

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
April 15, 2021

Steve Falk, Interim City Manager



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Safeway Shopping Center *Now Open!***

Safeway Shopping Center is now open! We encourage all to visit the new Safeway Grocery Store, Chase Bank, and Peets Coffee located at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Sycamore Avenue. You can find the Safeway Hercules Press Release attached as the last pages in this edition of this newsletter.



City Officials and Safeway Representatives celebrate grand opening.



### **Senior Center Services - AARP Tax Service**

Quick reminder, due to COVID-19, tax preparations will not be done in-person this year. The Hercules Senior Center is however, a designated “scan” site. Which means volunteers are on hand every Thursday to help scan documents for those who need help with their tax preparations. In addition, the AARP tax preparers will help get your taxes done remotely via appointments only. To schedule your appointment, call (510) 319-9559.

### **Blood Drive**

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Hercules Senior Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, May 25, from 1-6pm. To schedule your appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767).

### **Contra Costa County COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**

All people ages 16 and older who live or work in Contra Costa County now are eligible to get vaccinated. For more information, please visit the Contra Costa Health Services site at <https://cchealth.org/>.

### **Welcome Message from Interim City Manager Steven Falk**

Dear Hercules Residents:

My name is Steve Falk, and I am honored to spend the next several months with you as Hercules’ Interim City Manager while the City Council works through the process of finding a replacement for David Biggs. I have known David for a very long time and was pleased to hear such great words from him about Hercules. He tells me that this is a wonderful community with a dedicated staff that truly wants to make a positive difference. Perfect! A little bit about me: I have spent my entire career working for California cities, most of it (22 years) as the City Manager of Lafayette (which, at 25,000 people, is a lot like Hercules). I am married with two grown children and an ancient Labrador Retriever, and I like to spend my spare time walking trails in the nearby hills. In terms of management style, I try to be open, honest, and direct in every interaction. I am relentlessly optimistic, sometimes to the point of being annoying. I put a lot of faith and trust in the staff, and generally believe that the best thing I can do as city manager is to support the professional staff in every way I can, and then get out of their way and let them do their important work.

I am happy to be here and will do my best to be available to all. The best time to reach me is Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9am to 2pm. Feel free to contact me via [Sfalk@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto:Sfalk@ci.hercules.ca.us) or 510-799-8216.



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## **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 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The Finance Commission 2021 regular meetings will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>; March 17<sup>th</sup>; May 19<sup>th</sup>; July 21<sup>st</sup>; September 15<sup>th</sup>; and November 17<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 (Community Development Specialist) at 510-799-8244 or via email ([smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us](mailto: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**

	<b>Mar. 29, thru Apr. 9, 2021</b>	<b>FY 2020/21 YTD</b>
Number of the permits issued:	35	724
Total Fees Collected:	16,788.81	\$3,603,211.69
Number of Inspections:	32	521
New Housing:		1

### **Planning Division**

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-14, a request by Phayyah Phommala to operate a restaurant and install an exterior sign as “Thai Lao Restaurant” at 1581 Sycamore Avenue, Suite 2. ***(Final appeal date: Thursday, April 16, 2021)***

### **Planning Commission**

The **next regular meeting of the Planning Commission on April 19 will be canceled** as there are no agenda items.

**At its regular meeting on May 3, the Planning Commission is anticipated to hold two public hearings:**

- **Review and recommendation to City Council regarding (a) the Update to the Safety Element of the General Plan, including an Initial Study and Negative Declaration, and (b) the City of Hercules Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

- **An appeal of Administrative Use Permit #21-12, a request from Derrick Easterling, doing business as “SOTG Lifestyle,” to operate a home-based business providing individual and small group personal fitness training at 105 Hera Road #6.** Cheri Cole of Willis Management Group filed the appeal on behalf of the Olympian Hills Homeowners Association. The resident proposes using approximately 400 square feet of an existing two-car garage to provide 1-hour training sessions to up to three (3) clients at a time, an average of four hours per day, 20 hours per week. No outdoor operations or storage of materials and equipment would be permitted. The property is in a Residential Multi-Family Low-Density (RM-L) district, whereby home-based businesses are allowed with approval of an administrative use permit.

