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## EDITOR'S NOTE



The Supreme Court of the United States recently scorched the earth with several rulings aimed at pushing minorities down a peg or five. For many, including myself, it feels like we're swimming against the current, and our arms are getting tired. Others are turning their sights to more progressive countries and figuring out ways they can escape to greener pastures. Whichever category best applies to you, I urge you - don't.

Don't give up. Don't stop fighting.

Granted, this is a time when it may feel as though our efforts as individual citizens will have an insignificant impact - as if we are a single drop of water against an entire ocean. But that kind of thinking overlooks the fact that single drops of water make it possible for the ocean to exist. Take away enough droplets, and all that's left is a desert. Meaning, no matter how small your actions seem to you, they add up. If you have friends, the impact of those actions multiplies. And if you join or support local organizations working toward positive outcomes, the impact multiplies exponentially. Whatever action you take next could have an unimaginable ripple effect, but you have to take it. Otherwise, nothing will happen.

It's easy to feel defeated right now, to feel as though you may not have the energy to keep fighting. Perhaps what you really need to do is give yourself a break, literally.

Every day is a new opportunity - we've all heard that. But we forget that some opportunities are for recharging, resting, and reflecting. These moments aren't just crucial for your mental health; they're potentially uplifting for others. For example, taking a day for yourself to finally enjoy ArtHop or the new Tower District Farmer's Market helps build community and amplify voices. You picking up a new sticker from a local artist or snagging a bottle of honey or a basket of strawberries from a local farmer helps ensure they can keep fighting in their own way.

Local activists like The Fools Collaborative and uSpark survive by donations and interaction from the community. News organizations raising the bar on the ethical commitment to journalism and the area it serves, such as Fresnoland, also live on donors and readership. And there are many other organizations also doing the work we so desperately need.

You may not have the means to give monetarily, but you can participate and you can engage. All of these will have ripple effects toward change - even if you cannot see them now.

If you feel exhausted, be kind to yourself and take that break. But come back and keep fighting the good fight. We need you.

# HEY FRESNO!

Here's a refresher of Fresno's three-cart (green, gray, blue) program that is part of an ongoing effort to meet and exceed state-mandated goals of landfill reduction and waste diversion.

### Gray is for Garbage

- Rubber/Vinyl Hoses
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- Diapers
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- Food
- COLD Coals/Fireplace Ashes
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- Plastic bags( all kinds, bread bags, zip lock, tortilla bags)
- Flexible plastic ( shrink wrap, straws, etc.)

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- Trees/Branches (cut in 3' lengths)
- Fruit/Veg Garden Clippings
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- Cardboard
- Plastics** -Food/Beverage Containers
- Laundry Detergent & Bleach Bottles
- Shampoo Bottles
- Metal/Aluminum** -Cans (empty)
- Paint Cans (empty/dry)
- Glass** Bottles/Jars (empty)

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**NO! These items are not allowed in any cart**

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- Tires
- Used Motor Oil
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Hot Coals
- TVs
- Toxic Chemicals
- Pesticides/Poison
- Concrete/Rocks
- CFLs
- Electronics/E-Waste
- Medications/Sharps

Call the Recycling Hotline at (559) 621-1111 for any questions regarding disposal or recycling of any of the above.



# FRESNO COMEDY SCENE



By Dave Fountinelle | [dave@fresnoflyer.com](mailto:dave@fresnoflyer.com)



About five years ago, comedians Mike Wooten, Isaiah Washington, and Dave Apkarian became friends while hitting the local open mic circuit.

“When you see other comics more often than you see your family, it’s pretty hard not to become friends,” Wooten jokes.

Back when the three comics were first starting out, Fresno’s comedy scene was still in its infancy, with only one regular open mic event in the city. Today, there is a comedy show or open mic every day of the week, with two or more events taking place on the weekends. Wooten gives credit for this accomplishment to the hard work of the close-knit local comic community.

“Everyone knows each other, and we all try to support and help one another grow,” he says.

Still, despite its considerable growth, Fresno’s comedy scene struggles to make a name for itself and step out of the shadow of the massive Los Angeles and San Francisco scenes.

“When we talk to people, so many of them aren’t even aware that there’s comedy in Fresno,” Wooten says. “We’re actively trying to change that.”

Wooten, Washington, and Apkarian formed the group Fresno Comedy Scene to help support and promote local

comics and comedy events to accomplish that goal. This month, Fresno Comedy Scene will host its debut comedy event, The Fresno Comedy Rumble - Fresno’s first-ever comedy festival and competition.

The Fresno Comedy Rumble will consist of about a dozen shows from Friday, July 21st, to Sunday, July 23rd, taking place all over the Tower District and Downtown Fresno areas. The “main event” for each night features a tournament of sixteen comics competing head-to-head at three of the best comedy venues in Fresno. Friday’s main event will take place at Full Circle Brewing, Saturday’s will be at The Labyrinth Art Collective, and the tournament will conclude Sunday at Strummer’s. The audience will vote for their favorite comedian, who will move on to the next round - the winners will receive a cash prize. Each night will end with live music from some of Fresno’s biggest musical acts, including Fashawn, Iwanaga, Sci-Fi Caper, DJ Atreyu, and more. Wooten promises it will be a packed weekend of comedy, music, food, and drinks.

“We hand-picked the three main event venues based on how well they treat

the local comic community, and the level of support they show us,” Wooten explains. “We definitely encourage everyone to come out and check out the local talent. We have some real up-and-comers mixed in with some veterans. It’s going to be a great time.”

While The Fresno Comedy Rumble is currently the main focus for Fresno Comedy Scene, Wooten also teased some upcoming events the group is working on.

“On August 4th at Full Circle Brewing, we have Steve Furey headlining. He’s a regular at The World Famous Comedy Store in LA and just finished up a tour with Bert Kreischer. On August 10th at The Labyrinth Art Collective, we have Dustin Nickerson headlining. He just finished a sold out show at the Saroyan Theater back in May opening for Taylor Tomlinson.”

Tickets for The Fresno Comedy Rumble are \$20 per night. A free poster is included with the purchase of tickets for all three nights. Tickets are available at [www.fresnocomedyscene.com/tickets](http://www.fresnocomedyscene.com/tickets)

To stay up to date with all of the artists and events that Fresno Comedy Scene is promoting, follow them on facebook at [facebook.com/fresnocomedyscene](https://facebook.com/fresnocomedyscene), or on Instagram @FresnoComedyScene. For information about The Fresno Comedy Rumble, follow @FresnoComedyRumble.

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# 3 tips for creating a summer of unplugged fun

(Family Features) Between school, work and entertainment, there are times when screens can seem like a pervasive part of modern life. For all the positive aspects of technology, there can also be a desire for children to have stretches of unplugged learning and participate in educational activities that do not require a screen.

Why Unplugged Learning Matters “Unplugged learning is important to balance the screen time children may experience with other forms of learning; to promote physical activities, social interaction and creativity; and develop the essential skills that bolster them throughout their exploration and growth as individuals,” said Rurik Nackerud from KinderCare’s education team.

Summer can be an ideal time to focus on unplugged learning as it often brings a break from the traditional academic year and activities.

“We want summer to be a time when children can put down technology and connect with one another face-to-face, build

important creativity skills and learn how to be social with one another without the buffer of screens,” said Khy Sline from KinderCare’s education team. “They can play, run, be immature and laugh with their friends, giggle at the silly things and find joys in those in-person interactions with one another.”

## Tips for Creating Unplugged Fun as a Family

1. Get Outdoors. Make time as a family to get outside and explore, even if it’s simply a walk around the block after dinner. Help children notice the little things like a bug on the sidewalk or the way the sun filters through tree leaves to make patterns on the ground. Ask them about the things they see and give your children the space to ask questions and work together to find the answers. This helps teach children collaborative learning skills: asking questions, sharing ideas and working together to reach an answer.



2. Read Together. This could mean going to the library to check out new books or exploring your family’s bookshelves for old favorites. Snuggle up together for family story time. If children are old enough to read on their own, invite them to read to you or their younger siblings. Talk about the story or even act out favorite parts to help your children actively participate in story time, which may help them better understand the story’s concepts.

3. Encourage Creative Thinking. Help children expand their ability to think creatively by working together to make a craft or project. For example, the next time a delivery

box arrives at your home, encourage your children to turn it into something new using craft supplies on hand. A blanket could turn a box into a table for a pretend restaurant while some tape or glue could transform it into a rocket ship or train. When everyone’s done creating and playing, the box can be broken down for recycling. This activity can help children literally think outside of the box and apply their own unique ideas and creativity to create something new.

For more tips to encourage unplugged learning this summer, visit [kindercare.com](http://kindercare.com).

## California is the first state to tackle reparations for Black residents. What that really means

By Wendy Fry, Erica Yee and Rya Jetha | CalMatters

Will reparations for Black residents in California become a reality? If not, are they likely to happen anywhere else in the United States?

