



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

June 24, 2022

## Juneteenth Celebration

On June 18<sup>th</sup> the City of Merced Fire and Police Departments were honored to be a part of the Juneteenth parade in downtown Merced. Leaders from the community and across the state came out to support, participate and celebrate.



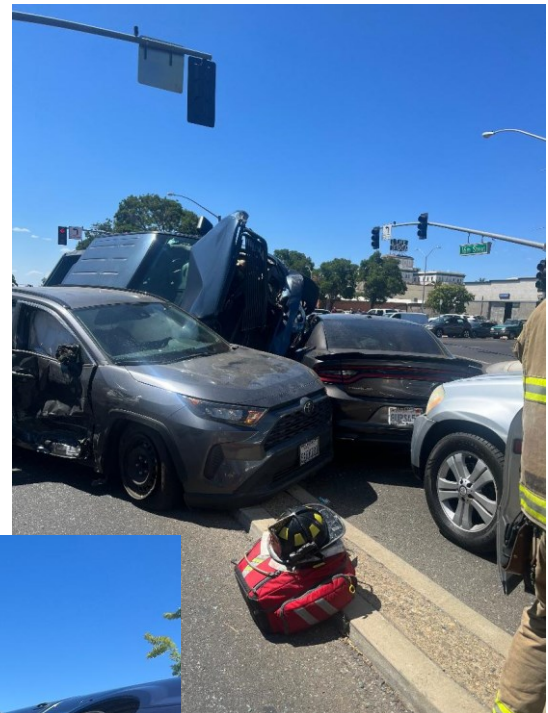
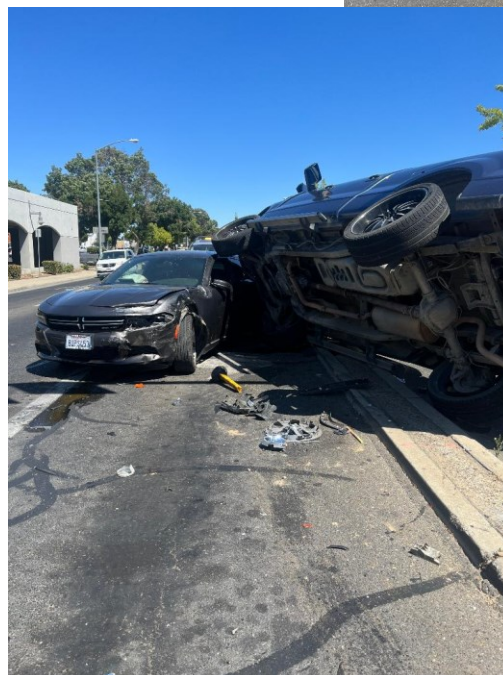


### Merced PD Presents to Boys & Girls Club Staff

On Friday, June 17th, Officers Rocha, and Saylor talked to staff at the Boys & Girls Club of Merced County. During the presentation, staff learned about active shooter incidents and identifying juvenile gang members. The officers answered many questions, and participants were appreciative of the information.

### First Responders at Work

On Saturday, June 18th, Merced Fire Department responded to a five-vehicle crash at 16th and M Street intersection. Fortunately, only minor injuries were reported, and fire crews stabilized the scene and extricated a patient out of one of the vehicles.



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Special Olympics Torch Run

Recently, Merced Police and other area law enforcement agencies in Merced County participated in the Special Olympics Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run. It was a fantastic turnout, and everyone was honored to participate.

Since 1997, the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run has been the largest public awareness community event and grassroots fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Participants celebrated the run's 25th anniversary.



**Public Works in Action**

This week, water crews replaced a fire hydrant struck by a vehicle at Buena Vista and Sarasota. In addition, crews installed a new cluster of valves, a new fire hydrant, and a section of new water main in the alleyway at G St between 11th St and 12th St. Lastly, they replaced a broken fire hydrant and the valve at Bridal Veil Ct.

