

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
March 5, 2021**

David Biggs, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

First Annual Hercules Policing Town Hall

Thursday, March 18th 6:30 PM

As part of our continuing efforts to engage with the community on policing best practices and information sharing, you are most welcome to join us for the first of an annual Hercules Town Hall on Policing. The Hercules City Council requested in July of 2020 that the City and our Police Department hold an annual Town Hall to provide updates to the community on policing and for us to hear from our residents.

As part of the Town Hall, information will be shared regarding changes to police policy and other data points regarding policing as part of a look back at 2020, plus we will share information on new initiatives as we move into 2021. It will also be an opportunity for Town Hall participants to share their comments, concerns, and suggestions.

Featuring Police Chief William Imboden and City Manager David Biggs, and moderated by Hercules resident Judge Patricia Miles, the Policing Town Hall will be conducted via the Zoom meeting platform and you can join by using the following information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84347519319?pwd=a2RZcUhDT3pXWC94TkZqYkVlbml0dz09>

Passcode: 068624

Residents can also submit their comments and questions regarding policing in advance of the Town Hall to Townhall@ci.hercules.ca.us.

State Stimulus Package

Hercules residents may be interested to learn more about what is included in the Golden State Stimulus direct relief package approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor recently. State Senator Nancy Skinner provided a good overview via her office and that can be accessed below:

https://sd09.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd09.senate.ca.gov/files/e_alert/20210223_SD09_information_738.htm

City Manager Recruitment

Mayor Chris Kelley, on behalf of the City Council, would like to share with the community the current status of the search for a new City Manager, given current City Manager David Biggs' departure to serve as City Manager of Orinda at the end of March. The City Council has retained an executive search firm, CPS HR Consulting, to assist in finding qualified City Manager

candidates. The process for finding and hiring a City Manager typically takes from four to six months. In the meantime, the City will retain an interim City Manager; the decision regarding who will be retained as Interim City Manager will be announced as soon as the selection is final. The City Council is now focused on engaging our search firm in a thorough and inclusive process to find a new City Manager. This process will provide for community and City employee input; the City Council considers this component critical in making such an important appointment. More information regarding the process will be provided to the community as it becomes available.

Rodeo Hercules Fire District Board Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Board of the Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District Board of Directors and the Board has opted to appoint to fill that vacancy. Hercules residents who are interested in serving can apply by March 24th at 4 PM. More information and a link to the application can be found on the Fire District's website and via this link: <https://www.rhfd.org/>

Protect Your Furry Friends

Swing by the FREE drive-thru Microchip Clinic on Saturday, March 13, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM at the swim center!

Don't Lose Your Best Friend!
FREE Drive-Through Microchip
Clinic in Hercules
Saturday March 13th

Join Contra Costa Animal Services (CCAS) for a **FREE Drive-Through Microchip Clinic** to ensure your pet's safety.

When: Sat., Mar 13, 10:00am-2:00pm
Where: Hercules Community Ctr
Parking Lot - 2001 Refugio Valley Rd

CCAS is sponsoring this clinic to help families ensure that they can be reunited with their pets if and when they become lost. Take advantage of this **FREE** microchip clinic to make sure you're able to reconnect with your pets if they ever escape.

You must schedule an appointment online on our website at www.ccasd.org.
Up to two pets may be scheduled.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Ribbon Cutting

Last year, the cities of Pinole and Hercules completed an upgrade and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant which serves both communities. This more than \$52 Million project enhanced the quality of the wastewater discharged into the Bay to meet water quality regulations and also to allow both cities to be served as they grow. There was a small ribbon-cutting ceremony with limited attendance due to COVID-19 held on October 17, 2020. The City of Pinole has produced a short video of that celebration and that can be viewed via this link: http://pinole.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=bd663c52-76f8-11eb-bd5b-0050569183fa.php

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

City Council Public Comment Process

Public Comments may now be given live at City Council meetings by logging into the Zoom meeting. The Zoom meeting login information can be found on the Agenda Cover page.

Written comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the meeting date will be provided to City Council and posted to the City's agenda webpage and will not be read aloud. If you wish to speak at the time of the public comment period use the "raise hand" feature in zoom or *9 if calling in by phone and a staff member will admit you into the meeting to make your comment and at the conclusion will move you back to the "attendee" zoom room. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. For all City meetings, instructions on the public comment process can be found on the front page of the agenda.

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].

Human Resources

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

City Meeting Schedules

City Council Meetings

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

Community and Library Services Commission Meetings

The Hercules Library and Community Services Commission meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please refer to the Agenda cover for Zoom information to watch the meeting live.

Finance Commission Meetings

The Hercules Finance Commission will meet regularly every other month on the 3rd Wednesday. The Finance Commission 2021 regular meetings will be held on January 20th; March 17th; May 19th; July 21st; September 15th; and November 17th.

Planning Commission Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay

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

City Council Meeting

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

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

Planning Commission Meeting

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

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building & 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 (Community Development Specialist) at 510-799-8244 or via email (smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us).

