

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
June 24, 2021



Steve Falk, Interim City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Good News from the City Council!

At its meeting last Tuesday night, the City Council

- **Discussed its choice for a new city manager.** The Council interviewed several highly-qualified candidates for the position late last week and is optimistic that it will soon introduce Hercules' next city manager to the community.
- **Passed a \$48M expenditure budget.** At the last of three public hearings on the annual budget, the Council passed the resolutions necessary to fund the City over the next twelve months, starting July 1. Service levels will remain roughly the same as they have over the past few years, but there were a few notable budget items that community members might be interested in, including:
 - **Library:** The Library will be open 46 hours per week.
 - **Fireworks:** The Council added funding for a fireworks show to celebrate the Fourth of July – not this year, but in 2022.
 - **Swingsets:** The Council added money in the budget to purchase a set of swingsets that will be accessible to people with disabilities.
 - **Corporation Yard Landscaping:** After receiving suggestions that the City's corporation yard on Sycamore Avenue could benefit from some landscape screening, the Council added money to do so.
- **Hired a Consultant to Help With the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.** The Federal Government, in its effort to get the nation back on its feet after the COVID pandemic, is sending cash directly to cities. Hercules will receive about \$6.2M, and generally speaking, as the rules are currently written and understood, the City will be able to use it to cover costs incurred for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; addressing the negative economic impacts on local businesses and nonprofits; and making investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Because the rules for spending the money are subject to interpretation, Hercules has retained a consultant to help the City understand how the money can be spent and develop an expenditure plan. That said, at this time, and given staff's current understanding of the rules, some specific purposes that Hercules might use the funds for include:
 - Retrofitting city-owned buildings to reduce the spread of the virus.
 - Cash and loan investments to businesses impacted by the pandemic.
 - Programs that benefit disadvantaged people who were impacted by the pandemic.
 - Cash and loans to support housing, including the acquisition of affordable housing.
 - Projects, programs, and building renovations that support childcare and education and, in so doing, allow parents to return to their workplaces.

Stay tuned over the next few months as the City Council makes big decisions regarding where the City's \$6.2M ARPA funds should and will be spent!

All Way Stop at John Muir Parkway & Alfred Nobel Drive

CITIZEN ADVISORY

An All-Way Stop at John Muir Parkway and Alfred Nobel Drive is tentatively scheduled to be installed next week. Electronic reader board signs will temporarily be placed in each direction on John Muir Parkway to alert through traffic in advance of the new stop signs. *Please drive with extra care through this intersection until traffic is accustomed to the new stop signs.*

Hercules Hazardous Waste Event

The Hercules household hazardous waste collection event will be Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 8AM – 1PM at the City of Hercules Corp Yard located at 1000 Sycamore Ave at Willet St., Hercules. If you have any questions, please call Recycle More at (888) 412-9277 or visit their website at www.RecycleMore.com. The event flyer can be found attached at the back of this edition of the newsletter.

Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Services

Get Ready for Reopening with a Visit from the CCHS Vaccine Van



- ✓ CCHS will travel anywhere in Contra Costa County
- ✓ Monday - Friday, 8 am - 3 pm
- ✓ Only 5 vaccine-eligible people needed

Call 1-833-829-2626 or visit coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated



On June 15 the state will [relax its pandemic health guidelines](#) affecting businesses and community activities – but face masks will still be required in most indoor public places for people who are not fully vaccinated.

If your workplace or group wants to fully enjoy the summer reopening, but not everybody has had the opportunity to get a vaccine, now is a great time to schedule a visit from Contra Costa Health Services' (CCHS) new mobile vaccination service.

The COVID-19 vaccine van will visit your location within the county to provide safe, effective vaccinations at no cost to you.

At least five vaccine-eligible members of your group must agree to use the service during the visit, but county residency is not required and there is no limit to the number of people who can get a vaccine.

Vaccine is the best protection we have against COVID-19, and more than 76% of Contra Costa residents who are 12 or older have gotten at least one dose so far – more than 754,000 people, and nearly 1.4 million doses in all.

Use the [online form](#) to request a visit. CCHS will work with you to schedule a time Monday

through Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., within one week of your request.

Visit cchealth.org/coronavirus for more information about the county's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Hall Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day



In celebration of Independence Day, City Offices will be **closed** on Monday, July 5th, 2021.

4th of July 5k Run

For more information and to sign up for the event, please visit <https://herculesrotary.org/>.

