

**City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report  
February 3, 2022**

**Dante Hall, City Manager**



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Presidents' Day Holiday - City Offices Closed**



In celebration of Presidents' Day, City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. \*\*Please Note that for the month of November and December the City Council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday only. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in November and December have been canceled.

### **Community and Library Services Commission Meetings**

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

### **Finance Commission Meetings**

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

### **Planning Commission Meetings**

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

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

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

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

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

### **CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay**

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

#### **City Council Meeting**

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

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

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

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

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

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **Building & Planning Departments Open**

Community Development staff are working to process new building permits and inspection requests. The Department front desk is open to the public, Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. by appointment. Per 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](mailto:smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us)).

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

### **Building Inspection Division**

	<b>Jan 17, thru Jan. 28, 2022</b>	<b>FY 2021/22 YTD</b>
Number of Permits Issued:	27	502
Total Fees Collected:	\$13,071.02	\$277,100.61
Number of Inspections:	29	402
New Housing:	1*	2*

\* Both housing permits issued for new accessory dwelling units.

### **Planning Division**

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #22-02, a request by Jocelle Mills, doing business as “DJM Medical Transport LLC,” to operate a home-based business at 247 Catalina Drive providing non-emergency medical transport services.  
*(Final appeal date: Thursday, February 3, 2022)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #21-55, a request by Claremont Homes, Inc., to install a 35-foot-tall flagpole at 1444 Willow Avenue (the self-storage project currently under construction).  
*(Final appeal date: Thursday, February 3, 2022)*
- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #22-03, a request by Nike Ford of Golden Gate Sign Co. Inc. on behalf of Bio-Rad to install a 5.67-square-foot non-illuminated acrylic sign, refacing an existing monument sign at 725 Alfred Nobel Drive.  
*(Final appeal date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022)*
- Tentatively Approved Administrative Use Permit #22-05, a request by Jerry Ann Jinnett, doing business as “Jerry Ann Jinnett,” to operate a home-based business providing business advisory services online at 376 Porthole Court.  
*(Final appeal date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022)*

- Tentatively Approved Administrative Use Permit #22-04, a request by Vanessa Bendana, doing business as “BM Behavioral Center, LLC.,” providing applied behavior analysis home services to clients with autism.

***(Final appeal date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022)***

### **Planning Commission**

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.](#)

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.:

**Zoom Meeting ID: 873 2852 4843**

**Zoom Passcode: 574737**

**Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833**

Items on the Commission’s agenda include:

- Public hearing for **Conditional Use Permit #21-05 for Bio-Rad to operate an approximately 69,000-sq.-ft. business doing research & development with offices and laboratories within the existing one-story building at 725 Alfred Nobel Drive (formerly occupied by Mechanics Bank), within the North Shore Business Park.**
- Public hearing for **Conditional Use Permit #21-06, a request from Thai Lao Restaurant to allow on-site sale & consumption of alcohol (beer & wine) at the existing restaurant at 1581 Sycamore Avenue, #2.**
- Conduct a **workshop introducing the 2023–2031 update of the Housing Element. Members of the public are highly encouraged to participate in the workshop**, including answering such questions as:
  - *What sites should be considered for future housing?*
  - *What types of housing are needed in the community?*
  - *What types of housing strategies should the City consider?*

### **City Council**

At its regular meeting on **Tuesday, January 25, the City Council:**

- **Held a public hearing/first reading for 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 (a second reading of ZTA #21-02 will occur at the February 8 City Council meeting).**
- **Held a public hearing for and approved the proposal 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 (Conditional Use Permit #21-01, Design Review Permit #21-02, and Tentative Parcel Map #21-01).**

## **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 removed a fallen tree from the Bay Trail. Work continued on the annual tree pruning contract and was completed for the annual striping contract. The contract streetlight replacement work in the Birds & Gems was completed. Graffiti was removed throughout town while an HVAC unit at the Community Center was replaced.

