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McNamara Pool reopened with lots of help from the community

Come take a dip in the pool

McNamara Pool reopens for public swim June 14 after being closed for two years for budgetary reasons.

The pool reopened on a warm June afternoon with City funding and generous private donations. The party atmosphere was helped with a hot dog feed and an afternoon of free swimming for 120 lucky youngsters.

The pool has encountered a series of trials and tribulations since the decision was made to reopen it in late April.

The old fiberglass lining of the pool had started to peel away from the plaster surface, requiring a new, unite liner. New federal requirements mandate an ADA-compliant lift for the handicapped. And because of the tight timeframe, filling the pool required the use of a fire truck pumping water at 1,000 gallons a minute.

Everything came together, as the above photo shows, and opening day was a success. Now it's up to everyone else to come on down and take a dip. The water's fine!

McNamara Pool
1020 Canal St.

Pool is open
Thursday-Sunday
Through August 12

Pool Hours
2 to 5 p.m.

Children \$1
Adults 18+ \$2

Swimming attire only.
No street clothes in pool

Merced City Council

Mayor Stan Thurston
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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, 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 Wednesday, July 4.

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

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

Ask the City: I need my birth certificate

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.

Where do I get my birth certificate? One of the most common questions asked at City Hall

Even if you were born in the City of

Merced, you won't get your birth certificate from us. Those documents are handled by the Merced County Recorder's Office located on the main floor of the County Administration Building at 2222 M St.

Information on the method of payment, business hours and applications can be obtained by calling 209-385-7627 or visiting online at www.co.merced.ca.us and looking under the listing of departments for the Recorder.

Take a break from all of the stress of life

There's no end to the stress producers in our daily lives...

Work. Commuting. School. Paying bills. Watching the News.

How about a break from all that?

Yoga in the Park offers a solution, and you won't get a bill for it.

The free class is offered at the Park Strip by Bear Creek between M and G Streets every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. Bring a mat or towel to sit, stretch and meditate.

The instructor for the class is Gina Nardone. The class is co-sponsored by the

City of Merced's Office of Recreation.

If you can't walk, jog or

ride a bike to the class, there is parking available on W. 28th Street.



The Yoga in the Park class meets in Applegate Park.

Some more summer driving tips

Think Green

The Energy Commission expects supplies of gasoline and diesel to be sufficient this summer; however, being savvy about your driving habits can save you money and extend the life of your vehicle.

Ease up on the pedal. Rapid accelerating and braking can affect fuel mileage by as much as 25 percent. Also, as you speed up fuel economy goes down. You'll lose roughly 1 percent in fuel economy for every mile per hour you drive above 55 mph. If your car averages 30 mpg at 55 mph, you'll only get about 28.5 mpg at 60 mph, 27 mpg at 65 mph, and 25.5 mpg at 70 mph. (The difference varies, depending on the model and age of your vehicle.)

Tune up. The combined effect of dirty oil, and dirty air and oil filters can decrease your car's efficiency by 2.5 mpg. Worn spark plugs can decrease efficiency by 2

mpg; and a non-working oxygen (O2) sensor can decrease it by as much as 3 mpg.

Check your tires. Keep your tires properly inflated. Low tire pressure reduces gas mileage and increases tread wear. Tires should be properly balanced and aligned to get the best mileage. Check your owner's manual or the vehicle's side panel for proper inflation information.

Lighten up. Leave what you won't use at home to maximize your mileage, especially anything on the vehicle's exterior. Consider removing bike and luggage roof racks if they aren't essential. Carry everything inside the vehicle if you can; a loaded roof rack lowers gas mileage more than the same weight carried inside.

Plan your trip. Getting lost and backtracking wastes gas and time.