## **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, painted curbs red, and continue to trouble shoot the pumps in the Victoria Lift Station. The contract landscapers continue to add mulch to median islands, graffiti was removed by staff in Hanna Ranch restrooms, and 2 damaged picnic tables in Refugio Park were replaced. Staff is also building cabinets in the Lupine Child Care Facility. Engie continues to advance the Energy Generation and Conservation Project. They are currently working on the HVAC upgrades and finishing the solar arrays.

### **Engineering**

Construction continues on the new 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 including their private stormwater facility and the abandonment of Linus Pauling. 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 and are under review. 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/Summer.

### **Permits**

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

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

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 1

Encroachment Permits Issued: 5

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Activity Guide**

#### **Summer 2021 Activity Guide**

Our 2021 Summer “E” Activity Guide (electronic only) is here. Staff completed spring and summer program offerings and we are excited to get these out to the public. The electronic guide has been posted to the City’s website, and has been shared in e-Blasts, as well as other marketing avenues.



The 2021 Summer Activity E-Guide offers a wide variety of virtual, in-person, and traditional camps and programs. All programs will be following current health orders to ensure a safe environment for all participants. We are looking forward to getting back to some normal programming, and we are confident that campers will have a great summer with their friends.

### **Aquatics**

#### **Competitive Swim Camp**

The Competitive Swim Camp program is a 4-week camp that operates in a stable bubble. This camp features a few different options mixing 3 days in the water and 2 days dry land. The current session has all pods working in this capacity.

#### **High School Swim Team**

The Hercules High School Swim team has been back in the water for a few weeks. The coaches and the swimmers are excited to be back in the water even with a shorter than normal season. Swimmers and coaches have been working with the City staff to make sure that all of the safety

guidelines are followed according to standard set by both WCCUSD as well as the County's Health Officer.

### **Employment Opportunities**

#### **Now Hiring!**

The Hercules Swim Center is hiring lifeguards for the 2021 summer season. If you or someone you know is looking for a great summer job, send them our way. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules>



### **Fee Classes**

#### **Bay Area Driving School**

Bay Area Driving School has a new Virtual Driver's Education program that features a live instructor! In this class, students will experience a series of Driver's Education lectures that include 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 completes the course, they will receive a certificate of completion.

### **Parks**

#### **Picnic Rental Reservations**

We have several outstanding picnic opportunities available. With the arrival of Spring, it's time to get outside. We have several parks that offer tables covered or uncovered, BBQ's, playgrounds, open fields, and sports amenities throughout the City. All reservations will follow the current Contra Costa County health order guidelines. To book your picnic rental contact our main office at (510) 799-8291.

### **Preschool**

#### **Fall Preschool 2021-2022**

We recently held our opening day for Preschool Registration for the 2021-22 school year. If you happened to miss the event, there is still time to register your littles for our programs. Applications can be dropped-off at the Community Swim Center in our 24-hour mail-slot located in front of the building. Or if you need a packet, please contact us at (510) 799-8291. Once your child's packet is received, we will send all enrollment information. Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please keep in mind that space is limited so get your registration in today. *\*Enrollment numbers are based on the current Contra Costa Health Service orders for a classroom ratio bubble.*

Morning and afternoon classes are available to accommodate all safety protocols including face masks, hand washing, small groups, and facility cleaning. We must have minimum enrollment of



10 participants for each class to run. Drop-off and pick-up times will be staggered to meet the safety guidelines and protocols.

## **Seniors**

### **CC Café**

CC Café continues to deliver 5 frozen meals, 2 chilled items, a loaf of bread and a half gallon of milk in their one-time-a-week meal program. This week included a veggie and cheese omelet with red potatoes and strawberries; and a roast beef wrap, with citrus fruit and tossed salad with dressing for their new chilled items. There were 27 for lunch on April 6, and 24 on April 13, respectively. The next meal service will be held Tuesday, April 20. CC Café continues to provide an excellent nutrition program to the senior community of Hercules. 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, April 6, 217 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, April 20.

### **Virtual Classes**

Virtual classes are a great way to stay active and/or socialize with others. We encourage you to check out our Hula, Tai Chi, or Line Dance classes. They are offered virtually every week. For more information on how to register please call 510-799-8219.

