

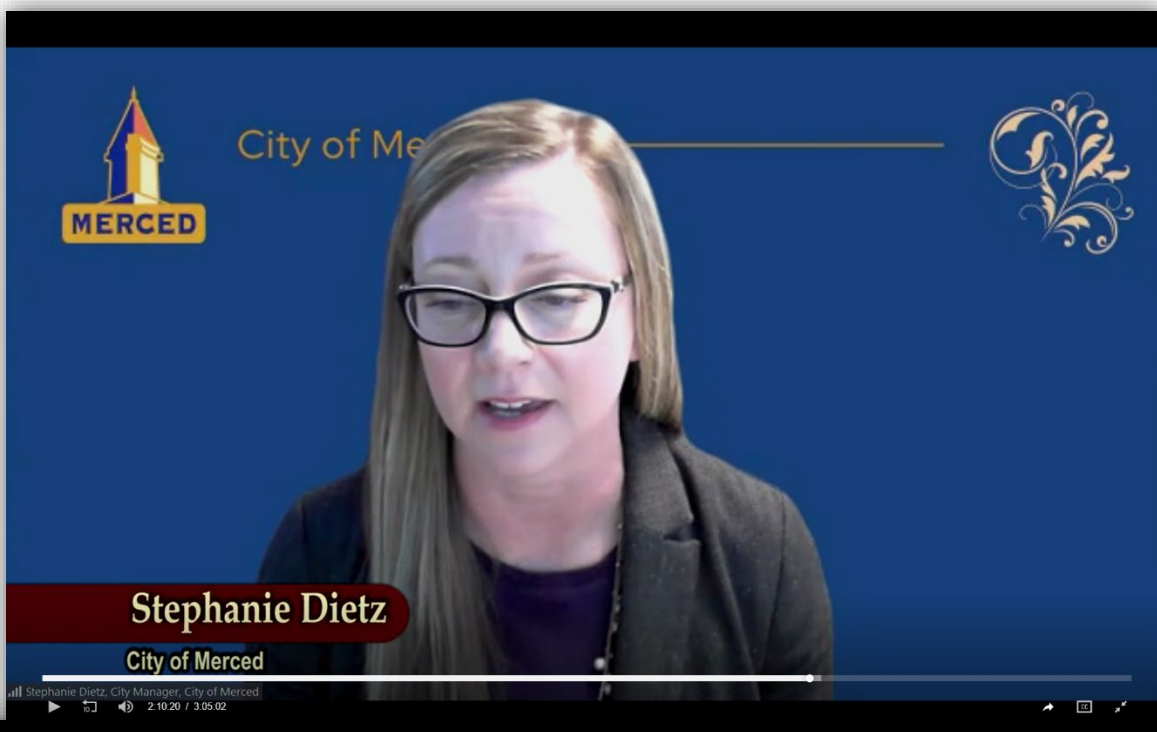


THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

February 18, 2022

City Manager Dietz Testifies at Senate Budget Subcommittee

On Wednesday, Merced City Manager Stephanie Dietz testified at the Joint Hearing with the Senate Housing Committee to report on the local experience based on the State's recent investments in affordable housing and homelessness. To view the hearing, please visit <https://www.senate.ca.gov/media/senate-joint-budget-sub-4-housing-20220216/video>.



Senator Anna Caballero (D-Merced)



Tony Giotta Firefighter of the Year



The Merced Fire Department is proud to recognize Fire Captain Tony Giotta as the 2022 Firefighter of the year. His peers nominated Captain Giotta based on achievements throughout the past year. The selection criteria were based on Giotta's efforts to provide better service and improve public relations and the working conditions of MFD members.

Captain Giotta started his career with the Merced Fire Department in 2001 and was promoted in 2006 to his current rank as captain and is currently in charge of station supplies. He is a member of the apparatus committee and is one of the department's tiller trainers. Giotta is dedicated to the betterment of the department, particularly with training.

As a truck captain, Giotta is well-respected. He is responsible for truck operations training and tiller driving and preparing a department-wide truck operations guide.

