



# COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

December 01, 2023



## Merced PD Spreads Holiday Hope and Cheer

Recently, Captain Joseph Perez, Sergeants Jose Barajas, and Steven Odom brought smiles to a brave little hero in our community.

Reese, a child battling neurofibromatosis, captured the hearts of Merced PD with his courage and resilience.

After learning about Reese's admiration for police officers and his collection of patches, Merced PD made his day extra special with a surprise delivery of a basket filled with many of his favorite treats.

Thanks to Reese's mom, Shirley, for contacting the department and keeping the visit a surprise.



## Merced PD's DART Unit Expands

Welcome to the Merced Police Department's Disruptive Area Response Team (DART) Officer Timothy Farmer. Officer Farmer joins DART Officer Thomas Martinez and Sergeant Jose Barajas. Together, they are working to keep our community clean, vibrant, and safe.

DART is a specialized unit staffed by Sergeant Jose Barajas and Officers Thomas Martinez and Timothy Farmer. The team is responsible for investigations in the City of Merced.

Some of these investigations include:

- Blight issues in the city
- Community outreach
- Family reunification
- Human trafficking investigations
- Illegal indoor marijuana grows
- Marijuana abatements
- Rehousing of those in need
- VICE Operations

DART officers are trained in these areas of law enforcement and continue to help build a safer community.



## Local Kindergartners Tour Fire Station 54

Merced City Fire Station 54 recently hosted kindergarten classes from Charles Wright Elementary School for station tours. E-54 personnel taught the students about the importance of fire safety and preparedness. Students also learned about firefighter gear and equipment and the understanding of the daily life of a firefighter.



### Community Conversations

Tune in this Saturday, December 2nd to listen to Fire Chief Derek Parker's interview on Community Conversations. Parker will share information about the department's upcoming study session to talk about Advance Life Support Transport (ALS) for the city and County Emergency Medical Services Agency (MCEMSA) request for proposal.

PD Dispatcher Brewer Participates in FD Ride Along

City of Merced Dispatcher Tiffany Brewer recently participated in a ride along with City of Merced Fire Station 51. Brewer joined with an interest in better understanding what happens when the fire department receives a 911 call. Tiffany participated in morning drills involving rescue, forcible entry, breathing apparatus, hose management, and water application.



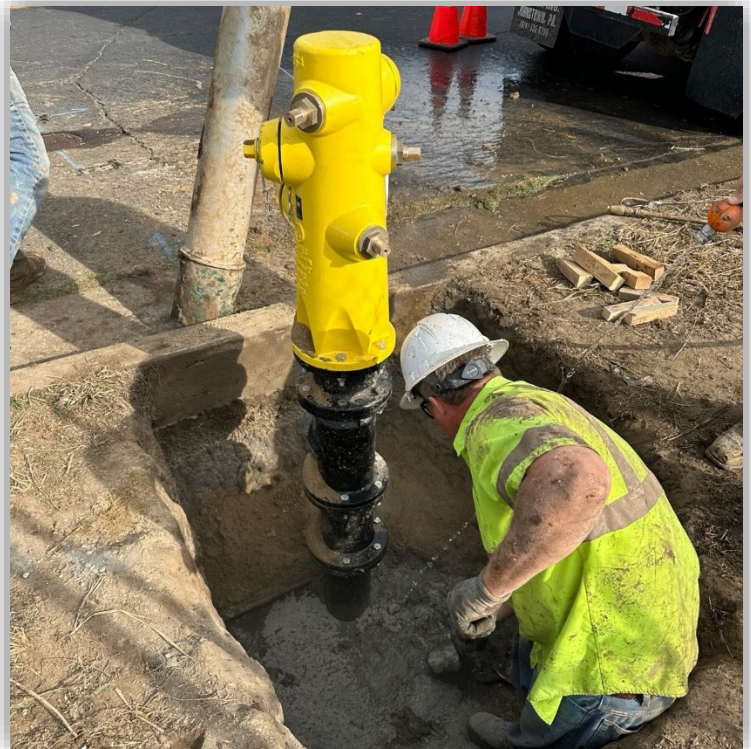
Public Works in Action



Crews replaced a broken ¾" shut off valve at the 300 block of R Street.



