



COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

February 23, 2024

City of Merced Welcomes New Police Officers

This week, with friends, family and members of the Merced Police Department, the City of Merced held a swearing-in ceremony to welcome four new police officers to their ranks. Police Chief Steven Stanfield administered the oath of office to Officers Alex Mora, Alejandro Maldonado, Levi Crain, and Emeterio Cuevas. The addition of these officers strengthens the City of Merced’s community policing capabilities and underscores the department’s dedication to ensuring the safety and security of its residents. “The City of Merced warmly welcomes Officers Mora, Maldonado, Crain, and Cuevas to our police force and thanks them for their commitment to serving our community,” said Police Chief Stanfield.



Left to right: City Manager Scott McBride, Police Chief Steven Stanfield, Officers Levi Crain, Emeterio Cuevas, Alex Mora, Alejandro Maldonado, and Captain Joey Perez





National Engineering Week - Celebrating the City of Merced Engineering Team

Let's pause and acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our City of Merced engineering team. Their efforts are the foundation of our community's infrastructure. Their responsibilities include:

- **Managing Capital Improvement Projects:** From roadways to utilities, they ensure our city's vital systems are upgraded and maintained.
- **Overseeing Construction Contracts and Activities:** Their meticulous eye ensures quality workmanship in every project.
- **Developing Standard Designs:** Their expertise shapes the blueprint for our city's growth.
- **Providing Engineering and Technical Assistance:** They collaborate with other departments, offering invaluable insights.
- **Procuring, Monitoring, and Reporting on Infrastructure Grants:** Their diligence secures funding for essential projects.
- **Ensuring Compliance with Laws:** Local, regional, state, and federal regulations are their compass.

Thank you, engineering team, for your invaluable contributions.

Future Leaders Visit City Hall

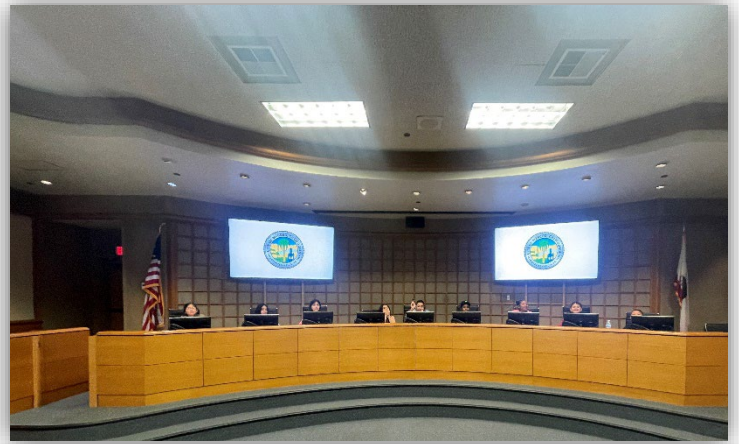
This week, Merced City Hall and Police Department hosted a group of bright young minds from the Boys & Girls Club of Merced County. The visit was part of an ongoing initiative to educate and inspire our youth about city government, business operations, and the importance of being active and engaged citizens.

During their time at City Hall, the enthusiastic group had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the various aspects of city governance, including how decisions are made, the role of city officials, and the importance of community involvement. They met city representatives, explored different departments, and learned about the diverse services provided to our community.

The visit emphasized the significance of being good citizens, taking pride in their city, and contributing positively to its growth and development.

As we continue to invest in the future of Merced, initiatives like these play a crucial role in empowering our youth and fostering a sense of civic duty and engagement.

We thank the Boys & Girls Club of Merced County for their partnership and look forward to more visits from future leaders.



Exploring City Services: Boys & Girls Club Visits the Merced Police Department.



Enhancing Fire Department Preparedness: The Role of Arizona Vortex Training

The Merced Fire Department recently completed a roll-out training program focused on the Arizona Vortex. This specialized equipment is being integrated into their technical rescue operations. Specifically, it will be carried on the Tiller Truck and utilized for confined space rescues and technical rope operations. With multiple configuration options, it provides a greater level of flexibility during critical rescue scenarios. As the department continues prioritizing safety and excellence, investing in advanced training like this equips the department with the skills and tools needed to protect our community.



Merced PD Hosts Community Awareness Event

On February 22, the Merced Police Department screened the film "California's Forgotten Children" to raise awareness about human trafficking. The department appreciates everyone who participated and learned about this critical issue.