All eyes are on California, long considered the nation’s test tube for progressive policies, and its pioneering reparations task force, which this week gave the state Legislature its recommendations for repairing the damage of slavery and racism.

Reparations, a topic steeped in historical and contemporary significance, gained new momentum following the Minneapolis police murder of George Floyd in 2020. That’s when Gov. Gavin Newsom

signed a law establishing the first-in-the-nation state task force to study historic and systemic racism and develop recommendations to address it.

After two years of often-intense public hearings, the California Reparations Task Force task voted in May to approve a more than 1,000-page document, including more than 200 recommendations for how to undo centuries of unfair treatment for Black Californians, especially descendants of enslaved people. It recommended California formally apologize for its role in enabling slavery, and for the many tentacles of white supremacy in its history.

It also recommended the state make cash payments to those whose ancestors were enslaved. CalMatters’ reparations calculator, based on economic modeling in the task force’s report, estimates an eligible Black resident who has lived seven decades in California could be owed up to \$1.2 million.

Advocates say reparations are not only a matter of justice but a necessary step toward healing deep-seated wounds. Critics counter that reparations are an impractical and divisive concept — questioning the fairness of determining eligibility, the cost, and the potential it would open the floodgates to other aggrieved groups to seek repayment for government-sanctioned harms.

Learn more about the research involved, funding, eligibility, and next steps:



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# Frustrated rent control advocates say Fresno leaders aren't listening, but the fight isn't over

*Fresno leaders say they are taking other steps to help renters but say rent control policies are counterproductive.*

By Omar Shaikh Rashad | Fresnoland

[This story was originally published by Fresnoland, a nonprofit news organization]

Community residents and housing advocates are regrouping after an unsuccessful push for Fresno's new city budget to include a rent control program.

"Community members are disappointed, and there really is this feeling that their narratives, their testimony aren't being taken seriously," said Marisa Moraza, a campaign director with Power California Action.

That fight, advocates acknowledge, is an increasingly uphill battle in Fresno, where the mayor and city council have said solving the statewide housing crisis means incentivizing development and courting re-investment.

Rent control, they argue, would be counterproductive to building new housing units.

"In terms of rent control, I can tell you I don't support that because I've seen what has happened in other cities," Mayor Jerry Dyer said during a news conference Thursday following the budget's adoption. "When rent control is implemented, ultimately, you have landlords making fewer dollars, and so they're not investing in their property. And as a result, we end up with a lot of slums within a city."

Despite lingering frustrations, housing advocates say they aren't backing down on their demands.

In May, a coalition of advocacy organizations sent a letter to Dyer and the Fresno City Council, listing a series of budget requests on everything from transportation and infrastructure to housing and, specifically, a new rent control program.

In the letter, advocates said the city should establish a board to enforce rent-control policies, which, they say, would stabilize rents in Fresno.

"We wanted to also wrap in the opportunity to actually allocate funding for something like a rent control pro-

gram," Moraza said. "It would be a very low funding allocation, but just having that allocation then opens the door to conversation of building up a policy."

## **Mayor, council push to build more affordable housing, remain opposed to rent control**

Just before the city council approved the 2024 fiscal year budget Thursday, a group of community residents and housing advocates, with signs in hand, rallied inside the Fresno Council Chambers.

"What do we want? Rent Control!" The group chanted. "When do we want it? Now!"

About 15 seconds into the chant, Council President Tyler Maxwell put the city council meeting into recess for five minutes, and the city's live feed and audio cut out shortly after.

The chant capped about two months of Fresno residents and housing advocates showing up to public comment before a city council – which they have noted is composed of a majority of landlords – to voice their concerns about rising rents.

"This is really like our final attempt to be able to speak directly to council members because the in-person meetings (with them) weren't making a shift," Moraza said. "We're now seeing that public comment is not making a shift."

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, Dyer said the rent control issue was a nonstarter.

Dyer said passing rent control would send a message to housing developers to leave Fresno, which he said could lead to a lack of housing production and actually drive rents up. Dyer has maintained that the city can resolve its housing crisis by building more units, and rent control does not fit his vision.

Since 2021, 400 new affordable housing units have been built and are currently occupied in Fresno, city spokesperson

Sontaya Rose told Fresnoland in May. She said the city plans to add 2,493 more affordable housing units by the end of 2025.

But when new affordable housing developments open up, applications pour in.

One 60-unit affordable housing development in Clovis recently received over 10,000 applications, and another 57-unit development that opened up in Fresno's Chinatown received 4,000 applications, said Michael Duarte, the chief real estate officer at the Fresno Housing Authority, at a June 15 Fresnoland/CalMatters panel on housing.

Duarte added that the Fresno Housing Authority received 10,000 applications in less than one day for its Section 8 housing voucher waitlist.

## **Rent control isn't the only way to help tenants, leaders say**

In an interview with Fresnoland, Maxwell, the city council president, said he sees both sides of the issue but said he believes rent comes down to simple supply-and-demand economics.

He added the best way to bring rent down is to increase the housing supply, and that means construction.

"These last three years, I can tell you that we have set a record when it comes to either subsidizing or helping initiate affordable housing projects here in the city of Fresno," Maxwell said. "It's a priority for not just this council but the mayor and his administration to really try to expedite as many housing projects as possible."

In lieu of rent control, Maxwell said the council in recent years has taken steps to beef up some protections for tenants.

He pointed to the city's Eviction Protection Program, which Maxwell co-authored in 2021.

The program, which provides legal representation for tenants facing eviction,

wasn't included in the proposed budget that Dyer released in May.

Maxwell, one of the few city councilmembers who rents his home, pushed to save the program with a budget motion to put \$2 million towards the program's third year. He said he hopes the program wouldn't require a budget motion to get funding in the future.

"Going forward, my hope is that it starts getting baked into the proposed budget," Maxwell said. "Either because it's a priority for the mayor or a priority for the city attorney."

Maxwell added that another piece of legislation he authored, the Tenant Relocation Assistance Program, helps renters avoid getting displaced due to unhealthy or unsafe living conditions. The ordinance requires landlords to assist with the expense of relocating tenants to complete needed renovations or face fines.

However, the city's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, a key COVID-19-era effort that provided assistance with rent and utility bills to Fresno residents who met income requirements, is going away soon. The \$54 million from federal and state governments that funded the program is almost depleted, and the remaining \$2.5 million in funding remaining for the program will likely get spent in the next fiscal year.

With no city funding to keep the program around next year, it will likely end soon.

"There was a lot of community momentum and energy that really shows that folks care about this issue," said Marisa Moraza, a campaign director with Power California Action. "We will continue to push for this rent control demand."

Correction: An earlier version of this story incorrectly identified the number of Fresno City Councilmembers that rent their homes. The article has been corrected to reflect that at least two councilmembers are renters.

# Which cities offer the best public pool access in Fresno County?

*Nine cities in Fresno County have opened pools to the public for the summer.*

By Jackie Schuster | FresnoLand

[This story was originally published by FresnoLand, a nonprofit news organization]

As the weather in Fresno County heats up this week, residents may find themselves wondering where they can cool off.

Although the Kings River is still closed for recreational use, the San Joaquin River opened to the public on June 16. The river is open from below Friant Dam to the Merced County line, but parks at Lost Lake and Skaggs Bridge remain closed.

Although the river is open, it is not free of hazards.

“The river has changed from last

year. Sand has been moved, banks of the river have eroded, logs and debris are in different locations,” Madera County Sheriff Tyson Pogue announced in a Facebook post. “These pose potential hazards to not only the public but also our Sheriff’s Deputies, Firefighters and EMS Providers who would be responsible for any rescue.”

For a safer way to cool down, many Fresno County cities have opened pools to the community for the summer.

Of all 15 incorporated cities in Fresno County, Clovis, San Joaquin, Mendota, and Orange Cove are the only ones that do not offer public swimming to their

residents.

Clovis City Manager John Holt told FresnoLand the city doesn’t operate a municipal pool because it poses a significant financial liability.

“In my 20+ years at the City I have not seen a request to build, maintain, and operate a municipal pool,” Holt said in an email. “The City of Fresno is approximately five times the size of Clovis and I believe they have 3 municipal pools. It is likely as the City of Clovis continues to grow there may be an opportunity to pursue.”

Most cities in the county do offer some pool access for residents though.

## Fresno County cities that invest in pools

Kingsburg opened the Crandell Swim Complex for public swimming on June 5. Located at 1900 18th Ave., the public can swim at the complex from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Children under 12 swim for \$2.50, adults swim for \$3, and non-swimmers can enter the facility for \$2.

The Parlier Pool, located at 1100 E. Parlier Ave., is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., with entrance costing \$2 for children and \$3 for adults.

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## ON THE SCENE - THE WORST AND WELL RESTED

By Amber Lynette | [amberlynette@reaperclean.com](mailto:amberlynette@reaperclean.com)

Explaining to inquiring minds about one’s career choice as a Crime Scene Cleaner can often lead to very common questions such as,

“What’s the worst thing you’ve ever seen?” or “How can you do this type of work?”

