



CITY OF HERCULES
PARKS & RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT
March 2019



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 March 2019 the department brought in **\$166,269.74** in revenue. Year to Date Revenue for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is **\$1,151,801.35**.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- 2019 Summer Activity Guide arrived 3/27. Registrations have gone live!
- 3/1 a Summer Camps PREVIEW flyer was distributed electronically! Great reviews!
- New look 2019 Winter/Spring Activity Guide mailed to every household in November.
- Trunk or Treat/Movie success in October. Approximately 150-200 people participated.
- Wall Mounted Basketball Units installed at the Community Center in October.
- Work in progress: on several Council approved decision packages for 2018-19FY...
 - ✓ **DP#19-2:** Golf Club Fund: Youth programs – purchased equipment
 - ✓ **DP#19-7:** Painting the exterior of the Senior Center – completed.
 - DP#19-10: Upgrades to the Van Domselaar Room at Samara Terrace.
 - ✗ **New flooring** - completed.
 - DP#19-11: New chairs and tables for the Community Centers.
 - ✗ **New chairs for CSC & Sr Center** received - completed
 - ✗ **New tables** scheduled to arrive 4/9. Once received – completed.
 - DP#19-12: Hanna Kidz Center improvements.
 - ✗ **Phase 1:** completed (relocation/removal of ramp & seal side door room 1).
 - ✗ *The rest of the work will commence the day school gets out for summer (6/7).*
 - ✓ **DP#19-13:** A new permanent stage for the Community Center - completed
 - ✓ **DP#19-14:** VFD's (variable frequency drives) for pool pumps installed - completed.
 - BR#19-2: Technology upgrades to the Teen Center.
 - ✗ *Tech has been identified, will begin to purchase equipment in April.*
 - BR#19-14: Resurface the Refugio Valley Tennis Courts.
 - ✗ *Bid docs are being prepared, to go out in April.*
 - ✓ BR#19-15: New chairs for the Library.
 - ✗ **New chairs** for Library received – completed.
 - ✓ **BR#19-18:** Donation to Robotics Club at HHS – completed.
- School started again. Fall programs started with a bang.
- Summer Movie Series Success: Wonder, Coco, The Last Airbender and Star Wars.
- Increased enrollment in our city Summer Camp programs again.
- 2018 Fall Activity Guide was mailed out to every household end of July.

Project/Program: Community & Library Services Commission
Lead Staff: Christopher Roke, Parks & Recreation Director



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Description: The Community and Library Services Commission renewed Nonprofit groups applications for the 2019CY in December 2018 and January 2019. Renewal packets were due in December. Annual reports from the Nonprofit groups were heard September, October and November. The Commission went dark in August.

Status: The Commission spent time updating the Nonprofit renewal packet for City Recognized Nonprofit groups in 2017 & 2018. The biggest change in 2018 was the addition of the 1099 Tax form for each group. In addition, the Commission spent over the past year working on community outreach regarding the west side parks improvements project, input for the Library's tenth anniversary celebration, a permanent display space at the Hercules Library for the Hercules Historical Society, mural preservation, City recognized nonprofit organizations, continual evaluation of Parks & Recreation Programs, the Citywide Clean-up Day and approval of new plaques for the heritage garden.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Ribbon Cutting for Duck Pond Park has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20.
- The Duck Pond Park Amenities project – pending contractor punch list.
 - New bathroom, ½ basketball court, benches, fencing and landscaping are done.
 - A ceremony is pending the contractor punch list completion.
 - A tour will be scheduled for the Commission soon.
- A crowd of 600+ attended the 2018 Holiday Tree Lighting event with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.
- 200 (+/-) participated in the Trunk or Treat event at the Community Center October 26.

Project/Program: Hanna/Lupine/Ohlone Childcare & Summer Day Camps

Lead Staff: Ambra Garfield, Recreation Manager

Description: Childcare and Camps are a big deal in Hercules. We offer a great before school option called "Breakfast Club", and an amazing after school program called "Kaleidoscope Kidz: Recreation Afterschool Program (or RAP for short).

