



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER ASHWINI KANTAK

May is a month-long event that pays tribute to the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). These ethnic groups have significantly impacted American culture and society in numerous ways, including science, medicine, literature, art, music, sports, politics, and entertainment. From building railroads and clearing tunnels to taking on dangerous jobs, Asian workers have made significant contributions throughout US history, often in inhumane working conditions. The observance of Asian Pacific Heritage Month dates back to 1977 when US Representatives Frank Horton and Norman Mineta introduced a House resolution calling on the president to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week. A similar bill was passed in the Senate the following month by Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga from Hawaii. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared May as AAPI Heritage Month to

acknowledge the vital role of Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants throughout American history. The AAPI community is the country's most varied, and Milpitas exemplifies this diversity. According to the 2021 American Community Survey, the City's population is predominantly Asian, with Asian Indians being the largest segment at 21.3%, followed by Chinese at 15%, Filipinos at 12.6%, Vietnamese at 12.3%, Korean at 2%, Japanese at .9%, other Asian at 3.4% and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders at .2%. The 2023 Citywide community survey reveals that residents consider Milpitas to be an ideal place to raise a family. Our City's welcoming atmosphere and multicultural community set us apart. In honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, let us take a moment to celebrate the resilience, leadership, and rich diversity of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Milpitas and beyond.

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MILPITAS HOUSING ELEMENT RECEIVES HCD CERTIFICATION AND DISTINCTION AS THE FIRST CITY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY TO COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW

The Milpitas Housing Element update has been certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), signifying the City's substantial compliance with State Housing Element law. Milpitas is the first city in Santa Clara County and one of the very few cities in the region to have a certified Housing Element in substantial compliance with State law, marking the City's important role in serving as a model for other cities in making housing a top priority. Congratulations to the Housing and Planning Department team members and all our partners for their great work! With the leadership of our City Council and support from the Milpitas community, together we will make housing in Milpitas more affordable and accessible to workers and families of all income levels. Visit <https://milpitashousingelement.com/> for more info.

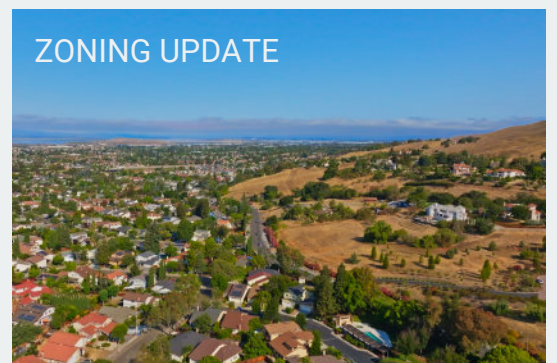


MILPITAS AWARDED \$5000 FIREWORKS GRANT

The City received a \$5,000 grant from the Santa Clara County 2023 Fireworks Event grant/sponsorship program. The annual program, which was on hiatus during the pandemic, awards agencies whose events include elements of public safety and fire safety education, up to \$5,000 for event costs. The additional funds will allow to offset costs, including but not limited to providing safety information on firework safety, summer heat safety tips, and bike safety, for all attendees. The program, which began in 2016, allocates a total of \$25,000 to sponsor up to two fireworks events in each of the County's five supervisorial districts (\$5,000 per district). Events are required to be open to all residents of Santa Clara County, be family-friendly, and consider public/fire safety educational elements.

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING UPDATE

The City of Milpitas recently launched an effort to comprehensively update the Zoning Ordinance, which is the primary implementation tool for the City's General Plan with regard to land use and urban development. Milpitas residents, business owners, and other community members are invited to learn more about this project and share their perspectives and input. Zoning regulations serve as a tool to implement the vision and goals for growth and preservation of the City by setting forth rules and standards for what may be built, and what types of uses or business may be located where. A Zoning Ordinance addresses topics such as land use, administration, and procedures for new development as well as alterations to existing buildings and lots, development standards such as building height and lot coverage, and other important topics such as parking and landscaping. Learn more about the zoning update by visiting the project website at <https://www.milpitaszoningupdate.org/>. To stay informed about public events and opportunities to comment, interested parties may sign up via this website for the project email list.



