



LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAJOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS: NEW BUSINESSES AND EXTENDED RECREATION CENTER HOURS



In a significant move aimed at enhancing community life and boosting local economic growth, the Lemoore City Council approved several key developments during its March 4, 2025, meeting. Among the most notable announcements were the redevelopment of the old Kmart building and the extension of operating hours for the Lemoore Recreation Center, both of which are expected to bring immediate benefits to residents.

Revitalizing the Old Kmart Building

The long-vacant Kmart building on the corner of Fox and Cinnamon streets is set to undergo a major transformation. The City Council confirmed that the developer has closed escrow on the property and has begun demolition work to make way for new businesses. The site will soon be home to a **Tractor Supply store** and a **new fast-food restaurant**, which will be located next to the existing Panda Express.

This development marks a significant step forward in revitalizing a key commercial area of Lemoore. The addition of Tractor Supply, a popular retail chain known for its agricultural and home improvement products, is expected to attract both local shoppers and visitors from surrounding areas. Meanwhile, the new fast-food restaurant will provide additional dining





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options for residents and contribute to the city's growing retail landscape. City Manager Marissa Trejo expressed enthusiasm about the project, stating, "This is an exciting opportunity to breathe new life into a space that has been underutilized for years. These new businesses will not only create jobs but also enhance the shopping experience for our community."

Extended Hours for the Lemoore Recreation Center

In another win for residents, the <u>City Council</u> announced that the Lemoore Recreation Center will soon offer extended operating hours. Starting the week of **March 17, 2025**, the center will be open:

- Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The extended hours are designed to make the facility more accessible to working families, students, and individuals with busy schedules. The Recreation Center, which offers fitness facilities, community programs, and recreational activities, is a cornerstone of Lemoore's commitment to promoting health and wellness.

Mayor Matthews highlighted the importance of the change, saying, "We want to ensure that everyone in our <u>community</u> has the opportunity to stay active and engaged. By extending the hours, we're making it easier for residents to take advantage of the wonderful resources we have at the Recreation Center."

Community Impact

The redevelopment of the old Kmart building and the extended Recreation Center hours are part of a broader effort by the <u>City Council</u> to improve the quality of life for Lemoore residents. These initiatives reflect the city's focus on economic growth, community health,





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and accessibility.

Residents have already begun expressing their excitement about the changes. "It's great to see new businesses coming in, especially in a space that's been empty for so long," said local resident Connie Willis. "And the extended hours at the Rec Center are a game-changer for me and my family. It's going to make it so much easier to stay active."

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Looking Ahead

As Lemoore continues to grow and evolve, these developments signal a bright future for the community. The <u>City Council</u> remains committed to fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving city for all residents.

For more information about the new businesses or the Recreation Center's updated hours, residents are encouraged to visit the City of Lemoore's official website or contact the City Manager's office.

Stay tuned for more updates as these exciting projects move forward!