



THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

March 29 2024

SCENES FROM SOUTH MERCED COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

It takes a community, and we live in a proud one! Every other month, Merced holds a community cleanup in different areas of the city. This past Saturday, more than 200 people showed up in South Merced to give back. Community members, including the coach and athletes from the El Cap High School football program, college students, families, Merced PD's Explorers, and our Public Works Refuse crews showed up to fill two rear loaders and load five large roll-off containers!

Community cleanups build and strengthen bonds within neighborhoods. They beautify shared spaces and cultivate a connection to the environment and an awareness of responsibility. Thanks to Central Valley Community Foundation and Sam Cafe for sponsoring the event. Stay tuned for information about our clean up in June!



FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS

E54 members showing Charles Wright Elementary School kindergarten class what it takes to be a firefighter today.



MASTERING WILDERNESS ROPE RIGGING

Members of a class at the 27th Annual Fresno Symposium, organized by the California Training Officers Section of the California Fire Chiefs Association, participated in rope rigging exercises focused on wildland incidents. Held in Fresno and Fresno County, the symposium offered courses for firefighters of all ranks, including Fire Chiefs. One such course, REMS (Rapid Extrication Module Support) on Wildland Incidents, spanned four days and emphasized rope rigging in wilderness settings. The curriculum covered NFPA equipment ratings, OSHA regulations, load calculations, incident command, case studies, small team rigging, and equipment orientation for use in remote environments. With three days dedicated to hiking in remote areas for practical scenarios, the class required physical readiness from participants, who were encouraged to bring their equipment and maintain a positive attitude throughout the training.



THE WALL THAT HEALS

The Wall That Heals has arrived in Merced and will be displayed from March 28 to March 31, 2024, at Merced College. The Merced Sunrise Rotary hosts the exhibit in association with Merced College. It brings the official three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C., and a mobile education center to Merced.

What is The Wall That Heals? It is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., that travels across the country. The exhibit honors the more than 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. armed forces in the Vietnam War and bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Visit, <https://thewallthatheals-merced.com>.



Before and after photos of Flanagan Park. Thanks to Stoneridge Christian School students for volunteering to help spread fibar at the playground area.



INSPIRING FUTURE LEADERS AT SHEEHY ELEMENTARY

Officer Flores had the privilege of visiting Sheehy Elementary School at the invitation of Ms. Christy Quiralte. Officer Flores engaged with the TK students, sharing insights about his career, and reading a book about police officers. The Merced Police Department fosters positive relationships with our community, especially with our future leaders.



YOUNG ASPIRING OFFICER'S SURPRISE VISIT DELIGHTS SERGEANT RINDER

Sergeant Rinder unexpectedly received a visit from a young child aspiring to be a police officer. The child expressed his dream of joining the department one day and stopped by the station, hoping to meet an officer. In response, Sgt. Rinder gave the child a bag filled with MPD items to remember his visit. This gesture highlights Sgt. Rinder's support for aspiring officers in the community.



Water Department crews replaced a fire hydrant on Canal St & Main St.



Water Department crews attended a demo for a hydrovac truck.



Water Department crews replaced a broken water main line valve and a fire hydrant at Marthella Ave.



This week marked a significant milestone in constructing the replacement terminal at Merced Yosemite Regional Airport with the installation of concrete footings and pedestals.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! BECOME A COACH OR TEAM PARENT



 PRE-REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER 3/18 - 3/27 TO RECEIVE PRIORITY PLAYER REGISTRATION

 SHIRT & SPECIAL TICKET SWEEPSTAKES OPPORTUNITIES

 TRAINING & PRACTICE PLANS PROVIDED. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST HEART!

SCAN TO PRE-REGISTER



PRE-REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 18
* General registration opens April 1

AVAILABLE ROLES

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Parent

TIME COMMITMENT


2-3 Hours/Week
Practice and game schedules vary by league and location.

SEASON DATES

June 12-August 5*
Start and end dates vary by league!


QUESTIONS?

