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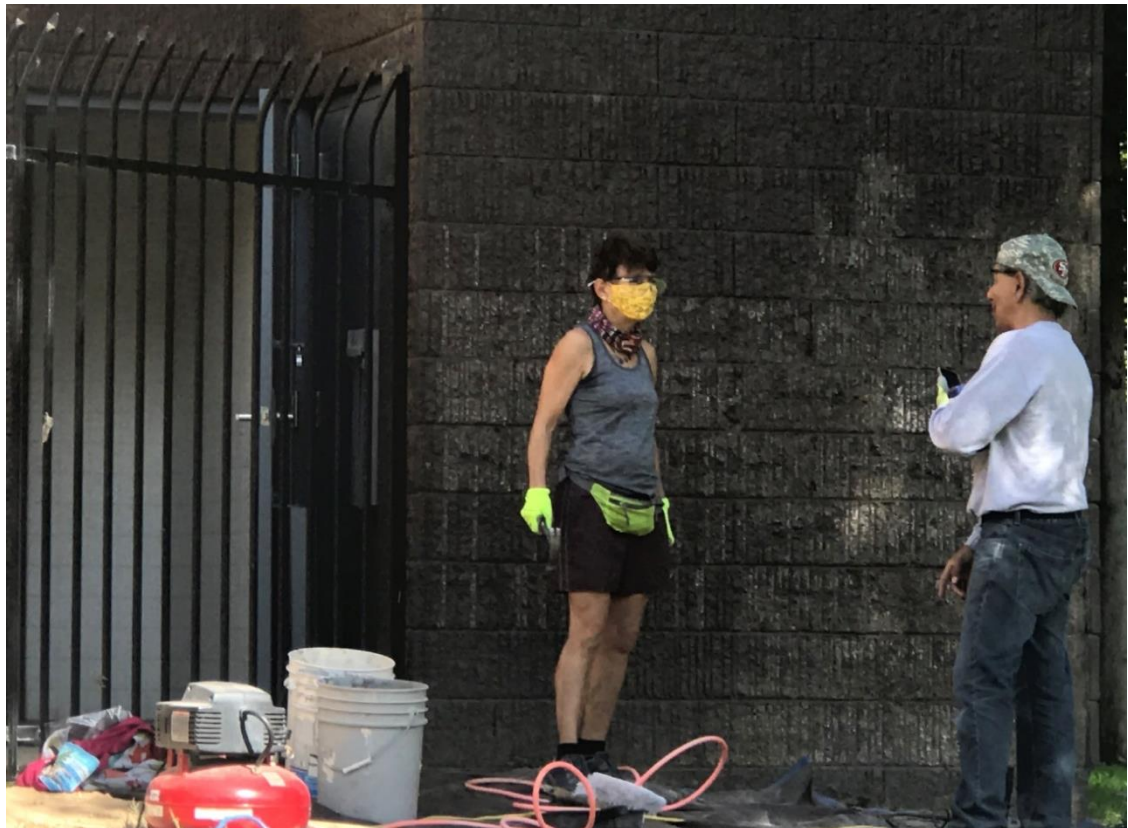
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**To:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Stephanie R. Dietz, Interim City Manager  
**Date:** October 16, 2020  
**Re:** City Council Information Report

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## STARRY NIGHTS IN PROGRESS

On Saturday, Oct. 10, Monika Modest and tile contractor, Ed Contreras, prepped the wall at the MOAT for the Starry Night project. The tile work will be completed this Saturday.



## ASHLEY HOMESTORE OPENS



Ashley HomeStore opened Friday, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a certificate presentation by Mayor Mike Murphy.

The store opened on Olive Avenue at the site of the former Best Buy, adjacent to Lowe's.

The HomeStore is one of 1,060 units across the globe. The Merced store was completely staged in 6 days with help from associates brought in from other locations in the Western region, that stretches to Salt Lake City. Ashley specializes in home furnishings and accessories, including mattresses.





## PAINTING PARTY POPULAR



The Parks and Community Services Department collaborated with local artist Tonia Hemme and hosted its first Painting in The Park class on Sat., Oct. 10, at the Applegate Park MOAT. All painting classes are free of charge. Two more are scheduled. The Oct. 17 class is geared for participants in grades 7 -12 and the Nov. 14, session is a family paint day.

