

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report April 14, 2022

Dante Hall, City Manager



Hercules Connect

We are excited to announce that the City of Hercules has officially launched a new citizen request app, Hercules Connect, powered by @GOGovApps! Report non-emergency issues and communicate with us directly from your phone, or online. Download the app today!

App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/.../hercules-connect/id1605992188...>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>

City Hall in the palm of your hand

Download Hercules Connect

- Access City Information
- Submit Service Requests
- Receive Notifications
- And more...

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Housing Element Update

To follow up the first community workshop held on March 21, **all members of the community can help the City continue to plan for the future of housing in our community by joining us for the second virtual workshop on April 25 at 7:00 p.m.**, when we'll delve deeper into housing challenges and opportunities and possible solutions and strategies. Like the first Housing Element Workshop, this second workshop will be held virtually on Zoom. More info to come shortly, including how to register online. You can watch video of the first workshop and download the presentation at the [Housing Element webpage](#).



Splash-A-Palooza

The City of Hercules Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting its first annual "Splash-A-Palooza" event this Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Community Swim Center (2001 Refugio Valley Road). **This event is FREE!** And we will hold the event rain or shine!

Pre-register for the Splash competition on www.herculesrec.com, or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291.

Come show off your best splash! Cannonballs, Can Openers, Belly Flops, you choose. Just BRING IT!

For those that don't want to be a part of the splash, the pool will be open for free play during the event.



Community Clean Up Day

Community Clean-up Day is coming! The City of Hercules will be hosting our annual Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the City's Corporation Yard, located at 1000 Sycamore Avenue. This one day event is geared towards helping to beautify the community by providing a dumpsite to throw away outdoor trash, yard clippings, tree limbs, and more. To participate you must be a Hercules resident, and show ID to get in. NO Construction materials, NO U-Hauls. Participants must be able to unload their vehicle.

CITY OF HERCULES COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022
8-11am (or until full)



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

- Residents required to unload own vehicle



**NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE ALLOWED!**

NO E-WASTE AT THIS EVENT

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

Must be Hercules Resident. Provide ID at the Gate.


CORP YARD, 1000 SYCAMORE AVENUE

Hercules Library Spring Book Sale

Friends of the Hercules Library

SPRING BOOK SALE

Hercules Library • 109 Civic Dr. & Sycamore
Thousands of used books + CDs and DVDs

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| <p style="text-align: center;">April 30, 2022 Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hardbacks • \$1.00 Paperbacks • 50¢ Children's Books • 25¢ CDs and DVDs • 50¢</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">May 1, 2022 Sunday Noon - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$2.00 per bag Fill your own bag(s) from remaining stock.</p> |
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Members of the *Friends of the Hercules Library* can enter **one hour early** at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday for best selection. Join at the door!

All proceeds from the Book Sale and from the *Friends of the Hercules Library* Book Store go to support the collections and programs at our library.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK

Council Meeting Public Participation

The City of Hercules is proud to offer in-person City Council meetings again. While attendees are welcome to join us at City Hall, members of the community who prefer online participation can still join using Zoom. Our new hybrid format will allow for maximum civic engagement. The Webinar ID and password credentials for joining meetings will be provided on each meeting agenda. 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 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the office of the City Clerk (510-799-8215). Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II].

Human Resources

For a current listing of employment opportunities at the City of Hercules go to: [Hercules Employment Opportunities](#).

City Meeting Schedules

City Council Meetings

The Hercules City Council meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

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.

Planning Commission Meetings

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

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

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

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

CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay

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

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.

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- City Council Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting April 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm
- City Council Meeting April 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building & Planning Departments Open

Community Development staff, with support from Contra Costa County staff, process new building permits and inspection requests. The City’s Community Development 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

| | Mar. 28 thru Apr. 8, 2022 | FY 2021/22 YTD |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of Permits Issued: | 50 | 706 |
| Total Fees Collected: | \$20,900.79 | \$382,185.79 |
| Number of Inspections: | 29 | 542 |
| New Housing: | 1 | 4* |

* All housing permits issued for new accessory dwelling units.

