22 units of blood can potentially help save up to 66 lives. The American Red Cross sent a wonderful email to Kristina Griffith thanking her and the communities' support of lifesaving blood donations especially during these times. The next scheduled blood drive will be Wednesday, October 21. More info will be sent out in advance of the next Blood Drive.

### **Senior Outreach Program**

The Senior Center staff continues to create activity packets for the senior membership. These activity packets are a great way to help keep seniors busy and keep their mind active. This week's packet had a Labor Day theme that was full of games, puzzles, word searches, word scrambles and more. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> packet produced by staff.

The Friends of the Hercules Senior Center continued to conduct their wellness calls to members of the Hercules Senior Center. This is a great way to check in on one another during the pandemic.

Thank you Friends of the Hercules Senior Center and to all the volunteers who help make our center something special. And Happy Labor Day.

**SIT BACK, RELAX, AND PLAY!**

Put your mind to the test! Enjoy this activity packet while we all shelter in place!  
Exercise your brain with these fun word searches, word jumbles, coloring and more!

**HAPPY LABOR DAY! MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**



**Labor Day**  
Word Scramble

Labor Day is celebrated in the United States on the first Monday of September. The jumbles here include both historically significant words and ways people celebrate today.

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| AYPTR     | _____ | IRZEAOGN | _____ |
| EBESRMTEP | _____ | CUYTISRE | _____ |
| EWEKEDN   | _____ | LRAYL    | _____ |
| SWEAG     | _____ | CPCIIN   | _____ |
| TSRGIH    | _____ | RCEGMIU  | _____ |
| AYONDM    | _____ | BARLO    | _____ |
| DRAET     | _____ | ARDPEA   | _____ |
| TKEIRS    | _____ | NNUIO    | _____ |
| ABUEERC   | _____ | RTPI     | _____ |
| TFAFIRC   | _____ | OJB      | _____ |

**HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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



Have we got exciting news for you! Join us for **CoCo Reads**, a community-wide read of "How Much of These Hills is Gold" by C Pam Zhang. **From 9/7/20-10/28/20**, we encourage you to check out a copy of this debut, Booker-nominated novel about two Chinese American orphans trying to survive during the California Gold Rush and find a sense of home. The author will speak during a Zoom presentation on 10/28/20 at 7:00 p.m., and other related events will be scheduled during this time. Check our events calendar and Facebook events page in September for all the details.

### **Lynda.com is FREE with your library card!**

Learn job and technology skills at your own pace. Get a certificate upon completion of a course.

Take online tutorials on topics like:

- software and computer skills
- web design
- computer programming
- video editing
- project coordinating
- business management
- job and career paths
- marketing

Find information on Lynda.com along with other free digital resources at:

<https://ccclib.org/digital-resources/>

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

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

##### **Place Hold**

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

##### **Get Notified**

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

##### **Schedule**

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

##### **Pick up**

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

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

## **Donations**

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

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

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

**No card,  
No problem.**



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

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

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

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

## **Resources for Back to School**

### **BrainFuse FREE Live Online Homework Help**

Live tutors are available at assist everyday from 1:00pm -10:00pm

Grades K-college

English and Spanish tutors available

Visit <https://ccclib.org/digital-resources/>

### **Britannica School Online Encyclopedia**

For elementary, middle and high school

<https://school.eb.com/levels>

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.

**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:**

**WOW Presents: Frida Kahlo**  
**Wednesday September 9, 2020**  
**2:00PM-3:00PM**

*Please register in advance for this online event.*

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index/event/5f3f2424a96bd92f006b4193>

Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is known today as much for her intensely personal artwork as for her striking appearance.

Upon Kahlo's death in 1954, her personal artifacts were locked away in her childhood home, La Casa Azul, near Mexico City, where they remained for over 50 years. Subsequent investigation led to their exhibit at the Frida Kahlo Museum in Mexico City in 2012.

