

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
January 20, 2022**

Dante Hall, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Contra Costa County COVID-19 Update

No-cost COVID-19 Home Test Kits

To ensure that all Americans have access to timely COVID-19 testing, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the U.S. Postal Service have launched [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), a new site for requesting free home test kits by mail. Please visit the referenced site for more details.

Booster Shots

Many people ages 12 and older are now eligible to get a COVID-19 booster for maximum protection against the virus. People over the age of 18 may choose any brand of vaccine for their booster. Adolescents ages 12-17 can only get Pfizer for their booster. For more information please visit the Contra Costa County Health Services website at www.coronavirus.cchealth.org.

511 Contra Costa Winter Walk Challenge

Fun, free, and healthy: 511 Contra Costa's [Winter Walk Challenge](#) will get you outside and on the move. Sign up and receive a new challenge each Monday, through March. Complete challenges to earn entries in weekly drawings for \$35 Amazon gift cards and be entered to win the iPad Grand Prize. Start 2022 on the right foot and [sign up](#) today!



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Upcoming Special City Council Meeting

The Hercules City Council will be holding a special “shirt sleeve” meetings in 2022 to discuss in detail specific topics. The special meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 to discuss a Sidewalk Liability Ordinance and to discuss the Skelly Project.

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 Bay Area Health Officials, 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

	Dec. 6, 2021, thru Jan. 14, 2022	FY 2021/22 YTD
Number of Permits Issued:	95	475
Total Fees Collected:	\$46,565.43	\$264,029.59
Number of Inspections:	83	373
New Housing:	—	1*

* *Garage conversion to ADU*

Planning Division

- Approved Administrative Use Permit #21-57, a request by Tina Ocampo, doing business as “Anchor Bay Senior Care,” to operate a home-based business doing administrative office tasks for a non-medical senior care services business at 2099 Tsushima Street.
(Final appeal date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021)
- Approved Administrative Use Permit #21-59, a request by Mark Thieme, architect on behalf of Eurofins EAG Laboratories, to install an exterior 770-gallon liquid nitrogen tank, concrete slab, and screen wall at the southwest corner of the existing building at 675 Alfred Nobel Drive.
(Final appeal date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022)
- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #21-50, a request by Suzanne Simmonds of California Sunrooms, representing Judan Marylyn (homeowner), to construct two patio covers and one sunroom attached to the rear of the existing house at 1159 Regatta Point.
(Final appeal date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022)

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #21-53, a request by Tremiyya Bumpus, doing business as “Beauty By Tredayy,” to operate a business providing beauty services at 1369 Sycamore Avenue. *(Final appeal date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #22-01, a request by Wanda M. Love-Dennis, doing business as “Wanda Dennis CPA/Dennis Consulting,” to operate a home-based business providing accounting & bookkeeping services at 164 Seaway Court.
(Final appeal date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022)

Planning Commission

At its regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**, the Planning Commission:

- Held a public hearing and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt **Zoning Text Amendment #21-02, initiated by the City of Hercules, to revise Title 13, Chapter 32—Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities (Section 13-32) of the Hercules Municipal Code, to allow the approval of exceptions to minimum required parking on a case-by-case basis citywide.**
- Held a public hearing and adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council approve **Conditional Use Permit #21-01, Design Review Permit #21-02, and Tentative Parcel Map #21-01 to construct and operate a new 8,938-square-foot America’s Tire Store on the southerly portion of the Home Depot parking lot at 1625 Sycamore Avenue.**

The City Council will hold public hearings at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 25, to consider both the Parking Exception amendment and the America’s Tire project.

At its regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**, the Planning Commission:

- **Held a public hearing and voted 4–1 to recommend that the City Council approve the lot line adjustment, parcel map, and design review permit for the Franklin Canyon RV Resort project**, a proposal to convert the existing Franklin Canyon Golf Course into a recreational vehicle campground with amenities, including a new 10,500-square-foot clubhouse, and approximately 70 acres of open space to be granted to the John Muir Land Trust. **The City Council will hold its own public hearing for the project at its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 8**, when the public is again welcome to comment on the project. [More information about the project, including an environmental review document \(Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration\), is available on the City web site.](#)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Maintenance & Operations

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks, buildings, and sewer lift stations. They cleaned up numerous illegal dumping, repaired street lights, removed litter on roadways, and responded to a sanitary sewer overflow. Engie completed their Energy Generation and Conservation Project which is scheduled to go to Council for acceptance on February 22. Work began on the annual tree pruning and striping contracts, while the annual pothole repair contract work was scheduled for later this month. The contract streetlight replacement work in the Bird & Gems continued. Graffiti was removed throughout town while the repairs were scheduled for the HVAC unit at the Community Center.