### **Activity Packets**

On Tuesday, April 13, staff distributed Activity Packet #32 to the members of the Senior Center. These activity packets are handed out to members when they pick up food at the CC Café and Food Bank food distribution day. The activity packets started out as way to stay connect with the Senior membership as isolation started to set in due to the pandemic. It was a way to help our Senior membership 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.

## **Sports**

### **National Academy of Athletics**

National Academy of Athletics (NAofA) conducted their first in-person sports program of the spring this past Monday and it was a huge success! The popular "All Sorts of Sports After School Program" is being held at the Hanna Ranch Baseball/Soccer Field every Monday and Wednesday through May 5<sup>th</sup>. This multi-sports program is a perfect place for kids to be introduced to the world of sports, teamwork, and athletics. For their first day, participants were taught different stretches and various body movements to warm up their muscles. Shortly after, they were introduced to the games of soccer and kickball. What an exciting way to kick off our first in-person sports program in over a year!



### **Traditional Summer Camp**

#### **Sparklers, Firecrackers and Dynamite Camps Oh My**

Summer camp registration began on Monday, April 12. Due to small class sizes, many of the camps/classes are already starting to fill up. Campers need to pay in full for the weeks they would like to attend. Enrollment is based on the current guidelines by Contra Costa Health Services order for safe pods/cohorts. Safety measures will include face masks, hand washing, small group sizes, temperature checks and facility cleaning. We offer three camps: Sparklers (for the Preschool ages 3–5 years), Firecrackers (for grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>) and Camp Dynamite (for grades 4-8). Application packets can be downloaded from the City’s website. Once paperwork is completed, our convenient 24-hour drop slot is available at the Community Swim Center located at 2001 Refugio Valley Road. We look forward to seeing your children this summer in one of our many camp programs available.

#### **Dynamite Adventures**

The Dynamite Adventures Camp is our current after-school program for children in K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Camp is held at Hanna Ranch Kidz Center Monday through Thursday afternoon, in a four-week block. Camp features both indoor and outdoor programming and includes things like arts and crafts, passive and active games and activities, sports and free play. Below are a few photos from our Bunny day April 1. We decorated eggs, held an egg hunt and made creative masks. At Dynamite Adventures, staff encourages campers to get messy and have fun! 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](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us).



## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

<https://ccclib.org>

**Welcome back in on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for Grab & Go Service!**



We are so excited to share that our doors will be open beginning Monday, April 26. Our Grab & Go service offers your favorite library services, safely. Don't forget to bring your mask!

### **During your visit, we will be requiring:**

- A face mask or face covering which covers both mouth and nose
- Social distancing protocols be observed

### **Available services include:**

- Browsing, checkout, & holds pickup
- Reference and account help
- Copies and printing
- Computer use (1hr/day)

### **At this time, for the safety of staff and the public, we are not able to offer:**

- Chairs and tables for studying or reading
- Study & meeting rooms
- In-person events

We will have sanitizing wipes and sanitizer available throughout the library. We are following safety protocols and guidance from the County Health Services Department, the CA Department of Public Health, and the CDC.

Visit <https://ccclib.org/libraries-reopen/> for complete details about available services, locations and safety protocols. We can't wait to see you!

## “Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale” - Daniel Barash of Firelight Shadow Theater



Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm on Zoom

[Register for this event.](#)

Part of Contra Costa County Library's "Power of Stories: 2021 Storytelling Festival." Discover the

magical world of shadow puppetry with Daniel Barash of Firelight Shadow Theater! Enjoy five fast-paced shadow puppetry versions of best-loved folktales from around the world and learn how to create shadow puppets and a shadow screen from scratch. You'll also get free online access to puppet templates and a story script to get your family started on the fun right at home.

## Fur and Feather Stand Together: an Earth Day Celebration



Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5pm via Zoom

[Register for this event.](#)

No matter fur or feather, we have to stand together to change the climate for the good! Join author David Griswold for a reading of his new book *Fur & Feather Stand Together* and stay for Earth Day activities and a Q&A. (See registration page to submit your questions!)