Planning Division

- Tentatively approved Administrative Use Permit #22-13, a request by Jose Flores, doing business as “Champion Green Cleaning,” to operate a home-based business at 103 Maple Court, providing janitorial services offsite.
(Final appeal date: Monday, April 25, 2022)

Planning Commission — Upcoming Meetings

- **April 18, 7:00 p.m. — Planning Commission Meeting:** The Commission will hold a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of an “all-electric” building requirement for certain new types of construction (as previously directed by [City Council at its February 8, 2022, meeting](#)). This meeting will be conducted as a “hybrid meeting”: for the first time in over two years, the Commission, staff, and public will be able to meet together in person in Council Chambers; an online (Zoom) forum will also be in place to accommodate remote participants.

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 \$50K contract to repair sidewalk tripping hazards at various locations was completed. The trees were trimmed around the Refugio Tennis Courts and the landscape screening project around the Corporation Yard has begun.

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 Sycamore Avenue Rehabilitation Project and Palm/Willow Sidewalk Project is in final design and staff is pushing hard for the project to be ready for construction this coming season.



Bench Replacement in Refugio Park!

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 9
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$1,224
- Number of Certifications issued: 7
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 4

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 3

PARKS AND RECREATION



Special Events

Spring Break Camp - Recap

Spring Camp was a success. We had happy campers. They did everything from a nature scavenger hunt to playing bingo. They also did wildlife art projects. They had a delicious pizza day for lunch. They enjoyed the movie Sing 2 and ate popcorn. They kept busy going to the park and playing outside games at the school.

EGGstravaganza - Recap

The EGGstravaganza was held this past Saturday, April 9, at the Senior Center. By the end of the event, more than 150 children and 300 (total) community members come through the door. For those that participated, they were able to make bunny ears, decorate cookies, have their face painted, go on an egg hunt, and so much more. We would like to take a moment to say thank you to Rotary International, Interact and the Friends of the Hercules Senior Center for all their help. We could not have done the event without your help! In addition, we'd like to thank Rotary, Target, Safeway for donations, and Kona Ice for supporting the event as well. Please see all the wonderful photos at the end of the bi-weekly report.



REC EXPO WEEK Coming up...

Rec Expo Week will be held next week, Monday, April 18 through Thursday, April 21, from 10a-4p. Rec Expo Week is the community's opportunity to save 10% on select programs for the summer. To receive a discount, the class or camp must be paid in full. Please note: Child Care, Tiny Tots, Swim Team and Camp Dynamite programs are not eligible for the Expo discount.

Aquatics

Fun Fact:

The average high school swimmer swims 1 million strokes per season. Think about that for a minute. You don't even have the time to count to a million, meanwhile, all of these high school swimmers are well on their way to swimming a million strokes by the end of the season. On behalf of the Parks and Recreation staff, we would like to congratulate the Titan swimmers on this accomplishment. To quote our fish friend Dory... "just keep swimming".

If you have not been to the pool in a while, please join us at the Hercules Swim Center to help you achieve your water fitness, water walking/ Lap swimming, Aqua Zumba, swim lessons, and recreation swimming needs.

Swim Meet

The Hercules High School Titans Swim Team has been working hard here at the Hercules Community Swim Center. The next Titan home swim meet will be held on Wednesday, April 20, against the Vallejo High School Redhawks. Good luck Titan swimmers, swim fast!!!

Swim Lessons

Summer Swim lessons are now available, don't miss your chance to sign up for Summer Swim Lessons before they fill up. We are offering 5 sessions of group swim lessons. The private swim lessons are now completely filled. Our patient, safety-oriented instructors will help you every step along the way.

Lifeguard Training

The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department will be holding another Lifeguard Training course over the span of 2 weekends in May. The class will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 16, 21 and 22, from 9:00am – 5:30pm. If you are looking for a summer job that is exciting and rewarding, there is no better position than to teach someone a great life skill, and to potentially save lives. Our lifeguard training course provides you with all the certifications that are required to work as a City of Hercules Lifeguard. Participants will receive certificates in American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Professional Rescuers, First Aid and Title 22.

Lap Swim

Swimming is one of the best full-body workouts available! 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 currently open Monday through Friday from 6:00-7:00pm.

Employment

Employment Opportunities

Join our Team. If you or someone you know is looking for a **great** summer job, refer them to us. To join Team Hercules, go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules> and complete your application today:

Kidz Programs

Preschool

Past: We held our public preschool registration on Wednesday, March 30, for the 2022-2023 school year. 30 families lined up outside before registration began, and by the end of the event, most of the classes now have limited space left. If you are interested in having your child attend preschool in the fall, we have limited space available in each program. You can register today by contacting the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 799-8291. There are just a few spots left in the Multi-Age older 3's young 4's class, as even less available for the Pre-K and Jr. K classes. Don't delay, sign up today!

