

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
April 29, 2021

Steve Falk, Interim City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City Manager Recruitment Survey

ATTENTION HERCULES RESIDENTS

To ensure the recruitment for the next City Manager is a success, the City Council is seeking your feedback! Please click the link below to complete a short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3KNSXN>

The information gathered will assist the City Council in designing interview questions and assessment activities that will help determine whether candidates possess the attributes residents are seeking. This survey will be open until Monday, May 14, 2021.

Recreation Summer 2021 Activity Guide



The electronic format of the 2021 Summer Activity Guide has arrived! More information can be found in the Recreation section of this newsletter edition or by visiting our website at <https://www.ci.hercules.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/activity-guide>.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has partnered with the Hercules Senior Center to host a blood drive on Tuesday, May 25, from 1-6pm. To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767).

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 “attende” 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

	Apr 12, thru Apr. 23, 2021	FY 2020/21 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	40	764
Total Fees Collected:	\$29,197.05	\$3,632,408.74
Number of Inspections:	24	545
New Housing:		1

Planning Division

- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #21-16, a request by Nino Manivong of Newlift Construction on behalf of Kelly Benigni (homeowner) to construct a one-story, 132-square-foot addition at 139 Lapis Court. ***(Final appeal date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021)***
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-18, a request by Christine Aquino (doing business as “MaryJane Clothing”) to operate a home-based business at 121 Armstrong Street selling clothing and accessories online. ***(Final appeal date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021)***

Planning Commission

At its regular meeting on May 3, the Planning Commission will 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 including a large one near Claeys ranch that included a dryer, sofa, and table. Staff repaired streetlights throughout town, removed litter on roadways, and cleaned up a large oil spill on Pheasant. They oversaw the removal of a tree limb that was leaning in Refugio Park and filled numerous potholes throughout town. Engie continues to advance the Energy Generation and Conservation Project. They are currently working on the HVAC upgrades and finishing the solar arrays.

Engineering

The public improvements are underway for the Bayfront Development Blocks Q&R including sidewalks, loop road 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 the constructability review is underway. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing utilizing \$1.2M in grant funding while the design on the Turquoise

Rehabilitation Project is nearing completion. Plan check for a parcel map and grading permit is underway on the Hilltown development. Grading is scheduled to begin this Spring/Summer. The Civic Drive/Sycamore Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement Project is underway. At this time the contractor is waiting for materials that are on order.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 8
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$1,064
- Number of Certifications issued: 8
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 6

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 7

PARKS AND RECREATION

Activity Guide

Summer 2021 Activity Guide

The 2021 Summer Activity Guide has arrived. We are excited to be able to offer a wide variety of programs to the community in both virtual and in-person offerings. Click [here](#) for activity guide.

The 2021 Summer Activities Guide is in an electronic format only. All programs will be following the most current health orders to ensure safety 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.

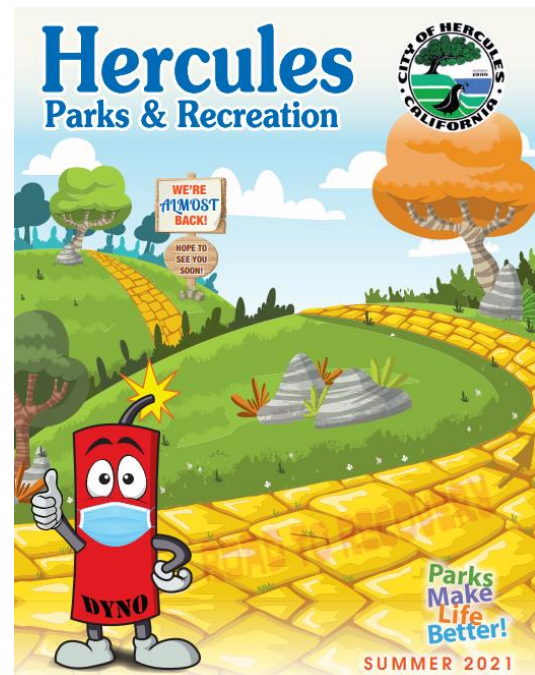
Registrations

Staff officially opened summer registrations to the public on Monday, April 12, and the phones have been ringing non-stop ever since. This coming on the heels of the Preschool Registration that took place on March 30.