*Fur & Feather Stand Together* tells the tale of two unlikely friends—a puffin and a polar bear—joining together with their community to save the ice that is melting around them. But what starts as a small effort to solve this local problem grows, through stories and small acts of compassion, into a global movement of animals and humans, all standing up with and for each other.

## Volunteerism: Contra Costa Needs You

### Community Conversations

Volunteerism:  
Contra Costa Needs You



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[Register for this event.](#)

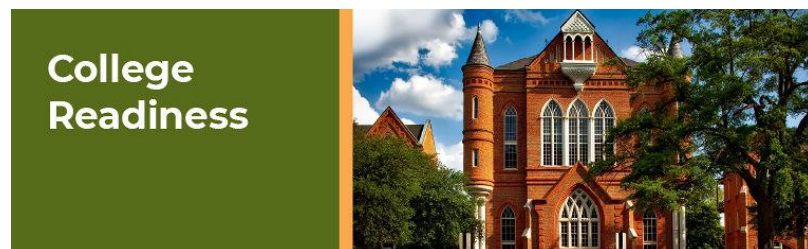
Volunteers are important assets to our Contra Costa County communities. Post-COVID, volunteers are critical

to building trust, strengthening our neighborhoods, advancing climate justice and securing an equitable social safety net for everyone. This panel discussion will highlight volunteer opportunities and organizations that connect individuals with groups seeking volunteers as we endeavor to rebuild our communities and support our neighbors.

This *Community Conversations* webinar will feature presentations from Supervisor Diane Burgis, Sandra Scherer from Monument Crisis Center, Marti Roach from 350 Bay Area, Carla Lehn from

Volunteer Match, Elaine Kociolek from Project Second Chance, and our moderator, Kristin Connelly of the East Bay Leadership Council.

### **College Readiness: Dream Colleges**

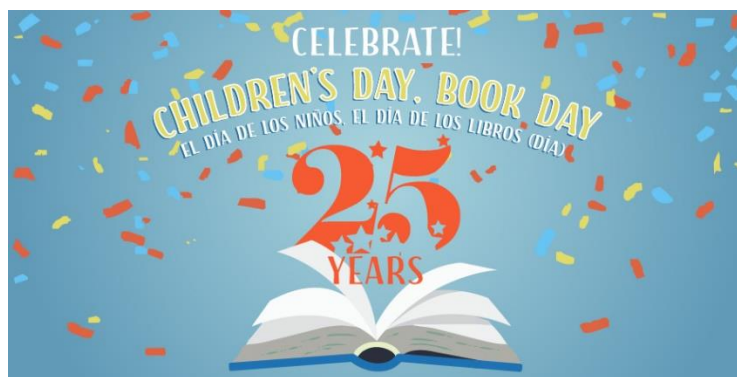


**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm via Zoom**

[Register for this event.](#)

If getting in and paying for college weren't issues, where would you want to attend? Join us to discuss how to choose dream, or reach, schools. What will be the best fit for you academically, socially, and financially? Presented by *The Princeton Review*. Multiple people using the same device only need to register for one spot.

### **Join Contra Costa County Library for a celebration of [Children's Day, Book Day!](#)**



April 30th, also known as Día (diversity in action), is a celebration of all children and their love of books, and a literacy initiative celebrated by libraries across the country. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the celebration created by award-winning author, Pat Mora, who was inspired by the Mexican celebration El día del niño (The Day of the Child). Celebrate by joining us at our online events and storytimes, access our digital resources for kids, and visit your library to pick up your books.

**Las bibliotecas del Condado de Contra Costa te invitan a nuestra primera celebración por el Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros, este 30 de abril.** Este día, también conocido en inglés como "Diversidad en acción" usando el acronimo DIA, es una celebración de todos los niños y sus queridos libros. También es una iniciativa de alfabetización infantil celebrada en bibliotecas a travez del país. Este año marca el 25 aniversario de ésta celebración creada por la galardonada autora Pat Mora, quien se inspiró en la celebración mexicana de el Día del Niño. Celebra y únete a nosotros participando en nuestros eventos y hora de cuentos en línea, y por visitando tu biblioteca local para recoger tus libros.