E: jrgiants@sfgiants.com
P: 415-972-2430



FREE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CO-ED YOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE


JUNIOR GIANTS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY
-ALL ARE WELCOME TO PLAY!



CONFIDENCE
TEAMWORK
LEADERSHIP
INTEGRITY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

TO SIGN UP, VISIT:



GOJRGIANTS.ORG

City of Merced
Sign up online starting April 1 at gojrgiants.org!
League starts early June | Ages 5-13

For questions, please contact:
Fritzi Martinet
(209) 385-6855 | martinet@cityofmerced.org

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City of Merced Parks & Community Services Presents

INTO THE WILD SUMMER WILDERNESS CAMP

**ONE WEEK SESSIONS
JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 2ND**


Parks and Rec invite your child to get "Into the Wild" at our Summer Wilderness Camp!



Nature-based activities include
Birdwatching | Flora & Fauna education with Zoo Keepers | Learn Survival Skills | Special Guests & So Much More!

8AM - 12 PM | \$50 PER CHILD/WEEK | GRADES: K-6TH
ROSSOTTI ED-ZOO-CATION CENTER
1045 W 25TH ST. MERCED CA

REGISTER IN OUR OFFICE
632 W. 18TH ST
9 AM-12 PM & 1-5 PM
(209) 385-6855

Lunch Included
Space is Limited




USTA NORCAL
CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND RECREATION

TENNIS H.I.T.S.

Honesty.Integrity.Teamwork.Sportsmanship.

HITS 1
(Beginner)

Session 1: June 11th-20th
Session 3: July 9th-18th

HITS 2
(Intermediate)

Session 2: June 25th-July 2nd
Session 4: July 23rd-Aug 1st

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

FREE
Scan here for Application



PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE
(209) 385-6855 • 632 W. 18th ST
MONDAY-FRIDAY • 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM









MERCED PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUMMER WILDERNESS CAMP.

MON-FRI 8AM-12PM
\$50 A CHILD/WEEK
GRADES K-6TH
APPLEGATE PARK
ROSSOTTI ED-ZOO-CATION CENTER
REGISTRATION APRIL 8TH



CITY OF MERCED
TEALTOP STICK TO FITNESS

SESSION 1: JUNE 10TH & 17TH
SESSION 2: JUNE 24TH & JULY 1ST
SESSION 3: JULY 8TH & 15TH
SESSION 4: JULY 22ND & 29TH

9 AM - 12 PM | MON | 3RD-6TH
 APPLEGATE PARK TEAL TOP
 1045 W. 25TH ST.
 MERCED, CA 95340
 (NEXT TO THE BASKETBALL COURT)

FREE!
 Space is limited.

Improve your technical skill & be the best hockey player you are dreaming of

Scan here for Application



APPLICATIONS MAY BE TURNED IN OR PICKED UP AT THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE
 632 W. 18TH ST.
 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM

MERCED PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



MERCED PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
 City of Merced Parks and Community Services

Save the Date

Registration begins...
APRIL 8

SUMMER WILDERNESS CAMP

JUNE 10TH- AUG. 2ND
MONDAY-FRIDAYS

TEALTOP HOCKEY

JUNE 10TH- JULY 31ST
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

TENNIS H.I.T.S.

JUNE 10TH- AUG. 1ST
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Grade: K-6th
 Time: 8 am-12:30 pm
 Location: Rossotti Ed-Zoo-Cation Center
 8 weeks available
 \$50/ week

INTO THE WILD SUMMER WILDERNESS CAMP

Grade: 3rd-6th
 Time: 9am-12pm
 Location: Applegate Park Teal Top
 Session 1: 06/10-06/21
 Session 2: 06/24- 07/05
 Session 3: 07/08-07/19
 Session 4: 07/22-07/31
 (Free; Space is limited)

TEALTOP HOCKEY

Grades: 1st-6th
 Time: 9am-12pm
 Location: Applegate Park Teal Top
 Session I: 06/11-06/21
 Session II: 06/25- 07/05
 Session I: 07/09-07/19
 Session II: 07/23-08/01
 (Free; Space is limited)

TENNIS H.I.T.S.