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

Building Inspection Division

	Feb. 15, thru Feb. 26, 2021	FY 2020/21 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	30	634
Total Fees Collected:	\$16,327.27	\$3,552,955.04
Number of Inspections:	32	435
New Housing:		1

Planning Division

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-07, a request by Jacquelin Grimsley (doing business as “Beautiful Surroundings”) to operate a home-based business at 2015 Redwood Road, providing online furnishings and home staging

services. *(Final appeal date: Thursday, March 4, 2021)*

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-08, a request by Darby Beetham (doing business as “Beetham & Castro General Construction”) to operate a home-based business at 103 Quail Court, providing administrative services for a general construction company. *(Final appeal date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-09, a request by Liezl & Alexander Arzadon and Noel & Bablyn Reyes (doing business as “Big Belly’s Filipino Grill and Restaurant”) to operate a 1,758-square foot-restaurant in the Creekside Shopping Center at 1611 Sycamore Avenue, Suite C. *(Final appeal date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #21-10, a request by Arnoldo Hernandez on behalf of Kienuwa Omokaro at 230 Dartford Street to construct a new 413-square-foot, one-story addition on the west side of the existing 1,475-square-foot, house. *(Final appeal date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021)*

Planning Commission

At its next regular meeting on **Monday, March 15**, the Commission will receive a presentation on the pending application for the **Franklin Canyon RV resort project**, which proposes to replace the existing Franklin Canyon Golf Course with a destination RV resort on the 161.5-acre site. The entire existing 18-hole golf course, constructed in 1967, would be eliminated and replaced with: 160 RV spaces; 22 walk-in campsites with tent bungalows; a driving range and a new 18-hole putting course; a new 10,000-square-foot clubhouse featuring dining and lounge facilities as well as a fitness and wellness center; outdoor swimming pool with a poolside shower and changing room and grill/snack shop; and covered storage for approximately 50 recreational vehicles. Additionally, approximately 70 acres of the 75 acres that are currently used as the “back 9” golf holes of the golf course would be donated to the John Muir Land Trust (JMLT) for use as open space and public recreation (e.g., hiking, biking, and equestrian trails) and additional access to the existing Franklin Canyon/Fernandez Ranch. The project also proposes to lease approximately 5 acres on the northeastern boundary of the site to JMLT to develop and operate a community garden on land that is currently zoned agriculture.

As required under the California Environmental Quality Act, the City expects to publish an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Franklin Canyon RV resort prior to the March 15 meeting. The environmental document will be available to the public for review and comment for 30 days. The environmental documents will be posted on the City’s web site where more information about the project is available:

www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/community-development/development-projects/franklin-canyon/golf-course-rv-resort

The March 15 meeting agenda, and information about how to observe and participate in the meeting (which will be conducted online via Zoom) will be available at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at: www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/city-clerk/agendas-meeting-videos. ***Note that no action or decision regarding the Franklin Canyon RV resort will take place on March 15; the project will be scheduled for a public hearing at a later date for the Planning Commission to consider recommending the project to the City Council.***

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Maintenance & Operations

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks, buildings, and sewer lift stations. They cleaned up numerous illegal dumping, repaired street lights throughout town, removed litter on roadways, cleaned sewer line hotspots, and are troubleshooting the pumps in the Victoria Lift Station. They painted curbs red, responded to a traffic accident on Stan Pablo, and assisted with traffic control for the food distribution at the middle school. The contract landscapers are adding mulch to the Sycamore Avenue medians and a concrete contractor was hired to repair sidewalks at miscellaneous locations throughout town. Engie continues to advance the Energy Generation and Conservation Project. They are currently working on the HVAC upgrades and solar arrays.

Engineering

Construction continues on the future Safeway, located at the southeast corner of San Pablo and Sycamore Avenue. The grading work is on-going at the Willow Storage Project and different sewer lift stations are being evaluated. The public improvements are underway for the Bayfront Development Blocks Q&R while plan review was completed for the associated private stormwater facility. The design plans are also under review for the Sycamore Crossing development project, including the EBMUD waterline into San Pablo Avenue. The improvement plans reached 90% completion for the mile long segment of replacement sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-

Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant. Council approved a construction management contract with WSP to oversee the work. The financial study for the sewer fund has been completed and is scheduled to come before Council March 9. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing utilizing \$1.2M in grant funding. Plan check for a parcel map and grading permit began on the Hilltown development. Grading is scheduled to begin this Spring.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application(s) received: 4
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$532
- Number of Certifications issued: 3
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 4

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 4

PARKS AND RECREATION

Aquatics

Competitive Swim Camp

Next Monday, March 8, will be the start of the 9th session of the Competitive Swim Camp. This 4-week camp features a few different options where each pod has in-water practice 3 days a week and dry land training 2 days a week. Each pod continues to operate in a stable bubble. The Competitive Swim Camp program continues to adhere to County best practices. In addition, all swimmers go through a screening and temperature check prior to entering the facility. To find our more information about the Competitive Swim Camp, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.



High School Swim Team

We are still waiting to hear whether or not there will be a 2021 High School Swim Team season. Coaches and swimmers are eagerly awaiting any news from WCCUSD. Unfortunately, the pandemic has cancelled almost an entire year of High School Sports. As soon as we have news one way or another, we will be sure to share the information.

Staff Training

On Saturday, February 27, the Aquatics Staff held an in-service training that included a review of emergency protocols as a part of the swim center's Emergency Action Plan. In addition, staff worked on



CPR and a review of the inline stabilization procedures for potential head, neck and back injuries. These in-service trainings take place monthly during the Fall, Winter, and Spring and are held weekly during the Summer.

