



December 2016

A Year in Review

It has been a busy year for the City of Modesto. We have moved historic projects across the finish line, like our State Route 99 Pelandale Interchange and our North Valley Regional Water Program. We've also ventured into uncharted territory, launching a robust mobile app. This issue covers some of our department's most significant accomplishments of 2016.

Fire Department

Modesto Fire received a FEMA grant to hire 9 new firefighters for a two year period. This will enable the fire department to re-open the engine company from fire station 11. Engine 11 was closed due to budget reductions during the recession. Re-establishing engine 11 will improve response times to the north end of the city and improve services and safety to our citizens and firefighters.



Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods

The Stanislaus Youth Soccer League (SYSL) in west Modesto has been working the past few months to complete construction on two soccer fields adjacent to Bellenita Park in the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP). This project has been an outstanding example of partnership between the SYSL, TRRP, Modesto Irrigation District, City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department, Utilities Department and Public Works Department. The irrigation system was installed primarily by volunteers and with donations from many local businesses and organizations. We expect kids to be playing soccer here next summer.

Utilities

The North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program (NVRWP) is a collaborative partnership that includes the City of Modesto, the City of Turlock, and Del Puerto Water District (DPWD) as primary partners. For this phase of the project, the City will upgrade the existing San Joaquin River effluent discharge pump station and construct a new 6 mile pipeline to deliver recycled water from Modesto's Jennings wastewater treatment facilities to a new outfall structure at the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) and will provide almost 15 million gallons per day of much needed water for irrigation and wildlife refuges.

The NVRWP groundbreaking ceremony was held on August 26th, 2016. Local, state and federally elected officials were in attendance, as well as representatives from participating state and federal agencies.



Information Technology

Another busy year for the IT Department. We implemented a new Website, a new Civic Engagement App for the public – GoModesto!, a new Mobile Workforce System for the Wastewater Division of Utilities, a new Budgeting System, a new Construction Management System for Engineering, a new Traffic Citation system, a new Situational Awareness system for Fire, a new system to help us with Grant Writing, a new phone system for PD, a new system to help with Code inspections, and a new Performance Management System for HR. In addition, we have supported the necessary research to move to a new Records Management System for PD, and we have begun the work of a Municipal Fiber Infrastructure Master Plan and completed an audit of our Utilities Department's SCADA system.



Community & Economic Development

Modesto on Ice was very successful last winter. For a first year project we were pleasantly surprised to see unexpected scores of locals and even guests from out of town visiting downtown Modesto. Attendance was much beyond what was expected. This year, the ice rink is open again. Located at the corner of 11th and K, conveniently across the street from the city parking. Get tickets and information online at modestoonice.com

Police Department

This summer the Modesto Police Department completed a Real Time Crime Center to assist in monitoring crime in our city and providing real time intelligence to officers in the field to help when responding to crimes or series of crimes. The new Crime Center employs two full time analysts who monitor incidents throughout the city in real time. The monitors can pull in feed from the UAVs and will also be integrated with camera feeds from the city which protect and provide surveillance on our water supply and abate tagging more effectively.

Public Works

The State Route 99 and Pelandale Avenue Interchange Reconstruction Project is the largest transportation project in Modesto history. This two and a half year construction project included the reconstruction of the Pelandale Avenue overcrossing, the State Route 99 on and off ramps, and the new City of Modesto Welcome Sign. As the largest transportation Capital Improvement Project ever in our City's history, the State Route 99 Pelandale Avenue Interchange Reconstruction Project was critical to increase safety, relieve congestion, and enhance traffic operations in Modesto and throughout the region. Our goal for this project was to maintain community access throughout construction and complete the project by early 2017. We have accomplished both goals by completing the project ahead of schedule and are very pleased with the result of our efforts.



Certified Used Oil & Filter Collection Centers Recycling your used motor oil just makes cents!

