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Your City Connection

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City has facilities for rent

For every occasion from a family picnic to that elegant wedding

Planning a wedding or quinceanera?

Looking for a place for the family reunion picnic?

Have a need for a conference room for your business meeting?

Many City facilities are available for rent to the public at a low cost.

Nights and weekends are when they get the heaviest

use from the public, but a number of facilities are available even during the weekdays. Information on the facilities and the rentals can be found on the City website at

www.cityofmerced.org. Look under Parks and Community Services for Parks and Facilities to find the rental information, or call

Recreation Supervisor Lindsey Johnson at 385-6298 for information.



Take your pick of facilities

- *Merced Senior Community Center, 755 W. 15th St., 323 guests banquet-style, 400 audience style
- *Sam Pipes Conference Room, Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th St. 100 audience-style, 60 luncheon/classroom
- *Rotary Scout Hut, Applegate Park, near N Street, 49 people
- *Rossotti Ed-Zoo-Cation Center, Applegate Park, next to the Zoo, 60 people
- *Merced Open Air Theater, outdoor amphitheater in Applegate Park
- *Gazebo/Rose Garden, in Applegate Park near M Street

Picnic shelters

- *Rahilly Picnic Shelter, Rahilly Park, 3400 N. Parsons Ave.
- *Joe Herb Shelter, 2200 Yosemite Park Way
- *Soroptimist Shelter, next to Kiddieland in Applegate Park on W. 25th.

Discount offered for Senior Center rentals



There is a discount being offered for the rental of the Merced Senior Center. People who make a reservation for the Senior Center during the month of August for an event lasting four or more hours will have the \$150 set-up fee waived if they bring in a copy of this newsletter when they make the reservation. The event does not need to be held in August.



There is still time to sign up for flag football

Registrations are under way for the City of Merced 2012 Youth NFL Flag Football Program. The season runs September through mid-November.

There are three divisions for boys and girls:

- ✓ PeeWee 2nd – 4th Grades
 - ✓ J.V. 5th – 6th Grades
 - ✓ Varsity 7th – 8th Grades
- Practice and games are held weekday

evenings and Saturdays at the Joe Herb Softball Complex, 2200 Yosemite Park Way.

Cost of the program is \$65 per child and registration ends Aug. 24. Sign up at the City of Merced Parks & Community Services Office at 678 W. 18th Street Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Youth Sports Supervisor Joey Chavez at (209) 385-6978 or email- chavezj@cityofmerced.org.

Merced City Council

Mayor Stan Thurston
Council Members:
Bill Blake
Tony Dossetti
Noah Lor
Mike Murphy
Josh Pedrozo
Mary-Michal Rawling

Contact the City Council by email at Citycouncil@cityofmerced.org, by calling 385-6834 or writing to Council members at the Civic Center address below.

Council meetings

The Council meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Civic Center, 678 W. 18th St. When Monday is a holiday, such as Sept. 3, Council meets the next day. The agenda is posted online at www.CityofMerced.org.

Contacting us

www.CityofMerced.org, contains City Council information, the Muni Code, General Plan and other information. Contact the Newsletter at newsletter@CityofMerced.org, call the Public Information Office at 385-6232 or write:
Merced Civic Center
Attn: Public Information Office
678 W. 18th St.
Merced CA 95340
The Civic Center is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., except holidays. It will be closed Monday, Sept. 3.

Call us

City Council	385-6834
City Manager	385-6834
City Attorney	385-6868
City Clerk	388-7100
Airport	385-6873
Code Enforcement.....	385-6861
Finance	388-7900
Inspection Services	385-6861
Personnel.....	388-7100
Planning Department.....	385-6858
Public Works (7:30-4:30) ...	385-6800
After hours	385-6905
Recreation	385-6855
Utility payments.....	388-7289

IN AN EMERGENCY
DIAL 911

Fire Department.....	385-6891
Police Department	385-6912

Ask the City: Don't dogs need a leash?

Ask the City is an ongoing column answering questions that have been submitted to us by mail, email or phone. Readers can submit their questions to the addresses in the column on the left.

Aren't there ordinances requiring dogs to be on leashes?

A common question asked at City Hall

Short answer, yes. Check out Section 6.04.070 of the Merced Municipal Code to see it spelled out.
Basically the owner needs to keep the dog or dogs on his or her property at all

times. If the dogs leave the property they need to be on a leash no longer than 8 feet (with the owner on the other end).
There are five exceptions: Dogs engaged in law enforcement, in an obedience class or exhibition, herding livestock, hunting or at the Merced Dog Park at Yosemite and R streets. The Code says: "Any owner of any dog which is running at large that causes injury through indirect or direct action is guilty of a misdemeanor..."
Also remember that it is illegal to allow your dog to "foul" public property (streets, sidewalks, parks, etc.) without "immediately" removing the droppings. (Section 6.04.060).

Answer the call of the wild with... breakfast

If you feel bearish about breakfast, the Merced Zoological Society has an event for you.
The annual "Breakfast with the Animals" will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 7 to 11 a.m.
This is a fundraising event for the Zoological Society, but it also is an opportunity to see the animals at a different time of the day when they might be on their morning prowl. Call 725-3337 for more information.



The goats are always popular at Applegate Zoo.

Save money and energy

As much as half of the energy used in your home goes to heating and cooling. So making smart decisions about your home's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system can have a big effect on your utility bills - and your comfort.
Check your filter every month, especially during heavy use months (winter and summer). If the filter looks dirty after a month, change it.
At a minimum, change the filter every 3 months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool - wasting energy.
A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system - leading to expensive maintenance and/or early system failure.
US. Environmental Protection Agency

Think Green

City offices closed for Labor Day weekend

All City of Merced offices will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day because of the holiday. People with residential collection on Monday will have their trash picked up Tuesday, and those with Tuesday collection will have it picked up Wednesday, etc.
If you have questions about your trash collection schedule call the Public Works Department at 385-6800.

Airport is gateway to LA

The Merced Regional Airport offers two roundtrip flights to Los Angeles International Airport daily, in addition to two flights to Las Vegas/McCarran on Great Lakes Airline. Call 800-554-5111 to book your next flight.