Crews repaired an 8" water main line at the 2100 block of Arden Lane



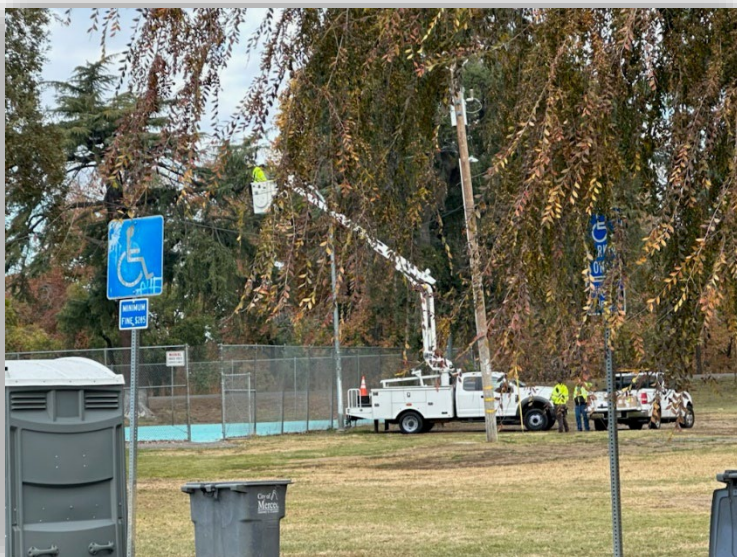
Crews replaced a defective fire hydrant at W. North Bear Creek and Hwy 99.



Crews repaired a 10” water main line break at the 1000 block of W. Childs Ave.



Crews tapped into a 16” water main line for a new 10” water Service at Mission Rd and Tyler Ave.



PW crews replacing existing lights with LED lights at Applegate Park.

Work continues with the mini-park playground replacement project at Richard Drew Park



### Santa Claus is coming to town!

Join Parks and Community Services on December 16th at the Merced Senior Community Center for Breakfast with Santa.

Pre-registration is required. Register with the Parks and Community Services Department at 632 W. 18th Street. Two-time slots are available—\$ 10 per person, including adults. Children ages 0-5 are free.

Parks and Community Services office hours are M- F, 9 am-5 pm. The office is closed at lunchtime from 12-1 pm.

City of Merced Parks and Community Services  
Presents

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**You're Invited!**

December 16th

Session 1: 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Session 2: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Location:  
Merced Senior Community Center  
755 W 15th st.

COST: \$10 PER PERSON  
SPACE WILL BE LIMITED!  
\*CHILDREN AGES 0-5 ARE FREE\*

\*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED\*  
REGISTER AT 632 W. 18TH ST OR CALL  
OUR OFFICE AT 385-6235 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

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PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

HOLIDAY CRAFTS    COOKIE DECORATING    PICTURES WITH SANTA

## Meet Freddie Mercury

The Merced Applegate Zoo would like to thank the staff and students of Franklin, Don Stowell, Peterson Elementary Schools, and Tenaya Middle School, who participated in the naming of our new Great Horned Owl.

The Zoo Crew provided a list of names for students to vote on and a short activity with information about our owl. Based on the votes of the participating classrooms, the winning name is Freddie!

The name Freddie is a nod to the Owl's Rockstar personality, inspired by Freddie Mercury of Queen.

Hello my name is

*Freddie* !





**Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **188**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **6**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- 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.
- Emerald Village: 228 units in 18 buildings totaling 21,440 SF of living space, plus a 1,736 SF clubhouse located at 3622 N Hwy 59.  
(no change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

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

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period; for a shell/TI combo for a 4,630 SF convenience store located at 1295 Yosemite Ave.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for the above shell TI combo at 1295 Yosemite Ave., and one for accessibility upgrades at 3400 Parsons Ave.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 358 SF addition to an existing dental office for new exam rooms located at 2540 M St.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; for a 1,922 SF renovation for a new medical office located at 125 E 18<sup>th</sup> St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There was 1 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofO issued for this period; for a 4,088 SF 7-11 located at 1995 W. Olive Ave.

**Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **21**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **174**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **1**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

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- There were 3 new tenant improvement permits submitted during this period; one for a kitchen remodel at the Merced Applegate Park Zoo located at 1045 W 25<sup>th</sup> St., one for a 3,900 SF tenant improvement for Mattress Firm located at 3116 R St., and one for a 700 SF kitchen remodel for Denny's located at 1128 W 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There was 1 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofO issued for this period; for the 9,215 SF Homekey Project, consisting of 24 residential units, located at 1510 Hwy 140.


## Cops and Fire for Kids

The Merced Police Department is accepting donations for its Cops and Fire for Kids program. Community contributions will positively impact the lives of children. Donate by December 6<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Merced PD Community Liaison Rosa Alcaraz at (209) 385-6297 or [alcarazr@cityofmerced.org](mailto:alcarazr@cityofmerced.org).

**2023 Toy Drive Drop off Location:**

- Aloha Florist, 2832 G Street
- Bagel Tyme, 3040 Park Ave Unit D
- California Autism Center, 1160 West Olive Avenue Suite E
- City of Merced Public Work Corp Yard, 1776 Grogan Ave
- City Hall, 687 W 8th Street
- Fire Station #51, 99 E 16th Street
- Fire Station #53, 800 Loughborough Dr.
- Fire Station #55, 3520 N Parsons Avenue
- Flanagan Realty, 2098 G Street
- Merced City School District Office, 444 W 23rd Street
- Merced Police Department Central Station, 611 W 22nd St
- Merced Police Department South Station, 470 W 11th Street
- Merced School Employee Federal Credit Union, 1021 Olivewood Drive
- Merced School Employee Federal Credit Union, 1935 M Street
- Merced Mall, 851 W Olive Ave
- MERCO Credit Union, 1911 M Street
- Mercy Hospital, 333 Mercy Ave
- West America 490 West Olive & 605 W 18th.
- Merced Golf & Country Club
- Toyota Merced, Auto Center Drive

**Last day to donate at these locations is Dec 6th! If you want to donate after, please drop off at the Police or Fire station!**



**2023 Toy Drive Drop off Location:**

- Radio Merced 514 West 19th Street
- Village Terrance Apartment Complex, 3827 San Jose Avenue
- Merced Golf & Country Club, 6333 North Golf Rd
- Ron Smith Buick (GMC), 1900 Auto Center Dr.
- JNT Auto Repair, 210 W 15th St
- West America Bank, 490 W Olive Ave
- Mix Bakery, 1110 W 16th St
- Garton Tractor Inc., 700 C-59
- Cruickshank Middle School, 601 Mercy Ave
- Crystalland, Inside Merced Mall 851 W Olive Ave
- Anberry Transitional Care, 1000 W Yosemite Ave
- Water Quality Control
- Raley's, 3550 N. G St
- Travis Credit Union, 1194 W Olive Avenue
- Trevino's Mexican Restaurant, 408 W Main St
- Village Landing Apartment Complex, 3601 San Jose Avenue
- Lowe's, 1750 W Olive Ave Merced
- El Captain High School, 100 Farmland Ave
- Four H, 1750 Wardrobe Ave
- State Farm, 830 W 19th St.
- UC Merced
- Elite Uniforms

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# ALBION JUNIORS

## YOUTH OUTDOOR REC LEAGUE COED AGES 3-14

**STARTING/CUANDO**  
JANUARY 21

**AGES 3-6**  
PLAY IN  
INFLATABLE  
ENCLOSURE

**COST/CUESTA**  
\$55

**EDADES DE 3-6**  
JUGARÁN  
CON PAREDES  
INFLABLES

**LOCATION/LUGAR**  
MCNAMARA PARK  
1040 CANAL ST.

**REGISTER AT :**  
**SOCCER EXPRESS**  
1033 W MAIN ST. MERCED  
(209) 724-0414

**OR AGUILERAS MARKET**  
6982 N WINTON WAY  
(209) 233-4809

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
JANUARY 6

**FECHA LÍMITE DE INSCRIPCIÓN**  
JANUARY 6

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CITY OF MERCED PARKS & RECREATION

# ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2024

Men's League Now Forming:  
18 and older and out of High School

Season runs January- April 2024  
Games played on Sundays only

**Registration Period:**  
November 8th, 2023 - December 29, 2023

**Team entry fee:**  
\$600

**Format:**  
10 games guaranteed plus playoffs  
Location: El Capitan or Merced High School  
Gymnasium

**Mandatory Manager meeting:**  
Date: January 8th, 2024  
Location: 632 w 18th St. Sam Pipes rm.

Registration forms are available at our  
Parks & Recreation Office

Parks & Recreation  
632 W. 18th St, Merced  
Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM)  
For more information call (209) 385-6235 or  
email Kindavongl@cityofmerced.org



*All I want for Christmas*

# MERCED CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

**BOB HART SQUARE**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Parade Kickoff             | 3 pm |
| Santa Pictures & Hot Cocoa | 5 pm |
| Musical Performances       | 5 pm |
| Tree Lighting              | 6 pm |

Parade Registration Deadline is Friday, November 17th



**Email questions to: [mercedchristmasparade@gmail.com](mailto:mercedchristmasparade@gmail.com)**

**Participate in the parade!**  
Scan the code above with your phone or visit [bit.ly/mercedparade](http://bit.ly/mercedparade) to register by Friday, November 17, 2023.

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**CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS**





DEC. 2ND  
1-10PM

N. ST. BETWEEN  
MAIN & 16TH

TIOGA SEQUOIA BREWING CO.

# NOT SO SILENT NIGHT



**BEER FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS & SANTA!**

MUSIC BY: SAP, COVERS, SOUND REMEDY & DJ GENE PEREZ

PROCEEDS SUPPORT MERCED FIREFIGHTERS' SCHOLARS FOUNDATION & THE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS PROGRAM







# CITY OF MERCED

City Council Chamber  
Merced Civic Center  
678 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340

## Meeting Agenda

### Planning Commission

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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Merced Civic  
Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

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#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

##### WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE MERCED PLANNING COMMISSION

At least 72 hours prior to each regular Planning Commission meeting, a complete agenda packet is available for review on the City's website at [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org) or at the Planning Division Office, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. All public records relating to an open session item that are distributed to a majority of the Commission will be available for public inspection at the Planning Division Office during regular business hours. The Planning Commission also serves as the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Design Review/Historic Preservation Commission.

##### PUBLIC COMMENT: OBTAIN SPEAKER CARD FROM THE CLERK

Members of the audience who wish to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a speaker card available at the podium against the right-hand side of the Council Chamber. Please submit the completed card to the Clerk before the item is called, preferably before the meeting begins. Speakers will be called up, 3 to 5 at a time, in the order in which the forms are received. Please use the microphone and state your name and city of residence for the record. For permits, licenses, and other entitlements, the applicant will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), the appellant/leader of the opposition will be allowed 15 minutes (including rebuttal), and all other speakers shall have 5 minutes each, unless the number of speakers is over 3, which in that case, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. For all other issues, for 3 or less speakers, 5 minutes each and for over 3 speakers, 3 minutes each shall be allotted. A timer clock is located above the City Council dais illuminating the remaining time. Once the buzzer sounds, please be courteous and conclude your remarks.

Material may be emailed to [planningweb@cityofmerced.org](mailto:planningweb@cityofmerced.org) and should be limited to 300 words or less. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item # or Oral Communications. Your comments will be presented to the Planning Commission at the appropriate time. Any correspondence received after 1 PM will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record.