Breakfast Club has been a hit since we started the program at the beginning of 2017-18. Breakfast Club features earlier hours (opening at 6:30a), and breakfast options (hot and cold food/drink options available for purchase). Parents (and participants) love the program! Using the Teen Center instead of the schools allowed the City to cut back the number of staff necessary to run the morning and after school programs which also saved the City money. The Breakfast Club has a maximum limit based on the number of seats in our Vans.

Breakfast Club	Enrollment	Space Available
Ohlone	14	0
Lupine	12	1
Hanna	13	0

Kaleidoscope Kidz: Recreation Afterschool Program (or **RAP** for short), is our after school program. After a successful rebranded of the after school program, the focus has become



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greater on homework, and stations. The stations include P.E. to make sure the kidz are active. RAP focuses on monthly themes that featured a combination of arts and crafts, science, cooking, passive and active games and much more. RAP is held at all 3 elementary sites. The current challenge that we face for all of our programs is our lack of staffing.

RAP	Enrollment	Space Available
Hanna - K-2 nd	27	1
Hanna - 3 rd -5 th	28	0
Lupine - TK-2 nd	28	0
Lupine - 3 rd -5 th	14	0
Ohlone - K-2 nd	24	0
Ohlone - 3 rd -5 th	24	0

Status: In March Child Care programs brought in a total of **\$55,435.13** in revenue.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- The next phases are being scheduled. Demo of deck, painting all 5 buildings, and new deck with ramps will all begin to commence after school gets out for summer (6/7/19).
- Phase 1 of the Hanna Ranch Improvements is complete. This is part of Decision Package #19-12. The office ramp was replaced, a door was closed up permanently. Inside, the door opening was turned into a new chalkboard area for the kids in Tiny Tots and RAP.
- Each Kidz Center now has a new Leader III-Director. These two positions were filled by two office assistance II who applied for the positions. Both of these ladies have been working at the Kidz centers for many years. It's worked out great for them and the families that know them so well. We are excited for this great opportunity for them.
- Child Care is enjoying an increase in enrollment for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Lupine has a waiting list. We were able to open an additional class of TK/K.
- The new school year saw an increase in last minute Child Care registration.
 - In August, we had one of our largest months ever with enrollment and revenue.
- Camp Dynamite has been successful this summer. The numbers are comparable to last summer when we increased enrollment, and this is without the 5th graders. We moved the 5th graders into the Teen Camp program to accommodate the youngest age group that exploded this past FY.

Project/Program: Tiny Tots Programs-Little Learners/Pre-Kinder/Jr. Kinder
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 concurrent with the school year from late August through June. Tiny Tots began at the end of August.

Status: In March Tiny Tot Programs brought in **\$24,418.78** in revenue.



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Preschool	Enrollment	Space Available
Lupine Pre-K	23	1
Hanna Jr-K	22	2
Hanna LL / Multi-Age	18	2
Hanna Multi-Age	19	1

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Hanna Ranch Preschool classes purchased foam A.B.C mats for circle time and play time. Children and parents were pleased and excited to see them in the classrooms.
- Hanna Ranch Improvement project started with phase 1 end of January.
- Hanna Preschool had been dealing with a flea problem in September and October. After trying a myriad of things, we believe the issue has been resolved.
- Numbers increased in the LL and PK classes. Both started low, but now only 1 spot left.
- Good news/bad news: the new Aide that started in October, is leaving due to a family emergency. We continue to struggle to keep staff.
- Like child care, preschool picked up as the calendar hit August.
- Added additional classes in anticipation of growing program.

Project/Program: Aquatics

Lead Staff: Damian Sandholm - Recreation Coordinator

Description: The Aquatics program encompasses a lot of different programs, from seasonal swim lessons, to lap swimming, water walking, rec swim, 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 March Aquatics brought in **\$16,222.75** in revenue.

