



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

May 6, 2022

MEET ERICK PEREZ

Meet Erick Perez, the City’s newest Animal Control Community Service Officer. Erick was born and raised in Merced. He earned his A.A. in Criminal Justice. Before coming to work for Merced Police Department he worked for Merced County Sheriff’s Office for three years. Erick’s dream is to become a Police Officer with MPD. Welcome to the City of Merced Police Department family!



Autism Awareness and Acceptance

Merced PD participated in the Autism Awareness Event at Starbucks on Olive Avenue in Merced.



Celebrating the Lao New Year

Merced Police officers Dominic Saelee and Michael Olivas had a great time recruiting and handing out goodies at the Lao New Year celebration.

Tune into 1480kyos.com this Saturday morning, May 7, between 7 to 10 a.m. to hear **Assistant City Clerk, Jennifer Levesque** talk about volunteer opportunities and the benefits of serving on the City’s Boards & Commissions.



Merced Fire and PD Respond to Big Rig Accident on South Parsons

Merced City Fire Department and Merced Police Department responded to a reported overturned big rig in the 200 block of S. Parsons Ave. Crews arrived at the scene to find a flatbed semi-truck on the north side of S. Parsons that appeared to have struck a tree. The driver of the vehicle was pinned inside and needed medical assistance. It took 21 minutes to extricate the driver from the vehicle. The extraction was more complicated than usual due to the vehicle's size and the damage it had sustained. The driver was extricated from the vehicle, transferred to the ambulance crew and transported to the airport, and flown to a trauma center in Modesto.

The truck had been traveling northbound on highway 99 before losing control and exiting the freeway onto S. Parson Ave, where the vehicle ultimately struck a tree. There were reports of him running through a homeless encampment between Highway 99 and S. Parsons Ave. Thankfully there were no victims in the camp. The vehicle was hauling mature palm trees that scattered along Parsons Ave.



Thank You Mike Vasquez Happy Retirement

After 15 years of service, Mike Vasquez retired from the Public Works Wastewater Treatment Facilities Maintenance Division on Friday, May 6.

Mike has worked in Public Works since the City hired him on March 12, 2007. His knowledge and expertise in maintaining the City's wastewater treatment plant and the sewer/storm districts has been an asset to the City.

Mike previously served in the Navy for four years active and nine years reserve. He learned his career skills as an Electrician's Mate and used this knowledge throughout his entire working career. Mark's valued knowledge will be passed on to others as he has trained many people while working as a supervisor for the wastewater division.

Mike will continue coaching football at Golden Valley High School and spend more time at lakes and ocean fishing in retirement. He will also be on the archery range, practicing improving his skills further to hit the center of the bullseye. Mike would like to thank the Lord and the City of Merced for being blessed with such a good job.



Mike, the Public Works Department would like to wish you the very best in retirement. Congratulations and thank you for all your years of service!



Priority 1 Tree Pruning and Removal Contract

The City hired contractor, West Coast Arborists (WCA), continues with tree pruning and removal work near Downtown Merced. This week crews were working in the R and 20th street neighborhood.



City Hall Exterior Painting Project

RS Painting has started work on the awarded City Hall Exterior Painting Project. The contractor anticipates completing the project by early June. Once finished, the exterior will be the same color as the Shannon Parade.



Public Works in Action

Water crews repaired water main breaks on Cedar Avenue and B Street, as well as tested a newly installed 3” backflow for irrigation of the new complex on B Street.

B Street



Backflow Testing



Cedar Avenue



Tree crews trimming at Joe Herb Park.

