



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER ASHWINI KANTAK

In the United States, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month occurs during the month of June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York. Patrons of The Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Manhattan that is now a national monument, fought back against a police raid. The uprising sparked a movement dedicated to the pursuit of equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. This year marks the 54th anniversary of the first gay pride march, which was held during the Stonewall Riots. Pride Month celebrates all the sacrifices and efforts poured into a movement about LGBTQIA+ equal rights to housing and employment; the freedom to adopt and raise their own families; and, the right to marry and share in the benefits that come with marriage.

It's important to recognize and honor those who have made significant contributions to the fight for gay rights and advocacy. In Milpitas, a virtual flag raising event was held on June 3. The occasion highlighted organizations such as Avenidas Rainbow Collective, Rainbow Chamber Silicon Valley, The Horizons Foundation, and the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ Community Center that offer vital resources to the Milpitas LGBTQIA+ community. These groups host a variety of events, such as monthly mixers, networking opportunities, and virtual business trainings. While progress has been made, there is still much work to do to create a fair and unbiased society. Let us take a moment to reflect on and appreciate the bravery and perseverance of the LGBTQIA+ individuals who continue to push for visibility and respect.

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PRIDE MONTH FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

On June 3, the pride flag was raised at City Hall to commemorate the start of Pride Month. In Milpitas, we are committed to ensuring that our City remains a safe and inclusive place for all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. Pride Month is a commemoration of the progress we have made and a reminder of the challenges that still lie ahead. The City continues to work diligently to ensure that policies, programs, and services continue to reflect the needs of everyone. Thank you to Avenidas Rainbow Collective, Billy de Frank LGBTQ+ Community Center and the Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs teams for making the event a success. Together, we will strive to create an environment where everyone in Milpitas feels safe, accepted, and valued.

MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FY 2023-24 BUDGET

The City Council unanimously adopted the FY 2023-24 Budget at the June 6, 2023 City Council meeting, with consideration of public input that resulted in a balanced budget designed to help transition the City towards fiscal stability. The City of Milpitas' FY 2023-24 budget does not use any reserves, leverages American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and reflects the City's fiscal discipline in funding City services. The Budget includes enhanced service levels especially in public safety, public works, and economic development and housing. Additionally, there are modest investments in recreation, community services, and other strategic support functions. The FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget utilizes funding from ARPA to support impacted low-income residents and small businesses in the Milpitas community.

All budget meetings and presentation materials can be accessed by visiting the City's Website and clicking on the City Council Agendas and Minutes [tab](#). For a copy of the FY 2023-24 Budget, follow this [link](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPREHENDS SUSPECT IN VIOLENT SOUTH BAY CRIME SPREE

We commend the City's Police Department for their swift response regarding the June 1 stabbing and carjacking incident in the South Bay. The Milpitas Police Department's diligent investigation, critical thinking, and collaboration with the San Jose Police Department helped bring the perpetrator to justice. In times of crisis, it is the bravery and tireless efforts of our law enforcement officers that restore a sense of security and instill confidence in our community. Because of this, the suspect has been taken into custody and there is no continuing threat to the community.

COMMUNITY COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Calling all Milpitas residents – come get your 4 FREE bags of compost on Saturday, June 24th from 7-11 AM at the KLA Parking Lot. Full of nutrients, compost is great for your garden, plants, trees, and potted plants because it improves aeration, drainage, and water and nutrient-holding capacity. Instead of using fertilizer, using compost puts organic resources back into the soil. Come rain or shine! Bring a photo ID that shows your Milpitas address, along with a signed waiver. One coupon limit per household. For a copy of the waiver, visit: <https://www.milpitassanitation.com/community/>



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MILPITAS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On May 29, the City held a Memorial Day Ceremony to honor veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The event was done in collaboration with the Milpitas Veterans Commission, Police Honor Guard, Knights of Columbus, Community Concert Band, Captain Tom Spink, USN (Ret), Roger Levinson and Milpitas High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. The ceremony included the presentation of colors by the Knights of Columbus, a 21-gun salute, and a remembrance chair. Commendations were also presented to the Milpitas City Council by District 3 Supervisor Otto Lee on behalf of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as well as Experience Field Representative Olivia Rodriguez who represented the Office of Congressman Ro Khanna.



