



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

January 7, 2022

CHRISTOPHER JENSEN APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

“Mr. Jensen brings more than 18 years’ experience in social services and behavioral health-supportive programming and has a reputation of being a thoughtful and collaborative professional,” said City Manager Stephanie Dietz. We are confident of his ability to manage our parks while developing relevant and equitable programs and services that will meet the needs of people at the neighborhood level and community-wide throughout the City of Merced,” concluded Dietz.



In his position, Mr. Jensen will be responsible for directing, managing, and leading the activities and operations of the Parks and Recreation Department, including recreation and special events programming, parks management, and zoo services. Additionally, Mr. Jensen will develop cultural, educational, community, and social service programs. Lastly, he will oversee and provide staffing needs for the Merced Zoological Society to develop Zoo facilities and programs.

“Parks are spaces in which communities come together to enhance our wellbeing. The parks we manage and the recreation programs we offer are a great illustration of the quality of life residents and visitors can expect from our City” said Jensen. “I am looking forward to leading a team of experienced and dedicated professionals as we work together to elevate our parks, our programs and expand our services to support the needs of our growing community,” he said.

MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSIGNS FULL-TIME OFFICER TO DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

In support of the City’s downtown historic business district, Merced Police Officer



Jennifer Shaw now staffs this newly defined downtown beat.

Officer Shaw, a six-year public safety veteran, is tasked with building relationships with merchants. Shaw will also participate in special events and conduct law enforcement and service delivery efforts in this area, defined by 19th Street, 14th Street, G Street, and Bear Creek.

This area has generated more than 12,500 incidents for police staff to date.

“We want downtown Merced to be a safe and inviting destination for commercial customers and clients,” said Chief Tom Cavallero. He added that Officer Shaw is the perfect fit for the mission. “Jennifer is not only an exceedingly capable police officer but is genuinely caring and approachable as well. She appreciates the value of this effort and will be tireless in making downtown Merced even better.” City Manager Stephanie Dietz agrees. “This is an important part of creating a safe and vibrant downtown, furthering the council’s goals and priorities,” said Dietz. In addition, we see this as an important pilot program that can be expanded to other commercial centers throughout the City.”

Fire and Cops for Kids Holiday Toy Drive



Together, Merced City Police and Fire served more than 300 families. That's around 1000 children in the City of Merced through the Fire and Cops for Kids Holiday Toy Drive. Members of the Merced Police Explorer Post 204 helped bag and distribute toys to families.



Chief Cavallero, Captain Weiss and Lieutenant Foster at the Hmong New Year Celebration.



PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION

Fleet crews utilizing truck lifts to perform repairs on a refuse vehicle.



Trees crews performing mistletoe abatement on Brimmer Road.



Parks/Trees crew cleaning path along Cottonwood Creek.



REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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THE CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION INVITES RESIDENTS TO:



HUD 2022 Annual Action Plan Community Input Meetings & Needs Survey

LOCATION

Merced City Hall/Civic
Center
Sam Pipes Room (1st Floor)
678 W 18th St.
Merced, CA

DATES & TIMES

Mon, January 24th, 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
or
Thurs, January 27th, 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
or
Fri, January 28th, 2022
@ 2:00 pm

OR TAKE THE SURVEY!!

Unable to attend?
Please help us by
completing the online
survey. To access, scan
the QR code with your
phone, or use this internet
browser URL:

tinyurl.com/46frc5u9



(survey closes February 28, 2022)

We need to hear from YOU!

The purpose of these meetings are to gather City of Merced residents' needs and priorities for housing, public service, and economic development programs, and which type of projects should be funded this year with federal funding from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in line with our 5-Year Strategic Plan. We'll also be providing information to potential partner organizations on how to apply for program funding and HUD's requirements. Please join us! Choose from three convenient days/times.



For more information — website: www.cityofmerced.org/housing;
phone: (209)385-6863; or email: housing@cityofmerced.org

Translation is available for the meetings in Spanish and Hmong. Please call or email in advance to arrange: 209-385-6863 or housing@cityofmerced.org.



LA DIVISIÓN DE VIVIENDAS DE LA CIUDAD
DE MERCED INVITA A LOS RESIDENTES PARA:



Encuesta de necesidades y reuniones de opinión de la comunidad del plan de acción anual de HUD 2022

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Ayuntamiento de
Merced / Centro Cívico
Salon Sam Pipes (1er piso)
678 W 18th St.
Merced, CA

FECHAS Y HORARIOS

Lun, 24 de enero de 2022
@ 6:00 pm,
Jueves 27 de enero de
2022
@ 6:00 pm,
Viernes 28 de enero de
2022

O HAGA LA ENCUESTA !!

¿Incapaz de atender?
Ayúdenos completando
la encuesta en línea. Para
acceder, escanee el
código QR con su
teléfono o use esta URL
del navegador de
Internet:

tinyurl.com/46frc5u9



(la encuesta cierra el 28 de
febrero de 2022)

¡Necesitamos saber de USTED!

El propósito de estas reuniones es reunir las necesidades y prioridades de los residentes de la Ciudad de Merced en cuanto a vivienda, servicios públicos y programas de desarrollo económico, y qué tipo de proyectos deben financiarse este año con fondos federales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU. (HUD), en línea con nuestro Plan Estratégico de 5 años. También proporcionaremos información a posibles organizaciones asociadas sobre cómo solicitar fondos del programa y los requisitos de HUD. ¡Por favor únete a nosotros! Elija entre tres días/horarios convenientes.



Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web: www.cityofmerced.org/housing; teléfono: (209)385-6863; o correo electrónico: housing@cityofmerced.org

Hay traducción disponible para las reuniones en español y hmong. Llame o envíe un correo electrónico con anticipación para coordinar: 209-385-6863 o housing@cityofmerced.org.



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28, 2022)

Peb xa hnov los ntawm koj!

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Yog xav paub ntxiv — lub vev xaij: www.cityofmerced.org/housing; xov tooj: (209)385-6863; los yog email: Housing@cityofmerced.org

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THE CITY OF MERCED INVITES YOU!

On behalf of the **CIRCLE** partnership, the **City of Merced** and **Rotary Community Corps**, we invite you to a local workshop to learn about **urban forestry!**

WHEN
Saturday, January 29, 2022

WHAT TIME
8 — 11am

WHERE
Applegate Park
Ed-zoo-cation Building
1045 W 25th St
Merced, CA 95340

RSVP
Register at catree.us/dn5 or
Text/Call: (714) 926-0563
if you have any questions!


**BECOME A
TREE LEADER
IN YOUR CITY!**



investfromthegroundup.org/





THE CITY OF MERCED INVITES YOU!



TO BECOME A TREE LEADER IN YOUR CITY!

WORKSHOP

The CIRCLE partnership is offering free tree education in Merced.

WHEN: Saturday, January 29, 2022

WHAT TIME: 8 - 11am

WHERE: Applegate Park Ed-zoo-cation Building, 1045 W 25th St, Merced, CA 95340

Register at catree.us/dn5 today!

ARBOR DAY

Join us and help plant 2,000 trees across California this spring! Find out more at investfromthegroundup.org/.

WHEN: Saturday, March 12, 2022

WHAT TIME: 9am - 12pm

WHERE: Applegate Park Zoo 1045 W 25th St, Merced, CA 95340

Questions? Contact the Grants Team!

Email: grantinfo@wcainc.com or Text/Call: (714) 926-0563