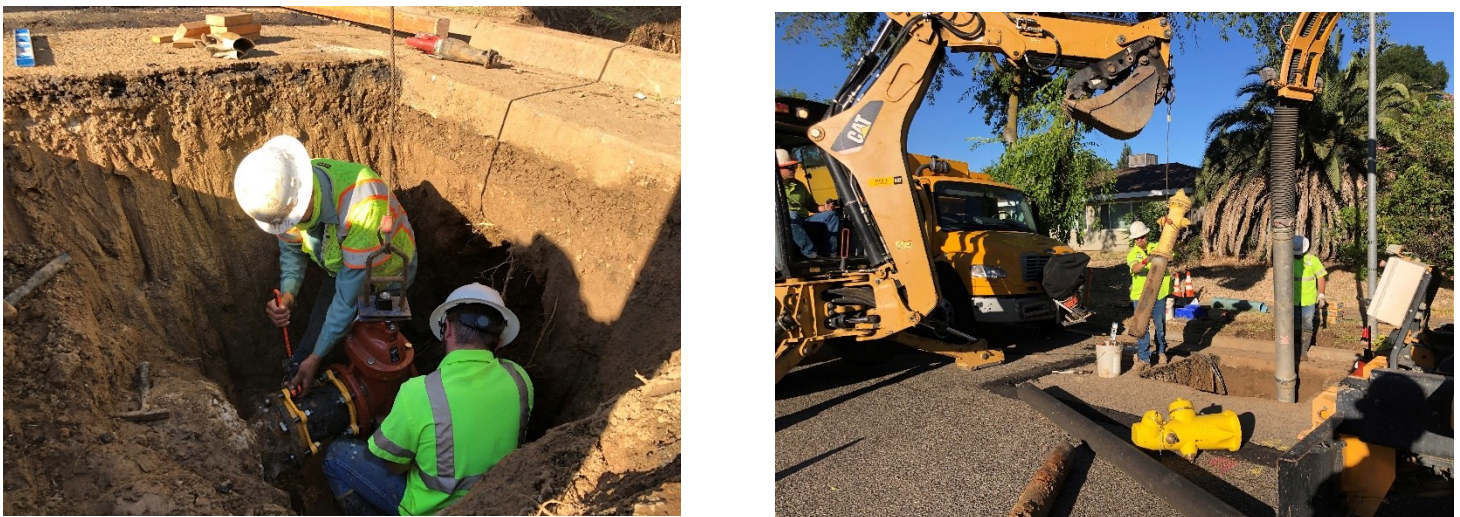
**Buena Vista and Sarasota**



**G St between 11th St and 12th St**



**Bridal Veil Court**



### Summer Playground Program Continues

The Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Playground Program continues. Activities include roller-skating at Rollerland, painting with artist Tonia Hemme. Additionally, the youth participated in a butterfly project and watched butterflies emerge from their chrysalis.