Engineering

The design plans are 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 once permits are obtained from regulatory agencies. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing utilizing \$1.2M in grant funding. Plan check is underway for private development projects including Franklin Canyon RV Park, America's Tire Store, and the Willow Storage Facility. The Civic Drive/Sycamore Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement Project is nearing completion. Construction was completed on the Turquoise Avenue Rehabilitation Project while design is nearing completion for the Sycamore Avenue Rehabilitation Project, which is scheduled for the Summer. The peer review process is underway for the Palm/Willow Sidewalk Project, a

necessary step to receive a \$1M grant, and the project is tentatively scheduled for construction this Summer.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 3
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$408
- Number of Certifications issued: 3
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 2

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 6

PARKS AND RECREATION

Aquatics

Lap Swim

Did you know that swimming is one of the best full-body workouts available? Whether you lap swim, water walk or aqua zumba, come get your workout in at the Hercules Community Swim Center. All swimmers must be at least 14 years old to participate. Lap swim and water walking will start next week Jan. 24 from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Please note that times may fluctuate. For up-to-date info, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

Hercules High School Swim Team

Hercules High School Swim Team is scheduled to begin practice for the 2022 swim season on February 7. The High School swim season runs through Friday, May 6. Good luck to the Titan swimmers!

Lifeguard Training

Looking for a summer job that is exciting and rewarding? The lifeguard training course provides you with all the certifications that are required to work as a City of Hercules lifeguard. Participants will receive American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Professional Rescuers, and First-aid certifications/Title 22. Our next class will be held February 12, through February 20. This 4 day course will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am-5:30pm.

Fitness

WorkOutTemps

The City of Hercules would like to welcome WorkOutTemps to our community!

WorkOutTemps is offering a variety of fitness programs such as Zumba®, Zumba® Fitness, Zumba® Toning, Low Impact Cardio, Line Dancing, and Latin Dance Fitness. Come and join the fun with our certified professional



instructors! To register for these programs, please download the Workout2u app on your Apple or Android devices. You may also visit their website at www.workout2u.com.

Kidz Programs

RAP – HANNA

There were some participants out due to COVID 19 especially during the week after winter break, but everyone is expected to be back after Martin Luther King Day.

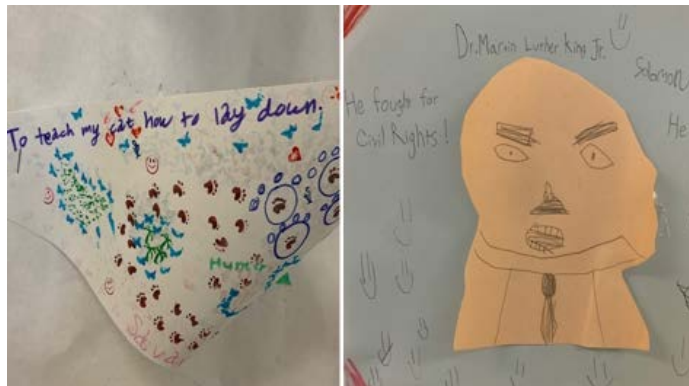
2nd to 5th grade class enjoyed the butterfly thin shiny paper project they made. They twisted rubber band attached to the paper butterfly and released it in the air outside the patio.



Children continue to use the gym everyday doing fun games. K-1st grade class became Junior Picasso for one day with their abstract smear painting artwork. Their MLK art project of different colored handprints show the importance of fairness, unity and that we should treat each other with respect and kindness no matter the skin color.

RAP - OHLONE

The Ohlone Kidz Center celebrated both the New Year and Martin Luther King Day. The children made New Year's Resolution Kites and flew them outside. They also rang in the New Year with bells they made and painted and they made wishes on clay stars that they also painted.



For our Weather and Changing Seasons theme this month our children made beautiful bird crafts of how weather and seasons affect our local bird life. For Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the children celebrated by agreeing to treat each other equally and use peaceful ways to resolve any conflict. The children marched around the Ohlone Kidz Center Site Playground with their Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mobiles that they made. They also made Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Placemats to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his peaceful efforts and equality for all.



