



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

September 23, 2022

Youth Jobs Training Program on the Rise

The Youth Jobs Training Program is a City and County of Merced partnership that supports workplace development for local youth. Last year, the City Council voted to invest \$1.025 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in workplace development for youth. Launched in August, the program is proving to be a success with local small businesses and youth in our community.

Erick Serrato, the director of Merced County’s Department of Workforce Investment, and a team of youth advocates created a program that offers a sustainable way for youth to learn valuable skills through paid opportunities. This program was designed to support the economic stability, wellness, and long-term career growth for the most vulnerable youth in our community. The Program aids young people ages 16-24 through an earn and learn model where participants are paid as they complete 20 hours of work readiness training and an average of 100 hours of temporary work at local small businesses. For more information about the Program, visit www.worknetmerced.com.

Pictured below are Erick Serrato and members of the youth design team.



177 Youth applied to the program in 4 days Aug 17-21



13% lived outside Merced City limits
8% fell outside the age requirement



22 attended Onboarding at City Hall



20 attended Work Readiness Training



14 Youth are employed and working now
7 will start working by the end of this month

JOB SITES



1. Premium Cabinets
2. Minuteman Press
3. Lifeline CDC
4. 7-Eleven
5. Gotchalks Music
6. Catholic Charities
7. Milano Technical Group
8. Merced County Library
9. Merced Pride Center
10. Merced Youth Soccer
11. Love Faith Hope
12. Multicultural Arts Center
13. Restored Thrift Store
14. Fruta Loca
15. El Capitan Hotel
16. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Travis Credit Union 2022 Shredding Event

Recently, Merced Police Department’s Detective Sannadan, Parking Enforcement Officer McKinnon, and Valley Crisis Center representative Gameelah Mohammad supported Travis Credit Union’s 2022 Shred Event. Community members in approximately 45 vehicles dropped off documents for proper disposal and processing through the shredder.

The Credit Union's 2022 shred event allowed the community to dispose of personal and financial information properly. Shredding personal records and financial documents are effective ways to defend against identity theft and other forms of fraud.



Water Conservation Public Outreach

On Wednesday, September 21st, Debbie Forte, Water Conservation Coordinator at the City of Merced Public Works Department, kicked-off the City’s water conservation public outreach with presentations to three classes at Sequoia High School.

Students learned ways to conserve water indoors and outside and were excited to receive shower timers to aid their conservation efforts. In addition to water conservation, students received information on future career opportunities at the City of Merced.



Public Works in Action

Fleet crews received and prepped a new leaf-loading truck. This vehicle will serve a dual purpose as a leaf-loading truck during the Fall leaf collection program and a chipper truck for Tree crews for the remainder of the year. This vehicle will be deployed during the 2022 leaf collection season, replacing a leaf-loading truck utilized seasonally.



Fleet crews repairing a leaking radiator core and cab tilt wiring harness on a 2001 Pierce platform truck for the Fire Department.



Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) maintenance crew racking out a breaker while troubleshooting the WWTP backup generator. The employee is outfitted with safety gear in case of an accidental arc flash for burn safety measures.



Wastewater Treatment Plant staff and consultants checking the breaker for proper operation.



Crews repaired a storm drain main at Childs and N Street, and a sewer utility hole confined space entry repair North East of Yosemite Avenue and G Street.

Childs Avenue and N Street



Yosemite Ave & G



Streets crews replaced a power pedestal at McKee and Yosemite that was damaged in a vehicle accident. Crews also responded to an oil spill at 18th and G Streets.

McKee and Yosemite



G Street



Tree crews climbing a tree along Black Rascal Creek bike path to remove a limb overhanging the pathway. Crews also trimmed and re-staked trees at the Sports Complex.

Black Rascal Bike Path



Sports Complex



Parks crews working on irrigation repairs at the Sports Complex and Joe Herb Park.