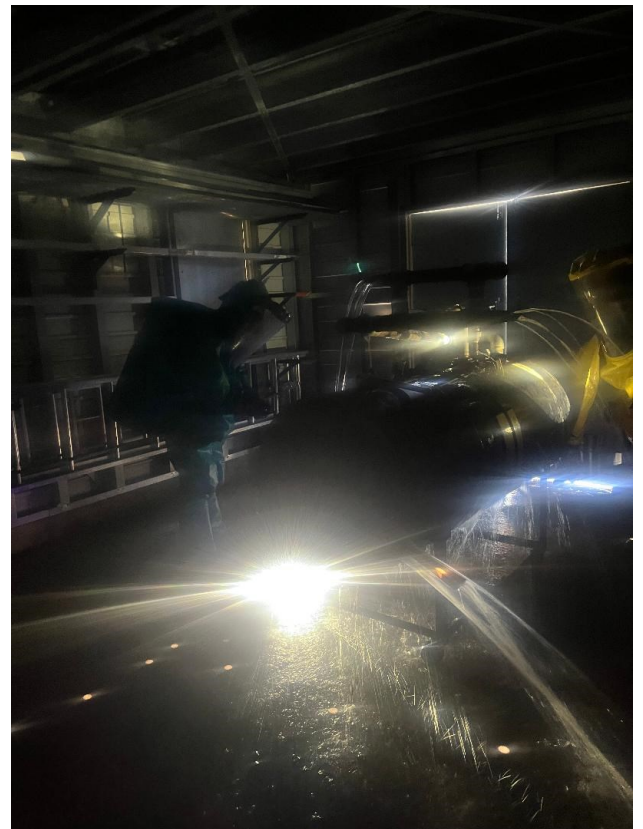
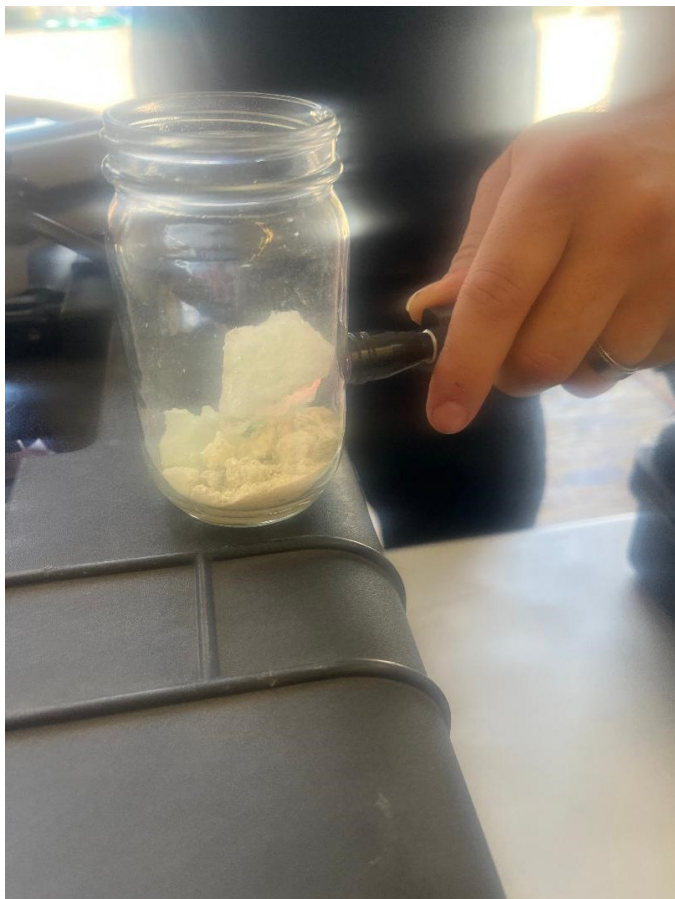
### Junior Giants Season in Full Swing

T-Ball, softball, minor, and major league team players recently participated in opening ceremonies of the 2022 Merced Parks & Recreation Department's Junior Giants program. Mayor Serratto threw the ceremonial first pitch.



## Merced City and County Fire Crews Train Together

Fire service personnel rely on partnerships to assist with aspects of our profession. Recently, Merced City Fire crews trained with Merced County Fire and their Hazardous Materials team. Crews worked side by side to identify possible hazardous materials. Additionally, crews had to navigate challenges while wearing full-level A suits in a dark environment. This training is vital to provide vital services to the community.



## Meet Officer David Ortiz

Recently, Chief Tom Cavallero had the pleasure of swearing in a new Police Officer. Officer David Ortiz was born in Fresno and raised in Madera. He served as a Marine for four years and earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice. With interest in serving his community as a police officer, Ortiz attended the Fresno Police Academy. He was a Reserve Officer for Lemoore Police Department for ten months before joining the City of Merced PD. Please give him a warm welcome to the Merced Police Department family!



Tune into [1480kyos.com](http://1480kyos.com) this Saturday morning, June 25th, between 7 to 10 a.m. to hear **Fire Marshall Manny Abeyta** talks about fireworks summertime fire safety.