City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report March 17, 2022

Dante Hall, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Traffic Calming Plan for Village Parkway & Hercules Ave



111 Civic Drive Hercules, CA 94547-1771 (510) 799-8200

March 17, 2022

Dear Village Parkway Neighborhood Resident,

The City of Hercules is developing a traffic calming plan for Village Parkway and Hercules Avenue. The goal of this plan is slow traffic down, increase safety, encourage more walking and bicycling, and create an environment that enhances the quality of life for street users and adjacent residents.

At last November's Public Safety & Traffic Council Subcommittee Meeting, residents in Village Parkway communicated traffic-related concerns and issues they were experiencing in the neighborhood to City staff. We have developed a traffic calming plan to address these concerns, which can now be viewed on the City's homepage at www.ci.hercules.ca.us. Scroll down to the News/Updates section and click on the article titled: Draft Traffic Calming Plan for the Village Parkway Neighborhood.

We are seeking your input on this traffic calming plan at the Wednesday, March 30 Public Safety & Traffic Council Subcommittee Meeting.

The meeting begins at 6:00 pm and will be virtual. It can be accessed via Zoom at:

Meeting ID: 833 7565 2721

Passcode: 361654

or by telephone at +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose).

Alternatively, you can mail (Attn: Mike Roberts) or email (<u>mikeroberts@ci.hercules.ca.us</u>) your written comments to me, which must be received no later than 4:00 pm the evening of the meeting so they can be distributed to the Subcommittee members at the meeting.

Your feedback is very important to us and key to successfully address the neighborhood trafficrelated concerns. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Best, Mike

Michael Roberts, PE

Public Works Director/City Engineer

City of Hercules (510)799-8241

Bottles & Bites

This great event is fast approaching. The event is held at the Community Swim Center on Sunday, March 27 and will offer an afternoon of tastings from local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, wineries and breweries. There will also be a silent auction, a raffle with great prizes, music and entertainment. Proceeds from the event will benefit our local schools.

If you need something for your child to do while you attend the event, there is a youth Play Date that will be held at the Hercules Teen Center from 12:00pm until 3:30pm. This event is for youth in grades K through 8, and they must be preregistered to attend the Play Date.

EGGstravaganza

The 15th annual EGGstravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 10am to 12pm. There will be lots of fun for everyone, including arts and crafts, egg decorating and of course our fabulous egg hunt. Admission is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Join us at the Senior Center for lots of fun. To register for this event, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.



Splash-A-Palooza



The Splash-A-Palooza is a **FREE** event, that will be held at the pool on Saturday, April 16, from 10am to 12:00pm. This event will kick off our week-long Rec Expo. This event is open to all those who are ready to get wet! Can-openers, cannonballs, and belly flops! Show us your best splash! Prizes will be given out to the top performers in this big splash competition. Register online at www.herculesrec.com #41830, or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291, for more information.

Covid-19 Update

To get the latest information on Covid-19, please visit the Contra Costa County Health Services website.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

City Council Public Comment Process

Public Comments may now be given live at City Council meetings by logging into the Zoom meeting. The Zoom meeting login information can be found on the Agenda Cover page.

Written comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the meeting date will be provided to City Council

and posted to the City's agenda webpage and will not be read aloud. If you wish to speak at the time of the public comment period use the "raise hand" feature in zoom or *9 if calling in by phone and a staff member will admit you into the meeting to make your comment and at the conclusion will move you back to the "attendee" zoom room. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. For all City meetings, instructions on the public comment process can be found on the front page of the agenda.

Council Meeting Public Participation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Under the Governor's Executive Order, City Council meetings may be conducted utilizing teleconferencing or other electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The live stream of the meeting may be viewed on television Comcast Channel 28 and/or online at https://hercules.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the public may only view the meeting on television and/or online and not in the Council Chamber. Due to the current health pandemic, Hercules City Hall is closed to the public during Council Meetings, however members of the public can participate electronically by following the instructions on the very first page of each City Council Agenda. Hercules City Hall and Police Department are open to the public during normal business hours with face coverings and social distancing requirements. Normal business hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the office of the City Clerk (510-799-8215). Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II].

Human Resources

For a current listing of employment opportunities at the City of Hercules go to: <u>Hercules Employment Opportunities</u>.

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: <u>Hercules</u> 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. For questions and assistance, please contact Shiva Matinpour (Community Development Specialist) at 510-799-8244 or via email (smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us).

Building Inspection Division

	Feb. 28 thru Mar. 11, 2022	FY 2021/22 YTD
Number of Permits Issued:	45	617
Total Fees Collected:	\$28,361.05	\$345,131.63
Number of Inspections:	29	482
New Housing:	*	3*

^{*} All housing permits issued for new accessory dwelling units.

Planning Division

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #22-07, a request by Jill Spaargaren, doing business as "Terryfic Service," to operate a home-based business at 109 Meadowlark Way doing administrative tasks for a factory equipment repair business.

 (Final appeal date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022)
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #22-08, a request by Gig Jenkins, doing business as "Bravyns's Spice Company," to operate a home-based business at 109 Sparrow Drive doing administrative tasks for a specialty foods business.