Present: A quick update on our current Preschool classes...our pre-Kinder and both Jr. K classes had their graduation portraits taken and they turned out absolutely fabulous! We can't believe this school year is almost over and our preschoolers will be heading to kindergarten soon. What a wonderful growing experience we had this year even with the ups and downs of COVID, even with face coverings, social distancing, etc.

Future: If you have not already done so, please join us this summer for Preschool Summer camp!

Preschool camp is known as “Sparklers”, and will be held, Monday - Thursday, 9a-12p. For more information see the current Park and Recreation Activity guide online, under the Parks and Recreation tab. What an exciting time for the City of Hercules Preschool programs. Tiny Tots is such a popular program and our staff and Parks and Recreation department provide a wonderful experience for the Preschool age children.

RAP - Hanna

During Spring break, Hanna staff moved all the classroom items they brought to the Community Center and Teen facility back to Hanna Ranch Kidz Center. After a few months of being away from our site, everyone is happy to be back.



Our April theme is Go Green, as we are inspired by the upcoming Earth Day, which will be celebrated on Friday, April 22. Hanna RAP will be focusing on the Environment, and Regional Parks in the Bay Area. Crafts include things like reusing, and recycling old magazines and newspapers to make Recycled Art Flowers, Robots and Collages. Other craft projects will include mosaic earth, windsock, tattoo art, and coffee filter butterflies.

This Easter week, every day we will do one relay like egg toss, egg on the spoon, contest using eggs and egg shells; guessing games and an egg hunt!

RAP - Ohlone

Before Spring Break Ohlone Kidz RAP children had a huge blast making cardboard robots and huge tiger decorations with recycled cardboard and paper rolls. For Take a Walk in the Park Day, the children took a nature walk in our nearby park trail guided by Mr. Robert emphasizing names of trees and flowers and animals found along the trail. The children created virtual vacation paintings that included some far away vacations in other planets that required astronaut masks that they also made. For Doctor’s Day, the children learned about the different fields in the medical profession for not only humans but pets and animals too since this is Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month! The children created colorful wax art with crayons for Crayon Day and made a manatee cutout for Manatee Appreciation Day. The children celebrated Music in the Classroom Month by making amazing fun music with banjos, drums, tambourines, and maracas and dancing along to their tunes!



Summer Training

The Parks and Recreation Department will be attending the Summer Leader Institute on May 21, at the Concord Campus of Cal State East Bay. The Institute is a one-day summer training for Camp Staff that covers a wide array of programs including things like, inclusion, planning with purpose, leadership, field trips, water safety, challenging behaviors, customer service and building your team. Staff will be working with other staff primarily from Contra Costa County.

Seniors

AARP Tax

The Senior Center is hosting their last week of free tax preparation through AARP ending on Friday, 4/15. 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 Thursday and Friday from 9am – 3pm, for those that need further assistance. Please call 510-319-9559, to set up an appointment with AARP.

Birthday Celebration

Celebrate your birthday with us! Join us on Friday, April 15, at 11:30am for lunch, cake, and birthday wishes! Please reserve your seat a day in advance, by calling 510-799-8219.

Café Costa

23 Seniors attended the in-person meal on Tuesday, April 12. Those in attendance enjoyed beer battered fish and chips with vinegar and tartar sauce, Cali vegetables, chocolate pudding, clam chowder, and a glass of milk. 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

222 participated in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center on Tuesday, March 15. Come participate in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center. The Food Bank comes out to Hercules on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, and canned goods.

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.

Mobility Matters is another source of transportation that provides free, one on one, door through door escorted rides for seniors and veterans. Mobility Matters operates by screened and trained volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. Ride reservations must be made in advanced by calling 925-284-6161 or visit www.mobilitymatterscc.com

Teens

The Teens are currently happy and sad they have their space back since the Hanna kids have returned to Hanna Ranch. They do miss the Hanna Kids being there, but are enjoying that they have so much more space.

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

Things to do at Hercules Library – IN PERSON!

