

our community matters



January 2017



Happy New Year!
from Mayor Ted Brandvold

Dear City of Great Neighbors,

It's been almost one full year since I was elected mayor on February 2, 2016. My first short-term priority was to hire more police officers without raising taxes. My first long-term priority was to strengthen the financial condition of the City.



To work on these objectives, the City Council and I appointed the 100-Day Budget Review Committee. First, the 100-Day Committee identified savings that allowed the City Council on June 21, 2016 to authorize the hiring of 22 more police officers without raising taxes.

Second, the 100-Day Committee recommended 37 specific action items to put the City in a stronger financial condition. City staff members and community volunteers currently are implementing the first of these recommendations.



The work of the 100-Day Committee is an outstanding start to improving City finances, but more has to be done. As the committee's final report warned: "(u)nless Modesto sheds a 'business as usual' approach and acts soon on multiple fronts, it is possible that the City general fund will struggle to supply even the most vital services to its citizens within five to ten years."



The City will, in fact, have to shed its “business as usual” approach if we are to succeed. For example, there will always be more good ideas and worthy programs presented to us than the City can fund in a sustainable manner. The private sector – both for-profit and not-for-profit – will have to do more because the City cannot.



In addition, we have to expand the efforts that were underway when I took office – and add some new initiatives - to review and improve City operations. The objective must be to transform City government into an organization that is customer-focused: clearly focused on providing world-class service to the residents and taxpayers that allow us to serve them.

Once these improvements are made, I believe we will be able to provide the pre-conditions for the private sector to help transform us into a more prosperous community. This is critical if the City is to keep the promises it has made to its taxpayers, residents, employees, retirees, and many others.

Though they are serious, we cannot allow these challenges to obscure the many wonderful attributes of our city. I love Modesto – most especially its people. I firmly believe by working together Modesto’s brightest days are ahead of us - if we make the hard decisions now to prepare the road to a fantastic future.

Did you know?

- You can subscribe to City News online and receive a text or email when the newsletter is posted! Just go to www.modestogov.com/subscribe
- 10th St garage fees have changed! Now drivers pay just \$1/hr and \$12/max (all day) to park.

I’m excited about my role as the Mayor of Modesto and the year ahead. I see vast possibilities for our future as a city and believe that together we can change things for the better. If you have any comments or suggestions for me, please email me at mayor@modestogov.com or call me at 209-571-5230.

With highest regards,

Mayor Ted Brandvold

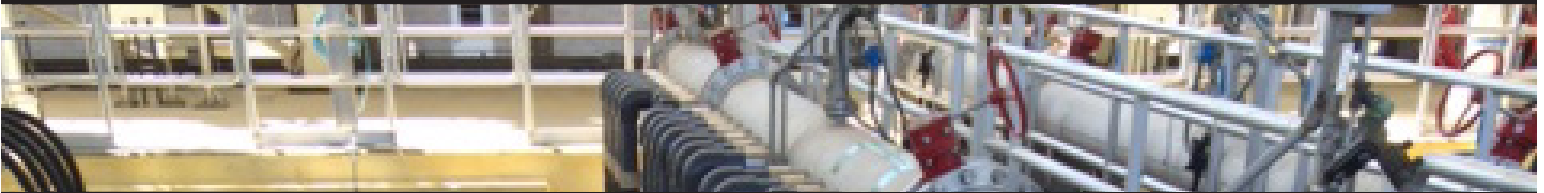


The holidays are over but there is still a lot to do in town!

- Modesto Escape Room
- Modesto on Ice
- Museum of Natural History
- Wetlands (near Beckwith Rd) for migrating birds
- Take advantage of post-Christmas sales at Vintage Faire Mall or McHenry Village
- Take in a show at one of our great theaters!



photo by Matthew Trevina



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5 Ways To Conserve Water This Winter

- 1. Insulate water pipes in unheated areas** - When temperatures drop below freezing, pipes in unheated areas are subject to freezing causing messy and often expensive issues. The most common pipe freezes occur on those exposed to frigid temperatures such as outdoor hose bibs, water supply lines in unheated interior areas like basements, crawlspaces, and even kitchen cabinets. To reduce the likelihood of freezing, wrap water supply lines in unheated areas with insulation tubes made of polyethylene or fiberglass. For an extra layer of protection, apply heat-tape prior to wrapping pipes with insulation.
- 2. Drip your faucets** - If you know where the water comes into your building, pull water through the entire system by turning on faucets at the opposite end. By keeping the water moving, you greatly reduce the likelihood of freezing. For added conservation, collect the dripping water into a bucket or cup. You can use the collected water for watering house plants or flushing the toilet.
- 3. Check for leaks after the first thaw** - The drastic temperature changes between night and day during the winter cause pipes to expand and contract. As a result, when the thaw does come, pipes are likely to break above and below ground causing massive water loss. Check your irrigation system for any leaks or breaks.
- 4. Know where your property shut-off valve is** - In the event of a catastrophic leak, knowing the location of your property shut-off valve could save you money on water and water damage repairs. The faster you can turn off the water, the less goes to waste.
- 5. Know the emergency number to your water provider.** If the City of Modesto is your water provider, please call (209)342-2246 for any water related emergency. A staff member is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you for conserving water and please continue to follow the stage II-A watering schedule (below). For more information, visit our webpage at modestogov.com/savewater or call our office at (209)342-2246.

