

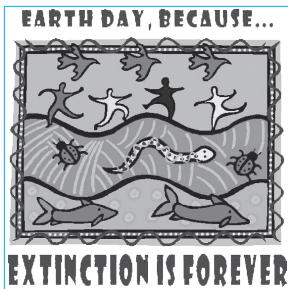
# City Beat

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## Earth Day Is Coming!

The 18th Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Each year the festival offers a great day of family fun and entertainment while learning about the environment. Beautiful Graceada Park in downtown Modesto hosts the all day event. Bring your family and come stroll through the park,



listen to sounds from local bands, enjoy kid friendly activities, and learn about the different programs available to help preserve and protect our home and environment. This year's theme is "Earth Day, because...Extinction is Forever."

Applications are now being accepted for environmentally friendly vendors. If you are interested, please contact the Solid Waste Management Office at (209) 577-5494.

## Teach Children About Fire Safety

Does your child know what to do if there is a fire in your home? It is important that you teach your children about fire safety.

Children are typically scared during a fire, consequently it is very important to practice the following concepts regularly, so they become habits.

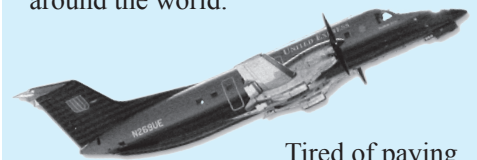
- Practice EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home). Children should know two exits from every room in the house (doors and windows). They need to know how to open windows by themselves. It may be necessary to arrange furniture to assist them (so they can stand on a bed, etc.).
- Don't hide—go outside. Children need to know that when the smoke detector sounds they need to go outside immediately.
- Once out—stay out. Teach children to never go back into a burning building. Nothing is more important than their lives.
- Set a meeting place. The first fire engine that arrives will need to know if everyone made it out of the burning building safely. So set a place for everyone in your family to meet once they make it outside (mailbox, neighbors house, etc.).
- Call 911 from a neighbor's house. Don't use your own phone; get out of the burning building.
- Children are typically curious about fire. They see adults using it and think that means they can too. Teach children to tell an adult if they find matches or lighters (don't touch them). Explain that fire is a tool for adults to use for cooking, warmth and light, but it is not a toy for children to play with. Let them know that when they are older you will show them the appropriate way to use fire.

*Tracie Dutter*

Fire Inspector

## Modesto Airport

Modesto International Airport- has a nice ring to it doesn't it?! Many people might be amused by this long-term strategic goal. It is here now, maybe not in name, but in hassle-free airline service. With a combination of 18 arrivals and departures a day to and from Los Angeles and San Francisco-the world is literally at Modesto's doorstep. From Modesto, SkyWest Airlines and United Airlines, as well as a wide variety of other airlines, offer a wide variety of connections throughout the United States and around the world.



Tired of paying \$10 or more a day to park after several hours on the interstate, only to face a long walk with your baggage to the terminal? Modesto's City-County Airport can be reached from almost anywhere in the City in only 15 minutes. Our free lighted parking lots (100% expansion by summer!) provide an ease of aircraft access only experienced by high rolling corporate executives with private jets.

Since last July your Modesto Airport has undertaken a major commitment to expand air service to the city and the northern San Joaquin Valley region. When your travel plans call for ease of connections and stress free airport access, give Modesto's 'International' airport a try. You too can be part of this success story.

*\* Due to the cyclic nature of mailing the City Beat with the utility water bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.*

*City Beat is printed on 30% recycled paper.*

## Business Academy for Business Owners and Their Employees

The Modesto Police Department is offering a free Business Academy class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the Modesto Police Department, 600 10th Street.

This training is offered to small businesses, financial institutions, and large commercial businesses and is open to business owners and their employees. Topics include: forgery/fraud/ID theft, homeless/panhandling, security/robbery prevention, gangs and drug awareness, auto thefts, alarms, tagging and hate crimes.

Space is limited and registration is required. Registration forms can be picked up at the main police department located at 601 10th Street or the northeast office located at 3705 Oakdale Road. For more information, please contact Community Service Officer Bonn Panyanouvong at (209) 572-9569.

### Calling All Contractors...

*for Housing Rehabilitation and Capital Improvement Projects*

The City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department is looking for general building contractors and subcontractors to bid on housing rehabilitation and capital improvement projects.

The following is a sampling of services needed:

- Heating and air conditioning contractors
- Concrete contractors
- Roofing contractors
- General construction contractors
- Plumbing contractors
- Demolition contractors
- Electrical contractors
- Pest control inspection services

*If you have a specialty not listed above, contact the City at (209) 577-5418 to see if it is a service we need.*

Additionally, experienced home repair/maintenance persons or those who are otherwise qualified, and are interested in providing repair estimates for minor home repair projects (plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating, etc.) are encouraged to also contact us.

City staff provides technical assistance and job specifications which takes most of the uncertainty out of the housing rehabilitation work being completed.



For additional information, contact Hal McMurphy at (209) 577-5418 or [hmcumrphy@modestogov.com](mailto:hmcumrphy@modestogov.com).  
Español: (209) 577-5245.



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Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If Your Address Is...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
Midnight to Noon	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
Noon to 7 PM	<b><i>DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!</i></b>						
7 PM to Midnight	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER

Odd numbered addresses end in 1,3,5,7,9  
Even numbered addresses end in 0,2,4,6,8

For more information regarding water conservation, or to report water waste, call (209) 342-4580.



### Thank You for Your Efforts...

The City of Modesto would like to thank you, our valued customer, for your continued effort in helping us conserve our most precious natural resource—water. We are experiencing an unusually dry winter, as such, please:

- make sure your outdoor watering is on your designated watering days only.
- minimize outdoor watering to eliminate runoff from your property. Shorter watering periods can help in promoting deeper root growth for hardier lawns. Instead of watering for 15 to 20 minutes at one time, break this time up into 5-8 minute intervals twice per day on your designated watering day.

As the weather warms you can add additional start times on your irrigation timer as needed. This practice will help to eliminate water running off your yard and down the gutters.

When it does rain please turn-off your automatic sprinkler timers until needed again. Call the Water Conservation Department if you need help programming your automatic timers. Using good outdoor watering habits will help maintain water pressures and save operating costs when the long hot summer days are upon us.

For more information on water conservation call (209) 342-4580 or visit our website at [www.modestogov.com](http://www.modestogov.com)