The de Young's exhibit features paintings loaned from American museums and private collectors, highlighting relationships Kahlo established in San Francisco. It also complements the Fine Arts Museums' costume collection as well as paintings and works on paper by Mexican artists Diego Rivera and José Clemente Orozco, in addition to the Fine Arts Museums' collection of Mexican antiquities.

**Vanessa Hua: Giving Voice to Immigrant Families**  
**Thursday September 17**  
**5:00pm-6:30pm**

*Please register in advance for this online event.*

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=vanessa/event/5f2de154b3d4ba450069b488>

Vanessa Hua's insightful stories give voice to immigrant families navigating a new America. Tied to their ancestral and adopted homelands in ways unimaginable in generations past, these memorable characters straddle both worlds but belong to none. Vanessa Hua is the author of *Deceit and Other Possibilities* and *A River of Stars* as well as an award-winning columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle and a feature writer for many publications. She has filed stories from China, South Korea, Panama, Burma and Ecuador.

**UC Master Gardeners: What Went Wrong in Your Summer Garden**

If you missed our Zoom session with the Master Gardeners, you're in luck - here's the video! Join UC Master Gardener Monika Witte as she covers common vegetable growing problems and how to correct them. You will learn what causes tomatoes to crack, why zucchinis sometimes shrivel and die, why broccoli and cauliflower sometimes produce only tiny heads, why onions often produce flowers and fail to develop good bulbs, and more. You will hear about solutions to these and other vegetable crop problems and also receive suggestions for what vegetables to plant for the most reliably good results.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7C64c-26HQ8>

## 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**

**Warrant Arrest x2** On August 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 at approximately 1:20AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 39 year old male driver was determined to have a warrant. He was taken into custody. The subject was determined to be a Parole at Large, wanted by the California Department of Corrections. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On August 21, 2020 at 3:18 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Bristol St. for a stolen 2009 Black Nissan Rogue.

**Driving Under the Influence/Collision (non-injury)/Resisting Officer with Force:** On August 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 at approximately 10:40PM HPD Officers were dispatched to vehicle collision in the 200 block of Glenwood. Officers contacted the 18 year old female driver, who stated she was texting while driving and caused a collision. She also displayed the objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication. She refused to perform Standard Field Sobriety Test and was placed under arrest. At the station the subject did the Preliminary Alcohol Screening test, which indicated she was over the presumptive limit for the purposes of driving. The subject chose to have a blood test, but was unable to complete the test. As the officer was re-placing the handcuffs the subject bit the Officer on the right forearm (redness). She was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Vehicle Burglary:** On August 22, 2020 at 6:35 am, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Abalone Cove for a vehicle burglary. The reporting party stated the window on his 2000 Ford Expedition was broken out, and his spare tire was taken. Occurred sometime overnight.

**Gun for Destruction:** On August 22, 2020, at 2:05 pm, a Hercules resident came to the police department to turn in a Daisy 22 rifle for destruction. The resident stated he was moving and no longer wanted the rifle.

**INFORMATONAL TIP:** The Hercules Police Department will take any weapon, including firearms and ammunition, for destruction.

**If you have a weapon(s), or ammunition, you want to turn in please follow the following instructions:**

- 1) Call the Police Department (510-724-1111) and ask for an officer to come to your home to pick up your weapon(s) or ammunition.
- 2) If you are turning in a firearm(s) unload the firearm(s), if you can do so safely.
  - a) For a semi-automatic weapon; remove the magazine from the weapon, remove any bullets from the chamber; remove all bullets from the magazines; and leave the slide back.
  - b) For a revolver(s) remove all bullets from the cylinder and leave cylinder open.
  - c) For Rifle(s), shot guns, and antique(s) (or replicas), remove all bullets and leave the actions open.

