



City Beat

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CITY HALL COMMUNITY FORUMS



Come out to one of our community forums and meet your Council representative, learn about the City's new "EMBRACE IT" Strategic Plan, and hear about the areas that Council has committed to focus on in Modesto. There will be an opportunity to meet representatives from City departments to provide comments and concerns about in area.

Time: 6-8 p.m.

February 17

Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary School
Multipurpose Room • 2412 Warm Springs Dr.

February 23

Maddux Youth Center • 615 Sierra Dr.

March 10

Fremont Elementary School Cafeteria
1220 W. Orangeburg Ave.

March 31

La Loma Junior High Cafeteria • 1800 Encina Ave.

April 21

Beyer High Cafeteria • 1717 Sylvan Ave.

April 28

Enoch's High Cafeteria • 3201 Sylvan Ave.

For more information, visit www.modestogov.com.

REDUCE PAPER WASTE AND GO GREEN!

Seven! That's how many trees it takes to supply the average American with all the paper they use each year. Paper waste is a tremendous problem, but there are several steps we can take to reduce this number of trees.

Get off the junk mail lists. Junk mail is unwanted, often unread, and then thrown away. Nationally, it requires the use of 100 million trees and 28 million gallons of water to generate 4.6 million tons of it each year. Here are a few easy steps you can take to reduce your share:

- Register with DMA for the MPS Service - Direct Marketing Association (DMA) Mail Preference Service (MPS) can be used to remove your name from some junk mailing lists. Visit <https://www.dmachoice.org/dma/member/home.action>.
- Register with Valassis every five years - a national direct mail printer that delivers 10 billion US media pieces annually, for 15,000 advertisers worldwide. Call 1-888-241-6760 or visit http://www.valassis.com/1024/Contact/contact_home.aspx.
- Register with Catalog Choice – they provide a free service that reduces duplicate and unsolicited catalog mailings. Visit <https://www.catalogchoice.org/signup>.
- Call mail order catalog companies or organizations and businesses and ask to be taken off their mailing list or submit a written request that is signed and dated.
- Contact major credit bureaus by calling a single toll-free number: (888) 5-OPT-OUT or (888) 567-8688.

Go Green! Be sure to recycle all paper and cardboard waste in the green organic waste can. The organic waste gets recycled into compost at the City's Compost Facility. Please call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494 with any questions about reducing paper waste or recycling.



Modesto Businesses Go Green!

Thank you to the Modesto businesses who have partnered with the City and decided to go green by recycling their food waste. Since Fall 2007, we have recycled over 1,900 tons of food waste! If you would like more information on this program or want to become a greener business, please contact Karin Rodriguez in the City's Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5453.



CONCETTA Rose Garden Florist



Memorial Medical Center
A Sutter Health Affiliate



**Quality Organic Compost
Made From Residential Yard Waste**

On Sale Beginning March 14, 2011
in 1.0 cubic foot bags

Location: Senior Citizens Center • 211 Bodem St.

Hours: Mon thru Fri - 9am to noon
Price: \$3.00 plus tax

For more information, contact the
Compost Facility at (209) 538-2557

City Operates Home Loan Repair Program for Low Income Households

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department operates a home repair loan program that assists low-income homeowners with major home repairs. The program also provides contractor oversight.

To be eligible for this program, applicants must be the owner-occupant and the home must be located within the city limits. The applicant must have sufficient equity in the property for the necessary repairs. The household's gross annual income may not exceed the eligible income limits.

For income limits and additional information, visit
<http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/housing/rehab.asp>
or call (209) 577-5245.



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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE

City of Modesto offices, located at 1010 Tenth Street,
will be closed due to holidays and work furloughs on:

February 14, 2011

February 21, 2011