



THE WEEKLY

COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

October 15, 2021

The City of Merced Announces Essential Air Service Agreement with Advanced Air

This week, City and airport officials welcome Advanced Air as the community's Essential Air Service (EAS) provider for Merced Yosemite Regional Airport (MCE).

Beginning January 1, 2022, Advanced Air will provide 24 weekly flights from Merced: 12 roundtrips to Las Vegas McCarran International Airport (LAS) and 12 roundtrips to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Additionally, Advanced Air's flights will align with YARTS bus schedules to Yosemite.

"The City of Merced anticipates a productive relationship with Advanced Air," stated Matthew Serratto, Mayor of the City of Merced. "As more people look for opportunities to travel, we anticipate increased interest in our community. We look forward to convenient scheduling at affordable rates and promoting more travel opportunities to and from Yosemite. Additionally, air service should be vital to the economic growth of our City. We foresee local job growth along with economic activity and opportunity," concluded Serratto.

"Merced is one of the gateways to Yosemite, a quintessential American attraction that millions of people love to visit," said Levi Stockton, Founder & President of Advanced Air. "We are proud to be selected as the City's airline and look forward to investing in the community, bringing tourism to the area, and serving the residents of Merced and



About Merced Yosemite Regional Airport

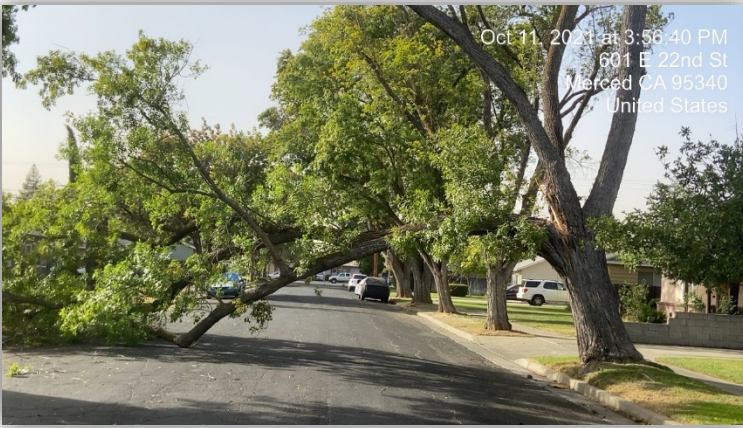
The Merced Yosemite Regional Airport (MCE) offers a short commute, free parking, simple check-in, and professional TSA baggage inspection services. The airport also provides facilities for general aviation aircraft, corporate hangars, and a Gateway Air Center for private aviation.

About Advanced Air. LLC

ADVANCED AIR is a world-class, Los Angeles based airline carrier offering a gamut of aviation services including regional semi-private commercial service, private charters, aviation management, corporate travel and property management services. It owns and operates out of the award-winning fixed based operator (FBO), [JET CENTER LOS ANGELES](#), located in Hawthorne, CA, covering a total of 90 acres and 200,000 square feet of hanger space. Its real estate is commonly used for public and private events.

Public Works in Action

High winds wreaked havoc this week throughout Merced. Public Works received nearly 300 calls for downed limbs, trees, signs, and other reported damage. Crews continue to clear downed trees and limbs throughout the week.



Water crews responded to a water leak in an alley between 8th and 9th Avenues and an emergency water main break on 3rd Avenue, installed new feeder backflows at Arrow Wood Drive/Freemark and at the Mission Ranch subdivision, excavated and prepped to install an 8” fire backflow at Park Place/Bear Creek, as well as continued work on upgrading the variable frequency drive (VFD) at well site 16.

