



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

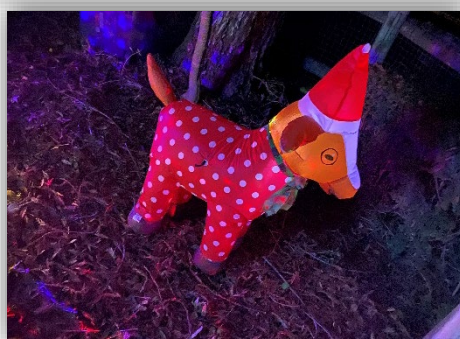
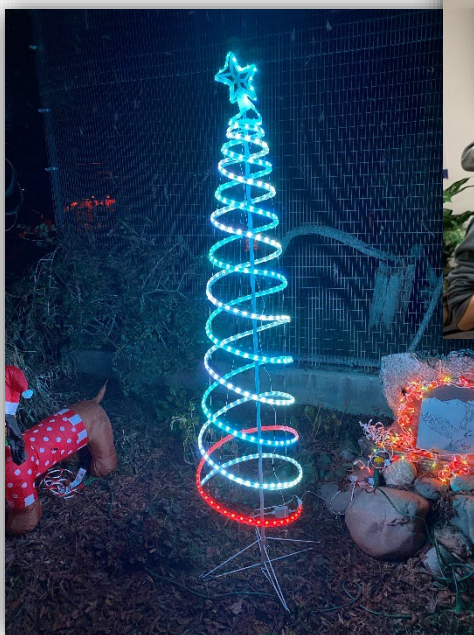
December 16, 2022

## Merced Youth Council Shares the Spirit of the Holidays

The Merced Youth Council recently kicked off its annual Holiday Kits for Kids giving campaign.

The Council organized Kits for Kids during the pandemic to spread joy and cheer and help families in the community. This year, Kits for Kids will be available at the Neighborhood Open House on Friday, December 16th, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, at the McNamara Park Youth Center, located at 1040 Canal Street.

Additionally, members of the Council recently spent time at Applegate Zoo setting up decorations for the City's annual Lights Before Christmas celebration. The event is scheduled for December 17th & 18th from 5:30-8:30 pm.





## Stick to a “Go Safely” Game Plan: Celebrate the Holiday Season Responsibly

National “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Enforcement Campaign Begins Dec. 14

With a commitment to keeping the community safe, the Merced Police Department wants to remind the public of the dangers of driving impaired and celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence.

From Dec. 14 through New Year’s Day, Merced Police Department will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and drugs. This includes conducting a checkpoint on an undisclosed date and location. The extra enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, to stop suspected impaired drivers who put others on the road at risk.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 11,654 people were killed in car crashes nationwide in 2020 that involved an alcohol-impaired driver, or one person every 45 minutes.

The Merced Police Department encourages everyone to stay in for the night or have a “go safely” game plan by scheduling a ride or designating a sober driver if you plan to consume alcohol.

Impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Marijuana, prescription medications, or over-the-counter drugs may also impair. Do your research and understand how certain drugs may affect your driving ability.

“The holidays are a special time of year for many, and we want drivers to act responsibly,” Sergeant Nate McKinnon said. “This enforcement period allows us to get the message out that driving impaired is an illegal, senseless behavior that takes lives.”

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### Raley's Winter Wonderland

Merced Police and Fire recently participated in Raley's Winter Wonderland. The event was a hit with families in the community. Children took photos with Santa; everyone enjoyed holiday music, hot cocoa, and cookies. In addition, new, unwrapped toys were collected at the event, supporting the Cops and Fire for Kids Program.



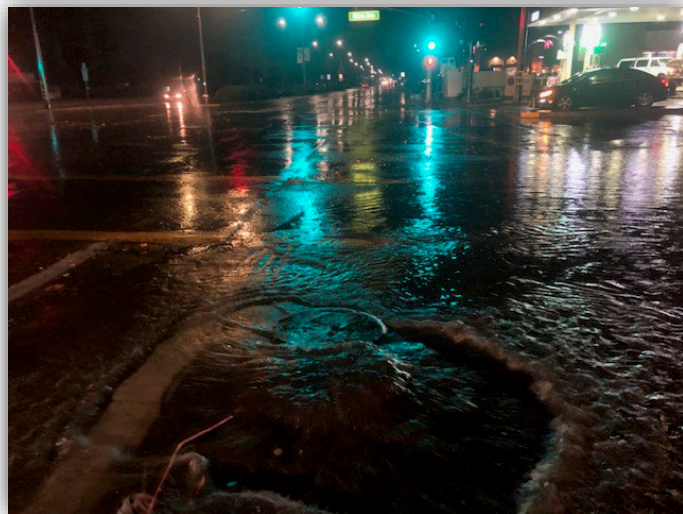
### Shop with a Cop 2022

The Merced Police Department had a fantastic time shopping with children during this year's annual Shop with a Cop event. In addition to crossing off a few items on Christmas lists, everyone was excited to meet Santa. Thank you to the Merced Mall for hosting the event and local school staff for providing the children's names, and families for their support.