Child Care

Dynamite Adventures



The Dynamite Adventures Camp is currently in its 8th session. Dynamite Adventures is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grades. The camp is held at Hanna Ranch Kidz Center Monday through Thursday afternoon, in a four-week block and focuses on both indoor and outdoor programming. Participants do things like



arts and crafts, games, sports and activities. Campers started out the session waiting for the groundhog to see if his shadow would appear, and in the process created their own groundhogs. Soon after, campers got creative with Valentine's day projects. And it wouldn't be February if we didn't work on Mardi Gras festivities. So, of course campers worked on creating amazing masks. To learn more about the program, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291 or visit us online at www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

Fee Classes

Bay Area Driving School

There is a new Virtual Driver's Education program featuring a live instructor! This program is brought to you through Bay Area Driving School. In this class, students will enjoy a series of Driver's Education lectures including understanding the responsibilities of having a driver's license, learning the rules of the road and accident-avoidance procedures. Independent assignments will also be completed during the week. The course will also include practice questions, defensive driving movies and a written test prep. Once a student successfully finishes the course, they will receive a certificate of completion.

Online Cooking Classes

Are you looking for something to do over the weekend? Tired of preparing the same meals? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then look no further. The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Compassionate Cravings to bring a fabulous virtual

cooking experience right to your own home. Whether you want to cook with your partner, your family or with friends, Compassionate Cravings has a few great opportunities coming up. Here are the next couple of dates for classes, and what is on the menu...

- 3/20 Homemade pesto pasta with "chicken", garlic bread and salad,
- 4/17 Vegetarian enchiladas with avocado cilantro lime sauce served with spanish rice and refried beans.

Classes are held on Saturday's, from 5:30-7pm, via zoom. If you'd like to know more contact the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291 or visit www.HerculesRec.com to register.

Marketing

Promote Your Business!

The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department has a few advertising opportunities for businesses, clubs, non-profits, etc. These opportunities include banners and signboard space. For rates and availability on these affordable options, please contact (510) 799-8291.

Picnic Rentals

First Picnic Rentals of the Year

The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department recently had its first picnic rental of the year. We typically see picnic rentals start-up in the Spring, but the unseasonably good weather has gotten people outdoors already. If you would like to rent a picnic site at one of our parks in town, contact the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

Seniors

CC Café

CC Café continues to provide an excellent nutrition program to the senior community of Hercules. This service is currently operating in a once-a-week meal service. The meals are delivered to the Hercules Senior Center every Tuesday and include 5 frozen meals, 2 chilled items, a loaf of bread and a half gallon of milk. The new chilled items this week included a cheddar cheese omelet with salsa, home fried potatoes, and mixed vegetables. The second item was a Chicken Caesar wrap, with carrot raisin salad, and a spinach salad with dressing.

There were 23 for lunch on February 23, and 21 on March 2. The next meal service will be held Tuesday, March 9. If you would like to participate, please contact the Senior Center in advance to place your order. Contact us at (510) 799-8219.

Food Bank

On Tuesday, March 2, 229 people participated in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food



distribution at the Hercules Senior Center. The Food Bank comes out the first and third Tuesday of the month, and distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, and canned goods. The next FREE food distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16.

Blood Drive

The next ARC blood drive at the Hercules Senior Center has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, from 1-6pm. To schedule your appointment or for more information visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767).

Virtual Bingo

Five Seniors participated in Virtual Bingo last Thursday, February 25. Those in attendance enjoyed six games of bingo, socialized with one another, and had a great time. If you are interested in joining us for Virtual Bingo we will be holding this program the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, from 10:00 to 11:30am. For more information, please email kgriffith@ci.hercules.ca.us or call 510-799-8219.

Virtual Classes

If you're looking to stay active or want to socialize with others check out our Hula, Tai Chi, or Line Dance class offered weekly. For more information on how to register please call 510-799-8219.

AARP Tax Service

Due to COVID-19, tax preparations will not be done in-person this year. AARP will prepare taxes remotely and are now accepting appointments. To schedule your appointment please send your request to S73050713@aarpfoundation.org.

Activity Packet #27

On Tuesday, March 2, Kristina Griffith handed out the 27th Activity Packet to the members of the Senior Center when they came to pick up food during the CC Café and Food Bank food distribution day. These activity packets started out as a way to connect with the Senior membership as isolation started to set in due to the pandemic. It was a way to help get the Senior membership to continue to use their minds and stay active and engaged. Activity packets include things like word searches, scrambles, sudoku, mazes, and fun holiday themed activities that can be done in the comfort of their homes.