8th/9th Avenue Alley



3rd Avenue



Arrow Wood / Freemark



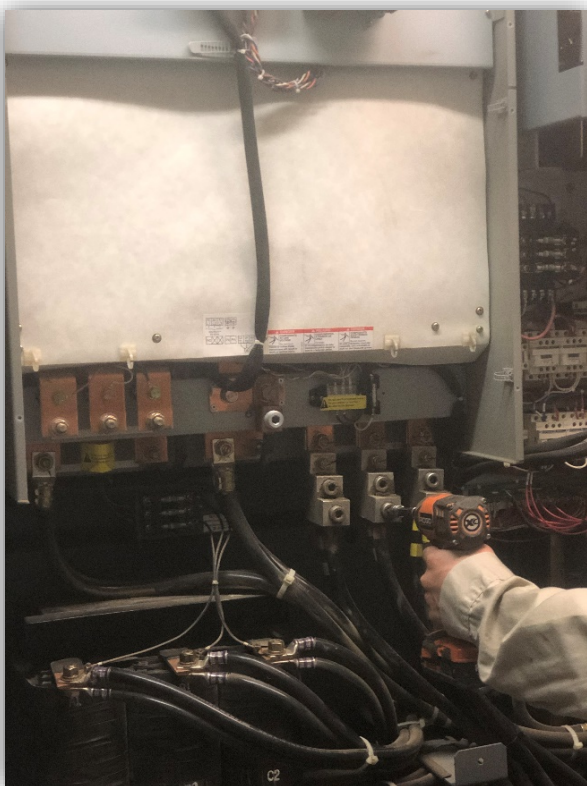
Mission Ranch



Park Place



Well Site VFD Upgrade



Thank You For 15 Years of Service Brent Boyd



The City of Merced and the Merced City Fire Department thank Firefighter Brent Boyd for more than 15 years of proud and dedicated service to the citizens of Merced and congratulate Brent on his retirement.

Brent began his career with the fire department in August of 2006. Brent grew up on a farm and brought a wealth of knowledge in facilities maintenance, particularly his understanding of plumbing and electrical systems, which allowed him to troubleshoot to solve facilities challenges.

Friday, August 15, 2021, was Boyd's last 24-hour shift at Station 52, where he celebrated with his A shift family.

Congratulations, Firefighter Boyd; you will be missed. We wish you a satisfying and lengthy retirement.



Action shot of Firefighter Boyd



Last day with A Shift.

L to R: Captain Giotta, Engineer Mariucci, Firefighter Conti, Firefighter Basulto, Firefighter Prum, Engineer Tierney, Firefighter Johnson, Firefighter Brent Boyd, Captain Wilson, Engineer Dickens, Captain Paskin, Engineer Swan, Engineer Whitehead, Captain Ramirez, Firefighter Gragg.



Firefighter Boyd at his Rookie Academy in August 2006.

What Do I Need to Do to Become a City of Merced Firefighter?

To reach out to potential firefighters, the City of Merced Fire Department will be holding an informal meet and greet at Sam Cafe, located at 235 W. 12th Street in Merced.

<p>MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON YOUR FUTURE</p> <p>ANSWER THE CALL</p> <p>MEET MFD MEMBERS</p> <p>LEARN THE PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO BE A PART OF THE MFD</p> <p>GET ANSWERS TO FAQ's REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS</p>	<p>CITY OF MERCED FIRE DEPARTMENT</p>
	
	 
	
 <p>INFORMATIONAL RECRUITMENT MEETING</p>	
<p>FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT WILL BEGIN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2022</p>	<p>December 1, 2021 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sam Cafe 235 W. 12th Street Merced, CA 95341</p>

<p>HAS UNA IMPRESION EN TU FUTURO</p> <p>CONTESTA LA LLAMADA</p> <p>CONOCE MIEMBROS DE MFD</p> <p>APRENDE EL PROCESO Y REQUISITOS QUE SE NECESITAN PARA SER PARTE DE MFD</p> <p>OBTEN RESPUESTAS PARA TUS PREGUNTAS ACERCA DEL PROCESO PARA CONTRATACION</p>	<p>CITY OF MERCED FIRE DEPARTMENT</p>
	
	 
	
 <p>JUNTA INFORMACIONAL PARA CONTRATACIONES</p>	
<p>RECLUTAMIENTO DE BOMBEROS EMPEZARA EN EL PRIMER CUARTO DEL 2022</p>	<p>1 de diciembre de 2021 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sam Cafe 235 W. 12th Street Merced, CA 95341</p>

Inspection Services Report

From September 20th, 2021, through October 3rd, 2021, 28 New Single-Family Dwelling Permits were issued.

The running total of New Single-Family Dwellings in Plan Review is **97**.

