



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

January 27, 2023

**As the City Remains Under an Emergency Declaration
The following resources are available for residents impacted by flooding.**

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE
U.S. DISASTER RELIEF**

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORK:

- REMOVAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY & FURNITURE
- MUCKOUT AND SANITATION
- TEMPORARY ROOF TARPING
- CHAINSAW WORK

We are working with homeowners in your area. This is a free service provided to homeowners who have little or no insurance. Requests are handled depending on need and volunteer availability.

CONTACT SAMARITAN'S PURSE DISASTER RELIEF:
(209) 930-0678
Gateway Community Church
353 E Donna Drive, Merced, CA 95340

TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CALL (209) 930-0675 or visit spvolunteer.org

 Mission Statement: Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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U.S. DISASTER RELIEF**

EN ESTE MOMENTO ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO SOLICITUDES PARA LO SIGUIENTE:

- RETIRO DE OBJETOS PERSONALES Y MUEBLES
- LIMPIEZA Y DESINFECCIÓN DE INUNDACIONES
- INSTALACION DE LONAS TEMPORALES PARA TECHOS
- TRABAJO DE MOTOSIERRAS

Estamos trabajando con propietarios de viviendas en su área. Este es un servicio gratuito que se ofrece a los que tienen poco o ningún seguro. Las solicitudes se manejan según la necesidad y la disponibilidad de voluntarios.

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 Declaración de la Misión: Samaritan's Purse es una organización cristiana evangélica, no denominacional, que provee ayuda espiritual y física a las personas que sufren alrededor del mundo. Desde 1970, ha ayudado a las víctimas de guerra, pobreza, desastres naturales, enfermedades y hambrunas con el fin de compartir el amor de Dios por medio de su Hijo, Jesucristo.

Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance

DisasterAssistance.gov

FEMA Helpline: 800-621-3362 | 7.11/VRS-Video Relay Service

Have this information ready when you apply:

- Social Security number (one per household)
- Address of the damaged home or apartment
- Description of the damage
- Current telephone number
- Address where you can get mail or email to receive notifications
- Insurance information, if available
- Bank account and routing number for direct deposit of funds

Apply for FEMA disaster assistance if you had damage from the storms and flooding. You must be a resident of Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara or Santa Cruz County.

Federal disaster assistance may include:

- Temporary emergency housing or money for home repairs of primary residences
- Help with medical, dental, personal property, transportation, and disaster-related moving-and-storage expenses
- Long-term, low-interest disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration
- If you need accommodations for language or a disability, just ask!



All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.



Centro móvil de recuperación por desastre

Para obtener respuestas a sus preguntas, llame al:

800-621-3362

711 o el Servicio de Retransmisión de Video (VRS): 800-621-3362

Por favor tenga disponible lo siguiente:

- Dirección con el código postal
- Condiciones de su propiedad dañada
- Información del seguro, si está disponible
- Número Seguro Social
- Número de teléfono donde se le pueda contactar
- Dirección donde usted puede recibir correspondencia o correo electrónico para recibir notificaciones electrónicas

MERCED COUNTY

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
9317 Calle Amistad
Planada, CA 95365

Abierto lunes 23 de enero
Horas de operación: 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. todos los días
Alojamientos disponibles bajo pedido



También puede inscribirse en línea



DisasterAssistance.gov/es
ACCESO A LA ASISTENCIA POR DESASTRE Y RECURSOS

La asistencia de recuperación por desastres está disponible sin tomar en consideración raza, color, religión, origen nacional, sexo, edad, discapacidad, dominio del inglés o nivel económico.

2023 Town Hall in Central Merced

On Wednesday, January 25th from 6 to 8 p.m., the Merced City Council hosted its first of three Town Hall meetings. Residents and business owners spent the first half of the meeting with city staff where they asked questions and learned information about city services and programs. During the second half of the meeting, attendees participated in an open forum with City Council where they shared information and asked questions about topics ranging from parking, public restrooms, assistance for the unhoused, public safety, and housing.

City Council and staff will hold the second meeting at Cruickshank Middle School, located at 601 Mercy Avenue in North Merced, on Tuesday, January 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



Merced PD Participates in Local School Family Education Nights

The Merced Police Department's Gang Violence Suppression Unit is meeting with parents and family members at local schools for Parent Education Night to raise awareness about gang awareness, vaping, drugs, social media, and human trafficking. Participants learn about age and risk factors, neighborhood trends, associated outcomes, positive intervention techniques, and resources for families who suspect their child may be involved in gang activity.