Aquatics

High School Swim Team

The Hercules High School Swim team held their first dual swim meet since prior to the pandemic. The Hercules Titans took on the Salesian College Preparatory Pride. We are happy to report that the Titans were victorious. Special thanks go out to the coaches, the swimmers and City staff for working together to follow the safety guidelines set by WCCUSD and the County to ensure all



safety guidelines were met to allow for the swim meets to return. We look forward to seeing more swim meets in the near future.



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.

Piranhas Swim Team

The Hercules Piranhas Swim Team is scheduled to begin practice on May 3. The team will begin with a 4-week swim camp to help get the participants ready for the season. The season will begin on May 28. This summer youth swim team is available for children 5 to 18 years old. All swimmers must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted prior to joining the team and will be assigned a practice time based on their swimming ability. The swim team will adhere to County best practices. In addition, all swimmers go through a screening and temperature check prior to entering the facility. For more information on joining the Piranhas Swim Team, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

Employment Opportunities

Now Hiring!

The Hercules Swim Center is hiring part time staff for several programs this summer including camps, lifeguards, swim instructors and more 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 is offering a brand-new program called “Virtual Driver’s Education”. This program features a live instructor and 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. Bay Area Driving School will also continue to offer their traditional online driver’s education program. This program is the first required step that must be completed for a license. A licensed instructor is available to answer any questions.

Parks

Basketball Hoops Back Up

As of April 7, Contra Costa County officially moved to the less restrictive Orange Tier which allowed the much-anticipated return of basketball to city parks. This was a welcome site for the community and basketball enthusiasts throughout the city.



Woodfield Backstop project complete

The Woodfield Park backstop was identified as a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project item. The backstop had several broken boards and the dirt/rock behind the backstop (which also acted as a retaining wall) was compromised. Staff is happy to report, that as of April 1, the backstop has been repaired and ready for the start of baseball season to begin. See photo below.



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 are currently accepting registrations for the 2021-22 Preschool program. If you happened to miss the public registration day event, don't worry there is still time to register your little ones. Applications can be dropped-off at the Community Swim Center in our 24-hour mail-slot located in front of the building. Once your child's packet is received, we will send all enrollment information. Due to the current Health Orders, space is limited so get your registration in today. We currently have both morning and afternoon classes available. All safety protocols including face masks, hand washing, small groups, and facility cleaning will be enforced. We must have minimum enrollment of 10 participants for each class to run. Drop-off and pick-up times are likely to be staggered.

Seniors

AARP Tax Service

The Hercules Senior Center was a designated “scan” site to help with tax preparations for Seniors and other members of the community. Volunteers are on hand every Thursday to help scan documents for those who need help with their tax preparations. 45 community members utilized the service during the 4 weeks the scan site was open.

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 chilled Item included a Chicken Caesar wrap, spinach salad with dressing, and carrot raisin salad. Also, included as one of the frozen meals was a salmon patty with dill sauce over rice, brussels sprouts and 4-bean medley. There were 24 for lunch on April 20, and 21 for lunch on April 27. The next meal service will be held Tuesday, May 4. 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 20, 196 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, May 4.

Virtual Classes

Seniors are using virtual classes as 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. These virtual classes are offered every week. For more information on how to register please call 510-799-8219.

Activity Packets

On Tuesday, April 27, staff distributed a variety of the older Activity Packets 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.

Vaccinations in CCC

As of 4/25, Contra Costa County had administered over 1 million vaccines. At the time, the actual number was 1,022,699. How that correlates to those serving seniors can be seen in the table below.

As of 4/25	Vax'd	Not	Total	%
Ages 75+	71,238	2,547	73,785	97%
65-74	97,225	7,620	104,845	93%
60-64	56,976	13,876	70,852	80%
TOTAL 60+	225,439	24,043	249,482	90%

Due to the continued amazing work of Contra Costa Health Services and many partners, at least 90% of people 60+ in Contra Costa have been at least partially vaccinated.

