



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

June 25, 2021

## JUNIOR GIANTS OPENING DAY

Opening Day for the Jr. Giants was a huge success. Mayor Matt Serratto threw the honorary first pitch with excellent accuracy! Denise Demery pinched-hit and "wowed" the audience singing the National Anthem, and players were eager to take the field. Thank you, parents, for attending and helping make the program a success.



### COVID VACCINATION CLINIC COMES TO A CLOSURE AT CITY HALL

The COVID vaccination clinic hosted by the City of Merced and administered by Dr. Asadi and her team was a huge success. The clinic began on March 31<sup>st</sup> and continued through June 24<sup>th</sup>, thousands of individuals received their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses through this operation.

At the last clinic, the volunteers received a special visit from Girl Scout Troop 3019. The Girl Scouts provided the volunteers with boxes of their delicious cookies as a "THANK YOU".

Thank you to all City staff and volunteers who showed up to help at the clinic and to those who contributed behind the scenes. Your commitment and efforts are the reason why our residents can live a more normal life during this uncertain time.



### 2021 MERCED POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



*Pictured from left to right are 2020 Officer of the Year - Cruz Jasso, Lieutenant Joe Perez, Officer Steven Odom*

Officer Steven Odom is a hard worker who is dedicated to the success of the Merced Police Department. Odom continually leads the department and the GVSU, in arrests and collecting gang intelligence. Odom has been the lead investigator on several high-profile gang cases which has had a direct effect on decimating gang activity and keeping the community of Merced safer.

Officer Odom is dedicated to the department and takes an active role in training new officers in gang investigations and is also a key training officer within the Arrest and Control Unit. The Merced County District Attorney's Office also relies on Officer Odom to assist other officers in preparing for gang testimony in court.

Officer Odom has done a fantastic job representing Merced PD by networking with several outside agencies and organizations. 2020 was especially tough, due to COVID-19. Even during this pandemic, Officer Odom successfully organized certified training for Merced County on gang documentation and gang expert testimony. Odom was able to leapfrog off this training class and held gang trainings for the Los Banos PD and the County District Attorney's Office.

Officer Odom has always displayed hard work and dedication for his job. He was recently assigned to the Detectives Division, working major crimes. He was previously awarded the Stephan Gray Gang Investigator of the Year in 2019 and was also awarded City of Merced Employee of the year in 2020. Congratulations Officer Odom!

## MORTARS, SKYROCKETS & MORE!

The Merced Police Department officers have seized more than 400 mortars, 1500 skyrockets and a variety of other illegal fireworks during their recent illegal fireworks enforcement efforts. Several arrests have been made in connection with these confiscations.

Only “safe and sane” fireworks are permitted in the City. Fireworks such as mortars, roman candles, bottle rockets, and firecrackers are illegal to possess in California. MPD is issuing citations for possession of illegal fireworks that carry a fine of \$1,000 for the 1st offense, \$1,500 for the 2nd offense, and \$2,000 for subsequent offenses.

Owners may also be cited for illegal fireworks activity at their property, regardless of their knowledge or participation in setting illegal fireworks off.

Merced PD would like to remind everyone about the consequences and dangers of fireworks. The dangers of illegal fireworks include setting a fire, traumatization of pets, noise pollution for neighbors, aggravating PTSD, injury, and death.

MPD will continue to prioritize illegal fireworks enforcement in the City of Merced through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.



## CELEBRATE THE 4TH SAFELY

Report illegal fireworks  
using the Merced  
Connect app.



**snap. click. submit.**

or call 209-388-SAFE  
email [celebratesafe@cityofmerced.org](mailto:celebratesafe@cityofmerced.org)

Remember to celebrate the 4th safely. Report illegal fireworks through the Merced Connect app, it's simple, you just “snap, click, and submit”.

Download the app via the app store on our smart device.

Other ways to report illegal fireworks:

Call: 209-388-SAFE

Call: The Anonymous Non-Emergency Tip Line at 209-385-4725.

Email: [celebratesafe@cityofmerced.org](mailto:celebratesafe@cityofmerced.org)

Only “safe and sane” fireworks are allowed from 6/28/21 at 12:00 p.m. through 7/6/21 at 12:00 p.m. **SPREAD THE WORD!**

## PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION

### STREETS CREW INSTALLS FIREWORKS BANNERS THROUGHOUT TOWN

The Public Works Streets crew put up banners around town as a reminder to “Celebrate the 4th Safely” and to report illegal fireworks.