ZONING UPDATE

PUBLIC SAFETY CAREER FAIR

Looking for a fulfilling career in public service? You have an opportunity to meet with Public Safety Recruiters from Milpitas Police and Fire Departments this Saturday from 11am-3pm at the Public Safety Career Fair located at 560 Bailey Ave. San Jose, CA 95141. Hope to see you there!

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CONSORTIUM

CAREER PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

MEET WITH PUBLIC SAFETY RECRUITERS

Background Presentation
Motorcycle on Site
MedEvac Vehicle
Helicopter on Site
Oral Board Informational
K9 Demonstration
Drone Demonstration

POLICE FIRE DISPATCH SHERIFF

560 BAILEY AVENUE
SAN JOSE, CA 95141

May 20, 2023
11AM - 3PM

Hosted by South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium
www.theacademy.ca.gov

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MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES YOUTH EARTH DAY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

On May 16, the Milpitas City Council recognized the winners of this year's Earth Day Essay Contest with certificates. Sponsored by the Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission, winning essays covered topics such as: (1) What invention would you invent that would benefit our environment by doing so; (2) Should all energy consumption be regulated by the government; and (3) How do you think you could change your lifestyle to help benefit our planet. The prize amounts were modified due to a tie for first place. Isabelle Nguyen (10th grade) and Natalie Chen (12th grade) tied for first place, and Noel Hwang (11th grade) won second place. The first place winners both received a smart power strip and \$125, and the second place winner received \$50 and a power strip.



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION

On May 16, the Milpitas City Council issued a proclamation designating May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week. The 2023 American Public Works Association (APWA) theme is "Connecting the World Through Public Works," which illustrates how public works connects everyone through infrastructure and service, enhancing the quality of life for the communities and professionals they serve. Present at the event were members of the City's Public Works Department led by Director Christian Di Renzo.



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION SPRING CLEANING EVENT

On May 6, the Milpitas Community Advisory Commission (CAC) held its Annual Spring Clean-Up Day at the Pioneer Mobile Home Park. A total of 18 volunteers, including CAC Council liaison Vice Mayor Chua, joined to help the senior community discard unwanted items and provide light landscaping. The event volunteers were successful in removing over 30 cubic yards of trash from the mobile home community. The City is thankful to the volunteers for their level of service and dedication to the Milpitas community.



JOIN THE BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY IN MILPITAS

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) and Weller Elementary PTA (Parent Teacher Association) President VD Ngo are organizing a neighborhood Bike Bus on May 23rd to celebrate *Bike to School Day*. The route will go through the neighborhoods surrounding Weller Elementary and the Escuela Parkway corridor. This guided and slow-paced bike ride is great for families, youth, and teens attending schools along Escuela Parkway. Led by a League Certified Instructor and SVBC staff-member Diego Ortiz, and resident e-cargo-bike VD Ngo, the bike bus aims to celebrate Bike Month, Bike To School Days, and kick-start summer.

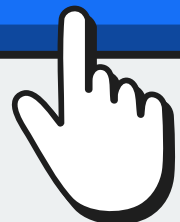


ADOBE AVENUE RECREATION OPPORTUNITY SURVEY

The City of Milpitas is seeking input from residents regarding potential new uses of Adobe Avenue at Vasona Street. Please take the survey and indicate the types of new recreational uses you would be interested in seeing in your City!

Survey Link: bit.ly/adobe-ave-survey

TAKE SURVEY



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MILPITAS SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Milpitas Volunteer Program has a Summer full of volunteer opportunities for all ages. Share your time and talent with the community. This is also an excellent way for Milpitas High School students to complete their required community service. The next volunteer opportunity is a park cleanup at Gill Memorial Park this Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b44acab22a7f58-park17#/>

To learn more about the upcoming volunteer opportunities, please visit <http://ow.ly/VrFy50Opjff>

LUNCH WITH A COP AT CHICK-FIL-A

On May 4, a successful "Lunch with a Cop" event was held in partnership with Chick-Fil-A and the community. The Milpitas Police Department was able to raise over \$1500 for the Special Olympics.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this cause!

