

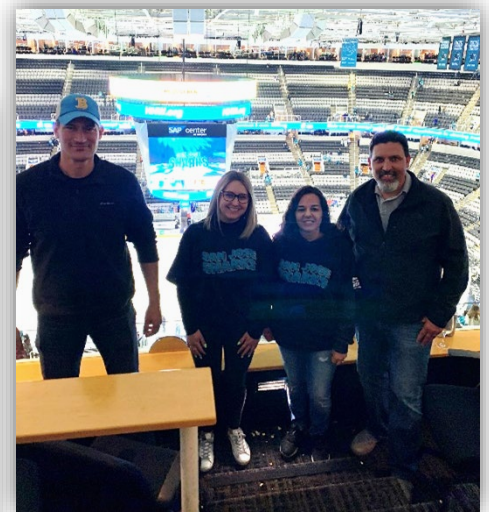


THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

April 29, 2022

MERCED NIGHT IN SHARKS TERRITORY

Tuesday, April 26th, the San Jose Sharks Foundation paid tribute to their partnership with City of Merced and the El Capitan Hotel for the newly formed Teal Top Youth Street Hockey Program at Applegate Park in Merced. Merced is the first community outside of the San Jose area to offer this program. Mayor Matthew Serratto, Council Members Sarah Boyle and Bertha Perez, Finance Officer Venus Rodriguez, City Engineer Mike Beltran and Director of Parks & Community Services, Christopher Jensen, and members of the team from Parks & Recreation celebrated Merced at the stadium.



Tune into 1480kyos.com this Saturday morning, April 23rd, between 7 to 10 a.m. to hear **Officer Craig McKeeman** with **City of Merced Police Department** as he talks about the department's Traffic Division and his role in serving the City of Merced.



ZEKE JOINS THE TEAM

We want to introduce Canine Zeke and his handler Officer Tucker Zazueta. Zeke is a two 1/2-year-old Belgian Malinois. He loves playing with toys, playing tug-of-war, and snacking on raw beef bones in his free time. Zeke aspires to join the MPD SWAT team one day with his handler, already on the team.

Fun Facts:

- 🐕 Zeke is from Europe
- 🐕 Zeke was originally named Chudy
- 🐕 Zeke is trained to locate firearms
- 🐕 Zeke has endless amounts of energy
- 🐕 Zeke & Officer Zazueta attended six weeks of basic training, and they train 20 hours per month.

Officer Zazueta is thankful for the opportunity to work with a canine on patrol, and he enjoys having a full-time partner in the back seat.



MEET FUTURE FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

Officer Shaw, School Resource Officer Saucedo, and Community Service Officer Bogle had the opportunity to work with a group of students from Golden Valley High School. The students are in Mrs. Fox's Forensic Biology class. Officers assisted students in learning about crime scenes and the preservation and collection of evidence. A team of students from Mrs. Fox's class traveled to Los Angeles county to compete in the Skills USA State Competition.

The team used skills they had learned throughout the class and from officers to work through a created crime scene. This is the first year Golden Valley has competed in this competition, and they placed 3rd out of 18 teams. One of the team members is currently an Explorer with Merced Police Department. We are so proud of the Golden Valley team and their accomplishments. Officer Shaw and CSO Bogle serve on the Career and Technology Education Advisory Board.



THANK YOU, MERCED ISLAMIC CENTER

We want to thank the Merced Islamic Center for inviting us to their Ramadan Iftar dinner. We had a great time meeting people in the community and enjoyed delicious food. Thank you especially to their Imam for presenting information about why Ramadan is such an important month for Muslims and the youths who joined us for a basketball game after dinner.

We look forward to future get-togethers!



107 FEET IN THE AIR!

Imagine climbing a ladder that is 107 feet in the air. For some, this is an impossible task. However, firefighters can receive a call for this service at any time. Therefore, safe, and well-maintained equipment is critical. For this to happen, the department tests equipment annually. The department recently completed its annual ladder testing.

The metal square shown in the photo is 500 pounds, and as seen on the ground ladder test, it will cause the ladder to flex.

Aerial ladders are tested with weights attached to the end of the ladder to make sure the ladder can hold the weight that will be applied. These ladders are also tested by flowing water to ensure they can withstand pressures of up to 250 pounds per square inch. This annual testing and regular training are part of how the fire department is confident equipment is ready to do its job.



**PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION
SPRING IS IN THE AIR**

The flowers in the garden at Applegate park are stunning. It's time to stop and smell the roses!



BELLEVUE RANCH LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

The City hired contractor, Elite Landscape, continues with work in the Bellevue Ranch area. Crews have planted additional shrubbery and continue to spread mulch throughout the area.



CAPTAIN ALAN WARD RETIRES AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE!
Thank you for serving the City of Merced

Captain Alan Ward was hired with Merced PD in October of 1993. As an Officer, he was assigned to Patrol, the Crisis Response Team (1994-2018), and the K9 Unit (1994-2018). Ward was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2006, where he supervised Patrol and the Disruptive Area Response, Team. Ward was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2018, where he was assigned to the Operations Division and then the Administrative Division. In 2021 Ward was promoted to Captain, where he supervised the Administrative Division.

During his career with Merced Police Department, Ward handled two patrol dogs and worked with the K9 unit as a trainer and supervisor from 1996 to 2018. He was also a part of the Crisis Response Team from 1994-to 2018, with his final role on the team being the Team Commander.

Ward said the best assignment he held was being a Sergeant. Ward's favorite aspect of his job is in the front row of a great show watching our community and organization grow and mature over the years and feeling like he had a small part in it all.

After 29 years, Ward said he would miss the relationships and friendships of the incredible people in the city and police department the most. His advice for those just beginning their Law Enforcement career is to focus on the positive and keep your attention on what you want to accomplish.

Now that he's retired, Ward plans to take a breather and then jump back into public service in another capacity.



STEVEN STAYNER AND TIMOTHY WHITE PLAQUE

The Steven Stayner and Timothy White Plaque was stolen from its location. The two by 3-foot plaque was installed in 2010.

The police department is investigating. The City is working to replace the plaque as soon as possible. A local group established a trust fund for the Steven Stayner and Missing Children Monument Project and fundraised for this memorial. It is regrettable that an individual or individuals did not respect the history of this memorial and the dedication and meaning it serves to victims of child violence and abduction.



REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lao New Year Celebration Flyer PG. 7
2. Merced College Hall of Fame Celebration Flyer PG. 8
3. Cinco De Mayo at the Mercado Flyer PG. 9
4. Kiwanis Steak Night Flyer PG. 10

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 12:00 - 3:00 PM

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THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:



Prizes are awarded by drawings during the evening



Cash Prizes

1st Prize - \$2,000

2nd & 3rd - \$500

4th & 5th - \$250

6th thru 10th - \$100

EVERYONE receives a prize donated by local merchants, club members and friends!

Castle-Atwater Kiwanis 44th Annual Steak Night Fundraiser

Friday – May 6th 2022



Only 200 Tickets Sold
\$100 Each

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