The truth is that there is important context to consider when asking a cleaner about the worst thing they have ever seen - the circumstance surrounding trauma, the amount of biological material present, sifting through personal items, or even the amount of work involved. These and many other factors could affect the cleaner’s true answer. There will always be multiple scenes that stick with somebody or remind them of their own mortality, extended empathy, or frustration. However, significance does not always equate to the “worst.” What if, instead of the worst job, cleaners were asked whether they experienced a change in perspective afterward? What about a job that garnered a hug with tears upon completion or one that required overcoming a fear?

Maintaining healthy boundaries throughout tough circumstances can make or break a sustainable career in this field when considering job significance. It is not uncommon for there to be a high turnover rate in the industry due to overworked employees burning out or falling off. Self-care, managing jobs correctly, and understanding California labor laws are crucial. Doing everything possible to help families while sacrificing one’s own health and safety is unacceptable. Crime Scene Cleaners cannot perform this type of work with empathy alone. Boundaries must be in place regarding the families being served and the company employing the technician.

Technicians are typically on call in the remediation industry due to the nature of emergency response. Sleeping five to eight hours as regularly as possible between odd shifts or long jobs makes a huge difference in performance capability. Mandated meal



breaks, regular breaks, and staying hydrated are also necessary. Taking a minimum of one day out of seven to rest is protected in California and encouraged.

With rest in mind, determining the need for immediate response or scheduling becomes essential. Making sure to have as much information as possible can help determine the best approach for both Crime Scene Cleaners and customers. A well-rested cleaner will always perform better and be less likely to make mistakes than one pushing through exhaustion.

Driving is also a significant part of the workday as a Crime Scene Cleaner. Reaper Clean, the local Fresno-based bio-hazard remediation company, can service up to two hours in any direction or further, depending on the type of emergency. Packing a bag with at least three days’ worth of clothing and toiletries is standard. And being on the road for work can also affect work-life

balance if not managed correctly.

Cleaning up any scene can emotionally affect even the most seasoned technicians in the field. To remain healthy and be able to assist others, support is crucial. Employers should have emergency contacts listed, monthly check-ins, and a secure space at work to talk through job experiences. Creating comradery and building a strong support system amongst teammates is essential for employee health. Management that offers and encourages therapy, time off for hobbies and family, or other means of advocacy for their employees can prevent or lessen vicarious trauma and stress this way. Reaper Clean advocates for the health and safety of all Crime Scene Cleaners so that they can continue helping families and answering questions about the career they love. For more information about Reaper Clean, go to [www.reaperclean.com](http://www.reaperclean.com), email [onthescene@reaperclean.com](mailto:onthescene@reaperclean.com), or follow on Facebook, Instagram, or Tiktok @reaper\_clean.



## Summer of Ceasar: Celebrate the season with a salad charcuterie board

(Family Features) Summer celebrations come in many forms – backyard games, fun at the pool, time with family – but perhaps a favorite is enjoying fresh, delicious foods that are easy to prepare. Put a twist on the classic Caesar salad this summer with crunchy textures and energizing flavors to keep the excitement rolling all season long.

Capitalize on a food trend that's all the rage with this easy-to-assemble Chicken Caesar Salad Charcuterie Board for a unique way to share a meal. Sliced chicken provides that familiar taste of grilled summer fare combined with hard-cooked eggs, fruits, veggies, cheese and crostini.

At the heart of the dish is the Fresh Express Twisted Lemon Caesar Chopped Salad Kit, which provides a spin on traditional Caesar flavor by adding in bright notes of lemon. The kit features crisp iceberg lettuce, colorful and sweet dried cherries, crunchy Parmesan cheese crisps and lemon white wine Caesar dressing to bring a little sunshine to each bite.

A convenient, ideal bed for this salad charcuterie board, the kits can also be enjoyed as an easy summer salad on their own and are available in the refrigerated produce department at grocery stores.

Visit [FreshExpress.com](http://FreshExpress.com) for more mealtime inspiration and to find salad kits near you.

### Chicken Caesar Salad Charcuterie Board

Prep time: 25 minutes  
Servings: 8

- 3 packages (9.1 ounces each) Fresh Express Twisted Lemon Caesar Chopped Salad Kits
- 2 pounds sliced grilled chicken
- 16 slices crostini
- 1 cup chopped hard-cooked eggs
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup chopped apple
- 1 cup chopped tomato
- 1 cup shaved Romano cheese
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 lemon, sliced

Place lettuce from salad kits in large bowl; place in center of large round cutting board or platter.

Arrange sliced chicken and crostini around bowl of lettuce.

Place salad dressings and toppings from salad kits in individual small bowls. Place eggs, celery, cucumber, red onion, apple, tomato, Romano cheese, pecans, raisins and lemon slices in individual small bowls.

Arrange bowls in circle around lettuce, chicken and crostini.

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# TOLERATE HOT DAYS WITH A TASTY TART

(Culinary.net) Summer days can be long and boring, especially when the kids are out of school and there is nothing to do around the house as a family. When the minutes creep by and it's too hot to go outside, the dog days of summer can be pretty miserable.

However, this recipe for a Strawberry Cream Cheese Tart can give the kids something to look forward to as a dish the whole family can participate in creating. This recipe is perfect for little ones wanting to get creative and perfectly place fresh strawberries on top of a delicious tart.

In a food processor, mix flour, sugar and salt until combined. Then add butter, an egg and vanilla extract. Mix again until combined.

Flour your working surface and create a dough ball from the mixture. Flatten it slightly to form a disc. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

After time has passed, lightly flour your surface once more. Roll out dough into an 11-inch circle. Place circle on a 9-inch tart pan. Roll over the top to trim. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for about 30 minutes.

Prepare the tart crust for baking by covering it with aluminum foil then bake

for 20 minutes. Wait for the crust to cool completely.

To make the filling, in a medium bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, lemon zest and vanilla extract until smooth. Spread mixture onto cooled tart crust.

Microwave fruit spread and lemon juice while stirring often. Arrange halved strawberries on tart. Drizzle with fruit spread. Top with whipped cream before serving.

This sweet tart can brighten up your summer blues with fresh fruit, a sweet spread and a flaky, crispy crust.

Find more sweet summer recipes at Culinary.net.

If you made this recipe at home, use #MyCulinaryConnection on your favorite social network to share your work.

## Strawberry Cream Cheese Tart

Servings: 8

Crust:

1 1/4 cups flour  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup cold butter, cut into small cubes  
1 large egg  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
uncooked rice

### Filling:

8 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese  
1/4 cup sour cream  
2 tablespoons extra-fine sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon zest  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup strawberry fruit spread  
3 teaspoons lemon juice (optional)  
1 pound strawberries, halved  
whipped cream (optional)



Heat oven to 375 F.

To make crust: In food processor, add flour, sugar and salt; pulse until combined. Add butter, egg and vanilla extract; pulse until

combined and crumbly.

Lightly flour surface then form dough into ball. Slightly flatten to form thick disc. Wrap dough in plastic wrap; refrigerate 1 hour.

Flour surface then roll dough to 11-inch circle. Place dough in 9-inch tart pan with removeable bottom. With rolling pin, roll over top to trim excess dough around edges.

Cover dough with plastic wrap and freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.

Press aluminum foil against crust, covering edges to prevent burning. Fill and distribute uncooked rice evenly. Bake 20 minutes. Cool completely.

To make filling: In medium bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, lemon zest and vanilla extract until blended and smooth. Spread cheese mixture evenly over crust. Refrigerate 1 hour.

In small bowl, microwave fruit spread and lemon juice, if desired, stirring often.

Arrange strawberry halves around tart. Drizzle heated fruit spread over strawberries. Top with whipped cream, if desired.

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Ask just about anyone in the South Valley if they're familiar with "The Hub," and chances are you'll hear stories of good times, great friends, cold beers, and country music. The venerable watering hole and pool hall has been a favorite local hangout for over three generations. It's changed hands and names many times over the years, but it's always been known simply as "The Hub" to the locals.

A few years ago, a bad fire almost permanently ended The Hub. However, current owner Ryan Gates repaired and restored the old country bar, which he now operates semi-eponymously as "The 'G' Hub." While The Hub has occasionally served food throughout its many incarnations, it was never really a place you went for a bite to eat. Rather, like most dive bars, the food was more of an accompaniment for the drinks. That's something Gates plans to change at The G Hub.

"Are you ready to have the best burger you've ever had in your life?" He asked.

I informed him that I was, indeed, ready.

"Good, I hope you're hungry!" Gates handed me a menu and left me to peruse it.

At first glance, the menu looked like what I would expect from any decent mom'n'-pop burger place. Burgers, sides, appetizers, a couple of obligatory salads, and tri-tip sandwiches comprised the entirety of The G Hub's culinary arsenal. In my opinion, such a menu is a good thing - do a few select things

and do them well.

