



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

September 24, 2021

Public Works In Action

Thank you Gilberto Torres

Kudos to Refuse Equipment Operator Gilberto Torres for his quick action this week! A resident on Wainwright Avenue called in to thank our driver for helping an elderly neighbor who had fallen. The resident appreciated his efforts, noting that they don't know how long the neighbor would have needed assistance if it weren't for the driver who stopped.

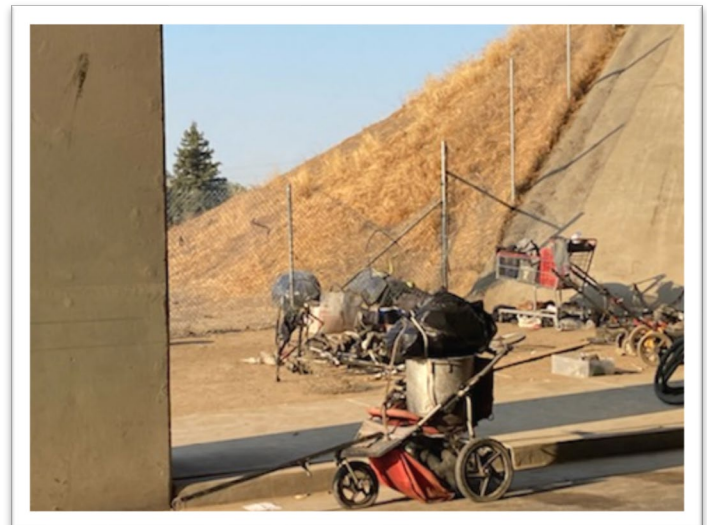
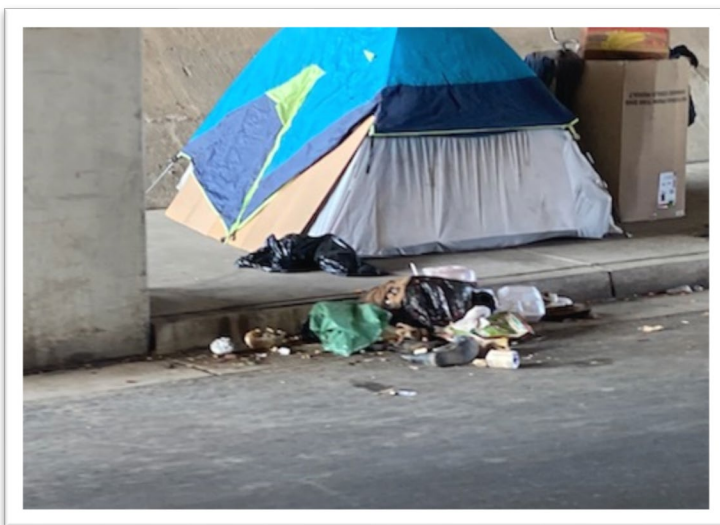
While servicing his route, Gilberto saw a woman holding onto a trash can and stopped to see if she was alright. Unfortunately, the woman had fallen and needed help. Along with another neighbor, Gilberto was able to help the woman safely back to her house. Thank you, Gilberto, for your attentiveness and helpfulness!



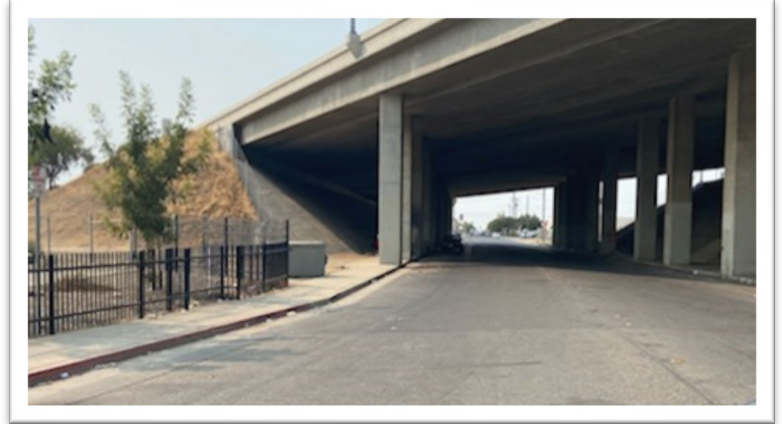
15th Street Bridge Clean Up

This week, the Public Works Refuse crews, with the DART team's assistance, cleaned under the 15th Street Bridge.