### **Portable Wi-Fi Hotspots 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.

### **We're Here For You!**

Our [Front Door Service](#) is available during open hours until April 26<sup>th</sup> when we reopen our doors. Simply place your holds and then schedule a pickup or drop by with your library card. You can call us (510) 245-2420, email, or chat online with library staff from 10am-5pm Monday through Friday at <http://ccclib.org>. Follow the Library on Instagram: [herculeslibraryccclib](#) and Facebook.

## **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**

**Catalytic Converter Theft:** On April 1, 2021 at 9:38 am, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Fuchsia Ct. for a Catalytic Converter Theft which had occurred overnight. The victim stated an unknown male suspect stole the Catalytic Converter off of his 2009 Toyota Prius. **H21-415**

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 1, 2021 at 8:17PM a HPD Officer contacted a 29 year old male, of Davis. He was taken into custody on a warrant held by Marin County SO. The subject was cite/released with a new court date. **H21-417**

**Outside Assist:** On April 2, 2021 at 2:16AM a HPD Officer was flagged down by a citizen who advised there was a man with a gun in the area of Parker Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> St, in Rodeo. Officers located the subject. He had an AR style rifle. While notifying the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office, the subject fired several shots into the air. HPD Officers were able to get the subject to drop the rifle. Once deputies arrived the subject was taken into custody. There were no known injuries. The Sheriff's Department took over the case. **H21-419**

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 3, 2021 at 1:37AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 38 year old male driver was taken into custody on two warrants. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-420**

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 3, 2021 at 8:03 PM an officer located a suspicious RV parked in the Bank of America parking lot at 1611 Sycamore Avenue. One of the occupants was a 54 year old male. The subject had a non-citable warrant out of Contra Costa County. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-422**

**Theft From an Unlocked Vehicle:** On April 5, 2021 at 9:45AM a HPD Officer was dispatched to the 2100 block of Drake Ln for an auto burglary. A laptop, car keys, and multiple credit/debit cards were taken from the interior of an unsecured vehicle. The unknown suspect is possibly associated with a silver Infiniti FX SUV. **H21-424**

**Catalytic Converter Theft:** On at 10:57 AM, a Hercules resident reported an unknown suspect sawed off the catalytic converter from his 2004 Honda. The incident occurred sometime over the weekend. The vehicle was parked on Forest Run near Village Pkwy. **H21-426**

**Auto Burglary:** On April 5, 2021 at 1:31 PM, a Hercules resident reported her black 2017 Kia was rummaged, by an unknown suspect, overnight in her driveway in the 1100 block of Williams. **H21-427**

**Stolen Vehicle Recovery:** On April 5, 2021 at 3:25 PM, a resident from Glasgow St. reported his stolen 2002 Cadillac CTS was returned to his residence by his adult nephew, who resides in Oakland. The subject was not on scene. **H21-428**

**Outside Assist:** On April 5, 2021 at 3:14 PM, HPD officers were dispatched to the San Pablo Avenue bridge, connecting Pinole-Hercules, for reports of a male spraying graffiti. An unmarked HPD unit was in the area and located the subject actively spraying. Officers covertly recorded the subject while he was in the act. Officers then detained the subject. Pinole PD responded and took custody of the 35 year old male suspect, of El Sobrante), due to jurisdiction. **H21-429**

**Found Property:** On April 5, 2021 at 11:23 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 800 block of Dover for a report of unopened Amazon packages left near a carport. The Officer located several unopened Amazon packages. One of the packages was addressed to the 900 block of Dover. The other packages had addresses in the Viewpoint neighborhood of Rodeo. The Officer returned the package to the address on Dover and collected the other packages for safekeeping. **(Case H21-430)**

**Stolen Vehicle:** On April 7, 2021 at 6:19 PM, an officer responded to the Glenwood complex for a stolen vehicle report. The reporting party advised their gray Mitsubishi Lancer had been stolen from the Glenwood area. The vehicle was last seen on April 5,2021. **H21-433**

**Felony Evading:** On April 8,2021 officers received a FLOCK (License Plate Reader) notification of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was a black 2006 Chevy, stolen out of Oakland. An officer located the vehicle at 3:46 PM and attempted a stop. The unknown driver accelerated towards Willow Avenue and San Pablo Avenue. A pursuit was initiated at Willow Avenue and the I-80 on ramp. The pursuit continued westbound I-80 and was terminated in the area of San Pablo Avenue/Barret. The information was given to CHP. **H21-438**