Sports

National Academy of Athletics

National Academy of Athletics (NAofA) kicked it into high gear with their popular “All Sorts of Sports After School Program” that consists of participants between the ages of 4-8. This in-person multi-sports program is a great introduction to traditional sports and popular playground games. Participants are having a blast developing motor skills and playing games such as soccer, kick ball, freeze tag, relay races, banana tag, agility ladder footwork and so much more! NEW this summer, NAofA will be offering their in-person specialty sports camps. For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.herculesrec.com.



X-Fit Training

X-Fit Training is back and will be offering their popular “Lil Ninja Warrior Camp” and “Athletic Skills Camp” this summer! The “Lil Ninja Warrior Camp” is a non-competitive curriculum which allows campers to develop gross motor skills, core strength and balance. The “Athletic Skills Camp” is designed for all levels of athletes. Coaches will help campers feel more confident in the sports they play or want to play, all while enjoying a fun and challenging athletic atmosphere. If you are interested in participating in both camps, X-Fit is offering the full day camp option to double the fun! To register for these programs, please visit our website at www.herculesrec.com.

Traditional Summer Camp

Sparklers, Firecrackers and Dynamite Camps Oh My

We will be offer three camps this summer as part of our traditional summer camp program: Sparklers (Preschool ages 3–5 years), Firecrackers (K-3rd) and Camp Dynamite (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-5th 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.

Here are a few photos of our campers showing their artistic side and outdoor play. At Dynamite Adventures, staff encourages campers to get messy and to have fun! For more information about Dynamite Adventures, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291 or visit us online at www.ci.hercules.ca.us.



HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://ccclib.org>

GRAB & GO

Your favorite services, safely.

The Hercules Library is open for Grab & Go Service!

Yes, we're open and excited to see you! To checkout items to your heart's content, all you need is your Library card or photo ID. If you don't have a library card yet, stop by with photo ID and address verification to get a new one.

During your visit, we require:

- 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

Masks are required and we have sanitizing supplies 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. You can also call us at (510) 245-2420 or chat online with library staff at ccclib.org.

Kindergarten Countdown Kits at the Hercules Library!



Available for children ages 4-6, while supplies last.

For info, visit

ccclib.org/kindergarten-countdown

The Library is distributing Kindergarten Countdown Activity Kits to help your family prepare your child for school. Registration for kits begins May 3 and will be ready for pick up the week of May 10. The kits have everything you need for your child to practice early literacy skills. Live Zoom events in English and Spanish will help you to understand how to use the materials and provide helpful early learning tips. Register for a kit and sign up for a live Zoom session to unpack your kit on [May 18](#) or [May 25](#) in English or [May 22](#) in Español.

Virtual Persian Cooking Class to Celebrate Mother's Day

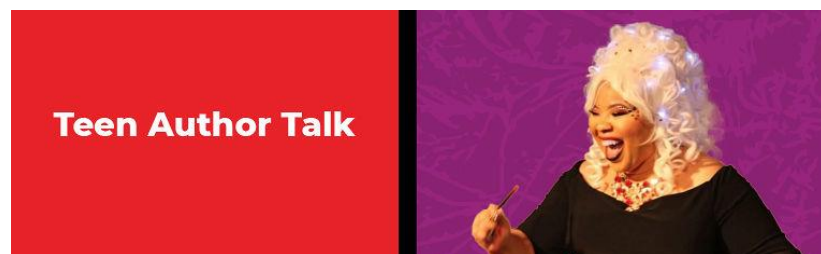


Tuesday, May 4th from 6-7:30pm via Zoom

[Register for this event.](#)

Cook together with Azam Rasuli as she demonstrates how to prepare three traditional Persian dishes: Jewelry Rice, Stuffed Eggplant, and Tahchin. Azam is a local culinary teacher who has twenty five years' experience preparing traditional Iranian dishes. Azam's grandmothers led her to cook by their sides, showed her the value of taste, and shared what they learned from *their* grandparents. This is an online cooking class.