Before



After
15th Street Bridge



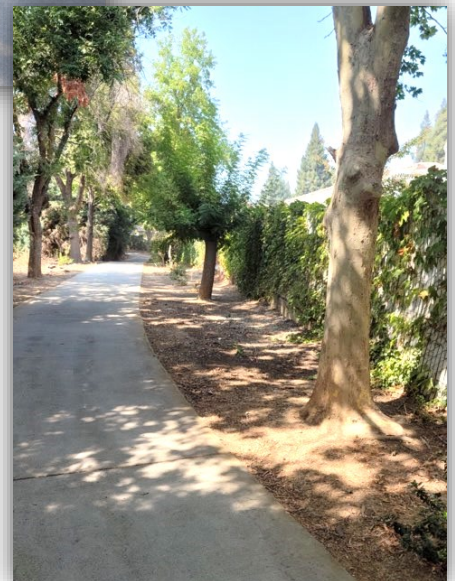
Black Rascal Creek Bike Path Clean Up

Parks and Trees crews cleaned along the Black Rascal Creek bike path near El Portal and McKee Road.

Before



After



Highway 59 Drop-Off Site Remains Open

A vehicle accident damaged the fencing at the Highway 59 Bulky-Item Drop-Off site this past weekend. With temporary fencing installed, the site remains open for operations.



Bellevue Ranch Landscape Improvement Begins

The field kick-off meeting for the Bellevue Ranch Landscape Improvements was Friday, September 24th. Construction is estimated to begin the first week in October.

LOCATION MAP





How would you invest in our community?

Help the City of Merced develop a plan to invest ARPA Funding.

To take the survey, scan the QR Code or visit www.cityofmerced.org

American Rescue Plan Act



ARPA Survey To Close Thursday, Sept. 30th

In March 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Since the signing of ARPA, City leaders have been intently focused on planning Merced initiatives that meet the requirements of ARPA. Residents, businesses, and community organizations are asked to provide feedback through a survey. Your input will help guide the use of the funds for immediate recovery needs and help maximize the impact in our community.

The ARPA Community Input Survey closes Thursday, September. 30th. To take the survey, visit www.cityofmerced.org/arpa.



This week's Community Conversation Features City of Merced Finance Director Venus Rodriguez.

Venus shared information about the U.S. Treasury's guidance on how ARPA funds can be used and talked about the importance of assessing the needs of our community members to explore how funding can best align with our local priorities. Her message to listeners was to take our survey. Input from residents will allow City officials to prioritize and develop a funding plan that will fill revenue shortfalls; and support households, workers, and businesses that were hit the hardest by the pandemic.

Tune in Saturday morning, Sept. 25th, at 7 am on 107.3 FM or 1480 AM or live stream the show at 1480kyos.com.

Childs and B Street Development Update

After three years of working with the development team on planning, permitting, zoning, and construction, the housing development at Childs and B is nearing completion. This development will be managed by a local affordable housing organization and will provide 119 housing units. Approximately 30 units will be designated as permanent supportive housing. In addition, improvements will address off-site stormwater drainage issues by installing storm drains along B Street and replacing existing water mains along B street. Safety improvements will include updates to the Child & B Street intersection, added bus service to the area with a new multi-modal bus stop, sidewalks, curbs, lighting, gutters, park-strips, and bike lanes that will connect Child Ave, 13th Street, and 15th Street bike lanes.