The next thing I noticed was the prices. These aren't greasy spoon burger prices. Burgers for \$14 with \$10 appetizers and \$9 sides are what I might expect to find at a trendy gastropub in Northeast Fresno, not a country dive bar just outside of Riverdale. But Gates did boast that this would be the best burger I've ever had in my life, and I suppose \$14 seems like a pretty fair price to pay for a burger that good.

After a few minutes, Gates returned, and I knew exactly what I wanted to try. I ordered the cowboy burger, which comes with bacon, onion rings, and a house-made BBQ sauce. To go with that, I added an order of fried pickles, a basket of fries, and a bacon double chili cheeseburger.

"I can put as many toppings on it as you want," Gates boasted. Moments later, the intoxicating smell of flame-grilled burgers filled the spacious dining area.

Soon, the food arrived, and immediately the prices didn't seem so surprising. These burgers were massive. The basket of fries was heaping. Even the order of fried pickles was more than enough for two people to share.

Fried pickles are one of my favorite appetizers, and these did not disappoint. The breading on them was crispy, well-seasoned, and delicious. The pickles themselves were crunchy with a robust vinegary tang. The side of homemade ranch was creamy and herbaaceous, creating a complimentary flavor to the pickles.

The G Hub serves fries dipped in a peppery seasoned batter, fried to a gorgeous golden brown, and liberally dusted in seasoned salt. They were crunchy on the outside and fluffy as a cloud on the inside. Dipped in the ranch, the combination of crunchy, salty, and creaminess had my mouth watering for one of the ice-cold beers on tap to wash them down. So far, these dishes were two for two.

Then it was time for the moment of truth - the burgers. My cowboy burger was impossibly stacked with bacon and onion rings, so I unhinged my jaw, took a bite, and let me say, "Oh my goodness."



The first thing that hit me was the smoky flavor of the thick and juicy charcoal-grilled patty. It tasted like all the best backyard BBQ burgers from my childhood on steroids. The patty itself was very well-seasoned. I could taste salt, pepper, and garlic in every bite, bringing out the meat's rich, beefy flavor. Before my brain could fully process the patty's savory masterpiece, the sweet and spicy tang of the house-made BBQ sauce hit my tongue like an open-handed slap across the mouth. I was floored in a way I had never been floored by a BBQ sauce before. The sweetness, tanginess, smokiness, and saltiness played together in a delicate balance where everyone was a star, none outshining the other.

Similarly, the sauce complimented

the burger without overpowering it, like a violin in an orchestra - beautiful on its own but an absolute triumph with others. It all truly came together with the crispy onion rings, the smoky and salty bacon, and the rich melted cheese. Anyone can make a big, sloppy, over-the-top burger, but it takes expertise to control several powerful flavors and shape them into a singularly delightful experience. These burgers are an expression of just that.

However, the meal's grand finale was the double bacon chili cheeseburger. This gorgeous monstrosity had two thick beef patties, crispy bacon, sliced cheddar, a heaping scoop of homemade chili, and nacho cheese sauce. This burger was an abomination in the absolute best possible way. The homemade chili had a bit of a spicy kick with a slight brown sugary sweetness that played off the smoky and savory flavors of the burger and bacon like a couple of mischievous flavor-kittens. The two kinds of rich and creamy cheese made a melty, messy, decadent mouthful. Even with my jaw in full unhinged python-mode, I couldn't fit my mouth around this burger!

"Well?" Gates asked me as I wiped a layer of chili and cheese off my face, "Was I right?"

I've gotta be honest. I've had some amazing burgers in my life. I would put the burgers at The G Hub at the top of that list. If you live in the South Valley, The G Hub should be one of your go-to burger spots, without question. And if you live in Fresno, they're worth the road trip down Highway 41 to Excelsior.

The G Hub is currently open from 11am to 4pm every day except Monday, and later on the weekends, or as Gates puts it, "If people keep showing up, I'll stay open until everyone's fed."

The G Hub also features live music and entertainment some weekends, plus ice cold draft, bottled import and domestic beers, and pool tables. The banquet hall is available for hosting private events as well. To stay updated on everything that's going on at The G Hub, follow them on facebook.

# Calendar **Events**

## Arts

**Art Camp** Fresno. Monday, July 17th, 9am. 2125 N Barton Ave, Fresno. Art Camp at Punjabi Cultural Center Fresno to Registration call 408-272-5200 & (408) 722-7698

**Paint Night** Beacons n' Beer. Wednesday, July 19th, 6pm. Barrelhouse Brewery, Visalia. Come join us for a fun night of painting! \$45. Text "Beacons&beer" to 1-559-425-0035 to purchase & reserve your seats!

**Family Paint Party.** Thursday, July 20th, 6:30pm. Landing 13, 152 N Hocket, Porterville. California Coast is known for it's unusual and beautiful scenery, so let's paint this masterpiece! Just think how it will look - like on your living room wall, Why not grab a snack here at Landing 13, a drink and a paint brush and join us in painting with step by step instructions, and all materials supplied

**Paint & Chill.** Friday, July 21st, 7pm. Levitated Sweets, 620 N Fresno St, Fresno. Join us for a chill night of painting and lofi hip hop.

## Theater.

**The Tips** Comedy Show Headlining Michael Regilio. Wednesday, July 12th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Michael Regilio's journey to comedy has been a winding path that echo the circuitous lines in his act that drop like cartoon anvils on his razor sharp punchlines.

**Slice of Comedy** Headlining Mario Hodge. Friday, July 14th, 8pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Mario Hodge was born & raised in Oakland, CA. He is the youngest of 4 siblings and he was inspired to be a comedian as a child by watching sitcoms like Sanford & Son, The Richard Pryor show, The Carol Burnett Show, and the Three Stooges, with his older siblings.

**BOB ZANY** Headlines Solitary Cellars Summer Comedy. Saturday, July 15th, 7pm. Solitary Cellars Wine Company, 14439 N Friant Rd, Friant. Bob has appeared on over a thousand national TV shows, from The Tonight Show to a seventeen-year stint appearing on and co-hosting The Jerry Lewis Telethon. Zany can be seen on Showtime in Billy Gardell's Road Dogs.

**We Own The Laughs:** Visalia (Starring Erik Griffin). Saturday, July 15th, 7:30pm. Visalia Fox Theatre, 308 W Main St, Visalia. A night full of laughs awaits family and friends as one of California's premier Comedy entertainment companies invades Visalia, CA as part of We Own The Laughs.

**Dacoda Miracle** Presents comedy at the Ale House. Saturday, July 15th, 8pm. Grillin & Chillin Alehouse, 401 McCray St, #b24, Hollister. Sacramento legends Nick Larson and Danielle Arce bring their electric comedy to the Ale House stage!

**Just The Tips** Comedy Show Headlining Nicole Becannon. Wednesday, July 19th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Nicole Becannon is a Los Angeles based comedian and writer. She made her Comedy Central debut on Jeff Ross presents Roast Battle in 2018. Since then, she has written for the Comedy Central Roast of Alec Baldwin, Historical Roasts on Netflix and countless other roasts and award shows.

**Tyrus Live.** Wednesday, July 19th, 7:30pm. Clovis Veterans Memorial District AUDITORIUM, 808 4th St, Clovis. Tyrus has a unique perspective on life and the issues facing the world today. This comes from surrounding himself with a diverse inner circle of friends such as former White House Press Secretary, Dana Perino, and Hip Hop Pioneer, Snoop Dogg.

**The Fresno Comedy Rumble 2023:** Round 2. Saturday, July 22nd, 7pm. The Labyrinth Art Collective, 1470 N Van Ness Ave, Fresno. Fresno's first ever comedy festival and competition. Over a dozen comedy shows July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Tickets purchased will include entry to the main event: an audience-voted comedy competition each night with over 16 comics going head-to-head. One winner will take home the jackpot prize of \$1,000 based on top audience votes. Live music after each competition round featuring Fashawn, Iwanaga, Sci-Fi Caper, Satellites, and DJ Areyu. Daytime side shows happening July 22nd and 23rd. Individual tickets available, as well as an all-access weekend wristband.

**Willie Barcena.** Saturday, July 22nd, 8pm. Tower Theatre, 850 E Olive Ave, Fresno. Raucous, irreverent and never politically correct, Willie Barcena is one of the sharpest minds in comedy.

**Barbara Brownell** Finding My Light. Sunday, July 23rd, 4pm. Edison Theatre, 100 College Parkway, Mammoth Lakes. Finding My Light, starring Barbara Brownell. Barbara and her array of characters reveal how her love of light carried her through a difficult childhood, to Broadway and Hollywood stages and beyond, and helped illuminate the truth of her own existence that lay hidden in the shadows for 65 years.

**Hop Forged** Comedy with Paul Conyers (1st Place World Series of Comedy). Tuesday, July 25th, 7pm. Hop Forged Brewing Company, LLC, 106 W 7th St, Hanford. Downtown Hanford, get ready for comedian Paul Conyers, the 1st place winner of the World Series of Comedy in Las Vegas!

