



CITY OF HERCULES
PARKS & RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT
September 2025



Project/Program: Parks & Recreation Department Activities
Lead Staff: Christopher Roke, Parks & Recreation Director

Description: The Parks and Recreation Department leads and/or is involved with many community activities and events all year long. We also collect fees for various classes and services provided to the community.

Status: Through September of the 2025-26FY the department brought in \$119,939.37 in revenue, compared to \$95,498.52, and an overall total of \$490,339.90, compared to \$434,324.10 through the first quarter last FY.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Received (2) Grants from GameTime (MRC), for playgrounds.
 1. Foxboro: the grant is for a discount on playground equipment and will be approximately \$90,000.
 2. Hanna Ranch: the playground grant will be in the range of \$94,000.
- Applied for the LWCF (Land Water Conservation Fund) grant through the State of CA. If successful, we could be awarded three million dollars. The funds would go towards the Hanna Ranch Park update and would include a synthetic turf soccer field, a new playground, updated bathrooms, and more.

Projects:

- Refugio Valley shade structure project: should be completed before end of CY2025.
- Beechnut Mini Park: Our designated Prop 68 project. Waiting on approval from PG&E.
- Foxboro Park Basketball Court: scheduled to be renovated in 2025-26FY as part of the Parks System Master Plan.

Project/Program: Community & Library Services Commission Happenings and Events
Lead Staff: Christopher Roke, Parks & Recreation Director

Description: The Community and Library Services Commission goes dark in August. September through November are busy with presentations from the 14 City recognized Nonprofit groups. Applications for the 2025CY are due in November and approvals will be in December.

Status: The city recognized nonprofit organizations will participate in upcoming events like the annual Trunk or Treat and PUMPKATAAZ events, Tree Lighting featuring the 125th Anniversary celebration (1st Sunday in December) and the Citywide Clean-up Day.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- City Recognized Nonprofit Group presentations for the 2025CY will be held at the September, October and November commission meetings.
- Tu, 8/5: held successful National Night Out event & final movie in the park for the 2025.
- F, 7/4: successful 4th of July fireworks show. Held the second movie nights at RVP on July 18; showed The Wild Robot.



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Project/Program: Hanna/Lupine/Ohlone Childcare & Summer Day Camps
Lead Staff: Ambra Garfield, Recreation Manager

Description: Childcare and Camps are extremely popular in Hercules including options Before school = Dyno AM, After school = Kaleidoscope Kidz (RAP), and Camps = Camp Dynamite.

Camp Dynamite: Our traditional summer camp program that runs M-Th for the 9 weeks of summer, and features games, cooking, arts and crafts, weekly themes, swimming, and more. In 2021, coming out of the pandemic we averaged between 75-85 campers/week. In 2022, the average went up to 115/week; 2023, camp averaged 120/week; and 2024, camp averaged 150/week; and in 2025, we averaged 169/week.

Status: Summer Camp registration will open again in March with the launch of our 2026 Summer Guide. Revenue for camp will vary annually due to when payments are collected. For example, if more families make payments March thru June, the current year numbers will look higher. Conversely, if more revenue is collected in July-August, the camp revenue will be lower. The greatest barometer is to look at the total number of registered campers.

For September, camp revenue is \$4,032.65, compared to \$3,657.48 last year, with a total through the first quarter being \$152,305.31, compared to \$90,959.39 last FY at this time. Again, it shows a substantial increase from higher registration numbers in camp during summer 2025.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- 2025 Summer Camps: 9 weeks - held at Lupine for Sparklers; Ohlone for Firecrackers; and Hanna held the Dynamite campers. Camp featured weekly entertainment, field trips, games, cooking, arts and crafts, weekly themes, & more. Prep for 2026 to begin in December.

Kaleidoscope Kidz is our **Recreation Afterschool Program** (or what we call **RAP** for short). The focus of RAP is about homework and stations. RAP focuses on monthly themes featuring a combination of arts and crafts, science, cooking, passive and active games and more. RAP is held at all 3 elementary sites. Staffing continues to be a challenge, but numbers are up at all 3 sites.