Book Art Projects

Are you inspired by books? We are, and so is our friend, artist and educator Tatiana Ortiz. Together, we have curated bookish art for you to enjoy, inspired by the books we love. Every two weeks, April through June, you'll create a new book-inspired art project - one for Children, one for Teens. Come to the library to get the projects, and all the art supplies to take home, and books to check out, all while supplies last. Thanks to Tatiana, for supplying all the creativity for you to enjoy!

April 19th Book Art Options

- Children's book: Bob by Wendy Mass
- Children's project: make your own monster
- Teen book: Twilight by Stephenie Meyer
- Teen project: watercolor painting



BOOK ART PROJECTS

CHILDREN

TEEN

April 19

- Children's project - make your own monster
- Teen project - watercolor painting

Hercules Library
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Día de los libros, Día de los niños Library Scavenger Hunt Monday, March 28 - Saturday, April 16 all day!

[Click here for more!](#)

Attention KIDS! Find the six bilingual book covers hidden around the children's room and return your scavenger hunt to a staff member to be entered into a prize drawing celebrating Día de los libros, Día de los niños.

And for even more fun - join Contra Costa County Library in celebrating Día de los libros, Día de los niños (Children's Day, Book Day) all month long with crafts, virtual storytimes, and a prize drawing.





**Kindergarten Countdown Kits at the Hercules Library
Tuesday, April 5 - Tuesday, April 19 – All Day While Supplies Last!**

Is your child entering TK - 1st grade in Fall 2022? Then, come pick up a Kindergarten Countdown Activity Kit! **Kits are available for children ages 3-6, while supplies last.** Kits will be available to pick up in the Hercules Library beginning April 5, 2022, on a first come, first served basis. Curious how to use the Kits? Come to one of our [Zoom unpack your kit programs](#) and find out. More resources are available on our [Kindergarten Countdown webpage](#).



Community Reads for Kids 2022 | March 15 - April 13

Tell Us a Story

The Vanderbeekers Make a Wish
by Karina Yan Glaser

The Vanderbeeker children get to go on a “three-day summer getaway trip” within driving distance before they begin seventh grade. This summer they hope to recreate the driving journey Papa was supposed to take with Pop-Pop long ago.

Where would you go on a three-day summer getaway trip within driving distance? What would you see and do? Who would go with you? Tell us about your dream trip!

In addition to the virtual Community Reads program, Hercules Library has **free** copies of The Vanderbeekers first book, [The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street](#). To get your copy, all you need to do is fill out a **Tell Us a Story** prompt, sharing a story about your wish for a three-day summer trip! Copies of the story sheet are available at the library, with free copies of the book, while supplies last. Thank you to The Friends of the Hercules Library for their generous support for this giveaway.



Get Computer Help at the Library

Do you need help with email, e-books, 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 60-minute time slot 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.

Seed Bombs with Seedballers April 20, 5pm – Zoom

Learn all about seed bombs in this presentation from the [Crockett-based Seedballers!](#) Seed bombs, or seed balls, are flower or plant seeds held together with natural materials. Fillipi and Martin, co-founders of Seedballers, are "fighting to leave behind a brighter future through the planting of trees and flowers." They'll join us to show us how they create these magical gardening gems, and how you can use them in your garden, or green space. We'll save time for your Q&A. All ages are welcome. It's going to be so much fun!

[Register here.](#)

After you register, come by the library to get your very own **free seed ball starter sample!** Available at the library's information desk, while supplies last.





Friends of the Hercules Library Spring Book Sale
Saturday, April 30, 10am-5pm
Sunday, May 1, 12pm-4pm

The BIG Book Sale is back! The Friends of the Hercules Library will have thousands of used books, CDs, and DVDs for sale at bargain prices: **hardbacks \$1.00, paperbacks, \$.50, and children's books for just \$.25.** And on Sunday, you can fill our own back with remaining stock, for just **\$2.00 per bag.**

For more information, please go to the Friends website: <https://herculeslibrary.com/friends/>

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 for information on how to join.

Teen Monthly Drawing Workshop *with Abe Rodriguez*



Teen Drawing Workshops with Mr. Abe

April 14, 5pm

[Register here.](#)

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

April: Drawing Bodies - Proportions

Get some tips on how to draw full body characters and get around tricky things like arms and legs, body types, and of course, hands!



Bike Camping 101

April 20, 6-7pm

[Register here.](#)

Have you dreamed about doing a camping trip by bike? Then this is the class for you! The Bay Area offers a wide variety of beautiful outdoor recreation and we want to share some tips for you to enjoy it responsibly.

