



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

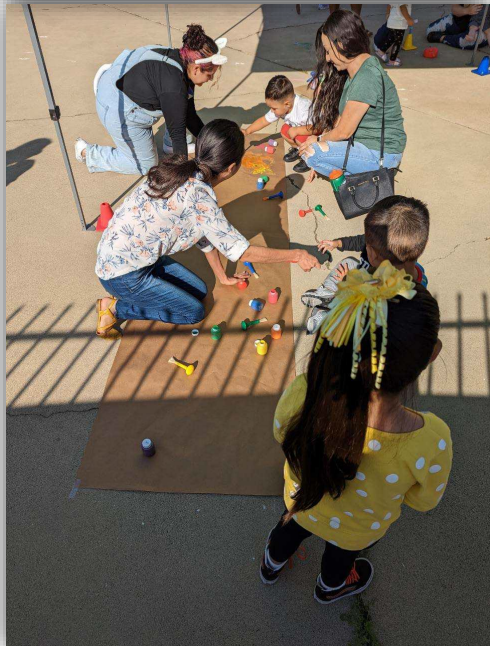
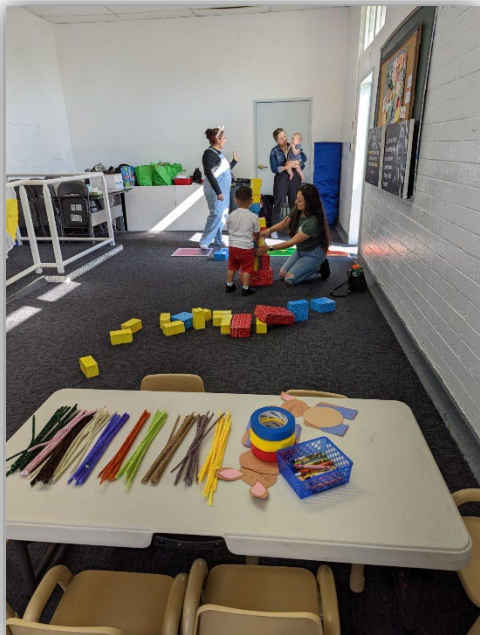
October 14, 2022

Challenged Family Resource Center (CFRC) hosts its first playgroup.

Through a City of Merced approved lease to offer programming at the 27th and K Street Youth Center, the CFRC now offers all-inclusive play groups for typically developing and non-typically developing children, ages 0-5 years.

These playgroups focus on developing youth social skills, key milestones, and early education through the art of play.

CFRC believes early education is vital in assisting children of all abilities to be successful socially and emotionally. CFRC promotes the early integration of various skills and acceptance within our community. Playgroups are scheduled Thursdays from 9:30 am- 1:30 pm at the 27th & K St. Youth Center.



The Merced Police Department has gone **PINK** in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During October Merced Police Officers are sporting pink Merced PD patches on their uniforms. Officers are driving vehicles with pink-toned decals in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer has the second highest mortality rate in women and is the second most diagnosed cancer. Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, and 30% of new women's cancer diagnoses will be for breast cancer.

One out of every eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. By the end of December 2022, there will be an estimated 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in women, and 51,400 cases of non-invasive, for a total of 339,250 new cases. Men can also get breast cancer, and an estimated 2,710 men will be diagnosed with it in 2022. As of January 2022, there were 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Women and men are encouraged to learn more about how this disease may affect their lives and to take the necessary steps for early detection and prevention. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining, and these changes are thought to be the results of treatment advances, earlier detection through screenings, and increased awareness.

National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233 -Hours: 24/7. Languages: English, Spanish and 200+ through interpretation service.



October 2022
GET YOUR PINK PATCH TODAY!
\$10
611 W 22ND ST

A collection of pink patches with the Merced Police Department logo and a pink ribbon. The patches are arranged in a circular pattern. The text "MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT" and "GATEWAY TO YOSEMITE" is visible on the patches. A pink ribbon is at the bottom right.