### **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 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 and the final billing is being processed 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 applications received: 2
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$272
- Number of Certifications issued: 2
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 1

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 4

Encroachment Permits Issued: 8

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Aquatics

#### **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.



#### **Employment Opportunities - Now Hiring!**

The Hercules Swim Center is hiring lifeguards, cashiers, swim instructors and more for the 2022 summer season. If you or someone you know is looking for a great summer job, send them our way. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules>



#### **Lap Swim**

Did you know that swimming is one of the best full-body workouts available? Whether you lap swim or water walk 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 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Monday-Friday. 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!

### Fee Classes

#### **Frontier Tennis - New**

Tennis lessons will be offered for most age groups and skill levels. The program will take place at the Refugio Valley Tennis Courts on Court #4 beginning February 28. Advanced registration is required for the program. The following information is provided as it is not available in our current activity guide.

**Beginners:** This program emphasizes proper fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and proper tennis etiquette in a fun, lightly competitive, and safe environment. Participants should bring their own tennis racquet, water bottle(s), and wear sunscreen. Classes will be held on Monday's. There will be two sessions: 2/28-3/28 from 4-5:30pm, and 4/18-5/16 from 5-6pm for ages 5-12, at the Refugio Valley Tennis Courts.

**Intermediates:** Much more rigorous than the beginner class, intermediate level students deal with faster shots, learn more advanced footwork, and play competitive games. Mental toughness and the importance of sportsmanship are emphasized. Participants should bring their own tennis racquet, water bottle(s), and wear sunscreen. There will be two sessions for intermediate players also on Mondays, 2/28-3/28 from 6-7:30pm, and 4/18-5/16 from 6-7:30pm. This program is offered to those ages 8-15, and all instruction will be held at the Refugio Valley Tennis Courts on Court #4. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

### **WorkOutTemps**

Nannette, WorkOutTemps Certified Instructor, will be offering Zumba® Gold beginning this Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hercules Community Center from 10:30am-11:30am. This program is a modified Zumba class for active older adults that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity. How It Works. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. 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](http://www.workout2u.com)



### **Kidz Programs**

#### **Hanna RAP**

Both K-1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been singing along with their favorite Disney songs. Children have been requesting to do more Karaoke.



For their science project, the lower grade class discover the simple process of condensation by putting water in a Ziploc bag. The bags were hung by the window where the sun hits the bags. The next day, droplets of water in bags have been observed.



Some of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are learning to play badminton. A lot of them are getting the hang of it.

We have couple of kids that have a birthday. They were happy receiving their birthday card from us



## **Ohlone RAP**

These past few weeks have been busy for Ohlone Kidz Center! We celebrated Bean Day by making drawings out of black beans. The children also celebrated Household Plant Day by tending to our Ohlone Kidz Program Succulent plants garden by watering the plants and adding soil and fertilizer. The children also dressed up their favorite fuzzy pet for Dress up Your Pet Day -either a plush pet or real furry pet at home! The children made hats for National Hat Day and ate fig bars for Fig Newton Day. We celebrated Winnie the Pooh Day by reading Winnie the Pooh books and making our own pooh bears. The children ate delicious popcorn for Popcorn Day, cheese and crackers for Cheese Lovers Day, drank Green Juice for Green Juice Day and had special treat of Milk and cookies for Milk Day.

Our Ohlone Kidz Center children celebrated Disc Jockey Day by dancing to their favorite Kidz Bop music and doing some cool children had rice crackers, listened to Chinese New Year music, and made dragon puppets in honor of the Year of the Tiger. They also learned how to write and say Happy New Year in Mandarin- Xin nian kuai le!



## **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 several AM classes to accommodate all safety protocols. This includes face masks, hand washing, small groups, and facility cleaning. 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.

***PUBLIC REGISTRATION MARCH 30 FOR PRESCHOOL SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023.*** Space is limited, and registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Packets will go online late March 24/25. Packet Drop Off is March 30 at the Community Swim Center between 9-10am. For more information see our current Activity Guide. Don’t miss out - go to the City of Hercules Parks and Recreation web page and toggle on Preschool for more information.