Teens

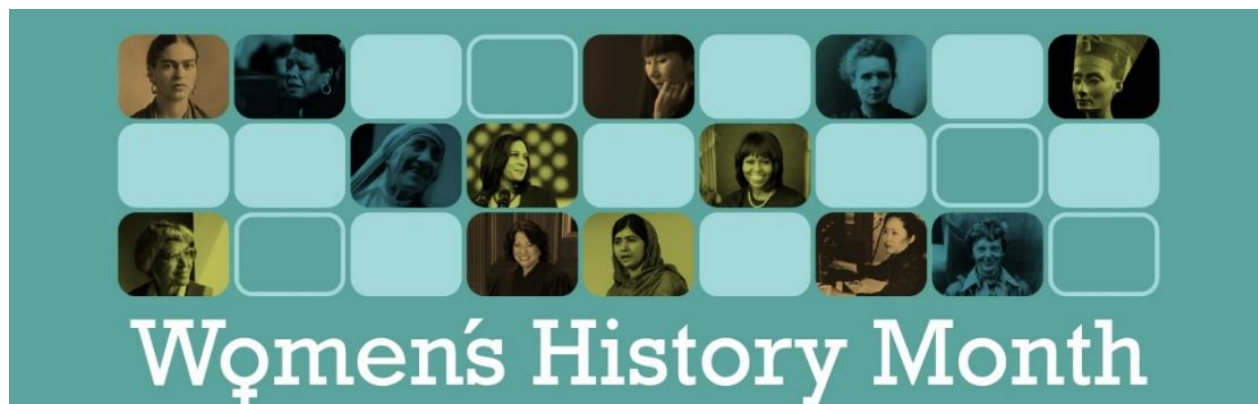
Hercules Teens Got Talent

Do you have a special talent that you're passionate about? Now's your chance to share that talent with the Bay Area through the annual Teen Talent Showcase brought to you by A Brighter Day. A Brighter Day unites stress and depression resources with teenagers. Every teen participant receives a backpack filled with articles and resources on stress and depression for teens and how to cope with it. A Brighter Day is a 501c3 charity that hosts a Talent Showcase in the Bay Area. The event is **FREE** to audition, and has 3 cash prizes. 1st place is \$1,000 prize. To participate, submit a video on their website at A Brighter Day. All entries must be received by Wednesday, March 10.

HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://ccclib.org>

Celebrate Women's History Month with the Library!



March is Women's History Month and we're proudly celebrating the incredible women who have made contributions to history, culture and society with fun booklists and [virtual programs](#).



Author talk: Marilyn Chase, author of *Everything She Touched: The Life of Ruth Asawa*.

Wed. March 10th, 2-3:00pm

[Register here.](#)

Chase draws on Asawa's extensive archives and weaves together many voices—family, friends, teachers, and critics—to offer a complex and fascinating portrait of the artist. Works of this major 20th century American sculptor are featured prominently at several sites in San Francisco.

Teen Author Talk



Teen Author Talk with Veronica Rossi
Wed. March 10th, 3-4pm

[Register here.](#)

Are you a booklover? A fan of fantasy? Do you seek books with strong (but flawed) characters, fast-paced adventure, and pulse-pounding danger and romance? Have you ever thought about becoming a writer?

Join Veronica Rossi as she shares her journey to becoming a best-selling teen author, gives her top writing tips, and discusses her newest teen historical fiction novel, *Rebel Spy*.

Author Talk



Author talk: Karen Kondazian Discusses ‘The Whip: A Novel’ in Celebration of Women’s History Month.

Wed. March 17th 6:30-7:30pm

[Register here.](#)

Author and actress Karen Kondazian discusses her novel *The Whip*, a fictionalized account of Charley Parkhurst, the gold rush legend with a hidden identity.

Suggested Reads.

(lists include links for books in our library – reserve a title or three today!):

- [Included in the Sequel: Women’s History Month](#)
- [Picture Books for Early Elementary: Women’s Suffrage](#)
- [Historically Awesome Women](#)
- [Famous Mothers](#)
- [Celebrating Black Women](#)
- [Celebrating Women’s Suffrage](#)

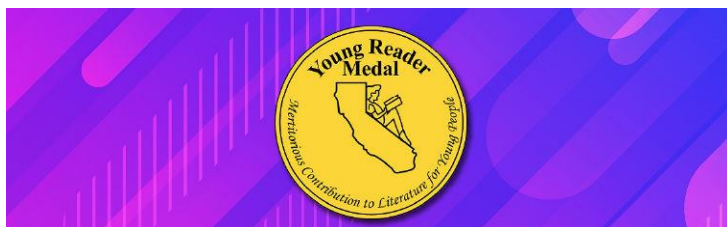
Library March Madness at the Library: Only One Book Can Win.

LIBRARY MARCH MADNESS
ONLY ONE BOOK CAN WIN, CHOOSE WISELY.

Help us fill out our children’s book bracket for the ultimate prize. Join Contra Costa County Library for a tournament of children's books! Each week books pair off in each game until only one remains. Readers can vote online; 1 book per game. Vote for your favorites in the Sweet 16 and return each week until a winner is declared on April 1. Don’t forget to stop by the Hercules Library to see our life-size bracket; we’ll update it each week with the winners.

[Find info on the books and vote for your favorites here!](#)

California Young Reader Medal Voting and Read-A-Thon



Tuesday, Mar. 23rd, 2021 3:30-4:30pm

The library needs YOU! Help vote for the winners of the California Young Reader Medal for 2020-2021. Library staff from Hercules, El Cerrito, and San Pablo will host a read-a-thon of the nominated picture books and give you an opportunity to vote for your favorite.

This event will be held virtually via Zoom. [Register here.](#)

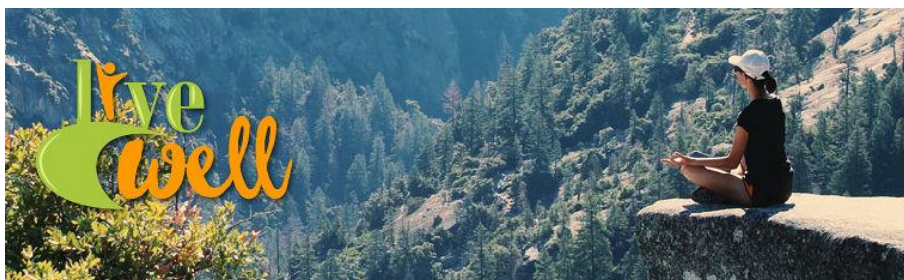
Read to a Dog on Zoom!