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**Les Miserables.** Thursday, July 25th, 7:30pm. Saroyan Theatre, 700 M St, Fresno. Don't miss Les Miserables at the Saroyan Theatre at Fresno Convention Center in Fresno.

**Just The Tips** Comedy Show Headlining Nat Baimel. Wednesday, July 26th, 7pm. DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 408 Clovis Ave, Clovis. Nat Baimel is a comedian, upbeat problem solver, awkward philosopher, and optimistic nihilist with a knack for always looking on the bright side. His dark, smart, well-crafted material often tackles the most serious of subjects in a silly manner that will make you laugh as much as it will make you think.

**Erik Power, Marcus Peverill, & The Fun Junkies** present The Summer Series. Thursday, July 27th, 7pm. Grains of Virtue Brewing Company, 832 N Yosemite Ave, Oakdale. We're back with Volume 2 of the summer series! This month we have another great lineup and of course some of the best beer in all of California! Grab your tickets ASAP

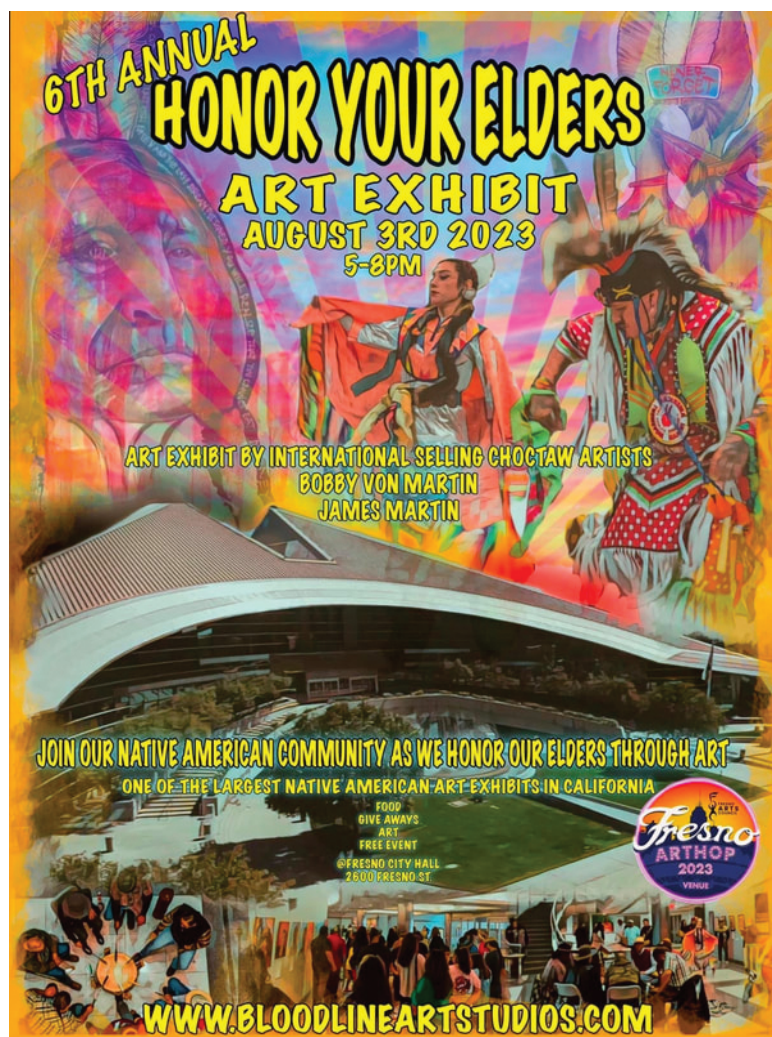
## Self-Improvement

**Nursing Moms** Club. Wednesday, July 12th, 10:30am. Del Lago Park, 1700 N Laspina St, Tulare. Come join us every 2nd Wednesday of each month 10:30 am at Del Lago Park in Tulare (by the tennis courts). Our Lactation Consultant will be available to answer your questions and provide support.

**The Mom** Walk Collective. Saturday, July 15th, 10am. Todd Beamer Park, 1890 E Plymouth Way, Fresno. We will be taking a walk around the park and playing in the water. Pack your swim attire and cold water because it's going to be hot!

**Ultimate Dance** Experience. Saturday, July 15th, 4pm. HANFORD CIVIC AUDITORIUM, 400 N DOUTY ST, HANFORD. Dance competition over \$500 cash prizes Special Guest Artist Performances Latin Dance Social with DJ Cesar Munoz Beer Garden/Food Trucks/Vendors Selena Costume Contest. Register to compete.

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**Workshop:** Introduction to Podcasting. Wednesday, July 19th, 6pm. CMAC, 1555 Van Ness Ave, Suite 201, Fresno. Join us for our podcasting workshop where you will learn the basic structure of a podcast, what equipment you will need to record, and how to create a teaser for your show. Attendees are encouraged to come with an idea for a podcast. Seating is limited. \*\*\*Membership required.

**FCC Dance Expo.** Saturday, July 29th, 8am. Fresno City College, 1101 E University Ave, Fresno. We will celebrate dance and dance education with a variety of dance styles, genres, dance culture and dance performances! Master classes are offered every hour: ballet, jazz, cultural dance, contemporary and more for all ages, levels and abilities. A day of fun creating new friendships and hopefully, learning a new dance style!

## Family

**Sign Language** for Children with Mrs. Partlow. Tuesday, July 11th, 10:30am. Children's Storybook Garden & Museum, 175 E 10th St, Hanford. Join Mrs. Partlow for introductory sign language classes for kids from K-8th grade!

**Water Circus** Silver. Thursday, July 13th, 7:30pm. Merced County Fair, 900 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Merced. Cirque Italia presents "Aquatic Spectacular." The name reflects a unique attribute under the tent, as the show features a custom designed water stage that travels from city to city. The stage holds 35,000 gallons of water that performers dazzle over while thrilling the audience with every move. With this unique feature under the tent, guests will be surprised, for it's a show of its own!

**Art Camp** for Kids. Monday, July 17th, 9am. 2125 N Barton Ave, Fresno. Art Camp at Punjabi Cultural Center Fresno to Registration call 408-272-5200 & (408) 722-7698

**BrandiCakes Kids** Camp. Monday, July 17th, 10am. Headliner Shopping Center, 783 E Barstow Ave, Fresno. Get your kids ready for a fun-filled Kids Camp, where they'll make new friends, learn new skills, and decorate cupcakes, cookies and a cake.

**Katey's Kids** Literacy Camp. Monday, July 17th, 10am. Kerman Community Center, 15101 W Kearney Blvd, Kerman. Katey's Kids will be hosting their annual literacy camp for children entering Kindergarten through Fifathers grade in the Fall of 2023. The camp is free of charge and will focus on reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary and storytelling in a fun and interactive setting.

**Water Circus** Silver. Thursday, July 27th, 7:30. The Big Fresno Fairgrounds, 1121 S Chance Ave, Fresno. Cirque Italia presents "Aquatic Spectacular." The name reflects a unique attribute under the tent, as the show features a custom designed water stage that travels from city to city. The stage holds 35,000 gallons of water that performers dazzle over while thrilling the audience with every move. With this unique feature under the tent, guests will be surprised, for it's a show of its own!

**Fiercely Faithful** Vacation Bible School. Monday, July 31st, 6pm. Fresno Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1109 N 9th St, Fresno. Fiercely Faithful is a FREE Vacation Bible School Program for kids ages 4-12. Children will learn about the love of God and his faithfulness.

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tium. Friday, August 4th, 6:30pm. Visalia Fox Theatre, 308 W Main St, Visalia. A CASH PRIZE OF \$200 WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ARTS CONSORTIUM TO THE BEST DRESSED-UP FAIRY TALE CHARACTER.

**Clovis Elks** Hot August Daze. Saturday, August 12th, 8am. Clovis Elks Lodge No. 2599, Clovis. Free to the public. Music, food, vendors and drawings. Registration cost and vendor/sponsor opportunities to be announced.

## Music

**Enterprise Earth & Fallujah** at Full Circle. Monday, July 10th, 5:30pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Enterprise Earth and Fallujah, with special guests The Zenith Passage, Centerpath, Thrownout. All Ages / \$20 Adv / \$25 Dos



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**Crossing I's/Dotting T's.** Thursday, July 13th, 6pm. The Great Room, 1776 E Roberts Ave, Fresno. All ages show featuring Crossing I's Dotting T's with support from Dubiety, Lavish Youth, and Blazed.

**The Trespassers.** Thursday, July 13th, 9pm. T-Bar Social Club, 2588 California 158, June Lake. The Trespassers have been performing for 2 decades and have a loyal and dedicated following from the West Slope, Yosemite Valley and on the East Side. Get ready for a good old night of foot stomping and grooving!