## **Seniors**

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The City of Hercules continues to hold regular blood drives. The most recent blood drive was held on 1/21/25. 37 donors registered and collected 31 units, which can potentially save up to 93 lives! Our next scheduled blood drive will be held on Tuesday, March 22, from 9am - 3pm, at its NEW location located at Samara



Terrace (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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767).

### **Café Costa**

21 Seniors attended the in-person meal on Wednesday, February 2. Those in attendance were treated to Turkey Dinner with Gravy, butternut squash, cauliflower, stuffing & seasonal 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.

### **AARP Tax**

The Senior Center is hosting free tax preparation through AARP from February – April. Due to COVID-19, AARP plans to prepare taxes remotely for anyone who is eligible. A scan site located at 102 Samara Terrace, in the Van Domeslaar Room, will also be available on every Thursday and Friday from 9am to 3pm, for those that need further assistance. Please call 510-319-9559, to set up an appointment with AARP.

### **Food Bank**

205 participated in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center on Tuesday, February 1. The Food Bank comes 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 15.

## **HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**The Library is Open!**

### **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 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!

### **Ring in the Year of the Tiger with Hercules Library!**



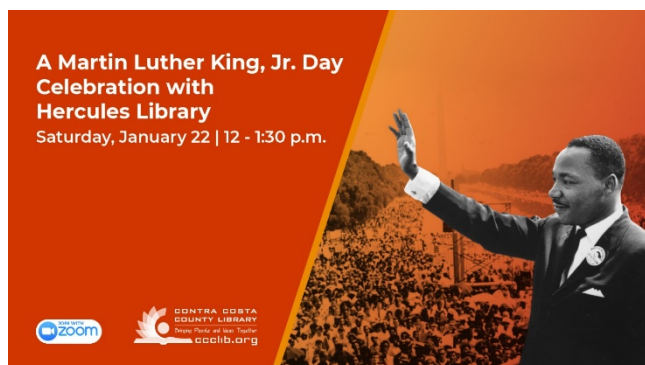
The library front doors are decorated for the holiday, thanks to the Chinese Association, and we have crafts and coloring pages – make your own fortune cookie! wish library staff “happy new year” in Mandarin or Cantonese

and get a gift! – for adults and children, all month, while supplies last.

**Join us on Wednesday, February 9, 5-6pm for a 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://tinyurl.com/LunarNewYearCCC>

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



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

On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the library, and the City of Hercules celebrated 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.”

Hercules Mayor Dion Bailey also joined us to welcome everyone to the discussion, on behalf of the city. You can view recording of this invigorating program, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFzthsbe6ps>

## Upcoming Countywide Virtual Programs



### **Hercules Library’s ESL Conversation Group** Tuesdays, 2-3pm, Zoom

Have fun and practice your English! Every week we meet on Zoom to read a short article, learn new vocabulary words, and have a great discussion. This group is best for intermediate to advanced learners, but all are welcome.

**Please email Librarian Robyn at [robyn.brown@library.cccounty.us](mailto:robyn.brown@library.cccounty.us) for information on how to join.**

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**SAT Practice Test**  
**Saturday, February 5, 9am-12pm**

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

**To register, please go here:**

[https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local\\_start=2022-02-02%20TO/event/61b289bf2bf997360034aed2](https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local_start=2022-02-02%20TO/event/61b289bf2bf997360034aed2)

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**Mandarin Storytime**  
**Saturday, February 5, 10:15-10:45am**

"Ni Hao! Hello!" Join us online on Zoom for stories, songs, and fun fingerplays in Mandarin. For children and their families. **Please fill out this online form** and we'll send you the Zoom link the day before the event. Let's get together and learn some Mandarin! We meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

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**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>

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**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](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zen3OYqaTZCcUOHj81IEIQ)