Teen Author Talk with L.L. McKinney



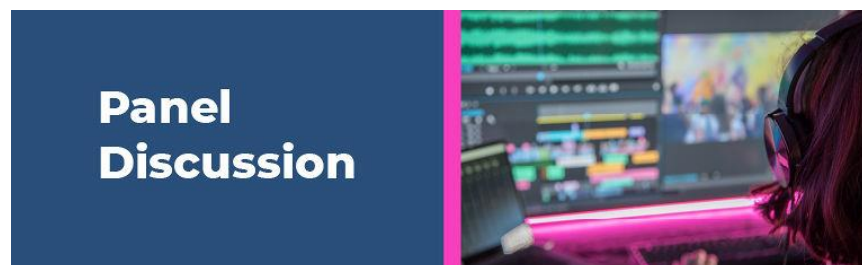
Thursday, May 6th 4-5pm on Zoom

[Register for this event.](#)

Please join us for a special event with author L.L. McKinney! If you love books with fearless female characters and lots of action, this talk is for you.

Named one of The Root's 100 most influential African Americans of 2020, Leatrice "Elle" McKinney, writing as L.L. McKinney, is an advocate for equality and inclusion in publishing, and the creator of the hashtags #PublishingPaidMe and #WhatWoCWritersHear. Her works include the Nightmare-Verse books (*A Blade So Black*, *A Dream So Dark*, and *A Crown So Cursed*), *Nubia: Real One* through DC, *Marvel's Black Widow: Bad Blood*, and more.

Women in Animation: A Conversation with Pixar (Part 2)



Thursday, May 13th 2021 from 4-5pm

[Register for this event.](#)

Join us as for a very special panel discussion with Pixar Animation Studios. Have you ever dreamed of working in animation or technology? Listen in as we discuss the highlights and challenges of being a woman in the business and get tips and advice from experts in their fields.

Grief, Stress, and Loss During the Pandemic



Friday, May 14th at 2-3pm via Zoom

[Register for this event.](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our community in countless ways. Join us for a live talk with Scott Chavez from the Contra Costa Crisis Center, as he covers the topics of grief, stress, and loss relating to the pandemic.

The mission of the Contra Costa Crisis Center is to keep people alive and safe, help them through crises, and provide or connect them with culturally relevant services in the community. Find out more at <https://www.crisis-center.org/>.

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.

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

Death: On April 14, 2021, at approximately 2:32 pm, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 2100 block of Lupine Road for CPR in progress on an 86 year old female. Officers arrived, with Rodeo Hercules Fire Department, and located the unresponsive subject. The subject was pronounced deceased at 2:38 by Rodeo Hercules Fire. The subject reportedly had previously diagnosed medical issues. The CCC Coroner was contacted and released the subject's body to the family. **(H21-459)**

Warrant Arrest: On April 14, 2021 at 7:26 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Silver '06 Chrysler 300 (No Plates) on Sycamore Ave. at Refugio Valley Rd. The 34 year old female driver, of Hayward, had an outstanding cite releasable Misdemeanor Warrant. The Warrant was issued on March 17, 2021. The subject was arrested, cited, and released. **(Case H21-460)**

Stolen Vehicle: On April 15, 2021 at 10:53 AM an officer responded to the 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue, regarding a stolen silver 1998 Honda Civic. The reporting party advised the vehicle was last seen on April 12, 2021, and they noticed it had been stolen at the time of the report. **H21-462**

Fraud: On April 15, 2021 at 2:47 PM a Hercules resident came to the Hercules Police Department to report fraudulent activity. The victim checked his Bank account and noticed two unauthorized charges. The victim had not given access or permission to anyone to use his account. **H21-463**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On April 15, 2021 at 4:30 PM an officer conducted a traffic stop on a black 1996 Honda Accord, in front of the Bart Lot at 1375 Willow Avenue. The vehicle came back as stolen, on April 13, 2021, from Albany. As the vehicle yielded three males jumped out of the vehicle and ran towards Home Depot. The three males were subsequently apprehended, and arrested, in the Home Depot area. The subjects were two 15 year old male juveniles, and a 13 year old male juvenile. All three suspects were from Richmond. After the investigation, all three juveniles were released to their parents. **H21-464**

Sexual Assault: On April 15, 2021 at 6:11 PM an officer contacted an 18 year old female came to the Hercules Police Department to report she was sexually assaulted, in March of 2020, when she was 17 years old. The suspect was known to the victim and was also a juvenile. **H21-465**

Death: On April 16, 2021 at 9:51 AM officers responded to the 300 block of Valley Run regarding to a non-responsive female. Officers located the 74 year old female in the Livingroom. A Paramedic pronounced the subject deceased at 9:57 AM. There were no signs of foul play, and it appeared to be a natural death. The CCC Coroner was contacted, and the body was released to family. **H21-466**

