

May 2016



May is National Bike Month, a coast to coast celebration of cycling. Our beautiful Modesto spring weather allows us to play outdoors much of the year but May could arguably be the nicest month for a bike ride. On May 18th, hundreds of visitors will descend upon our city. Hotels will be brimming, restaurants will fill up, and service industries of all sorts will see increased business. Our city will host the athletes on the Tour of California, an important role in one of the world's premier bicycle races. There will be hundreds of people to welcome; riders, pit crews, families of participants, spectators/race groupies, media, highway patrol and more. During their stay, the riders will be here with their full entourage, taking in Modesto and investing in our economy.

## We can be the best stop on the tour!

We are a welcoming city, with an opportunity to show our guests the hospitality that only a City of Great Neighbors can. A city is only as memorable as its residents, and Modesto residents are great, fun-loving, kind hearted, warm and generous people. We can be the best stop on the tour!

City staff has been working to raise sponsorship support and offset costs through in-kind donations. We have also requested partnership support from AEG to accommodate riders and were pleased to hear that AEG will provide \$22,000 toward hotel room costs to spare us some expense. In addition to that savings, the tour has booked \$9,000 in additional room nights in Modesto to accommodate their staff. Our array of May cycling events will offer locals the chance to bask in the cycling lifestyle. It all jumps off with the Tour of California visit on May 18. Local enthusiasts and families are encouraged to come

downtown for the Tour of California: Modesto Cycling Expo Kick-off Party, at the Doubletree Hotel parking lot (11th street). Join us for an all access behind the scenes look at the action on a race stop. Pit crews will set up bike wash stations and busy themselves sprucing up and tuning up road weary bicycles, offer cycling demos and more. The fun factor will be amplified by live broadcast radio, food trucks, giveaways, and a chance to hang out with celebrity cyclists!

Leave the car in the driveway and cycle to work on May 19th- Bike to Work Day. Get your exercise in early and meet up downtown with other riders. Ride to work alone, with colleagues, or Bike to Work with Mayor Brandvold starting at Village Baking Company. Enjoy a light breakfast and mini vendor fair at the downtown 10th street plaza at 8:00 a.m. T-shirts are provided to participants.



Finally, on Saturday, May 21, bring your brood to the Family Cycling Festival which will transform 11th street. Vendor booths, helmet giveaways, BMX bike demos, races, and other family fun will start at 10:00am. This year you can ride bikes to the festival and park them in our bike corral. Kick off the festival with a Community Bike Ride, also at 10:00am on Saturday. Stanislaus Bike Club, one of the largest bicycle clubs in the state, will lead the way as we break in the new route from MJC East to West Campus and finish downtown, at the Family Cycling Festival. Air up your tires and mark your calendars! A week of great cycling events is rolling in soon.

# MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH



## 2016 Modesto Schedule of Events



**Tour of California: Modesto Cycling Expo**  
Wednesday, May 18 | 3PM-7PM



**Bike to Work Day**  
Thursday, May 19 | 6:30AM-8:30AM  
*Bike to Work & Bike to Work with Mayor Brandvold*



**Family Cycling Festival & Criterium**  
Saturday, May 21 | 10AM-3PM

For more info call 209.577.5295 or visit us at: [www.modestogov.com/bikes](http://www.modestogov.com/bikes)



**#bikemonth #modestocycles**



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Summer is right around the corner. We need to continue to conserve and eliminate any excess water use. The City of Modesto offers two conservation programs to help reduce water use:

**The Turf replacement program:** The City of Modesto is offering rebates to our residential water customers who replace their grass with drip-irrigated low-water-use plants, permeable hardscape, or polyethylene/nylon artificial turf products. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The City reserves the right to terminate this program at any time, for any reason. Please visit the website for complete details. [www.modestogov.com/savewater](http://www.modestogov.com/savewater)

**Water Audit program:** A trained water conservation professional will go to your home and determine if you can conserve more water and save money on your water bill. The staff person will locate your water meter, show you how to read it, and provide information where common leaks occur. They will then check your sprinkler system, set the irrigation controller to the correct watering schedule, and make sure each station has the correct watering times. They will make sure the sprinkler valves are shutting off, the sprinkler heads are spraying in desired areas and not spraying into the street. They will also provide water conservation materials and tools. Please call to schedule this free service. It is provided by the City of Modesto Water Conservation Program: 209-342-2246.

To the right are some helpful water conservation tips for the summer. Thank you for doing your part to conserve water!

1. Check you sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
2. Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
3. Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
4. Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
5. Avoid planting turf in areas that are hard to water such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
6. Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.
8. Only water your lawn when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.
9. Use the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water the small patches by hand to avoid waste.
10. We are more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.
11. Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
12. Periodically check your pool for leaks if you have an automatic refilling device.
13. Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to help grass stay healthy.

