



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: Spring Events Recap: Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt & Cleanup Day

SUBJECT:

The Hercules Parks & Recreation Department held the 2nd annual Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt event on Saturday, April 19, and the annual Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on the City of Hercules recent spring events. No action is required.

BACKGROUND:

The Hercules Parks & Recreation Department held the 2nd annual Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt event on Saturday, April 19, at the Community Swim Center. Several of the City Recognized Nonprofit groups provided items for the goodie bags including but not limited to the Friends of the Hercules Library who donated age appropriate books for the participants goodie bags. In addition, several of our current fee class contractors provided candy or trinkets to go in the goodie bags as well.

The City of Hercules also held the annual Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 3, at the Corporation Yard in Hercules. Overall the event was a success with 177 vehicles coming through during the 3 hour event. Some of the highlights from this year's event include 79 volunteers that absolute did a fantastic job. Also, Republic Services provided (12) 40 foot dumpsters and spread them out perfectly allowing 2 cars wide on both sides, giving us the ability to help 16 vehicles at a time. This was by far the most efficient set up we have had in my tenure. The group was able to get through approximately 125 vehicles with in the first 75 minutes of the event. And the best news, it didn't rain on us this year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These events help bring the community together. For the Rec EGGs-Po this allowed families to register for summer camp programs at a 10% discount. The Hydro Hunt, gave youth a unique opportunity to hunt for eggs in the pool. Many of the participants were more interested in splashing/swimming around, so it was a great way to offer a different type of Egg Hunt to the community.

The Community Clean up was fast and uneventful. Some of the volunteers commented that it was a good sign to have fewer cars this year, because they felt it meant that people have not been holding on to junk.

The Cleanup day typically sees between 200 to 250 vehicles. So, 177 vehicles as efficient as we were, felt light. We also noticed that we didn't get as many large couches/chairs and beds as we have in the past.

All things considered, there were no significant fiscal impacts associated with either of these spring events. We will continue to offer these events going forward.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Photo Collage – Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt
2. Photo Collage – Community Cleanup Day