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 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for improvements at the 4,458 SF ASIP Coffee House located at 847 W. Main St. and one for Advance Auto Parts located at 1207 W. Main St.

There were 0 new commercial submittals during this period.

There were 4 new tenant improvement submittals during this period; one for a 10,840 SF Department of Corrections renovation located at 439 W 15th St., one for a 2,312 SF renovation for a car wrap detailing business located at 3376 N Hwy 59, Ste A, one for GM auto paint supplies located at 1846 Parsons, and one for a produce cooler at Costco located at 1445 R St.

There was 1 CofO issued this period; Starbucks located at 360 W 16th St. Ste A.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Planning Commission Agenda – Pages 8 – 12
2. MCSD Hiring Event Flyer – Page 13
3. Tacos Al Mando & Symple Soul Flyer – Page 14
4. La Bela Medical Spa Flyer – Page 15
5. Veterans Day Luncheon Flyer – Page 16
6. Firefighter Informal Q&A Flyer – Page 17/18



CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

For at risk individuals or those not wanting to attend an in-person meeting during the current Covid-19 pandemic, please submit your public comment to the Planning Commission electronically no later than 1PM on the day of the meeting. Comments received before the deadline will be sent to the Planning Commission and will be part of the record and mentioned as part of the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

Material may be emailed to planningweb@cityofmerced.org and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of three (3) minutes. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

To view video (if available) or listen to the Planning Commission meeting live, go to the City's website www.cityofmerced.org, Facebook Live, or Comcast Public Access Channel 96.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with one motion of the Planning Commission provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions.

D.1 21-840 **SUBJECT: Planning Commission Minutes of October 6, 2021**

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of October 6, 2021

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of October 6, 2021

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

E.1 [21-665](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #21-02, Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to Planned Development (P-D) #8, and Site Plan Review #473, initiated by UP Holdings California, LLC, on behalf of Ashley Investments, LLC, for approximately 6.93 acres of land, generally located at the southeast corner of Loughborough Drive and Meadows Avenue. The General Plan Amendment would change the General Plan designation for approximately 5.59 acres from Regional/Community Commercial (RC) to High Density Residential (HD). The Site Utilization Plan Revision would change the Site Utilization Plan land use designation from High-Medium Density Residential (12-24 units/acre) for 5.59 acres to High-Density Residential (24 to 36 units/acre) to allow the construction of 161 units and to change the land use designation for 1.34 acres from High-Medium Density Residential to Office to allow the construction of a medical/dental clinic. Site Plan Review #473 would allow the construction of the project in compliance with the design standards set forth in Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to P-D #8. **** PUBLIC HEARING****

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Recommendation to City Council
- Environmental Review #21-23 (Mitigated Negative Declaration)
- General Plan Amendment #21-02
- Site Utilization Plan (SUP) Revision #12 to Planned Development (P-D) #8

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Site Plan Review #473 (contingent on City Council approval of the above)

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

Environmental Review #21-23 (Mitigated Negative Declaration)

General Plan Amendment #21-02

Site Utilization Plan (SUP) Revision #12 to Planned Development (P-D) #8

SUMMARY

This is a request to consider a General Plan Amendment, a Site Utilization Plan Revision, and a Site Plan Review application for a 6.93-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Loughborough Drive and Meadows Avenue (Attachment C of Staff Report 21-665). The proposed land use changes would allow the construction of a mixed-use project that includes 161 multi-family units and a medical/dental clinic. A Site Plan Review application is also included as required for all uses within a Planned Development. Staff is recommending approval.

RECOMMENDATION

General Plan Amendment and Site Utilization Plan (SUP) Revision

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council of Environmental Review #21-23 (Mitigated Negative Declaration), General Plan Amendment #21-02, and Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to Planned Development (P-D) #8 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A, the findings/considerations in Exhibit B, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program in Exhibit C of the Draft Resolution.

Site Plan Review

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Site Plan Review #473 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment B) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A, the findings/considerations in Exhibit B, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program in Exhibit C of the Draft Resolution., and contingent on the City Council approval of the General Plan Amendment and SUP Revision above.