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 8,2021 at 5:35 PM an officer consensually contacted a 54 year old male, in the 1600 block of Sycamore Avenue. The subject was seated in his white 1998 Nissan

Maxima. The subject had an active felony warrant out of Alameda County. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-439**

**Occupied Stolen Vehicle Recovery:** On April 9, 2021 at 3:00AM a HPD Officer checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of Willow Ave. The silver 1997 Honda was determined to be stolen. A 21 year old female was taken into custody. She was later released, at the scene, pending further investigation. **H21-440**

**Natural Death:** On April 9, 2021 at 6:51 AM an officer responded to the 400 block of Forest Park for a deceased 73 year old male. It was determined there was no foul play and it was a natural death. CCC Coroner was contacted, and he released the body to the family. **H21-442**

**Prisoner Transport:** An adult male was picked up from Santa Rita Jail, on a felony warrant from our city. The subject was transported to Martinez Detention Facility. **H20-1621**

**Stolen Vehicle:** On April 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM an officer responded to the 1900 block of Pheasant Drive for a stolen vehicle report. The vehicle was a gray 2021 Honda Accord. The reporting party advised he last saw his vehicle on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 PM, and noticed it missing today at 9:25AM. Richmond PD had already towed the vehicle prior to this report. **H21-443**

**Natural Death:** On April 9, 2021 at 6:03 PM officers responded to the 100 block of Finch Court for a deceased 71 year old female. It was determined the cause of death was natural. The CCC Coroner was contacted, and the body was released to family. **H21-444**

**Warrant Arrest:** On April 9, 2021 at 9:22PM a HPD Officer checked on a suspicious vehicle. The 47 year old male occupant was taken into custody on a warrant. He was cite/released with a new court date. **H21-445**

**Outside Assist:** On April 9, 2021 at 10:25PM HPD Officers were notified, by Vallejo PD, regarding a pursuit that entered into our jurisdiction. The suspects fled from the car in the area of Rosti/Pavon/Williams. HPD Officers assisted in locating, and containing, the suspects. All the subjects were taken into custody by Vallejo PD. **Incident 21-5470**

**Outside Assist:** On April 10, 2021 at 2:11AM HPD Officers were notified of a white Maserati that was being pursued by CCCSO. The vehicle was wanted in connection with a Parole At Large, who was known to carry firearms. A HPD Officer located the vehicle in the 800 block of Willow Ave. The vehicle fled and was lost in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Napa. It was eventually located in Rodeo. HPD Officers assisted with a brief perimeter but the subject escaped apprehension at this time. **Incident 21-5487**

**Evading:** On April 10, 2021 at 8:36PM a HPD Officer located a stolen gold 2003 Chevy Malibu in the parking lot of Home Depot. As the suspects entered the vehicle, Officers attempted a stop. The vehicle fled from Officers and the pursuit eventually entered WB I-80 and was terminated near the county line. **H21-446**

**Prisoner Pick-Up:** On April 11, 2021, an Officer drove to Sacramento County Jail and picked up 44 year old male who was being held on a Hercules warrant. The subject was transported to



Martinez Detention Facility. **H20-1037**

**Residential Burglary:** On April 11, 2021, at approximately 12:25 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Trestle Cove for the report of theft. The Officer contacted the reporting party and learned he was on vacation. While he was gone his home, which was listed for sale, had been shown to a number of people. When the owner returned home today, he realized he was missing a locked metal case which was in the garage. **(H21-447)**

**Missing Adult:** On April 11, 2021, at approximately 4:10 pm, an Officer was dispatched to 1500 block of Swallow Way for the report of a missing 26 year old male. The subject was last seen at 4:30 am, this morning when he left the house. **(H21-448)**

