

THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

June 21, 2024

New Supportive Housing Village for Homeless Veterans Breaks Ground in Merced

This week, the construction of a new 21-unit housing village for local homeless veterans began at 73 South R Street with the arrival of modular shipping containers. The village will provide permanent supportive housing, offering residents access to a range of services, including intensive case management, connections to behavioral and physical health care, help with obtaining benefits and essential documentation, and educational and employment assistance.

The project, known as the Homekey R Street Housing Project, received an initial grant of \$4.22 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development in March 2022, supplemented by \$110,000 in property value from the City. With a total budget of \$4.3 million, this initiative aims to provide container homes for veterans experiencing chronic homelessness.

Project Homekey is a statewide effort focused on quickly expanding housing for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, particularly those affected by COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

The project collaborates with several organizations, including Rescue Mission Merced, Fresno Veterans Affairs, Merced County Behavioral Health and Human Services Agency, Custom Containers 915, and the City of Merced.





City of Merced Affordable Housing Projects Continued...

Devonwood Village Apartments

Currently under construction - 156 units, including 31 for special needs individuals and families.



Mercy Village 3015 Park Ave

Project is in predevelopment -56 units will provide supportive housing and services for individuals with severe mental illness and those experiencing homelessness.



Bella Vista

Project is in predevelopment– 108 units to support low-income families, including an onsite manager.



Gateway Terrace II – 13th and K Streets Project is in predevelopment. 50-unit affordable housing

complex supported by the City of Merced and Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing.



City of Merced Affordable Housing Projects Continued...

Fuller Center

This project is in predevelopment. Local nonprofit (similar to Habitat for Humanity) will build 4-5 single-family homes in downtown Merced with the help of low-income families and will remain affordable for 45 years.





1213 V Street Housing Project Opened in 2023 this project repurposed a former hotel to provide 96 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals, including 15 accessible units. Residents receive intensive case management and access to health services. 100% occupied.

The Retreat Apartments at Childs Ave & B Street

This 119-unit complex offers affordable housing to low-income families, featuring amenities like a clubhouse, fitness center, and onsite management.





Linc Housing – 18th and I Streets Project in predevelopment - 54-units of permanent supportive housing.

First Time Homebuyer Program and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Assistance Funded by \$2.5 million from the CalHome Program, this initiative supports first-time homebuyers and home rehabilitation, including ADUs and JADUs. It provides deferredpayment loans and technical assistance in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises. Canal Water Line- Crew working on setting curb and gutter and sidewalk forms, removing the existing asphalt surface for a new roadway.



Wastewater Treatment Plant- Crew working on steel for new 10' manhole, with plans to pour next week.





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Community Park 42- Concrete crews, setting forms to continue pouring sidewalks, irrigation, crew, sitting irrigation lines, and root barriers.









JESUS LOPEZ

GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION UNIT

WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE OFFICER LOPEZ ON HIS WELL-DESERVED PROMOTION! IT'S IMPRESSIVE TO SEE HIS DEDICATION AND PROGRESSION WITHIN THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS. HIS EXPERIENCE IN PATROL, SWAT AND AS A FIELD TRAINING OFFICER UNDOUBTEDLY MAKES HIM A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE FORCE. WE WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW ROLE!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING HIM!







BRANDON VAZQUEZ

DETECTIVE

WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE DETECTIVE BRANDON VAZQUEZ ON HIS WELL-DESERVED PROMOTION! IT'S IMPRESSIVE TO SEE HIS DEDICATION AND PROGRESSION WITHIN THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS. HIS EXPERIENCE IN PATROL, SWAT, ARCON AND MOST RECENTLY AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, UNDOUBTEDLY MAKES HIM A VALUABLE ASSET TO OUR DEPARTMENT. WE WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW ROLE!

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Inspection Services Bi-weekly Report for May 27th, 2024, through June 9th, 2024.

Single Family Dwelling (SFD) permits:

- SFD Permits Issued: **0**
- SFD Permits in Plan Review: 148
- SFD Certificates of Occupancy: 7

Multi-Family Dwelling (MFD) permits 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.
- Emerald Village: 228 units in 18 buildings totaling 142,416 SF of living space, plus a 1,736 SF clubhouse located at 3622 N Hwy 59.
- A 2,680 SF 2 story 4-plex and a 4,020 SF 2 story 6-unit apartment both located at 40 & 30 W 13th St. (No change since last report)

MFD permits issued:

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

Commercial & Industrial permits issued:

- There were no new construction commercial permits issued during this period.
- There were 2 new tenant improvement permits issued during this period; one for a 1,900 SF outdoor seating area located at 847 W. Main St., and one for a 1,675 SF office split located at 3185 M St.

Commercial & Industrial permits submitted:

- There were no new construction commercial permits submitted during this period.
- There was 1 new tenant improvement permit submitted during this period; for a remodel at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall located at 1115 W 6th St.

Commercial & Industrial Certificates of Occupancy (CofOs)

• There were 2 commercial, industrial, and multi-family apartment CofOs issued for this period; one for the 2,821 SF Agave's Mexican Restaurant located at 779 E. Yosemite Ave Ste A, and one for a 6,678 SF preschool located at 3670 G St.