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## **North Merced**

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North Merced (north of Bear Creek) is in the predominant path of residential growth of the community, with the greatest number of new subdivision and housing developments. North Merced has been developed since the 1970's and contains major shopping and office streets (Olive, G, M, and R).

**The Merced Mall:** Located on Olive between M and R, the Merced Mall has over 500,000 Square feet and is the only enclosed shopping mall in the region. Anchors are Sears, JC Penney's, Kohl's, and Target (a freestanding pad). Other larger tenants include Michael's, Big Lots, United Artist Cinema and CVS Drugs. Smaller nationwide retailers catering to a diverse group of consumers can also be found in the Merced Mall. They include Aeropostale, A Children's Place, Baskin Robbins, Bath & Body Works, Footlocker, Lane Bryant, Rave, Radio Shack, See's Candy, Sunglass Hut, and many more.

Also in the Mall's vicinity are Ross and Orchard Supply Hardware. Located on Olive Avenue are Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart, Anna's Linens, Barnes and Noble and grocery store centers anchored by Savemart and Food4Less. Raley's anchors a center at G and Yosemite.

**The Promenade:** Located at the northwest corner of Yosemite and Paulson, the Promenade has something for everyone: a great assortment of retail stores and specialty shops, indoor and open-air eateries, a day spa, medical offices and much more. Their motto is "Meet, stroll, dine and relax." The Promenade may be considered a lifestyle center, where residents can spend a couple of hours browsing and then have an evening dinner without ever leaving the parking lot.

**New Hospital:** May 2010 welcomed California's newest healthcare facility, <u>Mercy Medical Center</u>. The 7 story hospital is filled with 186 beds in spacious, mostly private rooms. A total of 1,200 employees staff the hospital with 230 Physicians on hand.

**Housing:** North Merced holds a majority of the City's new housing stock. Home prices are very affordable in comparison to other California communities similar in size and population with the median home price being \$112,290.00

## **Current Improvement Projects**

**Yosemite Avenue Widening:** Phase one of the City led Yosemite Avenue Widening Project is underway. Two additional road lanes and a turning lane will be added to Yosemite Avenue from "G" St. to Mansionette Drive. The project is designed to increase the flow of traffic and accommodate future growth in the area.

## **Future Plans**

**Mixed Use Development:** Plans have been approved for a mixed use project on the Northeast corner of "G" St. and Yosemite Avenue. Food service, dental offices and other medical buildings are included in the plans. The project represents private investment in the area.

**Police Station:** Land has been purchased by the City in the same area as the future Mixed Use project, with the intent of constructing a police station.