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

Whoop 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>

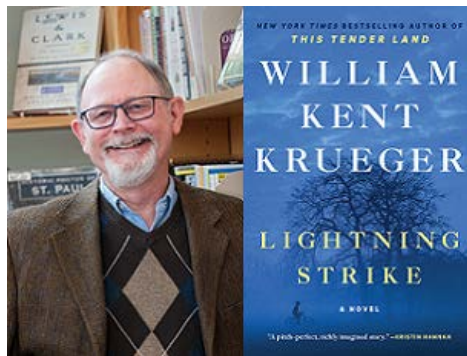
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**WOW Presents: Avril Angevine: Let's Talk Tabletop  
Wednesday, February 9, 2-3pm**

Popular art lecturer Avril Angevine returns to WOW to provide fascinating insights into the art and craft of pottery. Pottery has been a part of human culture for some 50,000 years—archeological digs from around the world--and in your own backyard—routinely turn up intriguing shards. California's ample deposits of clay and talc insured a strong pottery tradition here, and as in other cultural areas, California potters have played a leading role in the development of this humble and beautiful craft. Learn about some of the state's most interesting clay crafters, from studios in Berkeley, on Catalina Island, in Southern California—familiar names like Arequipa, California Faience, Lagunita, Metlox, Pond Farm, Jade Snow Wong, and Heath.

To register, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/wow-pottery>



**Sweet Thursdays presents: William Kent Krueger  
Thursday, February 10, 5-6pm**

Sweet Thursdays presents a talk with NYT bestselling author William Kent Krueger about his latest work, "Lightning Strike."

"The author of the instant *New York Times* best seller *This Tender Land* returns with a powerful prequel to his acclaimed Cork O'Connor series - a book about fathers and sons, long-simmering conflicts in a small Minnesota town, and the events that echo through youth and shape our lives forever." (Simon & Schuster)

To register, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/krueger-feb10>



**Read along with Author Phelicia Lang  
Saturday, February 12, 11am-12pm**

Author and local educator Phelicia Lang will be on hand Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 11:00 to 12:00 pm, for a guided read along and a binocular craft inspired by her book "[Tay Goes to the Zoo.](#)" Tay is on a surprise adventure, it's his birthday trip to the zoo! Smart, fun-loving Tay uses his binoculars to see all the different animals at the zoo.

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



**Filling Our Hearts with Love Through Meditation  
Tuesday, February 15, 6-7pm**

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## 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 22, 2022, at about 4:51 PM, Officers were dispatched to the 76 Gas Station located in the 800 block of Willow Avenue for a reported auto burglary. The victim saw 2 unknown raced males associated with a gray Nissan approach her 2016 Toyota Corolla. The passenger was described as wearing an orange hooded sweatshirt and a black mask and was seen reaching through a shattered window and taking a pink bag from the front passenger seat. The subject was seen getting back into the Nissan which was last seen traveling northbound on Willow Avenue towards Rodeo. No further information. **H22-0051**

**Natural Death:** On January 22, 2022, at about 9:15 PM, officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Coventry regarding an older male subject not breathing. The subject, an 81-year-old male from Daily City was found unresponsive. Life saving measures were attempted but were unsuccessful. The County Coroner's Office released the body to the family.  
**H22-0052**

**Recklessly Evading a Peace Officer:** On January 23, 2022, at about 11:25 AM, an Officer saw a Gray BMW 328i driving at a high rate of speed S/B on Willow Ave at Cambridge. The Officer attempted a traffic stop on Willow Ave near the Willow Glen Apartments. The driver of the BMW failed to yield and made a U-turn driving N/B Willow Ave. A vehicle pursuit was initiated. The BMW entered W/B I-80 where the pursuit was eventually discontinued due to public safety. The BMW was last seen driving W/B I-80 near Appian Way. The driver was described as a BMA with long dreadlocks. The license plate attached to the BMW appears to be cold plated from another vehicle.  
**H22-0053**

