



STAFF REPORT TO COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION (CLSC)

TO: Chair Yamamoto and Members of the CLSC Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Christopher Roke, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2025

TOPIC: Upcoming Special Events

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on the City of Hercules upcoming summer events. No action required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department is proud to offer a series of upcoming citywide events including the Cultural Festival, Family Flix and Fun, Fireworks Celebration, and National Night Out.

BACKGROUND:

In addition to swim lessons, our in-house camps, contract camps, activities and programs, the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department will also hold several special events this summer. As previously mentioned our 2025 Summer Activities Guide paid homage to several city-wide special events all coming up this summer.

The first event coming up this summer is the 3rd edition of the renewed Cultural Festival. The Cultural Festival will be held on Sunday, June 1, at Refugio Valley Park. This year's event will feature The Billy Martini Show. Billy Martini plays a mix of high energy rock, funk, R&B, and disco tunes. Using the party hits of the 70's and authentic retro outfits they will transport you back in time.

Other performers include: Ta'ere Tia'i Polynesian Cultural Center, Moon Azteca Dance & Art School (ballet folklorico), Karilagan (traditional Filipino), and Lao Cultural Center (traditional Lao) to name a few. There will be over 20 food vendors including but not limited to: Da Poke Man, Hella Bomb Tacos, Crockett Cocina, Iries Bites, The Vegan Hood Chefs, and more. There will be a wide variety of cultural dishes to sample or choose from.

There will be 50+ vendors which will include Artisans, local businesses and nonprofit groups. There will once again be a shuttle that will run from the Bart parking lot to the park from noon to 7:00pm on the day of the event.

Following the Cultural Festival will be our outdoor movies in the park series known as Family Flix and Fun. Our first movie of the season will be The Tiger's Apprentice on Friday, June

27, at Refugio Valley Park. Other movies scheduled for the summer include The Wild Robot scheduled for Friday, July 19, and IF, on Tuesday, August 5. Of course all of the movies will be paired with the library who will be providing a Story-walk (a complimentary - to the movie - story that will be set up along the perimeter of the park).

Next will be our 4th annual Fireworks Celebration down at the Bayfront. We encourage everyone to walk down to the Bayfront as parking will be limited. And we will wrap up the summer events with our annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 5, at Refugio Valley Park.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

All these events have been budgeted for and are part of the great fun we plan to have in Hercules all summer long. We look forward to having the community join us for some fun! If you haven't already picked up your summer guide, they are available at the Hercules Parks & Recreation Department, or you can get a digital copy online at [Hercules Summer Activity Guide 2025](#).

ATTACHMENTS:

None