21-847

SUBJECT: Brown Act Training by City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1

[21-838](#)

SUBJECT: Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [21-839](#)

SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Oct. 18 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 1 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (May be Cancelled)
- Dec. 6 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (To be Cancelled)
- 28 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m. (May be Rescheduled)

G. ADJOURNMENT



Join us for a **Hiring Fair**

Join MCSD and Be Champion for Children in our Community

Would you like to join our dedicated team of educators and help us make a difference for our community? Join us for a Hiring Event and learn more about joining our team at Merced City School District. Our hiring team will be there to help you fill out an application, interview on the spot and answer questions you have about job opportunities.

Thursday, October 21
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

STEAM Center (Ada Givens Campus)
2900 Green Street in Merced

Meet our team, get an interview & learn more about jobs

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Hiring for the following

- Substitute Teachers
- Instructional Aides
- Preschool Instructional Asst.
- Bus Drivers
- Noon Duty Supervisors
- Cafeteria Workers
- Custodians
- Office Clerks

We offer great benefits, flexible
schedule & paid holidays



Tacos Al Mando & SympLe Soul Ribbon Cutting

Saturday October 23rd, 2021
15th and R Street, Merced
4 pm - 9 pm



The Chicanas Car Club Presents:

Día de los Muertos Celebrando



DJ
Prizes
50/50 Raffle
Face Painting
Trunk or Treat
Hawaiian Shaved Ice

Chicanas Car Club
Exhibition & Show
Kid Activities:
Tug-O-War, Potato Sack
Races, Corn Hole

The Community is invited to bring pictures of their loved ones to be placed on the Community Ofrenda in celebration of our community unity.

Chicanas
Car Club



La Belle Medical Spa

Join us for our

Ribbon Cutting!

When: 10/28/21 @ 5PM-7PM

**Where: 410 E Yosemite Ave, Suite C,
Merced CA**

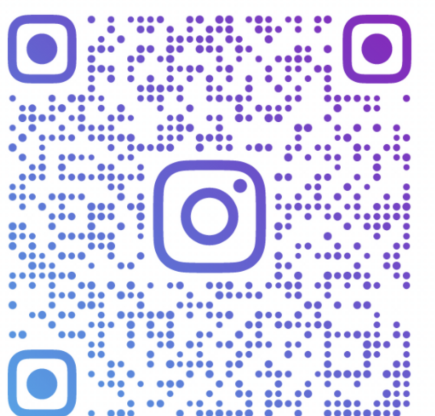
Join us to celebrate our Ribbon Cutting!

We will have refreshments, Free consultations and the first 25 people to RSVP get one FREE underarm Laser Hair Removal treatment for attending (please RSVP).

We will also have specials on treatment plans, skin care products, tours and demos!



Call 209-205-2999 to RSVP



LABELLEMEDICALSPA



VETERAN'S DAY LUNCH

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

2 PM TO 6 PM

LOCATION: MERCED ELKS

BUFFET STYLE LUNCH

TAKE OUT OPTION AVAILABLE

FREE TO A VET AND A GUEST

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

MATT WOODS 559-223-0241

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THE HIRING PROCESS**

**CITY OF MERCED
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**INFORMATIONAL
RECRUITMENT MEETING**

**FIREFIGHTER
RECRUITMENT
WILL BEGIN IN THE
FIRST QUARTER OF 2022**

**December 1, 2021
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Sam Cafe
235 W. 12th Street
Merced, CA 95341**

**HAS UNA IMPRESION EN TU
FUTURO**

CONTESTA LA LLAMADA

CONOCE MIEMBROS DE MFD

**APRENDE EL PROCESO Y REQ-
UISITOS QUE SE NECESITAN
PARA SER PARTE DE MFD**

**OBTEN RESPUESTAS
PARA TUS PREGUNTAS
ACERCA DEL PROCESO
PARA CONTRATACION**

**CITY OF MERCED
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**JUNTA INFORMACIONAL
PARA CONTRATACIONES**

**RECLUTAMIENTO DE
BOMBEROS EMPEZARA
EN EL PRIMER CUARTO
DEL 2022**

**1 de diciembre de 2021
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Sam Cafe
235 W. 12th Street
Merced, CA 95341**