This one-hour Zoom class in partnership with Bike East Bay will cover all of the basic skills needed to plan a fun, comfortable, and safe bike camping trip, whether it is an overnight stay at one of our many great local parks or a week plus long expedition. Learn what to pack, where to go, and what to do when you're there!



All Hands On Deck: A Path to Our Sustainable Future
April 21, 4pm
[Register here.](#)

We live in a climate changing world. For Californians, year around wildfires, a mega- drought and looming sea level rise paint the picture. You may have also seen it in the changes in your garden or the increasing number of trees dying from beetle bark infestations.

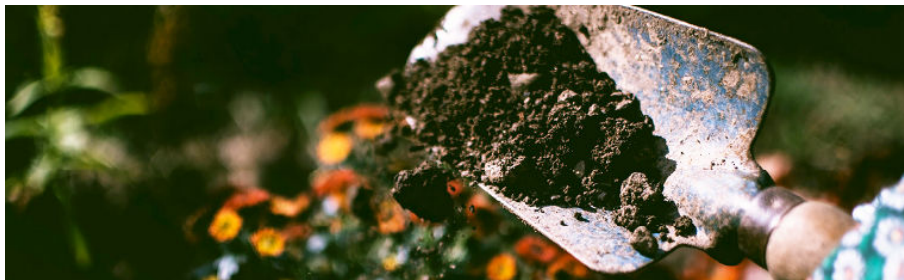
During our pandemic, in September 2020, the Contra Costa Board of supervisors declared our County was in a climate emergency.

This is not just an emergency about our climate: over 29 medical societies including the American Medical Society, name it the top public health emergency we face. We measure this crisis in things like human lives prematurely lost, huge economic costs borne by taxpayers, animals facing extinction and homes gone forever.

There is good news here: We have a window of time to avert the worst.

Are we ready to face this 21st Century challenge? What does a sustainable future mean for us? What can a busy person really do that has highest impact? Where are the community resources and places that spotlight the paths to the future we want?

Come and learn the latest thinking on how each of can work toward a sustainable future in our lives and in our communities. New resources, tools, and ideas for how we can be part of the solution in our daily lives as we journey to get our environment and communities to a sustainable condition.



Seasonal Prep for Your Home Vegetable Garden: A UC Master Gardener Webinar
April 26, 6pm
[Register here.](#)

This webinar will present ideas that will save you time and effort in getting the ground ready for a productive season, how to protect and maintain your beds in-season, and what to do at the end of

the summer season.

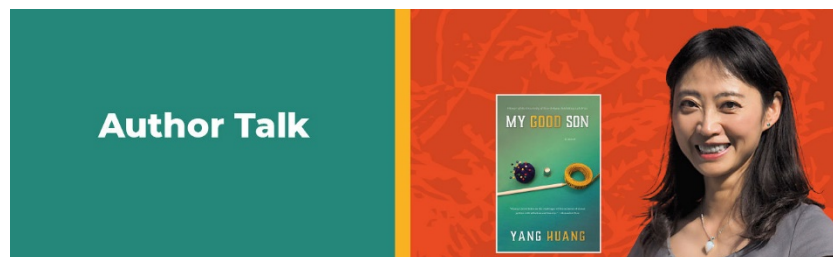
Greg Letts worked for more than 30 years in the specialty outdoor industry as a retailer, manufacturer's representative, and business owner. He became a Master Gardener in 2019. He volunteers weekly at Our Garden and currently coordinates the watering team. Greg also assists at Ask A Master Gardener tables at several Contra Costa County farmer's markets. His home garden of many years includes year-round vegetables, small fruit trees, and potted citrus trees.



Bilingual Story Time with a Luchador 🌻 Cuento Bilingüe con un Luchador
Saturday, April 30, 10-10:30am
[Register here.](#)

Join us for this special virtual session Saturday, April 30th at 10:00am where we'll celebrate **Children's Day/Book Day** with a fun story about wrestling and the presence of a special guest, a real-life luchador! Yes, Mexican wrestler Yakuza will read a book with Ms. Rosa and share his best wrestling moves with us.

We'll have a drawing for books and wrestling masks for kids with all the attendees. Are you ready for some Lucha Libre? Let's go! ¡Vamos!