Before



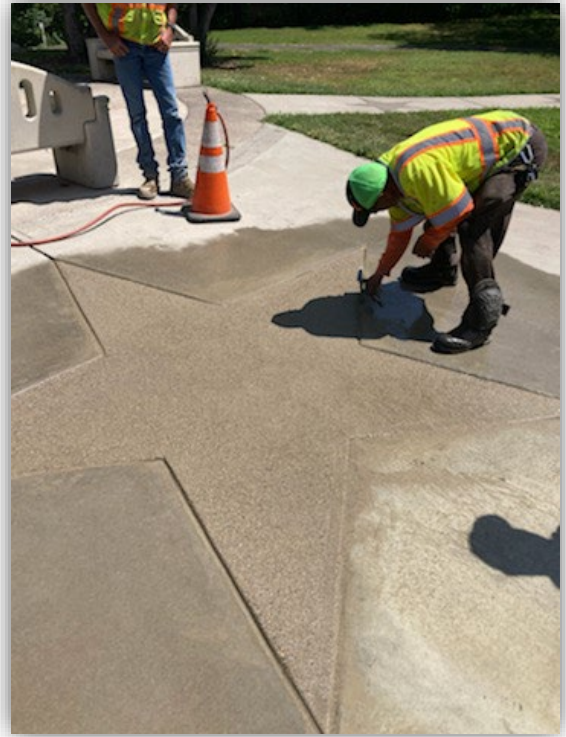
After



Streets crews repoured the concrete star at Applegate Park at the Veteran's Memorial Flagpole.



Before



After



This week, sewer crews worked around Highway 59 and Olive Avenue and oversaw the annual storm pump maintenance at the G Street underpass location.

G Street Undercrossing at Highway 59 and Olive



G Street



California Water Environment Association Award

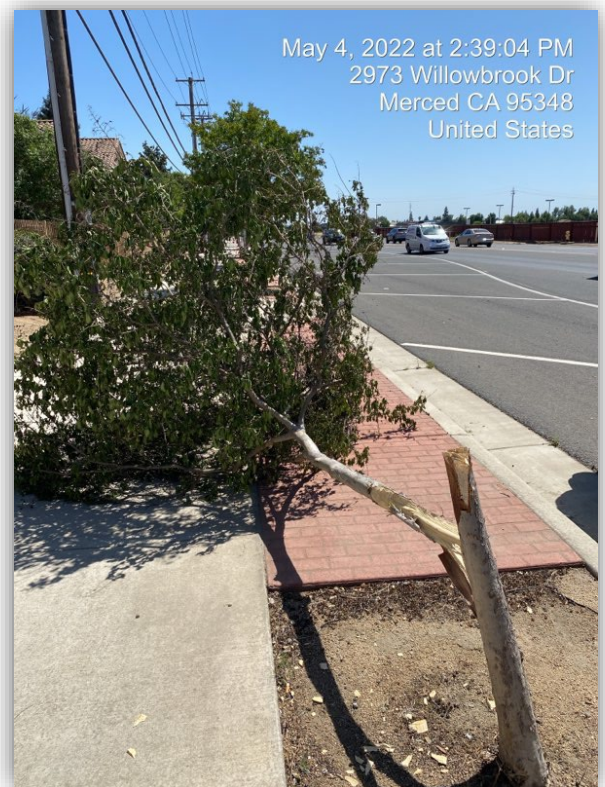
The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) annually distributes awards in over 20 categories relating to the wastewater industry. The Association presents awards at the local section, with winners advancing to the State competition. The City of Merced won the 2021 Medium Collections System of the Year award for the Northern San Joaquin section.

Congratulations to the Sewer Department for all their efforts and for receiving this award!



Tree Vandalism

A tree along Highway 99 near Willowbrook Drive was vandalized this week.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for April 18th, 2022 through May 1st, 2022

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **12**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **160**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **42**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Gateway Terrace Apartments located at 405 W 12th St; one office/lounge and six two-story apartments: two buildings have 16 units, three buildings have 30 units, and one building has four units for a total of 126 units.
- Compass Pointe phase II: 128 units in 16, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
- A fire damage repair is also adding an ADU located at 1740 Shirley St.
- Gateway Commons Apartments located at 3130 E. Gerard Ave.; one community building, five buildings with 16 units, and five buildings with 24 units for 200 units, plus 31 garage structures.
- The Hub student housing, located at 2270 E Yosemite Ave. (previously 3486 McKee Rd.); four buildings consisting of 88 apartments (totaling approximately 126,610 SF) plus first-floor mixed-use and offices (totaling approximately 52,991 SF). Approximately 185,000 SF total. (no change from the last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period. (no change from the last report)