Status: In September, Child Care programs brought in \$59,789.00, compared to \$44,337.83, and \$131,830.63 through the first quarter compared to \$191,545.76 last FY at this time. *Note: the monthly increase difference indicates more people are paying the monthly rates verses the 2 payment option. So we anticipate the total gap closing each month.

RAP	Enrollment	Space Available	RAP	Enrollment	Space Available
Hanna	72	10	Ohlone	76	10
Lupine	42	14			190 Total

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- August: RAP programs began.



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Project/Program: Tiny Tots Programs-Little Learners/Pre-Kinder/Jr. Kinder/Multi-Age
Lead Staff: Ambra Garfield, Recreation Manager

Description: Our Tiny Tots Program introduces children to their “First Learning Experiences”. They make their first school friends, learn through play, games, arts, crafts and healthy snacks. Our qualified staff guide them with socialization and self-help skills. The program runs concurrently with the school year from late August through June. The big news is that Tiny Tots is now inside the Teen Center for this school year.

Status: In September, the Tiny Tot Programs brought in \$8,953.39, compared to \$8,554.00, and \$19,446.48 through the first quarter compared to \$22,269.75 last year. Preschool appears to have leveled out, due to the growth of TK programs. **RAP numbers are still increasing with the addition of more TK classes.*

Preschool	Enrollment	Space Available
Multi-Age	20	1
Junior Kinder	4	Combined class
Friday Fun	10	10

Accomplishments/Items in Progress: Preschool program is at the Teen Center building.

- August: Preschool programs began.

Project/Program: Aquatics
Lead Staff: Bryce Halliday, Recreation Supervisor & Joe Kaput, Rec Technician

Description: The Aquatics program flourished this summer and early fall. We continue to offer seasonal swim lessons, lap swimming/water walking, lifeguarding courses, and of course Swim and Water Polo Teams including: the East Bay Silver Dolphins (EBSD), the Piranhas, and Hercules High School Swim and Water Polo teams.

Status: In September, Aquatics brought in \$13,391.50 compared to \$14,986.38, and \$65,173.85 for the FY, compared to \$55,276.74 last FY through the first quarter. Here is how the participation numbers looked for the remainder of summer.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
EBSD	62	Swim lessons	66
EBSD Fall Programs	35	Hercules High Water Polo	19
Lap Swim/water walking	144		

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- September: EBSD hosted annual swim meet September 13 & 14. Fall lessons going well.
- August: Piranhas wrapped up their season with the County Swim Championships, and summer swim lessons came to an end.
 - 754 individual swim lessons in 2025 (808 in 2024; 792 in 2023; & 779 in 2022).



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Project/Program: Recreation Classes

Lead Staff: Jeff Jew, Recreation Supervisor & Samantha Cole, Recreation Leader III

Description: The department has been working to find new contract class instructors to help increase the variety of programs, as well as the quality of programs that the community has become accustomed to. Our recreation classes cater to all ages and help to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our classes vary from season to season. We hope you will give them a try.

Status: In September, Rec Classes brought in \$5,219.08 in revenue, compared to \$4,652.40, and a total of \$11,762.15 compared to \$13,960.80 through the first quarter of the FY.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Omni Muay Thai	1	Jazzercise	29
Omni Boxing	1	Xtreme Hip Hop	6
Omni Jui Jitsu	1	Yoga	1
Hercules Karate Dojo	35	Zumba Gold	36

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- August: Contract Classes and Camps continue to increase.

Project/Program: Senior Center

Lead Staff: Bryce Halliday, Rec Supervisor & Kristina Griffith, Recreation Leader III

Description: The Senior Center averages a150-200 members annually. Friends, food, fun and companionship is what the Hercules Senior Center is all about. We strive to ensure a physically and emotionally comfortable environment for all and encourage socialization with peers.

Status: In September, the Senior Center brought in \$6,070.00 compared to \$3,387.00 for last year during the first quarter. The meal plan brought in \$2,157.00 compared to \$1,784.00 for September, and \$4,398.00 overall compared to \$5,006.00 last year through the first quarter.