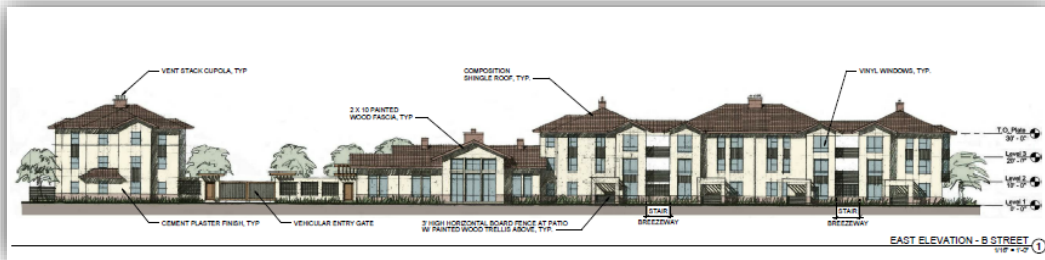
2019 Construction Ready



Conceptual Site Plan



Conceptual Elevation



Sept. 2021





Fire Chief and Fire Captain on the Caldor Fire from Merced

Two members of the MFD are on assignment to the Caldor Fire; however, they are working virtually and supporting the incident. The Caldor Fire is burning in the Eldorado National Forest near Lake Tahoe and currently stands at 221,505 acres and has 1,419 personnel assigned. Chief Parker and Captain Madruga are working virtually as Incident Training Specialist.



What is "training" on a fire incident? Good question! The Federal Fire agencies and CAL FIRE have committed to workforce development and succession planning for their members. Fires are not run under a rank structure but are run on qualification-based positions. Each position could have an apprentice or "trainee" to learn the qualification. Our MFD example is that Captain Madruga is an Incident Training Specialist (TNSP) "trainee," and Chief Parker is the qualified. Every position from the Incident Commander, Type 1 down to the position who tracks the number of porta-potties, the Base-Camp Manager, could have a trainee. The incident tracks the number of trainees and reports their findings to the host agency/unit and the regional workforce development officer. The goal of each incident is to have 10% of the incident receive training on the incident to support their agencies' workforce development needs.



How do we do this virtually? We utilize the Office 365 environment that IT has set up for us to generate Forms and collect the responses. Much of what the TNSP does is collect information and document the training for the trainee to take back to their home unit for review and qualification. These trainees come from all around the world, and we are fortunate to have them check in with us.

This season we have provided TNSP, both qualified and trainee positions, to the Monument Fire, Dixie Fire, KNP Complex, and Caldor Fire. MFD is proud to support our partners and provide the "classroom" for all to learn.

OES 5601 on Assignment at the Windy Fire

MFD's new Office of Emergency Services Office (OES) engine is on the Windy Fire in Tulare County. The Windy Fire is currently 43,745 acres with only 6% containment. Captain Giotta leads OES 5601, and they have been providing point protection to values at risk and supporting the operations with hose lays and firing operations. The incident is still very active and is where much of the smoke we are dealing with comes from.

Coffee with A Cop

Join Merced PD October 6th from 8 to 10 a.m. at Native Son
609 W. Main Street, Merced



Inspection Services Bi-weekly Report

From September 6th, 2021, through September 19th, 2021, 45 New Single-Family Dwelling Permits were issued.

The running total of New Single-Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **180**.

Multi-Family Permits in review:

- Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; 1 office/lounge and 6, 2 story apartments: 2 buildings have 16 units, 3 buildings have 30 units, and 1 building has 4 units for a total of 126 units.
- Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
- There is a fire damage repair that is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.
- There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period. (No change from the last report)
- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period.
- There was 1 new commercial submittal during this period for a 5,381 SF car wash, vacuum station, canopy, and related equipment located at 3690 G St.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one for a 2,724 SF Starbucks located at 145 E Yosemite Ave., Ste A, and two for medical offices (2,260 SF and 2,018 SF) located at 320 E. Yosemite Ave #102 & #103.
- There were 2 Certificate of Occupancy (CofO) issued for this period; one for Chicken Shack located at 560 W. Olive Ave., and one for Best Buy Located at 3125 R St.
- There were 40 CofOs for Single Family Dwellings during this period.