**Shoplifting/Evading:** On January 23, 2022, at about 7:24 PM, officers responded to Big Lots located in the 1500 block of Sycamore Avenue for a reported theft in progress involving two unidentified suspects. When officers arrived, the suspects were seen getting into a black Honda Civic. The suspect failed to yield to officers, and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit was eventually terminated in Vallejo for public safety.  
**H21-0057**

**Criminal Threats:** On January 24, 2022, at about 1:34 AM, officers responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Waverly Circle for a reported intoxicated subject refusing to leave. The victim advised that a 43-year-old male subject from San Ramon had threatened him while holding a knife and told him he was going to cut his heart out. The victim feared for his safety and ran to his room to call the police. The subject was arrested without incident and transported to MDF.  
**H21-0058**

**Stolen Vehicle:** On January 24, 2022, at about 7:31 AM, an Officer was dispatched to an apartment in the block of Paradise Drive for a reported stolen vehicle report. The victim said an unknown suspect stole his Black '05 Cadillac Escalade from the parking lot overnight. The Escalade has rear tinted windows and chrome wheels. An area check was done but no evidence was located. Security cameras in the area showed the Escalade driving N/B Willow Ave at 4:14 AM, closely followed by an unknown pickup truck. The Escalade was entered into SVS. The unknown pickup truck was later discovered to be a Silver '03 Chevy Silverado which is an outstanding stolen vehicle reported to Vacaville PD.

**H22-0059**

**Burglary/Home Invasion Robbery:** On January 24, 2022, at about 9:35 AM, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Olive Ct for a Home Invasion Robbery that just occurred. Dispatch advised two males wearing masks held the victim at gunpoint. The victim described one of the suspects as a BMA, wearing a gray hoodie, and armed with a gray colored handgun. While en-route, Dispatch updated stating the suspects had already left the area. Officers arrived and found the right-side gate and rear sliding glass door open. Officers contacted the victim inside the residence and found evidence it was ransacked. The victim told Officers he was sleeping when he was awakened by noise and opened his bedroom door. He was confronted by the suspects who pointed a handgun at him. The suspects asked him where the cash was located, and he told them he didn't have any cash. The suspects forced him to the ground and ransacked the residence. Approximately \$500 in cash and an unknown amount of jewelry was stolen. Officers did a neighborhood canvass and checked for surveillance video cameras. The residence was processed evidence and Officers later obtained surveillance video camera footage depicting a White 4DR BMW leaving Chestnut Ct. It was also later learned the same vehicle was used in a Burglary in San Francisco.

**(Case H22-0061)**

**Lost or Stolen License Plate:** On January 24, 2022, at about 11:51 AM, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Civic Drive for a reported lost or stolen license plate. The reporting party stated an unknown suspect stole the rear license plate from a 2012 Nissan Versa. The stolen rear license plate was entered into SVS.

**H22-0062**

**Shoplifting:** On January 24, 2022, at about 1:15 PM, Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid, located in the 1500 block of Sycamore Ave for a theft that just occurred. Dispatch advised a male suspect stole Liquor, Hair Clippers, and Lotion and was last seen walking towards Creekside Shopping Center. An Officer located and detained a 59-year-old male transient subject from Alaska. The subject was positively identified in an infield show-up with a Rite Aid employee. Rite Aid desired prosecution and he was arrested. Officers located the ripped-up boxes from the stolen items near the clocktower. Officers also discovered the rear of the clocktower which was been pried open and found a makeshift homeless encampment inside. The subject admitted to staying inside the clocktower. The subject was cited and released. He was then given a courtesy ride to Del Norte BART. **H22-0063**

**Outside Assist:** On January 24, 2022, at about 9:17 PM, officers received multiple notifications of a black KIA involved in a robbery that occurred in Martinez, around Willow Avenue and San Pablo Avenue. An officer located the vehicle traveling eastbound on Willow Avenue near the 800 block. A high-risk stop was initiated at Lupine Road and Heather Avenue. The driver was detained and identified as an 18-year-old male subject from Suisun City. He was the solo-occupant, and Martinez PD was notified. Their Detective arrived on scene to conduct his investigation. Once completed, the subject was released from custody.