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; for a 7,077 SF Pep Boys located at 1207 W. Main St., and one for the addition of electrical and mechanical equipment for the cannabis facility located at 1987 W. Olive Ave.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There were 4 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 18,709 SF Chef's Store located at 3375 R St, one for a 2,200 SF Starbucks located at 856 S Coffee St., one for a 3,432 SF church located at 2135 E. Olive Ave., and one for a 1,345 SF West Coat Sourdough located at 125 E. Yosemite Ave, Ste C.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 0 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Kiwanis Steak Night Flyer PG. 11
2. Women Thrive in Business Event Flyer PG. 12
3. Paint Care Giveaway and Drop Off Event Flyer PG. 13

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

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT
TO WIN**

**ITALO – AMERICAN LODGE
CORNER OF 18TH AND “U”**

Women's Sp[♥]light Network

Invites you to their second annual conference for business women.



Jill Cunningham
Executive Director
Merced College
Foundation



Stephanie Dietz
City Manager
City of Merced



Tamika Dungy
Owner/Fitness Trainer
Accelerate Performance
Personal Training



Jennifer Hobbs
Nutritionist/M.S., RDN
Merced College



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer
Merced County
Probation Department



Annie Stuhr
SVP, Agri-Business
Market Manager
Central Valley Community Bank

WOMEN *Thrive in Business*

Tuesday, May 17 · 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AT CASTLE AIR MUSEUM, 5050 SANTA FE DRIVE, ATWATER

\$25 Prepaid Admission, \$35 at the Door

**Includes 6 Expert Speakers,
Breakfast Buffet, Networking & Lunch**

Register in advance by Friday, May 13 at
Eventbrite.com "Women Thrive in Business,"
call (209) 722-6778 or visit "Women's Spotlight
Network" on Facebook for information.

Women's Sp[♥]light Network

MERCED, CALIFORNIA

A Strong Contact Network

The Women's Spotlight Network meets every Tuesday from Noon to 1 p.m. at 510 Bistro in Merced with the primary purpose of sharing referrals among our members.

Only one member from each business category is allowed to prevent peer competition and allow open discussion of how you conduct and promote your business.

Each meeting includes time for short business introductions by every member and longer presentations by one or two members on a rotating schedule. These speaking opportunities allow the Network to learn what kind of leads help you most. You practice talking about yourself and your business, which quickly improves your public speaking and presentation skills.

To join WSN, visit one of our Tuesday lunch meetings. For more information call (209) 722-6778 or visit us on Facebook.



Free Paint Giveaway Event



For Households and
Businesses in the
Merced Area

Saturday, May 21, 2022

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ACTEnviro Transfer Station
265 Riggs Ave, Merced, CA

Registration Required:

<https://paint-merced.eventbrite.com>

SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO
REGISTER FOR THE EVENT



PaintCare is giving away leftover paint in good condition to households and businesses as part of California’s statewide paint stewardship program. PaintCare collects leftover paint at over 800 drop-off sites across California for reuse and recycling. Paint reuse (using up and giving away leftover paint) is a cost effective, efficient method of managing leftover paint. Reuse and recycling divert leftover paint from the waste stream and the environment and put it to good use.

Attendees will browse partially filled containers of a variety of products including latex- and oil-based paints, primers, and stains. Color options and volumes are not guaranteed. Paint is given away on a first-come, first served basis. Attendees will be limited to taking less than 20 gallons of free paint.

PAINT DROP-OFF

ACTEnviro Transfer Station is a year-round PaintCare drop-off site. Attendees may drop-off leftover paint during this event and on other days. Visit www.paintcare.org to find year-round drop-off sites closest to you, check accepted products, and learn about limits for businesses.

COVID-19 Update

Participants are requested to follow the current recommendations and requirements of the CDC, local, and state health officials to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.