Parent Education Nights are scheduled Thursday evenings from 6 -7 pm through February 9th. For school location information, people are encouraged to contact the school district's Office of Pupil Services at (209) 385-6647.



MCS&D & Merced PD invite you to attend:



PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

MCS&D and Merced PD Gang Task Force will Educate Families on the following:

- Age and risk factors
- Neighborhood trends
- Associated outcomes
- What to look for
- Positive interventions and what to do if a parent suspects their child is involved in gang activity

Childcare & translation available

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE OF PUPIL SERVICES AT: (209) 385-6647

Attendance Information

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Location: Hoover Middle School
Schools Invited: Givens, Muir, Wright, Stowell

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Location: Tenaya Middle School
Schools Invited: Gracey, Fremont, Sheehy, Reyes

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Location: Rivera Middle School
Schools Invited: Rivera Elem., Franklin, Stefani

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023
Time: 6 - 7 p.m.
Location: Cruickshank Middle School
Schools Invited: Burbank, Chenoweth, Peterson



Officer Information

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Email: salyers@cityofmerced.org

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GVSU Officer Tevon Prevostini
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GVSU Officer Arnulfo Centeno
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MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENTS GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION UNIT

The only way to combat gang violence is through the help of our community. If you have any information that can assist us in combating gang violence or drug sales please contact us.

If you witness a crime, call 911. If it is not an emergency please contact the non emergency line.

There is an anonymous tip line (209) 385-4725 or you can submit an anonymous tip online at:

<https://www.Mercedareacrimestoppers.org/index.html>

Welcome Officers Goodman, Vargas, and Olivas

On January 13th, Acting Police Chief Joseph Weiss had the pleasure of swearing in three police officers. The City of Merced welcomes Officers Leslie Goodman, Roberto Vargas, and Marleen Olivas.

Officer Goodman was born at the Castle Air Force Base hospital and raised in Merced. Before joining Merced PD, she was a paramedic and worked in emergency medical services (EMS) for 13 years. Goodman earned an associate degree in criminal justice and became a police officer to serve her community.

Officer Vargas was born in East Los Angeles and raised in Atwater. He graduated from Atwater High School and joined the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of service, Vargas enrolled at Abrams College and earned his medical assistant certification. Before joining the Merced Police Department, he worked at Mercy Medical Center Outpatient Neurology Clinic. He became a police officer due to his passion for public service and desire to serve his community.

Officer Olivas was born in Hanford, CA, and raised in Fresno. Olivas earned her bachelor's in criminology from CSU, Fresno. She is a police officer because she admires and respects law enforcement and knows it is an honorable career. She is excited to join her husband who is an officer, with the Merced Police Department.

Welcome to the Merced City Police Department officers Goodman, Vargas, and Olivas.



Lieutenant Dabney, Lieutenant Perez, Officer Goodman, Officer Vargas, Officer Olivas, and Acting Chief Weiss



Parks and Recreation Department 2023 Junior Warriors Basketball Season Tips Off

Thank you to athletes, coaches, referees, parents, and family members for a successful girls' basketball game season opener, and a successful tip off for the first adult basketball game. Here's to a great 2023 season for all leagues and teams.





45 Pete Hollis Blvd. Greenville, SC 29601 / 864.400.3040

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 25, 2023

Contact: Jamie Godfrey
(864) 400-3061
jgodfrey@hincapiesports.com

Gran Fondo Hincapie Merced, California Event Postponed to 2024

Merced, California – The Gran Fondo Hincapie-Merced Gravel Ride scheduled for March 18, 2023 has been postponed and moved to a new date in 2024 due to the community's recent storms resulting in historical flooding.

We are saddened to make this decision, but we stand with Merced and the surrounding communities as they work to rebuild and recover. During a recent planning visit to Merced, we determined the gravel route designed for our March 18th event will not be rideable for our event. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of not just our riders but also the supporting emergency services and volunteers that help make our events possible.

The Hincapie team, the City of Merced, and local event organizers have decided to postpone the event to March 16, 2024 and look forward to bringing the Ultimate Gravel Cycling Experience to the wonderful community of Merced.

About Hincapie Events

Hincapie Events offers races and rides for cyclists of all ages and skill levels. From the season-opening Hincapie Spring Series to the ultimate cycling experience of the Gran Fondo Hincapie, the events create a community of cyclists and celebrate the sport of cycling. For more information about Hincapie Events, visit hincapie.com.