**H22-0066**

**MSIN:** On January 25, 2022, at about 2:16 AM, officers responded to a residence in the 2500 block of Bayfront Blvd regarding a physical altercation. Officers contacted a 33-year-old male subject from Pinole in the lobby. The other parties involved were contacted and after an investigation it was determined the subjects were involved in mutual combat and declined pressing charges against each other. A report was taken for documentation of the incident.

**H22-0067**

**Home Invasion Robbery Suspect Vehicle Located:** On January 25, 2022, at about 8:00 AM, Officers were notified by Oakland PD they had located the White BMW 540i used in yesterday's home invasion robbery parked unoccupied in the 600 block of 35<sup>th</sup> St in Oakland. HPD Investigations responded to Oakland to tow the vehicle for evidence. A check of the VIN was done, and it did not match the attached license plate. The vehicle was found to be a '17 BMW 540i registered out of Diamond Springs, CA. The vehicle was removed from SVS as a Felony Vehicle.

**Supplement H22-61**

**Occupied Stolen Vehicle:** On January 25, 2022, at about 1:17 PM, an Officer was driving through the parking lot of Home Depot located in the 1600 block of Sycamore Ave when he saw a suspicious Black '97 Chevrolet Silverado parked in a stall near the contractor's entrance. A large Pitbull was inside the truck. The Officer checked the Silverado's license plate and it returned as an outstanding stolen vehicle reported to San Francisco PD. Officers began surveillance of the truck and saw an HMA walk out to the vehicle. The HMA got into the driver's seat and started the ignition. Officers then blocked in the truck and did a high-risk traffic stop. The driver was detained and identified as a 41-year-old male subject from San Pablo. He was interviewed on scene and stated a friend let him borrow the truck to go to Home Depot. An inventory search of the truck was done but no illegal contraband was found. The dog was released to a friend and the truck was towed. The subject was transported to MDF.

**H22-0068**

**Stolen Vehicle:** On January 26, 2022, at about 3:22 PM, an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Forest Park for a reported stolen vehicle. The vehicle was stolen today between 9:50 and 10:05 am. The vehicle is a Black 2003 Ford F-350.

**H22-0070**

**Suspicious Circumstance:** On January 26, 2022, at about 4:32 pm, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2200 block of Redwood Rd regarding a reported intoxicated subject who had shot 6 rounds from a firearm in the area. Officers arrived on scene and established a perimeter. A shelter in place for surrounding residences was initiated and the nearby Swim Center was evacuated.

Contact with the responsible subject was made by phone, and after almost two hours of negotiating he agreed to exit the residence. The subject was detained, and a protective sweep of the residence was completed. The residence was vacant and there were no signs of any gunfire inside the residence. The subject was ultimately released after he was medically treated for a complaint of chest pain. **H22-0071**

**Stolen Vehicle Recovery:** On January 27, 2022, at about 1:40 AM, an officer located an unoccupied suspicious vehicle parked on Cummings Skyway @ E/B 4. A records check revealed the vehicle was earlier reported stolen to HPD and it was subsequently towed. **Supplement H22-70.**

**Theft of Gas:** On January 27, 2022, at 9:04 am an officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of Willow Ave to take a report for stolen gas. The victim stated, sometime between 7:00 pm last night an 8:45 this morning, an unknown suspect pried the locking gas cap off of his 91 Chevy Truck and stole approximately ¼ tank of gas. **H22-00073**

**Natural Death:** On January 27, 2022, at 1:56 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Civic Dr. for a possible coroner's case. The officer arrived, with fire, who pronounced the 82 year old male deceased at 2:05 pm. The subject reportedly had a previously diagnosed medical issue. The subject's body was released, by the coroner, to his family. **H22-00074**