Virtual Author Talk: Yang Huang on My Good Son
May 4, 6pm
[Register here.](#)

Hercules welcomes local author [Yang Huang](#) for an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration! Join us for a book talk about [My Good Son](#), a story that exposes readers to the parallels and differences of American and Chinese cultures, father-son relationships, familial expectations, sexuality, social mobility, and privilege.

Yang Huang grew up in Yangzhou, China and came to the U.S. to study computer science. While working as an engineer, she studied literature and pursued writing. Yang attended Boston College

and earned an MFA from the University of Arizona. Yang lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and works for the University of California, Berkeley. Besides her day job and family life, she writes fiction and creates a more tolerant and hopeful world in stories

Her novel *My Good Son* won the University of New Orleans Press Publishing Lab Prize.

Get in Touch

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

Check us out on Instagram [herculeslibraryccclib](#) and [Facebook!](#) Or, come on by and say hello in person.

HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE FOLLOWING CASES ONLY REFLECT A PARTIAL LIST OF ACTUAL CASES TAKEN. CALLS FOR SERVICE NOT GENERATING WRITTEN REPORTS ARE NOT USUALLY LISTED. ALL THOSE ARRESTED ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

Auto Burglary: On March 30, 2022, at 8:37 am, an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail for a reported auto burglary that occurred yesterday, 03/29/22, at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course. The victim stated he parked his 2019 Honda Ridgeline in the parking lot at 2:00 pm. He left a backpack containing his Apple MacBook Pro laptop concealed underneath his front passenger seat. When he returned to his vehicle at 6:00 pm, he found his front passenger window shattered and his backpack was taken. There is no suspect information. **H22-00334**

Auto Burglary: On March 30, 2022, at 6:15 pm, an Officer was dispatched to Franklin Canyon Golf Course, 3500 Franklin Canyon Rd for a reported auto burglary. The victim who was from Pinole stated he parked his 2013 Chevy Silverado in the parking lot at 1:00 pm. He returned to his Silverado at 6:10 pm and found his front passenger window shattered. The interior of the Silverado was ransacked but nothing appeared to be missing. **H22-00335**

Supplemental for H22-335: An Officer took a supplemental report regarding the reported auto burglary above that occurred at Franklin Canyon Golf Course.

Hit and Run DUI Arrest: On March 31, 2022, at 2:40 pm, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 600 block of Windsor for a hit and run. A witness was able to get the suspect's plate which returned to a 2013 Honda Accord registered to a local resident. Officers located the vehicle parked on Willow Ave in front of the Grove Church occupied by a 54-year-old male subject who was sitting in the front seat with the keys in the ignition. The subject had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. After further investigation he was placed under arrest for DUI and Hit and Run. He was transported to HPD for additional testing. He was later cited and released and transported to the hospital for unrelated medical issues. **H22-00337**

Outside Assist: On April 1, 2022, at 3:55 am, Officers were notified of a multiple vehicle collision on WB I-80 near Appian. A driver of one of the vehicles fled the scene on foot prior to CHP arrival. A HPD Officer located the driver near Wing Stop. CHP arrived on scene and the subject was turned over to them.

Warrant Arrest: On April 1, 2022, at 9:44 am, an officer checked on a suspicious vehicle at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course. He contacted the occupants and learned that one of the occupants, a 28-year-old male subject from Concord had two outstanding citable warrants. He was cited and released with a new court date. **H22-00338**

Outside Assist: On April 1, 2022, at 11:34 pm, Pinole PD requested emergency cover for a shooting at the Goodfellas Bar. The suspect vehicle was described as red Ford Mustang traveling northbound on San Pablo Ave. A Hercules Officer located the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and a high-risk stop was conducted on San Pablo Ave near Alvarez Ave. The driver was detained and turned over to Pinole PD.

Lost/Stolen License: On April 2, 2022, a Hercules resident reported her CA license plate missing. She believes it may have been taken some time between November and December 2021. **H22-00343**

Hit & Run Vehicle Collision: On April 2, 2022, at 11:33 am, Officers were notified of a stolen Gray 2020 Jeep Wrangler overdue rental vehicle exiting E/B I-80 into Hercules. The Wrangler was reported stolen to Modesto PD today, at 11:44 am. An Officer located the Wrangler occupied in the Safeway parking lot, 4080 San Pablo Ave. The BMA driver quickly backed out of a parking space and made a sharp right turn causing him to sideswipe the front end of a parked Gray 2007 Nissan Frontier. The vehicle fled driving recklessly through the parking lot onto W/B I-80 and was not pursued due to driving recklessly. CHP was notified and an Officer responded back to the parking lot and met with the owner of the Nissan to take a report. **H22-00341**

