

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Monthly Newsletter



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Department Updates

Community Development Expansion

Through recent approvals by City Council, new positions are being added to the Department, offering an even greater range of services to the community. The search for a new staff City Planner continues, a complete compliment of Community Improvement Officers is now on board, and the expansion to our Neighborhood Services Division is in process. Many new hands to help carry the broad range of tasks, projects, and forecasted interests of the City are on their way!

New Building Inspector II

Please join us in welcoming our new Building Inspector II, Byron Jones! Byron has experience working as a Building Inspector II for the City of Wenatchee, WA. Please welcome him to the City of Lodi!

Community Improvement Officers

Long-time Community Improvement / Code Enforcement Officer, Nancy Baker, retired on July 4, 2022. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Please join us in welcoming our two new additions to the Community Improvement Division. Ken Aiello and James Zoren, both Community Improvement Officers (II), come to us with a combined 19 years of experience. Please welcome them both to our team!

A third Community Improvement Officer is scheduled to start on August 22, 2022.

Planning Division



Wendy's Facelift

During the most recent Site Plan and Architectural Review Committee (SPARC) Meeting, the remodel of the existing Wendy's Restaurant (adjacent to the Highway 99 interchange), received its approval. With new branding requirements, the exterior will take shape demonstrating a more corporate appearance, remodeling the current residential 'greenhouse' frontage to a more conventional commercial look. The restaurant will remain open throughout the interior/exterior transformation as "drive-thru only" service, so stop on by!

A Gastronomic Expansion

Komachi Sushi is building a new restaurant on Kettleman Lane! The new location will have dining accommodating up to 277 seats, adequate on-site parking, and a great outdoor dining courtyard. The architectural style of the facility beautifully reflects the cultural heritage of the cuisine, adding to the enjoyment of its guests. We look forward to announcing their groundbreaking and ultimate grand opening, so stay tuned!



Building Division



El Gallo Commissary

El Gallo, a new 2-story commissary located at 1365 E. Lockeford, has started construction. The business will provide complete commissary needs for food truck vendors, including a truck washing facility.

12 West Apartments

The Building Division completed the first plan review for the proposed 12 West Apartments complex at 2925 Gala Drive, located near the intersection of Kettleman Lane and Westgate Avenue. The review included the six (6) multi-storied apartment building, the clubhouse, and all related site work.



Neighborhood Services Division



Harmony Homes Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A ribbon cutting Ceremony for the Harmony Homes project was held on July 6, 2022. The project will be managed by Sacramento Self Help Housing (SSHH) who will provide additional services and support for tenants to ensure their pathway to success. SSHH brings a wealth of experience in assisting individuals and families who have insufficient resources for adequate housing. SSHH purpose is to help people who are homeless, in crisis, or have special needs to find stable, affordable housing.

Temporary Emergency Shelter Open

The Temporary Emergency Shelter, housed at the future site of the ACCESS Center, opened on July 22, 2022. The Temporary Emergency Shelter has the ability to house up to 50 unsheltered and provided wraparound services including case management, life skills, housing navigation, income advocacy, mental health and substance use treatment resources, and job readiness training. These services are similar to what will be provided at the permanent ACCESS Center once complete.



Community Improvement Division

Community Improvement investigates numerous complaints including substandard housing, dangerous buildings, inoperable vehicles, life safety issues, zoning code complaints, illegal business operations, marijuana cultivation, and food truck operations and permitting.

Community Improvement handles primarily residential and commercial property enforcement. Items Community Improvement does not enforce:

- On street parking violations
- Any on street violation
- Civil issues such as trees, fences, and property line disputes
- Excessive watering of landscaping
- Criminal activity
- Animal related complaints

Currently, Community Improvement Officers are working on property consisting of dangerous buildings, and three properties involving hoarding.

Community Improvement Officers have been working diligently to respond to complaints. One of the main complaints we receive is junk/trash/debris, which is what we call an "attractive nuisance". Here are some cases that we were able to bring into compliance:

