



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

February 17, 2023

## 2023/2024 Strategic Planning Session

Last Saturday, City Council and Staff met for the annual strategic planning meeting to discuss the 2023/24 Council Goals & Priorities. City Council annually reviews and updates these goals and priorities to guide budget development and establish consensus on policies and projects impacting city residents, businesses, and the community.

Priorities include Downtown & Economic Development, Housing and the Unhoused, Merced Unity Project, Natural Disaster/Flood Response, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, Public Works & City Beautification, South Merced Study, and Quality of Life.

Council is scheduled to adopt the fiscal 2023/24 Goals and Priorities at the upcoming February 21st City Council Meeting.



## OES Type 3 Engine Delivered to Merced City Fire

Recently, Merced City Fire took delivery of a 2007 OES Type 3 Engine.

The Type 3 Office of Emergency Service (OES) Engine is designed for woodland firefighting. OES is part of the statewide master mutual aid system. Merced City Fire has been part of this system for many years. This Engine will allow the department to offer support in ways that have not been possible. In addition, the Type 3 designation allows for off-road operations in areas larger Engines (Type 1 or 2) cannot access.

A Type 3 Engine is often four-wheel drive and has better clearance than its larger counterparts. Type 1 and 2 Engines often perform structure protection on wildland fires. The department's prior OES Engine was a Type 1.

Type 3 Engines are essential to access difficult terrain. These assignments are more difficult due to terrain and access. In addition, this Type 3 will allow crews to gain the skills necessary to provide service to the outlying areas of Merced that a Type 1 Engine cannot access.



## Traffic Lights at 16<sup>th</sup> & G Street are Repaired

Recently, the driver of a semi-truck incorrectly estimated the truck's turning radius and took out a utility pole at 16<sup>th</sup> & G, causing damage to the traffic light system. Public Works crews replaced the system, which is now fully operational.



## Have you Herd?

The goats are back at the City of Merced Wastewater Treatment Plant. A herd of 938 goats will graze for the next few weeks and will cover approximately 700 acres near the plant where the city farms winter wheat, alfalfa, and corn to support a sustainable operations program.

The practice of using goats and sheep for weed and vegetation control has been around for centuries. This prescribed or targeted grazing will manage weeds, stubble, and unwanted vegetation. It's an eco-friendly way to keep the weeds at bay.



**Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

\* Due to flood response, this report is 2 reports combined (4 weeks total) \*

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **37**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **369**
- 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.
- 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 were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 2,249 SF McDonald's located at 1821 Motel Dr., and one for a 2,500 SF Sephora in Kohl's located at 851 W. Olive Ave. #400.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There were 3 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 1,800 SF Rally's located at 3105 N Hwy 59, one for a 896 SF convenience store located at 900 Loughborough Dr Ste D, and one for a 30,000 SF Walmart remodel to include racking located at 3055 Loughborough Dr.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 3 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period; one for a 3,858 SF Quest Diagnostics located at 3377 G St Ste A, one for a 4,788 SF remodel at 1343 W Main St., and one for a truss repair and door & wall addition at 933 W 15<sup>th</sup> St.

**REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 1. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Flyer          | Pg. 7  |
| 2. Adult Spring Softball Registration Flyer          | Pg. 8  |
| 3. Merced Youth Softball League Flyer                | Pg. 9  |
| 4. Merced Youth Baseball Flyer - English             | Pg. 10 |
| 5. Merced Youth Baseball Flyer – Spanish             | Pg. 11 |
| 6. Tax Transparency Commission Flyer                 | Pg. 12 |
| 7. City Parks Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Fahrens Park | Pg. 13 |

# BLACK HISTORY & MLK JR CELEBRATION

# 2023

26th Year  
Anniversary  
Celebration

**FEBRUARY  
18TH**

Peace March  
Line up at Amtrak  
10am  
Peace March step off  
11am

Celebration will be held  
at the Merced Theater  
At 12pm

For more  
information  
Call us at  
(209) 421-8124

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 2ND  
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](mailto:kindavongl@cityofmerced.org)