Certified therapy dogs, READ trained, will listen to children read via Zoom. Sessions with these special dogs are 20 minutes each. The HALO dogs provide a nurturing acceptance and a warm empathy that makes children feel safe, providing a nonjudgmental space for learning. Bring out your favorite book (or books) to share with our four-footed friends. Registration is required and can be done online or by calling the Hercules Library: (510) 245-2420. Hurry – spots fill up fast!



To register for our March 27th, 11-12:30 program, [click here](#).

Live Well in 2021: Resilient: How to Stay Strong, Calm, and Happy with Dr. Rick Hanson



Saturday, March 27th 11am-12:30pm

We need resilience every day to raise a family, work at a job, cope with stress, deal with health problems, navigate issues with others, heal from old pain, and simply keep on going. Join us for this live talk with Dr. Hanson, via Zoom, as he covers topics in his book, [Resilient](#).

Rick Hanson, PhD is a psychologist, Senior Fellow of UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center, and New York Times best-selling author. He's lectured at NASA, Google, Oxford, and Harvard, and taught in meditation centers worldwide. An expert on positive neuroplasticity, his work has been featured on the BBC, CBS, NPR, and other major media.

[Register here](#).

Free, Portable Internet with Wi-Fi Hotspots Now Available for Checkout!



Contra Costa County Library Wi-Fi hotspot kits give you portable, free wireless internet access, Wi-Fi calling, and texting as allowed by your mobile service provider. Just turn it on and you're ready to connect up to 10 devices to one hotspot. You can check out one Wi-Fi hotspot kit at a time for a three-week loan period.

Anyone who has a Contra Costa County Library card can borrow a Wi-Fi hotspot kit at no charge. You can request a hotspot by [placing a hold online](#) or contacting Library staff at (510) 245-2420.

Get in Touch!

Our [Front Door Service](#) is always available during open hours. Simply place your holds and then schedule a pickup or drop by with your library card and we'll have your items ready. In addition to our Front Door Service, you can call us (510) 245-2420, email, or chat online with library staff from 10am-5pm Monday through Friday. We continue to post content on our Instagram account: [**herculeslibrarycclib**](#) and our Facebook page.

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: On February 19, 2021 at 1:24AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 37 year old male driver was taken into custody on felony warrant. He was cite/released at the scene. **H21-222**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle Recovery/Felon in Possession of Loaded Firearm: On February 19, 2021 at 2:12AM HPD Officers were notified of an Auto License Plate Reader hit in the area of E/B I-80 and Appian Way. The vehicle, a green 2004 Mini Cooper, was located by a HPD Officer near the BART Lot as it entered EB Hwy-4. A stop was conducted and the 43 year old male driver was taken into custody. A subsequent search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a loaded handgun on the front passenger floorboard. It was determined the subject was a convicted Felon. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-223**

Found Property: On February 19, 2021 at 10:06 am, a citizen called to report that they located a wallet at The Home Depot. The wallet was taken as found property. **H21-224**

Found Property: On February 19, 2021, at 12:58 pm, an officer conducted a traffic t stop on a 2009 GMC Savana. At the conclusion of the stop the officer collected the rear license plate because it did not belong on the vehicle. **H21-225**

Auto Burglary: On February 20, 2021 at 8:58 am, and officer was checking the parking lot of The Home Depot and located a 2005 Honda with its driver window broken out. The officer contacted the owner and found the vehicle had been broken into. It was determined that a purse had been stolen out of the vehicle. **H21-227**

Out of State Warrant Arrest / False ID to an Officer / Attempt to Escape Custody: On February 20, 2021 at 9:09 am, an officer conducted a traffic stop, on a Silver Nissan Altima, for a vehicle code violation. The driver verbally identified himself but had no identification. Since the officer was not able to verify the subject's identity; the officer employed the Mobile Fingerprint Scanner. The officer got an FBI hit indicating the subject was not who he said he was. The subject was 28 year old male, out of San Pablo. The officer verified the subject's identity with a DMV Photo. The subject had two extraditable warrants out of Texas for assault with a deadly weapon

and other assault charges. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. While he was waiting in the Sally Port, the door opened to allow another agency in. The subject attempted to run out of the Sally Port, still in handcuffs. The subject was apprehended prior to exiting the Sally Port. **H21-228**

Warrant Arrest: On February 21, 2021 at 1:29 a.m. An Officer checked on an occupied suspicious Silver '00 Honda Accord parked to the rear of Willow Food & Liquor, 844 Willow Ave. The 31 year old female passenger, of San Jose, had an outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrant out of Santa Clara County S.O. The subject was arrested, cited, and released on the Warrant. **(Case H21-229)**

Evading: On February 21, 2021, at approximately 3:42 pm, an Officer attempted to stop a blue dirt bike turning from Willow Avenue south up Canterbury. The dirt bike drove at a high rate of speed up Canterbury towards Foxboro Park. The dirt bike drove through the park, which was full of people and parties, and drove back and forth on the lawn area. The Officer did not pursue into the park, and just waited at Canterbury near Dartford. The dirt bike finally drove through the park, and onto Canterbury towards Willow. The Officer lost site of the dirt bike as it was driving north down Canterbury. Another Officer observed the dirt bike drive across Willow without stopping at the intersection and up Viewpoint. The second Officer lost visual of the dirt bike driving north up Viewpoint at a high rate of speed near Reef Point. **(H21-231)**

