

Christmas Parade is Saturday, Dec. 1

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Great Lakes adds more flights to Los Angeles



This month Great Lakes Airlines expands the number of daily flights to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Now there are two flights a day to LAX and another flight to Las Vegas leaving from Merced Regional Airport.

The new flight schedule has the first plane leaving earlier, at 6 a.m.

The early morning departure allows the business traveler an easier time making connecting flights for transcontinental travel. And, it gives them more time to spend doing business in southern California.

Los Angeles International is the third busiest airport in the country, and the sixth busiest in the world.

LAX offers more than 600 daily flights to 91 cities in the U.S. and

more than 1,000 non-stop flights to 58 cities in 32 countries.

It has almost 75 different air carriers and last year more than 61 million passengers went through the terminal.

Book a flight

Great Lakes Airlines
1-800-554-5111
Merced Ticket Counter
209-383-4000

Merced Regional Airport is the only airport in the county offering passenger service. It is the base for the County's Medi-Flight air ambulance service, and also FedEx. There are 125 planes based at the airport, ranging from small single engine aircraft to corporate jets.

MERCED TO LOS ANGELES

FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FLIGHT
DAILY	6:00 AM	7:42 AM	7161
MON-FRI	2:20 PM	4:02 PM	7200
SUNDAY	2:08 PM	4:10 PM	7200

LOS ANGELES TO MERCED

FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FLIGHT
DAILY	8:00 AM	9:47 PM	7162
SUN-FRI	5:20 PM	7:07 PM	7169

MERCED TO LAS VEGAS

FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FLIGHT
Daily	9:57 AM	11:27 AM	7162

LAS VEGAS TO MERCED

FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FLIGHT
MON-FRI	12:40 PM	2:10 PM	7200
SATURDAY	4:27 PM	5:57 PM	7169
SUNDAY	12:28 PM	1:58 PM	7200

Basketball sign ups underway

Registrations are being accepted for the Junior NBA Warriors Basketball League and the Adult Basketball and 35 & Over League. League registrations close on Dec. 14.

The junior leagues cover youths from second through eighth grade in three different

divisions. The PeeWee League for 2nd-4th graders is coed. The season runs from January through March. The cost is \$65.

The adult season runs from January through May, with 10 games guaranteed plus playoffs. The cost of a team is \$500.

Registration is at the City of

Merced Office of Recreation at 678 W. 18th St.

The Office of Recreation is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Recreation Supervisor Joey Chavez at 385-6978 or email at chavezj@cityofmerced.org.

Merced City Council

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Bill Blake

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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, 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.

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: Why three copies of booklet?

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.

Why did I get three copies of the "Notice of Proposed Water Rate Changes" booklet? And are you raising the water rates because you are running out of money?

Letter from PP Merced

The water division is NOT running out of money. Rates for metered customers are going down, but rates for flat-rate users are going up because they are using more water.

As for the three copies, every water rate user gets a copy, so the writer must have three different accounts. The cost for the 30,000 booklets required by Proposition 218 was \$28,564, with no general fund money.

The booklet is a requirement due to Proposition 218 approved by voters in 1996. Among the provisions was to make sure voters approved new taxes, but it also affected things like water rates.

Proposition 218 requires that ratepayers be notified of rate changes, hence the booklets. It also requires that all users only get charged for what they use — and no more. By paying more the metered users end up subsidizing the flat-rate users, which is not allowed under Proposition 218.

Christmas Parade rolls down Main St. Dec. 1

The 18th annual Hometown Christmas Parade will wind through Downtown starting at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

The traditional parade down Main Street begins at G Street and continues to O Street.

The theme this year is "A Musical Christmas."

The annual event draws thousands of kids (of all ages) to the Downtown to watch the floats, bands, dancers and ensembles pass by.

It's one of the City's largest events, and certainly the biggest parade of the year.

The parade is always a great way to see your neighbors, whether they are rolling down the street in the parade, or lining the sidewalks as spectators.

The event is sponsored by the City of Merced and the Active 20-30 Club of



You never know who will show up at the Annual Hometown Christmas Parade at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, but the event is always guaranteed to be fun for everyone.

Merced #53, with help from Scholle Packaging and the Educational Employees Credit Union.

There is still time to enter a float in the parade before the Nov. 16 deadline.

More information is available at the City's website, www.cityofmerced.org, or email christmas-parade@merced2030.com or pick up the phone and call 209-658-5617.

Offices closed Veterans Day, but regular trash pickup

All City of Merced offices will be closed for Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 12.

The City thanks all Veterans for their service to the country.

Refuse collection will **NOT** be delayed by one day because of the holiday.

There was an error in the October newsletter regarding the refuse collection schedule for residents.

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