

Hercules Historical Society

2026 Report on Anticipated Activities

The following information provides details about the activities in which members of the Hercules Historical Society expect to be involved in 2026.

Membership:

Open to all residents of Hercules.

Residency:

The number of dues-paying members, as of the most recent renewal period of June 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026 is 15 individuals. The percentage of those who are Hercules residents, own a Hercules-based business, or are an employee of a Hercules-based business is 93.3%.

Community Involvement (80 hours or more doing the following activities:

- ◆ Collecting photographs and other artifacts from former Hercules Powder Plant workers and residents.
- ◆ Answering inquiries and providing historical information.
- ◆ HHS was approved for a grant from the California State Library system to participate in the California Revealed project that has digitized audio-visual media, large maps, photo albums, employee log books, and newsletters from its artifact collection. The items were delivered to Sacramento in February 2025 and will be returned to HHS and stored in the trailer. The ongoing redesign of the web site will include a link to the digitized artifact collection.
- ◆ Continuing the redesign of the website that will include digitized images of other artifacts in the trailer. A plan is being drafted to allow for selected high school students to add these artifacts to the existing inventory database.
- Applied for and received two separate grants for exterior renovation of the trailer (aka Hercules History Center). The work was performed by a contractor and has been completed.
- Planning for the inventorying and storage of the artifacts from the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District that discontinued operating and was replaced by the Contra Costa Fire Protection District.
- ◆ Volunteering in the Hercules Clean-up Day in Hercules
- ◆ Installing exhibits in the Hercules Library
- ◆ Attending meetings of regional organizations that offer information about historical matters
- ◆ Participation in Clean-Up Day in Hercules, to be held on May 2, 2026, by including several HHS members working at the event at the City's corporation yard dumpsters.
- ◆ Attendance at the Community and Library Services Commission meeting in October 2026 to give a status report by a HHS representative.