Preschool - Tiny Tots

Our preschool program is known as Tiny Tots and designed to develop the “whole child” in all aspects of your child’s development. Children are offered the basic learning skills of language, fine motor skills, communication skills, shapes, colors, number, and gross motor development. Our Tiny Tots programs feature theme-based curriculum with an academic component. We follow the County Health Officials recommendations for a classroom ratios and stable groups. We offer both AM and PM classes to accommodate all safety protocols. This includes face masks, hand washing, small groups, and facility cleaning. We are still taking registration for the three kindergarten readiness programs. The four-day Jr. K AM/PM classes and the Pre-Kinder three-day class. Our goal is to provide a strong foundation for social interaction, independence and building of the preschooler confidence. The pre-kindergarten readiness curriculum will prepare your preschooler for public kindergarten. Don’t miss out - go to the City of Hercules Parks and Recreation web page and toggle on Preschool for more information.

The Jr. Kinder AM/PM classes and the Pre-K class had a wonderful Holiday event for their parents. They sang songs outside and gave their parents a homemade gift for Christmas. It was cold outside but all the parents enjoyed the event. The children were the real STARS that day!



Job Opportunities

NOW HIRING for summer! If you or someone you know is searching for a job, a second job, or a change of pace, we have a great opportunity for you. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules>

Seniors

Café Costa

23 Seniors attended the in-person meal on Thursday, January 13. Those in attendance were treated to a Beer Battered Fish, clam chowder, potato wedges, vegetables & mixed fruit. The congregate meal plan is currently averaging 25 seniors daily. There is also a weekly meal packs to-go plan. The meal packs are distributed on Tuesday’s at 11am and include 5-Frozen meals. If you haven’t already done so, come check us out at Café Costa. Contact the Senior Center to place your order.

Classes

On January 10, the Monday/Friday Low Impact Exercise returned to the Senior Center. 8 participants attended Low Impact Exercise. Participants were excited coming back to exercise in the Senior Center!

Art Class will return on Tuesday, January 25, from 10am – 12pm. Seniors are looking forward to showing off their art skills in person at the Senior Center!

Food Bank

218 participated in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center on Tuesday, January 17. The Food Bank comes out to Hercules on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, and canned goods. The next FREE food distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The City of Hercules continues to hold regular blood drives. The most recent blood drive was held on December 14. Twenty-six donors registered for the event, and 23 units of blood were collected. Four of the donors were first-time donors. The 23 donations can potentially help save up to 69 lives.

Our next scheduled blood drive will be held on Friday, January 21 from 9am - 3pm, at its NEW location located at Samara Terrace (Gui Van Domselaar Room) 102 Civic Dr. The blood drive is done in partnership with the American Red Cross. To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767).

Sports

National Academy of Athletics

The All Sorts of Sports After School Program is packed with fun! Whether your child is a beginner or more advanced player, this multi-sport camp is a perfect place for kids to be introduced to the world of sports, teamwork, and athletics! Games will include: basketball, dodgeball, soccer, flag football, capture the flag, and so much more! There is still time to register for the upcoming session that will begin on February 1st. To register, please visit our website at www.herculesrec.com or call our main office at (510) 799-8291.

Hoop Never Stops Academy (HNSA)

Coach Marcus is back and is introducing a new component to his popular basketball skills training programs called Study Hall! Study Hall is foundational training for parents and players to learn how to practice and improve on their own by using H.N.S.A. "Four Pillars of Practice". Each week they will receive a sheet outlining the pillars and the workout that they will conduct during each Study Hall session so they can repeat and continue the workouts at home. To register for the February session, please visit our website at www.herculesrec.com.

Teens

T.H.E. S.P.O.T.

At the Teens Program, the kids are currently enjoying going outside and exploring. The weather has, for the most part, been cooperating.

HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hercules Library's Open Hours

Tuesday: 10am-8pm
Wednesday: 10am-8pm
Thursday: 10am-8pm
Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday/Monday: Closed

Please note that Contra Costa County Libraries, including Hercules, require all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings when indoors in public settings.

Happy New Year!

We invite you to come back to the library and make use of our wonderful facilities and free resources, including:

Lots of tables and chairs (and outlets!) for quiet studying.

Study rooms, reservable on-site for up to an hour.

The Friends of the Hercules Library Bookstore, open during library hours, and filled with new-to-you books for you to purchase, in support of your library and library programs.