 (Final appeal date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022)
- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #22-09, a request by Jose Gonzalez, doing business as "California Sewer Engineering Inc," to operate a home-based business at 112 Crane Court doing administrative tasks for a sewer lateral replacement business. (Final appeal date: Monday, March 28, 2022)

Planning Commission

• Due to lack of agenda items, the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 7 was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on March 21 will be replaced by the first Community Workshop for the Housing Element Update (see below).



• Housing Element Update

Help us plan together for the future of housing in our community! We're kicking off the Hercules Housing Element update for 2023–2031, and we need your help! Join us for our first virtual workshop on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. to learn about the update process and provide input about housing in Hercules.

Register for the workshop at:

us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hczlk3e_TGyAU2yz-AOkzg

The City of Hercules is also conducting an online survey to assist in the update of our Housing Element, and we need your input. Take our survey today to submit your ideas or concerns about the availability, affordability, and adequacy of housing in Hercules: surveymonkey.com/r/GCNG9CD (or use the QR code shown here)

Learn more about the Housing Element and the update process at: www.ci.hercules.ca.us/HousingElement



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 and graffiti throughout town. A contract is being processed for \$50K to repair tripping hazards at various locations. A contractor was secured for trimming trees around the Refugio Tennis Courts and the landscape screening around the Corporation Yard is being scheduled for installation.

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. City is waiting for permits from regulatory agencies so the Sycamore Trunk Sewer Replacement Project can be bid out. This project will replace a long segment of sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is advancing utilizing \$1.2M in grant funding and the City has contracted with GBS to develop a funding plan to complete the project. The sewer conveyance system for the Willow Storage Facility Developer is under review. The Civic Drive/Sycamore Avenue Pedestrian Enhancement Project and Turquoise Avenue Rehabilitation Project has been substantially completed and will be coming before the City Council for acceptance March 22. The Sycamore Avenue Rehabilitation Project was cleared by Caltrans to advance to advance to construction using the \$392K in grant funding. A design contract amendment for the Palm/Willow Sidewalk Project will also be coming before Council March 22 for consideration and staff is pushing hard for the project to be ready for construction this coming season.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 7
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$952
- Number of Certifications issued: 7
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 4

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0 Encroachment Permits Issued: 7

PARKS AND RECREATION



Activity Guide

2022 Summer Activity Guide

Great news, the 2022 Summer Activity Guides have been printed. We anticipate their arrival Monday, March 21. We are excited to have our first printed guide in 2 years, but even more excited about all the wonderful camps and programs we have to offer our community. Guides will be available at all City facilities including City Hall, the Community Swim Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, the Library and more.

Aquatics

Swim Lessons

Spring Swim Lessons will be held on Saturdays from April 23 to May 14, and on Tuesday & Thursday, from May 17 to May 26. Participants in swim lessons will have the opportunity to learn to swim in our fun and informative group lessons or private swim lessons all at the Hercules Community Swim Center.



Lifeguard Training

If you are looking for a summer job that is exciting and rewarding, give some thought to being a lifeguard/swim instructor. If you are working with us through Aug. 12, you will get reimbursed for the cost of the lifeguard training course. Our lifeguard training course provides you with all the certifications that are required to work as a City of Hercules Lifeguard. Participants receive American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Professional Rescuers, and First-Aid certifications/Title 22. Our next class will be our Spring Break class, April 4 – April 8.

Register online today. Code: 11500-B.

Lap Swim

Whether you lap swim or water walk, come do your workout at the Hercules Community Swim Center. We are offering drop ins, 10 visit and 25 visit individual passes. All swimmers must be at least 14 years old to participate. Lap swim and water walking is open from 6:00pm-7:00pm Monday-Friday. Please note that times may fluctuate. For up-to-date info, contact Parks and Recreation at (510) 799-8291.

Hercules High School Swim Team

Hercules High School Swim Team has begun practice for the 2022 swim season. The High School swim season runs through Friday, May 6. Titans have their first home meet on Wednesday, 3/16! Good luck to the Titan swimmers!

Employment

Employment Opportunities

The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department is hiring for summer! The new "Join Our Team" logo has a hyperlink to the jobs page. We are seeking lifeguards, cashiers, swim instructors, recreation leaders, facility



Click the Logo for 2022 Summer Jobs!

attendants and camp staff. If you or someone you know is looking for a **great** summer job, refer them to us. To join Team Hercules, click the link and complete your application today: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules

Facility Rental

Facility Rentals are Back!

Our first facility rental post pandemic was held on Saturday, March 12, at the Community Swim Center.





There were about 150 people in attendance for a bridal shower, and overall the event was a huge success. Staff commented about how great it was to see the facility decorated with balloons, beautiful tablecloths and flower center pieces. They also mentioned the sound of music, the delicious looking catered food, and all of the smiling faces. But more than anything, staff expressed joy to see the community back to doing normal activities. If you are interested in booking an event, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

Kidz Programs

RAP

With the recent changes to the mask requirements, we have started to see more students enroll in the Hanna RAP program this month. Our theme this month is Sport Mania and we are studying the state of Colorado. Craft and Art projects have been mostly sports related like Jersey bookmarks, paper plates medals, Olympic Torches, etc.

Hanna children made different colors of playdough using basic kitchen

ingredients. The kids took it home. Parents loved it and we received a positive response.

They are having fun doing their stretches and learning Makarena dance, feeling a fizzing sensation in their mouth by dipping oranges in baking soda before tasting them. Other children watched

gummy worms wiggled while place in vinegar and baking soda.