When not serving the citizens of Merced, Giotta enjoys spending time with his wife Dawn and his kids Andrew and Kennedy. He's an outdoor enthusiast and likes to hike, snowboard and camp. Additionally, Captain Giotta is a youth sports coach for his kids; he volunteers at their schools and teaches fire safety and is a member of the school's PTA as an auditor.

Congratulations, Captain Tony Giotta!

Fire Department Rescue Training

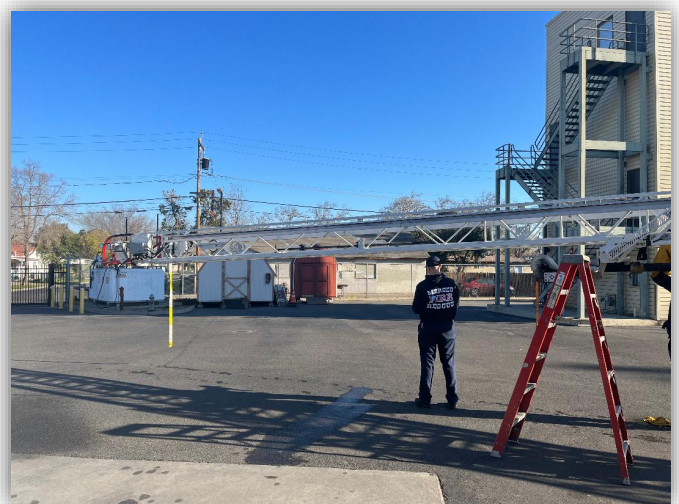
This week the City of Merced Fire Department, in collaboration with the Industrial Emergency Council out of the Bay Area, conducted Trench Rescue training for firefighters from Stockton to the Bay Area and as far south as Los Angeles City Fire Department.

The course is designed to train fire service personnel to apply the techniques necessary to rescue an excavation or trench cave-in safely. Topics include critical considerations when responding to trenching emergencies, evaluating cave-in scenes, basic life support procedures and temporary protection for victims, specialized tool usage, shoring techniques, and below-grade rescue safety procedures.



Tiller Maintenance

One of the many responsibilities of fire crews is to maintain the equipment. For example, the aerial apparatus, aka Tiller, requires service on the ladder portion after every 10 hours of use. In addition, crews clean and grease the components to ensure it operates safely and effectively. Battalion Chief Shawn Luce shared, "When you are over 100 feet in the air, you need to trust that the equipment you are using is ready to do its job."



Engineering

#120044 – B Street Improvements Childs to E. 15th
Rolfe Construction, Inc. crew installing storm drain pipe down B St.
This project is approximately 5% complete.



Construction Projects

120044 – B St. Improvements – Childs to E. 15th St.
CMAQ (052) Sidewalks 7th St., 8th St. and Linda Ln.
G Street Improvements Childs to 13th St.

Projects in Design

Highway 59 Widening & Black Rascal Creek Bridge
(24%)
Highway 59 and 16th Street Signal and Channelization
(90%)
Motel Drive Multi-Use Path (100%)
R Street, 16th to 18th (90%)
Orchard Avenue Sewer (70%)
CMAQ (048) John Muir Sidewalk (95%)
CMAQ (049) Motel Drive (95%)
CMAQ (050) Sidewalks R St., S St., and Stuart Dr.
(10%)
CMAQ (051) Sidewalks Olive Ave., Parsons Ave. and
Alexander Ave. (90%)
CMAQ (055) Nottingham Sidewalks (95%)
CMAQ (057) Merced North Transit Hub (95%)

Public Works in Action

Street crews worked to repair the signal at Yosemite & G Street this week after an early Monday morning vehicle accident destroyed the signal cabinet and electrical box. Crews were able to put the signal back into service on Wednesday.



Tree Pruning along San Jose Ave and Black Rascal Creek

The City hired contractor, West Coast Arborists, was pruning trees in the Village Landing Maintenance District (San Jose Avenue area) and along the Black Rascal Creek Eucalyptus Grove (near Loughborough) this week.