Warrant Arrest: On February 21, 2021 at 8:59 p.m. An Officer did a pedestrian stop on a subject, drinking Beer, to the rear of Willow Food & Liquor, 844 Willow Ave. The 33 year old male subject, of Oregon, had two cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrants out of San Luis Obispo County. The subject was arrested, cited, and released. **(Case H21-232)**

Auto Burglary: On February 22, 2021, at approximately 9:44 am, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Paradise Drive for the report of an auto burglary. Sometime between February 19, at approximately 4:00 pm, and today at the time of call an unknown suspect entered a locked 2003, Chevrolet Astro Van. The van was parked in the guest parking along the east fence line closest to San Pablo Avenue in the apartment complex. The suspect(s) stole some electronic devices used for computer testing. **(H21-233)**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On February 22, 2021, at approximately 12:21 pm, an Officer checked an unoccupied gray, 1991, Honda Accord, parked facing south on San Pablo Avenue just south of John Muir Parkway, blocking the number 2 lane of traffic. The Vehicle was not in the area minutes prior. The Honda was reported stolen out of San Pablo on February 21, 2021. An Officer remembered seeing a male loitering around Shell Gas Station and went back to contact him. The Officer contacted a 30 year old male in front of Jack in the Box, just blocks away, and determined he was on probation for vehicle theft. An Officer located a bracelet from the Martinez Detention Facility, with the subject's name, and photo on it in the stolen Honda. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **(H21-236)**

Court Order Violation: On February 22, 2021, at approximately 1:26 pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail for a court order violation. The reporting party has a Restraining Order against another Hercules Resident. That person violated the court order by sending court documents, to the reporting party, in the mail. **(H21-237)**

Found Property: On February 22, 2021, at approximately 3:47 pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail for found property. A resident was walking along the walking trail, near the swim Center on Refugio Valley Road, at approximately 10:00 am today and located a large amount of torn up US Currency in the bushes. Some of the bills were useable and most were not. The money was booked at HPD. (H21-238)

Package Theft: On February 22, 2021, at approximately 4:25 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 1900 block of John Muir Parkway for a report of a package theft. At approximately 12:54 pm, an unknown race, tall and thin, male; wearing a gray sweat-shirt, with a number on the back, blue jeans, a dark beanie, and dark colored face mask; walked up to the porch of a residence and took a package containing clothes. The suspect rode away on a dark colored bicycle towards Bayfront. (H21-239)

Assault with a Deadly Weapon: On February 22, 2021 at 8:39 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Lotus Ct. for a disturbance. The 48 year old male reporting party, of Hercules, stated he heard screaming to the rear of his home and saw a couple having a fight in a 4-door sedan. The reporting party said the male jumped out of the vehicle and swung at the reporting party. The male reportedly said he would come back with a weapon. The vehicle was last seen driving away on Lupine Rd. Officers checked the area but did not find the vehicle. At 9:04 p.m. a male to the HPD for a lobby detail regarding a battery that occurred on Lupine Rd. The 25 year old male victim stated he was looking for his lost dog and a man shined a light and yelled at him. An Officer contacted the victim, of El Cerrito, and his 21 year old female friend, of Pittsburg. The victim showed the Officer his right bicep/elbow area, where he claimed the suspect hit with a metal baseball bat. There was some minor discoloration. The victim said he was out looking for his lost dog when he was confronted by an older male (determined to be the original reporting party). The victim said the suspect swung a baseball bat at him striking him on his right arm. The victim declined medical treatment. He stated he wanted to press charges against the suspect. The female was a witness and said the suspect hit the victim with a baseball bat. Officers contacted the original caller and he denied striking the victim with his baseball bat. A case was taken. (Case H21-240)

Warrant Arrest: On February 23, 2021 at 1:53 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Silver '02 Honda Accord at Shell gas, 3900 San Pablo Ave. The 51 year old male driver. of Fairfield, was on CDC Parole and had an outstanding Felony No Bail parole violation warrant issued on April 17, 2020. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. (Case H21-241)

Possession of Loaded Firearm in Vehicle: On February 23, 2021, at approximately 12:27 pm, an Officer stopped a 2013 Dodge Charger, on the Hercules offramp from Westbound Highway 80, for speeding. The Officer contacted the 25 year old male driver and determined there was a firearm in the vehicle. The officer found a loaded pistol in the glove box of the vehicle. The Firearm was registered to the subject. The firearm was booked as evidence. The subject was arrested for Possessing a Loaded Firearm Concealed in a Vehicle. He was issued a citation and released. (H21-242)

Passing Counterfeit US Currency: On February 23, 2021, at approximately 12:48 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to Taco Bell for a fraud in progress. An adult male, wearing a grey sweater, was attempting to use a fraudulent 20 dollar bill to pay for his food. The male left the

area in a blue 2003 Toyota, leaving behind the counterfeit bill. **(H21-243)**

Warrant Arrest: On February 23, 2021 at 10:35 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a White '04 Infiniti FX45 (No Plates) on the W/B I-80 on-ramp from John Muir Parkway. The 32 year old female driver was found to have an outstanding cite releasable Felony Warrant, out of Los Gatos P.D., issued on December 21, 2020. The subject was arrested, cited, and released. **(Case H21-244)**