The children have been busy. They have been playing new sports games with self-made equipment. They are working on St. Patrick day arts and crafts. The little ones are enjoying being back in their room playing with new stem games and being with their friends.

Ohlone

Ohlone Kidz RAP made beautiful, colorful masks to wear for Mardi Gras Day and celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday by making Lego Dr. Seuss's as well as their very own Dr. Seuss's Hats and dressing up like Dr. Seuss's book characters. On March Fourth Day, Ohlone Kidz

Come Learn
WHITE
OUR CLASS:
WELCOME!

RAP staff and children marched forth around our center site to the beat of fun marching band music! The children have also been busy making Leprechaun baskets and painting Leprechaun Box Traps in the hopes of catching our very own leprechaun or at least some of his treats! For our Sports Mania March Theme, we have some cool new outdoor group games and indoor dance music that the children love to play and JAM to! In March, Ohlone Kidz Rap welcomed two new children to our before & afterschool programs. We are still accepting new registrations on a first come, first serve basis.



Seniors

AARP Tax

The Senior Center continues 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, Gui Van Domeslaar Room, will also be available on every Thursday and Friday from 9am – 3pm, for those that need further assistance. Please call 510-319-9559, to set up an appointment with AARP.

Café Costa

27 Seniors attended the in-person meal on Wednesday, March 9. Those in attendance enjoyed spaghetti & meatballs, w/ parmesan cheese, mixed vegetables, Italian green beans, dinner roll w/ butter, tropical. 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.

Food Bank

220 participated in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center on Tuesday, March 15. 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, April 5.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next scheduled American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Tuesday, March 22, from 9am - 3pm, and at its NEW location located at Samara Terrace (Gui Van Domselaar Room) 102 Civic Dr. To schedule your appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code HERCULES or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1800-733-2767). The donated blood saves lives!

Transportation

When you attend our Café Costa lunch program, you are eligible for free transportation provided by West Cat dial-a-ride. With a reservation dial-a-ride will take you to and from the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Please ask our front desk for a bus ticket. Ride reservation must be made 24 hours in advance by calling 510-724-7433.

Sports

New Frontier Tennis

New Frontier Tennis program is off to an amazing start in our community! Children of all ages and skill levels are learning the basic fundamentals of tennis from professional instructor, Coach Cal McCullough. All participants will learn proper fundamentals, sportsmanship, and tennis etiquette, in a fun and safe environment. The next session of tennis lessons will begin on April 18th. Please



register today as space is limited and fill up quickly! To register, please visit our website at www.herculesre.com.

National Academy of Athletics

Saturday morning basketball programs for Hot Shots, Big Shots, and Hoop Group at Woodfield Park is up and running with young participants ready to learn the basic fundamentals of basketball! Participants are learning the game through obstacles, small group games and so much more. This past Saturday, March 12th, all 3 programs were postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The makeup date for these programs will extend one more week and will be made up on Saturday, April 9th. Please be on the lookout for National Academy of Athletics summer camps!

Hercules Karate Dojo

Students will learn the basic fighting skills of karate, self-discipline, self-esteem, and confidence in protecting themselves. This program is designed for youth and adults of all ages. April session is right around the corner and it's not too late to register. For more information, please contact our main office at (510) 799-8291.

Woodfield Baseball Field



Baseball field renovations are now complete at Woodfield Park! We would like to extend a BIG thank you to Craig Jensen Jr and the Blacksox Nation Baseball Club for all of their hard work and dedication for the past two weeks. All of the weeds were taken out of the infield, new baseball dirt mixture was added and graded, the outfield lip was cut and leveled for a smooth transition from the infield to the outfield, and the fencing was repaired around the sidelines. Woodfield Baseball Field has been brought back to life and many youth teams have been using the fields. To check availability and to reserve Woodfield Park, please contact our main office at (510) 799-8291.

Teens

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

The teens are helping me with planning the Pizza Social and we are trying to figure out when would be a good day to do it. We are looking at next month so that we have more time to promote it.

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

As of March 1, 2022, members of the public are no longer required to wear masks when they visit Contra Costa County Libraries, including Hercules. Baypoint and Oakley libraries are the exception, and patrons must remain masked inside these locations.

Things to do at Hercules Library – in person!

Get Computer Help at the Library



Do you need help with email, ebooks, Microsoft Word, or have other computer questions? Sign up for one-on-one help with a computer docent at the Hercules Library, **Saturdays, from 10am-12pm**. You can bring in your own device (tablet, smart phone, or laptop) or use one of our computers.

To sign up, please call, stop by, or

register online for one time slot (30 minutes) and we will reach out to you to confirm the details.

We ask that all patrons using this service kindly wear a mask during their session.

National Backyard Day – Saturday, March 19th

Oh, the fun we'll have on National Backyard Day! Come celebrate National Backyard Day at Hercules Library with lawn games, paper airplanes, sidewalk chalk, seeds for your garden and more. Join us in the Sky Garden and Children's Garden, Saturday March 19th, all day, rain, or shine.



March Teen Crafts

Make March your lucky month! Make your own lucky charm keychain and pin using shrinky-dinks. The kits contain materials to make two pins and a keychain. Come pick up a kit in the teen room while supplies last. Ages 11 and up.

Attention Manga Fans

This month we will be having our own Manga March Madness in the teen room! Our bracket will be up and you can vote for a new set of winners each week. Swing by to cast a ballot and check out some manga!