Aquatics – March enrollment

Program	Enrollment
EBS Swim Team	76
EBS Swim Clinic	10
Lap Swim	34

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Belly Flops with Cops event is scheduled for April 13 at the Hercules Swim Center.
- Six Flag Hurricane Harbor has rented the Hercules Swim Center on weekends from March 16 to April 7 for staff training.
- Damian Sandholm started on February 25 as the new Recreation Coordinator to oversee Aquatic Programs, Senior Center operations, and Recreation classes.
- Hercules High School Swim Team began the season on January 28.



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- Interviews for the vacant Coordinator position took place in January. We hope to have a new Coordinator on board by the end of February, or the start of March.
- Recreation Coordinator, Austin George took new job with the City of Dixon.
- Rough stretch late November/early December combination of the Camp Fire, Thanksgiving break, and the pump in the main pool heater going down, meant the pool was vacant for a while. Fortunately we were able to make the repairs and get everyone back in the water.
- Harnoor Deol, of Troop 113, built and donated 4 picnic tables to the Aquatics program. This was part of his Eagle project. The City is always appreciative of the community involvement.
- Hercules High School Water Polo finished their season October 26. The girls team made a significant improvement coming up one win shy of making the NCS Playoffs.
- In September, we completed the installation of the (2) Variable Frequency Drives (or VFD's) on the pool pumps. This will save the City lots of money over the course of the next decade, allowing the pumps to operate at a fraction of their output when no one is using the pool. This was a part of the Council approved Decision Packages for 2018-19FY.
- New swim lesson format has been a hit this summer. Lots of positive feedback.
- Another successful Piranhas season here at the Community Swim Center.

Project/Program: Recreation Classes

Lead Staff: Ashley Gomez, 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 season to season. We hope you will give them a try.

Status: In March classes brought in **\$9,504.01** in revenue.

Classes – March enrollment

Camp/Class	Enrollment		Camp/Class	Enrollment
Karate Dojo	31		Ballet	17
Beg. Dragons	10		Realistic Drawing	2
Int. Dragons	3		Adult Oil Painting	4
Adv. Dragons	8		Youth Oil Painting	5

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- 2019 Summer Activity Guide has arrived, and registration is in full swing.
- Summer CAMPS Preview Flyer is complete and online.
- Winter/Spring 2019 Guides were sent to every house in November.
- Ashley Gomez successfully transitioned from Office Asst II to Rec Leader III in October.
- Rec Leader III, Vanessa Flores, took a Full Time job with San Pablo.
- Fall 2018 Activity Guides were sent to every house in August.



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- Some of the most popular classes last summer included Cooking Around the World, Chess, Little Dragons, Karate, Action Movie Flix Camp and our online classes with Ed2Go.
 - Look for these to continue along with new offerings in 2019.
- Continue to evaluate programs, generate revenue and control expenditures to ensure fee classes are cost effective.

Project/Program: Senior Center
Lead Staff: Kristina Griffith, Recreation Leader III

Description: The Senior Center averages approximately 150-200 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. One of the biggest changes for 2018-19 is that the City will no longer be able to keep the revenue generated from CC Café lunch program.

Status: In March the Senior Center brought in **\$1,016.00** in revenue.

March: total Senior Center active memberships: 177 members

Program	Enrollment	Program	Enrollment
Advance Tai Chi	89	HICAP	3
Advice Nurse	23	Hula Dance	86
Bingo	91	Line Dancing	220
Blood Pressure	30	Low Impact Exercise	174
C.C. Café Lunch	186	Massage Therapy	21
Card Club	22	Special Event/Day Trip	27
Chi Kong	110	Tai Chi	206
Computer Lab	18	Tap	45
Fruit & Veggie Distribution	525	Wills & Trust	3
Goodie Store	88	Yuen Ji & Dance	63