Hincapie Events is among the many companies within the Hincapie brands, which also include Hincapie Sportswear, Hincapie Custom, Hotel Domestique, Experience Domestique, and Restaurant 17.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for December 26th, 2022 through January 8th, 2023

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **10**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **420**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **2**

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 18th 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.
- A 1,336 SF Duplex located at 103 R St.
(no change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 MFD permits issued during this period.
(no change since last report)

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a 1,980 SF modular office located at 1240 D St.
- There were 0 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 1,200 SF storage building located at 1407 Merced Ave.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 3,570 SF remodel for a retail cannabis business located at 1111 Motel Dr., one for the replacement of roof trusses and roofing, and a façade renovation located at 1722 Q St., and one for stage and theatrical lighting at 655 W Main St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There was 1 commercial and industrial CofO issued for this period; for the 1,345 SF West Coast Sourdough located at 125 E Yosemite Ave. Ste C.

CITY OF MERCED
**ADULT SPRING
SOFTBALL**

REGISTRATION
JAN 23RD - MARCH 1ST
\$550 per team

\$275 deposit required to secure spot in the league

MEN'S • WOMEN'S • INDUSTRIAL • COED

10 GAMES GUARANTEED
GAMES PLAYED @ JOE HERB PARK

MANAGER'S MEETING

MARCH 1ST
SAM PIPES ROOM
678 W 18TH ST.

WOMEN'S & COED: 5:30 PM
MEN'S & INDUSTRIAL: 6:30 PM



MEN'S - T & W
COED - TH
INDUSTRIAL - FRI
WOMEN'S - FRI

if you have any questions call 385-6235
or email kindavongl@cityofmerced.org

Save the date



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MERCED COUNTY**

Annual Dinner & Auction Gala

for sponsorship or more information,
please contact admin@bgcmerced.com, 209-722-9922

Legends are made **HERE**



**GEO Reentry Services
Merced Day Reporting Center
cordially invites you to attend our
Winter 2023 Graduation Celebration.**

Please join us as we recognize the accomplishments of our program participants. We look forward to celebrating this event. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mondo Building
1715 Canal Street
Merced CA, 95340

RSVP to Krystle Dealba
kdealba@geogroup.com or 209.723.0119





TAX TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION

ABOUT THIS BOARD



Roles

Review projected revenues created by voted approved sales tax (Measure C and Measure Y)



Duties

Recommends proposed expenditures to the City Council



Meeting

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in February, May, August, and November at 6:00 PM

Apply Today!

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2023 TOWN HALL MEETINGS



WITH THE MERCED CITY COUNCIL

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

- SHARE WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU
- MEET YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
- MEET CITY STAFF AND LEARN ABOUT CITY DEPARTMENTS, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES



Matthew
Serratto
Mayor



Jesse Ornelas
District 1



Ronnie De Anda
District 2



Bertha Perez
District 3



Shane Smith
District 4



Sarah Boyle
District 5



Fue Xiong
District 6

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TUESDAY

JANUARY 31ST, 6 – 8 PM

**CRUICKSHANK MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

601 Mercy Ave, Merced

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 9TH, 6 – 8 PM

**WEAVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
3076 E. Childs Ave, Merced**

2023 TOWN HALL YOG IB LUB ROOJ SIB THAM TSEEM CEEB



TXHUA LUB SUAB TSEEM CEEB

Tuesday, Lub Ib Hlis 31st, 2023

Sij hawm: 6 – 8 PM, Cruickshank middle school, 601 Mercy Ave, Merced

Thursday, Lub Ib Hlis 9th, 2023

Sij hawm: 6 – 8 PM, 6 – 8 PM, Weaver Middle School, 3076 E. Childs Ave, Merced

Qhia qhov tseem ceeb rau koj. Ntsib koj tus neeg sawv cev hauv pab pawg sab laj. Ntsib cov neeg ua haujlwm hauv nroog thiab kawm txog cov chaw haujlwm hauv nroog, kev pabcuam, thiab cov haujlwm.

REUNIONES DEL AYUNTAMIENTO DE 2023



CADA VOZ IMPORTA

Martes, 31 de Enero, 6 – 8 PM, Cruickshank Middle school, 601 Mercy Ave, Merced

Jueves, 9 de Febrero, 6 – 8 PM, Weaver Middle School, 3076 E. Childs Ave, Merced

Comparte lo que es importante para ti. Conoce a su representante del Consejo. Conozca al personal de la ciudad y aprenda sobre los departamentos, servicios y programas de la ciudad.