Public works in Action
Tree Crews trimming along E. Yosemite Ave



Oct 8, 2022 at 10:16:24 AM
1059 Century Cir
Merced CA 95340
United States



Oct 8, 2022 at 10:16:22 AM
1059 Century Cir
Merced CA 95340
United States



Oct 8, 2022 at 10:14:07 AM
1028 Oriole Ct
Merced CA 95340
United States

Replacement of a leaking copper waterline at Los Gatos Ct.



Crews repaired a 10” water main line at the 500 block of W. Childs Ave



Crews repaired a 6” water main line at the 2500 block of I Street



October Family Friendly Fun Events
 Bike Ride
 Saturday, October 15th at 12 pm

Cultiva La Salud and UC Merced Invites You to Join Us For Our:

First Annual ZOMBIE RIDE

FREE

Saturday 10.15.22
 12:00 PM (Doors Open at 11:00 am)
 Applegate Park-Moat
 1045 West 25th Street

A family friendly 10 mile bike ride throughout Merced's beautiful bike trails. Avoid the Zombies by collecting your zombie emergency supplies at the 5 activity stops along the way.

Zombie costumes are recommended but not required.



Scan here with your smartphone to register for your FREE Zombie Rider package!



No electric bikes permitted on the bike trail

Merced Zombie Ride—Bike Path



Join local community organizations and vendors in a family-fun filled day at Applegate Park, activities will include:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for anyone 6 months+
- Approx. 10 mile bike ride around Merced's beautiful bike trail, with fun checkpoints that include games, drinks, snacks, and Zombies!
- Food Vendors and outdoor games
- Large raffle for all participants
- Health and Bike safety lessons

All purchased tickets include a Merced Zombie personalized lanyard, lunch, and drink for each person in your group



Softball Tournament
 Saturday, Sunday, Oct 15 & 16

City of Merced
 Parks and Recreation
 2ND ANNUAL

HALLOWEEN

COSTUME CONTEST!

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

FOOD VENDORS!

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



Youth Basketball Clinics
 Thursdays – Oct. through Dec.

Free

BASKETBALL CLINIC


EVERY THURSDAY
 6PM - 8PM
 OCT. 13 - DEC. 15

Coch Coach Courtney Stee

MCCOMBS YOUTH CENTER
 615 W. 15TH STREET
 MERCED, CA

FOR: YOUTH
 AGES: 8-14
 For more information
 call (209)385-6235

Sponsored by



Halloween Street Bash
Oct 22nd from 6 to 8 pm

City of Merced Parks and Recreation

HALLOWEEN STREET BASH

Trunk or Treat
Candy is limited

LIVE MUSIC, ACTIVITIES, FOOD, AND CANDY!

Saturday, October 22nd | 6:00pm – 8:00pm | Joe Herb Park
2200 YOSEMITE PARKWAY, Merced, CA
Parking available at Golden Valley High School Parking Lot

BRING A TREAT BAG AND WEAR YOUR COSTUME!



Scan our QR code if you're interested in volunteering!



Interested to Volunteer or decorate your trunk for the street bash? call (209) 385-6235 or come into our Office 632 W. 18th St. Merced, CA



Tiny Tots Halloween Party
Oct 28th from 5:15 – 7:15 pm

CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND RECREATION

TINY TOTS HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PARTY!

COSTUMES HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

PUMPKIN DECORATING • CRAFTS • PHOTOBOOTHS • HALLOWEEN MAZE • AND MORE!

KIDS AGES 2-10
OCT. 28, 2022 • 5:15PM-7:15PM
AT APPLGATE PARK ZOO!
1045 W 25TH ST.

\$10 PER CHILD

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT
632 W 18TH ST.
(209) 385-6235



SCAN OR CODE TO VOLUNTEER!

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CANDY DRIVE

WE'RE RAISING CANDY FOR OUR HALLOWEEN EVENTS!