March Seed Library Selection

Wildflowers! Come grab a mix of assorted wildflower seeds and add some color to the world! More seeds coming soon!



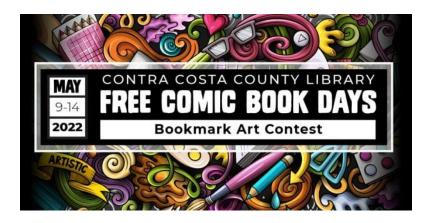
Upcoming Countywide Virtual Programs



March Madness

Join the Library for a tournament of children's books! Each week books will go head-to-head until only one remains. Vote for one book in each game. Readers can vote for their favorites in the Final 4 until March 20. Come back next week to see which books make it to the Championship Game. Or pop into Hercules Library's children's area to see which books make it!

Vote today: <u>ccclib.org/march-madness</u>



Free Comic Book Days Bookmark Art Contest

Free Comic Book Days - Bookmark Art Contest, Feb 21 - March 31

Set your calendars: Free Comic Book Days is May 9-14! There will be free comics, take-home activities and online events!

Enter the Bookmark Art Contest from Feb. 21 - March 31 and help the Library begin the comic celebration with style! Finalists will have their bookmark art printed in May.

Pickup a form at Hercules Library library or online at tinyurl.com/cccbookmarkart

Dias de Comics Gratis - Concurso de Marcapáginas, 21 de Febrero al 31 de Marzo

Guarda esta fecha: ¡Dias de Comics Gratis es del 9 al 14 de mayo! ¡Habrá cómics gratuitos, actividades para llevar a casa y eventos en línea!

¡Ingrese al Concurso de Marcapáginas del 21 de Febrero al 31 de Marzo y ayude a la biblioteca a comenzar la celebración de cómics con stilo! Los finalistas tendrán su marcapáginas imprimidos en Mayo. Recoja un forma en su biblioteca local o en línea en tinyurl.com/cccbookmarkart

Online ESL Conversation Group



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 for information on how to join.



Redistricting Results & Challenges Thursday, March 17, 4pm

Register here

The "one person, one vote" doctrine requires electoral districts to be apportioned according to population - making each district roughly equal in population. To accomplish this, every ten years we redraw the district lines on our public offices using data gleaned from the Census. This effort is now being completed all over the U.S., and Contra Costa County is no exception. How were these efforts managed? Were citizens invited to participate in their own representation? What are Communities of Interest? Were Communities of Interest held together or diluted? What did agencies that "redistricted themselves" do to keep from giving preferential treatment to incumbents?

Join us to learn from a panel of experts moderated by **Gail Murray**, former BART Board Director. Panelists include St. Mary's College Politics Professor **Stephen Woolpert**; **Helen Hutchison**, past President LWV California; President of the California Electoral Commission **Russell Yee**; and **Kristin Nimmers**, Policies and Campaign Manager for the California Black Census and Redistricting Hub.



Teen Drawing Workshops with Mr. Abe March 17, 5pm

Register here.

Teens, learn new drawing tips and techniques in this monthly series with Mr. Abe. Each month will have a different theme.

March: Faces & Expressions

Let your drawings burst with emotions and come practice drawing faces and expressions, ranging from realistic to cartoony.



The Book Talk Bunch Friday, March 18, 2022, 9-10am

Introducing The Book Talk Bunch! Find your next great read with book recommendations from The Book Talk Bunch. These short videos are created for kids and by kids in grades 4-8. The videos are featured on our Facebook and Instagram platforms (Contra Costa County Library and instagram.com/ccc_library) on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, starting March 4th. You can view all the Book Talk Bunch videos on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/theccclib/playlists.



Mandarin Storytime Saturday, March 19, 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.



Fresh Ink: An Evening with Katherine Balch Tuesday, March 22, 7-8pm

Register here.

The California Symphony and Walnut Creek Library Foundation's Live from the Library series will host California Symphony's outgoing Young American Composer in Residence (YACR), Katherine Balch, for a conversation about the World Premiere of her work – Illuminate. In this discussion, Katherine will shed light on her compositional and collaborative process with the California Symphony, her thoughts on the state of classical music, and her experience as the California Symphony's Young American Composer in Residence. The program will include a Q+A session.

Katherine Balch is a composer interested in found sounds, playfulness, intimate spaces, and natural processes. Her previous commissions, like a broken clock (2018) and violin concerto Artifacts (2019), were acclaimed by the San Francisco Chronicle as "breathtakingly beautiful" and "sparklingly inventive." Noting that she was the first female Composer-in-Residence for California Symphony, Balch has expressed from the start a commitment to relating her work to other female artists who have influenced and inspired her. Balch's celebration of women continues in Illuminate, her third commission for California Symphony, which highlights the unique perspective of the female poets and performers of this work.



Sweet Thursday presents: Naomi Krupitsky Thursday, March 24, 5-6pm Register here.

Sweet Thursday presents Naomi Krupitsky, author of The Family.

In the vein of an American Elena Ferrante, a captivating debut novel about the tangled fates of two best friends and daughters of the Italian mafia, and a coming-of-age story of twentieth-century Brooklyn.



Bilingual Story Time W Hora del Cuento Bilingüe Saturday, March 26, 10-10:30am

Join Ms Rosa for stories, songs and dance. This will be a Live Zoom session in English and Spanish that will be held every Fourth Saturday of the month at 10.00 am. Registration using an email is required to receive the Zoom information.

