



THE WEEKLY

COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT Welcome to the City

Welcome Jeffrey Kazmierski

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jeffrey Kazmierski

Software Analyst I
IT Department

Q. What do you do as a Software Analyst?

I recently joined the City of Merced. Currently, I'm working on streamlining systems to create more user-friendly processes.

Q. What do you enjoy about your role?

As I become more familiar with my responsibilities, I look forward to creating and supporting systems that integrate effectively and run smoothly for our end users.



*Welcome to
The City
of
Merced*

Welcome Firefighters Welsh, Avant, King and Silveria

On October 4th, Fire Chief Derek Parker, fire department personnel, City Manager Stephanie Dietz, and Assistant City Manager Frank Quintero welcomed four Probationary firefighters who comprise Fire Academy No. 21-02.

**WELCOME
ADAM WELSH, RHETT AVANT, DUSTIN
KING, AND STEVEN SILVERIA.**



FIRE PREVENTION MONTH LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY

The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help ensure your home and family are protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students, and communities across the United States. This month, fire departments provide education to their communities and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire prevention and whole-home safety.



Thank you, Peggy Biddison from State Farm Insurance, for supporting Fire Prevention Week. Peggy and her team donated safety kits to share with schools and members of our community.



Public Works in Action

Replacement of 17 concrete light poles in the downtown area started this week.



Tree crews pruning along Quail Ave.



Parks crews working at N Street & 18th.



Engineering At Work

Project #117038 - V Street Improvements –
(16th to 18th)
Agee Construction Corporation crew setting
working on grading.



Project #120060 – N St. Improvements –
16th St. to 18th St.
TBS Contractors, Inc. crew laying out
pavement markings.



Water Department has received their new No-DES Water Filtering Truck-Mounted Unit this week. The No-DES system is a new water conservation technology that prevents water waste during water-main flushing.



Construction Projects

- 117047 – Well Site 3 Tank Removal
- 117020 - Gerard Ave. Sewer Main Hwy 99 to Kibby Road
- 120060 - N St. - 16th to 18th Streets, Roadway Improvement
- 121053 - G St. – Park Ave. to Bear Creek Rehabilitation (Emergency)
- 117038 - V St. Improvements – (16th to 18th)
- 120044 – B St. Improvements – Childs to E. 15th St.

Projects in Design

- Highway 59 Widening (17%)
- Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization (90%)
- Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
- R Street, 16th to 18th (90%)
- G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St. (100%)
- Orchard Avenue Sewer (70%)
- CMAQ (044) Right-turn Channelization of Hwy 59 at 16th Street
- CMAQ (040) New Traffic Signal at Hwy 59 and 16th Street
- CMAQ (048) John Muir Sidewalk
- CMAQ (049) Motel Drive
- CMAQ (050) Sidewalks R St., S St., and Stuart Dr.
- CMAQ (052) Sidewalks 7th St., 8th St. and Linda Ln.
- CMAQ (051) Sidewalks Olive Ave., Parsons Ave. and Alexander Ave.
- CMAQ (055) Nottingham Sidewalks

Cannabis Ordinance Changes & Updates

There were several cannabis ordinance changes at the November 4th Merced City Council Meeting. A second reading passed, and changes will take effect in 30 days.

- One retail cannabis dispensary license is available.
- Two new zones (Business Park and Thoroughfare Commercial) are allowed for retail cannabis businesses.
- Applications for a new retail cannabis business will be accepted starting in late fall/early winter of this year.
- Applications will be ranked based on merit-based criteria that have had additional points added for local ownership.
- Dispensaries are permitted to be open until 10 p.m.

For more information and the updated merit-based criteria, please visit

<https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/planning-division/cannabis-businesses/retail-merit-based-application-material>

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WE SEE PINK! The Merced Police Department is supporting BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. During October, Merced Police Department Officers will be sporting pink Merced PD patches on their uniforms. In addition, members of the public who wish to purchase the breast Cancer awareness patch can do so at the Merced Police Department Central Station lobby for \$5.



Coffee With A Cop

On the first Wednesday in October, National Coffee with a Cop Day brings men and women in uniform together with their communities to connect over a cup of joe. This year's successful event was hosted by the El Capitan Hotel. Thank you to everyone who shared coffee and convo with members of the City of Merced PD.



National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Thank you to everyone who attended. We look forward to seeing you at next year's event.