# MERCED YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**MANDATORY FUNDRAISER:  
PIZZA FACTORY CARDS**

**IMPORTANT DATES  
DRAFT NIGHT: 2/21/23  
OPENING DATE 3/26/23**

**SPRING SOFTBALL 2023**

**\$65 T-BALL (COED)**

**\$80 FOR AGES 8-14**

Register online @  
[mercedyouthsoftball.com](http://mercedyouthsoftball.com)

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: MERCED YOUTH SOFTBALL  
LEAGUE

THE OFFICIAL HOME OF



# MERCED

YOUTH BASEBALL INC.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [MERCEDBASEBALL.ORG](http://MERCEDBASEBALL.ORG)**

**REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL FEB 19**

## AGE GROUPS / COST

4-6 Years 7-8 Years 9-10 Years 11-12 Years 13-14 Years

**SHETLAND PINTO MUSTANG BRONCO PONY**

\$70 \$70 \$80 \$80 \$90

COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES  
NEEDED (ALL AGE GROUPS)

**For Additional Information email:  
[mercedbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:mercedbaseball@gmail.com)**





**Inscripciones abiertas hasta Febrero 19**

### **GRUPOS DE EDAD / COSTO**

4-6 años 7-8 años 9-10 años 11-12 años 13-14 años

**SHETLAND PINTO MUSTANG BRONCO PONY**

\$70 \$70 \$80 \$80 \$90

ENTRENADORES Y ENTRENADORES  
ASISTENTES NECESARIOS  
(TODOS LOS GRUPOS DE EDAD)

Para información adicional correo electronico:  
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# 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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YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE CITY OF MERCED  
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES  
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

In celebration of improvements to  
the following city parks:

Fahrens Park

McNamara Park

Little Angels Park

12th and G St

Hansen Park

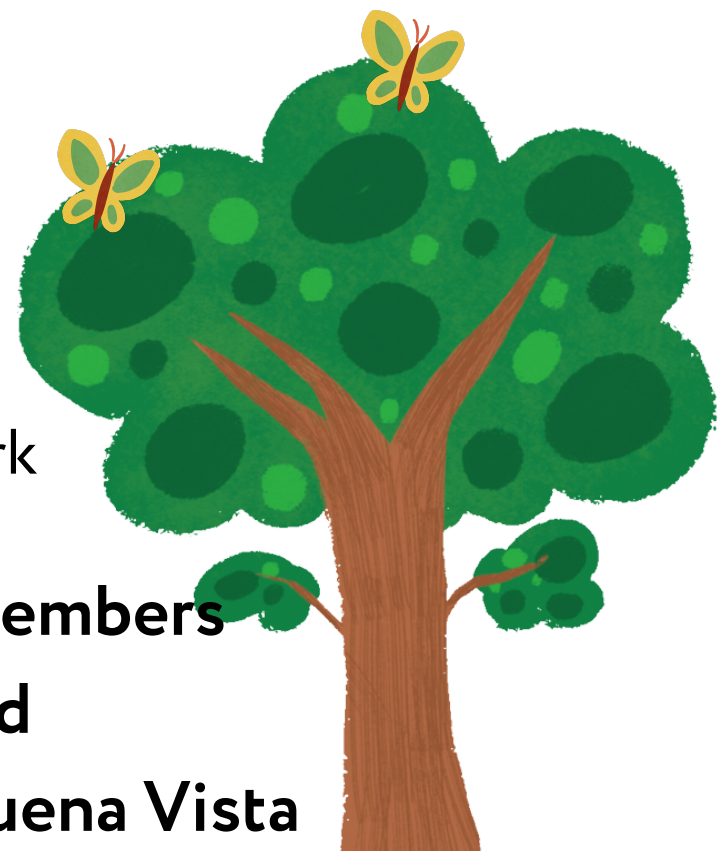
Frederick Douglas Park



Benjamin Tanager Park

Santa Fe Strip 3 Park

The Love Veasley Family Park



**Join City Officials and Community Members  
at the Fahrens Park Playground**

**Located at the corner of R Street and Buena Vista**

**Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 1:30 PM**