Outside Assist: On April 16, 2021 at 8:30PM Pinole PD requested our assistance with a possible shooting. Officers responded to the 2200 block of Doidge Ave. It was determined to be a "Swatting" call. **Incident #21-5844**

Property for Destruction: On April 16, 2021 an officer was contacted by, a Hercules resident, regarding a firearm he wanted to turn in. The firearm was taken and booked for destruction. **H21-467**

Warrant Arrest: On April 17, 2021 officers contacted a 42 year old male, in front of his residence in the 1000 block of Canterbury. The subject had an active felony, no bail, warrant out of our city. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H18-1779**

Outside assist, vehicle fire: Officers were dispatched to the area near 3600 San Pablo Ave. for a fully engulfed vehicle. Upon arrival, Officers located a 2001 Mercedes Benz, along the north curb line of Sycamore @ S. Front. The vehicle was partially on the curb and fully engulfed. The adult male driver, of Richmond, stated while traveling on SPA the brakes failed, and the vehicle caught on fire. He drove onto the curb to get the vehicle to stop. RHFD extinguished the fire, and the vehicle was towed per. **H21-469**

Possession of Controlled Substance: On April 18, 2021, at approximately 9:31 am, an Officer contacted Eugene Robinson (DOB: 10-31-79) at 76 Gas Station located at 828 Willow Avenue. A probation search of Robinson was performed, and the Officer located approximately 2.5 grams of a substance suspected to be methamphetamine on his person. Robinson was issued a citation and released from the scene. **(H21-470)**

Domestic Battery: On April 18, 2021, at approximately 10:38 am, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Chestnut for a disturbance. Officers determined the home is a care home for seniors, and is owned, and managed, by a 56 year old male and his 57 year old wife. It was determined there was an argument between the husband and wife. The husband shoved wife while they were in the front yard. The husband was placed under arrest for domestic battery and placed into a patrol SUV. The suspect complained of medical problems and an ambulance was called. An Emergency Protective Order was granted and was served to the husband. The husband was released from custody and transported to a hospital for medical issues. (H21-471)

Possession of Controlled Substance: On April 18, 2021, at approximately 2:40 pm, an Officer stopped a white, 2007, Chrysler 300, for several vehicle code violations. The 53 year old male driver, of Richmond, was determined to be on probation. While doing a probation search the Officer located a substance, believed to be a narcotic, on the subject's person. The subject was, arrested, issued a citation, and released from the scene. (H21-472)

Residential Burglary – Garage: On April 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Atlas Dr. for a suspicious circumstance. The reporting party stated entry was made into his garage. Upon arrival, an Officer found the side garage door had been forced open and an unknown suspect opened the victim's unlocked Red '15 VW Passat and ransacked the interior of the vehicle. The unknown suspect stole a small toolbox with tools from the garage. The burglary occurred sometime between 6:00 p.m. last night and 8:30 a.m. today. (Case H21-473)

Identity Theft: On April 19, 2021 at 10:20 AM a resident from 1100 block of Rock Harbor Pt. contacted an officer at HPD regarding her elderly brother's private information being used by an unknown suspect for monetary gain. The 75 year old victim advised his information was used to charge items onto a Wells Fargo credit account. He first received notification of the charges in November of 2020. H21-475

Identity Theft: On April 19, 2021 at 1:37 PM a resident from the 100 block of Sycamore Avenue contacted an officer regarding an unknown suspect withdrawing cash from his Bank of America Account. H21-476

Theft by False Pretense: On April 19, 2021 at 10:58 AM from the 100 block of Balboa Court came to HPD to make a report for theft by false pretense. She met a subject on a texting application. The suspect used a false number. The suspect convinced the reporting party to transfer some stock investments to his trading platform ("ExMarkets") with the idea the reporting party would receive a larger return. Soon after she lost contact with the subject. She tried contacting ExMarkets and was told to send them more money if she wanted to get any of her investment back. She refused to do so. H21-477

