



# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

April 21, 2023

## Let's Play Ball!

For the fourth year, Junior Giants is back! The Parks & Community Services Department recently registered 476 youth athletes for participate in the program. The program can support 360 players, so 139 of those registered are on a waiting list.

All divisions are in full swing, including T-Ball (youth ages 5 -6), Co-Ed Minor Ball (youth ages 7-9), Minor Softball (youth ages 7-9), Co-Ed Majors (youth ages 10-13), and a new division, Senior League (youth ages, 14-18), which has space available. Forty-five volunteers will support the program. Opportunities are available for additional volunteers.

Junior Giants is a free, non-competitive, co-ed baseball and softball program. The program offers equipment, uniforms, program incentives, and coach training. The eight-week program allows youth to learn fundamental skills of the sport, including the Four Bases of Character Development: Confidence, Integrity, Leadership, and Teamwork. In addition, coaches will integrate education, health, and bullying prevention activities to equip participants with life skills on and off the field.

The program is only possible with volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, and team parents. For more information and to volunteer, please visit the Parks & Community Services page at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org), visit the department's Facebook page, or call 209-385-6235.



## Tennis H.I.T.S for Youth

The City of Merced is offering a free summer H.I.T.S. tennis program for youth ages ten and under. H.I.T.S. stands for Honesty, Integrity, Teamwork, and Sportsmanship. The program uses the appropriate youth-sized equipment to allow young players to learn and play more effectively.

H.I.T.S. is a fun program supported by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Northern California training and resources. This program will mentor and encourage youth to focus on sportsmanship, skill development, and building friendships while having fun.

The Tennis H.I.T.S program is offered at Applegate Park on the Teal Top Hockey Court, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 am-12 pm. The program will include four two-week sessions.

During past sessions, youth were treated to an invitation from the USTA to attend the Women's Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic held at San Jose State University. As a result, players can participate in a kid's day and Q&A session with a professional player and watch professional tennis. For more registration information, visit the Parks & Community Services Department on Facebook or call the department at (209) 385-6235.

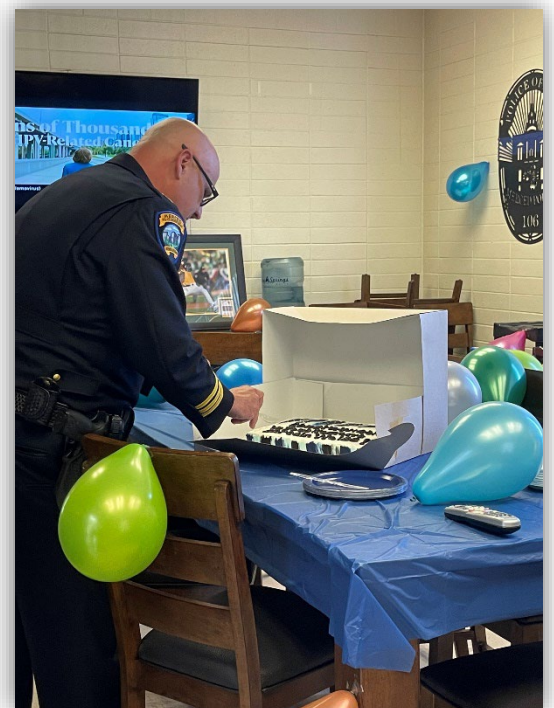


## Captain Joe Weiss Retires

On Friday, April 14th, the City of Merced Police Captain Joseph Weiss signed off for the last time after serving the community for over 25 years.

Captain Weiss served the community with professionalism and integrity and a passion for genuinely helping the citizens of the community.

Enjoy your retirement, Captain Weiss.



## Remembering Merced Police Officer Stephan G. Gray

Saturday, April 15th, marked nineteen years since Merced Police Department lost a hero. Officer Stephan G. Gray's life was lost while serving our community. The Merced Police Department continues to honor his memory and sacrifice. Officer Gray was hard-working, friendly, caring, and dedicated to serving his community.

The Gray family is part of the Merced Police Department's family. The City of Merced will never forget Officer Stephan G. Gray.

End of Watch  
April 15, 2004



## City of Merced Fire Department - History repeats itself.

On April 14th, 1873, local businesses and community leaders of the Central Valley community of Merced met to discuss the need to establish a fire department on the heels of a large fire that devastated the nearby town of Snelling.