The Halloween Pumpkin Party is Weds., Oct. 21. The event will be held at Applegate Park Zoo, for participants 2-10 years of age and the cost is \$10 per child. A flier is attached.





## WATER CREWS IN ACTION

Public Works Water crews have been busy installing services over the last two weeks. Fire, irrigation, and domestic services have been added for buildings under construction on Hawk Drive (a new commercial building) and R Street (the new Starbucks building). Crews also began the connection process to the new water main project along Brimmer Road.





## FLUETSCH & BUSBY LANDSCAPE DONATION

Fluetsch & Busby, along with help from volunteers, planted new vegetation and added decorative bark in the planters in the area of N & 18<sup>th</sup> Streets in Downtown Merced. Public Works crews prepped the sites the week prior, ensuring old vegetation was removed and irrigation was repaired, as well as provided traffic control equipment for the day of planting. Thanks Fluetsch & Busby and Public Works crews!

*Photos provided courtesy of Fluetsch & Busby*





## **BOB HART SQUARE TREE TRIMMING**

Public Works tree crews trimmed 18 palm trees and 3 ash trees located within Bob Hart Square in Downtown Merced on Sat., Oct. 10.





## APPLEGATE PARK HEDGES

Public Works park crews trimmed hedges along the Applegate Park perimeter this week.





# VIRTUAL ARBOR DAY – OCTOBER 15

Public Works hosted the City’s first *Virtual Arbor Day* on Thurs., Oct. 15. Crews planted 5 new trees at the Merced Dog Park to celebrate.







Oct 15, 2020 at 8:22:28 AM  
1101-1135 W Yosemite Ave  
Merced CA 95348  
United States

Oct 15, 2020 at 8:27:58 AM  
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## ENGINEERING UPDATE

### *Water Well site #20*

The Clark Bros., Inc., crew is working on the electrical and plumbing systems inside the building and block wall. This project is approximately 80% complete.



### *Brimmer Water Main*

The Mid Cal Pipeline & Utilities, Inc., crew is installing the water line on the site. This project is 5% complete.





### ***Cooper Lift Station***

The Phase 1 Construction, crew is working on the underground piping. This project is approximately 60% complete.



### **Upcoming Construction Projects (Council Award Date)**

1. 117020 – Gerard Ave. Sewer Main, Hwy 99 to Kibby Road (10/19)
2. 119006 – Alpine Drive – G St. to Wainwright Ave. Improvements (10/19)
3. 119003 – R St. Rehabilitation, Loughborough Dr. to Buena Vista Dr. (10/19)
4. 120008 – Crack Filling Phase 1 (16<sup>th</sup>, G St, Olive Ave)



## **Projects in Design**

1. Highway 59 Widening
2. Highway 59 and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. V Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, Road Improvement (90%)
5. N Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, Roadway Improvement (100%) Submitted to CTC
6. R Street, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> (40%)
7. B Street Improvements (30%)
8. G Street Improvements Childs to 13<sup>th</sup> St. (100%) Submitted to CTC
9. Orchard Avenue Sewer (40%)

## **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINES**

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 10.6 percent in September 2020, down from a revised 10.7 percent in August 2020, and above the year-ago estimate of 5.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.8 percent for California and 7.7 percent for the nation during the same period. The report is attached.

## **COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED**

The Planning Commission item, “Public Hearing to consider the Modification of Conditional Use Permit #1200, submitted by Rick Telegan, on behalf of BP Investors, LLC” was continued to the regular Planning Commission meeting of Oct. 21. The applicant has requested a continuance. Since this was the only item for that meeting, the Planning Commission meeting of Oct. 21 has been canceled due to a lack of items. The item will be heard at the Nov. 4 meeting.

