



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

September 16, 2022

Flag Football Kicks Off

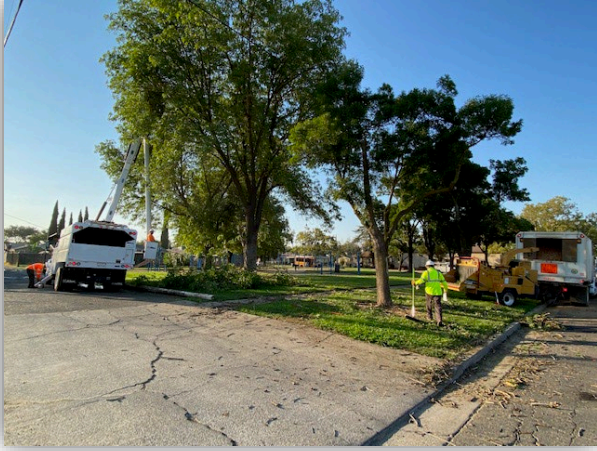
The Parks & Rec Team successfully kicked off the first flag football game of the season. After several weeks of practice and a few weeks of heat, players took to the field to showcase their teamwork and skills. These young athletes had a blast! From Tiny Tots to Varsity, all players enjoyed their time on the field.

More than 600 friends and family members attended. The crowd enjoyed popcorn and snow cones while cheering on all players. The flag football season runs through October.



Public Works in Action Tree Trimming Around Town

Crews trimmed all trees at Charles Drew Park and installed a new Sentinel System irrigation control unit.



Crews trimmed trees at Joe Herb Park.
Before and after images of the large Raywood Ash near the Pavilion are below.



Tree trimming at Love Veasley Family Park



Parks Crews refreshed the parking area at Flanagan Park



The City-hired contractor, Park Planet, started work at Little Angels Park this week as part of a Measure Y-funded project to replace park playground equipment at Little Angels Park, 12th & G Street Park, the Love Veasley Family Park, Benjamin Tanager Park, Frederick Douglas Park, Hansen Park, and Santa Fe Strip Park 3.



Bomb Squad Receives New Bomb Robot

The Merced Police Bomb Squad recently received the new Bomb Robot, which the City Council approved. The new Technology will allow the Bomb Squad safer options when handling critical incidents to ensure the public's safety. Did you know Merced Police Bomb Squad responds to threats in Merced County, Mariposa County, and Yosemite National Park? Merced Bomb Technicians receive standardized training and are certified by the Federal Bureau of Investigations to utilize squads throughout the nation.



Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th through October 15th is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. In honor of this celebration, Mayor Matthew Serratto and Council Member Bertha Perez attended the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Latina Luncheon, held Thursday, September 15th.

Council Member Perez presented certificates of appreciation to Gloria Sandoval, Dr. Andrea Garibay, and Yesenia Curiel for their exceptional service to the community. Additionally, Merced PD Community Liaison Rosa Alcaraz and Valley Crisis Center Community partner Gameelah were in attendance.



2nd Annual Cops for Critters Car Show and Trunk or Treat Event

This year, the Merced Police Department's 2nd Annual Cops for Critters Car Show and Trunk or Treat Event is scheduled for October 29th from 10 am to 2 pm. Register for the event soon. Space is limited. Proceeds will benefit Applegate Park and Zoo.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cops-for-critters-car-show-and-trunk-or-treat-tickets-416844351677>