HERCULES, CALIFORNIA 2021

4TH OF JULY 5K RUN

"Reboot" the Hercules Dynamite 5K Fun Run/Walk along the San Francisco Bay Trail

Fourth of July
HERCULES, CALIFORNIA 2021

COST:
Adults \$40
Teens \$20
Younglings under 10 Free

Race start time: 9am
Front of The Exchange
2525 Bayfront Blvd, Hercules

To sign up, go to
HerculesRotary.org

HERCULES, CALIFORNIA 2021

4TH OF JULY 5K RUN

- Free t-shirt and chipped bib
- Timed race starts @ 9AM in front of The Exchange
- Day-before race bib pickup @ Le Fleur D (t-shirt guaranteed)
- Day-of registration possible till 8AM (t-shirt subject to availability)
- Medals for top finishers (female/male/youth/ youngling)
- WIN A FREE BIKE RAFFLE from the Pedaler is BACK!

Race start time: 9am
Front of The Exchange
2525 Bayfront Blvd, Hercules

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Hercules Clean Up Day

CITY OF HERCULES COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, September 11, 2021
8-11am (or until Full)

A one day event to beautify our community by providing a dumpsite to throw away outdoor trash, yard clippings, tree limbs, small appliances and furniture.

Residents required to unload own vehicle

NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ALLOWED!
NO E-WASTE AT THIS EVENT

Suggested Donation: Cars \$5 • Pick-up Trucks \$10
Large Trucks and/or Trailers \$20
No Construction or Commercial Dumping
No enclosed u-hall type vehicles, Trucks okay.

Must be Hercules Resident. Provide ID at the Gate.

CORP YARD, 1000 SYCAMORE AVENUE

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 current CalOSHA guidelines, vaccinated visitors do NOT need to wear a face covering but unvaccinated visitors should 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

	June 7, thru June 18, 2021	FY 2020/21 YTD
Number of the permits issued:	35	911
Total Fees Collected:	\$25,409.74	\$3,724,230.18
Number of Inspections:	23	655
New Housing:		1

Planning Division

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-28, a request by Carrie Fulton (doing business as “Design My Space”) to operate a home-based business at 2216 Tsushima Street offering online home interior design services. ***(Final appeal date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021)***

Upcoming Special Events

As of June 15, the State of California has lifted many COVID-related restrictions, including restrictions for large events. The City has thus approved temporary use permits for the following community events:

- Temporary Use Permit #21-21, a request from Sylvia Villa Serrano, representing Bayfront Chamber of Commerce, to hold a **classic car show and “pop-up shop” on Sunday, June 27, at 2525 Bayfront Boulevard (The Exchange) from 12:00–4:00 p.m.** The event will include closing portions of Bayfront Boulevard and John Muir Parkway, from Sanderling

Drive to Tioga Loop, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. the day of the event. Residents of The Exchange at Bayfront will still have vehicle access to and from the property throughout the day; however on-street parking will not be allowed in front of the building during the event. More information at: www.BayfrontChamber.com.

- A request from Estela DePaz and Keith Mueller, representing the Hercules–Rodeo–Crockett (HRC) Rotary Club, to hold a **4th of July 5K run along the Bay Trail from Bayfront Boulevard & John Muir Parkway in Hercules to Pacific Avenue in Rodeo, starting at 8:00 a.m.** No streets will be closed as a result of the event. More information available at: www.HerculesRotary.org.

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 streetlights, and removed litter on roadways. Engie continues to advance the Energy Generation and Conservation Project. They are currently working on the HVAC upgrades and finishing the solar arrays. Preparations are being made for the Household Hazardous Waste event scheduled for Saturday at the Corporation Yard, the railings on Sanderling and Sycamore are being restored, and cabinets are being built at the Lupine Child Care facility.

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 relocation of the waterline into San Pablo Avenue and hotel. The improvement plans reached 100% completion for the mile long segment of replacement sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant and the project will be bid out shortly, once permits are received from regulatory agencies. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing utilizing \$1.2M in grant funding while the Turquoise Rehabilitation Project is out to bid. Plan check is underway for private development projects including the Hilltown development, Franklin Canyon RV Park, America's Tire Store, and the Willow Storage Facility. The Civic Drive/Sycamore Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement Project is under construction.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Activity Guide

2021 Summer

The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to share 2 weeks of summer 2021 and counting. Camps began on Monday, June 14, and staff were immediately in a state of euphoric exhaustion. While everyone was excited to hear the sounds of kids having fun, they had almost forgotten how much fun they had as well.

The 2021 Summer Activity Guide is full of many wonderful programs including our traditional summer camps, as well as in-person contract camps, virtual only programs, and of course lots of swim lessons. The 2021 Summer Activity Guide is in electronic format only and can be viewed on the City's website simply by typing in City of Hercules and clicking on the Parks and Recreation link. For more information, or to register for a camp, click [here](#).

Aquatics

Piranhas Swim Team

The Piranhas Swim Team began their summer season on June 1. There are over 100 participants on the team this summer. The Piranhas Swim Team hosted a swim meet against the Benicia Stingrays Swim Team on Saturday, June 19. The Piranhas were victorious with the score of 343 to 301. The next Piranhas swim meet will be held on Saturday, June 26 against the Martinez Community Swim Team.

