

COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

THE WEEKLY

October 28, 2022

Bear Creek Restoration Project Launch

This week, the City of Merced and Assembly Member Adam Gray held a press conference to announce the Bear Creek Restoration Project. Supported by \$6 million in funding secured by Assembly Member Adam Gray, the project will restore a 6-mile-long portion of Bear Creek from McKee Road to 16th Street in the City of Merced. The scope includes removing invasive plant overgrowth, trash, and other pollution to improve the habitat for local plants and animals, and the implementation of an embankment repair program to restore all areas deemed necessary. Visit engage.cityofmerced.org to check in on project progress.



Senator Anna Caballero Presents City with \$3 Million in Funding

This week, Senator Anna Caballero and her team met with representatives from the City of Merced to present a ceremonial check in recognition of securing \$3 million in funding for the Regional Fire Training Center, a project that will bring together multiple agencies to augment career pathways for students. The regional safety center will function as a central hands-on training facility where students and employees will receive initial training and regular certification renewal throughout their career and will include numerous infrastructure improvements.



Fostering the Development of our Community's Youth

Supported by \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the Youth Jobs Training Program is successfully providing opportunities for youth in our community. The program operates through Merced County Workforce Development and prepares and connects youth to small business employers.

Developed by youth and for youth, the program is designed to serve 160 young adults ages 16 to 24 that live in the City of Merced. Participants are mentored by local businesses and can learn a new trade and connect to a job that could develop into a career. More than 45 businesses currently participate in the program. For more information, visit mercedyouthjobs.com. Pictured below are Youth Job Training participants at local businesses.

Premium Cabinets



Gottschalks Music Center



Public Works in Action

Public Works Water Crews replaced a leaking copper water line at Windsong Ct. Crews continue to work along side the contractor installing the new water main line on G Street and Childs Ave.



Windsong Ct.



G Street and Childs Ave.









Encampment Cleanups Bear Creek and G Street to Park Place Crews removed 2.66 tons of refuse













Old Santa Fe Road Crews removed 7.44 tons of refuse



Park Equipment Installation Update

The City-hired contractor, Park Planet, continued work this week; fibar has been added to the Frederick Douglas, Santa Fe, and Benjamin Tanager Parks, as well as removal of old equipment at the Love Veasley Park as part of a Measure Y funded project to replace park playground equipment at Little Angels Park, 12th & G Street Park, the Love Veasely Family Park, Benjamin Tanager Park, Frederick Douglas Park, Hansen Park, and Santa Fe Strip Park 3.



Frederick Douglas Park



Santa Fe Park



Benjamin Tanager Park









Tree Crews trimmed along the 300 block of West 23rd Street

Street Crews responded to a vehicle accident on the G Street Bridge









Parks & Rec hosted Ladies Open League Night

This past Wednesday evening, everyone enjoyed friendly competition at Ladies Open League Night. All players were entered into a blind draft. Teams were selected 30 minutes before game time. Participants donated 100pc bags of candy to enter in support of the Parks & Recreations Department's upcoming Halloween events.





Celebrating Red Ribbon Week

This week, Sergeant Barajas, Office Henke, and K9 Sam were invited to celebrate Red Ribbon Week at Allan Peterson Elementary School.





Scenes from Halloween Street Bash

Thanks to donors, ghosts, ghouls and goblins, Parks & Rec hosted another successful Halloween Street Bash. Thank you to community members who donated many packs of candy to support this event.