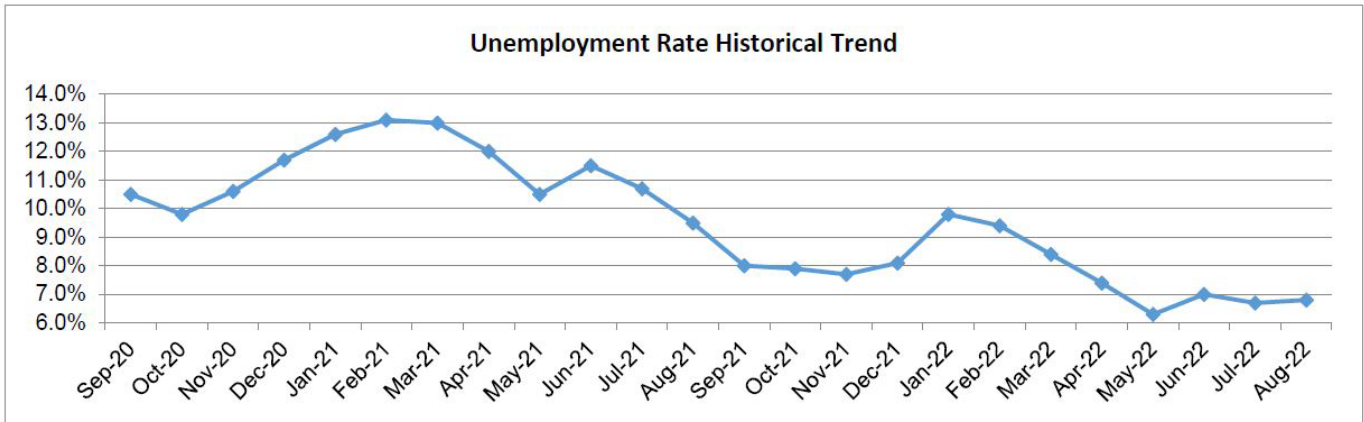
Car Show Registration Information

- \$25 pre-registration fee before 10/21
- \$30 registration fee after 10/21
- Check-in at 9 am/Judging at 12 pm



Merced County Labor Market Report for August 2022

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 6.8 percent in August 2022, up from a revised 6.7 percent in July 2022, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.1 percent for California and 3.8 percent for the nation during the same period. A copy of the report is attached for review.



Welcome Blazin’ Birdz

The Merced Indian Chamber of Commerce, with help from the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, hosted the ribbon-cutting event for Blazin’ Birdz on Friday, August 16th. Blazin’ Birdz is located at 560 W. Olive Avenue and offers “real hot chicken.” Economic Development Manager, Maria Mendoza, presented owner Navreet Randhawa with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the City of Merced.



Reports and Correspondence

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BLAZIN'  BIRDZ

REAL HOT CHICKEN

GRAND OPENING
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FRIDAY
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560 W OLIVE AVE, MERCED, CA 95348



CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber
Merced Civic Center
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

Material may be emailed to planningweb.org and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of one (1) minute. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

B. ROLL CALL

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with one motion of the Planning Commission provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions.

D.1 [22-755](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of September 7, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of September 7, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of September 7, 2022

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

E.1 [22-741](#) **SUBJECT:** Appeal the Site Plan Review Committee's approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291 for Bright Development which would allow for the subdivision of approximately 39.8 acres of land into 161 single-family lots, generally located on the east side of G Street at Merrill Place (extended).
PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: Grant/Deny/Modify
 1) Appeal of the one-year extension granted for VTSM #1291 (Bright Development).

SUMMARY

On June 16, 2022, the Site Plan Review Committee granted a one-year extension to Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) #1291, extending the expiration date to July 16, 2023. On June 22, 2022, an appeal of this decision was filed by Rick Telegan on behalf of Regency Court II, LLC. On August 3, 2022, the Planning Commission continued this matter to the meeting of August 17, 2022. At the August 17, 2022, Planning Commission meeting the matter was continued to September 7, 2022. Prior to the September 7, 2022, Planning Commission meeting, the appellant requested the matter be continued to September 21, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission Deny the appeal of the Site Plan Review Committee's approval of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1291.

The Planning Commission may also approve the appeal, and add the requested condition, or continue the matter to a future Planning Commission meeting (a meeting date must be specified).

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-756](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION
Information only.

