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**This July, Celebrate Your  
“Do-It-Yourself” Independence**

**On any weekend in July** bring in an oil filter to recycle at any of our participating locations and receive a new comparable oil filter FREE!

Visit any participating O’Reilly’s or AutoZone in Stanislaus County.

For details call  
the City of Modesto at  
(209) 577-5493

Conditions apply: see participating auto parts stores for details. Limit 1 filter per customer, per event. (up to \$14.99 value)  
Passenger vehicles and light truck oil filters only.

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## TOWN HALL MEETING

**August 4**

**10 a.m. to 12 noon**

**Little Theatre at Beyer High School  
(1717 Sylvan Avenue)**

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHASE 2 TERTIARY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The City of Modesto broke ground on June 5th, 2012 for its \$133 million Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment project that will increase the level of wastewater treatment and produce recycled water, which will ensure the City meets compliance with its wastewater discharge permit.

The City obtained a low-interest loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to pay for the project. Because it provides sewer service to disadvantaged areas, the City also qualified for \$3 million in principal forgiveness. It is estimated that the City will save \$76 million in interest costs over the life of the loan when compared to the potential costs of paying for the project with conventional bonds. The repayment of the loan will be through the City’s wastewater rates.

The vision is to use the recycled water to provide a locally-controlled, reliable source of irrigation and industry-use water to the Westside of the Central Valley at a reasonable cost to end users. Recycled water provides environmental benefits by reducing the demand of groundwater supplies, allowing the City of Modesto to reduce the amount of wastewater discharged into the San Joaquin River; and improve stream flows for natural habitats and fishery levels.



## TOP TEN GARBAGE VIOLATIONS

1. Placing or storing anything in an alley - unwanted items, furniture, appliances, etc.
2. Placing non-organic garbage in the green waste can, including plastic.
3. Placing bulky items in the street without an appointment or more than 24 hours before the appointment.
4. Depositing trash into neighbors' can without permission.
5. Placing unacceptable items out for bulky item collection – tires, paint, oil, TV's, glass, wood, construction debris, garbage, clothing, bags & boxes of trash, etc.
6. Placing hazardous waste such as motor oil, paint, batteries, fluorescent lights, electronics, etc. in the garbage instead of taking it to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
7. Placing garbage cans on the sidewalk for collection.
8. Leaving garbage cans out longer than 24 hours after service day.
9. Overfilling garbage or yard waste cans (lids must be closed and cans may not weigh over 100 lbs).
10. Not having active garbage service at your residence.

For more information on how you can avoid these common mistakes, please call the City of Modesto Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5493.



### Earth Day in the Park Festival 2012!

Thousands of people came out for Modesto's 23rd Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival on April 21, 2012. Families learned about ways they can “Create Sustainability” by living green every day. The park was filled with event goers and animals from dogs and cats to horses (7 lucky critters even found new homes). This year's event included all kinds of green activities including:

- The Boyett B-Green Event collected CRV bottles & cans, paper for shredding, and electronic waste. (proceeds from the CRV collection will benefit the Modesto Dog Park).
- Covanta Energy collected used cell phones and batteries for recycling.
- Kids created recycled water bottle noise makers & paper towel rockets in our arts and craft area.
- Green waste cans were decorated by local high school environmental clubs to promote recycling, this year's winner was Downey High School.
- Many kids participated in the Clue Card game and learned some very important facts about the environment all while trying to win a new bike. Congratulations to this year's winner Jalia Hubler.

Next year's event is already in the works and we expect it to be just as great. If you have a comment or suggestion about the event please email us at [swm@modestogov.com](mailto:swm@modestogov.com).