TEEN MEETUP AT MILPITAS FIRE STATION 1

Join the Milpitas Teen Center and Milpitas Fire Department at Milpitas Fire Station 1 (777 S. Main St.) on Tuesday, May 23, from 4:30-6 p.m. to meet the City's brave firefighters, tour the station, and learn more about their profession. You will also get a chance to climb the training tower!

A Milpitas Teen Center membership is required, and participants must pre-register for the meet-up at the Milpitas Teen Center (40 N. Milpitas Blvd.).

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FUNDRAISER

The City continues to support the arts and mental health awareness! Noreen's Dance Collaborative is hosting a Mental Health Awareness Fundraiser performance, Saturday, May 20, 6-8 p.m. at the Milpitas Community Center. This show is made possible in part by a Milpitas Arts & Culture Grant.

For more information about the Milpitas Arts & Culture Grants, visit <http://ow.ly/AOMI30sv8Jz>.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct., (2) 4-story residential buildings of wood modular construction above first floor concrete podiums with a steel bridge connecting the two buildings providing 102 affordable housing units by Resources for Community Development.

All trades are progressing well. Water proofing test at courtyard podium and bike rack installations are work in progress for this week. Epoxy painting at the bridge between Bldg. 1 and Bldg. 2 and drywall installation on first floors is nearing completion. See photos below.



Watchpoint Logistics, located at 607 N McCarthy Blvd.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Watchpoint Logistics to allow customer to occupy office space.

KLA Plus, located at 1 Technology Dr.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to KLA Plus to allow to use new lab.

Headway Technologies, located at 463 S Hillview Dr.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for tenant improvement scope in Building 1 for Headway Technologies was issued.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facilities located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$700,000.

Ernest Wong Dental Office, for tenant improvement for their new office located at 995 Montague Expy. at an estimated construction cost of \$450,000.

Highland Park Townhomes, for miscellaneous exterior repair work on 22 buildings in the complex located at 1963 Landess Ave. at an estimated construction cost of \$395,093.

Milpitas Materials Co., for installation of new fuel tanks and dispensers at the existing facility located at 1125 N Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

McCarthy Center Holdings LLC, for tenant improvement to make it market ready for future tenant to move-in at the existing facility located at 640 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$810,000.

DPIF3 Ca 41 LC at Milpitas Blvd LLC, for total demolition of four buildings in preparation for construction of an Industrial Building. The four buildings are located at 1000 Gibraltar Dr., 909, 1001 & 1051 S Milpitas Blvd at an estimated construction cost of \$523,772.

Ernest Wong Dental Office, for tenant improvement for their new office located at 995 Montague Expy. at an estimated construction cost of \$450,000.

Highland Park Townhomes, for miscellaneous exterior repair work on 22 buildings in the complex located at 1963 Landess Ave. at an estimated construction cost of \$395,093.

The North Face, for tenant improvement for the retail store at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$375,000.

Sonicwall, a network security company, for tenant improvement at the existing facility located at 1033 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$231,693.

The following businesses have received final inspection and are now open for operation:

675 Sycamore LLC, a new commercial property management company located at 675 Sycamore Dr.

Bitrock Investments LLC, a new business for personal investments located at 1525 McCarthy Blvd.

Rainbow Child Development Center, for childcare center located at 158 S Main St.

Embarcadero Realty Services, a property management office located at 135 N McCarthy Blvd suite #140.

Model Solution INC., sales office for an Industrial mold manufacturing company relocating from San Jose to 1900 McCarthy Blvd.

Meat Time, a Japanese restaurant located at 260 S Abel St.

Lukfook Jewelry, a jewelry store located at 648 Barber Ln.

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