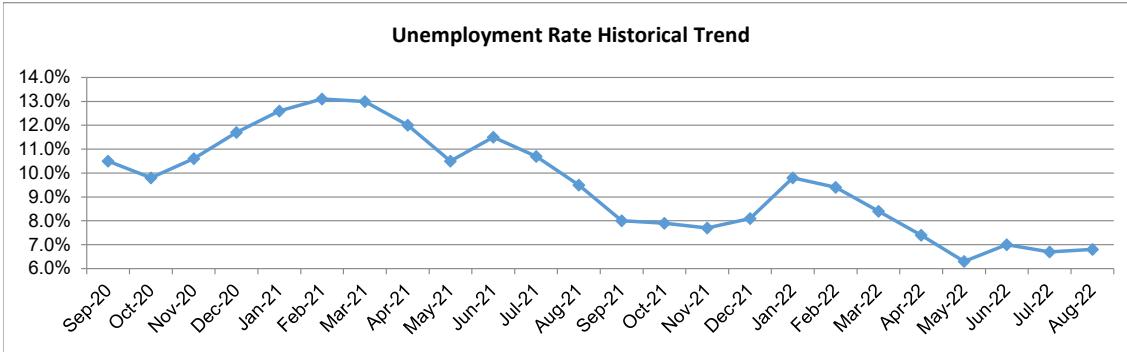
F.2 [22-757](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Sept. 19 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 3 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (**To be Cancelled**)

G. ADJOURNMENT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MERCED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Merced County)

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 6.8 percent in August 2022, up from a revised 6.7 percent in July 2022, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.1 percent for California and 3.8 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2022	Aug-2022	Change		Aug-2021	Aug-2022	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	87,600	87,600	0		86,400	87,600	1,200
Total Farm	15,200	15,800	600		16,200	15,800	(400)
Total Nonfarm	72,400	71,800	(600)		70,200	71,800	1,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,600	3,500	(100)		3,300	3,500	200
Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	0		10,800	10,700	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,300	13,400	100		13,600	13,400	(200)
Information	300	200	(100)		200	200	0
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Professional & Business Services	3,800	3,900	100		3,800	3,900	100
Educational & Health Services	11,000	11,100	100		10,800	11,100	300
Leisure & Hospitality	7,100	7,100	0		6,500	7,100	600
Other Services	1,700	1,700	0		1,600	1,700	100
Government	19,000	18,300	(700)		17,700	18,300	600

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor force data are revised month to month
 Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug 21	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	116,300	115,600	117,200	117,100	-0.1%	0.7%
Civilian Employment	105,200	107,400	109,300	109,200	-0.1%	3.8%
Civilian Unemployment	11,100	8,100	7,800	8,000	2.6%	-27.9%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.5%	7.0%	6.7%	6.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	7.2%	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.3%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%		

Total, All Industries (2)	86,400	86,800	87,600	87,600	0.0%	1.4%
Total Farm	16,200	15,200	15,200	15,800	3.9%	-2.5%
Total Nonfarm	70,200	71,600	72,400	71,800	-0.8%	2.3%
Total Private	52,500	52,000	53,400	53,500	0.2%	1.9%
Goods Producing	14,100	13,300	14,300	14,200	-0.7%	0.7%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	3,300	3,500	3,600	3,500	-2.8%	6.1%
Manufacturing	10,800	9,800	10,700	10,700	0.0%	-0.9%
Nondurable Goods	9,200	8,400	9,200	9,300	1.1%	1.1%
Service Providing	56,100	58,300	58,100	57,600	-0.9%	2.7%
Private Service Providing	38,400	38,700	39,100	39,300	0.5%	2.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	13,600	13,100	13,300	13,400	0.8%	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	8,600	8,300	8,400	8,400	0.0%	-2.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,700	2.8%	0.0%
Information	200	200	300	200	-33.3%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,900	2.6%	2.6%
Educational & Health Services	10,800	11,000	11,000	11,100	0.9%	2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	7,000	7,100	7,100	0.0%	9.2%
Other Services	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	6.3%
Government	17,700	19,600	19,000	18,300	-3.7%	3.4%
Federal Government	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	17,000	18,900	18,300	17,600	-3.8%	3.5%
State Government	3,700	3,200	3,400	3,800	11.8%	2.7%
State Government Education	3,100	2,600	2,800	3,200	14.3%	3.2%
State Government Excluding Education	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	13,300	15,700	14,900	13,800	-7.4%	3.8%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,900	4,500	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	2.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	600	600	700	600	-14.3%	0.0%

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Steven Gutierrez 559-230-4102 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

These data, as well as other labor market data, are available via the Internet at <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>. If you need assistance, please call (916) 262-2162.