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS: It is very risky to do business with people, or businesses, who have solicited you online. Be sure you thoroughly investigate the person, or business, before you send them money. Be confident you are dealing with legitimate business, or reputable person, before giving them any person information (date of birth; Social Security Number; driver's license number; bank, or investment account numbers; etc.). this includes confirming that information. Most of the Scammer's use "spoofed" phone numbers (fake numbers made to look like legitimate US phone numbers)., The Scammers are actually working outside of the United States, and usually want you to send your money to accounts based in a Foreign County (Nigeria, China, India, Mexico, Canada, etc.). Once your money leaves the United States there is very little chance of getting it back. **BEWARE OF DEALS THAT SOUND TO GOOD TO BE TRUE, THEY USUALLY ARE.**

Auto Burglary: On April 19, 2021 at 11:29 AM an officer responded to the 100 block of Oneil Circle regarding a theft from a vehicle. The reporting party said a Buck knife was taken from his locked Toyota 4runner. The unknown suspect broke the driver side rear quarter window to gain access to the vehicle. **H21-478**

Felony Vehicle: On April 19, 2021 officers were alerted about a White 2008 BMW 750, with a felony want out of Fremont, entering Hercules. The alert came from the FLOCK camera system (license plate reader). At 11:47 AM an officer located the felony vehicle in the Home Depot parking lot at 1625 Sycamore Avenue. The vehicle was occupied by 33 year old male, out of Richmond. The vehicle was wanted in regard to thefts. A Fremont Detective responded and took custody of the vehicle. The subject was released from custody, pending further investigation, at the scene. **H21-479**

Outside Assist: On April 20, 2021 at 12:38 a.m. Hercules Officers responded code 3 to the 600 block of San Pablo Ave. (Rear of Hunan Villa Restaurant) to assist Pinole Officers who were attempting to detain a violent subject. Hercules Officers assisted Pinole Officers with detaining a 33 year old male, of San Pablo. **(Incident # H21-5994)**

Missing Person: On April 20, 2021 at 7:50 AM an officer was dispatched to the 1800 block of Pheasant Drive for a missing a 79 year old male. The reporting party said the subject packed his things and said he was moving out. The subject may be on his way to New York. He left in a 2013 Silver Toyota Corolla. The was entered into Missing and Unidentified Persons System. **H21-484**

Criminal Threats: On April 20, 2021 at 9:06 AM, officers responded to Scotts Valley regarding threats. The reporting party said a client became upset with her and threatened the victim with physical harm. The victim is in the process of getting a restraining order. **H21-485**

Lost Property: On April 20, 2021 at 1:17 PM an officer responded to Claws and Craw at 848 Willow Avenue. The reporting party said he was unable to locate his wallet, after visiting Claws and Craws. **H21-487**

Auto Burglary: On April 20, 2021 at 2:11 AM an officer responded to 3500 Franklin Canyon Road regarding a theft from a vehicle. The reporting party stated the unknown suspect(s) entered his vehicle after smashing a window and took property. **H21-488**

Vehicle Accident: On April 21, 2021 at 11:52 am, Officers were dispatched to Canterbury, near Dartford, for a vehicle collision. Officers located a 1999 Ford F-150 which had collided, head on, with a tree in the center divider. The 35 year old male driver, of Concord. was determined to have an injured ankle/ leg. The 52 year old male passenger, of Vallejo, also suffered injuries. Both parties were transported to John Muir Walnut Creek. **H21-491**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On April 21, 2021 at 1:31 pm, officer received notification via Flock Camera (license plate reader). The alert indicated a stolen 2019 Dodge Charger, with a Temporary plate attached, had just entered the city. The vehicle was located parked in front of Jack in the Box at 3800 San Pablo Ave. The 53 year old female driver, of Clearlake, was exiting the vehicle when the officer located the vehicle. The subject was taken into custody for possession of a stolen vehicle **H21-492.** The subject was also arrested for an outstanding warrant out of Lake County. The

subject was released, pending further investigation, on the stolen vehicle. She was cited and released for the warrant. **H21-493.**

Driving Under the Influence: On April 21, 2021 at 10:58PM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 33 year old male driver displayed objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication. He was placed under arrest after the Standard Field Sobriety Test. He was later cite/released to the custody of a responsible party. **H21-494**