### Storm brings record weekend rainfall to Merced County.

A winter storm dumped significant amounts of rain on the Merced area this past weekend, as the region saw 1.21 total inches Saturday and Sunday. That includes 1.05 inches on Saturday, a new Dec. 10 record for Merced. The last time Merced saw a record amount of rain for Dec. 10 was .94 inches in 1937. Merced received .16 inches of rain on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service in Hanford.





Water crews replaced a 1” water service line at Santa Nella Ct.



A defective fire hydrant was replaced at Orion Dr.



A damaged fire hydrant was replaced at McKee Rd.



A 1” water service line was replaced at Redwing Dr.



## Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **3**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **184**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **1**

### Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Compass Pointe phase II: 112 units in 12, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse located at Compass Pointe Ave, Stinson Dr., and Horizons Ave.
- Homekey Project located at 1213 V St.; conversion of 4 existing 2 story hotel buildings into 96 studio apartments, including both affordable and accessible housing.
- A 2,687 SF triplex located at 953 W 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- Affordable housing located at 3015 Park Ave.; 57,812 SF 3 story new construction, including a 2,744 SF community building. The project will provide 65 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom units and a single 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom unit.

### MFD permits issued:

- Gateway Commons Apartments located at 3130 E. Gerard Ave.; one community building, five buildings with 16 units, and five buildings with 24 units for a total of 200 units, plus 31 garage structures.

### Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for the community building at the Gateway Commons Apartments located at 3140 E. Gerard Ave.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period.

### Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 2 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period; one for a 12,000 SF terminal building at the Merced Municipal Airport located at 26 Macready Dr Bldg 3, and one for 2 new single use accessible restrooms at the airport located at 20 Macready Dr.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; for an 1,800 SF retail spice shop located at 3368 N Hwy 59, Ste M.

### Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

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



## Housing Department Seeks Community Input

The City of Merced Housing Division needs resident input on the use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal funding for two separate plans.

2023 Annual Action Plan and Needs Assessment Resident Survey- The Housing Division is beginning work on the 2023 HUD Annual Action Plan and is developing its annual Needs Assessment to determine project funding and programs for the coming year. Resident participation is vital to this process! **Survey closes February 28, 2023.**

Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan Resident Survey -The City of Merced received special allocation of HOME-ARP funding to develop programs for the needs of specific qualifying populations. We need resident input on determining the best use for this funding, and the needs and gaps in assistance for each qualifying population. **Survey closes January 31, 2023.**

**THE CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION INVITES RESIDENTS TO:**

### HUD 2023 ANNUAL PLAN RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY INPUT

**WHERE?**  
Merced City Hall  
Sam Pipes Room - 1st Floor  
678 W 18th St., Merced

**THESE MEETINGS MAY ALSO BE HELD IN A HYBRID IN-PERSON/ VIRTUAL FORMAT**  
Details will be posted on the Housing Division website

**WHEN?**  
December 12, 2022 – 6pm  
December 13, 2022 – 6pm  
or  
December 16, 2022 – 3pm

**UNABLE TO ATTEND? TAKE OUR SURVEY!**  
Please help us by completing the online survey. To access, scan the QR code with your phone, or use this internet browser URL:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yckie4bz>

(Survey closes February 28, 2023)

**We need to hear from YOU!**

The purpose of these meetings are to gather City of Merced residents' needs and priorities for the program year spanning July 2023 – June 2024 for housing, public service, infrastructure, and economic development programs and services, in determining the best use of Federal funding allocated to Merced City from the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD).

Please join us!  
Choose from three convenient days/times.



For more information — website: [www.cityofmerced.org/housing](http://www.cityofmerced.org/housing); phone: (209)385-6863; or email: [housing@cityofmerced.org](mailto:housing@cityofmerced.org)

**LA DIVISION DE VIVIENDA DE LA CIUDAD DE MERCED INVITA A LOS RESIDENTES AL:**

### PLAN ANUAL DE HUD 2023 COMENTARIOS DE LOS RESIDENTES DE LA COMUNIDAD

**¿DÓNDE?**  
En el edificio del Ayuntamiento  
Sala Sam Pipes - 1er piso  
En el 678 Oeste de la Calle 18, en Merced

**ESTAS REUNIONES TAMBIÉN SE REALIZARÁN EN FORMATO VIRTUAL Y EN PERSONA**  
Los detalles se publicarán en el sitio web de la División de Vivienda

**¿CUÁNDO?**  
12 de diciembre del 2022 – 6pm  
13 de diciembre del 2022 – 6pm  
o  
16 de diciembre de 2022 – 3pm

**¡SI NO LE ES POSIBLE ATENDER DICHA REUNIÓN, FAVOR DE CONTESTAR NUESTRA ENCUESTA!**  
Por favor ayúdenos contestando nuestra encuesta en línea. Para ingresar a la encuesta, escanee el código QR con su teléfono o use esta URL del navegador de Internet:  
<https://tinyurl.com/dbh1fnck>

(La encuesta cierra el 28 de febrero de 2023)

**¡Necesitamos escuchar su OPINIÓN!**

El propósito de estas reuniones es para escuchar las necesidades y prioridades de los residentes de la Ciudad de Merced para el año del programa que abarca de julio del 2023 a junio del 2024 para programas y servicios de vivienda, servicio público, infraestructura y desarrollo económico, para determinar el mejor uso de los fondos federales asignados por el Departamento de Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) a la Ciudad de Merced.