Free black & white printing of up to 10 pages per card/day! For more information: <https://ccclib.org/printing/>

Wi-fi hotspots are available to check out, for free, with your library card. For more information: <https://ccclib.org/wireless/>

Print subscriptions to the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. Come in and get your fresh news!

If you've got little ones, the Children's area of the library is brimming with fresh, new, wonderful books. Check to see if we've got crafts or take-and-makes to enrich young minds and keep them busy.

Hercules Library's Seed Library!



We are excited to announce our new Seed Sharing Library, just one of many sprouting up in Contra Costa County Libraries. Located in the entrance to the library, in front of the sunny Sky Garden in an antique card catalog, we've got a selection of spring seeds for you to browse through, including watermelon, cantaloupe, corn, beets, carrots, and wildflowers.

All seeds are FREE for you to take, and we ask that you only take what you need, saving some for other families. You don't need to bring the seeds back, or contribute your own – just take some, check out the accompanying books on gardening, and get growing!

A Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration with Hercules Library



A Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration with Hercules Library

Saturday, January 22, 12-1:30pm

Join us virtually and in spirit as we celebrate the continuing legacy of Dr. King in a conversation with phenomenal local woman keeping the dream alive, including:

Dr. Lori Watson, of Race-Work, coaching and advising organizations like Contra Costa County Library as we work to “uncover personal and institutional biases in order to elevate racial consciousness and move toward systemic racial equity transformation”.

Tiffany Grimsley, Hercules City Councilperson and friend of the library who, in addition to doing great work for our city, co-founded PHREED-Pinole, Hercules, Rodeo and El Sobrante for Equity & Diversity.

[CiCi Jevae](#), [frequent library collaborator](#), one of Richmond’s poet laureates, and Media, Arts, & Culture Program Manager at RYSE Center, a leader and poet who is “passionate about creating spaces where youth are comfortable so they can challenge themselves and their peers in their art while building community.”

In addition to the virtual program, we welcome you to come to Hercules library for a craft project featuring doves of peace for you to add your message of hope, and then hang in the tree in our Sky Garden.



We will also celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day countywide with special coloring pages and a sidewalk chalk peace walk on Saturday, January 22nd. We will supply the sidewalk chalk, just bring your imaginations and creativity. Open to all ages! Please check with your local Contra Costa County Library branch to find out more and [click here](#) for more information on the library’s celebrations and Black History resources.

Upcoming Countywide Virtual Programs

ESL Conversation

Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 10-11am

Join us for an online ESL Conversation. We will talk about fun topics and get to know one another!

For more information, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3de4j6>



Climate Careers Chat
Thursday, January 20, 6:30– 8pm

Join Sustainable Leaders in Action for the next Climate Careers Chat!

This event will feature two panelists from the natural resource conservation field, Hannah Lopez from Fire Forward and Sarah Phillips from Marin’s Urban Streams Program, who will share their education, career history, and advice with the audience.

The Climate Careers Chats are interactive, quarterly events that feature a broad and diverse range of speakers from the California Bay Area and beyond. These free events aim to educate anyone interested in environment-related careers, from students to seasoned professionals. The Climate Careers Chats are produced by Sustainable Leaders In Action, Sustainable Contra Costa’s youth-led team, and are co-hosted by the Contra Costa County Library.

To register, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/425jjfz6>



The Joy of Succulents: A UC Master Gardener Webinar
Tuesday, January 25, 6-7:30pm

Succulents are beautiful, generally low maintenance and low water use plants. They are also excellent choices for a fire safe landscape. Learn how to select, grow, and propagate these plants for both indoor and outdoor enjoyment. Please join us for this beautifully illustrated program and be amazed at the many succulent varieties in every color, shape and size that can enhance your home and garden. Presented by Anna Frankfurt and Laura Brainin-Rodriguez.

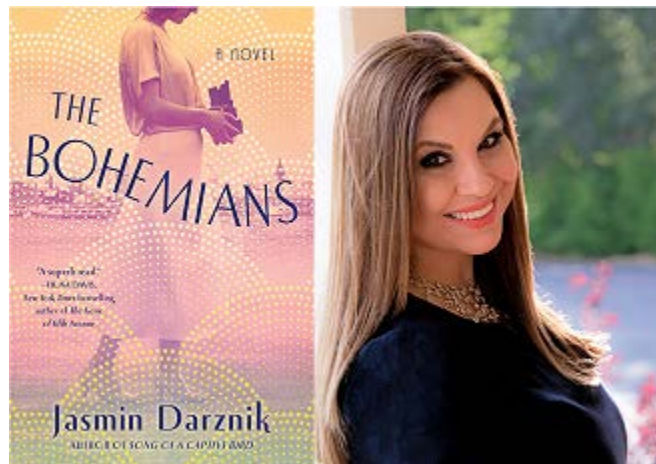
Watch this program live on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/YFZ2WWZ8-qU>