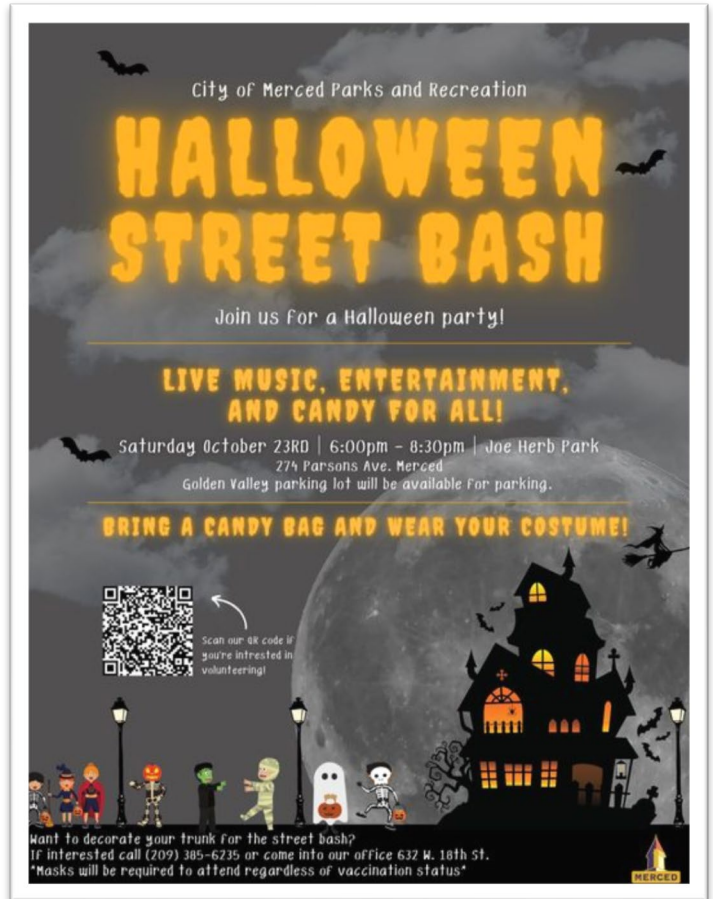


Save the Date!

Saturday, October 23, 2021
6 to 8 p.m.
Joe Herb Park

Halloween Street Bash

Sponsored by Merced Parks and
Recreation



Save the Date!

Wednesday, October 27, 2021
5:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Applegate Park

**Tiny Tots
Halloween
Pumpkin Party**

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Save the Date!

October 28 – 31st, 2021
6 to 9 p.m.
Applegate Park Zoo

Zpooky Nights

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Save the Date!

Saturday, October 30, 2021
10 a.m.to 2 p.m.

The **First Annual Cops for Critters** event hosted by our very own Merced Police Department in front of the Central Police Station on W. 22nd St.

All community members are invited to this family friendly event. For more information or to register for the car show, visit <https://mercedcopsforcritters.ventbrite.com>



Upcoming Event Street Closures

Saturday, October 9th

- **Community Clean Up**
 - **Meadows Avenue will be closed from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Saturday, October 30th

- **Cops For Critters**
 - **West 22nd Street, between M & N, will be closed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

THANK YOU

To the City Managers at Merced, Ca.

Last month I sent an email requesting that the sidewalk in front of my house be repaired.

I know how difficult the recent times have been for employees everywhere. I appreciate the city workers coming out and doing such a great job. The sidewalk was repaired very quickly and it looks absolutely perfect. I just want to say thank you to the city of Merced and all of its workers.

Sincerely,
Gina N.

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City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 7, 2021
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of October 6, 2021

At their meeting of October 6, 2021, the Planning Commission heard a presentation on Pro-Housing Strategies from Director of Development Service, Scott McBride.

If you have any questions about this item, please feel free to contact me.

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VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 1 p.m.

Drive Thru Parade - Main Street, Merced



With Bravery and Strength They Serve

Proudly presented by the Merced County Veterans Council,
Human Services Agency, and United Way of Merced County



For more information:

Please visit:
<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/1585/Veterans-Day-Parade>
or call:
Merced County Veterans Service Office
(209) 385-7588

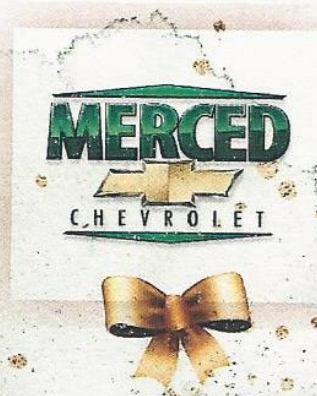




SAVE *The* DATE
Merced Chevrolet's
10th Anniversary
Celebration

You and a guest
Plan to celebrate
This holiday season
Saturday December 4th
Starting at 6pm

Additional information
to follow



*You're Invited to the
Merced Breakfast Lions'
Harvest Moon
Event
Dinner, Dancing & Auction*

*Help us raise funds for our
community service projects*

Italo-American Lodge 1351 W. 18th Street, Merced

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
6 PM
\$50.00 per person

RSVP by Oct. 15th to any Lion member or www.mercedbreakfastlions.org