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- The Senior Center staff and Volunteers are partnering with the Teen Center staff for the Eggstravaganza. The event will be held at the Senior Center and will consist of arts and crafts, games, and an egg hunt.
- On March 14 the Senior Center trip to the Exploratorium in San Francisco had 27 participants. This was the most participants for a senior trip since the program began in January 2018.
- One of January's highlights at the Senior Center included a trip to the Jelly Belly Factory.
 - Looking ahead to February: FREE Tax Service and Massage Therapy.
- December: Held annual Breakfast with Santa event, and Blood Drive.
- October highlights: Bay Area Hearing Service provided a free hearing screening; Trip to Cache Creek Casino; and Friends of Sr Center held 3rd annual Luau.



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- September highlights: Trips to Cache Creek Casino and the Railroad Museum; held Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Friends of the Senior Center, and more.
- August highlights: The Friends of Senior Center Annual BBQ fundraiser, a trip to the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, a huge turnout for the Community Produce Program, a Blood Pressure Screening event put on by the Fire District, the American Red Cross (ARC) blood drive that collected 28 units, and the successful launch of the Extend Trips program. Our 1st community members went on the 9 day Colorado Rockies and Western National Parks tour, and the 9-day Niagara Falls and Heritage Highlights trips.
 - There are several other trips planned with Premier World Discovery including a...
 - 6-day Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta 10/12-10/18,
 - 6-day Music Cities Christmas Memphis & Nashville 11/30-12/5, and
 - 5-day trip to New Orleans & the French Market 12/2-12/6.
- July highlights: a Free Mental Health Training class provided by C.C. Café.

Project/Program: Sports
Lead Staff: Jeff Jew, Recreation Coordinator

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.

Status: In March, Sports programs brought in **\$6,319.00** in revenue.

Sports – March enrollment

Program	Enrollment
AOSL Basic Skills Clinic	16
AOSL Intermediate Skills Clinic	9
AOSL Mighty Mites League	29
AOSL Jr. Bantams League	28
Skyhawks Sports	19

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Ordered, received & installed (2) new wall mounted basketball units in the Gym.
- One of the portable basketball units broke and is unrepairable.
- Held several successful youth sports camps.

Project/Program: Teen/Youth
Lead Staff: Jeff Jew, Recreation Coordinator

Description: As our youth grow into teens, we want to give them a sense of ownership and belonging to the community. The programs and activities at the Teen Center promote these very same goals. The Teen Youth Council (T.Y.C.) has transitioned to a new Junior Staff In Training program. The JSIT program is all about preparing teens to enter the work force. JSIT participants will assist and support the staff with Community activities and Special Events. This energetic



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group of 6th-12th graders demonstrate leadership skills through their participation at City Council meetings, interaction with the Hercules Senior Center, and the planning of Teen/Youth Special occasions. This successful program recruits active members from the Hercules Community and the Hercules Middle and High School.

Status: In March, the Teen Center brought in **\$10,352.60** in revenue.

Teens – March enrollment

Program	Enrollment
T.H.E. S.P.O.T.	23
Junior Staff in Training	6

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Started a brand new program called Junior Staff in Training this Fall. The Jr SIT program is designed for teens in the 9th through 12th grades. The goal for this program is to develop life and professional skills to prepare them for their first jobs. With completion of this program, they may have an opportunity to apply for a vacant position here in the City of Hercules.
- Successfully transitioned 5th graders into Teen Dynamite Summer Camp. This increased the numbers and revenue for Teen Camp and the Teen program for the year.

Project/Program:	Facilities/Rentals
Lead Staff:	Jeff Jew, Recreation Coordinator

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.

Status: In March, facility rentals brought in **\$12,626.50** in revenue.

Accomplishments/Items in Progress:

- Rentals continue to do well.
- Ongoing recruiting for Facility Attendants. We are extremely low in staff currently.
- We continued to address work orders to improve our facilities.