You may provide telephonic comments via voicemail by calling (209) 388-7390 by no later than 1 PM on the day of the meeting to be added to the public comment. Voicemails will be limited to a time limit of one (1) minute. Please specify which portion of the agenda you are commenting on, for example, Item #, Consent item #, or Oral Communications. Your comments will be played during the Planning Commission meeting at the appropriate time.

## INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Accommodation for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting the Planning Division at (209) 385-6858. Assisted hearing devices are available for meetings held in the Council Chamber.

### A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Moment of Silence

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

### B. ROLL CALL

### C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public who wish to speak on any matter not listed on the agenda may speak during this portion of the meeting and will be allotted 5 minutes. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, reduce the time to 3 minutes if there are more than 3 speakers, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. State law prohibits the Planning Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak on a matter that is listed on the agenda will be called upon to speak during discussion of that item. Please submit a Request to Speak card prior to the item being called.

### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Consent Calendar may be made with one motion of the Planning Commission provided that any Planning Commission member, individual, or organization may request removal of an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. If a request for removal of an item from the Consent Calendar has been received, the item will be discussed and voted on separately. With Consent items, there is generally no staff presentation but staff is available for questions.

D.1 [23-1070](#)      **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of November 8, 2023

**ACTION:**

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of November 8, 2023

### E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

Members of the public who wish to speak on public hearings listed on the agenda will be heard when the Public Hearing is opened, except on Public Hearing items previously heard and closed to public comment. After the public has commented, the item is closed to further public comment and brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Further comment will not be received unless requested by the Commission.

**E.1**     [23-1033](#)     **SUBJECT:** Report to Introduce Annexation and Pre-zoning Application #23-03, General Plan Amendment #23-04, and Environmental Review #23-44 for the Virginia Smith Trust (VST) Property, Generally Located at the northeast corner of Cardella and Lake Roads

**ACTION**

No action required.

**SUMMARY**

This is an information session on the VST Annexation. On December 20, 2023, the Planning Commission will be asked to evaluate Annexation and Pre-zoning Application #23-03, General Plan Amendment #23-04, and Environmental Review #23-44 for the Virginia Smith Trust property and make a recommendation to the City Council.

**E.2**     [23-1081](#)     **SUBJECT:** Adoption of amended resolution regarding General Plan Amendment #17-02 and Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to Planned Development (P-D) #42 for land within the Bellevue Ranch Master Development Plan (BRMDP) area.

**ACTION:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Recommendation to City Council (adoption of an amended Resolution)

- 1) Environmental Review #17-07 (*Addendum to General Plan EIR*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #17-02
- 3) Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to Planned

Development (P-D)

#42

**CITY COUNCIL:**

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #17-07 (*Addendum to General Plan EIR*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #17-02
- 3) Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to Planned

Development (P-D)

#42

**SUMMARY**



The Planning Commission is being asked to adopt an amended resolution regarding their recommendation of approval for General Plan Amendment #17-02, Site Utilization Plan Revision #12 to Planned Development (P-D) #42, and Environmental Review #17-07. This action would clarify the acreage affected by the proposed land use changes as well as the villages and lots affected.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt the amended resolution at Attachment B clarifying their recommendation to the City Council to approve Environmental Review #17-07 (*Addendum to the General Plan EIR*), General Plan Amendment #17-02, and Site Utilization Plan Revision # 12 to Planned Development (P-D) #42.

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

F.1 [23-1072](#) **SUBJECT:** Report by City Manager of Upcoming Agenda Items

**ACTION**

Information only.

F.2 [23-1073](#) **SUBJECT:** Calendar of Meetings/Events

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| Dec | 4  | City Council, 6:00 p.m.                                 |
|     | 6  | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.                          |
|     | 12 | Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 4:00 p.m     |
|     | 18 | City Council, 6:00 p.m.                                 |
|     | 20 | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.                          |
| Jan | 2  | City Council, 6:00 p.m.                                 |
|     | 3  | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. <b>(To be cancelled)</b> |
|     | 16 | City Council, 6:00 p.m.                                 |
|     | 17 | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m.                          |

**G. ADJOURNMENT**