Found Property: On April 2, 2022, at 11:59 am, an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail regarding a set of keys found. The reporting party found the keys while walking on the Refugio Valley Rd walking path close to the Hercules High School. The keys were entered into evidence for safekeeping. **H22-00342**

MSIN/Firearm Taken for Safekeeping: On April 3, 2022, at 8:26 am, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of Forest Park for a welfare check on a 49-year-old male subject. The reporting party stated said the subject was acting “weird” and was depressed. He believed the subject was suicidal and in possession of a 9mm pistol. The subject was contacted and did not meet the criteria for a mental health evaluation. However, he agreed to allow Officers to take temporary possession of his Beretta pistol for safekeeping. **H22-00344**

Missing Person Locate: On April 3, 2022, at 10:57 am, Officers were dispatched to Refugio Valley Park, 1515 Refugio Valley Rd for a report of a homeless male with a shopping cart sleeping near the bathrooms. Officers contacted a 40-year-old male subject, and he was found to be a missing person reported to CCCSO on 03/04/22. He was removed from MUPS. **H22-00345**

Lost/Stolen License Plate: On April 3, 2022, at 11:28 am, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Iris Ct for a reported lost or stolen rear motorcycle license plate. The rear license plate to his 2007 Suzuki GSX-R 750 was last seen attached on 04/01/22. The license plate was entered into SVS. **H22-00346**

Battery/Child Endangerment: On April 4, 2022, at 11:12 a.m. Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Earnest St. for a family disturbance. The 33 year old female victim, of Hercules, said her 75-year-old father, was threatening her. While in-route, the victim said her father pulled her hair and was trying to fight her. Officers saw the male chasing the victim out the front door. The parties were separated. The victim said her father chased her, while she was holding her 14-month-old boy; pulled her hair; as well as hit her in the head. She didn't have any visible injuries but wanted to press charges against her father. The male suspect was cited and released on scene. The victim left with her two. **Case H22-349**

Non-Injury Vehicle Collision: On April 4, 2022, at 12:40 p.m. an Officer was dispatched to Canterbury St. at Newbury St. for a non-injury vehicle collision involving a US Post Office vehicle. The driver of the US Post Office mail truck was driving away from the north curb of Canterbury when he collided into a Red '10 Infiniti QX56 causing minor damage. The 41 year old male driver was from San Francisco. **Case H22-351**

Lost/Stolen License Plate: On April 4, 2022, at 1:22 p.m. An Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take a report for a lost or stolen license plate. The 60 year old male victim, of Hercules stated he noticed his Silver '02 Rogex trailer's license plate was missing/stolen. He last saw the trailer's license plate attached sometime within the last two years. The victim uses the trailer to haul his boat and saw a screw missing from his trailer's license plate frame. It was entered into SVS. **Case H22-352**

Seized license plates: On April 4, 2022, at 3:50 p.m. An Officer checked on an occupied Tan '03 Toyota Highlander parked at the Safeway gas pumps, 4010 San Pablo Ave. The license plates on the Highlander were found to belong on a '05 GMC Envoy. The Highlander's VIN returned clear with expired registration as of June 2019. The driver was identified as (a 22 year old male, of Rodeo. The two license plates were seized to be returned to DMV. **Case H22-353**

Shoplifting: On March 4, 2022, at 7:56 PM officers responded to Safeway at 4080 San Pablo Avenue for a theft. Safeway Manager The reporting party saw an unknown female adult, wearing pink, walk out of the store without paying for \$300 worth of grocery items. She was seen getting into a gold GMC Yukon. They vehicle was not located and there was no information on the driver. **H22-354**

Warrant Arrest: On March 4, 2022, at 11:09 PM an officer conducted a traffic stop on a gray Toyota Camry on the 4000 block of San Pablo Avenue. The 28 year old male, from Vallejo, had an active misdemeanor warrant out of Lassen County. He was cited and released on scene. **H21-355**

Outside Assist: On March 5, 2022, at 2:27 AM officers responded to assist Pinole PD for a burglary in progress at Good Fellas, 610 San Pablo Avenue. Pinole said they were possibly

multiple suspects and they saw one unknown male running from the business. An officer assisted in detaining one subject which is unknown if he was related. **INC# 22-4741**