Playground Equipment Updates

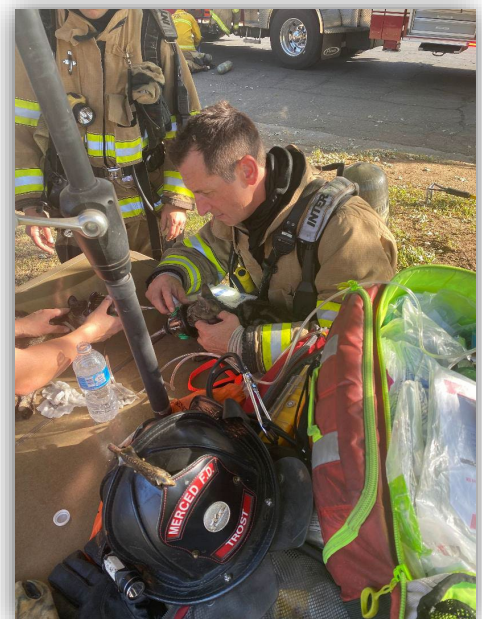
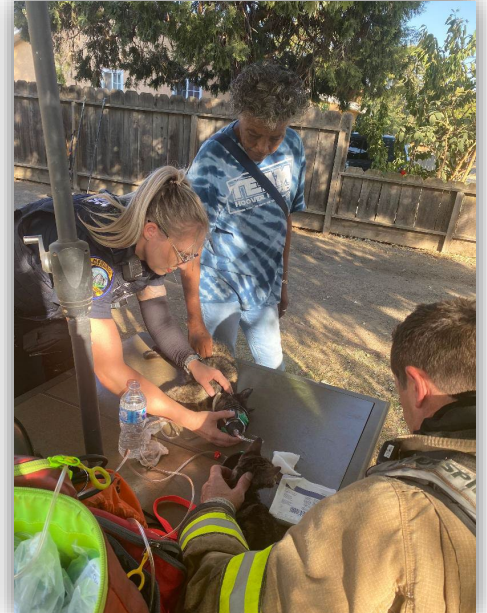
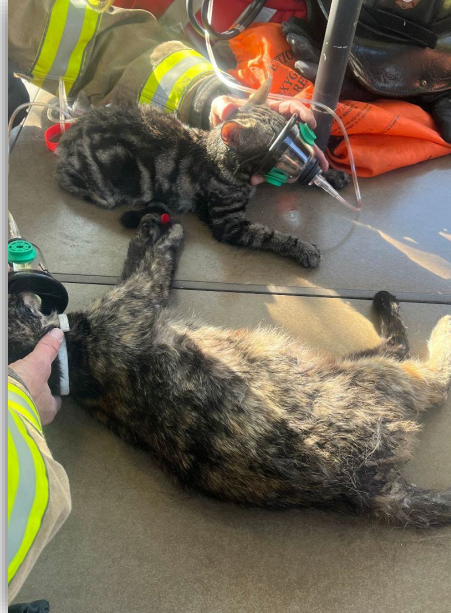
The City-hired contractor, Park Planet, continued work at Little Angels Park. The contractor also started work at Hansen Park as part of a Measure Y-funded project to replace park playground equipment at Little Angels Park, 12th & G Street Park, the Love Veasley Family Park, Benjamin Tanager Park, Frederick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

Little Angels Park



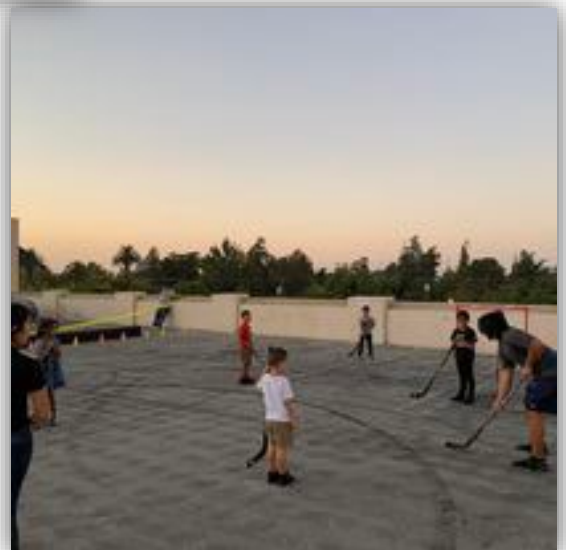
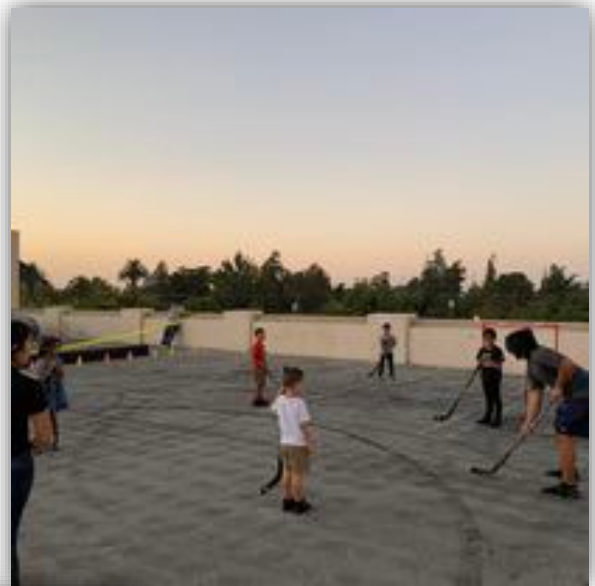
Thanks to Merced Fire, PD and Girl Scout Troop #3003

