

# NEWSLETTER

## CITY OF MERCED

### MERCED PD CEREMONY CELEBRATES PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES, AND RETIREMENT

On March 7th, the Merced Police Department held a special ceremony to honor recent promotions, new officers, and staff, as well as to celebrate the retirement of a dedicated sergeant.

Promotions included Jeremy Salyers to Lieutenant and Patrick Radke to Sergeant. The department also welcomed new officers: Jesus Lepe, Brian Beltran, Sam Jenkins, Robert Freese, and Jose Castillo, who are ready to serve the community. Additionally, Sandra Barros, Martha Rodriguez, and Arambel Gonzalez joined as non-sworn staff in vital roles such as Records Clerks and Community Services Officer.

The ceremony also recognized Sergeant Sean Greene, who retired after 25 years of dedicated service. The event was a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of those who play a vital role in keeping Merced safe.



## GRAN FONDO HINCAPIE IS BACK IN MERCED NEXT WEEKEND

We're excited to welcome the Gran Fondo Hincapie cycling event back to Merced on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Cyclists from all over will be in town to ride through the beautiful Central Valley and the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

Riders can choose from 6.5, 60, and 84-mile routes, all starting and finishing right here in downtown Merced. George Hincapie, the event's founder, will be riding alongside participants for a memorable day out on the roads.

If you're coming to watch or join in, Merced's downtown has everything you need—great hotels, restaurants, and plenty to see. After the ride, don't miss the Family Fun Festival, which will have live music, food, and activities for all ages.

It's going to be an amazing weekend, and we can't wait to see everyone out there!



## Detective Levi Crain Honored as Officer of the Year

Recently, the Rotary Club of Merced held a special event to recognize the outstanding contributions of law enforcement officers across Merced County. During the ceremony, the Merced Police Department named Detective Levi Crain as its Officer of the Year.

With a decade of service in law enforcement, Detective Crain has excelled in numerous specialized roles, including Traffic Officer, Crisis Negotiator, Field Training Officer, Tactical Flight Officer, and Firearms Instructor. His dedication to his work and community is evident through his exceptional service.

Known for his expertise in DUI enforcement and auto theft investigations, Detective Crain has received several prestigious awards, including the MADD 23152 pin for his DUI arrests and the 10851 Master pin for his efforts in reducing auto theft.

Outside of his professional life, Detective Crain enjoys fishing, hunting, and spending time with family and friends. Congratulations Detective Crain for your commitment to the community.



## SGT. GORMAN ENJOYED READING "PETE THE CAT: THE GREAT LEPRECHAUN CHASE" TO FARMDALE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



## PROGRESS UPDATE ON STEPHEN LEONARD BUILDING REHABILITATION

Crews completed the insulation installation will begin drywall installation next week. A third-party inspector was on-site conducting grout tests for the CMU block wall repairs, while the fire line underwent hydrostatic testing.



## CHILDS MULTI-USE PATH: SIDEWALK PREPARATION PROGRESS

**Crews set up curb forms and performed compaction work as part of the ongoing construction of the Childs Multi-Use Path.**

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## EXCITING PROGRESS AT COMMUNITY PARK 42

**Crews successfully installed stadium lights at Community Park 42 and are now focused on working with soil amendments to improve the ground conditions for future landscaping and development.**



## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

**Crews installed new stainless steel pipes in the wet well as part of ongoing improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**



Event starts on:

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 23, 2025**

611 W. 22nd,  
Merced, CA 95340



**Learn more about your Police Department!**

- Class Activities • 10 Week Program
- Interactive hands on exercises!

Merced Police Department is hosting its Community Academy. This 10-week class is hosted twice a year. The goal of the program is to educate the community about the MPD and build trust. The academy is free to anyone who lives or works in the Merced. Participants must be at least 18 years of age to enroll.