**Always, Adele** at The Tower Theatre. Friday, July 14th, 12pm. Tower Theatre for the Performing Arts, 815 E Olive Ave, Fresno. Always Adele is LA's premiere tribute to the once-in-a-generation pop icon, Adele. This 7-piece band is made up of world-class players and led by powerhouse vocalist Sarah Stallman. Together they recreate not only the breathtaking music of Adele but also deliver the down-to-earth quality that makes her such a unique artist.

**LIVE MUSIC** @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Funky Junket. Friday, July 14th, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

**Brainrack Fresno.** Friday, July 14th, 8pm. Maya Event Center, 1737 E Shaw Ave, Fresno. Get ready to experience an electrifying audio assault! Join us as the renowned artist Brainrack takes the stage, unleashing a mind-bending fusion of bass and dubstep. Brace yourself for an unforgettable night of pulsating beats and bass drops that will leave you craving for more. Don't miss this epic auditory journey with Brainrack!

**DB. BOUTABAG** live in Fresno. Friday, July 14th, 8pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. After a successful tour run, DB. Boutabag performs live in Fresno for his exclusive/ only Fresno concert of 2023.

**The Big Bad Cardi Party.** Friday, July 14th, 8pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Celebrate your favorite Female Hip Hop Artists at Full Circle at The Big Bad Cardi Party.

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**Small Town Loud Country Music Tour** with Chris Colston. Friday, July 14th, 8pm. Riverdale Rodeo Grounds, 3369 W Mount Whitney Ave, Riverdale. Chris Colston, an East Texas native, has been playing sold out shows opening for Koe Wetzell, Parker McCollum, HARDY, Eli Young Band and Casey Donahew... he is now coming to California to headline the Small Town Loud Country Tour! His gritty Texas roots combined with some rock and roll will have you on your feet all night! \$5 early bird tickets (until June 21) - \$10 after that. \$15 at the door.

**LIVE MUSIC** @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Tina Marie. Saturday, July 15th, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

**LIVE MUSIC** @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Tom Stingray. Sunday, July 16th, 3pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

**Hubris.** Thursday, July 20th, 6pm. The Great Room, 1776 E Roberts Ave, Fresno. Hubris is coming all the way from Switzerland to rock the Great Room with some talented regional locals. Come through for a fantastic show!

**LIVE MUSIC** @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft Elena Experience. Friday, July 21st, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

**Wide Awake 2023.** Friday, July 21st, 8pm. The Maya, 1737 E Shaw Ave, Fresno. Get ready to stay up all night and party like never before at Wide Awake 2023. 18+

**David Verde Live.** Saturday, July 22nd, 6pm. 2208 E El Monte Way, Dinuba. Sacramento Artist David Verde makes music relevant to his generation: witty, humorous, high energy, and lit. His sound is very west coast and slightly echos alternative indie vibes and an emo rap feel. It screams California and is heavily influenced by his life experiences as well as the artists he listens to.

**LIVE MUSIC** @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge & Patio! Ft. Flashback Band. Saturday, July 22nd, 6pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

**LIVE MUSIC** @ the Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge! Ft. Fire on the Mountain. Sunday, July 23rd, 3pm. Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 S Court St, Visalia. Visalia Marriott's DT Lounge presents Live Music from talented artists and upcoming musicians. Enjoy dinner, drinks and a live performance!

**Parker McCollum.** Sunday, July 23rd, 7pm. The Fruit Yard, 7948 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto. Get ready for an epic night of country music with Parker McCollum. With his soulful voice and catchy lyrics, Parker McCollum is sure to put on an unforgettable show. Don't miss your chance to see him live and experience the energy and excitement of his music up close!

**THE AQUABATS,** The Aggrolites, Left Alone. Monday, July 24th. 6pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**Nelly w/ T.I.** Monday, July 24th, 7:30pm. Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave, Paso Robles. Get ready to experience the ultimate Hip-Hop concert with Nelly w/ T.I. The two legendary rappers will take the stage together and perform their biggest hits, making it a night you won't forget.

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**Galactic Empire** at Full Circle. Wednesday, July 26th, 6pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. The mighty Galactic Empire is coming to Fresno, CA! Join the galaxy's foremost progressive technical heavy metal Star Wars cosplay John Williams tribute band as they lay waste to Fresno, Planet Earth. Prepare for an evening of most impressive heavy metal. There's no one to stop us this time!

**BRIT TAYLOR** at The Grove House. Wednesday, July 26th, 7pm. The Grove House, 4993 5th St, Mariposa. Nashville's one and only Brit Taylor makes her way to Mariposa for a special evening of songs.

**Bass Lake Live - Dinner & Music** (Vibe Setters). Thursday, July 27th, 6:30pm. The Pines Resort, 54432 Road 432, Bass Lake. Celebrate Summer at Bass Lake! Come enjoy the sight and sounds of Bass Lake! Join us for a lakefront dinner and music, held at lakefront Gazebo Deck. Live Music by: Vibe Setters Genre: Reggae

**KISS Country** Summer Concert Series Show #3 featuring Morgan Evans. Thursday, July 27th, 6:45pm. Rotary Amphitheater at Woodward Park, 7775 N Friant Rd, Fresno. Scheduled to perform: Morgan Evans, Jordan Harvey, Dylan Schneider & Carson Wallace.

**Sanguisugabogg** at Full Circle. Friday, July 28th, 6pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Sanguisugabogg, Kruelty, Vomit Forth, Gates To Hell. All Ages / \$20 Adv / \$25 Dos RED HOT TRIBUTE - A Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute. Friday, July 28th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Tickets \$10 adv, \$12 dos. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**Scott Pemberton** O Theory - Night One. Friday, July 28th, 9pm. T-Bar Social Club, 2588 California 158, June Lake. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the most talented and unique guitar players touring today, along with his exceptionally tight band.

**FULL CIRCLE SLAMFEST** (Wrestling + Metal Festival). Saturday, July 29th, 5pm. Full Circle Brewery, 712 Fulton St, Fresno. Join us for the FIRST EVER Fresno Metal & Wrestling Festival! 5 MATCHES provided by: California Wrestling Association.

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**SHAGGY 2 DOPE**, DJ Clay, Odd Squad Family, Nathan James. Saturday, July 29th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**GEL., Truth** Cult. Monday, July 31st, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. All ages. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**MIDNIGHT NORTH** at The Grove House. Wednesday, August 2nd, 7pm. The Grove House, 4993 5th St, Mariposa. Midnight North brings their eclectic and top-notch musicianship to Mariposa for a special stop at The Grove House.

**Mikaela Davis**. Wednesday, August 9th, 8pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Tickets \$13 adv, \$15 dos. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**Bass Lake Live - Dinner & Music** (Jaded). Thursday, August 10th, 6:30pm. The Pines Resort, 54432 Road 432, Bass Lake. Celebrate Summer at Bass Lake! Come enjoy the sight and sounds of Bass Lake! Join us for a lakefront dinner and music, held at lakefront Gazebo Deck. Live Music by: Jaded Genre: Rock

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## Sports

**Savannah Bananas** Baseball. Thursday, July 27th, 7pm. Chukchansi Park, Fresno. Don't miss Savannah Bananas baseball at the Chukchansi Park in Fresno.

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## 21 and Over

**Friday Night Live's 1/2 Birthday**. Friday, July 7th, 7pm. Beyond the Wine, 7775 N Palm Ave, #105, Fresno. It's resident DJ Jess the MIXAHOLIC joining us each and every Friday Night through the summer we've decided to really go all out! Join us again, or for the first time and find out why we are where Old School lives in Fresno!

**559 Heat** - All local Bass & House Djs from the Valley. Friday, July 7th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Tickets \$10. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**A-Trak** at Fulton 55. Saturday, July 8th, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. A-Trak is easily one of the most influential djs of our time, this is going to be one hell of a show. Support by Ovie One + Moonlight Fiziks + KG559

**Sean Kingston** live at Switch with DJ Garrett Gaynor. Saturday, July 8th, 9:30pm. Switch Lounge & Nightclub, 5665 N Blackstone Ave, #110, Fresno. Sean Kingston Live at Switch. Music by DJ Garrett Gaynor. 18+ to party, 21+ to drink

**Monday Karaoke Party** @ Grogg's. Monday, July 10th, 8:30pm. Grogg's Traditional Irish Pub, N Willow Ave, #180, Clovis. Get ready to sing your heart out at our Monday Night Karaoke Party! This in-person event is the perfect way to kick off your week with a bang. Join us every Monday! Bring your best singing voice and your friends to enjoy a night of fun and entertainment. We have a wide selection of songs for you to choose

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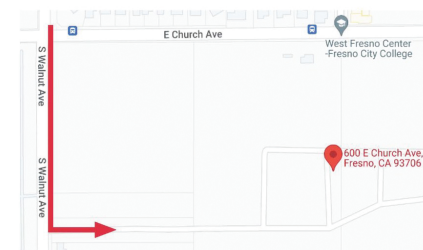


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**On my Own Release Show.** Thursday, July 13th, 7pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Release Party Celebrating Augie's debut project On My Own. Brought to you by Numbskull Productions & Strummer's.

