

## Yosemite Avenue roadwork will create four full lanes

The Yosemite Avenue Improvement Project started with the reconstruction of the driveways at the Raley's Shopping Center at Yosemite and G Street. The driveway work was staggered, so that customers were able to enter the shopping center from Yosemite Avenue during this phase of the project.

The \$1.8 million project will result in four lanes of roadway, and a left turn lane at the Raley's side of the street. The quarter mile stretch of road from G Street to Mansionette will be widened and the deteriorated pavement will be replaced. The

traffic signals also will be improved in the area.

City staff has had extensive discussions with the businesses and residents in the area on how to have the least impact on their livelihoods during the project. Because of the seasonal nature of the businesses around the construction area there will be several stretches of time when work on the road completely stops to give patrons better access to the shopping center.

As a result of the on-again, off-again work, the entire construction project will take longer than usual, lasting from January



until June.

Once completed, the project will eliminate the bottleneck at the G Street intersection and improve the flow of traffic along Yosemite Avenue.

More news and updates on the project can be found on the City's Facebook page on "The Streets of Merced" or on the City website, [www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org).

### Odd/Even Address Watering Schedule

|                                                  | SUNDAY | MONDAY               | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Water from Midnight to 11 AM and 7PM to Midnight | ODD    | DO NOT WATER ANYTIME | EVEN    | ODD       | EVEN     | ODD    | EVEN     |

**NO MIDDAY WATERING — 11 AM to 7 PM ON ANY DAY**

## Water wisely, and on the right days

It was a dry December and weather forecasters started using the dreaded "D" word — drought.

Last year we were inundated with unusually heavy rains, so nobody ever thought of watering their lawns.

This year is different. People who normally have their sprinklers turned off for the winter have them on for the season, irrigating the lawns, shrubs and bushes.

While it may be helpful for keeping some plants alive it may also lead to some wasteful watering practices.

The Water Division has begun night time patrols to check for compliance with the City Water Ordinance.

People who are found not watering on the right day or time or having excessive runoff or other wasteful watering practices are receiving a courtesy notice from the City.

The notice informs them of the problem and what they need to do to correct the potential violation.

People with questions about water conservation can call the water conservation specialist at 385-8892.



Only water when it is the correct time and day.

## Merced City Council

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Contact the City Council by email at [Citycouncil@cityofmerced.org](mailto: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, Council meets the next day. The agenda is posted online at [www.CityofMerced.org](http://www.CityofMerced.org).

## Contacting us

The Web site, [www.CityofMerced.org](http://www.CityofMerced.org), contains City Council information, the Muni Code, General Plan and other information. Contact the Newsletter at [newsletter@CityofMerced.org](mailto: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.

## 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: Those containers need to be put away

*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.*

**Isn't there a City ordinance about how people have to put their trash cans behind their fences? I have some neighbors who are renters and they never put their garbage cans away.**

*A visitor to the City Manager's Office*

Yes, you are right, we have that ordinance on the books, Section 8.04.055 in our municipal code. It says don't put them out before 4 in the afternoon the day before pickup and move container back by 9 p.m. the day of your trash collection.

What the gentleman was referring to was the sentence: *No aforementioned receptacle*



*shall be stored between collection days in such a manner that it is visible from the public right-of-way.*

Most homes have an area behind a fence where the trash containers can be stored. Other people put them on the side yard or in the backyard.

If it continues to be a problem call Code Enforcement at 385-6861.

## City offices close for Presidents' Day holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 to observe the Presidents' Day holiday. Trash collection will be delayed by one day for the entire week.

People with Monday pickup will have it collected Tuesday city residents with Tues-

day collection will have trash picked up Wednesday, etc.

The City Council meeting, usually scheduled for the third Monday of the month, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21. The agenda will be available online.

## What goes in recycling container

## Think Green

### Paper

Dry, clean paper/paper products, but **NOT** absorbent paper like face tissue, napkins, and paper towels. Examples of accepted paper products are:

- Cardboard rolls
- Computer paper
- Flattened cardboard
- Mail and envelopes
- Newspaper and magazines
- Tissue boxes and food boxes (dispose of any interior plastic bags)
- Shredded paper (place into a paper bag)

### Plastic

- Empty bottles and jugs
- Milk jugs, coffee creamer bottles
- Detergent bottles
- Soda and water bottles
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles

### Metal

- Empty beverage and food cans
- Clean, aluminum foil

### Glass

- Empty glass bottles and jars

## Don't put in the blue can

- **Absorbent paper** (such as face tissue, napkins, or paper towels)
- **Broken dishware**
- **Clothing and shoes** (donate or sell for reuse if in good condition)
- **Cooking oil and grease** (solidified, placed in a tightly sealed container)
- **Diapers**
- **Food waste**
- **Mixed-material items** (such as chip bags and juice cartons)
- **Paper products** that are contaminated with foods/oils
- **Plastics** that are **not** in the form of a bottle or jug
- **Motor oil**
- **Styrofoam** and other foam