



**CITY OF HERCULES**  
**PARKS & RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT**  
**April 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:** In April of the 2025-26FY the department brought in \$219,202.36 in revenue, compared to \$268,214.19, and an overall total of \$1,582,514.94, compared to \$1,468,116.07 FY for the same time.

**Accomplishments/Items in Progress:**

- Received (2) Grants from GameTime (MRC), for playgrounds.
  1. Foxboro: received grant for playground equipment of approx. \$90,000. The work began in mid-March on the replacement of the playground and the refurbishment of the basketball court. The anticipated completion date is June 1.
  2. Hanna Ranch: the playground grant will be in the range of \$94,000.
  3. Refugio Valley Park update: Shade structure project has also begun as of March 22, with an anticipated completion date of June 22.  
\*In addition, the lake dredging project went to bid. \*No schedule has been set at this point.
- No word yet on 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. We anticipate hearing in May 2026.

**Projects:**

- Foxboro Park Playground & Basketball Court renovations 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, broke ground in late March, and anticipated completion date of June 22, 2026.
- Beechnut Mini Park: Our designated Prop 68 project. PG&E easement was approved. City completing final drawings with hope of this project going to bid in June, and completed before the end of this calendar year.

**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 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in December. By the time of the May CLSC meeting, the Citywide Clean-up Day will have just completed.



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**Accomplishments/Items in Progress:**

- City Recognized Nonprofit Group presentations for the 2025CY will be held at the September, October and November commission meetings.
- May: Sa 5/2/2 is annual Community Cleanup Day.
- December: Tree Lighting/125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held at City Hall on Su 12/7. Great success.
- October: Trunk or Treat/PUMPKATAAZ at CSC; 2,500 + pm F, 10/24. Great success.
- August: National Night Out (NNO) & final movie in park F, 8/5. Very successful.
- July: fireworks show on F, July 4th. Held 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night at RVP on July 18 (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. Looking forward to summer camp 2026.

**Status:** Summer Camp registration for 2026, started 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.

In April, camp revenue is \$31,553.32, compared to \$54,418.81 last year, and an overall total of \$267,925.11, compared to \$193,352.98 last FY for the same 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 April, Child Care programs brought in \$74,948.39, compared to \$85,234.70, and an overall total of \$657,021.50 compared to \$647,270.61 last FY for the same time.

RAP	Enrollment	Space Available	RAP	Enrollment	Space Available
Hanna	75	7	Ohlone	74	8



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Lupine	45	11			<b>194 Total</b>
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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 April, Tiny Tots brought in \$23,807.05, compared to \$22,492.65, and an overall total of \$85,445.25 compared to \$94,659.09 last FY for the same time.

*NOTE: Preschool appears to have leveled out, due to the growth of TK programs. And RAP numbers appear to also have leveled out with the addition of 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 April, Aquatics brought in \$51,947.30 compared to \$61,543.18, and an overall total of \$238,913.33 compared to \$217,001.72 last FY for the same time.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
EBS	76	Spring Swim Lessons	62
Piranhas	123	Lifeguard Training	7
Lap Swim/water walking	116		

**Accomplishments/Items in Progress:**



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- November: Competitive Fall Program had 16 total participants.
- October: EBSD offering 4 separate swim programs in addition to the year-round program,
  - Fall Swim Technical Development = 26 enrolled
  - 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 April, Rec Classes brought in \$3,854.80 compared to \$5,638.08 and an overall total of \$39,020.14 compared to \$52,924.64 last FY for the same time.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Omni Muay Thai	1	Jazzercise	23
Omni Boxing	1	Xtreme Hip Hop	3
Omni Jui Jitsu	2	Zumba Gold	42
Hercules Karate Dojo	24	Yoga	3

**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:** Through April, the Senior Center brought in \$15,258.00 compared to \$10,478.00 last FY for the same time. The meal plan brought in \$1,373.00 compared to \$1,986.00 for April, and \$17,808.00 overall compared to \$15,519.00 last FY for the same time.



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Total Senior Center active memberships: **276 active members** (currently)

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
AARP Tax Program	323	Line Dance	122
Aloha Hula	74	Low Impact Dancersize	370
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	Low Impact Dancersize	370
Goodie Store	70	Yuen Ji & Dance	41
HICAP	4	Zumba Gold	115

**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.

- April: AARP Tax Program During this tax season, AARP served over 323 clients, with an average of eight volunteers assisting each day. The City of Hercules looks forward to continuing its partnership with AARP Tax-Aide to provide free tax assistance and serve the community again in 2027.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Week:** The Hercules Senior Center proudly recognized its 40+ dedicated volunteers who support daily operations and lead a variety of classes. In appreciation of their service, each volunteer received a commemorative water bottle with a thank-you message, a volunteer pin, and a hydration electrolyte packet. The celebration included photos taken in front of a large appreciation poster, along with ice cream shared among volunteers and participants at lunch on Friday, April 24.
- 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.



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- 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 April, Sports brought in \$9,507.50 compared to \$16,577.90 and an overall total of \$88,046.50 compared to \$84,104.46 last FY for the same time.

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Align Basketball Skills Training	106	New Frontier Tennis	8
Align Juniors Basketball League	32		

**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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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



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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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Status:** In April, facility rentals brought in \$12,704.00 compared to \$15,702.13, and an overall total of \$119,004.63, compared to \$106,513.17 last FY for the same time.

Indoor Facilities	# Rentals	Picnic Rentals	# Rentals
Community Swim Center	2	Refugio – 50+ Lg Gather	0
CSC - Gym	63	Refugio - Gems	0
CSC - Press Room	5	Refugio - Birds	0
CSC - Dynamite Room	11	Refugio - Flowers	0
CSC - Resource Room	0	Refugio - Astronauts	0
Council Chambers	1	Foxboro - Islands	0
Senior Center	40	Foxboro - Trees	0
Ohlone Comm Center	12	Shoreline - Dolphins	5
Foxboro Comm Center	6	Shoreline - Seals	3
Large Library	12	Woodfield	0
Small Library	12	Shasta	0
Samara	40	Sierra	0
		Pool	0

**Accomplishments/Items in Progress:**

- April: expecting a good crowd for Rec EGGs-Po/Hydro Hunt on Sat., April 4. There were 8 picnic rentals at Shoreline Park with a head count of 272. Foxboro and Refugio sites remained closed for rentals due to construction.
- 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) 1<sup>st</sup> bdays, a baptism, gender reveal, and 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.



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- 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.