- d) **If you cannot safely unload the firearm(s) TELL THE DISPATCHER YOU WANT TO TURN IN A LOADED WEAPON(S).**
- 3) **Leave the weapon(s) (firearm(s); knife(s); sword(s); cross bow(s), etc.) on a table (or similar). Put all bullets, magazines, and other ammunition, in an area away from the weapon(s).**
- 4) **When the officer arrives DO NOT BRING THE WEAPON(S) TO THE DOOR. Tell the officer where the weapon(s) is located and let them retrieve it.**
- 5) **If you want to bring the weapon(s) to the Police Department DO NOT BRING IT INTO THE BUILDING.**
  - a) **Make sure the weapon(s) is unloaded (following 2 a through c)**
  - b) **Place the weapon(s) in the trunk. If you do not have a trunk put the weapon(s) in the rear portion of your vehicle and make sure it is not visible.**
  - c) **Keep all empty magazines, and ammunition, separate from the weapon(s).**
  - d) **Make sure your vehicle is locked and come to the Police Department**
  - e) **Tell the counter personal you want to turn in a weapon(s), and or ammunition, and whether or not the weapon(s) is loaded.**
  - f) **An officer will accompany you to your vehicle and retrieve the weapon(s).**

**Stolen Vehicle:** On August 23, 2020 at 12:10 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Glenwood to take a report for a stolen vehicle. The reporting party said an unknown suspect stole his Black '99 Honda CRV, from the visitor's parking lot near, his condo, sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The vehicle was locked and none of his car keys were missing. An area check was done for the CRV or other evidence, but nothing was located.

**Possession of a Controlled Substance/Misdemeanor Probation Violation:** On August 23, 2020 at 1:57 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Gray '05 Honda Civic (for expired registration). The driver was a 24 year old male from Antioch. The 32 year old male passenger of Brentwood was found to be on searchable Probation in Contra Costa County. A Probation search was done and the Officer located a small plastic coin size baggie containing a substance, suspected to be a narcotic, in the subject's pants pocket. The subject was arrested and cited out. The driver was cited for the vehicle code violation and released.

**Driving Under the Influence/Suspended Driver's License/Towed Vehicle:** On August 23, 2020 at 1:47 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Silver '00 Mercedes ML 320 for vehicle code violations. The 39 year old male driver of Oakland was found to have a suspended/revoked driver's license. The subject displayed objective signs and symptoms of driving under the influence of alcohol. The subject was given the Standard Field Sobriety Test; and the Preliminary Alcohol Screen device indicated he was over the presumptive limit for the purposes of driving. The subject was arrested for DUI and driving on a suspended driver's license. The subject was later cited out to a friend.

**Injury Collision:** On August 25, at 1248 pm, officers were dispatched to a collision that occurred at the intersection of Willow Ave and Interstate 80 eastbound off ramp. The 59 year old female, of the responsible vehicle, collided with the 51 year old male driver, of the second vehicle. The female complained of pain and was examined, and released on scene, by AMR.

**Shoplifting:** On August 26, 2020 at 1:07 pm, officers were dispatched to Big Lots at 1551

Sycamore Ave. The reporting party stated that an African American, adult male and female, entered the store then selected items and left without paying. The suspects fled in a silver Chevy Impala.

**Found Property:** On August 26, 2020 at 3:58 pm, a resident brought in keys that were located at Hanna Ranch Park.

**Hit and Run:** On August 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 7:20PM a HPD Officer took a report for a hit and run collision that occurred sometime within the last 6 days in the 100 block of Tidewater.

**Reckless Driving/Unlicensed Driver:** On August 26<sup>th</sup>2020 at approximately 11:40PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle doing donuts. The 20 year old male driver, was determined to be unlicensed. He was cite/released from the scene.

**Found Property:** On August 26, 2020 at 11:14 am a citizen reported finding a Razor Scooter in the area of the 100 block of Mandalay Ave. The officer was not able to locate the owner of the scooter and a case was taken for found property.

**Death Investigation:** On August 27, 2020 at 2:52 pm, HPD Officers were called to a residence in the 200 block of Dartford. Paramedics were already on scene. A 34 year old female was pronounced deceased at 3:00 pm. The Coroner's Office arrived and took custody of the body.