## **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

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PARKS & RECREATION

# 5TH ANNUAL TINY TOTS: HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PARTY

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED

AGES 2-10YRS  
SPACE IS LIMITED

**\$10**

October 21, 2020 | 4:30pm-7:30pm

\*Offering 2 time slots\*

Location: 1045 W. 25th Street

~Merced Applegate Park Zoo~

PUMPKIN DECORATING | HALLOWEEN CRAFTS |  
PHOTO BOOTHS | HALLOWEEN ZOO MAZE

MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDLINES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

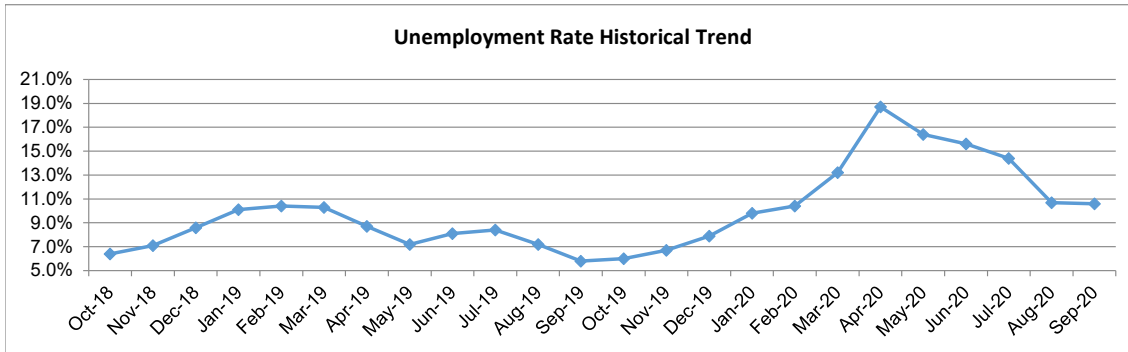
Registration required at 632 W.18th or call 385-6235





IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Merced County)

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Industry	Aug-2020	Sep-2020	Change		Sep-2019	Sep-2020	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	80,200	82,400	2,200		88,400	82,400	(6,000)
Total Farm	15,100	16,100	1,000		16,800	16,100	(700)
Total Nonfarm	65,100	66,300	1,200		71,600	66,300	(5,300)
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,700	0		2,700	2,700	0
Manufacturing	9,900	9,800	(100)		11,200	9,800	(1,400)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,600	13,800	200		13,900	13,800	(100)
Information	200	200	0		300	200	(100)
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	0		1,900	1,800	(100)
Professional & Business Services	4,100	4,000	(100)		4,300	4,000	(300)
Educational & Health Services	10,200	10,200	0		10,500	10,200	(300)
Leisure & Hospitality	4,600	4,600	0		6,000	4,600	(1,400)
Other Services	1,400	1,400	0		1,500	1,400	(100)
Government	16,600	17,800	1,200		19,300	17,800	(1,500)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding  
 Labor force data are revised month to month  
 Additional data are available on line at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)



Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 19	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	117,800	112,300	112,500	114,600	1.9%	-2.7%
Civilian Employment	111,000	96,100	100,400	102,500	2.1%	-7.7%
Civilian Unemployment	6,800	16,200	12,100	12,100	0.0%	77.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	5.8%	14.4%	10.7%	10.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	3.6%	13.9%	11.3%	10.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.3%	10.5%	8.5%	7.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	88,400	76,800	80,200	82,400	2.7%	-6.8%
Total Farm	16,800	14,700	15,100	16,100	6.6%	-4.2%
Total Nonfarm	71,600	62,100	65,100	66,300	1.8%	-7.4%
Total Private	52,300	48,000	48,500	48,500	0.0%	-7.3%
Goods Producing	13,900	12,500	12,600	12,500	-0.8%	-10.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,700	2,800	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	11,200	9,700	9,900	9,800	-1.0%	-12.5%
Nondurable Goods	9,700	8,300	8,500	8,400	-1.2%	-13.4%
Service Providing	57,700	49,600	52,500	53,800	2.5%	-6.8%
Private Service Providing	38,400	35,500	35,900	36,000	0.3%	-6.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,900	13,300	13,600	13,800	1.5%	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-22.2%
Retail Trade	8,300	8,900	9,000	9,200	2.2%	10.8%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,800	3,000	3,200	3,200	0.0%	-15.8%
Information	300	200	200	200	0.0%	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-5.3%
Professional & Business Services	4,300	4,100	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-7.0%
Educational & Health Services	10,500	10,000	10,200	10,200	0.0%	-2.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000	4,700	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-23.3%
Other Services	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-6.7%
Government	19,300	14,100	16,600	17,800	7.2%	-7.8%
Federal Government	700	700	1,000	900	-10.0%	28.6%
State & Local Government	18,600	13,400	15,600	16,900	8.3%	-9.1%
State Government	4,000	2,700	3,000	3,600	20.0%	-10.0%
State Government Education	3,400	2,100	2,400	2,900	20.8%	-14.7%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	700	16.7%	16.7%
Local Government	14,600	10,700	12,600	13,300	5.6%	-8.9%
Local Government Excluding Education	4,100	3,800	3,800	3,900	2.6%	-4.9%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%