Merced City Fire Crews responded to a structure fire this week on East 23rd. While responding, crews found two cats in distress from apparent smoke inhalation. With help from Merced Police Officer Sarah Abanathie, crews administered oxygen to the cats until their breathing improved. Both cats were returned to their owners in a much-improved condition. Merced Fire department received the pet oxygen masks from a donation by local Girl Scout Troop #3003.



Scenes from Movies on the Merced Garage Rooftop.

Families enjoyed fun activities before the movie and lots of singing during the movie SING 2. Save the date for the next movie GHOSTBUSTERS AFTERLIFE at Applegate Park (MOAT) on October 7th



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for August 22nd, 2022 through September 4th, 2022

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **1**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **155**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **5**

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: 112 units in 12, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse.
- 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.
(no change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 MFD permits issued during this period.

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a 9,384 SF shell building with a 1,326 SF patio located at 3630 G St.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 1,944 SF hookah lounge located at 435 W. Main St., and one for a 18,709 SF “Chef’s Store” wholesale grocery store located at 3275 R St.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; one for Catholic Charities office renovations located at 336 W. Main St., one for a coffee shop located at 3560 G St., and one for a 12,784 medical office for Octapharma Plasma located at 1240 W. Main St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 3 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period; one for a 1,846 SF Xfinity store located at 125 E. Yosemite Ave. Ste B, one for an 8,400 SF shell building located at 125 E. Yosemite, and one for a commercial office tenant improvement located at 221 W Main St.

Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for September 5th, 2022 through September 18th, 2022

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **1**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **180**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **8**

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Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a new modular office building and site improvements located at 1240 D St.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 38,857 SF cannabis cultivation facility located at 2777 N Hwy 59 Ste D, and one for a 1,602 SF renovation of an existing Comcast building located at 1717 Miles Ct.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 2 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period; one for a social security office tenant improvement located at 3185 M St., and one for a 5,381 SF Mister Carwash located at 3690 G St.

Reports and Correspondence

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City of Merced
Parks and Recreation
2ND ANNUAL

HALLOWEEN

COSTUME
CONTEST!

FOOD
VENDORS!

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Oct 15

Adult

Mens & Womens League

Sunday, Oct 16

Coed

Upper & Lower Divisions

*6 Men/4 Women

ENTRY FEE:

\$225 PER TEAM,

\$50 DEPOSIT

(APPLIED TO FEE)

AND

100PC CANDY BAG

PER PLAYER

*CANDY NEEDED FOR CITY OF MERCED EVENTS

JOE HERB PARK - GAME TIME :TBD

For Registration:

Contact Anthony Almanza (209)509-5412

or call (209)385-6235 for more information

*CITY OF MERCED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES APPLY



City of Merced Parks and Recreation

OCTOBER NIGHTS!

**HALLOWEEN
STREET BASH**

OCTOBER 22ND

**TINY TOTS
HALLOWEEN
PUMPKIN PARTY!**

OCTOBER 28TH

**ZPOOKY
NIGHTS!**

OCTOBER 29TH & 30TH



Loughborough Fahrens Park Community Cleanup

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 | 8 - 11 am

Meet at the corner of Loughborough and Meadows

Lunch at 11 am

Bring gloves, trashbags, and sunscreen



City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2022
TO: City Council
FROM: Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of September 21, 2022

The Planning Commission heard and continued the Appeal of a one-year extension for Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1291 for Bright Development, which would allow for the subdivision of approximately 39.8-acres of land into 131 single-family lots, generally located on the east side of G Street at Merrill Place (extended) to the Planning Commission meeting of October 19, 2022, at the request of the appellant and applicant.

If you have any questions about this item, please feel free to contact me.

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