This summer youth swim team is available for swimmers ages 5 to 18. 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.

Swim Lessons

The first session of Summer Swim Lessons finished on June 24. The next session is scheduled to begin on June 28. It is not too late to register for our Summer Swim Lesson program. Participants have the opportunity to learn to swim in our fun group lesson or private swim lessons all at the Hercules Swim Center. Our patient, safety-orientated instructors will help you every step along the way. Classes are available for beginners through advanced. Visit www.herculesrec.com to register.



Lap Swim/Water Walking

Are you looking for a great workout? Look no further. Swimming is one of the best full-body, low impact workouts available. The Hercules Swim Center has transitioned to the summer hours for Lap Swim. Lap swimming and water walking are available Monday through Thursday from 9:15 am – 12:45 pm. Swimmers must be at least 14 years and up to participate in this activity. For more information, please call (510) 799-8291.

Recreational Swimming

Recreational Swimming (Rec Swim) is available Tuesday thru Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at The Hercules Swim Center during the month of June. We plan to expand hours of Rec Swim in July as we continue to get new staff on board. Rec Swim is a great way to swim for fun and is open to all ages. The swim center offers a wading pool for small children. The wading pool has a beach style entry and has a maximum depth of 2 ½ feet. The main swimming pool varies in depth from 3 ½ feet to 12 feet. The main pool has a large swimming area and features a 1-meter diving board. The swim center was very busy this week with the hot summer weather. Be sure to check with the Community Center before coming over, as we have several swim meets scheduled at the facility this summer.



Fall Program Registration Coming

Breakfast Club, Rap and S.P.O.T programs

The 2021- 2022 school year will be here sooner than you think. Registration will take place on June 21; you can get your registration forms under the Park and Recreation web page. Go to the program name and submit your paperwork through the 24-hour mail slot at the Community center. Or drop it off on the June 21 to the Community center between 9:00am to 6:00p Monday – Thursday. For more information on these programs and more go to our Hercules Park & Recreation E-Guide under the Park and Recreation web site. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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, please send them our way. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules>

Fee Classes

Weekly Summer Camps

Registration is now open for summer camps in Hercules! There are several fun and enriching experiences offered this summer, including cooking classes, art classes, theater camps, STEM classes, chess camp, and more. Information for these classes and more can be found in our 2021 Summer Activity Guide on the City of Hercules website. Click [here](#) for activity guide. Here are some of the fabulous contractors we work with to bring your camper a great experience...



Parks

Picnic Rental Reservations

It's time to get outside! We have several outstanding picnic opportunities available in our parks system here in Hercules. Some picnic areas are covered, many have BBQ pits, playgrounds, open fields, and other sports amenities. To find out more, or to book your event contact our main office at (510) 799-8291.

Seniors

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has partnered with the Hercules Senior Center to host a blood drive on Tuesday, August 24, from 2-7pm. To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767).

Café Costa



CC Café delivered their 5 frozen meals, 2 chilled items, a loaf of bread and a half gallon of milk in their one-time-a-week meal program. The chilled items this week included a chicken caesar wrap, spinach salad with dressing, carrot raisin salad. Also, included as one of the frozen meals was a salmon patty with dill sauce over rice with brussels sprouts and bean medley. There were 22 for lunch on June 15, and 17 for lunch on June 22. The next meal service will be held Tuesday, June 29, and will be the last day to pick up the frozen meal packs. If you would like to participate, please contact the Senior Center in advance to place your order. Contact us at (510) 799-8219.

Move over CC Café and make way for Café Costa. During the pandemic the County's congregate meal program was rebranded and will be launching the new and improved Café Costa program Tuesday, July 6. Café Costa will begin with in person meal service, on July 6. Staff is excited to see the return of the meal program and can't wait to see everyone.

Food Bank

On Tuesday, June 15, 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, July 6.

Senior Center Membership

This month, staff and volunteers made weekly phone calls to the Senior Center participants to inform them of the re-opening date set for Tuesday, July 6. Also, members are able to renew their Senior Center Membership for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Sports

National Academy of Athletics

What an exciting week to kick off the summer with their popular "All Sorts of Sports Academy Camp"! This weeklong multi-sports camp was held at the Hanna Ranch Soccer Field and we had 16 total participants. Campers enjoyed many games like flag football, kickball, capture the flag, and so much more! Most importantly, all the campers made new friends and created new memories!

Registration is still available for the next session of the "All Sorts of Sports Camp" which begins the week of July 12! These sports camps are designed for participants between the ages of 4

through 13. Space is limited. To register for these programs or for more information, please visit our website at www.HerculesRec.com.



HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library is Fully Open!



As of June 15, 2021, Hercules Library welcomed everyone back to enjoy **even more** library services! In addition to browsing the stacks, picking up holds, getting new library cards, and signing up for Summer Reading, now you can:

- Come in and visit for as long as you'd like!
- Use any of the computers in the children's and adult areas – including free printing at 10 pages per card/per day.
- Take a sip from the drinking fountains.
- Sit at our comfy tables and chairs, inside the library and in the Sky Garden.
- Reserve the study rooms to use for 90 minutes Monday-Thursday, 60 minutes Friday and Saturday.

At this time, our conference rooms are not open, but we will keep you posted on their return.

Please note that by entering the library without a face covering, you are self-attesting that you have been fully vaccinated. **We ask all unvaccinated members of the public to continue to wear a face covering when coming into the library.**

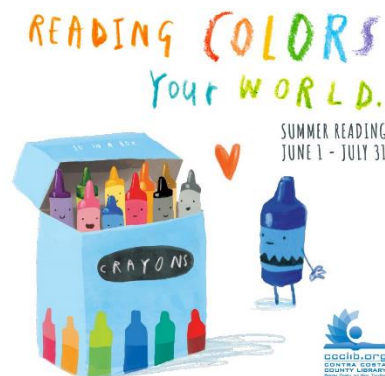
Hercules Library is a designated cooling center, so on days of extreme heat you can cool off inside the library. On those days, per the California Department of Public Health – **face coverings are required upon entrance to cooling centers regardless of vaccination status.**

Wireless Access

We make it easy to get online with our Wi-Fi Hotspot Kits. If you have a Library card, you can [check out a hotspot for free](#) and use it to connect your tablet, laptop or other Wi-Fi enabled device. You can borrow a hotspot for 21 days.

Summer Reading: Reading Colors Your World – June 1st – July 31st

This year’s Summer Reading theme is “Color Your World” and celebrates everything about color. Join us for programming and activities designed to bring a wide spectrum of bright and fun colors into to your life. Readers and pre-readers of all ages can participate online or get a paper reading passport at their local library. All finishers will receive a book, a crayon pin and be entered into a drawing to win prizes.



Visit ccclib.org/summer for all the details or to sign up.

Summer Reading Programs:



Printable Mural Project with Mr. Abe

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 - Saturday, July 31, 2021 – Virtual Program

Create your own mini 3D-box mural designed by art teacher extraordinaire,

Mr. Abe, or use your own imagination and have fun *coloring your world!*

Print out your own [3D-box mural project](#) and view Mr. Abe's [tutorial](#) for a fun any-time activity to celebrate Summer Reading!



Nature Journaling: Capture the color of your world

Saturday, June 26, 2021 10:00am-11:00am – Virtual Program

Lisa Fulmer will inspire you to capture the colors of your world through the art of nature journaling. This program is intended for adults and teens.

[Register here](#) with your email to attend live and the Zoom information will be sent to you a day before the event. The event will be closed captioned and recorded. You can view the recorded video on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ccclib or YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/theccclib for a limited time after the show.



Happy Birds Parrot Show

Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 2:00-3:00pm – Virtual Event

As part of our Summer Reading 2021 theme "Reading Colors your World," we are tickled pink to present a virtual program with The Happy Birds Performing Parrot Show. Since 1989, the Happy Bird's troop of talented feathered friends have amazed, educated, and entertained children and adults alike. This event will be recorded and available to view for one week. Live event will be Closed Captioned. [Registration Required – click here to sign up!](#) Zoom information will be sent to you on the day of the event.

Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Online en Español / Online Bilingual Spanish Storytime



Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:00am – 11:15am

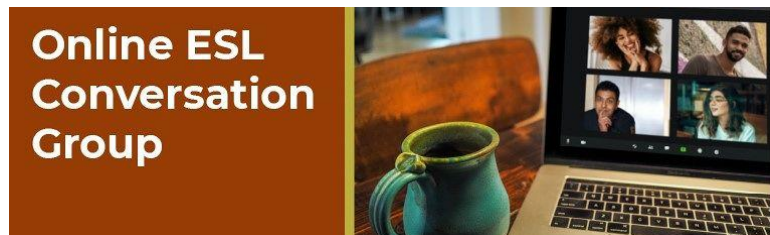
Júntate con nosotras para una hora de cuentos bilingüe online con cuentos, canciones, y rimas en inglés y español. El video estará

disponible por 24 horas en la página de Facebook de la Biblioteca del Condado de Contra Costa.

Join us for an online storytime with stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish. The video will be available for 24 hours on the Contra Costa County Library Facebook page.

View on www.facebook.com/ccclib, or on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/theccclib.