√ Auto Zone	1032 Oakdale Rd.	342-9026
√ Auto Zone	401 Paradise Rd.	530-9106
√ Auto Zone	1901 Prescott Rd.	530-0294
√ Auto Zone	3401 Yosemite Blvd.	491-0836
√ Auto Zone	3601 Pelandale Ave St. F	545-4093
√ Big O Tires	3501 Yosemite Blvd.	524-2446
Europa Motors	1616 Oakdale Rd.	551-0277
√ Jiffy Lube	1701 Yosemite Blvd.	575-1701
√ Firestone	3230-36 Dale Rd.	522-9311
Midas	338 McHenry Ave.	527-0400
Midas	3833 McHenry Ave.	523-4706
√ * O'Reilly Auto Parts	1623 N. Carpenter Rd.	544-8092
√ * O'Reilly Auto Parts	3544 McHenry Ave.	527-1480
√ * O'Reilly Auto Parts	816 Oakdale Rd.	527-3660
√ * O'Reilly Auto Parts	2100 Standiford Ave.	529-1459
√ * O'Reilly Auto Parts	649 Paradise Rd.	524-4352
√ Pep Boys	1340 McHenry Ave.	529-3310
√ Pro-10 Minute Oil Change	1135 Tully Rd.	527-7691
Pro Lube Oil Change Center	3037 Sisk Rd.	544-3609
√ SpeeDee Oil Change	1343 Coffee Rd.	521-1929
√ Stuart's Auto Center	3927 McHenry Ave.	578-5823



No after hour drop-offs!

√ Accepts oil filters for recycling

* Offers a coupon towards merchandise instead of cash rebate



Water Conservation Rebate Programs



Save Water. Save Money

City of Modesto water customers may be eligible for new water conservation rebate programs. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Smart Controller • Sprinkler Nozzle Replacement • Drip Irrigation
Rain Barrel • Turf Replacement • Toilet & Clothes Washer Rebates*

Applications available online or via phone

www.modestogov.com/savewater (209) 342-2246

State of California rebates also available visit www.saveourwaterrebates.com

City of Modesto Water Division

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* Toilet & Clothes Washer Rebates not available for commercial properties. For more information, terms and conditions visit us online.

Help Prevent Sewer Blockages & Overflows

Especially during the winter months, it is important to remember the following: Grease is often washed down the kitchen sink and into the plumbing system. Even a small amount of grease in sink drains can cause serious blockages in home plumbing or, even worse, a sewer overflow in your home or yard. The substances also cause clogging in Modesto's wastewater collection system, causing overflows that are messy, costly, and a potential threat to your health and the environment.

Here are some ways you can help protect the environment, your pipes, and Modesto's sewer collection system:

- Never pour grease material down sink drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease material from all cookware and dishes into a can or the trash for disposal prior to washing. Don't rely on detergents to dissolve grease: They may just pass it down the line and cause problems in other areas.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain strainers into the trash for disposal.
- Cooking grease should be placed in the black curb container with the normal weekly garbage. It would be advisable to allow the grease to cool so as to not melt plastic garbage bags.



Call the City of Modesto 24/7 at (209)577-6200 to report a sewer blockage or overflow.

Leaf Season is Upon Us...

During the month of December the City of Modesto Green Waste Crews will only collect and remove leaves. No green waste will be collected during this time. Leaves will be collected from the street only. Please do not place green waste in the street or alleys again until your scheduled collection time in January 2017. Piles of leaves with green waste mixed in will not be collected. For more information regarding the leaf removal program call the Green Waste Division at (209) 577-5463 or visit our website at www.modestogov.com/360/Green-Waste-Collection

City of Modesto Waste Tire Recycling Events

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- City of Modesto residents only
- No businesses
- Tires with and without rims - OK
- Car, Truck & Motorcycle Tires - OK
- Up to 9 tires accepted at no charge
- No Commercial or Tractor Tires

WHAT TO DO:

- Call City of Modesto and request a Coupon: **(209) 577-5494**
 - Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781
 - Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Take Tires to Garbage Company
- Do not mix tires with other waste

FREE DISPOSAL ON DATES LISTED BELOW

February 1-29 • April 1-30 • June 1-30

August 1-31 • October 1-31 • December 1-31

(Closed Dec. 25)

Funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Questions?
Call (209) 577-5494



CalRecycle



Christmas Tree Collection Begins in January

City of Modesto Organic Recycling crews will begin collection of untreated green Christmas trees as part of the normal Organic Recycling collection placed in the street/alley in January.

For Christmas tree collection, the same guidelines apply as the Green Waste collected from the street/alley for your area. If you do not know which area you are in please contact the City of Modesto Green Waste Office at 577-5463.

To ensure proper disposal of Christmas trees follow these simple steps:

Disposal of Untreated Green Trees:

- Remove all tree stands, ornaments, rods, garland and tinsel. If these items have not been removed the trees will not be picked up by City crews.
- Cut trees in half if they are more than six (6) feet tall.
- Place trees out in the street/alley adjacent to your property within 72 hours prior to your scheduled collection week.
- Untreated trees may also be cut in pieces to fit in your Organic Recycling can.