**Death:** On August 27, 2020 at 5:01 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Sycamore for an unresponsive 74 year old female. Fire and Police personnel conducted CPR for thirty minutes before she was pronounced deceased at 5:40 pm. The Coroner was contacted and released the subject's body to the family.

**Possession of Controlled Substance/Warrant Arrest:** On August 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 9:13PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the contact, probable cause was established to conduct a search which revealed a substance, suspected to be a narcotic. The subject was also wanted for a \$50,000 warrant, for narcotics violations, out of Napa County. The 28 year old male driver was taken into custody and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Domestic Violence** On August 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 9:59PM HPD Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Maritime Terrace for a 911 disconnect. Officers determined a domestic incident had occurred between the husband and his 57 year old wife. The wife slapped her husband on the face once during an argument. The female was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Theft By False Pretenses:** On August 28, 2020 at 7:34 am, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Coventry for a Fraud report. The victim stated that he lost a large amount of money in a scam.

**Strong Arm Robbery:** On August 28, 2020 at 1:41 pm, officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of Yosemite Ave for the report of a Robbery that had just occurred. The victim reported an African American male; approximately 20-25; years 5-8; 220 pounds; wearing a blue sweatshirt; pulled her purse from her and ran away towards John Muir Parkway.

**Possession of controlled substance:** On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 9:09PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. Probable cause was established to conduct a search and a 25 year old male was placed under arrest for possession of suspected narcotics. He was cite/released at the scene.

**Warrant Arrest:** On August 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 4:04AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. A 27 year old male was taken into custody on non-citable warrant and transported to the Martine Detention Facility.

**Identity Theft:** On August 29, 2020, at 9:52 am, an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Starling for an identity theft report. The Victim stated someone used his name to purchase a BMW, and he received a bill stating he owed the full price of the vehicle. After further investigation, it was determined the BMW was purchased in Berkeley, and the dealership reported it as a stolen on August 19, 2020.

**Warrant Arrest:** On August 30, 2020, at approximately 10:03 am, an Officer stopped 1998, Dodge Caravan for an equipment violation. The 45 year old male driver had a misdemeanor warrant out of Alameda County. The warrant was confirmed and not citable. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Driving Under the Influence:** On August 30, 2020 at 9:09 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Black '02 Honda Accord, .6,mnbvcin the parking lot of Burger King, 836 Willow Ave., for vehicle code violations. The 25 year old male driver, of Vallejo, was found to have a suspended or revoked driver's license needing DMV proof of service. The subject displayed objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. The subject was given the Standard Field Sobriety Test; and the Preliminary Alcohol Screening device indicated he was over the presumptive limit for the purposes of driving. He was arrested and was later cite released to a responsible person.

**Warrant Arrest 5X:** On August 31, 2020, at approximately 1:09 pm, an Officer contacted a 30 year old male in the 700 block of Willow Avenue. The subject had three warrants out of Napa County and two warrants out of Solano County. All the warrants were not citable. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Violation of Domestic Violence Protective Order:** On August 31, 2020, at approximately 5:35 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Willow for a court order violation. An Officer contacted a 47 year old female in the parking lot. She said her 46 year old ex-husband, drove up behind her car when she parked to get food from a restaurant. The male blocked her car in, and then followed her into a restaurant yelling at her. The female said she was afraid of the male. The male left the area before Officers arrived. There is a valid, served, Domestic Violence Restraining order in the system. Officers checked the area for the male and were unable to locate him.

**Vehicle Tampering – Catalytic Converter:** On August 31, 2020 at 8:48 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to the upper parking lot of Valley Bible Church, 1477 Willow Ave., for a suspicious event. The reporting party stated there was a large object in the parking lot. An Officer located the reporting party who showed the Officer the large object. It was determined to be a catalytic

converter taken from a Valley Bible Ford E-450 Van. The vehicle was parked near the Day Care Center. An unknown suspect cut the catalytic converter from the Van and left it lying on the ground. The unknown suspect may have been spooked by the reporting party during the attempted theft. The cut catalytic converter was returned to a responsible party.

