

### THE WEEKLY

## COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

March 22 2024

#### SCENES FROM HINCAPIE GRAN FONDO MERCED

Celebrating an unforgettable weekend as the Hincapie team brought the inaugural Hincapie Grand Fondo Merced to life. Despite the postponement due to Mother Nature's whim in 2023, on March 16, 2024, over 600 cyclists from near and far gathered in Merced for the first-ever gravel bike event. Thanks to Merced PD and Fire -our committed first responders, Public Works crews, Merced and Mariposa counties, local businesses, residents, and volunteers who made this happen. A special nod to the ranchers who instructed their dogs to only bark at cyclists and SAG vehicles. Big applause to Merced's cycling champion, Doug Fluetsch, Robin Donavon, GM at the El Cap, and much appreciation to the individuals behind the scenes. Cheers to the teamwork, determination, and community spirit that propelled this event to success. And finally, thank you, Mother Nature, for turning up the sunshine and mild temperatures as cyclists chose the 61-mile or 83-mile journey through our picturesque landscapes of Merced and Mariposa. Enjoy the beauty of our foothills!



## DAVID DREES

#### TRAFFIC OFFICER

IN OUR COMMITMENT TO TRAFFIC SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE HAVE ADDED ANOTHER OFFICER TO THE TRAFFIC MOTOR UNIT. TODAY OFFICER DREES PASSED THE COVETED MOTOR TRAINING PROGRAM.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING HIM!

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#### PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION

Parks Department repurposed wood chips and added to planter areas, trees were planted in the parking lot, and sod installed in the large dog park area.



Sewer/Storm crew discing and mowing throughout the city.





Streets Division started asphalt repairs at various locations throughout the city.





# South Merced Clean Up Day

10 AM Saturday, March 23rd Meet at McNamara Park 1040 Canal Street, Merced

Bring large trash bags, gloves, & trash grabbers

City Refuse Trucks & Large Dumpsters will be on site PICK UP TRUCKS WITH TRAILERS <u>NEEDED!</u>

Lunch served at 12:30 PM Featuring "Clean Up Ribs" and Sam Cafe

> Central Valley Opportunity Fund

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#### Friday Night Allstar Competition at the McCombs Youth Center

Highlights of the impressive talent displayed by the young athletes during the Friday Night All-Star Competition. The precision exhibited by each player on the court was inspiring, while participation from spectators contributed to the event's overall success.

A special shout-out to Julian Sanchez, who emerged as the drawing winner. Julian secured a brand-new pair of Panda Dunks from our local business partner, The Come Up Kickz.





#### Junior Warriors End of Season Picture Day

The Parks and Community Services team would like to acknowledge and honor the hard work and achievements of everyone involved.

To our players: Your determination, passion, and resilience have been genuinely inspiring. We have seen you overcome challenges, push your limits, and embrace the spirit of the game. Your dedication to improvement and your positive attitude is commendable.

To our coaches: Your guidance, encouragement, and expertise have been instrumental in shaping our players both on and off the court. Your commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment has not gone unnoticed, and we are grateful for the countless hours you have invested in our young athletes.

To our parents: Your unwavering support, whether through cheering from the sidelines, providing transportation, or simply being there for your child, has been valuable. Your commitment to your child's growth and development in basketball and as an individual is commendable.

To our referees: Your dedication to ensuring fair play and upholding the integrity of the game is essential to the success of Junior Warriors Basketball. Your professionalism and impartiality are greatly appreciated.

To our city staff: Your support and hard work at each site made every day possible and made the season a success.

As we reflect on the season, let us celebrate the friendships made, the skills learned, and the memories created. The bonds formed within our basketball community remain strong.







#### Junior Giants Volunteer Sign Up

The Parks and Community Services team invites parents and community members to support the Junior Giants program and make a meaningful difference. Community backing is pivotal in fostering a positive and enriching environment for young athletes.

Whether individuals take on coaching responsibilities, offer mentorship, or lend a helping hand, there are various ways to contribute and make a lasting impact. Volunteering with Junior Giants transcends mere involvement in sports; it represents an investment in the growth and development of our community's youth.

By joining forces with the Parks and Community Services team, individuals can actively inspire, guide, and empower the next generation of champions on and off the field. Embrace this opportunity to be part of something extraordinary by signing up today and becoming integral to shaping the future of young athletes and our community.



#### **Coach Appreciation Dinner**

To show appreciation, the Parks and Community Services team hosted an end-of-season dinner to honor coaches for their hard work and dedication.





#### **All-Star March Madness**

In an exciting debut, the All-Star March Madness event, in collaboration with the City of Atwater, allowed young athletes to compete against fellow Junior Warrior Players from the region. Team involvement promises to enhance competition and overall event enjoyment for participants and spectators alike. In the girls' division, Merced emerged victorious, while Atwater secured the win in the boys' division, showcasing their skill on the court.





#### **Coming to Merced: The Wall that Heals**

Thanks to the efforts of Merced Sunrise Rotary, The Wall That Heals is coming to town from March 28th through the 31st. This poignant event features a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial from the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Set to take place at Merced College, it offers a powerful opportunity for reflection and remembrance. Don't miss this impactful event honoring our veterans and their sacrifices.



