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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager
Date: December 13, 2019
Re: City Council Information Report

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Police Officer Mark Jenkins was named the 2019 Merced City Employee of the Year Thursday. City Manager Steve Carrigan announced the selection during the Employee Service Awards luncheon. Jenkins was hired in 2003. He was cited for his enthusiasm and positive attitude, along with treating residents and co-workers with dignity and respect.



ENGINEERING UPDATE

Yosemite Ave. Bulky Item Drop Off Site

Rolfe Construction Co. is onsite working on the guard rail.



Water Well Site #21

Hobbs Construction is working on electrical installation inside the building.



Main & M Street Downtown Improvement



AGEE Construction is pouring concrete ramps and driveways.

Water Well site #20

Clark Bros., Inc. is checking grades, while waiting for the site to dry.



BEAR CREEK ARUNDO CLEANUPS UPDATE

Public Works staff, along with assistance from California Department of Forestry (CDF) crews, continue clearing invasive arundo along Bear Creek under an emergency permit from the state Fish & Wildlife Department. Crews worked this week in the Crystal Springs Avenue area.



TREE PRUNING ALONG YOSEMITE AVENUE

Public Works Trees Crews pruned over 64 trees located along Yosemite Avenue between El Redondo and San Augustine this week. Crews also continued with tree trimming in the Loughborough area.



IMPROVED WATER LINE MATERIAL USED TO AVOID LEAKS

Public Works Water Department is taking steps to help protect water service connections from leaks caused by aggressive soil. Crews have started using a new, improved type of water line made of copper pipe shielded with a poly coating that is bonded to the exterior. This coating allows the pipe to be more resistant to soil erosion and has an expected increase in service life. The photos below show the new piping being installed.



CHRISTMAS PARADE HIGHLIGHTS

The Saturday Christmas Parade saw thousands of Mercedians line the streets of Downtown Merced for the annual event, and oodles of floats. City employees helped with the organization – Merced police controlling traffic and Public Works handling barricades and clean up. Employees also got involved on the float end, as shown by the Public Works vehicles on display, and the fire apparatus carrying a cargo of Council members.



POLICE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TIME CHANGE

The Merced Police Department will be held at 1:45 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 19 in the Council Chambers. Lieutenant Jay Struble will be promoted to captain to fill the vacancy left by Capt. Bimley West who retires Dec. 13. Police Officer Trainees Sarah Abanathie, Brian Laguna, and Juan Navas, and John Saucedo have successfully completed the Fresno Police Academy and graduated Thurs., Dec. 5. They will move to the rank of Police Officer. In addition, Steven Floratas will also be sworn in as an officer.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Sierra Saving Grace Spirit of Christmas luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 21 at the Boys and Girls Club. A flier is attached.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 19 – Police Swearing In, Council Chambers, 1:45 p.m.
Dec. 19 – Adam Gray Holiday Open House, 690 W. 16th St., 4-6 p.m.
Dec. 19 – MCAG Holiday Open House, MCAG Offices, 5-7 p.m.
Dec. 21 – Christmas Luncheon, Boys and Girls Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dec. 21 – Homeless Memorial, Courthouse Park, noon
Dec. 20-22 – Hmong New Year, Merced Fairgrounds
Jan. 23 – MCOE Annual Report, TBA, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Spirit of Christmas luncheon

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You are Invited to
“The Spirit of Christmas” Luncheon

Free Meal and Groceries

Saturday
December 21
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Boys’ and Girls’ Club of Merced
615 West 15th Street
Merced

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