Weekly ESL Conversation Group



Every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00pm, a group of 6-8 enthusiastic members of the community come together on Zoom to practice their reading and conversational English skills. Adult and Teen Services Librarian Robyn Brown selects an

article on a current affair, sends it to the members, and hosts the discussion the following week.

Read Contra Costa



Read Contra Costa is a program that invites all members of the community to read the same book and encourages readers to engage in conversations with others on the shared experience. The library purchases extra copies of the selected title in multiple formats, schedules events around the theme of the book, and invites the author to present a talk as the finale to the program.

Read Contra Costa 2021 is scheduled for October and November, and the library would like to get your help in selecting the title. Staff has culled through hundreds of well-reviewed titles written over the past year or two and come up with a top ten list of books we want you to consider. Please fill out the book selection survey to share your favorite! <https://ccclib.org/read-contra-costa/>

Get in Touch!

Members of the public can contact Hercules Library at (510) 245-2420; or [email](#) or [chat](#) online with library staff from 10am-5pm Monday through Friday. We continue to post content on our Instagram account: [herculeslibraryccclib](#) and our [Facebook page](#). Or, come on by and say hello in person.

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

Found Wallet: On June 9, 2021, at 10:40 AM, an officer was dispatched to Home Depot for two found wallets. One wallet was returned to an owner and the other had no identification, so it was booked for safekeeping. (H21-708)

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On June 9, 2021, at 11:20 AM, officers received a Flock camera notification for a stolen silver 2020 Toyota Corolla exiting WB Hwy 4 at Willow Ave (Bart Lot). During an area check, an officer located the vehicle, unoccupied, in the parking lot of Safeway. Dispatch advised it is an overdue rental. During a brief stakeout, a detective in an unmarked unit,

observed two suspects opening the trunk. Officers detained 22 year old female *twins*. They stated they rented the vehicle but claimed they did not know they had to return it. The vehicle was towed. The females were released pending further investigation. **(H211-709)**

Warrant Arrest: On June 10, 2021, at 1:49AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 24 year old male driver was taken into custody on a non-citable warrant. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **(H21-711)**

Theft by False Pretense: On June 10,2021, at 1:21 PM a Detective investigated a fraud. A 56 year old male, from Texas (seller), reported he sold some Elvis “The King” memorabilia, to a 59 year old male, from Hercules (buyer). The sale was conducted through Ebay. The buyer claimed the item was not what he wanted, and he received a full reimbursement from the seller. The buyer reportedly returned an empty box to the seller. **H21-713**

Theft: On June 10, 2021, at 8:49PM HPD Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid for a theft in progress. Officers arrived on scene and contacted a 19 year old female as she exited the store. It was determined she had stolen various beauty products. The store desired prosecution. The subject was arrested, cited, and released at the scene. **H21-714**

Warrant Arrest: On June 10, 2021, at 10:53PM a HPD Officer contacted a 28 year old female who had a cite releasable warrant. She was arrested, cited, and released. **H21-715**

Drugs and Probation Violation: On June 11, 2021, at 12:30AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 55 year old male driver was determined to be on searchable probation. A subsequent search revealed suspected narcotics on his person. He was arrested, cited, and released at the scene. **H21-716**

Auto Burglary: On June 12, 2021, at 1:22 PM officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Willow Avenue for an alarm. An officer located a Silver Chevy Tahoe, with the rear window smashed. The 50 year old female victim, from Arizona, advised she was eating inside Burger King and did not see the break-in occur. Two laptops were taken from the rear of the vehicle. **H21-717**

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)/Possession of a Baton/Warrant Arrest: On June 13, 2021, at 2:47 a.m. An Officer saw a Tan '01 Toyota Avalon stopped at a gas pump at Shell gas station, 3900 San Pablo Ave. The driver appeared to be passed out at the wheel. There was a vehicle stopped behind the Avalon, and the driver reported the Avalon’s engine was still running. The Officer was unable to get the driver to wake up by knocking on the passenger window. The Officer saw an open bottle Tequila on the passenger seat (partially empty). The Officer eventually got the driver to wake up and turn off the ignition. While talking to the 50 year old female driver, of Sacramento, the Officer observed objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication. The officer also saw a Black “police style” Baton on the front passenger floorboard. The subject had a suspended, or revoked, driver’s license. She had an outstanding cite releasable Warrant, for a Failure to Appear on a DUI. The warrant was issued February 8, 2018. The subject failed to properly complete The Standard Field Sobriety Test; and refused to do the Preliminary Alcohol test. The subject was arrested for DUI and the outstanding Warrant. The subject was cited and released to her adult son. **(Case H21-719)**

Catalytic Converter Theft: On June 14th 2021, at 10:44 AM, a resident, from the 100 block of Forest Park, reported a catalytic converter theft from his black 2003 Ford F-350. The theft occurred overnight. **(H21-720)**