**Notes:**

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Steven Gutierrez 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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**REPORT 400 C**  
**Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties**  
**September 2020 - Preliminary**  
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	---	<b>18,761,200</b>	<b>16,744,000</b>	<b>2,017,200</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
ALAMEDA	37	806,200	731,400	74,900	9.3%
ALPINE	52	460	410	50	10.7%
AMADOR	31	14,150	12,920	1,230	8.7%
BUTTE	28	93,900	85,900	8,000	8.5%
CALAVERAS	14	20,320	18,810	1,510	7.4%
COLUSA	49	9,850	8,810	1,040	10.6%
CONTRA COSTA	37	536,000	486,200	49,800	9.3%
DEL NORTE	33	9,130	8,320	810	8.8%
EL DORADO	17	88,800	82,200	6,600	7.5%
FRESNO	47	442,500	396,500	45,900	10.4%
GLENN	12	12,650	11,730	920	7.3%
HUMBOLDT	18	59,600	55,000	4,500	7.6%
IMPERIAL	58	67,800	53,300	14,600	21.5%
INYO	12	8,130	7,540	590	7.3%
KERN	56	369,100	323,500	45,700	12.4%
KINGS	43	55,200	49,500	5,700	10.3%
LAKE	30	28,680	26,200	2,480	8.6%
LASSEN	1	9,150	8,580	570	6.3%
LOS ANGELES	57	4,942,400	4,196,300	746,100	15.1%
MADERA	39	61,600	55,800	5,800	9.4%
MARIN	2	133,400	124,700	8,600	6.5%
MARIPOSA	25	7,660	7,010	650	8.4%
MENDOCINO	24	36,670	33,620	3,050	8.3%
MERCED	49	114,600	102,500	12,100	10.6%
MODOC	2	3,030	2,830	200	6.5%
MONO	53	6,610	5,870	740	11.2%
MONTEREY	33	194,200	177,200	17,100	8.8%
NAPA	18	71,500	66,000	5,400	7.6%
NEVADA	14	45,780	42,380	3,390	7.4%
ORANGE	35	1,571,600	1,429,300	142,200	9.0%
PLACER	7	181,300	168,400	12,800	7.1%
PLUMAS	20	7,540	6,950	590	7.8%
RIVERSIDE	48	1,084,100	969,900	114,200	10.5%
SACRAMENTO	42	703,700	634,800	68,900	9.8%
SAN BENITO	31	30,400	27,700	2,700	8.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	43	951,900	853,800	98,200	10.3%
SAN DIEGO	35	1,560,000	1,419,100	140,900	9.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	25	564,600	517,100	47,500	8.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	54	323,000	286,200	36,800	11.4%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	10	130,100	120,800	9,400	7.2%
SAN MATEO	7	439,900	408,600	31,300	7.1%
SANTA BARBARA	14	211,700	196,100	15,600	7.4%
SANTA CLARA	6	1,023,900	951,700	72,100	7.0%
SANTA CRUZ	22	128,700	118,300	10,400	8.1%
SHASTA	20	72,600	66,900	5,700	7.8%
SIERRA	4	1,250	1,170	80	6.7%
SISKIYOU	28	15,920	14,570	1,350	8.5%
SOLANO	41	202,600	182,900	19,700	9.7%
SONOMA	10	250,900	232,800	18,100	7.2%
STANISLAUS	43	237,100	212,800	24,300	10.3%
SUTTER	43	41,200	36,900	4,200	10.3%
TEHAMA	23	24,630	22,620	2,010	8.2%
TRINITY	4	4,340	4,050	290	6.7%
TULARE	55	190,600	167,300	23,300	12.2%
TUOLUMNE	40	19,400	17,540	1,860	9.6%
VENTURA	25	407,300	373,100	34,100	8.4%
YOLO	7	103,800	96,400	7,400	7.1%
YUBA	49	28,100	25,100	3,000	10.6%

**Notes**

- 1) Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.
- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2019 benchmark and Census 2010 population controls at the state level.