

COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

August 25, 2023

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES HOSTS THE FIRST ANNUAL NFL FLAG FOOTBALL COACHES DRAFT PARTY

This last week, an NFL Flag Football Draft Party was held for volunteer coaches at the Mainzer Theater. Coaches drafted over 100 youths onto their teams for this year's NFL Flag Football league. Students showcased their skills the week prior at the NFL Flag Football Combine, where coaches could rank each player on various skills. They used these ratings to put the best possible team together at the draft for a healthy, competitive, and fun flag football season.

Parks & Community Services would like to thank the 20plus volunteers from the community who stepped up to coach for the league this year. The department can offer an array of opportunities to our young people with commitment and buy-in from our community's volunteers.

Coaches gave rave reviews about the process, and everyone looks forward to providing this experience each year. A special shout-out goes to the Mainzer Theater for accommodations and assistance in making the event memorable for our coaches!







Scenes from Joe Herb Park Adult Softball Season Opener

Let's Play Ball! This past Tuesday was opening night for adult softball league play. This year, 38 men's and coed softball teams will play Tuesday and Thursday evenings through the end of October.







Coffee With a Cop

The Coffee with a Cop program lets community members casually meet and converse with local law enforcement officers. The original concept for this program, which started in the United States in 2011, is to foster communication between police and the communities they serve.

The Merced Police Department understands community policing, and engagement is essential to connect with community members. Everyone is invited to enjoy coffee with Merced City PD on September 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 847 W. Main St., Merced, CA. Local law enforcement partners are welcome to join.

Thank you, Haven Group

On Monday, The Haven Group stopped by the Merced Police Department to show their appreciation with some delicious donuts.



Join the Second Merced Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Community Meeting Saturday, August 26th from 9 to 11 a.m. in Council Chambers, Civic Center, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced.

This week, community members attended the first of two meetings to learn about the Merced Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. The housing element is a plan to support housing for people at all income levels and needs. This Housing Element includes the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos, Merced, and Merced County.

The Housing Element directs locations for new housing and includes policies to support new housing development, preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing, affordable housing, homeownership opportunities, emergency shelters, supportive/transitional housing, and housing for seniors, students, farmworkers, and people with disabilities. Community input will help create a housing plan for the region for the next eight years.





News from the Zoo

This Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm is the zoo's final Mermaids and Pirates Event of the year. Mermaids will be swimming in large ponds, Pirates will be walking around the zoo, and fun water activities and crafts will be available.

The former Quarantine Room has been converted into a Reptile Room that houses various reptiles and "creepy critters." A new backdrop has been added to give the room a more natural look, and lights have been installed to brighten the displays. Unique terrariums are in the process of being set up to house new residents. The zoo's current residents include Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches, Blue Tongue Skink, and a newly acquired Ball Python. Additionally, a stall has been cleared out and will now be the new quarantine room.

A group of dedicated volunteers from Berliner Cohen cleaned and fill garden areas and animal exhibits with fresh new bark.









Inspection Services Bi-weekly report for August 7th, 2023, through August 20th, 2023

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: 9
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: 283
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: 17

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.
- Emerald Village: 228 units in 18 buildings totaling 21,440 SF of living space, plus a 1,736 SF clubhouse located at 3622 N Hwy 59. (no change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

• There were 0 multi-family permits issued during this period. (no change since last report)

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were 1 new construction commercial permits issued during this period; for a 4,388 SF dental office located at 3538 G St.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit issued during this period; for a 2,313 SF shell building for a future Chipotle located at 3120 Campus Pkwy.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There was 1 new construction commercial permit submitted during this period, for a 53,073 SF industrial/office building for the Merced School District located at 2111 Wardrobe Ave.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; for a remodel for future retail at the old Sears building located at 1011 W Olive Ave.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

• There were 2 commercial and industrial CofOs issued for this period; one for a 1,342 SF Jamba Juice located at 3630 G St Ste D, and one for a 1,485 SF ASIP Coffee located at 3562 G St.

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