Black Rascal Creek Eucalyptus Grove



REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Peace Officers Memorial Flyer Pg. 8
2. Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete Flyer Pg. 9
3. Denisa's School of Dance Flyer Pg. 10



SAVE THE DATE

17th Annual Merced County
Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 9:00am
Merced County Administration Building
Peace Officers Memorial Wall
2222 "M" Street
Merced, California

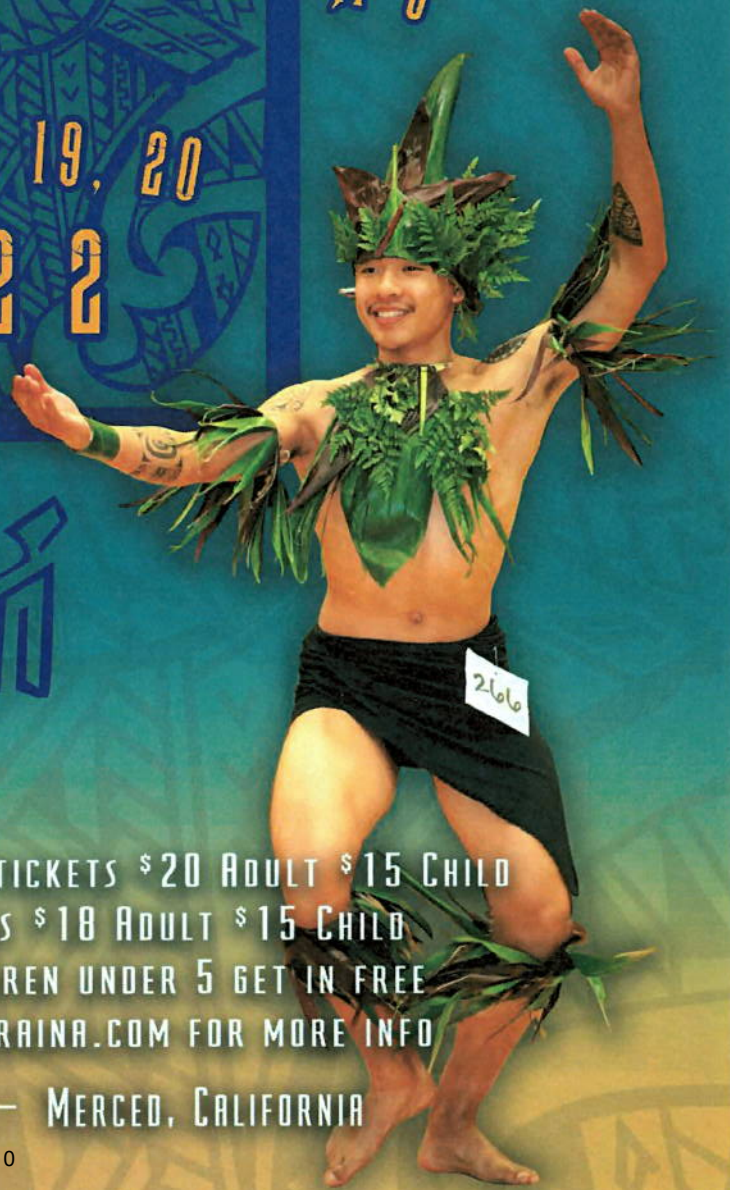
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Kiki Raina Tahiti Fete

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY ADVANCE SALE TICKETS \$20 ADULT \$15 CHILD
SUNDAY ADVANCE SALE TICKETS \$18 ADULT \$15 CHILD
ADULTS ARE 13 AND UP CHILDREN UNDER 5 GET IN FREE
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DANCE



Denisa's School of Dance
Mariposa Academy of Performing Arts
Merced Academy of Dance
South Pacific Dance Company
Steps Dance Studio

MASK REQUIRED

Merced Dance Teachers Cooperative & Merced College Present

209.384.6224

Feb 19

KALEIDOSCOPE

Location
Merced College Theater
Show Times
2:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.

Ticket Price - \$15 General | \$10.00 for Students, Seniors, Military, and Children Under 12

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Ticket available at Merced College Community Education, & Box Office (1 hour before each show)