**STEAM Celebration Series presents Virtual Wacky Science Show
Wednesday, January 26, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

More than just whiz, bang, poof, and pop, **The Wacky Science Show** focuses on science with everyday objects and makes the Scientific Method easy to understand! Hard-boiled eggs, applesauce, and a flying clipboard are all a part of the fun of the **Virtual Science Show**. Students learn that chemical reactions, air pressure, inertia, and potential and kinetic energy make up a big part of our everyday lives. Science is everywhere, even in a place as routine as the supermarket! Geared for children K-8, but all welcome.

To register, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/b28madve>



**Sweet Thursday presents: Jasmin Darznik
Thursday, January 27, 5-6pm**

Sweet Thursday presents Jasmin Darznik, author of *The Bohemians*.

The Bohemians is a dazzling novel of one of America's most celebrated photographers, Dorothea Lange, exploring the wild years in San Francisco that awakened her career-defining grit, compassion, and daring. *The Bohemians* captures San Francisco in the glittering and gritty 1920s, with cameos from such legendary figures as Mabel Dodge, Frida Kahlo, Ansel Adams, and DH Lawrence.

Register for this online program here: tinyurl.com/Bohemians-Jan27



Pleasant Hill Library Virtual Book Club

Virtual Book Club

Tuesday, February 1, 6:30-7:30pm

The Pleasant Hill Library will be hosting its next meeting of our virtual book club for adults on Feb. 1st, at 6:30 pm; where we will be discussing *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner.

To register, please go here:

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index/event/61b2a9be2268d34100c0327f>

SAT Practice Test | Saturday, February 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come take a free practice test for the SAT, hosted by the Princeton Review.

Registration required.

To register, please go here:

https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local_start=2022-02-01%20TO/event/61b289bf2bf997360034aed2

Cozy Mystery Book Club



**Cozy Mystery Book Club
Saturday, February 5, 3-4pm**

Do you love cozy mysteries? Find your new favorite author or share your favorites with the group. We will meet the first Saturday of each month at 3:00 PM. This month our guest is Susan McCormick, author of *The Fog Ladies*.

To register, please go here:

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index/event/60c521466fb0872900d8057d>



**RACHEL HOWZELL HALL:
A Woman of Mysteries**

WALNUT CREEK
LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

Tues., February 8, 2022
7:00 - 8:00 PM | Zoom

Hosted by
David Corbett

Rachel Howzell Hall: A Woman of Mysteries

Tuesday, February 8, 7-8pm

Join us as we host award-winning mystery writer Rachel Howzell Hall, a prolific author of mystery novels that include a series featuring Detective Elouise “Lou” Norton, an African-American homicide detective, and her latest thriller, *These Toxic Things*. Mystery writer and host David Corbett will engage Howzell Hall in a conversation about her writings and experiences as a Los Angeles-area mystery writer.

To register, please go here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zen3OYqaTZCcUOHj81IEIQ



**20 | YEAR OF THE
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**Asian Art Museum Presents: Lunar New Year
Wednesday, February 9, 5-6pm**

Ring in the Year of the Tiger with this virtual presentation from the Asian Art Museum! Learn about the colorful traditions and symbolism which enrich the celebration of the Lunar New Year throughout Asian cultures.

To register, please go here:

<https://cclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=new/event/61e0c0885ac5504100802db0>



**Ojai Raptor Center presents: All About Owls
Wednesday, February 9, 3:30pm**

Whoohoo isn't fascinated by owls? Learn all about these curious creatures in this live Zoom presentation with 3 ambassador owls from the Ojai Raptor Center, followed by a Q & A. Great preparation to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count on President's Day weekend!

