



## STAFF REPORT TO COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION (CLSC)

**TO:** Chair and Members of the CLSC Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Christopher Roke, Parks and Recreation Director

**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2026

**TOPIC:** Recap of Recent Events

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Community and Library Services Commission receive an update on recent events. There is no action required from this item.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Staff would like to provide the commission with a recap of several recent events, including but not limited to...

1. **Seasonal Camps:** over Presidents Week our RAP program (Recreation Afterschool Program) held a 3-day camp W 2/18 through F 2/20, for grades TK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme for the week was Powerhouse Science. Overall, there were more than 40 campers registered, and campers participated in science themed activities.
2. **Lifeguard Training:** during Presidents Week, our Aquatics staff held a Lifeguard Training with the goal to certified potential staff for the upcoming summer programs. The Lifeguard Training was held Tu 2/17 through Sat 2/21
3. **Lunar New Year:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lunar New Year event was held at the Hercules Community Swim Center on Su 3/1. 2026 is the year of the Fire Horse which occurs once every 60 years. More than 2,500 people participated in Lunar New Year - from the parade, to the center, there was entertainment, activities, food, a selfie station and more. This event was in partnership with Bayfront Chamber of Commerce.
4. **Contra Costa Mayors Conference:** was held at the Hercules Community Center on Th 3/5. The event featured the Regional VP of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California who described the current situation in health care under the current national administration; followed by a social hour, and buffet style dinner.
5. **Veterans Memorial Dedication:** was held on Sa 3/7, outside of the Senior Center. Approximately 450 people were in attendance. A retired military helicopter was brought in for the event. Participants were able to climb into the Huey to take photos. There were also several speakers, the Hercules High School band performed, veterans were honored with a commemorative coin, and more. Thanks to HRC Rotary, Philips 66, as well as Hercules residents and businesses for contributing to the memorial.
6. **Fall Registration (RAP), school year 26/27:** On W 3/25, staff held early Fall Registration for the next school year for our popular RAP program. More than 40 families showed up to register early to ensure their space for next school year.

7. **Spring into Wellness Fair:** was held on Tu 3/31, at the Hercules Senior Center. The event featured 20+ vendors, and more than 150 participants. Overall, the event was a great success.
8. **Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt:** the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hydro Hunt was held on Sa 4/4 at the Community Swim Center. There were egg hunt opportunities for a variety of age groups including the play pool, the main pool, and the grass area. There were pastries and coffee for the parents, while the littles took part in collecting eggs that they exchanged for goodie bags before they left. Goodie bags contained candy, tchotchkes, wooden coins, dental items (i.e. toothbrush, floss, toothpaste), books and more. A big Thank You to all of the volunteers, sponsors and the community for coming out and enjoying a beautiful day with us.

In addition, there were High School Swim Meets, Time Trails for the Piranhas Swim Team, and all of the current ongoing programs, activities, rentals, etc.

For more information about any of the above-mentioned events, please contact the Hercules Parks and Recreation Department at (510) 441-4FUN (4386).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None