Disposal of Trees Treated With Flocking, Paint or Fireproofing:

Trees with flocking, paint or fireproofing cannot be composted and will not be collected by City crews. Flocked, painted or fireproofed trees may be cut up and placed in your black garbage can or taken to one of the garbage company transfer stations. Transfer stations can be found at the following locations:

Gilton Solid Waste
800 S. McClure Rd.
(209) 527-3781

Bertolotti Disposal
231 Flamingo Dr.
(209) 537-8000

For more information on Christmas tree collection or the City's Organic Recycling collection program; visit the City of Modesto's website at modestogov.com/360/Green-Waste-Collection or contact the Organic Recycling Office at (209) 577-5463.

'Tis the Season for CalRecycle's Holiday Waste-Reduction Tips:

Modesto – It's the most wonderful time of the year, but there is more waste created between Thanksgiving and New Year's than any other time of year! More than 1 million tons of additional waste is generated each week nationwide during this period.

"There are many festive ways to reduce-reuse-recycle during the holiday season without cutting back on the good cheer," CalRecycle Director Caroll Mortensen said. "CalRecycle proposes some new traditions to reduce holiday waste that will help protect the planet and save money while teaching our kids about environmental stewardship."

If you dream of a **green** Christmas, celebrate using the following tips:

- Precycle and freecycle before you hit the mall. Take an inventory of things you no longer use, and donate those old toys and clothing to a thrift store. Even if the clothes can no longer be worn, thrift stores will generally sell them to textile recyclers. Only got \$20 in your pocket? A thrift shop is also a great place to find fantastic and unique Christmas gifts on the cheap.
- Remember to bring reusable bags on your shopping trips.
- Consider gift bags or baskets, which can be used year after year, or a reusable bag instead of wrapping paper.
- Rechargeable batteries are truly a gift that keeps on giving to run those holiday toys and gadgets. They greatly reduce the amount of hazardous waste that harms the environment when thrown away, which is not only naughty, but illegal. Visit CalRecycle for more information, including how to safely dispose of batteries.
- If Santa deemed you nice and you scored a new flat-screen, tablet, smart phone, or other electronic gadget, make sure to responsibly e-cycle your old technology. Many nonprofits will accept working cell phones and computers. If they don't work, be sure to dispose of them safely, and remember it is illegal to throw them in the trash due to the toxic materials they contain. Check out eRecycle.org for reuse and recycling drop-off locations for cell phones, e-waste, and batteries.
- Rather than mailing paper holiday cards, consider sending e-cards or an e-newsletter.
- Food for thought: Thirteen percent of landfill is food and an estimated 36 million tons of food waste went to US. landfills in 2011. Err on the side of Scrooge when crafting your menus-it's good for the waist, and preventing waste. Also, remember that food scraps can go into green waste bins and will be composted or transformed into energy sources instead of ending up in landfills, creating methane and carbon dioxide gases.
- Remember to treecycle! Christmas trees are commonly turned into mulch, or chipped and used for playground material, hiking trails, paths, and walkways. They can also be used for beachfront erosion prevention, lake and river shoreline stabilization, and fish and wildlife habitat. For more information on Christmas tree recycling in Modesto or the City's Organic Recycling program, please contact the Organic Recycling Office at (209) 577-5463

SEWER PROBLEMS?
CALL US FIRST
577-6200

City Hall will be closed for the holidays
Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be **no** changes in service for the Christmas and New Years Holidays. Garbage Service will run as normal for both weeks.

CalRecycle is the state's leading authority on recycling, waste reduction, and product use. CalRecycle plays an important role in the stewardship of California's vast resources and promotes innovation in technology to encourage economic and environmental sustainability. For more information, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov



ONE DAY WATERING!

Effective November 1st - March 31st

- > Outdoor watering prohibited daily from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
- > Odd-numbered addresses watering day is Sunday
- > Even-numbered addresses watering day is Saturday
- > No outdoor water use Monday through Friday
- > Hosing any outside areas is prohibited except for health/safety reasons
- > No irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable rain
- > Outdoor watering must be kept on your property...avoid water runoff

Please see back side for water conservation tips

PENALTIES FOR WATER WASTE VIOLATION	
> First Notice of Violation	FINE Written notice of violation, no fine issued
> Second Notice of Violation	\$150.00
> Third Notice of Violation	\$250.00
> Subsequent Violations	\$500.00

Drought Stage IIA

www.modestogov.com/savewater • State of California website: www.saveourwater.com