To register, please go here:

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index/event/61d77160bd571d4100c6edb2>

Get in Touch

You can contact Hercules Library at (510) 245-2420 Tuesday through Saturday during our open hours; 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

Auto Burglary: On January 6, 2022, at 2:57 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Rimrock for a vehicle burglary that occurred between December 25, 2021, and January 5, 2022. The victim stated an unknown suspect broke into his Gray Acura TL and stole multiple items from his vehicle. **H22-00013**

Theft by False Pretense/Stolen Vehicle Recovery/ False Identification: On January 7, 2022, at 1:13 PM officers responded to Home Depot at 1625 Sycamore Avenue regarding a theft in progress. A 43 year old male, from Antioch, was contacted and arrested for falsely returning an item and receiving \$403 dollars by false pretense. The subject identified himself falsely, to officers, multiple times. The subject was also in possession of a silver Honda CR-V reported stolen from San Francisco. The subject was arrested, cited, and released, on the Theft and ID charges. He was released as AMR transported him to a hospital for complaint of chest pain. **H22-00014**

Residential Burglary: On January 7, 2022, at 4:09PM, an officer responded to the 100 block of Brighton Street regarding a burglary. The reporting party said someone shattered her rear glass window to gain entry into her house. The house was ransacked but there was no loss. The burglary occurred between 3:30 PM yesterday and 3:30 PM today. **H22-00015**

Solo Vehicle Collision: On January 7, 2022, at 8:45PM HPD Officer were dispatched to a solo vehicle collision near the roundabout on Refugio Valley Rd. The vehicle collided with the center median and knocked down a street sign. The 52 year old male driver did not sustain any injuries and public works was notified regarding the sign. **H22-00016**

Grand Theft – Home Depot: On January 8, 2021, at 9:06 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to a theft in progress at Home Depot, 1625 Sycamore Ave. Dispatch advised an adult male, in an orange vest, was loading stolen items into his parked Blue Chevy Colorado pickup truck near the contractor's entrance. While enroute Officers were advised the suspect had thrown several items down while being confronted by employees. Upon arrival, Officers detained a 52 year old male, of S. San Francisco. Inside the bed of the truck were numerous wooden lumber boards for building fences. Also, on the ground were 5 rolls of Astroturf and 21 pieces of Iron rebar that was bunched together. The Officer spoke to loss prevention as well as other employees during the investigation. The Officer determined the subject paid for the lumber, in the truck bed, but did not pay for the Astroturf or the rebar. The Officer reviewed the surveillance video footage which showed the subject pushing a cart, with the unpaid items, out of the store. The total value of the stolen items was \$1,867.18. The subject was arrested was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **(Case H22-00017)**

Unlawful Use of an Access Card: On January 8, 2021, at 4:04 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding a fraud. An 18 year old male Hercules resident said he was recently befriended by a female on SnapChat. The victim provided "his friend" money via PayPal. He also provided her his personal information, including bank information. On January 4, 2022, the victim discovered his money was transferred from his savings account to his checking account. He discovered all the money in the checking account had been withdrawn. **(Case H21-00018)**

Domestic Violence: On January 8,2022 at 3:52 AM officers responded to the 200 block of Napoli Court regards to a female being assaulted by a male. Officers contacted a 28 year old male, and the adult female victim, at the residence. Officers determined there was a physical altercation where the male was the primary aggressor. The male was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H22-0019**

Firearm Turned in for Destruction: On January 9, 2022, at 3:09 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding a firearm to be turned in for destruction. A Hercules resident turned in a .22 cal. rifle, a 10-round magazine, and some lose .22 cal. Rounds, for destruction. The rifle was entered into Evidence for destruction. **(Case H22-00022)**

Possession of Stolen Property/False Personation of Another/Possession of a Controlled Substance/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Probation Violation: On January 10, 2022, at

8:00 a.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to Home Depot, 1625 Sycamore Ave. for a report of a theft in progress. An adult female, and an adult male, had taken an item off the shelf and were attempting to fraudulently return the item. The male was described as wearing a red shirt and the female was described as wearing black clothing. Officers contacted both suspects near the self-checkout. The female was identified as a 42 year old Richmond resident. She was found to be on active searchable probation. The female had several flashlights concealed in her purse. The male companion was a 31 year old San Pablo resident. Home Depot was not able to confirm the item female returned, for store credit, was stolen. The female was searched, and she was found to be in possession of an unreported stolen CDL; a pipe, commonly used to smoke narcotics; and a substance believed to be a narcotic. The female used the unreported stolen CDL to do a store return of Home Depot merchandise and received store credit in return. The owner of the CDL was contacted and wanted prosecution against the female. The CDL was stolen in an auto burglary, in the County's jurisdiction. The female suspect's Blue Toyota Prius was found parked near the contractor's entrance. It was searched and another baggie of suspected drugs was located. The male was admonished and left. The female was arrested and was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. She was rejected due to a medical issue. The female was released, and the case will be sent to the Contra Costa DA. **(Case H22-00023)**