**Team Neville** Presents: Alastair Greene. Thursday, July 13th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Alastair Greene's rock credentials include eight years of international touring on guitar and vocals with the Alan Parsons Project, and major dates with Starship.

**Mr Crowley** at Fulton 55. Friday, July 14th, 7pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Ozzy may have stepped down from his touring career, but that doesn't mean you can't see the next best thing! Mr Crowley Ozzy Experience is America's #1 Most Authentic Ozzy band out there and they're coming right here to Fulton 55 on Friday July 14th!

**ALL BLACK** performing live at the Palladium Nightclub. Friday, July 14th, 9pm. Palladium Nightclub, 950 10th St, Modesto. Come see the one and only ALL BLACK perform live at the Palladium Nightclub in Modesto! Don't wait, get your tickets now in order to avoid paying more at the door.

**Old Skool Music.** Saturday, July 15th, 7pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Performing Live. PEPE MARQUEZ with RAY CARRION & THEE LATIN ALLSTARS also ROCKY PADILLA - RAQUEL RAMIREZ - SAL RODRIGUEZ from THE BAND WAR. Also Special Guest RAW: A TRIBUTE TO WAR Hosted by HENRY LOZANO & NODDY RODDY

**Rock en Espanol Night.** Saturday, July 15th, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. A night of music/visuals from your favorite classic Rock En Espanol artists. Sing & Dance to the sights & sounds of Cafe Tacvba, Mana, Soda Stereo, Caifanes, Maldita Vecindad, Jaguares, Heroes Del Silencio + many, many more. Tickets \$5. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**The Ultimate Cancer Affair** with DJ DomSolo 18+/21+ Saturday, July 15th, 10pm. Switch Lounge, 5665 N Blackstone Ave, #110, Fresno. Music by DJ DOMSOLO. All Cancer birthdays are FREE before MIDNIGHT. 18+ to party, 21+ to drink

**The Pure Drop.** Irish Flute and Bodhran. Traditional Irish instrumental. Sunday, July 16th, 1pm. Bog House Pub, 7089 N Marks Ave, #109, Fresno. Irish flute, mandolin and Bodhran. We play traditional Irish instrumental music with flute, mandolin and a traditional Irish frame drum. We are at the Boghouse Pub in Fresno. It's an upscale European style pub full of friendly upscale people. Traditional Irish flute and frame drum will be going in the background as you drink craft beer or wine or whatever mixed drinks you like.

**Comedy & Corridos Live In Fresno!** Sunday, July 16th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Rene Vaca And Ken Flores are back in the 559! Special music performance after the show!

**The concert** benefiting ANGEL BABIES of Hinds Hospice. Thursday, July 20th, 7:30pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. SPECIAL PERFORMANCES by: Kenny Cruz (local acoustic vocal performer singing hits you know and love) . Max Hemb putting together his amazing electronic/jazz fusion that is not only for the ears but the eyes! Fats LaBell (South East Fresno Psych-Soul) a definite MUST SEE! And closing the night is Style Like Revelators ( amazing combination of blues rock , with a little touch of more ROCK) . ALL ticket purchases and raffle prize money will go directly to ANGEL BABIES of Hinds Hospice. \$15.00 Advance/20.00 Day of Show.

**The Kings** of Queen. Friday, July 21st, 8pm. The Pour House, 525 Pine St, Paso Robles. The King's of Queen have been selling out venues nationwide and are considered one of the country's Top Rated Queen Tributes.

**House of Lights.** Saturday, July 22nd, 4pm. 1929 Santa Clara St, Fresno. Summer is coming the Vibes are right (P.L.U.R) This will be an 18 + event we want all to have a great time. We have brought together some of the best local EDM, HOUSE, BASS, HARD STYLE, AN DUB. We have teamed up with Night Pulz to bring the best sound out there alongside with a great light show. 21+ to drink

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**Boots 'n Booze.** Saturday, July 22nd, 5:30pm. Evanelle Vineyards, 8444 Road 29 1/2, Madera. Come and join us for an unforgettable evening of music, drinks, and fun at the Boots 'N Booze country concert series! The event will be held both indoors (air conditioned) and outdoors, making it the perfect way to enjoy the great music. Get your tickets now for our event on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023, which will feature an impressive lineup of country bands, including San Diego country band BRANDED followed by country band JJ Brown, and DJ Garret Gaynor to keep the music flowing all night long.

**90's Night.** Saturday, July 22nd, 9pm. Strummers, 833 E Fern Ave, Fresno. Tickets \$5. Presented by numbskullshows.com

**Blackout 34:** Nef The Pharaoh. Saturday, July 22nd, 9pm. My Mimosas, 917 J St, Modesto. Performing Live: Da KRSE, 24 Tae, Niyabby, J Mula, DaveWontDie

**Back to Black:** A Tribute to Amy Winehouse with Belmont Sound System. Saturday, July 22nd, 9pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Join us for our annual celebration of Amy Winehouse and her timeless music to commemorate the 12th anniversary of her tragic and untimely passing. Back to Black: A Tribute to Amy Winehouse is a Fresno-based tribute band comprised of some of the Central Valley's finest professional musicians, who strive to honor Amy through her music, not impersonation.

**American Made Concerts presents:** Sweet Revenge Trib to My Chemical Romance. Sunday, July 23rd, 7pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. AMERICAN MADE CONCERTS presents My Chemical Romance tribute act SWEET REVENGE at The Fulton 55 on Sunday, July 23 at 7:00pm! With very special guests, HEARTSHOT KID and JNX! \$17.00 Advance/\$23.00 Day of Show.

**Girls Night** Out the Show at The Fulton. Tuesday, July 25th, 8pm. The Fulton, 1243 Fulton Mall, Fresno. Ladies it's your turn to have some Fun! Mark your calendar and bring all of your friends for an epic night of Fun and Excitement with GIRLS NIGHT OUT THE SHOW "ABOUT LAST NIGHT TOUR!" Whether you're celebrating a Birthday, Bachelorette, Divorce, Dirty Thirty or your own Sheer Awesomeness, you don't want to miss the most exciting ladies night out of the year!

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**Josh Meloy.** Thursday, July 27th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Oklahoma native, Josh Meloy, is blazing his own trail in the music industry with an undeniably authentic sound. Inspired by country greats, Meloy has cultivated his own brand of country music.

**Brad Jaurique Promotions Presents** X-Raided A Prayer in Hell Tour Fresno. Saturday, July 29th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. July 29, 2023 X-Raided with C-mob, DJ Doc and Inconventional kings at Fulton 55 Fresno, Ca. Presented by Brad Jaurique Promotions with Silva Promotions, California Live, Arkphonic and Nok Entertainment.

**BLVCKOUT Ft.** BD HBT. Saturday, July 29th, 8pm. The Fulton, 1243 Fulton Mall, Fresno. Bass Music, Lasers, Drink Specials, Flow Arts. Featuring: BD HBT, THAT LOUD, BAYCE B2B SPOOKED, 1HTLFT, CARMÉ, MEDTNT. Los Yesterdays, Miriah Avila, Jackie Mendez, Diamond Ortiz, DJ Boomerang. Sunday, July 30th, 6pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Central Coast Entertainment Presents: Los Yesterdays, Miriah Avila, Jackie Mendez, Diamond Ortiz, DJ Boomerang. Tickets available on-line at www.fulton55.com or visit our friends at Tower District Records (1930 N. Echo St., Fresno.)

**Team Neville** Presents: Chris Cain. Thursday, August 3rd, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. With more than three decades of touring and fourteen previous albums, master blues guitarist and vocalist Chris Cain has earned his reputation as a musician's musician.

**American Made Concerts Presents:** Kickin' Valentina. Friday, August 4th, 7:30pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. KICKIN' VALENTINA invade Fresno Fulton 55 on Friday, August 4 at 8:00pm with special guests, RISE and DELINQUENT!

**Gypsy Dreams** - The Premiere Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. Friday, August 4th, 8pm. The Pour House, 525 Pine St, Paso Robles. The absolute BEST Fleetwood Mac tribute band you will ever see, back by popular demand! They return to the Pour House this August!

**Handsome Dick** Manitoba. Wednesday, August 9th, 7:30pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Handsome Dick Manitoba (lead singer of the Dictators from 1974 - 2019) brings his all star band back to Fulton 55.

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**Afroman Live** at the Palladium Nightclub. Thursday, August 10th, 7pm. Palladium Nightclub, 950 10th St, Modesto. Afroman at the Palladium Nightclub has been RESCHEDULED to AUGUST 10TH!

**Cali Summer** Dance Party With B Rawcity and DJ DWiggz. Thursday, August 10th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. Fresno's own B. Rawcity, former front man of 40 Watt Hype. Style is a mixture of Boom Bap, Electronic lyrical Rap on a foundation of West Coast Street Grit. DJ DWiggz will be mixing the best R&B, Hip Hop and Dance music

**Monophonics.** Friday, August 11th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. The world's premier psychedelic soul band, Monophonics, cordially invites you to attend the grand re-opening of the once thriving, once vibrant establishment, the legendary Sage Motel. Monophonics return to Fulton 55 with special guests TBA and DJ Boomerang.