Domestic Violence: On June 14, 2021, at 12:15 PM, a 48 year old female reported her 48 year old husband kicked her on June 1, 2021. This occurred at their residence in the 300 block of N. Wildwood. **(H21-722)**

Warrant Arrest: On June 15, 2021 at 3:39 a.m. An Officer checked on an occupied White '86 Pontiac Firebird, with expired registration, parked at the gas pumps at 76 gas station, 828 Willow Ave. The driver was a 35 year old male of Napa. The passengers were, a 30 year old female, and 35 year old male, both of Napa. The male passenger was found to have two outstanding Misdemeanor Warrants out of Napa County. Both Warrants were no cite release and issued on June 10, 2021. The male passenger was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The driver was found to be on Misdemeanor Probation, with a search clause, out of Napa County. A Probation search was done, but no illegal contraband was found. **(Case H21-724)**

Identity Theft: On June 16, 2021, at 3:13 PM, an officer contacted a 67 year old female Hercules resident regarding identity theft.. An unknown suspect opened a credit line from, T-Mobile, with her information, without permission. **H21-728**

Theft: On June 16, 2021 at 7:39PM a HPD Officer was dispatched to Home Depot for a subject detained my Loss Prevention for theft. The 41 year old male was suspected of stealing some tools. He was arrested, cited, and released at the scene. **H21-719**

Outside Assist: On June 16, 2021 at 10:22PM HPD Officers received an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) hit on a vehicle wanted in connection with a burglary where a firearm was taken. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a high risk stop. A 26 year old male, and a 26 year old female, were detained. Berkeley PD responded to the scene and took over the investigation. **H21-720**

Non-injury Collision: On June 17, 2021 at 3:30AM a HPD patrol vehicle collided with a pole in the 1500 block of Sycamore Ave. The patrol vehicle sustained minor damage to the left front bumper. **H21-721**

Domestic Violence: On June 17, 2021 at 6:19AM HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Paradise Dr for a disturbance. The adult female victim stated the 45 year old father of her child attacked her while she was lying in bed. There were no visible injuries and she declined medical. The suspect fled the scene prior to Officer's arrival. **H21-722**

Hit & Run: On June 17, 2021, at 12:06 PM officers responded to 4080 San Pablo Avenue (Safeway Gas Pumps) regarding a hit and run. A 34 year old female was pumping gas into her black Honda Fit, when a brown Honda Civic pulled up behind her. The Civic collided with Fit's rear bumper. There was minor damage and the suspect refused to exchange information and left the scene. **H21-733**

Outside Assist: On June 17, 2021, at 3:21 PM officers were participating in a County Task Force (traffic related) in the city of Antioch. CHP got into a pursuit with a dirt bike, Hercules Police Officers assisted in locating the suspect vehicle, and conducting a high risk stop. The suspect was detained in the area of West 3rd St. and J Street (Antioch). The suspect was identified as a 14-year-old male, out of Antioch. CHP took primary on this case. **H21-734**

Throwing Object at Vehicle: On June 17, 2021 at 3:21 PM officers responded to the front of Hercules City Hall and contacted a 30 year old female Rodeo resident. The female explained she was in a road rage incident with the driver of a white Chevy Truck. She claimed her vehicle was rammed by the driver and metal beads were thrown at her vehicle. The 47 year old male driver, of the truck, was later identified. The driver was from Concord. **H21-735**

Vehicle Tampering: On June 18, 2021, at 1:42 PM an officer responded to the 100 block of Maritime Terrace regarding a catalytic converter being The Hercules resident parked her vehicle, near her home, at 12:30 PM. When she went out to her vehicle and started the engine at 4:15 AM she her a loud noise coming from her exhaust. She later determined her catalytic converter missing which is valued at over \$900.. **H21-737**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On June 18, 2021 at 7:09PM HPD Officers received a FLOCK notification of a stolen white 1997 Toyota Corolla. An Officer located the vehicle in the parking lot of Safeway. The 34 year old male driver, and 60 year old male passenger were detained. The situation appears to be a civil issue, and both subjects were released pending further investigation. **H21-738**

Warrant Arrest: On June 18, 2021 at 10:00 a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 27 year old male driver was taken into custody on a warrant out of San Mateo County. He was cited and released at the scene. **H21-739**

Carjacked Vehicle and Evading: On June 19 of 2021 at 3:08AM HPD Officers received an Automated License Plate Reader notification concerning a white Toyota Camry, which was carjacked in San Jose. An Officer located the vehicle E/B I-80 at Willow Ave. HPD attempted to conduct a stop but the vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit entered Vallejo City limits and was terminated. Shortly after, a solo Vallejo PD unit located the Camry and initiated a pursuit. HPD Officers returned to Vallejo and observed the solo Vallejo unit, and rendered assistance. The pursuit came to a termination in American Canyon and three occupants fled on foot. They were located in the greenbelt area. Two male juveniles, and a male adult were taken into custody. The adult was released, pending further investigation. The two juveniles were released to their foster mother. **H21-740**