Acompañe a Ms Rosa quien nos contará cuentos y canciones. Esta será una sesión en vivo en español e inglés vía Zoom programada el 4to sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am.Regístrese usando un correo electrónico para recibir la información de Zoom.



Finger Knitting Fun on Zoom Saturday, March 26, 11-11:45am

Register here.

Did you know that you can use your fingers to knit instead of knitting needles? Finger knitting is a fun and easy way to create projects with yarn. Join us on Zoom and make something fun! Space is limited and recommended for ages 10 & up. Materials for the program will be available at the Concord Library for attendees.

Get in Touch

You can contact Hercules Library at (510) 245-2420 Tuesday through Saturday during our open hours; or <u>email</u> or <u>chat</u> online with library staff from 10am-5pm Monday through Friday.

Check us out on Instagram herculeslibraryccclib and <u>Facebook!</u> 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

Mental Health Evaluation: On March 2, 2022, at 6:59 am, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Wadi Run for a disturbance involving a 24-year-old male subject who was threatening his family. It was determined that Fernandez was a danger to himself and others. He was transported to CCCRMC by ambulance. H22-00213

<u>Lost Property:</u> On March 2, 2022, at 9:10 am, an officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding a lost property report. The victim stated he lost his passport and ID. A case was taken, and the items were entered into APS.**H22-00214**

Warrant Arrest: On March 2, 2022, at 1:35 pm, an officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop

on a Mercedes with no plates. The driver, a 32-year-old male subject was determined to have two outstanding non-citable warrants. He was transported to MDF, and the vehicle was towed.**H22-00215**

Stolen Vehicle: On March 2, 2022, at 3:56 pm, an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block Poppy for a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated that sometime between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm today, his White 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 was stolen from the street in front of his residence. The vehicle was later located on fire down the hillside on Carquinez Scenic Dr and McEwen Rd and recovered by CHP.H22-00216

Shoplifting: On March 2, 2022, at 5:16 pm, officers were dispatched to Home Depot for a theft in progress. Officers contacted two 27-year-old male subjects for stealing approximately \$135.00 in items from the business. One of the subjects was cited and released on his signed promise to appear. **H22-00217**

Evading/Poss. Of loaded firearm: On March 3, 2022, at 8:48 pm, an Officer observed a silver Mercedes C300 traveling at a high rate of speed at John Muir Pkwy and I-80. The Officer attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop but the vehicle fled EB on I-80 and a pursuit was initiated. The Mercedes took the Pomona St exit and crashed into the side barrier. The driver fled on foot and was last seen running down the foot path near the Dead Fish. The passenger and registered owner of the vehicle, a 26-year-old female of Vallejo remained in the vehicle and was detained. Officers located a loaded sawed-off Remington shotgun inside the vehicle. An area check was conducted with the assistance of CCCSO, CHP air support, and RPD K-9 but the driver was not located. He was described as a thin build, Black male, in his 20's, wearing a red hoodie, black jeans, and red shoes. The passenger said she had just met him today to sell her car and they were on a test drive. She did not have any visible injuries and declined medical attention. CHP responded to take the collision report and the passenger was released per PC 849. H22-00222

<u>Vehicle Collision (Damage to City Property):</u> On March 4, 2022, at 8:04 am, an Officer was dispatched to the area of Refugio Valley Rd and Hanna Ranch Elementary School for a reported streetlamp that was blocking traffic. Upon the Officer's arrival, it was determined a 19-year-old male subject lost control of his 2007 Ford Mustang while navigating a left turn onto Refugio Valley Road from Mandalay Ave. As a result, the Mustang jumped the center median of RVR and collided into a city streetlamp knocking it down. No injuries were sustained during the collision and Hercules Public Works responded to the scene to take care of the downed streetlamp. **H22-00223**

<u>Warrant Arrest:</u> On March 4, 2022, at 4:57 pm, Officers were dispatched to the BART lot located at 1375 Willow Ave for a suspicious subject holding a baseball bat and appearing disoriented. The subject was identified as a 38-year-old male subject from San Rafael and was found to have an outstanding cite releasable warrant out of Marin County. He was issued a new court date and was released on his signed promise to appear. **H22-00225**

72 Hour Mental Health Evaluation Hold: On March 4, 2022, at 6:29 pm, Officers were

dispatched to the 76 Gas Station located at 842 Willow Ave for a possible medication overdose. Upon arrival Officer's contacted a 26-year-old male from Ellensburg, WA. It was determined that he purposely took an excessive amount of prescription anxiety medication to cause himself harm. He was subsequently placed on a W&I 5150 hold and transported to CCCRMC by ambulance. **H22-00226**

<u>Warrant Arrest:</u> On March 4, 2022, at 9:30 pm, an Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop in the 800 block of Willow Ave. The driver, a 31-year-old male subject from Vacaville was determined to have a citable traffic related warrant. He was cited and released **H22-00227**

<u>Warrant Arrest:</u> On March 5, 2022, at 7:37 am, an Officer checked an occupied suspicious white Lexus ES 300 that was parked in the Home Depot parking lot. The vehicle was discovered to have a false registration tab attached to its rear license plate. One of the occupants of the Lexus identified as a 39-year-old male from Fair Oaks, was found to have an outstanding cite releasable misdemeanor warrant out of Placer County. He was issued a new court date and released from the scene on his signed promise to appear. **H22-00228**

