



# COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

July 21, 2023

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORTS APPLEGATE ZOO

The Applegate Park Zoo received a landscaping clean-up courtesy of the Merced Stake Girls Camp 2023.

Over 50 girls from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints donated their time pulling weeds, raking, and hauling wood chips for their annual camp service project.

Because of past rainy weather, the grass and weeds had become overgrown around the zoo. Staff and campers worked to clear areas in front of the coyote, monkey, raccoon, and bear exhibits to give the animals a better view of visitors. The tortoise areas were also beautified, along with one of the entry exhibits where new wood chips were placed.



# ALIYAH MORENO

## ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

ALIYAH MORENO WAS BORN IN SACRAMENTO AND RAISED IN MERCED. SHE WAS INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DECIDED TO JOIN THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLORER PROGRAM. SHE FORMED PART OF THE EXPLORERS FOR 7 YEARS, EARNED HER RANK AS CAPTAIN BEFORE AGING OUT AND BECOMING AN EXPLORER ADVISOR.

SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN THE MENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD BEFORE JOINING MPD AS A COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION.

JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR NEWEST COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER MORENO! WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOU SUCCEED IN OUR MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



## Deputy Public Works Director Joe Angulo Retires

After 15 years of service, Joe Angulo will retire from the Public Works Department on Friday, July 21st.

Joe is a licensed Professional Geologist hired with the City in March 2008 as an Environmental Project Manager within the Engineering Department.

Joe was the lead project manager for various projects, including Well 20 and 21 and the PCE Groundwater Project. In December 2019, Joe transitioned to Public Works as the Acting Deputy Director of Public Works and settled into the full-time position in November 2020.

During his time at Public Works, Joe had a role in the day-to-day operations and various projects, including the WWTP Phase VI Upgrade Design Project. Joe's breadth of knowledge, project management experience, meticulous attention to detail, and steadfast character will be missed.

**Joe, the City of Merced, would like to wish you the very best in retirement.  
Congratulations, and thank you for all your years of service!**



## Merced Fire Awarded CERT Funding

In June, Merced City Fire was awarded \$25,000 for the Listos California Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Support Grant Program.

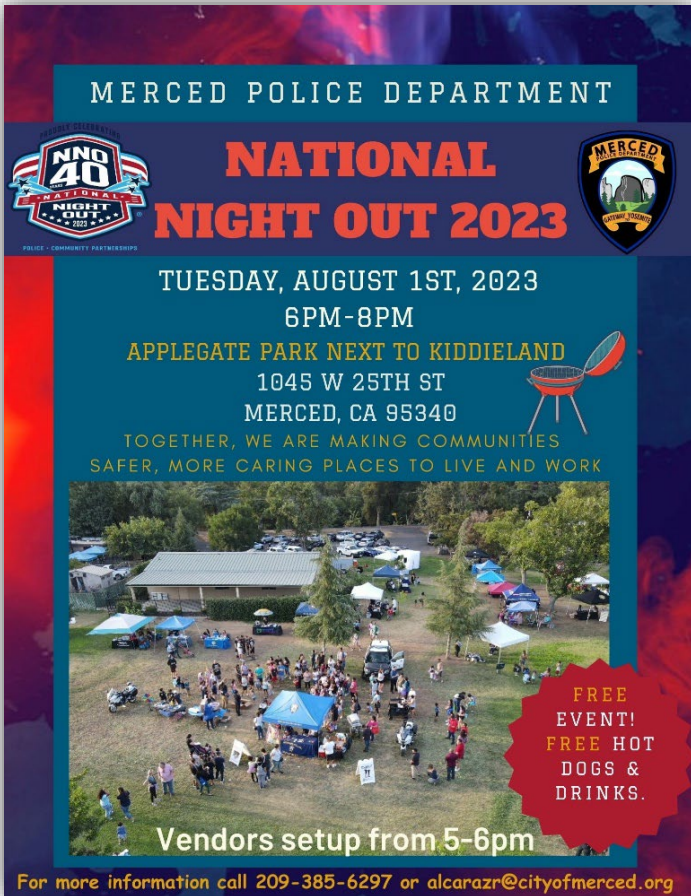
Funding supports existing and new CERT programs to serve vulnerable and underserved populations. The program focuses on training and services, with plans to expand citywide.

In collaboration with the Merced Firefighter's Scholars Foundation, the program's initial outreach provided 50 TDaP vaccinations to 967 7th-grade students at Weaver Middle School. The Weaver School District is comprised of 967 students, of which 629 (79.8%) receive free/reduced lunch, 215 (21.5%) are ESL students, and 677 students (70%) identify as Hispanic.

These vaccinations allow guardians/parents of these students to overcome financial barriers and obtain vaccinations for their children. These vaccinations protect the community and enable the school district to receive ADA funding.

Merced Fire Department will be at Movies at the Park on August 4 to share valuable information about emergency preparedness.





## National Night Out 2023 August 1, 2023

Hosted by the Merced Police Department, National Night Out enhances neighbors' and law enforcement relationships to encourage a true sense of community.

Save the Date! Tuesday, August 1st, from 6- 8 pm at Applegate Park.

To host a booth at this event, please submit an application at <https://www.cityofmerced.org/depa.../police/nationalnightout>.

For more information, please get in touch with Community Liaison Rosa Alcaraz at (209) 385-6297 or [alcarazr@cityofmerced.org](mailto:alcarazr@cityofmerced.org).

## Merced PD Supports Family Fun Day at Stephen Leonard Park

Recently, Merced Police Department Community Liaison Rosa Alcaraz and Fabiola Reyes with Valley Crisis Center participated in Mujeres Adelante's first Family Fun Day at Stephen Leonard Park.

Mujeres Adelante is a program that provides social and emotional support, education, and community referrals to families in need. This program strives to empower women to access resources and support services to help them learn essential skills for effective parenting.

