



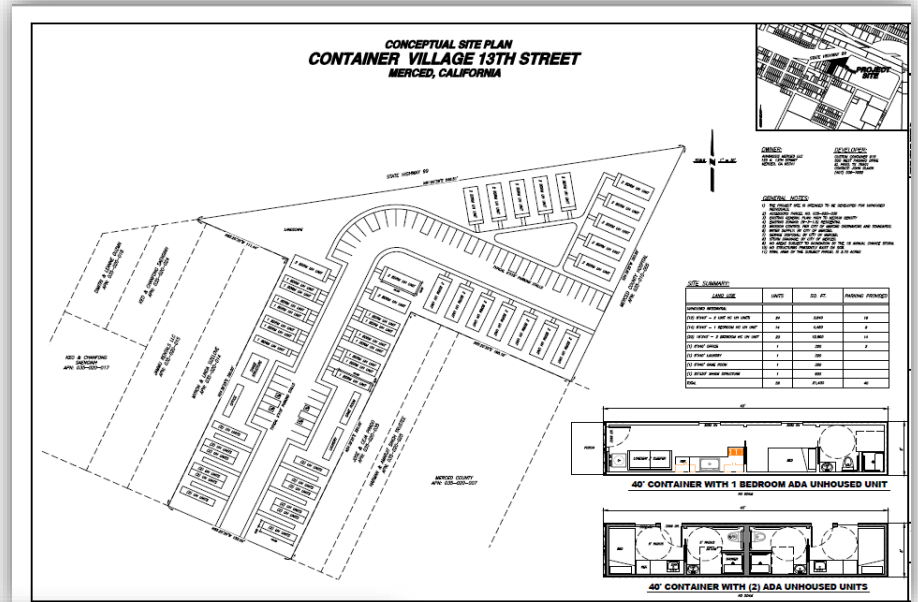
# COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

July 12, 2024

## City of Merced Announces HCD Homekey Award for Innovative Housing Project

The City of Merced has received an \$11.15 million award from the HCD Homekey program for the Homekey CC915 Merced Phase 2 project, which will create 58 permanent supportive housing units for homeless and chronically homeless individuals with incomes at 30% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI). Located at 125 E. 13th Street, the project will include studios, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units, employing sustainable building methods using shipping containers or modular structures. Local agencies have pledged substantial support, including land donation, enforceable funding commitments, and rental subsidies, while residents will benefit from nearby amenities like public transportation, grocery stores, medical clinics, and parks. Mayor Matthew Serratto emphasized the project's significance in addressing homelessness and providing essential housing and services for the community's most vulnerable members.

### Conceptual Site Plan



125 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street

## Celebrate National Parks & Recreation Month with Us!

This July, we're shining a spotlight on the incredible benefits of parks and recreation. Each week, the City's Parks and Community Services team will showcase how these spaces enhance our lives.

**This Week's Focus: Creating Memorable Experiences:** From youth sports and enrichment activities to community centers, recreation facilities, and various community events, parks and recreation play a crucial role in creating unforgettable experiences.



### Engineered for Success

Canal Water Main Replacement- Crews are preparing for paving and clean up.



Bellevue Ranch Phase 18-22 placing of sewer lines for new subdivision.



## Airport Terminal Replacement Progress Update: Exterior Metal Stud Framing and Storm Drain Installation



### Public Works in Action

Street crews repainted crosswalks throughout the city.



## Merced Police Department Partners with 7-Eleven for Operation Chill!

The Merced Police Department has teamed up with 7-Eleven for Operation Chill this summer.

What's Operation Chill? It's a fun initiative where officers connect with local kids and reward good behavior. This summer, the Merced Police Bike Patrol Officers are riding around town, working to keep the community safe. They're also on the lookout for kids crossing safely at crosswalks, wearing helmets, and performing other good deeds. If they spot a youth doing something awesome or being a great community member, the child might get "ticketed" with a free Slurpee coupon!

Started in 1995, this program aims to build trust and encourage positive actions within the community.



## Merced PD Wraps Up First Post-Pandemic Community Academy

Merced PD recently concluded its first MPD Community Academy since the pandemic. The department extends its thanks to the community members who participated in the 10-week program, spending time with officers and learning about their vital public safety work. The engagement and enthusiasm were remarkable, and we hope participants enjoyed the experience while gaining valuable insights into law enforcement and our department.

The next Community Academy will take place in October. The application process opens in September, so stay tuned for updates!



## Merced Police Department Expresses Gratitude to Records Clerk Ray Eakman

The Merced Police Department extends its sincere appreciation to Records Clerk Ray Eakman for his 28 years of dedicated service. Ray has been an invaluable asset to the Investigations Division, diligently preparing reports for detectives and the Gang Violence Suppression Unit. As Ray approaches his retirement in September, he will begin training his successor to ensure a smooth transition. The City of Merced wishes him all the best in his retirement and appreciates his hard work and experience will be greatly missed.







Ada Givens Pool  
Open for  
*Rec Swim*

JULY SCHEDULE:  
WEEK OF 7/8 TO  
7/13  
1PM to 6PM

2\$ Per  
Person

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A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for a recreational swim event. The background is a mix of bright blue and pink with water splashes, a large pink flamingo, a yellow and pink lifebuoy, and beach umbrellas. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large, stylized 'Rec Swim'.



Due to excessive heat the zoo will be closed this Thursday and Friday  
**ADDITIONALLY, THE ZOO WILL HAVE MODIFIED HOURS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 10AM TO 2PM**  
We hope you stay cool and visit when the temperatures cool off!

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A notice on a light brown background with a white central text box. The text is in black, with some words in bold. The background features illustrations of a bird on a branch, a lizard on a wall, a thermometer, and a zoo entrance with a sign that says 'ZOO'. The Merced Parks and Community Services logo is in the bottom right corner.