SEWER PROBLEMS?  
CALL US FIRST  
577-6200

# How To Read Your Newly Designed Bill

Welcome to your new bill design! The City of Modesto is committed to providing outstanding customer service as well as implementing new solutions improving the efficiency of our service. Your new bill design features some key elements and enhancements we hope you will find useful.

## New Bill Design Includes:

- a** Account Summary
- b** Current Activity Summary
- c** Water Usage History



**a** ACCOUNT SUMMARY

View current as well as balance forward totals

Bill Date	12/01/15
Customer Name	LAYRISA
Account Number	156999-60
Service Address	2548 MAIN
Service Period	12/04/15 to
Account Balance	\$314.13
Balance Forward	\$0.00

**b** CURRENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY

View a summary of charges i.e. water, sewer, storm drain and/or garbage if applicable

Previous Balance	\$
Payments	\$
Balance Forward	\$
Water Charges	\$
Sewer Charges	\$
Storm Drain Charges	\$
Garbage Charges	\$
Fees, Surcharges and Adjustments	\$
Late Fee	\$
Final Notice	\$

**c** WATER USAGE HISTORY

Improved consumption history including a graph featuring current plus twelve months of consumption. Residential customers will also display number of gallons used

Consumption History

This month = 17,204 | Graphed below in units, 1 Unit = 748

City of Modesto • Customer Services Division  
1010 Tenth St • Suite 2100 • Modesto, CA 95354



**BRING IN A USED OIL FILTER  
ON July 15, July 16, or July 17  
AND GET A NEW ONE – FREE!**

Offer good at participating O'Reilly's and AutoZone auto parts stores. For details call 577-5493

**\*Conditions:**

- Limit one filter per person per event
- Maximum filter value cannot exceed \$12.99
- Passenger vehicle and light truck filters only
- Individuals only, no businesses may participate
- Replacement oil filters shall be "off the shelf" and of standard quality
- Replacement filters are limited to stock on-hand, no special orders
  - No premium oil filters will be issued
  - Filters may not be returned for refund and may only be exchanged for another oil filter



**Drain your Pool into the Sewer System,  
Never use the Gutter!**

Report Illegal Storm Drain Dumping  
**209.577.6200**  
24 HRS A DAY

## \* Important Information \* Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule



There will be no garbage collection services on Monday July 4th in observance of Independence Day. All Garbage Routes for the week of July 4 will run 1 day late.

<u>If Your Service Day is:</u>	<u>Your pick up day for the week of July 4 is:</u>
Monday .....	Tuesday
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Wednesday .....	Thursday
Thursday .....	Friday
Friday .....	Saturday

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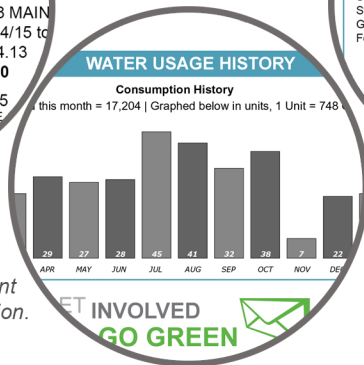
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OR ADDITIONAL CHARGES. IF CUR	
FTER DUE DATE A \$10.00 O	

**ACCOUNT SUMMARY**  
*View current as well as  
balance forward totals*

**b**

CURRENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY	
Previous Balance	
Payments	-\$
Balance Forward	\$0
Water Charges	\$2
Sewer Charges	\$3
Storm Drain Charges	\$4
Garbage Charges	\$2
Fees, Surcharges and Adjustments	
Late Fee	11/13/15 \$10
Final Notice	11/20/15 \$10



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# HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER



Fitness

Soccer

Tennis

Art

Dance

Archery

Adaptive  
Rec

Aquatics  
swim lessons, rec swim  
and more!

Softball

The City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department offers year round recreational activities for people of all ages, interests, and skill levels.

Register online at [modestogov.com/prnd/econnect](http://modestogov.com/prnd/econnect) or in person at the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department 1010 Tenth Street Suite 4400.

For more information call (209) 577-5344.

The City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Summer 2016 Schedule of classes includes a variety of activities for all interests and skill levels. Learn to swim, practice springboard diving, or become a lifeguard. Expand your knowledge of the arts and dance. Hone your soccer, softball, or tennis skills.

Classes include:

Adaptive Recreation • Archery  
Aquatics • Art • CSI Crime Statistics  
Dance • Driver Education  
NFL Flag Football • Golf  
Health & Fitness • Jr Giants  
Baseball • Family Movies • Soccer  
Adult Softball • Tennis

For more information or to sign up for classes, visit:

*modestogov.com/prnd/activityguide*  
or in person at 1010 10th St, Ste 4400  
or call (209) 577-5344



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