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Monthly Labor Force Data for Counties
August 2022 - Preliminary
 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

COUNTY	RANK BY RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	---	19,288,300	18,505,600	782,700	4.1%
ALAMEDA	13	831,500	805,500	26,000	3.1%
ALPINE	49	470	440	30	5.6%
AMADOR	29	14,500	13,920	580	4.0%
BUTTE	31	92,200	88,400	3,800	4.1%
CALAVERAS	16	22,340	21,640	710	3.2%
COLUSA	56	11,590	10,710	880	7.6%
CONTRA COSTA	17	555,600	537,000	18,600	3.3%
DEL NORTE	41	9,580	9,130	450	4.7%
EL DORADO	10	93,000	90,300	2,800	3.0%
FRESNO	52	457,800	431,100	26,800	5.9%
GLENN	43	12,760	12,130	630	4.9%
HUMBOLDT	24	59,800	57,600	2,200	3.7%
IMPERIAL	58	70,500	59,100	11,400	16.2%
INYO	13	8,380	8,120	260	3.1%
KERN	54	392,300	366,100	26,300	6.7%
KINGS	53	56,300	52,800	3,500	6.3%
LAKE	38	29,610	28,300	1,310	4.4%
LASSEN	24	9,140	8,800	340	3.7%
LOS ANGELES	43	4,945,900	4,702,700	243,200	4.9%
MADERA	49	63,600	60,000	3,500	5.6%
MARIN	4	131,100	128,000	3,100	2.4%
MARIPOSA	28	7,550	7,250	300	3.9%
MENDOCINO	18	38,410	37,090	1,320	3.4%
MERCED	55	117,100	109,200	8,000	6.8%
MODOC	29	3,320	3,180	130	4.0%
MONO	18	8,950	8,650	310	3.4%
MONTEREY	38	222,000	212,100	9,900	4.4%
NAPA	6	70,400	68,400	2,000	2.8%
NEVADA	10	48,680	47,220	1,470	3.0%
ORANGE	10	1,593,900	1,545,600	48,300	3.0%
PLACER	6	193,300	187,900	5,300	2.8%
PLUMAS	45	7,730	7,340	390	5.0%
RIVERSIDE	37	1,165,500	1,115,600	49,900	4.3%
SACRAMENTO	26	727,000	699,100	27,900	3.8%
SAN BENITO	32	33,300	31,900	1,400	4.2%
SAN BERNARDINO	32	1,020,000	977,500	42,500	4.2%
SAN DIEGO	18	1,587,400	1,534,200	53,200	3.4%
SAN FRANCISCO	2	577,400	563,900	13,500	2.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	46	340,000	322,400	17,600	5.2%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	5	136,200	132,500	3,700	2.7%
SAN MATEO	1	456,800	447,000	9,800	2.1%
SANTA BARBARA	9	225,000	218,500	6,600	2.9%
SANTA CLARA	2	1,059,600	1,035,000	24,600	2.3%
SANTA CRUZ	26	138,600	133,400	5,300	3.8%
SHASTA	32	72,600	69,600	3,100	4.2%
SIERRA	13	1,390	1,350	40	3.1%
SISKIYOU	42	16,520	15,730	790	4.8%
SOLANO	32	201,500	193,100	8,500	4.2%
SONOMA	6	250,400	243,400	7,000	2.8%
STANISLAUS	46	244,000	231,400	12,600	5.2%
SUTTER	49	46,600	44,000	2,600	5.6%
TEHAMA	40	25,960	24,790	1,170	4.5%
TRINITY	22	4,690	4,530	170	3.5%
TULARE	57	206,300	189,900	16,400	7.9%
TUOLUMNE	32	20,100	19,270	840	4.2%
VENTURA	22	411,200	396,800	14,300	3.5%
YOLO	18	109,500	105,800	3,700	3.4%
YUBA	48	31,100	29,400	1,600	5.3%

Notes

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- 2) Labor force data for all geographic areas now reflect the March 2021 benchmark and Census Vintage 2021 population controls at the state level.