Located Missing Person: On January 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Officers were dispatched to Refugio Valley Rd. at Carson St. to do a welfare check of a male sleeping near a tree. Officers contacted 21 year old male transient from Texas. The subject was found to be a missing person reported to College Station (Texas) PD. The subject was found to be in good health and able to care for himself. The subject was released after being removed from MUPS. The Officer spoke to the subject's mother in Texas and advised her he had been located. **(Case H22-00024)**

Domestic Violence – Domestic Battery: On January 10, 2022, at 1:44 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 2500 block of Bayfront Blvd to take a stolen vehicle report. The Officer contacted an adult female, of Hercules. The female said her adult boyfriend, of Richmond, stole her Silver '17 Honda Accord. The female's mother was also on scene and told the Officer her daughter was also assaulted by the boyfriend, last night. The two subjects got into an argument. The male bear hugged the female, as she was trying to get away from him. They both fell to the floor. The female got away went to a different room while the male left. Today, the female realized her Accord and US Passport were missing and she suspected the male took both. The mother drove Richmond and saw the Accord parked in the suspect's driveway. The victim has tried unsuccessfully to contact the suspect via phone to get him to voluntarily return the Accord. The victim does not want to press charges but wants her car and passport back. The Officer contacted the on-duty Judge and obtained an Emergency Protective Order protecting her from the suspect. The Officer attempted to contact the suspect, but he didn't answer. **(Case H22-00025)**

Supplement to Case: On January 13, 2022, at 1022 hours, Officer responded to the area of 2525 Bayfront Blvd for a possible restraining order violation. The officer contacted the 23 year old female victim. who stated she believed her 28 year old ex-boyfriend was in the area. Officers determined there was an Emergency Protective Order that had not been served yet. Officer located the male and served him with the EPO. **Supp to H22-00025**

Vandalism: On January 13, 2022, at 1:35 pm, an officer was dispatched to the Hercules Swim Center for a vandalism report. Public works employees believed they saw a female, associated

with a red Toyota Camry, around the time of the vandalism (tagging). Officers later located the vehicle, and contacted a 17 year old female. The subject admitted to tagging her initials on the building. **H22-00027**

Fire: On January 14, 2021, at 12:25AM HPD Officers were dispatched to McCloud's Ranch for a structure fire. A building was completely engulfed and eventually extinguished. The building was unoccupied. Rodeo/Hercules FD was not able to establish the cause of the fire at this time. **H22-0028**

Stolen Vehicle Recovery: On January 14, 2022, at 8:21am, an officer located a stolen vehicle, on a Lojack, hit parked in the 2500 block of Bayfront Blvd. The Maroon 2010 Acura TL was parked, unoccupied, unlocked, and with the key fob in the vehicle. The vehicle was initially stolen in February 2021. Apparently, the owner was arrested on February 2021 and she released her property, which included her pink slip, to a friend. It appears the friend forged the owner's name and signed the vehicle over to himself. Stockton PD is handling the investigation. **H22-00029**

Stolen Vehicle: On January 14, 2022, at 8:48 am, an officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of Devonwood for the report of a stolen vehicle. The victim stated his Green 1997 Honda Accord was stolen sometime overnight. **H22-00030**

Shoplifting: On January 14, 2022, at 1:05 pm, officers were dispatched to Home Dept at the 1600 block of Sycamore Ave. for a theft that had just occurred. Officer a 38 year old male, of Pacifica, who was loading stolen items into his vehicle. The subject was arrested, cited, and released at the scene for the \$370.00 theft. **H22-00031**

Warrant Arrest: On January 14, 2022, at 1:37 pm, a 39 year old male came into get a vehicle release for the stolen Acura (which was recovered earlier in the day – Case H22-00029). There was a \$100,000 Ramey (Probable Cause) Warrant in the system out of Stockton PD for Stolen Vehicle and Fraud. The subject arrested and was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H22-00032**

Corners Case: On January 14, 2022, at 6:26 pm, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Montego Dr. for a 45 year old male who was not breathing. Fire dispatch was giving CPR instructions. Officers arrived, with AMR, who took over CPR. CPR efforts were unsuccessful, and the subject was pronounced deceased at 7:00 pm. The subject reportedly had previously reported medical issues. The subject's body was released to the family by the Contra Costa County Deputy Corner. **H22-00034**