<u>Prisoner Transport:</u> On March 5, 2022, at 8:46 am, an Officer responded to Solano County Jail to pick up a 25-year-old male subject for a fraud warrant held by HPD. He was transported to MDF without incident. **H19-00949**

Stolen Vehicle: On March 5, 2022, at 12:44 pm, an Officer was flagged down at the Home Depot parking lot regarding a stolen vehicle. The victim stated someone stole his white 2003 Ford F250 Super Duty work truck from the parking lot as he was shopping inside the store. The vehicle theft occurred between 12:10 pm and 12:30 pm. The truck was entered into SVS. **H22-00229**

<u>Vandalism:</u> On March 5, 2022, at 3:07 pm, an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Oarsman for a vandalism report. The victim stated their rear window on their gray 2018 Toyota Corolla was shattered sometime between midnight and time of call.**H22-00230**

<u>Warrant Arrest:</u> On March 5, at 10:50 pm, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a Jeep on San Pablo Avenue and Tsushima Street. The driver was identified a 40-year-old female subject and was found to have an active misdemeanor warrant from Kern County. She was cited and released with a new court date. **H22-00233**

Arrest/Towed Vehicle: On March 6, 2022, at 8:58 am, Officers were dispatched to a residence in Hawk Ct for an assault with a firearm. Dispatch advised the victim stated his roommate pulled a gun on him five minutes ago while he was in his bedroom. The suspect, a 21-year-old male subject left in a Silver Pontiac last seen heading towards Lucky. It was determined the victim and suspect had a verbal argument while standing on the staircase when the suspect pointed a firearm at the victim and threatened to shoot him. While Officers were still on scene, a silver 2005 Honda Accord drove into Hawk Ct which was driven by the suspect. A high-risk stop was initiated, and the

suspect was detained. No firearm was found on his person or in the vehicle. He was determined to have a no-bail warrant for a probation violation and after further investigation he was transported to MDF. **H22-00235**

Mental Health Evaluation: On March 6, 2022, at 2:44 pm, Officers were dispatched to Railroad Ave at Santa Fe St for a suspicious circumstance regarding a 33-year-old transient subject attempting to unlock the reporting party's car unsolicited as she was waiting for assistance from AAA. Officers arrived and determined the subject appeared to be in an altered state of mind and believed the Q70 belonged to him. He was determined to be a danger to himself and others and was transported to CCMRC by ambulance. **H22-00236**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On March 6, 2022, at 2:30 pm, Officers received a notification for a stolen 1963 VW 544 driving S/B on Willow Ave near Cambridge. Dispatch advised they were contacted by the registered owner who stated he had recovered his own stolen vehicle. An Officer contacted the owner who stated his father had Bi-Polar disorder/dementia and forgot he drove the vehicle in December to Kaiser Hospital in Richmond. After his father passed away, he was contacted by a Kaiser staff member who told him his father parked the VW on the third floor of the parking garage. He went there today and recovered the vehicle. It was removed from SVS. **H21-1726**

Found Property: On March 6, 2022, at 4:46 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Safeway, 4080 San Pablo Ave for a person who found a baggie he believed to be Fentanyl. An Officer collected the plastic baggie which contained an unknown possible controlled substance. It was collected for destruction. **H22-00237**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On March 7, 2022, at 12:05 pm, Officers received a notification for a stolen silver 1998 Honda Civic driving N/B in the 1200 block of Willow Ave. The Civic was reported stolen to Pittsburg P.D. yesterday, 03/06/22. An Officer located the Civic parked with the engine running near the 100 block of Bristol St and saw two males standing nearby. The two males attempted to walk away but were detained. They were identified as a 39-year-old male from Bay Point and a 39-year-old male from Pittsburg. A set of Honda keys with two other shaved keys was found hidden in a plant near where both were detained. After further investigation it was determined the subject from Bay Pointe was the driver. He was placed under arrest and transported to MDF. The other subject was released per 849 PC. The Civic was recovered and towed. H22-00244

<u>Theft by False Pretenses</u>: On March 7, 2022, at 3:03 pm, an Officer handled a lobby detail regarding an identity theft. The victim stated she received an email she believed came from Amazon. The email stated they detected fraudulent activity on her account and needed her to call them. She called the number and gave remote access to her home computer. She was told to purchase a \$500 Home Depot gift card and provide the card number to ensure her account wasn't compromised. The Victim purchased the gift card and provided the card number but became suspicious after they asked her to make a second purchase. **H22-00245**

<u>Mental Health Evaluation</u>: On March 8, 2022, at 6:38 pm, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2000 block of Tsushima St regarding a reported suicidal subject. Dispatch advised a 26-year-old make subject left the residence five minutes ago after stating he was going to harm

himself. The subject was contacted and determined to be a danger to himself. He was transported to CCRMC by ambulance for a mental health evaluation. **H22-00247**

Assault w/ Deadly Weapon: On March 8, 2022, at 7:53 pm, an officer observed a road rage incident near Willow Avenue and Palm Avenue between a gray Honda Civic associated with a 30-year-old male subject from Hercules and a yellow Chevy Camaro associated with a 29-year-old female from Rodeo. A traffic stop was initiated and both drivers yielded. After an investigation it was determined the subjects were involved in a verbal dispute regarding their relationship. During the dispute, the make subject used his Honda to intentionally collide with the female subject's Chevy while she was in the vehicle. She subsequently chased him until they were stopped. The male subject was arrested and transported to MDF without incident. H22-00248