If you have any questions call (209) 385-6855 or visit our office located at 632 W 18th St

INSPECTION SERVICES BI-WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARCH 4TH, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 17TH, 2024

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **3**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **111**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **15**

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.
- 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.

MFD permits issued:

- There was 1 multi-family permit issued during this period, for a 2,600 SF duplex located at 531 Childs Ave.

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit issued during this period, for a 53,073 SF School District Support Center located at 2111 Wardrobe Ave.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 4,600 SF tenant space split located at 355 W Main St., and one for the 53,073 SF interior improvements for the School District Support Center located at 2111 Wardrobe Ave.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period; for a 277 SF Bathroom expansion located at 353 E Donna Dr.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; to remove and replace racking at Costco located at 1445 R St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

- There were 2 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofOs issued for this period; one for the 10,035 SF 25-unit Homekey Project located at 1221 V St, and one for the 15,170 SF 40 unit Homekey Project located at 1590 Highway 140.



CITY OF MERCED

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

Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

6:00 PM

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

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 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 back 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 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 [24-316](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Minutes of February 21, 2024

ACTION:

Approving and filing the Planning Commission Minutes of February 21, 2024

D.2 [24-257](#) **SUBJECT:** Planning Commission Annual Attendance Report

ACTION

Reviewing and approving the Annual Attendance Report.

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 [24-254](#)

SUBJECT: Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1324 (“Bellevue Ranch North Village 29-A”) initiated by Benchmark Engineering, applicant for Bellevue Merced, LLC, property owner. This application involves the subdivision of approximately 27.35 acres into 140 single-family lots ranging in size generally between 5,000 square feet and 13,250 square feet. This property is generally located at the northwest corner of M Street (extension) and Conrad Street (future), within Planned Development (P-D) #42 with a Low Density Residential (LD) General Plan Designation; *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify

- 1) Environmental Review #22-41 (CEQA 15162 Findings and CEQA 15183 Exemption)
- 2) Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1324

SUMMARY

The subject site is located at the northwest corner of M Street (extension) and Conrad Street (future), as shown at Attachments B and C. The proposed subdivision would subdivide approximately 27.35 acres of land into 140 single-family lots (Attachment C). The lots would generally range in size between 5,000 square feet and 13,250 square feet. This site is part of the Bellevue Ranch Master Development Plan (northern portion as shown at Attachment D) and is commonly referred to as Village 29-A of Bellevue Ranch North.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #22-41 (CEQA Section 15162 Findings and 15183 Exemption) and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1324 - “Bellevue Ranch North Village 29-A” (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of Draft Resolution #4131 at Attachment A of Planning Commission Staff Report #24-254.

E.2 [24-255](#)

SUBJECT: Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1325 (“Bellevue Ranch North Village 29-B”) initiated by Benchmark Engineering, applicant for Bellevue Merced, LLC, property owner. This application involves the subdivision of approximately 16.07 acres into 98 single-family lots ranging in size generally between 4,499 square feet and 7,759 square feet. This property is generally located at the southeast corner of M Street (extension) and Farmland Avenue (extension), within Planned Development (P-D) #42 with a Low-Medium Density Residential (LMD) General Plan Designation; *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION

[Choose one of the below depending on if the Commission takes final action or makes a recommendation to Council]

- ACTION:** Approve/Disapprove/Modify
- 1) Environmental Review #22-42 (CEQA 15162 Findings and CEQA 15183 Exemption)
 - 2) Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1325

SUMMARY

The subject site is located at the southeast corner of M Street (extension) and Farmland Avenue (extension), as shown at Attachments B and C. The proposed subdivision would subdivide approximately 16.07 acres of land into 98 single-family lots (Attachment C). The lots would generally range in size between 4,499 square feet and 7,759 square feet. This site is part of the Bellevue Ranch Master Development Plan (northern portion of plan is shown at Attachment D) and is commonly referred to as Village 29-B of Bellevue Ranch North.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Environmental Review #22-42 (CEQA Section 15162 Findings and 15183 Exemption) and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map #1325 - “Bellevue Ranch North Village 29-B” (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A and the findings/considerations in Exhibit B of Draft Resolution #4132 at Attachment A of Planning Commission Staff Report #24-255.