Human trafficking is a pervasive crime that affects individuals of all ages, including vulnerable children. By informing ourselves and staying vigilant, we can work together to combat this heinous crime and protect our community's most vulnerable members.

If you suspect any signs of human trafficking or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Your cooperation and awareness are crucial in our efforts to keep our community safe.



Inspection Services Bi-weekly Report for February 5th, 2024, through February 18th, 2024

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **17**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **112**
- 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 142,416 SF of living space, plus a 1,736 SF clubhouse located at 3622 N Hwy 59.
- Devonwood Apartments: 156 units in 5 buildings totaling 146,724 SF of living space, plus a 3,696 SF clubhouse located on the 1500 block of Devonwood Dr.
(No change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

- There were 0 multi-family 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 0 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; for a 4,053 SF IMAX theater upgrade in the existing theater located at 403 W. Main St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 2 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofOs issued for this period; one for a 19,172 SF AutoZone relocated to 1158 W Main St., and one for a new 2,313 SF Chipotle located at 3120 Campus Pkwy.

SAVE THE DATE Earth Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th 2024
10am-2pm

**APPLEGATE PARK
MOAT**
(MERCED OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER)
26TH & N ST

EDUCATION | CONSERVATION | SUSTAINABILITY | CLEAN AIR EMISSIONS

VENDORS WANTED PLEASE CONTACT (209) 385-6854

REGISTER HERE

VALERIE THORSEN
MERCED
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

City of Merced

BADMINTON Clinic

with Coach Jim Xu

Ages: 16 & up

**SUNDAYS
9AM -12PM**

\$5 drop-in fee
or
\$15 a month

@ THE MCCOMBS GYM
615 W. 15 TH STREET

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION VISIT OR CALL: **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**
632 W 18TH STREET
(209) 385-6235

DISCLAIMER
Availability of class is subject to cancellation or change.

City of Merced
Parks & Recreation and Dignity Health Presents

FREE ZUMBA CLASS

When: Every Tuesday, Starting Feb. 13th
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: Merced Senior Community Center
755 w. 15th street

Pre-registration required due to limited space.
Scan QR code to pre-register.
Must register to receive links for weekly class sign-ups.
For more information call (209)385-6235

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CITY OF MERCED PARKS & RECREATION

ADULT SPRING SOFTBALL

**REGISTRATION
JAN 16TH- MAR 8TH**
\$600 per team (11 Games)

** A \$300 DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE TO SECURE A TEAM SPOT **
FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 11, 2024

15 PLAYER MINIMUM PER TEAM/ROSTER
\$15 FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYERS

LEAGUES:
MEN'S (TUES/WED)
WOMEN'S (TBD)
COED (THURS.)
INDUSTRIAL (TBD)

SEASON BEGINS WEEK OF MARCH 25TH
SEASON ENDS WEEK OF JUNE 10TH

MANAGER'S MEETING
MARCH 11TH, 2024
SAM PIPES ROOM
678 W 18TH ST.

WOMEN'S & COED: 5:30 PM
MEN'S & INDUSTRIAL: 6:30 PM

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) 385-6854 or email martinez@cityofmerced.org



THE WALL THAT HEALS
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER
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A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
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March 28 - 31, 2024
(Free to the public)

Merced College
3600 M Street
Merced, CA 95348

Presenting Sponsors:
Mike and Lori Gallo
&
Linda and Kenny Jelacich



For additional information, please visit
www.thewallthatheals-merced.com

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**MOTORCYCLE
ESCORTS NEEDED**

Merced Sunrise Rotary invites area motorcyclists and motorcycle groups to participate in an escort of "The Wall That Heals," a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, from **Atwater, CA to Merced, CA** on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024** (rain or shine).

Riders are requested to **gather by 12PM** at Stage Stop-Atwater (601 Atwater Blvd, Atwater, CA) with **kickstands up at 1PM**, and **arrival by 2PM** at Merced College (3600 M Street, Merced, CA).

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ride Captains **Adam Conour** at 209-626-9906 or **Andre Matthews** 209-981-5902.

For additional information, please visit www.thewallthatheals-merced.com

City of Merced
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2024
TO: City Council
FROM: Scott McBride, City Manager
SUBJECT: Actions at the Planning Commission Meeting of February 21, 2024

At their meeting of February 21, 2024, the Commission cancelled the March 6, 2024, Planning Meeting due to the majority of Commissioners attending the Planning Commissioners Academy.

The Commission received information and training regarding the Brown Act.

If you have any questions about these items, please feel free to contact me.

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