



# Mendota Journal

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## *23rd Annual Christmas Parade*

### *Saturday, December 16th, 6pm*

Mendota Youth Recreation and partnering organizations invite you to join them for the 23rd Annual Electric Parade on Saturday, December 16th. The parade will start at 6pm, but vendors will have booths set up starting at noon to sell food and other items during the event.

The parade will feature various holiday floats with lights, music, and holiday cheer, as well as bands and animals.

Mendota Youth Recreation will also be doing posadas leading up to the event on December 1st, 8th, 15th from 6-8pm, and there will be champurado, piñatas, and music at the Christmas tree lot on 7th and Quince Streets. If you would like information on having an entry in the parade or a booth to sell food from, contact Mendota Youth Recreation at (559) 655-4590.

## *Seniors Enjoy MYR Thanksgiving Meal*

The Annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving was held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Mendota Community Center. Our senior citizen residents were able to enjoy a delicious meal of turkey and other traditional Thanksgiving meal trimmings. Those present also played bingo for prizes. Mendota Youth Recreation organized the effort by coordinating donations from a variety of sources. They would like to thank all that helped. If you are interested in donating for future events, please contact Mendota Youth Recreation at (559) 655-4590.

## *Candidate for Governor Villaraigosa Visits Mendota*

Candidate for Governor Antonio Villaraigosa visited with students and members of the Mendota City Council on November 17th. He was interested in listening to the different viewpoints that residents have and what the community needs most.



**Mendota Police Department's**

**Reporting Numbers**

Emergency 911  
Non-Emergency 655-4294  
Business Office Number 655-9120  
Fax 655-7173

**Other Important Phone Numbers**

Mendota Unified School District 655-4942  
MUSD Homeless Liaison 655-2503  
Mendota Public Library 655-3391  
Mendota Boys & Girls Club 655-3002  
Mendota Youth Recreation 655-4590  
Westside Youth 655-4808  
Rape Crisis Hotline 659-0232  
Code Enforcement Anonymous Tips 517-6340

**Upcoming Events**

**December 16th—6pm**  
Annual Christmas Parade  
**December 22nd and 29th**  
City Hall will be closed at 12pm.  
**December 25th and January 1st**  
City Hall will be closed.

***WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS***  
PG&E and the IRS say watch out for scams taking your money. Remember that these organizations will contact you in writing if they have something important to discuss or you owe them money. They will **never** call and demand that you pay them right away, especially using money orders, wires, gift cards, etc. If you receive a call like that, immediately contact the police department at (559) 655-4294.

***Help the Police Department Prevent and Solve Crime***

Mendota PD is asking for the community's assistance. Anyone with information regarding the person(s) responsible for using a BB gun to shoot out vehicle windows is encouraged to call the Mendota Police Department or report it anonymously to Valley Crime Stoppers at 498-STOP. You may be entitled to a cash reward. This has been going on for a while and recently the windows to four cars were shot at.

Also, during this time of year it is very important to secure things in your car and other property. It is common for villains to perform a "smash and grab" and it only takes a minute. Lock your vehicles and put valuables in a place where they are not visible such as in the trunk or under the seat. As always, thank you for your help in keeping our community safe!

***Holiday Trees and Trash Collection by Mid Valley Disposal and the City***



This year you have the option of bringing your old Christmas tree to the Public Works Yard on any day of the week starting December 26th (excluding New Year's Day) from 7am-4pm to dispose of it. There is no cost for doing this. Mid-Valley will also collect Christmas Trees starting January 2nd for disposal from your green cart on its normal day. As with all tree disposal, please only dispose of natural, un-flocked trees and remove all ornaments, lights, nails, tinsel and stands. For the green cart, trees must be cut to 4 feet lengths so they fit. Happy Holidays!!!

***Have a Happy and Safe Holiday from your friends at CALFIRE!***

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure over 1,650 people, and cause over \$990 million in damage. The Fresno County Fire Chief has a few simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following these tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

**Caring for your Holiday Tree**—Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a pick-up service.

**Holiday Lights**—Before putting up lights each year, inspect for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

**Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets**—Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires; they should not be warm to the touch.

**Remember that when you buy local for the Holidays, you invest valuable \$\$\$ in your community!**



**Buy Local**