

NEWSLETTER CITY OF MERCED

Exciting Updates for Applegate Zoo

The City of Merced Zoo staff, along with the design-build partners from All About Building and NJA Architecture, recently visited Fresno Chaffee Zoo to collaborate with their construction management team.

This valuable exchange of ideas will help refine the designs and construction methods for exciting new additions at Applegate Zoo, including the upcoming American Black Bear and Bobcat exhibits.

The full site design is expected to be completed this summer, with construction set to begin in the fall. Stay tuned for more updates as we bring these exciting enhancements to life.



CITY OF MERCED LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM: CIVIC ACCESS

The City of Merced recently launched its new online permitting system, Civic Access. This project reflects the hard work and collaboration of city staff across multiple departments, with months of effort dedicated to improving how the city provides essential services to residents and businesses.

Civic Access simplifies the process for submitting applications for permits, planning, and business licenses. It allows users to manage projects more efficiently by adding contractors, paying fees, downloading permits, scheduling inspections, and viewing inspection results—all from the convenience of their home or office.

This update demonstrates the city's commitment to enhancing efficiency and customer service, providing a more streamlined experience for both internal teams and the community. The new system not only saves time but also improves transparency and accessibility for those navigating the permitting process.





2025 County of Merced Atmospheric River Flood Tabletop Exercise

This week, the County of Merced Office of Emergency Services (OES) facilitated the 2025 Atmospheric River Flood Tabletop Exercise, a vital preparedness initiative aimed at strengthening emergency response capabilities. This exercise provided participants with the tools and knowledge necessary for their roles, ensuring a coordinated and effective response to flood-related emergencies.

Agencies from all jurisdictions across the county participated, demonstrating a strong commitment to collaboration and preparedness. By working together, local, and state partners reinforced their ability to protect lives, property, and critical infrastructure.

Through this Whole Community approach, our agencies reaffirmed a dedication to the safety and security of our residents, enhancing our ability to respond swiftly and effectively to all-hazards emergencies.





Bob Hart Square Expansion Update

Crews demolished and prepared the 16th Street driveways for concrete pouring as part of the ongoing Bob Hart Square expansion project.





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Community Park 42 Update

Crews installed field lights, poured the mid-utility pad and additional sidewalks, applied soil amendments to the playing fields, finished concrete work, and set the posts for the shade structure.



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Childs Multi-Use Path: Sidewalk Preparation Progress

Crews completed work on the sub-grade in the sidewalk section, preparing the area for the next phase of construction.







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Wastewater Treatment Plant: New Piping Installed

Crews installed new piping at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of ongoing infrastructure improvements.





Safe Streets Streetlight Retrofit

Tennyson Electric crews replaced LED fixtures to enhance lighting and improve neighborhood safety.





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Learn more about your Police Department!

- Class Activities
 10 Week Program
- Interactive hands on exercises!

Merced Police Department is hosting its Community Academy. This 10-week class is hosted twice a year. The goal of the program is to educate the community about the MPD and build trust. The academy is free to anyone who lives or works in the Merced. Participants must be at least 18 years of age to enroll.

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The classes are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Wednesday night starting April 23rd and a graduation ceremony in July 2025!