Catalytic Converter Theft: On April 22, 2021 at 2:42AM HPD Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block Sanderling for a theft in progress. It was determined that the catalytic converter was taken off a 2004 Honda. **H21-495**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On April 22, 2021 at 2:54AM HPD Officers received a FLOCK notification (license plate reader) of a stolen silver 2019 Nissan Rouge. The vehicle was located, unoccupied, in the 300 block of Titan Way. The Nissan was confirmed outstanding and was towed. **H21-496**

Stolen Vehicle: On April 23, 2021 at 1:27 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Dutch Elm Dr for the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim stated his 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe was taken some time between April 22, 2021, at 9:00 pm, and the time of call. **H21-499**

Warrant Arrest: On April 23, 2021 at 7:20PM a HPD Officer contacted a subject in the 1400 block of Willow Ave. A 52 year old male was taken into custody on two warrants. One was out of Marin County, and the second out of San Mateo County. The subject was cited and released, with new court dates. **H21-500/501**

Warrant Arrest: On April 23, 2021 at 8:16PM a HPD Officer contacted a 31 year old male, in the 800 block of Willow Ave. He was taken into custody on a non-citable warrant held by this agency. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-502**

Warrant Arrest: On April 24,2021 at 3:54 PM an officer consensually contacted a 31 year old male, who was seated in a 1994 Honda Civic, in the Bank of America Parking lot at 1611 Sycamore Avenue. The subject had an active non-citable warrant out of Napa. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-503**

Outside Assist – Pinole P.D.: On April 26, 2021 at 2:58 a.m. Hercules Officers assisted Pinole P.D. with a search, of the downtown Pinole area, for a missing 47 year old male. At 6:45 a.m. Pinole P.D. located the subject and returned him home. **(Incident # H21-6284)**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On April 26, 2021 at 2:44 PM an officer conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 Toyota. The vehicle did not have license plates affixed to the vehicle. The Officer contacted the 44 year old male driver, and a 27 year old female passenger. HPD dispatch advised the Yaris was a stolen vehicle out of Walnut Creek. The driver was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The female was released pending further investigation. **H21-506**

Stolen Plates: On April 26, 2021 at 3:34 PM (a Hercules resident came to HPD to report the rear plate from his 1995 Sport trailer stolen. The trailer was parked in the 100 block of S Wildwood.

The reporting party noticed the trailer plate missing on April 24,2021. **H21-507**

Annoying Texts: On April 26, 2021 at 4:48 PM 19-year-old female came to HPD to report receiving annoying texts. The reporting party said she began receiving inappropriate photographs, and text messages, after exchanging phone numbers for a traffic collision. The incident occurred in Richmond and a courtesy report was taken to be forwarded to RPD. **H21-508**

Possession of a Controlled Substance: On April 26, 2021 at 8:45 p.m. An Officer checked on an occupied Gray '02 Mitsubishi Montero parked in the parking lot of Home Depot, 1625 Sycamore Ave. The Montero was parked in the corner of the parking lot. The Officer contacted a 42 year old female, Transient out of Napa County, and a 36 year old male, of Vallejo. The female admitted to possessing hypodermic needles. Bothe subjects were on searchable Probation. An Officer did a Probation search, of the vehicle, and located 2 plastic baggies containing suspected narcotics; numerous hypodermic needles; and a pill bottle, with no prescription label, containing 18 pills. The male admitted to ownership of everything. He was arrested, cited, and released. The female was released. **(Case H21-509)**

Theft: On April 27, 2021 at 11:41 AM an officer was flagged down at Home Depot (1625 Sycamore Ave.), by employees, regarding a theft that had just occurred. They described the suspect, and officers contacted the suspect at Sycamore Avenue and Refugio Valley Road. The 40 year old male had the power tools, taken from Home Depot, in his possession. He did not have proof of purchase. The suspect was arrested, cited, and released on scene. **H21-510**

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 04/14/21-04/27/21

CALLS FOR SERVICE	689
REPORTS	53
TRAFFIC CITES	26
PARKING CITES	58
ADULT ARRESTS	14
JUVENILE ARRESTS	3
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	5
PART 1 TOTAL	160

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission Meeting

Date:05/03/2021 7:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

Community and Library Services Commission

Date:05/10/2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

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City Council Meeting

Date:05/11/2021 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

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