Catalytic Converter Theft: On February 24, 2021 at 9:11 am, an officer was dispatched to the 300 block of N Wildwood for the report of a Catalytic Converter theft. The officer contacted the victim who stated his 2005 Honda Accord was parked on Village Parkway and his Catalytic Converter was stolen sometime between 9 pm on Tuesday night and the time of call today. **H21-245**

Violation of Emergency Protective Order: On February 24, 2021 at 10:25 am, an officer was dispatched to Home Depot, 1625 Sycamore Ave, for the report of a Restraining Order Violation. The reporting party is a Home Depot Employee. She stated she has an Emergency Protective Order, against her husband, dated February 16, 2021. The 54 year old male came to The Home Depot and got within 75 feet of her, and started yelling at her, in violation of the court order. The husband was gone prior to officer's arrival. At approximately 12:55 pm, officers were again dispatched to Home Depot because the subject had returned. Officers located the subject near the contractor's entrance. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-246**

Warrant Arrest: On February 24, 2021 at 9:08PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 24 year old male driver, was taken into custody on a warrant held by Marin County. He was cite/released from the scene with a new court date. **H21-249**

Warrant Arrest: On February 25, 2021 at 2:14AM a HPD Officer contacted a 57 year old male. He was taken into custody on three warrants. He was cite/released with a new court date. **H21-251**

Death: On February 25, 2021 at 9:58PM HPD Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Apollo Dr for an 86 year old female who was not breathing. RHFD and AMR arrived on scene and pronounced the subject deceased. The coroner was contacted and released the body to the family. **H21-252**

Occupied stolen vehicle recovery and Parole Violation: On February 25, 2021 at 10:19PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a white Cadillac Escalade, with no plate. The vehicle was determined to be an outstanding stolen vehicle out of Oakland. The 26 year old male driver, of Oakland, was detained. The subject was found to be on parole. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-253**

MSIN: On February 26, 2021 at 11:16 am, officers were dispatched to the 76 Gas Station at 828 Willow Ave. for an unwanted subject. Officers contacted a 57 year old male, who was living to the rear of the dumpster area. Property Management stated they no longer wanted him there and he was served with a no trespassing order and told to leave. Case taken for MSIN and service of the no trespassing order. **H21-255**

Warrant Arrest: On February 26, 2021 at 8:26PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 54 year old male driver was taken into custody on a non-citable warrant out San Francisco. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-256**

Driving Under the Influence: On February 27, 2021 at 12:11AM HPD Officers were dispatched to a possible DUI driver in the area of Shorebird Dr. Officers arrived and contacted, a 37 year old male driver, who displayed the objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication. He was given the Standard Field Sobriety Test and was taken into custody. He was cite/released to a responsible party. **H21-257**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On February 27, 2021 at 3:03AM a HPD Officer located an unoccupied stolen vehicle in the Home Depot parking lot. The gray 2021 Mazda CX9 was reported stolen to Mountain View PD on February 23, 2021. **H21-258**

Vandalism: On February 27, 2021 at 2:16 pm, officers were dispatched to Lucky at 1590 Sycamore Ave. Officers contacted a 72 year old male. He stated he was in the number 2 lane of traffic on Sycamore Ave and Willow Ave. The driver, and a 67 year old Bicyclist, were stopped at the red light. When the light turned green both subjects began moving forward. The Bicyclist believed the vehicle driver got too close to him, so Bicyclist punched the hood of the vehicle. The Bicyclist refused to exchange information, with the driver, for the damage that he caused to driver's hood. The driver wished to press charges for vandalism and signed a Citizen's Arrest form. The Bicyclist was arrested, cited, and released. **H21-259**

Warrant Arrest: On February 27, 2021 at 3:12 pm, officers were dispatched to the area of Waverly Circle and Laurelwood Dr. for a subject who was looking into vehicles. Officers located 39 year old male. The subject was found to have an outstanding Felony warrant and was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H20-1186**

Evading: On February 27, 2021 at 8:12PM a HPD Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a black 2014 Ford Mustang The vehicle failed to a yield and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle was last seen in the area of Appian Way and Fitzgerald Dr. **H21-260**

Outside Assist: On February 27, 2021 at 8:43PM HPD Officers were notified of a License Plate Reader hit on a black 2019 Dodge Charger wanted in connection with a bank robbery. An Officer located the vehicle, and a stop was conducted. Two subjects, 22 and 23 year old males, were detained. Antioch PD requested we release both subjects, pending further investigation, and tow the vehicle for evidence. **H21-261**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle Recovery: On February 28, 2021 at 12:06AM a HPD Officer located an occupied stolen 2003 Chevy Tahoe in the 800 block of Willow Ave. A stop was conducted and 49 year old female was taken into custody. She was released, pending further investigation, and the vehicle was towed. **H21-263**

Hit & Run: On February 28, 2021 at 3:53 PM, a resident reported a hit & run collision of two parked cars. The incident occurred on Hercules Ave near Fawcett between 1130 PM - 5 AM on February 28, 1921. The unknown suspect hit the caller's brown 2003 Chevy Van and another resident's white 2007 Hyundai SUV. **(H21-265)**

Found Phone: On February 28, 2021 at 6:35 PM, a case was taken for a found cell phone at 76 gas station – owner unknown. (H21-266)