Fast forward 150 years to the day and the hour, the Merced Fire Department (MFD) met with the local business and community leaders to discuss the department's future. Chief Derek Parker established a working group to develop the MFD Strategic Planning Committee (MFD SPC) to set the department's strategy for the next 150 years.

Nearly 40 community members and department personnel participated in the first of six meetings to discuss and set rules of engagement for the MFD SPC.

The Committee will hold five additional planning meetings at each fire station to assist with strategy development. In addition, the Merced Fire Department invites the public to attend an open house at each station where they can take a tour and talk with department personnel before the start of each meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee will present the final document on November 3, 2023. This date is significant for the Merced Fire Department; it is the first day the department was available for service 150 years ago.



## Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, through April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **373**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **10**

### 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. 4 buildings still in review.
- 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.
- Two 1,336 SF duplexes located at 103 and 107 R St.
- A 4,624 SF 4-plex located at 1125 H St.
- A 2,600 SF duplex located at 531 Childs Ave.

### MFD permits issued:

- There were 4 multi-family permits issued during this period, 3 for 8,056 SF 8-plex buildings for Compass Pointe phase II located at 3700, 3710, and 3740 Horizons Ave, and one for a 8,856 SF 8-plex building for Compass Pointe phase II located at 3720 Horizons Ave.

### Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 5 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 1,500 SF ASIP Coffee located at 3562 G St., one for a 2,887 SF 1<sup>st</sup> floor remodel located at 87 W Alexander Ave, one for a 7,842 SF banquet hall remodel located at 443 W 18<sup>th</sup> St, one for a 3,112 F restaurant located at 125 E. Yosemite Ave Ste A, and one for repairs at 2200 Cooper Ave.

### Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 6,678 SF preschool located at 3670 G St.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 19,172 SF AutoZone located at 1158 W. Main St, and one for a 6,933 SF remodel for a cannabis facility located at 1785 Ashby Rd.

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

- There was 1 commercial and industrial CofO issued for this period; for a 2,249 SF McDonald's renovation located at 1821 Motel Dr.

**REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Veterans Stand Down Flyer Pg. 8
2. Bike Ride with the Mayor Pg. 9



Merced County  
**Veterans**  
Stand Down  
**2023**

Friday, May 5, 2023 • Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Bear Creek Plaza at the Merced County Fair Grounds**  
900 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Merced, CA 95341

Resources Available: Dental • Health Screening • Covid Vaccinations • Showers  
• Haircuts • Hamburger Cook Out • Representatives from: Veterans Health  
• Merced County Veterans Services • DAV • American Legion • VFW • Job Fair





Free  
Event!



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MAY  
**20 RIDE WITH  
THE MAYOR**

**Bob Hart Square**  
Sign in 8:30am • Ride at 9am

Enjoy a leisurely ride on Merced's beautiful bikeways, with Mayor Matt Serratto. Meet at Bob Hart Square in downtown Merced and sign in at 8:30am. Ride starts at 9am and ends with a refreshment stop. Free bike related goodies while supplies last!

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

**May 1 – City Council Meeting**

**May 5 – Veterans Stand Down 2023**

**May 15 – City Council Meeting**

## **COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Below is a list of scheduled and pending items for Council's consideration. This list is updated each week as items are completed.

**MONDAY, May 1, 2023 (future items will be included as they are added by staff)**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(None at this time)

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

(None at this time)

### **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

- Mental Health Awareness
- Bike Month

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Approve legal services agreement with Telecom Law Firm
- Award bid to New Century Construction & Consulting for Ada Givens Pool Bathroom Rehabilitation Project
- Approve statement of services with Park Planet for Measure Y funded playground equipment replacement project
- Approve agreement with Granicus for professional services
- Award bid to T&S Intermodal Maintenance for regional park restroom project
- Adopt resolution agreeing to increase costs for Multijurisdictional Housing Element
- Introduction of ordinance amending standard specifications of the Merced Municipal Code

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Consider general plan amendment #22-03 to amend roadway classification
- Second public hearing to receive final comment on Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan
- Consider annexation of property into CFD No. 2003-2

### **REPORTS**

(None at this time)

### **BUSINESS**

(None at this time)

**MONDAY, May 15, 2023 (future items will be included as they are added by staff)**

CLOSED SESSION

(None at this time)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

(None at this time)

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- Foster Care Awareness Month
- Merced Employee Month

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve purchase of Sansio HealthEMS Master Software Licensing Agreement

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None at this time)

REPORTS

- FY 23/24 Budget
- Local Affordable Housing Funding Policy

BUSINESS

- Council Member Boyle's Request for Training