**Warrant Arrest:** On January 28, 2022, at 2:18 pm an officer conducted a traffic stop on Toyota Corolla, for having the wrong plate on the vehicle, at 3900 San Pablo Ave. The officer contacted the 63 year old male driver, of Hayward. He was driving on a suspended license and had a noticable warrant out of Contra Costa County for driving on a suspended license. The vehicle was found to be expired in 2013 and was towed. The subject was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H22-00076**

**Battery/Drunk in public:** On January 28, 2022, Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Paradise Dr. for a reported fight. Officers located a 36 year old male, of Richmond, yelling and kicking the front door of an apartment. The subject (later determined to be the suspect) displayed obvious objective symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Upon further investigation, it was determined the subject was visiting the 41 year old male victim. After consuming some alcohol, the suspect became violent, and began hitting the victim. The victim suffered minor facial lacerations but denied medical treatment. The suspect was subsequently arrested for Battery, and Drunk in Public, and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H22-00077**

**Outside Assist:** On January 30, 2022, at 1:02 AM, CCSO requested cover for a solo deputy who was trailing a stolen vehicle on E/B 80 @ Cummings Skyway. Two HPD Officers responded and caught up the Deputy near I-780. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver yielded. The driver and passenger were taken into custody without incident. The Sheriff's Deputy took over the case. **Incident #22-1160**

**Warrant Arrest:** On January 30, 2022, at 12:16 p.m. An Officer did a traffic stop on a Black '02

Mercedes E430, on Sycamore Ave near Home Depot, for expired registration (July 2021) and a cracked windshield. The driver was a 22 year old male, of Sacramento. The passenger was identified as a 17 year old male, of Pittsburg. The driver was found to have an outstanding Contra Costa County Warrant. The driver also had an outstanding Warrant out of Oakland PD. The driver was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. The Juvenile was picked up by an adult and the vehicle was released to a family member. (Case H22-78)

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon x2/Child Endangerment x2/Brandishing a Knife/Possession of a Switchblade Knife in a Vehicle/Carrying a Switchblade Knife/Vandalism:** On January 30, 2022, at 1:08 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Silver Maple for a CHP transfer for a report of someone running around with a knife. An Officer located several witnesses, and victims, who reported an unknown male had just stabbed one of the victims. One of the male victims had a 3/4” puncture wound to his left thumb which was already bandaged. While the Officer was on scene, with the witnesses and victims, the male suspect returned to the scene in a White '18 Subaru Crosstrek. Officers detained the 41 year old suspect. The suspect lived in the 500 block of Silver Maple in Hercules. Officers checked the suspect’s residence and located his fiancée and two children in the home. They were unaware anything had happened. AMR arrived to treat the male victim, but he declined any medical assistance. The witnesses, and victims (all one family), were riding bikes, walking and roller skating in the 500 block of Silver Maple Dr. when they observed the suspect’s vehicle speeding towards them. One of the male victims asked the suspect to slow down. Words were exchanged. The suspect got out of the vehicle and brandished a switchblade knife. The suspect swung the knife at the two male victims as they stood within 2-3’ from him. One of the male victim’s tried to block the suspect’s knife and his thumb was cut as a result. Two 10-year-old children were standing nearby when this occurred. The suspect got back into his vehicle and left. Officers searched the suspect’s vehicle and located a switchblade knife inside the glovebox. The knife was positively identified as the knife suspect used. The suspect was also positively identified. He was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. (Case H22-79)

**Driving Under the Influence Collision:** On January 30, 2022, at 9:40 PM officers responded to a solo vehicle collision on Refugio Valley Road and Midship Drive. The 30 year old male driver, from Hercules, was driving his gray Lexus GS 300 when he collided into a tree and was injured in the collision. The driver displayed objective signs of being under the influence of an alcoholic beverages. He was transported to a hospital, by AMR, for medical attention. The subject arrested, cited, and released to a family member at the hospital. H22-0080

