



COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

May 19, 2023

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES PICKLEBALL

Pickleball at McCombs Youth Center kicked off this week in partnership with the Merced Pickleball Group. Thank you, dedicated Pickleball instructors Ron Woyski and Jill Goodin.

Courts are available Tuesdays for youth ages ten and older and are open to adults every Thursday. Courts open at 6:30 PM with 30 minutes of instruction and two hours of open play. All levels are welcome, from beginners to aspiring pros.

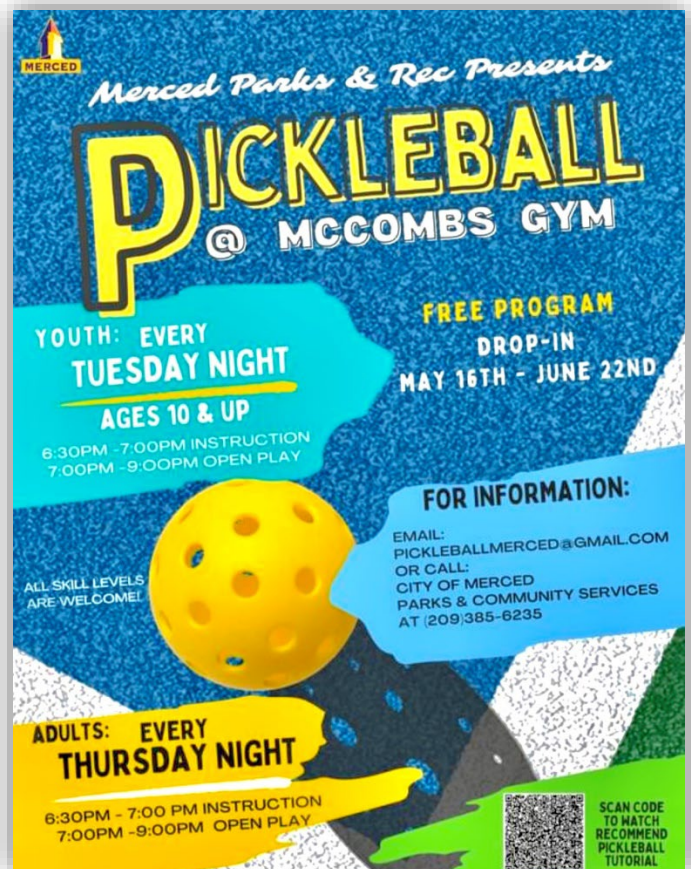
What is Pickleball?

Pickleball was created in 1965 in Bainbridge Island, Washington, by Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum. The three neighbors initially came up with the concept—using some old Ping-Pong paddles and a perforated ball on a badminton court—as a game to keep their bored kids busy on a rainy day.

Pickleball is played with a flat paddle instead of a stringed racket, as seen in tennis and badminton. Though the original paddles were cut out of wood by McCallum himself, today's modern versions come in various sizes and thickness levels to accommodate your style of play. However, the paddle length cannot exceed 17 inches.

The ball used in pickleball is plastic and perforated with anywhere from 26 to 40 holes, like a Wiffle ball. The holes create more drag and are much lighter and easier to hit than tennis balls. They're also responsible for the slightly slower pace of the game. The size of the ball is usually 2.87 to 2.97 inches in diameter, and the ball must be a single color.

The sport also requires a 3-foot-long net hung at 34 inches in the center. You also need a court space, which should be about 44 feet long and 20 feet wide.



CAREER DAY AT GRACEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City of Merced Police Officer William Avery recently attended the Gracey Elementary School career fair where he spoke to students in grades TK through 6th about a career in law enforcement.



CONGRATULATIONS OFFICER
GUEVARA

Officer Hermila Guevara recently passed the Merced Police Department Field Training Program and will be working at Merced College.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Every day, police officers put their lives on the line to protect and serve. They balance enormous responsibility and pressure every time they put on their uniforms. They work tirelessly, often facing challenging situations with courage and unwavering commitment. They perform a difficult, dangerous, and often thankless job with courage and dignity. Their sacrifices and dedication deserve our utmost respect and admiration.

To all the Merced Police Department men and women, thank you!



MERCED COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

This week, the law enforcement community came together in solidarity to remember and honor peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The Merced Police Department was honored to participate in the Merced County Peace Officers' 18th Annual Memorial Ceremony! Merced County Sheriff's Office hosted this event.





MERCED FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Merced Fire Department seeks community input to identify goals and objectives to develop the department’s five-year strategic plan.

The plan will serve as a roadmap to support the department’s future. For more information and to take the survey, visit www.engage.cityofmerced.org.



RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (RMA) VEHICLE SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP
Public Works recently hosted a commercial vehicle safety training.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for April 17th, 2023, through April 30th, 2023

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **5**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **370**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **12**

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 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.
- 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.
(No change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 6 new construction commercial permits issued during this period; 5 for storage and office buildings totaling 43,544 SF of storage and 1,200 SF of office for a mini storage located at 2275 and 2284 Cessna Ct, and one for a 2,739 SF Jack in the Box located at 77 S Parsons 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 1,920 SF metal building for vehicle maintenance located at 2155 Cooper Ave, and one for a 2,313 SF Chipotle located at 3120 Campus Pkwy.
- There were 4 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 16,000 SF indoor cannabis cultivation facility located at 115 Heron Wy, one for a 1,750 SF liquor store located at 429 W Main St, one for a 2,814 SF renovation to add a stage, foyer, restrooms, and storage for a church located at 938 W Main St, and one for a 1,165 SF chiropractic center located at 3630 G St, Ste B.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

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

Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for May 1st, 2023, through May 14th, 2023

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **370**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **8**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

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- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for a 896 SF convenience store located at 900 Loughborough Dr, Ste D.

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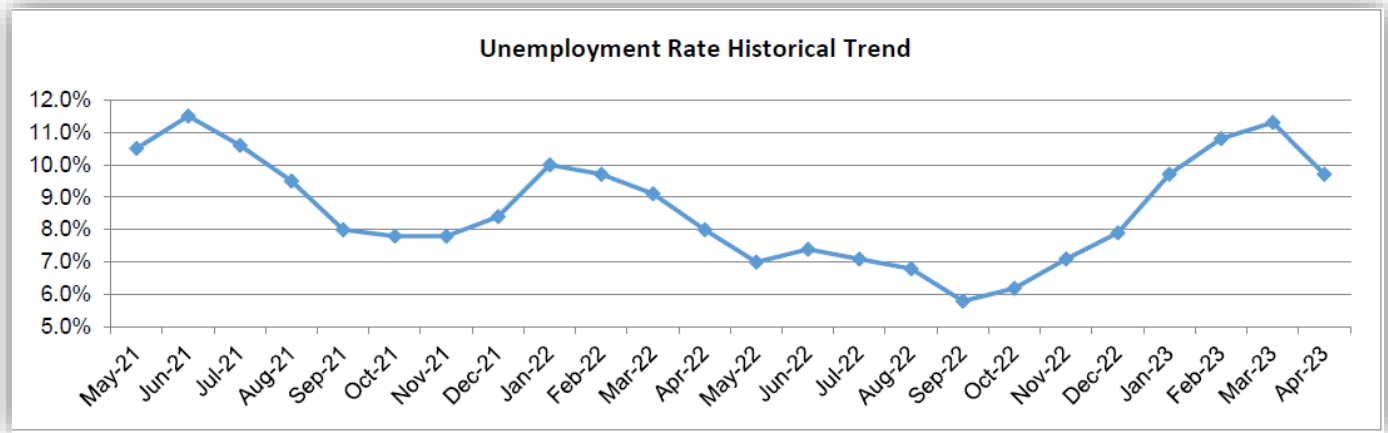
- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 3,948 SF convenience store including a 248 SF fuel canopy located at 3295 R St.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a 2,313 SF Chipotle located at 3120 Campus Pkwy, and one for a 4,388 SF dental office located at 3538 G St.


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Merced County Labor Market Information April 2023

The unemployment rate in the Merced County was 9.7 percent in April 2023, down from a revised 11.3 percent in March 2023, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for California and 3.1 percent for the nation during the same period. A copy of the LMI April 2023 report is attached.





MAY IS Mental Health Awareness Month in Merced County

Join us for an outreach event in honor of
Mental Health Awareness Month!

MAY 24, 2023 • 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
301 E. 13TH ST, MERCED, CA 95341
(IN THE BACK PARKING LOT ALONG 15TH STREET)

• MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES • ENTER DRAWINGS •
 • FREE T-SHIRTS • SNACKS •
 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Call 1-866-626-6472
 or email
MHSA@countyofmerced.com
 for more information




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**HITS 1
(Beginner)**

Session 1: June 6th-15th
 Session 3: July 6th-13th

**HITS 2
(Intermediate)**

Session 2: June 20th-29th
 Session 4: July 18th-27th

SUMMER SESSIONS
 9 AM - 12 PM | TUES. & THURS. | AGES: 6-10YRS
 1045 W. 25TH ST. MERCED, CA 95340
 (NEXT TO THE BASKETBALL COURT)

FREE

PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE
 (209) 385-6235 • 632 W. 18th ST
 MONDAY-FRIDAY • 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM





City of Merced Parks and Recreation

SWIMMING LESSONS

For children 6 months to 16 years

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MAY 1ST, AT 9:00AM IN
 OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 632 W. 18TH ST. MERCED

Swim lessons will be held at McNamara Pool
 Cost: \$35 per child per session

Sessions and Dates	Class Type and Age
Session 1: June 20 - 29	Parent & Me: 6 months-3 years Tiny Tots 1: Ages 3-5 Tiny Tots 2: Ages 4-6 Beginner Prep: Ages 7-10 Stroke Technique: Ages 8-16
Session 2: July 10 - 20	

Registration held May 1st - July 14th

Registration must be **IN PERSON** from May 1st - May 12th

Questions? Give us a call at (209) 385-6235