Grand Theft: On March 9, 2022, at 3:43 am, a resident from the 100 block of Paradise Drive said her aunt, a 50-year-old female from Vallejo was at her apartment for a haircut and she believed she stole her wedding band worth \$9000. There was no one else present in the apartment, and the victim had left her ring unattended near where she gave her a haircut. **H22-00249**

Registrant: On March 10, 2022, at 10:05 am, records pulled a case for an annual sex offender registration. **H22-00250**

<u>Vehicle Burglary:</u> On March 10, 2022, at 3:20 pm, an officer was flagged down by a citizen at Safeway located at 4080 San Pablo Ave regarding a vehicle burglary that had occurred within the last 15 mins. The victim described a suspect as a White or Hispanic male, 20-30 years old, wearing a gray long sleeved shirt, and associated with a White 4door Infiniti. A child's backpack and a lunch pail were taken.**H22-00251**

<u>Miscellaneous Investigation:</u> On March 10, 2022, at 2:35 pm, an officer was dispatched to Hercules High School for a suspected child abuse case. The officer contacted the victims and learned the incident occurred in the city of Brentwood. The officer took a miscellaneous report to be forwarded to Brentwood PD. **H22-00252**

Warrant Arrest: On March 11, 2022, at 9:51 am, an officer located a 49-year-old male subject who had two outstanding non-citable warrants. He was placed under arrest and transported to MDF. He was then rejected at MDF due to medical issue and taken to CCCRMC where he was released, and the warrants were reactivated. **H18-1040/H22-00254**

Stolen Vehicle Recovery: On March 12, 2022, at 6:41 am, an officer was dispatched to the area of Pheasant Dr. and Crane Ct. for a suspicious vehicle. The officer arrived on scene and located a 1973 Chevrolet Impala which was determined to be stolen out of Vallejo on 12/28/2021. The Impala was recovered, towed and the owner was notified.**H22-00257**

<u>Transport:</u> On March 12, 2022, at 10:00 am, an officer responded to Solano County Jail and picked up a 37-year-old male subject for an outstanding warrant. He was transport to MDF for booking. **H21-1566**

Mental Health Evaluation: On March 12, 2022, at 12:49 pm, officers were dispatched to an apartment in the 1200 block of Willow Ave for a reported 14-year-old female who was banging on the door and window threating her mother with a frying pan. Officers arrived on and detained the subject. She was determined to be a danger to herself and others and was transported by ambulance to CCCRMCH22-00258

<u>Warrant Arrest:</u> On March 12, 2022, at 11:56 pm, an Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop at EB I-80 and Willow Ave. The driver, a 36-year-old male subject from Fairfield was taken into custody on a non-citable warrant for vandalism and was transported to MDF. **H22-00259**

<u>Vandalism</u>: On March 13, 2022, at 11:11 am, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Elderberry Ct for a reported vandalism. The victim told the Officer an unknown suspect threw glass bottles containing paint at her bedroom window at approximately 1:00 am this morning causing damage to her grandmother's house and 2020 Kia Niro parked near the bedroom window. **H22-00260**

Missing Person Located/Mental Health Evaluation: On March 13, 2022, at 12:56 pm, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1900 block of Tioga Loop for a suspicious subject attempting to open a side door to a residence. When confronted, the subject stated she was told to go there. The subject was described as a BFA, 20's, with a pink blanket, wearing red pants. Officers arrived and contacted a 22-year-old female subject from Vallejo who had been contacted twice this morning by Officers. It was determined her vehicle was parked/broke down on John Muir Parkway at Alfred Nobel Dr. She told Officers she heard "voices" telling her to go to the residence and she also heard "voices" telling her she was going to her funeral. She was found to have just been entered into MUPS as missing person reported to Pittsburg PD. She was removed from MUPS.H22-00261

The subject noted above was determined to be a danger to herself and others and was transported to CCRMC by ambulance for a mental health evaluation. The subject's mother was notified and had a family member respond to tow the Corolla. **H22-00262**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On March 13, 2022, at 1:25 pm, Officers received a notification for a stolen Gray 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee reported stolen to Oakland PD on 01/01/2022. Officers located the Cherokee parked occupied by a Black Female Adult driver in the Safeway parking lot, 4080 San Pablo Ave. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted, and the driver, a 39-year-old female subject from Oakland/Richmond was detained. She had the ignition key and stated she bought the vehicle from someone in Oakland for \$1,500. However, she had no bill of sale or certificate of title. She was transported to MDF but was medically rejected due to health issues. The Cherokee was removed from SVS and towed. **H22-00263**

