

Market on Main opens for foodies

Market on Main will open from 5 to 10 p.m. every Thursday until Oct. 25 when it closes with a Halloween celebration.

There will be lots of kids' activities planned to entertain the younger crowd, and plenty of live entertainment for all ages.

Look for different crops to be highlighted each week and cooking demonstrations to learn different ways to prepare your favorite foods.

There will be more produce than ever before, with specialty vendors from all over California, including meat and cheese vendors.

Market on Main will include local vendors and a variety of food offerings for hungry visitors.

Market on Main will be open on Main Street from M Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Keep safe over the holiday

Fireworks require adult supervision and safety precautions

The Fourth of July and fireworks have been synonymous since the Declaration of Independence was signed by the guys in powdered wigs in 1776.

However, it's always better to celebrate the holiday at home, rather than in the emergency room because someone ended up injured.

And nobody wants to be responsible for setting a house on fire by misusing fireworks.

A few simple precautions can make for a safe, and sane, Fourth of July.

And remember, fireworks are not allowed in the unincorporated areas of Merced County.

If fireworks leave the ground, or explode, they are illegal.

The discharge of safe and sane fireworks is only allowed starting at noon on June 28th and ending at noon on July 6th.

Safety measures include:

- ✓ Provide adult supervision at all times.

- ✓ Use general common sense when it comes to fire and life safety.

- ✓ Use a water hose and bucket to wet spent or "dud" fireworks.



Fireworks that leave the ground or explode are illegal. You can watch a legal display of aerial fireworks at Castle Airport on July 4 with the parking lot opening at 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks beginning at dusk. Gates close at 9 p.m. so the car lights don't disturb the fireworks. Cost is \$5 a carload.

- ✓ Buy only State Fire Marshal approved (safe and sane) fireworks. They must have the State Fire Marshal's seal on them and can only be purchased at licensed fireworks stands.

- ✓ Never use near dry grass or other flammable materials.

- ✓ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

- ✓ Never experiment with fireworks.

- ✓ Use common sense and

- keep a safe distance.

- ✓ Never re-light a "dud" firework.

- ✓ Use fireworks outdoors only.

May your celebration be safe and free of fire and injuries!

Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

Call the Police Department at 385-6905 to report illegal fireworks.

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

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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, Council meets the next day. The agenda is posted online at www.CityofMerced.org.

Contacting us

The Web site, 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

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The Civic Center is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., except holidays.

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City Attorney385-6868

City Clerk388-7100

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Code Enforcement.....385-6861

Finance388-7900

Inspection Services385-6861

Personnel.....388-7100

Planning Department.....385-6858

Public Works (7:30-4:30) ...385-6800

After hours385-6905

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Utility payments.....388-7289

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Fire Department.....385-6891

Police Department385-6912

Ask the City: Comcast just changed the lineup

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.

A speaker at a City Council meeting complained that the local cable television provider Comcast, had cancelled several stations on the basic cable lineup. She said that there were people in the community who could not afford any other television option and she thought it was outrageous that the firm cancelled the stations and did not lower the fees that were charged. What could be done?

Speaker at a Council meeting

We get calls asking how people can lodge complaints against Comcast cable company. Several years ago the City Council did have some regulatory control over the cable company, but no more. The state took that away. Unfortunately, the City Hall phone number is still listed as the place to call if you do have a complaint against Comcast.

The numbers that were given out during the Council meeting were for the local Government Affairs Director, Jack Hall. His number is 599-455-4415 and 559-353-0272.

Please don't call the phone number with the 385 prefix because all we can do at City Hall is tell you to call Comcast.

City offices will be closed for Fourth of July

The City of Merced offices will be closed for Fourth of July. All City office buildings will be closed to the public while employees observe the holiday.

Refuse collection will be delayed by one day because of the holiday. People with residential collection on Wednesday will have

their trash picked up Thursday, and those with Thursday collection will have it picked up Friday, etc.

If you have questions about your trash collection schedule call the Public Works Department at 385-6800.

Have a safe and sane holiday.

Shut car off after 10 seconds

Here's the rule of thumb: If you're in a drive-through restaurant/business line or waiting for someone and you'll be parked and sitting for 10 seconds or longer... turn off your car's engine.

Why?

For every two minutes a car is idling, it uses about the same amount of fuel it takes to go about one mile. Research indicates that the average person idles their car five to 10 minutes a day. People usually idle their cars more in the winter than in the summer. But even in winter, you don't need to let your car sit and idle for five minutes to "warm it up" when 30 seconds will do

just fine.

Besides you're not going anywhere. Idling gets ZERO miles per gallon.

The recommendation is: If you are going to be parked for more than 30 seconds, turn off the engine. Ten seconds of idling can use more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it. And when you start your engine, don't step down on the accelerator, just simply turn the key to start.

An alternative to idling is to park your car, walk inside, do your business and then go back to your car.

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Think Green

Check it out — it's all happening at the Zoo

Summer is the perfect time to visit the Applegate Park Zoo.

The Zoo is home to approximately 75 Native California mammals, birds and reptiles, most of which came from wildlife rescue centers.

The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week during the summer. For information or to volunteer at the Zoo call 756-4014.

ADMISSION PRICES

Under 5	Free
Ages 5-15	\$2.00
Ages 16-61	\$3.00
Ages 62+	\$1.50

Zoo entry is free to Zoological Society members