Drunk in Public: On June 19, 2021 at 8:06 AM officers responded to the 100 block of Tuscany Court for a subject drinking alcoholic beverages and urinating in public. Officers contacted a 33 year old male, from Richmond., and determined he was on Parole. During the contact, the subject displayed objective signs of intoxication and was unable to care for himself, he also said he had no family or friends available to care for him. During the contact, the subject advised he was in an altercation with his girlfriend earlier. He refused to give any further information. Officers were able to contact his girlfriend, who lives in Hercules, and it was determined she was safe, and no crime had been committed involving her. The subject was arrested, and a Parole hold was granted.

He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-741**

Vehicle Tampering: On June 19, 2021 at 4:16 PM an officer responded to the Home Depot parking lot, at 1625 Sycamore Avenue, regarding a catalytic converter theft. The 71 year old male resident, from Hercules, said he parked his vehicle in the parking lot at 12:00 PM and when he returned to it at 4:00 PM and started it, the exhaust sounded strange. He looked under his vehicle and confirmed his catalytic converter was stolen. **H21-741**

Outside Assist: On June 19, 2021, at a HPD Officer located a vehicle wanted for grand theft, by Fremont PD. The lone occupant was detained, and Fremont PD responded to take custody of the vehicle. The driver was released pending further investigation by Fremont PD. **H21-743**

Warrant Arrest: On June 20, 2021 at 2:23AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. The 38 year old male driver, was taken into custody on a no cite warrant. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H21-744**

Catalytic Converter Theft: On June 20, 2021, at approximately 12:25 pm, an Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Glenwood for a theft of a catalytic converter. Sometime between June 18 at approximately 9:00 pm, and June 19 at approximately 7:50 am, an unknown suspect stole the catalytic converter to a 2004 Honda Accord while it was parked in a designated parking stall. **(H21-745)**

Warrant Arrest: On June 20, 2021 at 10:48 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Gold '94 Honda Accord. at the 76 gas station, 828 Willow Ave, for expired registration. The driver was a 28 year old male, of Pinole. The passenger was a 26 year old male, of Reno, NV. The passenger had an outstanding, cite releasable, Misdemeanor Warrant. The Warrant was issued on September 14, 2018. The subject was arrested, cited, and released. **(Case H21-746)**

Outside Assist – CHP: On June 23, 2021 at 1:07 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to a fire in the area of John Muir Parkway at I-80. Upon arrival, Officers located a vehicle collision with the vehicle, fully engulfed, on fire. The vehicle, a '08 Scion Xb, appeared to have been travelling W/B SR-4 when it lost control, near the gore point (W/B I-80/E/B I-80), and drove down into the ditch colliding head on with a large tree. CHP was on scene upon our arrival and Rodeo-Hercules Fire arrived and extinguished the fire. The unidentified driver was found deceased inside the vehicle.

At 1:44 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to a Hercules residence regarding injuries related to a traffic collision.. Officers located an 18 year old female with facial injuries and an injured arm. The female stated she was a passenger in a vehicle collision near John Muir Parkway. The female was transported, by Ambulance, to a hospital. CHP was notified of the female's possible involvement in their fatal vehicle collision. Anyone having information concerning this collision should contact the California Highway Patrol, Martinez Office. **(Case H21-758)**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle/Warrant Arrest/Towed Vehicle: On June 23, 2021 at 4:20 a.m. Hercules Officers were advised of an Automated License Plate Reader notification for a stolen 2006 Chevy Silverado E/B I-80 at Appian Way. The Silverado was reported stolen to Richmond P.D. on June 12, 2021. Hercules Officers located the Silverado exiting E/B I-80 at Willow Ave.

Officers did a traffic stop, at the 76-gas station, 828 Willow Ave. Both the 48 year old male driver, of Concord; and the 38 year old female passenger, of Novato, were detained. The vehicle, the officers stopped, turned out to be a 2002 Silverado stolen from Oakland (June 17,2021) but had the plates from the 2006 Silverado, stolen in Richmond. The 2002 Silverado had ignition damage and a generic car key was used to start the vehicle. The passenger was found to have an outstanding Misdemeanor No Cite Warrant, out of Alameda County S.O. (**Case H21-760**). The two subjects were transported to Martinez Detention Facility. The two stolen license plates were removed from the 2002 Silverado. (**Case H21-759**)