CANDY DROP-OFF SITES:

APPLGATE PARK ZOO
1045 W. 25TH ST
TH-SU 10AM-4PM

PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE
632 W. 18TH ST.
M-F 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM

JOE HERB BASEBALL FIELD
2200 YOSEMITE PK WAY
M-TH 5PM-9PM SAT 8AM-12PM
@CONCESSION STAND



Cops for Critters
Oct. 29th from 10 am to 2 pm

The Merced Police Department PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL COPS FOR CRITTERS

CAR SHOW & TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 29TH, 2022 10 AM. - 2 P.M.

ADULT & CHILD COSTUMES WELCOME

IN FRONT OF MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORNER OF 22ND AND N ST.

CHECK-IN @ 9 JUDGING @ 12

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT APPLGATE PARK AND ZOO
\$25 PRE-REG FEE BEFORE 10/21
\$30 AFTER 10/21

FEATURING:





SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER NOW!

MORE INFO @

Instagram @mercedpolicedepartment
Twitter @MercedPolice
Facebook @MercedPolice





Reports and Correspondence

1. PC Agenda

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CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 19, 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 planning@web.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 [22-832](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of October 5, 2022

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of October 5, 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 [22-824](#)

SUBJECT: Vacation #22-03, to vacate an eastern portion of the Arbor Walkway North easement (approximately 2,053 square feet) which would revert development rights back to the property owner of 534 W. Main Street, Merced.

ACTION: Finding

The proposed vacation is consistent with the General Plan.

SUMMARY

The property owner of 534 W. Main Street is requesting a partial vacation of the Arbor Walkway so the property owner may regain development rights within this area. A western portion of this walkway (52-inches-wide) would remain a City easement for pedestrian access between the City parking lot to the north and Main Street to the south. Engineering and Planning Department staff have reviewed this request and recommend that the Planning Commission adopt a Finding stating that the proposed Vacation is consistent with the General Plan. The General Plan does not address the abandonment of easements; and thus, this action does not conflict with any General Plan policies, text, or maps, so it can be considered "consistent." The area to be vacated consists of approximately 2,053 square feet.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion by minute action adopting a Finding that the proposed Vacation #22-03 is consistent with the General Plan.

E.2 [22-790](#)

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit #1265, submitted by Asem Almaamari, on behalf of Merced Home, LLC, property owner. This application involves a request for tobacco sales (for off-site consumption) for a new retail store at 900 Loughborough Drive, Suite D. The subject site is generally located on the south side of Loughborough Drive, approximately 850 feet east of R Street, within a Zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) #1, with a General Plan Designation of Regional/Community Commercial (RC). *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION: Approve/Disapprove/Modify
Environmental Review #22-35(*Categorical Exemption*)
Conditional Use Permit #1265

SUMMARY

Asem Almaamari is requesting approval to operate a convenience market with tobacco sales for off-site consumption at 900 Loughborough Drive, Suite D. The convenience market would be located within an approximate 1,000-square-foot suite that is part of a larger building with other commercial tenants. A conditional use permit is required for “tobacco sales” for off-site consumption for sites within 600 feet of a “youth center” per Merced Municipal Code Section 20.44.160 - Tobacco Sales Prohibited Near Schools. The youth center located near the convenience market is “At the Pier Arcade,” located within the Merced Mall. The primary use of a convenience market is principally permitted within the site’s Zoning classification of Planned Development (P-D) #1, and General Plan designation of Regional/Community Commercial, but the tobacco sales for off-site consumption requires conditional use permit approval from the Planning Commission. Staff is recommending approval of this application subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #22-35 [*Categorical Exemption*] including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B.

E.3 [22-839](#)

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: Continue the matter to the November 9, 2022, Planning Commission meeting.

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. The applicant has requested this matter be continued to the Planning Commission meeting of November 9, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue this matter to the Planning Commission meeting of November 9, 2022.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F.1 [22-830](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by Planning Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [22-831](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

- Oct. 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**)
- Dec. 7 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, 4:00 p.m.
- (Tentative)
- 21 City Council, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (**To be Cancelled**)

G. ADJOURNMENT