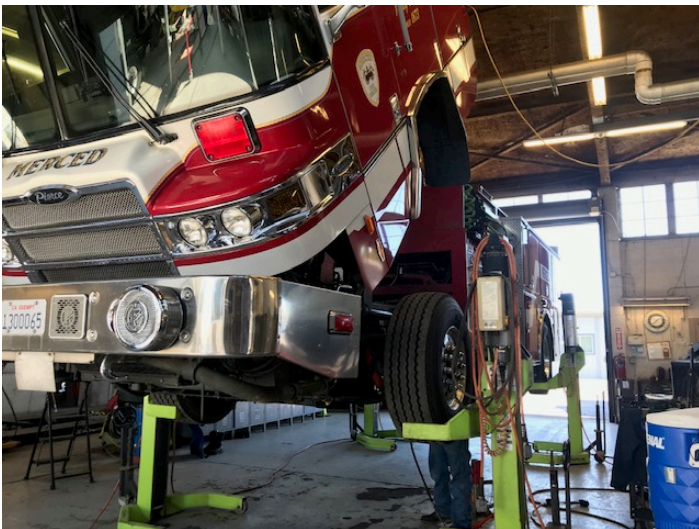
### TREES CREW AT JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The Public Works Parks & Trees crews assisted in tree planting as part of the Juneteenth celebration at McNamara Park.



### FLEET CREW AT WORK

The Public Works Fleet crew performed steering gearbox replacement and preventative maintenance on fire apparatus, as well as wiring and outfitting of new police vehicles.



**SEWER CREWS BRING SEWER EASEMENT UP TO GRADE**

The Public Works Sewer crews worked to bring a backyard sewer easement manhole up to grade along South R Street this week.



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PROJECTS UPDATE**

**PROJECT #121053 – G STREET, PARK AVENUE TO BEAR CREEK, ROAD REHABILITATION**

TBS Contractors crew performed micro-cracking and paving on Friday.

This project is approximately 90% complete.



**PROJECT #117020 – GERARD SEWER MAIN, HWY 99 TO KIBBY RD.**

Rolfe Construction Co., Inc. crew laid sewer pipes.

This project is approximately 50% complete.



**PROJECT #120060 – N STREET IMPROVEMENT**

TBS Contractors, Inc. crew arranged curb and gutter forms, and grading for sidewalks along N Street.

This project is approximately 45% complete.



**UTILITY BOX BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT SET TO LAUNCH ON MONDAY, 6/28/21**

The City of Merced and Merced County Arts Council will hold a Press Conference and launch the Utility Box Beautification Project on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. on the steps of the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340.

Mayor Matt Serratto presented a Downtown Art project, and received approval to proceed with the Utility Box Beautification Project. The Merced Arts and Culture Advisory Commission reviewed 15 proposals submitted by local artists and selected all artists to participate in the project.

The purpose of the Utility Box Beautification Project is to enhance the streetscape appeal in Downtown Merced through art. Ultimately, the desire is to create an Arts and Culture District in the Downtown Core.

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

1. 117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy 99 to Kibby Road
2. 120060 - N Street - 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement
3. 121053 - G St. – Park Ave. to Bear Creek Rehabilitation (Emergency)
4. 117038 - V Street - 16th to 18th Streets, Road Improvement (to be awarded by Council)

**PROJECTS IN DESIGN**

1. Highway 59 Widening (11%)
2. Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
3. Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
4. R Street, 16th to 18th (90%)
5. B Street Improvements (50%)
6. G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
7. Orchard Avenue Sewer (50%)



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CITY OF MERCED  
& MERCED COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

*The launch of the*  
UTILITY BOX  
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Monday, June 28, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.  
Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340



*Reminder!*

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The Lyons Family welcomes  
**The Merced Booster Club**  
& Community Leaders

to



UNIVERSITY INDUSTRIAL PARK

Merced, California.

for a "BBQ & Meet & Greet"

**Date:** Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 5:30pm – Drinks & Hors' d'oeuvres

6:15pm – BBQ Steak Dinner

**Location:** 1700 Kibby Rd., Merced

Please RSVP to Mickayla at [Maperanch@aol.com](mailto:Maperanch@aol.com) or (209)522-1762 by 6/25

*Reminder!*

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United States  
Air Force



# Band of the Golden West

*Presents*

## 4TH OF JULY CONCERT SERIES

Come see our Concert Band and Rock Band put on a **FREE** concert that will be sure to put you in a patriotic mood!

**JULY 3RD, 2021 AT 7PM**

**MERCED OPEN AIR THEATER AT APPLGATE PARK**

**W. 26TH ST & N ST, MERCED, CA 95340**

**CO-SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF MERCED**



No tickets required