**American Made Concerts Presents:** Babylon A.D. Saturday, August 12th, 8pm. Fulton 55, 875 Divisadero St, Fresno. American Made Concerts brings Babylon A.D. to the Fulton 55 stage. Special guests Guns of Justice, The Reason and South Of Sin open the show.



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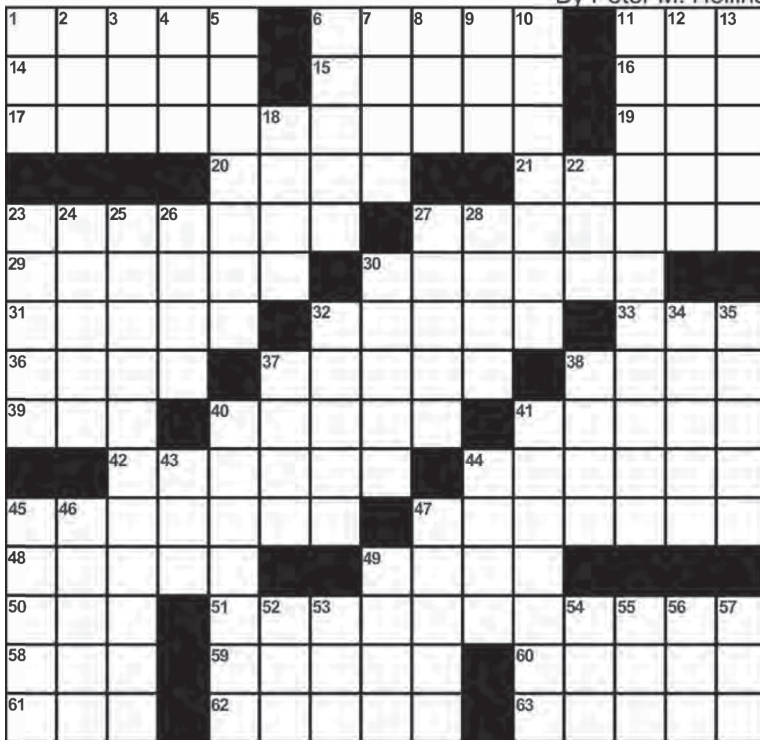
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**DOWN**

- 1) Bit of body art, slangily
- 2) "Yuck" cousin
- 3) Mai \_\_\_ (cocktail)
- 4) 10th-anniversary metal
- 5) Calligrapher's containers
- 6) Parenting challenges
- 7) Comrade in arms
- 8) Bud
- 9) "Am \_\_\_ blame?"
- 10) Cast anew
- 11) Invents
- 12) Depth charge target
- 13) Orange covers
- 18) Had on
- 22) Call, as a game
- 23) Anchor cable hole
- 24) Continental money
- 25) Shake things up
- 26) Aquarium
- 27) Like many a stuffed animal
- 28) Partner of one?
- 30) Breed of dairy cattle
- 32) Highway directive
- 34) Strong silklike fabric
- 35) Pluralizing letters
- 37) Loose, crumbly deposit
- 38) After-bath powder
- 40) Happens to, old-style
- 41) Twenty questions category
- 43) To the \_\_\_ degree
- 44) Good-hearted
- 45) Biblical song
- 46) Indian coin
- 47) French nobleman
- 49) Thai currency
- 52) Backboard attachment
- 53) Swelled head
- 54) One of the NFL's Mannings
- 55) Matterhorn, e.g.
- 56) Scrub the floor
- 57) Pig's home

**ACROSS**

- 1) \_\_\_-frutti
- 6) Hoglike mammal
- 11) Mongrel dog
- 14) "Once more!"
- 15) Make giddy
- 16) Japanese wrap
- 17) Like
- 19) Je t'aime \_\_\_ cheri"
- 20) Young one's horse
- 21) Nymph in Greek myth
- 23) Nags or needles
- 27) Smokey's preserves
- 29) Compound of gold
- 30) David Carradine series of the '70s
- 31) Small songbirds
- 32) Country crooner Haggard
- 33) Start for "fab" or "face"
- 36) Good, long bath
- 37) Word before "Christmas"
- 38) First word of "Jabberwocky"
- 39) Suffix with "high"
- 40) Director Levinson
- 41) Injures grievously
- 42) "E," to Einstein
- 44) Highlander, e.g.
- 45) Gab
- 47) Sure things
- 48) Japanese menu item
- 49) Skeleton segment
- 50) Mentally acute
- 51) Be imaginative
- 58) Ring around the collar?
- 59) Black billiard ball
- 60) Apportion
- 61) Debussy's "La \_\_\_"
- 62) Clobbered
- 63) Full of back talk

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The Coalinga-Huron Recreation and Park District operates the Chestnut Pool at 16501 Palmer St. in Huron and will open the pool for family swim events later this summer.

Public swim hours began at the Sanger Community Pool on June 13. Located at 730 Recreation Ave., the pool is open Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. It costs \$1 to swim in the wading pool, \$2 for the main pool and \$3 to use the waterslide.

Multiple cities utilize high school pools to let their residents cool off.

The Selma High School pool is open to community members on Saturdays and Sundays from June 10 to Aug. 13. The pool, located at 3125 Wright St., is open from noon to 4 p.m. and costs \$2 to enter.

Until July 28, public swim hours will be offered at the Firebaugh High School pool at 1976 Morris Kyle Drive. The pool is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is \$2 for children and \$5 for adults.

Reedley offers recreational swimming for three nights this summer through their Family Nights at the Pool series. On July 7 and 21, and Aug. 4, from 8 to 10 p.m., residents can swim and watch a movie. The events are held at the Reedley High School pool at 477 Manning Ave. To attend, you must register online. Registration costs \$3.75 for children and seniors and \$4.25 for adults under 55.

The Kerman High School pool on 205 S. First St. is open to the public from June 17 to Aug. 5. The pool is open Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. To swim, adults are charged \$2 and children are charged \$1.50. Non-swimmers can enter the facility for \$1.

Fowler High School's pool opened for recreational swimming on June 19. Located on 117 Vista Ave., the pool will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Entrance to the pool is \$1.

The Fresno Unified School District is also opening its pools for recreational swimming from June 17 through July 30. The pools listed below will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

- Edison High School, 540 E. California Ave.
- Hoover High School, 5550 N. First St.
- McLane High School, 2727 N. Cedar Ave.
- Roosevelt High School, 4250 E. Tulare Ave.

Fresno High School's pool on 1839 N. Echo Ave. will be open at the same dates and times, but from July 1 to July 30.

The city of Fresno operates more pools for its residents than any other city in the county, with Fresno's Parks and Recreation (PARCS) department running three pools and seven splash pad parks this year. Pools opened on June 12, and will remain open until September. Pools and splash pads run by the city are free to use.

Pools are located at:

- Frank H. Ball Pool, 760 Mayor St.
- Mary Ella Brown Pool, 1350 E. Annadale
- Mosqueda Pool, 4670 E. Butler

Pools will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. daily. To enter the pool, swimmers must be at least 3 years old and 3 feet tall. No swim diapers, flotation devices, or pool toys are allowed in the pools.

#### Splash pads available in Fresno

Splash pads are located at:

- Dickey Playground, 50 N. Calaveras St.
- Figarden Loop Park, 4265 W. Figarden Dr.
- Inspiration Park, 5770 W. Gettysburg Ave.
- Martin Ray Reilly Park, 750 N. Chestnut Ave.
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Splash pads are open from 2 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

#### Free swim lessons available in Fresno

Fresno PARCS and Fresno Unified School District are also partnering to offer free swim lessons to Fresno residents ages 3 to 18 and Fresno Unified students. The lessons began June 19 and are offered Monday through Friday from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Lessons are being hosted at:

- Edison High School, 540 E. California Ave.
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Registration is offered online at [www.fresno.gov/swimlessons](http://www.fresno.gov/swimlessons) or the Dickey Youth Center. Registration for swim lessons held at pools operated by the PARCS department will open on July 1.



The graphic features a beach scene with palm trees, a sunset, and a sailboat. In the foreground, there are three anthropomorphic recycling items: a clear glass bottle with red sunglasses, a red soda can with orange sunglasses, and a blue plastic bottle with pink sunglasses. To the left are two coconuts with umbrellas, and to the right is a colorful beach ball. The text 'Summer Vibes!' is written in a large, yellow, bubbly font at the top. Below the illustration, the text 'Always Recycle CRV' is written in a bold, brown font. The largest text, 'BOTTLES & CANS', is in a very large, yellow, bubbly font. At the bottom, the text 'CITY OF FRESNO RECYCLING PROGRAM' is in a bold, black font, followed by the phone number '559-621-1111' and the website 'WWW.FRESNO.GOV/RECYCLE'. The City of Fresno Recycling Program logo is at the very bottom.

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