<u>Disorderly Conduct – Drunk in Public</u>: On March 13, 2022, at 4:27 pm, Officers were dispatched to Refugio Valley Park, 1515 Refugio Valley Rd for a reported male subject standing in the driveway while armed with a knife. The knife was described as 7"- 8" long. While en-route, Dispatch advised the male had put the knife in a sheath before putting it inside a blue duffel bag. The male was described as an HMA, wearing a dark coat, green hoodie, blue pants, and carrying a bottle of alcohol. Officers located a heavily intoxicated 33-year-old transient male subject who was in possession of an empty bottle of E&J Brandy. He was placed under arrest for public

intoxication and transported to MDF. H22-00264

<u>Warrant arrests x2:</u> On March 14, 2022, at 8:32 pm, an officer checked on a suspicious silver Scion in the parking lot of Jack in the Box located at 3800 San Pablo Avenue. There were two occupants in the vehicle and identified as a 31-year-old male subject from Santa Rosa, and a 25-year-old female from Antioch. Both had active misdemeanor citable warrants out of Napa County. Both were cited and released on scene. **H22-00266** / **H22-00267**

Mental Health: On March 15, at 12:17 am, a 24-year-old subject came to Hercules PD after having an argument with her family at a residence in the 1200 block of Turquoise Drive. After speaking with the subject and her family it was determined she was a danger to herself. She was transported to CCRMC by ambulance for a mental health evaluation. **H22-00269**

<u>Domestic Violence Restraining Order Violation/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia</u>:

On March 15, 2022, at 9:33 am, Officers were dispatched to a residence in Moraine Ct for a report of loud music coming from the garage for the last 30 minutes. Upon arrival, Officers located a 42-year-old male subject inside the garage who has a Criminal Protection Order prohibiting him from the residence and the tenants. He was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and was placed arrest for violation of the court order and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to MDF without incident. **H22-00271**

Shoplifting: On March 15, 2022, at 11:22 am, an Officer saw a suspicious Green 2007 Hyundai Sonata parked backed into a parking stall in the Home Depot parking lot located at 1625 Sycamore Ave. A Home Depot Manager saw the Officer near the Sonata and advised him a suspicious HMA suspect was inside the store preparing to steal tools. The Manager also stated the suspect was associated with the Sonata. Officers contacted the suspect who was later identified as a 27-year-old male subject from Richmond as he exited the store with tools. It was also determined this subject was arrested by our agency on 03/02/22 for shoplifting. Further investigation revealed the subject was in possession of \$250.00 in stolen tools. The subject was found to be on Felony court probation for Assault with a Deadly Weapon with a search clause. A probation search was initiated, and two additional unopened power toolboxes were found inside the trunk from the Richmond Home Depot. Both items were taken under observation to be returned to Home Depot. The subject was cited for theft and released. **H22-00273**

Shoplifting/Towed Vehicle: On March 15, 2022, at 2:32 pm, Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid located at 1560 Sycamore Ave for a report of a theft of beer, make-up, and electric shavers that just occurred. The reporting party stated a BFA, and WMA fled in a Red 2015 Ford Mustang W/B Sycamore Ave towards San Pablo Ave. Officers were in the area and located the Mustang W/B on Sycamore Ave prior to Willow Ave. Officers initiated a traffic stop on the Mustang in the Safeway gas station parking lot. The Mustang's registration was found to be expired as of May 2018. The driver who was identified as a 47-year-old male transient subject, and passenger who was identified as a 47-year-old female transient subject were detained. Both were wearing clothing with TJ Maxx & Ross security tags still attached. Officers located two cases of Modelo Beer, electric razors, eyeglasses, and assorted personal care items inside the Mustang. The reporting party did an infield show-up and positively identified the female subject as the theft suspect. The stolen items were recovered, and the female subject was arrested and cite released. The Mustang was towed for the excessive delinquent registration violation. **H22-00274**

Endangerment: On March 15, 2022, at 3:57 pm, an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding a fight that occurred at Safeway, 4080 San Pablo Ave. The victim, a 29-year-old male subject from Vacaville stated this incident occurred this past Sunday night, 03/13/22, at 10:41 p.m. He arrived at Safeway for a child custody exchange with his 7-year-old daughter's mother, a 29-year-old female from Hercules and her new boyfriend, a 27-year-old male subject from Hercules. During the exchange, the victim and new boyfriend engaged in a verbal altercation and the new boyfriend punched him. While they started fighting on the ground, the female subject jumped on his back, pulled a chain off the victim's neck, and scratched his ribcage area. The victim's 7-year-old daughter was present during this altercation. This incident is still under investigation. H22-00276

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 03/02/22-03/15/22

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELLED

Date:03/21/2022 7:00 PM

In lieu of the March 21 regular meeting of the Planning Commission, the City will be hosting the first Community Workshop for the Housing Element Update.

Housing Element Update - Community Workshop #1

Date:03/21/2022 7:00 PM **Location:** Online via Zoom

Join the City of Hercules for the first Virtual Community Workshop to discuss the City's <u>Housing Element Update</u>. The City must adopt a new Housing Element by January 31, 2023, and we need residents' input to ensure the new plan meets the current and future needs of our community. We want to hear your ideas or concerns about the availability, affordability, and adequacy of housing in Hercules. **Register today for the workshop!**

Learn more about the City's Housing Element Update at: <u>ci.hercules.ca.us./HousingElement</u>

City Council Meeting

Date:03/22/2022 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM **Location:**City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547

Public Safety/Traffic Subcommittee Meeting

Date:03/30/2022 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The meeting begins at 6:00 pm and will be virtual. It can be accessed via Zoom at:

Meeting ID: 833 7565 2721

Passcode: 361654

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<u>Village Parkway Conceptual Plan Notice</u> (PDF) <u>Village Parkway Concept Plans & Cost</u> (PDF)