Court Order Violation: On March 1, 2021 at 9:55 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to take a phone report for a court order violation. The victim has a Civil Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing against the suspect. The suspect posted a false statement, about the victim, on a webpage. The post violated the Order After Hearing and the victim desired prosecution. (Case H21-274)

Grand Theft: On March 2, 2021 at 5:36 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Windsor to take a report for a theft of a laptop computer from an unlocked vehicle. The Hercules resident stated an unknown suspect stole his black shoulder bag, that contained a laptop computer, sometime between 10:00 p.m. last night and 5:30 a.m. this morning. The shoulder bag, and laptop computer, were stolen from the victim's White '12 Honda Civic that was parked in his carport. The victim came outside at 5:30 a.m. and saw an unknown race male, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, walking away from his Civic. The male was holding a shoulder bag that looked like his stolen shoulder bag. The subject was last seen, getting into a newer Silver Toyota Camry. (Case H21-275)

Shoplifting/Warrant Arrest: On March 2, 2021, at approximately 9:00 am, HPD officers were dispatched to Rite Aid for a possible theft which just occurred. The suspect was described as a female adult, wearing grey sweats, and carrying a black bag. An Officer located a female, matching the suspect description, walking up the trail leading from Sycamore to Forest Run. The 24 year old female, out of Vallejo, had an outstanding felony warrant out of Solano County. The subject was arrested for the warrant. A black bag, containing merchandise stolen from Rite Aid, was located in the bushes where the subject was seen walking. The store manager identified subject as the person who stole the merchandise. The manager signed a complainant's arrest form. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. (H21-277)

Catalytic Converter Theft: On March 2, 2021, at approximately 6:34 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Promenade for a theft of a catalytic converter, from a 2005 Honda Accord, which just occurred. The suspects were two male adults; tall and thin; wearing all black clothing; and they left in a newer model Forest green Honda Civic. An area check was done, and the suspect vehicle was not located. (H21-278)

Warrant Arrest: On March 2, 2021 at 9:08 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to Tarn Ct. for a disturbance. The reporting party stated there were people inside her house yelling at her. When the Officers arrived, the other parties had left. The 25 year old reporting party had an outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrant out of Kern County S.O., issued on January 4, 2021. (Case H21-281)

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)/Suspended Driver's License/Driver required to have IID/Warrant Arrest/Towed Vehicle: On March 3, 2021 at 1:07 a.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Black '04 Chevy Monte Carlo on E/B SR-4 just past I-80 for vehicle code violations. The 43 year old male driver, of Rodeo, was driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license. It was determined the subject was required to have an ignition interlock device (IID) installed on his vehicle. The subject also had an outstanding Felony Warrant, for DUI, out of San Francisco County

S.O. The Monte Carlo did not have an IID installed (a violation of 23247 (e) VC). The subject displayed objective signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication but denied drinking. The subject refused all tests. The subject was arrested. A DUI blood draw search warrant was obtained and his blood was obtained. The subject was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility, on the warrant. **(Case 283)** He was cited out on the DUI. **(Case H21-282)**

Solo Non-Injury Vehicle Collision: On March 3, 2021 at 8:35 am, officers were dispatched to San Pablo Ave, between John Muir Parkway and Linus Pauling Dr, for an overturned vehicle. Officers located a 2000 Chevy Express Van, in the center median, on its side. The 34 year old male driver, of El Sobrante, was uninjured. He said he fell asleep, crashed the van, and took out two City trees. A case was taken for non-injury accident with damage to city property. **H21-284**

Lost Property: On March 3, 2021 at 8:46 am, an officer was dispatched to Wells Fargo at 1572 Sycamore Ave. for a lost wallet. The reporting party stated he left his wallet at the ATM last night and this morning, when he returned, it was gone. **H21-285**

Violation of Child Custody Order: On March 3, 2021 at 5:08 pm, officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Chelsea for a violation of a child custody exchange. Officers contacted the mother who refused to give her child over to the child’s father, in violation of child custody order. The father decided to leave, as to not upset the child. A case will be sent to the DA for review. **H21-286**

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 02/18/21-03/03/21

CALLS FOR SERVICE	832
REPORTS	67
TRAFFIC CITES	43
PARKING CITES	56
ADULT ARRESTS	27
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	0
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	11
PART 1 TOTAL	204

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community and Library Services Commission

Date:03/08/2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

City Council Meeting

Date:03/09/2021 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

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Planning Commission Meeting

Date:03/15/2021 7:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

Finance Commission

Date:03/17/2021 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

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First Annual Hercules Policing Town Hall

Date:03/18/2021 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

As part of our continuing efforts to engage with the community on policing best practices and information sharing, you are most welcome to join us for the first of an annual Hercules Town Hall on Policing. The Hercules City Council requested in July of 2020 that the City and our Police Department hold an annual Town Hall to provide updates to the community on policing and for us to hear from our residents.

As part of the Town Hall, information will be shared regarding changes to police policy and other data points regarding policing as part of a look back at 2020, plus we will share information on new initiatives as we move into 2021. It will also be an opportunity for Town Hall participants to share their comments, concerns, and suggestions.

Featuring Police Chief William Imboden and City Manager David Biggs, and moderated by Hercules resident Judge Patricia Miles, the Policing Town Hall will be conducted via the Zoom meeting platform and you can join by using the following information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84347519319?pwd=a2RZcUhDT3pXWC94TkZqYkVlbml0dz09>

Passcode: 068624