Total Senior Center active memberships: **212 active members** (*currently*)

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Aloha Hula	101	Line Dance	101
ARC Blood Drive	0	Low Impact Dancersize	330
Art	11	Movin' In Line	59
Belly Dance	30	Senior Food Program	312
Café Costa Lunch	926	Sing - Along	15
Chi Kong	57	Special Event/Day Trip	60/30
Computer Lab	25	Tai Chi	289
Community Produce	270	Tap	0
Fit Troop	43	Ukulele	45



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Game Board & Bond	22	Yah Strength Training	8
Goodie Store	90	Yuen Ji & Dance	39
HICAP	0	Zumba Gold	100

Accomplishments/Items in Progress/Status: The Senior Center continues to hold blood drives with the American Red Cross, as well as the FREE Food program, and County Food Bank.

- September: Held day trip to Sausalito on 9/18; 30 members participated. Enjoying a ride on the Ferry, dining, shopping, exploring. And 60 members attended a Fraud and Scam presentation at the Senior Center on 9/5.

Project/Program: Sports
Lead Staff: Jeff Jew, Recreation Supervisor

Description: The department offers sports and other positive leisure activities for patrons of all ages. Sports programs help promote a healthy lifestyle, while providing an environment in which people can enjoy themselves. We are continuing to work with a multitude of sports groups.

Status: In September, Sports brought in **\$5,593.50** compared to \$8,573.30 last year, and a year to date total of \$26,394.50 compared to \$21,544.30 last year through the first quarter.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Align Basketball Skills Training	96	NAofA Hit & Run T-Ball	8
Align Junior Basketball League	54		

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Fall: Sports continue to increase in popularity.

Project/Program: Teen/Youth
Lead Staff: Jeff Jew, Recreation Supervisor

Description: In general, we strive to help give Teens a sense of ownership and belonging to the community. Unfortunately, teen programs and activities have not returned since the pandemic.

Status: Not currently running. *Registration for the Teen afterschool program has not rebounded. We are continuing to look for ways to get Teens involved for the 2025-26 school year.*

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

Hercules Parks and Rec “re” launched the Teen Youth Council (T.Y.C.) program! TYC is designed for students in the 6th through 12th grade looking for leadership opportunities to give back to the Hercules community through programs, activities, and events. Participants in TYC will gain valuable experiences that can be used in potential job opportunities and/or as a letter of recommendation for their college applications.

- September: On September 17, we held our first TYC meeting of the 2025-26 school year. We had a total of 12 participants ranging from 6th-12th grade. Our topic of discussions



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included the benefits of being a TYC member and to “save the date” for our upcoming Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 24th. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th at 3pm.

Project/Program: Facilities/Rentals

Lead Staff: Bryce Halliday, Rec Supervisor & Karin Nestor, Rec Specialist

Description: The City of Hercules offers many of the City's facilities for rent when not being used for City sponsored programs or services. Facility attendants also prepare facilities for the department's classes and city meetings. Picnic rentals have done well, but the return to the indoor rentals, since the pandemic, has been slow. We don't anticipate this picking up until the weather gets cold and rainy.

Status: In September, facility rentals brought in **\$14,620.75** compared to \$7,620.25 last year during the same period. And year to date, facilities has collected **\$40,739.38**, compared to \$26,109.79 through the first quarter last year.

Indoor Facilities	# Rentals	Picnic Rentals	# Rentals
Community Swim Center	5	Refugio – 50+ Lg Gather	2
CSC - Gym	45	Refugio - Gems	3
CSC - Press Room	2	Refugio - Birds	4
CSC - Dynamite Room	13	Refugio - Flowers	3
CSC - Resource Room	1	Refugio - Astronauts	1
Council Chambers	3	Foxboro - Islands	2
Senior Center	26	Foxboro - Trees	3
Ohlone Comm Center	15	Shoreline - Dolphins	1
Foxboro Comm Center	13	Shoreline - Seals	0
Large Library	19	Woodfield	1
Small Library	22	Shasta	0
Samara	26	Sierra	0
		Pool	2

Accomplishments/Items in Progress: With the mask mandate going away in February, we received more calls about facility rentals. Staff is starting to prepare for more programs, activities and rentals in the Community/Swim Center.

- September: saw (2) Quinceañeras, (6) baby showers, (4) first birthdays, and a memorial for a former council member. Picnic rentals were on par. Pool shifted to fall, but held large swim meet.
- July/August: Revenue increase more than double from last year at this time. Pool rentals were very popular again this summer.