ATTACHMENTS

Merced Symphony Association

The 2021-2022 Concert Season Has Begun!
Tickets are available for the season premiere,
Saturday, September 25th
Merced Theatre
For more information visit
mercedsymphony.org

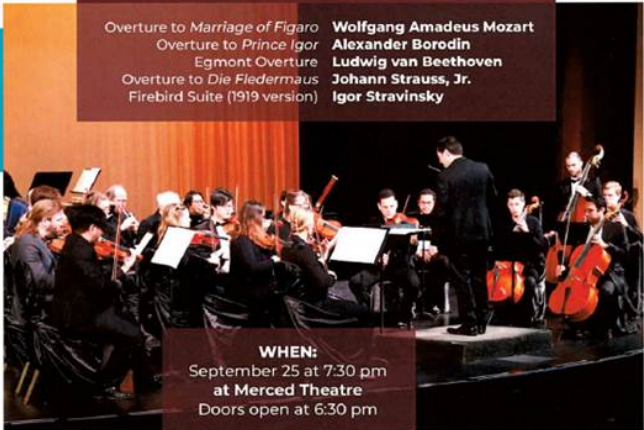
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SEASON OPENER ■

REBIRTH

Merced Symphony comes back with a season of rebirth and renewal! Starting the 21-22 season with an exciting concert representing the full return to live music, Merced Symphony opens with a concert full of favorite concert overtures as well as Stravinsky's famous Firebird Suite of 1919. Representing the phoenix' rise from the ashes, Stravinsky's colorful suite couldn't be more perfect to start our year back to concerts this season.

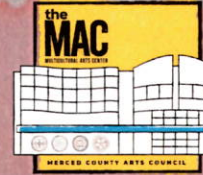
Overture to <i>Marriage of Figaro</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Overture to <i>Prince Igor</i>	Alexander Borodin
Egmont Overture	Ludwig van Beethoven
Overture to <i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Johann Strauss, Jr.
Firebird Suite (1919 version)	Igor Stravinsky



WHEN:
September 25 at 7:30 pm
at Merced Theatre
Doors open at 6:30 pm

FROM ART'S CLOSET TO YOURS

Artists and art collectors are cleaning their closets and you benefit!



Sunday, September 26, 2021
11 AM—4 PM for the best selection
Continuing Monday & Tuesday
9/27 & 9/28 2PM—6PM

New and lovingly used
Art & Décor
Arts & Crafts Supplies
Miscellaneous and great SALES!

Masks strongly encouraged



Location: (the MAC) Merced Multicultural Arts Center 645 W. Main St. Merced, CA

For more information: visit our website—artsmerced.org, find us on Facebook & Instagram
email katreader2@gmail.com or call 209-388-1090—Merced Multicultural Arts Center—the MAC



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Coming up Next In The MAC Galleries

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead

- Exhibition will be on view October 20 – November 14, 2021
- Reception: Saturday, October 30, 3pm – 9pm

Visit www.artsmerced.org for more details on events and more.



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Gallery Hours:

Wednesday – Friday • 2 – 8 pm
Sat • 11 am – 6 pm; Sun • 11 am – 4 pm

MCAC Office Hours:

Wednesday – Friday • 10 am – 3 pm



The UC Merced Foundation
cordially invites you to the

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, October 7, 2021
11:30 a.m.

The Dr. Vikram and Priya Lakireddy Grand Ballroom
University of California Merced
5200 North Lake Road
Merced, CA

For tickets and additional information please visit
engage.ucmerced.edu/SOTU2021
Limited seating available