Outside Assist: On April 5, 2022, at 9:05 a.m. An Officer saw a male subject walk down the dirt path from Home Depot and illegally cross the BNSF railroad tracks onto Willow Ave. The officer recognized the 42 year old male Transient, from Rodeo. The officer knew the subject was wanted by CCCSO for a strong arm robbery that occurred in Rodeo. The Officer contacted CCCSO, and Deputies responded and took the subject into custody. **Case H22-356**

Lost Property: On April 5, 2022, at 6:35 PM a Hercules resident came HPD to report her CA driver's license lost. She believes it was lost within the last couple weeks. The license was entered into APS as lost property. **H22-357**

Theft By False Pretenses: On April 6, 2022, at 12:15 pm, an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Flowering Ash for a theft report. The victim stated that an unknown suspect used her cousin's Facebook account to message her and tell her about a deal to make quick money in cryptocurrency. The victim sent approximately \$1,800.00 to who she believed to be her cousin. She later determined it was not her cousin and she did not make any money in cryptocurrency. **H22-00360**

Warrant Arrest: On April 7, 2022, at 1:20AM a HPD Officer conducted a traffic stop. A 21 year old male, of Richmond, was taken into custody on a \$175,000 Probable Cause warrant held by Berkeley PD. BPD was contacted and responded to take custody of the subject. **H22-361**

Injury Collision: On April 11, 2022, at approximately 06:56 AM, Officers were dispatched to an injury collision in the 2500 block of Bayfront Blvd. Officers arrived on scene and all involved parties declined medical treatment. **H22-00385**

Warrant Arrest: On April 11, 2022, at approximately 11:40 AM, an Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on Vaqueros and Elm. The female driver was found to have two outstanding citable misdemeanor warrants. She was cited and released. **H22-000386**

Stolen Vehicle: On April 11, 2022, at approximately 02:36 PM, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Trellis Bay for a reported stolen Toyota Prius taken some time on 04/06/2022. No suspect information. **H22-00387**

Stolen Vehicle: On April 11, 2022, at approximately 05:36 PM, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 2200 block of John Muir Parkway for a reported stolen vehicle Jeep Grand Cherokee taken from a parking garage sometime after April 8, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

MSIN: On April 12, 2022, at 8:19 am, an Officer checked on an occupied suspicious 2004 Ford F-150 parked in the Home Depot parking lot. A passenger in the vehicle was identified as a 32-year-old female subject from the City of Lincoln, and she was found to have an outstanding Felony Warrant for Burglary out of Placer County, and two additional Misdemeanor warrants. She was arrested and transported to MDF. While at MDF, she informed the intake Nurse she ingested

Fentanyl earlier. She was then medically rejected and transported to CCRMC to be medically cleared. Due to the extended medical procedure, she was released per 849 PC and the Warrants were put back into WPS. **H22-00390**

Pursuit: On April 12, 2022, at 8:03 pm, an officer attempted to stop a White 2011 VC Passat for a vehicle code violation at WB I80 and Willow Ave. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit was initiated onto WB I80. The officer terminated the pursuit at I 80 and Fitzgerald Dr. The driver was not identified due to all the windows on the vehicle being tinted. **H22-00392**

Outside Assist: On April 13, 2022, at 12:08 am, CCCSO requested Assistance from Pinole and Hercules Officers for a perimeter around Fitzgerald and Appian Way. CCCSO Deputies were pursuing a residential burglary suspect who fled from them going the wrong way on I80 from San Pablo Dam Rd. **Incident 2204130004**

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 03/30-04/12

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| CALLS FOR SERVICE | 826 |
| REPORTS | 48 |
| TRAFFIC CITES | 58 |
| PARKING CITES | 71 |
| ADULT ARRESTS | 12 |
| JUVENILE ARRESTS | 0 |
| ARSONS | 0 |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS | 1 |
| HATE CRIMES | 0 |
| TOWED VEHICLES | 5 |
| PART 1 TOTAL | 8 |

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission Meeting

Date:04/18/2022 7:00 PM

City Council Economic Development Subcommittee Meeting

Date: 04/20/2022 6:00 PM

Housing Element Update - Community Workshop #2

Date:04/25/2022 7:00 PM

City Council Meeting

Date:04/26/2022 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

111 Civic Drive

Hercules, California 94547