E.3 [24-256](#)

SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment #23-05, Zone Change #434,

Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81, Conditional Use Permit #1276, Site Plan Review Permit #538, and Minor Use Permit #24-02, initiated by Unite Security Company, LLC, on behalf of Nicholas Mary Lee, Trustee, property owner for the 3.50 acre property located at 470 E. Olive Avenue. The General Plan Amendment would change the General Plan land use designation from Low-Medium Density Residential (LMD) to Business Park (BP). The Zone Change would allow the Establishment of the Planned Development to change the land use from Low Medium Density Residential (R-2) to "Self-Storage." The Site Plan Review Permit would allow the development of a self-storage facility (approximately 681 storage units) with long-term boat and recreational vehicle parking spaces (approximately 74 parking spaces). The Conditional Use Permit would allow a live/work unit for an onsite manager for the self-storage facility. The Minor Use Permit would be for interface review to allow commercial development adjacent to or across from a Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone. *PUBLIC HEARING*

ACTION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Recommendation to City Council:

- 1) Environmental Review #23-45 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #23-05
- 3) Zone Change #434
- 4) Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81

Approve/Disapprove/Modify:

- 1) Environmental Review #23-45 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) Conditional Use Permit #1276
- 3) Site Plan Review Permit #538
- 4) Minor Use Permit #24-02

[subject to City Council approval of General Plan Amendment #23-05, Zone Change #434, and Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81

CITY COUNCIL:

Approve/Disapprove/Modify:

- 1) Environmental Review #23-45 (*Mitigated Negative Declaration*)
- 2) General Plan Amendment #23-05
- 3) Zone Change #434
- 4) Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81

SUMMARY

The subject site is an undeveloped 3.50-acre parcel generally located at 470 E. Olive Avenue within the northeast quadrant of the City. The subject site is located on the south side of Olive Avenue, approximately 500 feet west of Oleander Avenue (Attachment C). The applicant is requesting to change the General Plan land use designation from Low Medium Density Residential (LMD) to Business Park (BP), and to change the Zoning classification from Low Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Planned Development (P-D) #81, with a land use designation of "self storage." The Site Plan Review permit would allow the development of a self-storage facility with approximately 681 storage units, and a long-term boat and recreational vehicle parking facility with approximately 74 spaces. The Conditional Use Permit would allow one live/work unit for an onsite manager. The Minor Use Permit is required for interface review of commercial development adjacent to a Low Density Residential (R-1-6) Zone. The applicant has provided a site plan (Attachment D), floor plans (Attachment E), and elevations (Attachment F) for this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Establishment of Planned Development

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council of Environmental Review #23-45 (Mitigated Negative Declaration), General Plan Amendment #23-05, Zone Change #434, and Establishment of Planned Development (P-D) #81 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment A) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A, the findings/considerations in Exhibit B, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program in Exhibit C of the Draft Resolution.

Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan Review, and Minor Use Permit

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit #1276, Site Plan Review #538, and Minor Use Permit #24-02 (including the adoption of the Draft Resolution at Attachment B) subject to the conditions in Exhibit A, the findings/considerations in Exhibit B, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program in Exhibit C of the Draft Resolution, and contingent upon City Council approval of the General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, and Establishment of Planned Development.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- F.1 [24-317](#) SUBJECT: Report by Temporary Director of Development Services of Upcoming Agenda Items

ACTION

Information only.

F.2 [24-318](#)

SUBJECT: Calendar of Meetings/Events

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| Apr. | 2 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. (Tuesday) |
| | 3 | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 15 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 17 | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 27 | Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 4:00 p.m |
| May | 6 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 8 | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 20 | City Council, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 22 | Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m. |

G. ADJOURNMENT