



CITY OF HERCULES
PARKS & RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT
March 2026



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 March of the 2025-26FY the department brought in \$354,679.59 in revenue, compared to \$276,693.47, and an overall total of \$1,363,312.58, compared to \$1,199,901.88 through the first nine months last FY.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Received (2) Grants from GameTime (MRC), for playgrounds.
 1. Foxboro: received grant for playground equipment of approx. \$90,000. The job is currently being bid to refurbish the basketball court and replace the playground. The work is anticipated to be performed mid-March through April.
 2. Hanna Ranch: the playground grant will be in the range of \$94,000.
 3. Refugio Valley Park update: Shade structures have been purchased. The job is currently out to bid. Anticipated work approx. mid-May through June. In addition, the dredging project for the lake is scheduled to go out to bid early 2026.
- 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. Anticipate hearing about award May 2026.

Projects:

- Foxboro Park Playground & Basketball Court renovations began in late March 2026, with an anticipated completion date of June 1, 2026. Part of the Parks System Master Plan.
- Refugio Valley shade structure project: The project is underway, structures have arrived, should be complete in June 2026.
- Beechnut Mini Park: Our designated Prop 68 project. PG&E easement has been approved and the city is hoping to complete the project before the end of the calendar year 2026.

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 2027CY are due in November 2026, and approvals will be in December.

Status: The city recognized nonprofit organizations participated in Trunk or Treat/PUMPKATAAZ, and the Tree Lighting featuring the 125th Anniversary celebration in December. Groups are preparing to participate in the Citywide Clean-up Day.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:



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- Community Cleanup Day is coming up Saturday, May 2, 2026.
- 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.

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 began in March with the launch of our 2026 Summer Guide. Revenue for camp varies 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 March, camp revenue is \$74,636.62, compared to \$38,669.00 last year, with a total through the first 9 months of the year being \$236,371.70, compared to \$138,934.17 last FY at this time.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- 2026 Summer Camps: 9 weeks. Registration has begun. Off to a great start. The Seasonal camps held over Presidents week and Spring Break week were well attended.

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 March, Child Care programs brought in \$172,266.26, compared to \$140,096.38, and \$582,073.11 through the first nine months compared to \$562,035.91 last FY at this time.

RAP	Enrollment	Space Available	RAP	Enrollment	Space Available
Hanna	74	8	Ohlone	74	8
Lupine	44	12			192 Total



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Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- August: RAP programs began.

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 March, the Tiny Tot Programs brought in \$7,102.01, compared to \$6,618.00, and \$61,638.20 through the first nine months compared to \$72,166.44 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	3	29 Combined class
Friday Fun	9	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 (EBS), the Piranhas, and Hercules High School Swim and Water Polo teams.

Status: In March, Aquatics brought in \$56,588.00 compared to \$43,969.50, and \$186,966.03 for the FY, compared to \$155,458.62 last FY through the first nine months. Here is how the participation numbers looked for the remainder of summer.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
EBS	78	Lap Swim/water walking	150
HHS Swim Team	25		

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- November: Competitive Fall Program had 16 total participants.
- October: EBS offering 4 separate swim programs in addition to the year-round program,
 - Fall Swim Technical Development = 26 enrolled



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- Competitive Fall Program = 9 enrolled
- Winter Program option #1 = 5 enrolled
- Winter Program Option #2 = 0 enrolled to date
- Water Polo had 19 total participants, and competed against Albany, Pinole, SPSV, and El Cerrito High Schools.
- 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).

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 March, Rec Classes brought in \$5,991.47 in revenue, compared to \$12,237.33, and a total of \$35,165.34 compared to \$47,266.56 through the first nine months of the FY.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Omni Muay Thai	1	Jazzercise	22
Omni Boxing	1	Xtreme Hip Hop	5
Omni Jui Jitsu	2	Zumba Gold	32
Hercules Karate Dojo	28	Online Driver's Ed	1

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 March, the Senior Center brought in \$13,868.00 compared to \$9,498.00 for last year during the first nine months. The meal plan brought in \$1,829.00 compared to \$1,551.00 for March, and \$16,435.00 overall compared to \$13,533.00 last year through the first nine months.

