

# THE WEEKLY

# COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

July 28, 2023

#### MERCED CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF COMMUNITY PARK 42

This week, our community celebrated the beginning of Merced's Community Park 42 – CP 42, a regional park located at E. Mission Ave and Tyler Road in Merced.

This groundbreaking ceremony celebrated the end of the planning phase and the beginning of phase 1 construction. The City of Merced, Merced County, Merced Union High School District, Merced County Office of Education, and First 5 Merced County made significant investments to finance and plan a regional sports complex with inclusivity in mind.

The regional sports complex includes baseball, football, and soccer fields and courts for futsal, basketball, tennis, pickleball, and sand volleyball. CP-42 will attract local, regional, state, and someday national tournaments for soccer, baseball, basketball, and more, with restroom facilities, plenty of parking, and beautiful, tree-lined open space.



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## **Congratulations Police Officer Erick Perez and Reserve Police Officer Jessica Flaherty**

Interim Chief, Craig Gundlach, held a swearing in ceremony for Police Officer Erick Perez and Reserve Police Officer Jessica Flaherty.

Officer Perez was born and raised in Merced. He graduated from Buhach Colony High School. He holds an associate degree in Criminal Justice and completed the CORE and POST academy in Fresno. Erick worked as a correctional officer at Merced Sheriff's Department and, most recently, worked for the Animal Control Division with Merced PD.

Reserve Officer Jessica Flaherty was born and raised in Merced. She graduated from Golden Valley High School, attended the Merced College Reserve Academy, and became a Level II Reserve with the Merced Police Department. She then graduated from the Level I Fresno Sheriff's Academy while working for the department. Officer Flaherty holds associate degrees in Psychology and Social Behavioral Science. Jessica is currently working on her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.





## National Night Out 2023 August 1, 2023

Hosted by the Merced Police Department, National Night Out enhances neighbor and law enforcement relationships to encourage a true sense of community.

Save the Date! Tuesday, August 1st, from 6- 8 pm at Applegate Park.

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## PATROL OFFICER

WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE OFFICER JORGE ESPARZA FOR PASSING THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT FIELD TRAINING.

OFFICER ESPARZA WAS BORN IN THE JALISCO MEXICO. HE OBTAINED HIS ASSOCIATE IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HE GRADUATED FROM FRESNO CITY COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY AND WENT ON TO WORK AS A CORRECTION OFFICER AT STANISLAUS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

HE LATER WENT ON TO WORK FOR THE DOS PALOS POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL HE MOST RECENTLY JOINED THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE'S INTEREST IN BECOMING A POLICE OFFICER CAME FROM A MOMENT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT HELPED HIS FAMILY WITH FOOD WHEN THEY WERE GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES. HE MENTIONS THAT THESE OFFICERS MADE A MAJOR IMPACT IN HIS LIFE AND EVENTUALLY LED HIM TO SEEK A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING HIM!

SPOTLIGHT

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Public Works Crews removed a tree at the corner of George Drive and U Streets. The tree was recently struck by lightning.



Public Works installed new Big Belly trash and recycle containers near Bob Hart Square.







## **CWEA's Annual River Rafting Trip**

Every year the California Water Environment Association (CWEA), an organization that educates and certifies water quality professionals, hosts an annual river rafting trip for members and guests to enjoy the great outdoors while networking with other water quality professionals in the Northern San Joaquin Section of the CWEA.

Members and guests of the Merced Mud Suckers from the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the WWTP Laboratory, and the Water Quality Control Division attended the event. Beth Ball, Christina Yanez-Davison, Jamison Lemas, Summer Tate, Robert Callahan, and Susana Acosta braved the Stanislaus River's summer heat and the white waters of Knights Ferry in Stanislaus County.





#### Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, through July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: **385**
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: **60**

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits in review:

- Compass Pointe phase II: 112 units in 12, 8-plex buildings, plus a clubhouse located at Compass Pointe Ave, Stinson Dr., and Horizons Ave. 2 buildings still 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. (No change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

• There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period.

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 0 new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 2,348 SF McDonald's remodel located at 206 W. Olive Ave., and one for a 999 SF Starbuck's remodel located at 1993 W. Olive Ave.

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 remodel at Manzanita Dispensary located at 1594 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

• There were 0 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period.

# CITY OF MERCED SIZZLING SUMMER TOURNAMENT

**JULY 22ND 2023** ADULT MENS UPPERS AND LOWERS JULY 23RD 2023 ADULT COED **REC, LOWERS, AND UPPERS** WHERE: JOE HERB FIELDS 274 PARSONS AVE, MERCED **PRICE: \$250 3 GAME GUARANTEE** 

TO REGISTER CALL OR TEXT ANTHONY @209-509-5412 OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES @209-385-6235 NTHONY ALMANZA



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Here are some of the requirements to qualify:

- youth must live in Merced
- scholarships are given on a first come first serve basis
- families may receive one scholarship per activity each year (football, swim, basketball, summer camp)
- · proof of income required with application, call office for details

Applications may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation office. For more information call (209)385-6235 or visit us at 632 W. 18th St, Merced CA 95340







#### **DEFINING ADUs**

An ADU is a secondary housing unit on a lot that contains a single-family residence or multi-family residential development and provides complete independent living facilities including kitchen and bathroom facilities for at least 1 person. ADUs can be the primary ATTACHED to home. **DETACHED** from the primary home, be an **INTERNAL CONVERSION** within the primary home, or a JUNIOR ADU contained within a single-family residence.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### Plan and Design Your ADU

- · Evaluate your need and budget
- · Review code and regulations
- · Design your ADU
- · Prepare full plan set
- Submit Application Package
- Apply for a building permit: prepare application package and pay fees
- **Application Processing (City)**
- Completeness review and acceptance
- Routing and commenting
- Approval & Building Permit issuance
- **ADU** Construction
- Secure funding and hire contractor
- Construction
- Complete final inspection
- **ADU Ready to Occupy!**

#### LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION

ADU How-to-Guide Building Permit Submittal Checklist ADU Design Model Workbook

### PRE-APPROVED ADU PROGRAM

The City of Merced's **Pre-Approved ADU Program** is an optional and voluntary program that provides 3 pre-reviewed and pre-approved, complete plan sets including sizes 498, 749, and 1,190 square feet for detached ADUs at no cost. Benefits include:

- SKIP DESIGN COSTS: no need to hire an architect or design professional. Save costs on design services and plan review fees.
- 2. ENJOY LESS PROCESSING TIME: plans are already reviewed and approved.
- **3. DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS**: plans already meet the required height, living provisions, maximum size, foundation and architecture standards.



Contact the City of Merced Planning Division at (209) 385-6858 or planningweb@citvofmerced.org for

further assistance.

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