Runaway Juvenile: On January 15, 2022, at 12:04AM a HPD Officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of Willow Ave, for a runaway juvenile. The 14 year old female was last seen on January 14, 2022, at 5:00PM walking home from the bus stop. Her mother observed her walking past her residence and toward Valley Bible. Her mother stated the subject has runaway before. **H22-35**

Theft From Unlocked Vehicle: On January 15, 2022, at 8:58 an officer was dispatched to the 100 block Bedford for a theft report. The victim stated that sometime between January 14, 2022, at 9:00 pm and the time of call, an unknown suspect accessed her unlocked 2006 Toyota Siena and stole her purse containing her driver's license. **H22-00036**

Domestic Battery On January 16, 2022, at approximately 9:47 AM, HPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Glenwood for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon an Officer contacted the adult male Victim, who had visible scratches and bleeding to his neck. The victim declined medical evaluation by AMR. A 27 year old female had initially fled the scene but later returned. She was determined to be the dominant aggressor. The female was placed under arrest and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The On-Call judge granted an Emergency Protective Order. **(H22-00039):**

Recklessly Evading a Peace Officer: On January 17, 2022, at 12:15 p.m. An Officer saw a suspicious Teal '06 Audi A4 backed into a parking stall near the entrance to Home Depot, 1625 Sycamore Ave. The Officer saw the A4 had dark tinted windows and no front license plate. The Officer waited for the A4 to drive away and observed the rear license plate. The Officer used his MDC to do a registration check and it returned expired in April 2021 but had a 2022-year tab. The Officer saw the driver was an adult female, approximately 25-35. The Officer attempted a traffic stop near Safeway, 4080 San Pablo Ave. The driver immediately fled at a high rate of speed going through the red light and making an illegal right turn onto the W/B I-80 on-ramp. The vehicle then drove at a high rate of speed driving on the right shoulder to pass heavy traffic. The Officer lost sight of the vehicle on W/B I-80 near the Pinole Valley Rd. off-ramp. The pursuit was terminated, and CHP was notified. The Officer later contacted the registered owner of the license plate. The Union City resident went home and checked his vehicle. He found his front license plate missing/stolen from his Silver '06 Audi A4. The subject found another license plate attached to the front of his A4. That plate returned clear and registered to a '13 Audi out of Oakland. The subjrvy was referred to Union City PD to have a stolen license plate report taken. **(Case H22-00041)**

License Plate Seized: On January 18, 2022, at 9:36 a.m. An Officer checked on an occupied Black '00 BMW 323i parked in the Safeway parking lot, 4040 San Pablo Ave. A 37 year old male, of Yuba City, walked away from the vehicle into Safeway. The Officer observed ignition damage; and a pipe, commonly used to smoke narcotics, in plain sight, inside the vehicle. The vehicle had a front license plate, attached to the vehicle, which did not match the rear plate. The first subject, along with a 38 year old male, of Yuba City, were contacted walking back to the vehicle. The vehicle was not registered to either male. Attempts to contact the owner of the vehicle were unsuccessful. The front license plate was seized. The vehicle was released to the 37 year old. **(Case H22-00042)**

Fraud: On January 18, 2022, at 9:57 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Manzanita Place to take a report for a fraud. The reporting party (RP) stated he had his Amazon account stolen. The Officer contacted the 31 year old RP, of Hercules. The RP received an email stating he made an Amazon purchase. However, he didn't recognize the purchase and contacted the listed phone number. He subsequently had his CashApp account taken over and hasn't been able to access it. **(Case H22-00043)**

Stolen License Plate: On January 19, 2022, at 9:42 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take a report for a stolen license plate. A Hercules resident said her rear license plate was stolen from her '06 Audi A6, three months ago. She recently received a FasTrak notice for toll

violations (Carquinez bridge). The stolen license plate was put onto the rear of an Audi A5. Dispatch entered the stolen license plate into SVS. (Case H22-47)

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 01/06-01/19

CALLS FOR SERVICE	429
REPORTS	34
TRAFFIC CITES	18
PARKING CITES	48
ADULT ARRESTS	8
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	3
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	5
PART 1 TOTAL	5

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meeting

Date:01/25/2022 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
 Location: City Hall Council Chambers
 111 Civic Drive
 Hercules, California 94547

Planning Commission Meeting

Date:02/07/2022 7:00 PM

City Council Meeting

Date:02/08/2022 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
 Location:City Hall Council Chambers
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