Total Senior Center active memberships: **242 active members** (currently)

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Aloha Hula	74	Low Impact Dancersize	370



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ARC Blood Drive	0	Movin' In Line	75
Art	15	Senior Food Program	324
Belly Dance	36	Sing - Along	15
Café Costa Lunch	872	Special Event/Day Trip	100
Chi Kong	45	Tai Chi	383
Computer Lab	25	Tap	11
Community Produce	510	Ukulele	54
Fit Troop	76	Yah Strength Training	134
Goodie Store	70	Yuen Ji & Dance	41
HICAP	4	Zumba Gold	115
Line Dance	122		

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.

- March: the Spring into Wellness fair was held on Tu 3/31. There were 20+ vendors and 150 attendees who collected valuable resources and some fun give away items.
- February: meal cap remained in place, but increased to 970 meals/month on February 17, when the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Senior Nutrition Program received additional funding. This could potentially change again in July with the new budget year.
 - However, the increase in meals helped return to almost normal.
- January: A meal caps was put into place, due to a cut in Federal funding. Hercules received a monthly mean cap of 630 meals (approx. 30 meals/day).
- November: Featured a Thanksgiving breakfast on Sat 11/22 with 90 seniors in attendance. Pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice were served. In addition, 65 seniors one a turkey at the turkey raffle this year.
- October: ARC blood drive on 10/2, had 18 donors, 1 deferral, 2 QNS (Quantity Not Sufficient). 19 units collected reaching 95% of our goal. Next drive will be December 11. In addition, Ohana Day held 10/6, with 95 senior members. Successful event.
- 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 March, Sports brought in \$12,542.00 compared to \$8,936.38 last year, and a year to date total of \$78,539.00 compared to \$67,526.56 last year through the first nine months.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Align Basketball Skills Training	77	New Frontier Tennis	8



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Align Lil' Hoopers League	31		
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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.*

Program	Enrollment
T.Y.C	18

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.

- October: Friday, October 24, TYC participated in their first community event of the school year at the City of Hercules, Trunk or Treat! This annual family event was a great opportunity for the T.Y.C. members to interact with the community by running carnival style games for the kids to play while in line, passing out candy, and to help record votes for the PUMPKATAAZ and trunk decorating contest. This event was a huge success as we estimated over 2,500 people in attendance. T.Y.C. had a great time and they look forward to the next community event!
- 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 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.



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Status: In March, facility rentals brought in \$16,998.23 compared to \$13,142.50 last year during the same period. And year to date, facilities has collected \$106,300.63, compared to \$90,811.04 through the first nine months.

Indoor Facilities	# Rentals	Picnic Rentals	# Rentals
Community Swim Center	7	Refugio – 50+ Lg Gather	0
CSC - Gym	66	Refugio - Gems	0
CSC - Press Room	4	Refugio - Birds	0
CSC - Dynamite Room	14	Refugio - Flowers	0
CSC - Resource Room	3	Refugio - Astronauts	0
Council Chambers	1	Foxboro - Islands	0
Senior Center	43	Foxboro - Trees	0
Ohlone Comm Center	14	Shoreline - Dolphins	2
Foxboro Comm Center	8	Shoreline - Seals	1
Large Library	16	Woodfield	1
Small Library	10	Shasta	0
Samara	47	Sierra	0
		Pool	0

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- April: expecting a good crowd for Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt on Sat., April 4.
- March: featured Lunar New Year and Bottle and Bites. In addition, the Mayor’s conference was held at the Community Swim Center.
- November: (5) baby showers, (3) 1st bdays, a baptism, gender reveal, and 50th birthday.
- October: Baby showers are among the most frequent rentals with 11 happening this month! Picnic rentals have slowed due to the changing of the season.
- 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.