**Evading:** On April 13, 2021, at approximately 7:06 am, an Officer located a 2003, gray, Honda Accord, in the parking lot of Home Depot. A short time earlier HPD Officers received a Flock (License Plate Reader) hit for a stolen vehicle, out of Vallejo, with the same license plate number. Three male adults, in their 20's, who were just getting into the vehicle. The vehicle drove out of the parking lot towards Taco Bell exit. The vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit was initiated. The Honda turned west on Sycamore Avenue towards San Pablo Avenue. The Honda turned north on San Pablo Avenue, and then entered Highway 80 west bound. The suspect vehicle reached a speed near 100MPH and the pursuit was terminated, at El Portal, due to traffic and public safety issues. **(H21-451)**

**Court Order Violation:** On April 13, 2021, at approximately 7:40 am, an Officer handled a lobby detail regarding a court order violation. A Hercules resident provided information showing a restrained party had posted comments, about the reporting party, on the restrained party's website. That is a violation of a current court order. **(H21-452)**

**Catalytic Converter Theft:** On April 13, 2021, at approximately 4:02 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Franklin Canyon Golf Course for a reported catalytic converter theft. Sometime between 9:00 am, and the time of call an unknown suspect stole the catalytic converter from a 2003 Honda Accord,. **(H21-454)**

**Criminal Threats:** On April 13, 2021, at approximately 6:29 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Forest Run for a female who just threatened a male with a firearm. The suspect had left the area. Officers contacted the 60 year old male vicittm, in front of his apartment. The victim said a former neighbor came by to pick up some mail. During their conversation, the victim apparently said something which offended the 25 year old female suspect. The female reportedly brandished a pistol, pointed it at the victim, and made threatening remarks. The suspect got into her car and left the area. **(H21-455)**

**WC SHIFT STATS**

Date: 04/01/21-04/13/21

CALLS FOR SERVICE	727
REPORTS	43
TRAFFIC CITES	17

PARKING CITES	58
ADULT ARRESTS	4
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	0
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	3
PART 1 TOTAL	125

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	0
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	2
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Planning Commission Meeting**

**Date:**04/19/2021 7:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

**City Council Meeting**

**Date:**04/27/2021 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

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## **Safeway Welcomes Customers to New Store in Hercules**

Store offers fresh offerings, convenient options and curbside pick-up



**Pleasanton, CA — April 14, 2021** — Today, Safeway opened its newest location in Hercules at 4080 San Pablo Avenue. The 65,775-square-foot store offers a variety of fresh offerings, local products, and prepared meal solutions. The new store replaces the Rodeo Safeway, which closed on April 13. Store associates have been transferred to the new Hercules store or other Safeway locations.

“We’re excited to open a new store in Hercules,” said Karl Schroeder, Safeway Division President of Northern California. “This is an ideal location being centrally located and easy to access from the freeway. We look forward to being part of the neighborhood and welcoming residents to our new store.”

### **Highlights of the new Hercules Safeway include:**

- A premium deli department with a range of freshly prepared meals and ready-to-serve options.
- A full-service butcher block featuring fresh cut meats prepared daily.
- Our signature bakery with freshly made pastries, bread, cookies, and cakes for special occasions.

- An assortment of organic, natural, and healthier-for-you choices throughout the store.
- An exclusive line of Own Brands products, including high-quality food and non-food choices.
- A dedicated pharmacy team available to manage your prescriptions, safely administer immunizations, or provide specialty care.
- In-store Starbucks, staffed with friendly baristas ready to prepare your favorite drinks.
- Drive Up & Go pick-up service allows you to place your grocery orders online, schedule a pick-up time and a Safeway associate will put the groceries directly into your car.
- Contactless payment through the Just for U® app.

This store is the anchor tenant of the Safeway Center, developed by McNellis Partners. A Safeway fuel station also opened at the site. The new store led by Store Director Karl Moore is open 5:00 a.m. to midnight and employs over 165 team members, including associates from the former Rodeo store. In honor of the grand opening, the Safeway Foundation made a \$5,000 donation to the Hercules Education Foundation. The store will offer customer giveaways throughout the week.

### **About Safeway**

Safeway has been proudly serving Northern California since 1926. Today, the company operates over 280 stores across Northern California, Nevada, and Hawaii, under three banners, including Andronico's, Safeway, and Vons. In 2020, the Safeway Northern California Division donated over \$30 million in food and financial support to charitable organizations in the communities it serves. Safeway Northern California is a division of Albertsons Companies.