ONE DAY WATERING!

Effective November 1st - March 31st

City of Modesto
Water Conservation:
(209) 342-2246

City of
Modesto
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- › 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

VIOLATION	FINE
› First Notice of Violation	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 II A

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

Earth Day

In the park festival!

Wanted Sponsors & Vendors

For more information contact:

Vicki Rice

Recycling Program Coordinator

209.577.5495

vrice@modestogov.com

✦ Graceada Park ✦ April 22, 2017 ✦ 10am - 4pm

Move Those Cans...

Per City of Modesto Municipal Code, where service occurs in the street in front of your home, garbage and organic recycling containers may be placed out only 24 hours prior to and after the service day. The containers must be placed in the street on the asphalt next to the curb or on the edge of the driveway apron. Do not block sidewalks. Pedestrians, handicapped residents and people with strollers have the right-of-way on sidewalks, so it is important to keep sidewalks clear. Help make our community a safer place for everyone by placing your garbage cans in the street.

This does not apply to those residents with alley service. If you have questions about can placement, please call the City of Modesto, Solid Waste office at 577-5493.

SEWER PROBLEMS?

CALL US FIRST

577-6200

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 1-28 • April 1-30 • June 1-30
(Closed April 16)

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

Questions?
Call (209) 577-5494



Green Waste – Leaf & Limb Collection (Residential):

City of Modesto Residential Customers* are eligible for large green waste collection monthly (January through November) from your street or alley.

December is leaf season only; green waste will not be collected. Leaves are collected from the street only. Piles of leaves with green waste mixed in will not be collected.**

Please follow these guidelines for collection:

- Green Waste can only be placed out 72 hours prior to the Monday of your collection week.
- The City is divided into four service areas; set out and pick up times depend on your location.
- Items placed out must be less than six feet in length and six inches in diameter.
- No single piece can weigh over 50 pounds.
- Place materials 18 inches from the curb or fence.
- Small Green Waste (grass clippings, vines, twigs and other similar soft vegetative materials) shall be placed in the organic recycling container for collection.
- Leaves may only be placed in the street for collection during the month of December.
- All materials must be adjacent to the property where they were created.
- No dirt, sod, grass clippings, roots, stumps, rocks or concrete will be picked up.

Most of the materials are sent to the Compost Facility for processing. For more information visit our website at: modestogov.com/360/Green-Waste-Collection or call the Green Waste Division at 209- 577-5463.

*Does not include residents living on privately owned streets.

**This does not apply to your organic recycling container.

Piles placed out too early for collection are subject to code enforcement actions and possible citations.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

City of Modesto Sponsored
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
8:30am to 11:00am or until full
The House
1601 Coffee Rd Modesto, CA

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Antifreeze	Fertilizers	Pesticides
Aerosol products	Gasoline/Diesel fuel	Pool/Spa chemicals
Batteries (all)	Herbicides	Propane cylinders
Brake fluid	Kerosene	Road flares
Carburetor cleaner	Mercury thermostats	Roofing tar
Charcoal lighter fluid	Mercury thermometers	Syringes
Drain cleaners	Paint/Paint thinner	Used motor oil/Filters

No containers larger than 5 gallons. No empty containers. No electronic waste. No light bulbs
No explosives. No ammunition. No compressed gas cylinders. No tires. No business waste.
No medications

Stanislaus County Residents Only.

No more than 125 lbs or 15 gallons of waste accepted.

All containers must be properly sealed.

DO NOT LEAVE MATERIALS UNATTENDED. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.



QUESTIONS? CALL 577-5493
FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM CALRECYCLE



Schedule Your Bulky Item Collection

City of Modesto Residents with 2-can garbage service are allowed 2 bulky item appointments per calendar year to dispose of items such as large appliances, furniture, bicycles, and mattresses.

Please call your garbage company to schedule your appointment.

Bertolotti Disposal 537-8000
Gilton Solid Waste 527-3781

Items may only be placed out the night before the scheduled collection date. For a list of acceptable items please visit our website at modestogov.com search garbage and recycling.

For more information on the program, or if you see items in the street for more than 2 days, please call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494.



FREE 2017 City of Modesto Environmental Calendar now available from the Environmental Services Public Outreach Program

This vibrant and educational calendar features local artwork and photography celebrating the City of Modesto while providing useful tips for sustaining the natural beauty of our Central Valley.

Calendars are available in limited quantity at the following locations: Modesto Convention & Visitors Bureau, Stanislaus County Library and Tenth Street Place Information Desk at 1010 Tenth Street.

Check out the new calendar online! <https://modestogov.com/DocumentCenter/View/705>