¡Por favor acompañanos!  
Elija entre tres diferentes días y horarios convenientes para usted.



Para obtener más información, ingrese al sitio web: [www.cityofmerced.org/housing](http://www.cityofmerced.org/housing); teléfono: (209)385-6863; o al correo electrónico: [housing@cityofmerced.org](mailto:housing@cityofmerced.org)

Los traductores de español e hmong pueden estar disponibles en las reuniones llamando o enviando un correo electrónico por lo menos 2 días hábiles de trabajo de anticipación: 209-385-6863 o al [housing@cityofmerced.org](mailto:housing@cityofmerced.org)

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### HUD 2023 ANNUAL PLAN COV PHOOJ YWG 'COMUNITY INPUT

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Sam Pipes Room - 1st Floor  
678 W 18th St., Merced

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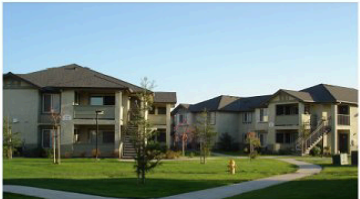
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(Survey kaw Lub Ob Hlis 28, 2023)

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Thov koom nrog peb!  
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Yog xav paub ntxiv — lub vev xaib: [www.cityofmerced.org/housing](http://www.cityofmerced.org/housing); xov tooj: (209) 385-6863; los yog email: [Housing@cityofmerced.org](mailto:Housing@cityofmerced.org)

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# Neighborhood Open House

SPONSORED BY

Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!



Coordinated by:



Friday, December 16, 2022

4:30pm-6:30pm

At the McNamara Park Youth Center

1040 Canal St. Merced, CA. 95341



**Turkeys and hams donated by local Community organizations.**

**First Come- First Served**

**Only 1 per household**

**While Supplies Last!**

**Bring your camera for a photo with Santa!**



CITY OF MERCED  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

# SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Bring your little Helpers, ages 2-10 years old,  
to build Holiday crafts with Santa

**December 16, 2022**  
**MERCED APPLGATE PARK ZOO**  
**1045 W. 25th St.**

Offering 2 Time Slots to choose from  
**5:00 pm & 6:15 pm**

*pajama  
PARTY*

- WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS -
- CREATE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS -
- GET PICTURES WITH SANTA -
- WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA -

*Hot  
Cocoa*

**Pre Registration required!**  
**Register at:**  
**632 W. 18th St or**  
**call (209) 385-6235**  
**Cost: \$10 per child**  
-Space is limited-



APPLEGATE PARK ZOO PRESENTS



LIGHTS  
BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS

JOIN US FOR:  
PICTURES WITH SANTA,  
AN INTERACTIVE SNOW PIT,  
BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS,  
& LOTS OF HOLIDAY CHEER!

ZOO ADMISSION RATES  
HOT COCOA AND  
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE  
CASH ONLY

December 17th & 18th  
5:30-8:30 PM

1045 W 25TH ST, MERCED, CA  
Contact (209) 385-6855 for more details about the event

Saturday  
Volunteers



Sunday  
Volunteers



Volunteers welcome!



Please join us for a

# Groundbreaking Ceremony

For Central Valley PACE, Merced!



**When:**  
1 PM Friday, December 9, 2022

**Where:**  
Central Valley PACE  
727 W. Childs Merced,  
CA 95341



Acompañanos

# Ceremonia Inaugural

Para Central Valley PACE, Merced!



**Cuando:**  
Viernes, 9 de Diciembre 2022 a la 1pm

**Donde:**  
Central Valley PACE  
727 W. Childs Merced,  
CA 95341





*kindly join us for a*

# *City-County Relations Dinner*

— HOSTED BY —

## *The City of Gustine*

Thursday | **26** | January  
2023

*Social - 5:30pm  
Dinner - 6:30pm*

**AL GOMAN CENTER  
745 LINDEN AVENUE  
GUSTINE, CA 95322**

*Dinner prepared by the City of Gustine  
Volunteer Fire Department*

**\$40 PER PERSON  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF GUSTINE**



*kindly RSVP to  
DESIRAE PORRAS BEFORE 1/17/2023  
AT DPORRAS@CITYOFGUSTINE.COM*

*If you have any questions,  
please contact Desirae  
at 209-854-6471*