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**JOIN OUR**

# **COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

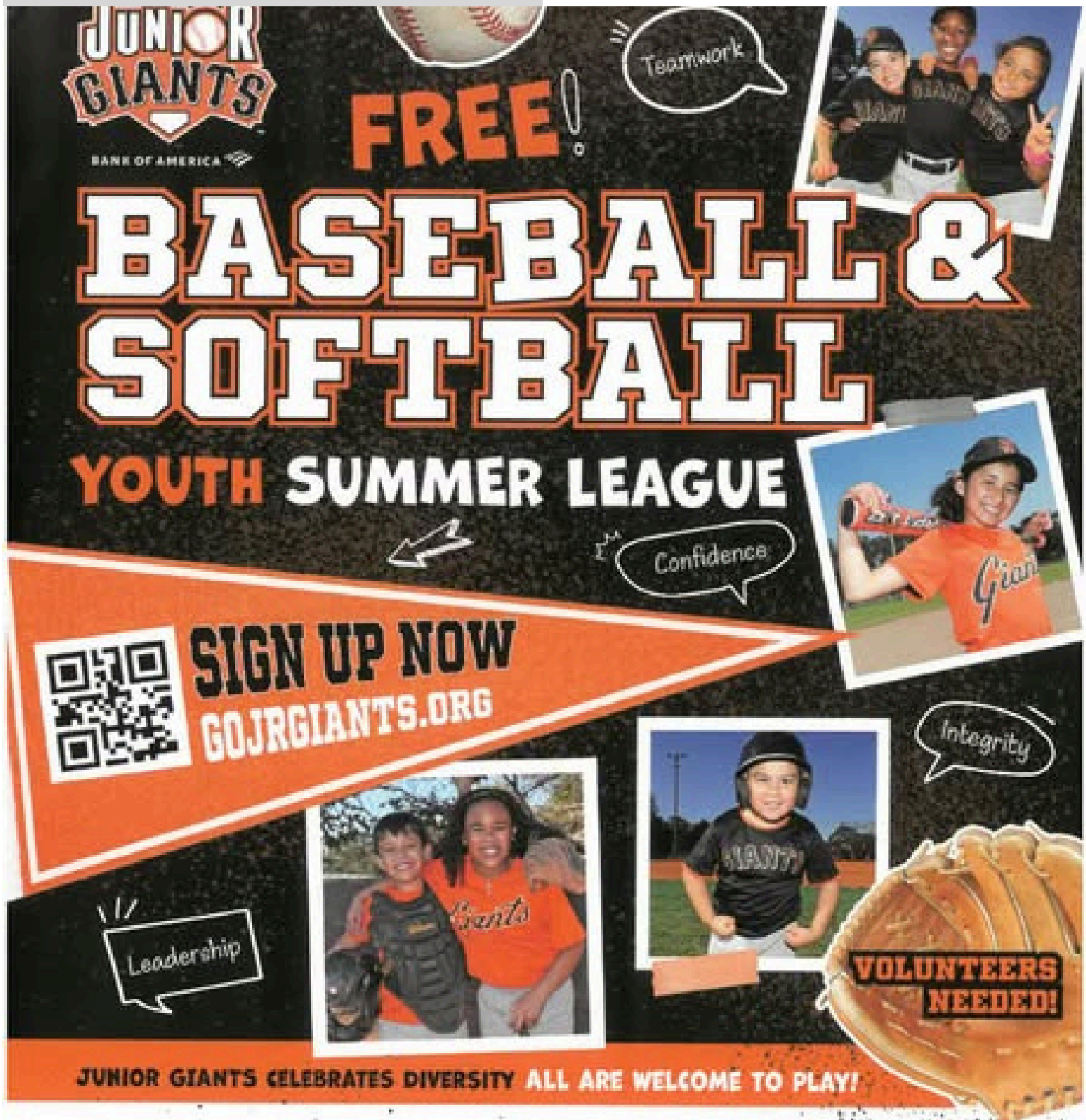


## **LEARN ABOUT :**

Hiring Process  
Community Engagement  
Training Standards  
Field Operations  
Investigations and more!

## **SCHEDULE:**

The classes are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Wednesday night starting April 23rd and a graduation ceremony in July 2025!



**JUNIOR GIANTS**  
BANK OF AMERICA

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**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

**YOUTH SUMMER LEAGUE**

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**Teamwork**

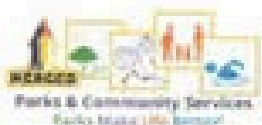
**Confidence**

**Integrity**

**Leadership**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**JUNIOR GIANTS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY ALL ARE WELCOME TO PLAY!**



**City of Merced**  
Sign up online starting April 1 at [gojrgiants.org](http://gojrgiants.org)!

League starts early June | Ages 5-13

For questions, please contact:

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