**Found Property:** On August 31, 2020 at 10:25 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to the area of Refugio Valley Rd. at Partridge Dr. for a suspicious event. The Hercules resident said someone dumped some baby stuff on the corner and she was concerned a baby may have been dumped too. The Officer located a baby stroller and other related items left abandoned on the corner. The Officer didn't find any evidence indicating a baby was left abandoned. The stroller and other items were collected as found property.

**Theft from a Vehicle:** On September 1, 2020, at approximately 10:42 am, an Officer was driving through the parking lot of Big Lots and was flagged down in regards to an auto burglary which just occurred. The victim pointed out the suspect car, a gray 2007, Nissan, as it was leaving the parking lot towards Taco Bell. The driver threw a backpack, which was later determined to belong to the victim, out of the window as he was exiting the parking lot. The backpack was collected by a witness and returned to the victim later. The Officer conducted a stop on west bound Sycamore and Willow. The 33 year old male driver, and the 24 year old female passenger, were taken into custody. The victim positively identified the male as the suspect, who took his backpack, and the vehicle as the suspect vehicle. Both subjects were transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Ammunition turned in for Destruction:** On September 1, 2020, at approximately 11:28 am, an Officer handled a lobby detail regarding ammunition turned in for destruction. The Hercules resident turned in unspent ammunition for destruction. The ammunition was booked at HPD for destruction.

**Lost Property:** On September 1, 2020, at approximately 11:49 am, an Officer handled a lobby detail for a lost firearm. Sometime between 2010, and today's date a pistol went missing from the reporting parties residence

**Warrant Arrest/Possession of a Prescription Drug without a Prescription/Driving on a Suspended Driver's License/Misdemeanor Probation Violation:** On September 1, 2020, at 8:14 p.m. An Officer was doing a security check of the lower parking lot of Valley Bible Church and saw a Silver '20 Chevy Traverse driving the wrong way W/B Palm Ave. towards the lower parking lot and the Officer. The driver quickly made a U-turn and drove back E/B Palm Ave. towards Willow Ave. The Officer followed and observed two other vehicle code violations. A traffic stop was done on Willow Ave. at the E/B SR-4 on-ramp. The 44 year old male driver, of Berkeley, was found to have a suspended/revoked driver's license. The subject had an outstanding Misdemeanor Warrant issued September 1, 2020, and is on Misdemeanor Court Probation in Contra Costa County. The Officer observed drug paraphernalia inside the Traverse and the subject admitted to have several Prescription pills. A probable cause and inventory search was done of the Traverse. The Officer found three loose pills inside the cup holder along with the drug paraphernalia. The subject was cited and released for the Warrant; and a separate citation for Driving on a Suspended License, and Possession of Prescription Drugs without a Prescription.

**Identity Theft/Forgery:** On September 2, 2020, at approximately 11:33 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to US Bank, inside Lucky, for a fraud in progress. There was a 45 year old female, at the counter of the bank, attempting to deposit checks. The identification she provided, to the clerk, did not match the information for the account holder. Officers arrived and contacted the female and detained her. The subject was found to be on felony probation, in Alameda County, for Burglary. She was in possession of three different persons' identification. She also had checks, from different companies, with the names of the persons' whose identifications she had in her possession. The victims were contacted and did not know the subject and wanted prosecution. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**WC SHIFT STATS**

Date: 08/21/20-9/02/20

CALLS FOR SERVICE	683
REPORTS	65
TRAFFIC CITES	29
PARKING CITES	112
ADULT ARRESTS	24
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	0
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	9
PART 1 TOTAL	239

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	2
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	2
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	0
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	7
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**City Hall Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day**

**Date:**09/07/2020 (all day)

**Location:**Hercules City Hall

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94558

**Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELED**

**Date:**09/07/2020 7:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

**City Council Meeting**

**Date:**09/08/2020 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

**Community and Library Services Commission**

**Date:**09/14/2020 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

**Finance Commission**

**Date:**09/16/2020 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547