**Grand Theft/Vehicle Tampering:** On January 30, 2022, a 29 year old male, from Hercules, called to report a theft from his vehicle. The property was taken from the victim’s unlocked 2005 GMC Yukon XL. The theft occurred between 5:51 PM and 9:35 PM. The items included a MacBook, drum set, and size 13 Air Jordans. H22-0081

**Attempt Theft from a Vehicle:** On January 31, 2022, at 2:39 AM officers responded to the area of 2100 Redwood Road for a report of a theft from a vehicle in progress. The suspect vehicle was described as a black SUV occupied by a male in a red hoodie, and a male in a white hoodie. Officers located a black Acura MDX, which matched the suspect vehicle description. A stop was conducted, and four juvenile occupants were detained without incident. After the investigation it was determined there was no loss and the victims did not wish to press charges. The juvenile’s

guardians were all contacted, and they were released to their custody. **H22-0082**

**Lost Property:** On January 31, 2022, at 11:39 a.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take a report for a lost passport. An Oakland said he lost his Republic of India Passport approximately 8 years ago when he moved from Hercules to Oakland. Gill did not have a passport number for the lost passport. **(Case H22-83)**

**Reckless Evading a Peace Officer:** On February 1, 2022, at 8:39 a.m. Hercules Officers were notified of a freeway License Plate Reader activation for a Felony vehicle wanted for a purse snatch Robbery out of San Ramon P.D. The vehicle was a Gray Infiniti. An Officer saw the Q50 exit E/B I-80 onto the Hercules off-ramp loop before turning left onto N/B Willow Ave. The Officer caught up to the Q50 on the Willow Ave./SR-4 overcrossing. The Q50 then entered W/B SR-4 before transitioning to W/B I-80. An Officer attempted to stop the Q50 on W/B I-80 near Pinole Valley Road, but the vehicle fled in heavy traffic. The vehicle pursuit was discontinued. The Q50 was last seen W/B I-80 near Appian Way. San Ramon P.D. was notified. **(Case H22-84)**

**Shoplifting:** On February 1, 2022, at 2:53 p.m. Hercules Officers were dispatched to Big Lots, 1551 Sycamore Ave. for a theft that just occurred. Dispatch advised the suspect was a short male, wearing a black beanie. Dispatch further advised the suspect stole a mattress topper in a cart and had a small bike with him. The suspect was last seen towards Round Table. Officers arrived in the area and contacted a 51 year old male, near Café Tapioca. The subject matched the suspect description and was riding a small bike. However, didn't have a shopping cart or the stolen item. The witness did not positively identify the male as the suspect, and he was released. **(Case H22-85)**

**Missing Person:** On February 01, 2022, at 9:38 PM a Hercules resident arrived at HPD to report his 59 year old wife missing. The last time the reporting party saw his wife was today at 12:30 PM, and she has been gone since. The female may be driving a gray Volkswagen Tiguan. She was entered into the Missing and Unidentified Persons System. **H22-0087**

**Court Order Violation:** On February 2, 2022, at 6:32 AM officers responded to the 2500 block of Bayfront Blvd regarding a female yelling for help. Officers located the apartment where the altercation was occurring. Officers heard a female who sounded like she was in distress. The occupants were not responding to answer the door. Officers had to force entry into the apartment, and contacted a 23 year old female, of Hercules, and a 28 year old male from Richmond. The male was hiding in the closet and was detained. After the investigation the male was arrested for violating a Emergency Protective Order, protecting the female. The suspect was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. **H22-0088**

## WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 01/22/22-02/02/22

CALLS FOR SERVICE	519
REPORTS	48
TRAFFIC CITES	22
PARKING CITES	73
ADULT ARRESTS	16
JUVENILE ARRESTS	0
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	2
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	3
PART 1 TOTAL	164

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	2
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	1
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	6
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **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

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

#### **Community and Library Services Commission**

Date:02/14/2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:City Hall Council Chambers

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#### **City Hall Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents Day**

Date:02/21/2022 (all day)

Location:Hercules City Hall

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#### **City Council Meeting**

Date:02/22/2022 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

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