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 06/09/21-06/22/21

CALLS FOR SERVICE	787
REPORTS	62
TRAFFIC CITES	19
PARKING CITES	79
ADULT ARRESTS	23
JUVENILE ARRESTS	3
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	2
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	7
PART 1 TOTAL	195

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	0
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	0
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	12
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Date: 06/26/2021 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Corporation Yard

1000 Sycamore Avenue

Hercules, California 94547

City Hall Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Date: 07/05/2021 (all day)

Location: Hercules City Hall

[111 Civic Drive](#)

[Hercules, California 94547](#)

Planning Commission Meeting

Date: 07/06/2021 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

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[Hercules, California 94547](#)

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Accepted Items



- Electronic waste with circuit boards (including microwaves, computers, TVs, and cell phones)
- Auto products (antifreeze, gasoline, batteries, used motor oil and filters)
- Propane gas cylinders, hazardous aerosols/cleaners/sprays and poisons
- Paints, solvents, thinners, and adhesives
- Household batteries, fluorescent lights, mercury thermometers and switches
- Garden products (pesticides and fertilizers)
- Pool and photo chemicals
- Mattresses and box springs (maximum of 3 items; no excessively wet or damaged mattress; no furniture)
- State regulations limit the transportation of HHW to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle per visit. Individual containers are limited to a 5 gallon capacity

Prohibited Items

- No garbage
- No furniture
- No business waste, no trailers
- No explosives, ammunition, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, sharps or radioactive waste
- No appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, washers/dryers, vacuums, toasters, coffee makers
- No TVs in consoles or TVs over 36" (flatscreens are accepted)
- No hazardous construction debris (asbestos, pressure treated wood waste, contaminated soil, etc)
- No electric vehicle batteries



Open to...



Residents of El Sobrante, Hercules, Richmond, Pinole, San Pablo, El Cerrito, and Unincorporated West Contra Costa County (*Kensington residents are not eligible*)

****Bring proof of residency****

Health Guidelines



- Per Contra Cost County Health orders: Face coverings and masks are required for all vehicle passengers at all times. All participants must remain in the vehicle at all times. All materials must be placed in the trunk or in the rear most portion of the vehicle. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in refusal of service.

City of Hercules Corp Yard: 1000 Sycamore Ave at Willet St, Hercules

Date: Saturday, June 26

Time: 8am - 1pm

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Artículos Aceptados:



- Residuos electrónicos con tableros de circuito (incluyendo microondas, computadoras, televisores y teléfonos celulares)
- Productos automotrices (anticongelante, gasolina, baterías, aceite de motor y filtros usados)
- Cilindros de gas propano, aerosoles/ limpiadores y venenos peligrosos
- Pinturas, solventes, diluyentes y pegamentos
- Baterías, lamparas fluorescentes, termómetros e interruptores con mercurio
- Productos para el jardín (pesticidas y fertilizantes)
- Productos químicos de piscinas y revelado de fotografías
- Se recogerán colchones y bases de cama. (Máximo de 3 artículos; No colchones excesivamente mojados o dañados; No se aceptan muebles).
- Las regulaciones estatales limitan el transporte de Residuos Domésticos Peligrosos a 15 galones o 125 libras por vehículo por visita. Los contenedores individuales están limitados a una capacidad de 5 galones.

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- No se aceptarán muebles
- No se aceptarán los residuos peligrosos de negocios
- No se aceptarán explosivos, municiones, desechos médicos, productos farmacéuticos, objetos punzocortantes o desechos radiactivos
- No se aceptarán aparatos electrodomésticos, incluyendo estufas, refrigeradores, lavadoras/secadoras, aspiradoras, tostadores, cafeteras
- No se aceptarán los televisores con consola o televisores mayores de 36 pulgadas (se aceptan televisores de pantalla plana)
- No se aceptarán escombros de construcción peligrosos (asbesto, residuos de madera tratados a presión, tierra contaminada, etc)
- No se aceptarán las baterías de vehículos eléctricos



El Evento es Disponible...

A los residentes en el oeste del Condado de Contra Costa: El Sobrante, Hercules, Richmond, Pinole, San Pablo, El Cerrito y áreas no incorporadas en el oeste del Condado (Los residentes de Kensington no son elegibles)

****Se requiere comprobante valido de residencia****



Pautas de Salud



- Por órdenes de Salud del Condado de Contra Costa: Se requieren cubiertas faciales y mascarillas para todos los pasajeros del vehículo en todo momento. Todos los participantes deben permanecer en el vehículo en todo momento. Por favor, coloque todo los materiales en la cajuela o en la parte más trasera del vehículo. El incumplimiento de estas pautas resultará en el rechazo del servicio.

City of Hercules Corp Yard: 1000 Sycamore Ave at Willet St, Hercules

Fecha: Sábado 26 de Junio de 2021

Horario: 8 am-1pm

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