MILPITAS BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY AT WELLER ELEMENTARY

On May 23, the City of Milpitas partnered with Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Weller Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President VD Ngo, and Weller Elementary students on a short bike-bus-journey for Bike to School Day at Weller Elementary School and Escuela Parkway. Via the Hetch Hetchy Trail, the group traveled safely and free of cars (until needing to cross Dixon Landing). Biking to school taught Weller Elementary students a variety of valuable lessons and skills: a great way to exercise, save money, and reduce the planet's carbon footprint. Bike to School Day in Milpitas is made possible by Measure B Funds. Santa Clara County voters approved 2016 Measure B, a 30-year, half-cent countywide sales tax to enhance transit, highways, and expressways.



ANNUAL FIRE WILDLAND TRAINING

The Santa Clara County Fire Chief's Association hosted the annual wildland training exercise that involved fire agencies throughout the county. Fire apparatus and crews were observed on May 19, 22, and 24 at the Santa Teresa County Park. Acting City Manager Ashwini Kankar, Fire Chief Jason Schoonover, and Public Information Officer Charmaine Angelo visited the May 24th training and acquired a deeper understanding of the County's response to unplanned and uncontrolled fires that spread rapidly, wildfire mitigation, and firefighter safety.

Milpitas Firefighters participated in the training exercises which, included comprehensive firefighting techniques (e.g., mobile attack, progressive hose lays, and handline construction). There were also training scenarios simulating firefighter emergencies during a wildland incident, helicopter operations, and maintaining safety while working around helicopters during active wildland events. A command scenario also offered training on managing evacuations utilizing the AlertSCC and Zonehaven platforms.



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SENIOR SCAM STOPPER

Join Assemblymember Alex Lee and Supervisor Otto Lee in conjunction with Milpitas Recreation and Community Services to learn how to protect yourself or your loved ones from the latest scams. Hear from expert speakers from state and local agencies:

- Contractors State License Board (CSLB)
- Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
- California Department of Insurance
- Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office

At this seminar, you will receive information and informative brochures from the experts and have the opportunity to ask questions.

RSVP: <https://milpitas.info/43iUY6c>

Location: Barbara Lee Senior Center
40 N. Milpitas Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035
Friday, June 9, 2023
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

CREATE YOUR OWN MINI PIZZAS

Pizza is always the answer! Join Ms. Cici at Milpitas Teen Center Treats on Tuesday, June 13, from 4-6 p.m. to create tasty mini pizzas and learn fun new recipes you can make at home. Please visit the Milpitas Teen Center at 40 N. Milpitas Blvd to register. This activity is free for Teen Center members.

Don't have a Milpitas Teen Center membership? Register now for your free Teen Center membership: <https://milpitas.info/43iUY6c>

SUMMER RECREATIONAL SWIM DAYS

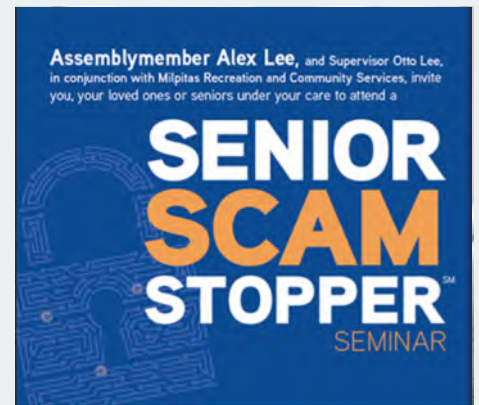
Summer Recreational Swim Days are a perfect way to cool down on those hot Summer days! The Milpitas Sports Centers pools are open to the public on Recreational Swim Days for \$5 per person. The entrance fee is for both swimmers and non-swimmers.

Fridays: June 16-August 4, 2023 | 2-5 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: June 17-August 5, 2023 | 1-4 p.m.

TIP-A-COP FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Come join the Milpitas Police Department at Black Bear Diner and help raise money for the Special Olympics! Milpitas Police Staff will be waiting tables and serving delicious food. All proceeds go towards the Special Olympics.

June 16, 2023
4:30 PM to 8:30PM
174 W. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035



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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.

Exterior grading, site improvement concrete work including planters on the ground floor & podium have made substantial progress. Interior finishes, and rough electrical at main service equipment passed meter release inspection which is a substantial milestone for the goal of TCO with in less than two months. Detail/finish work is progressing at almost every level and with every trade throughout the project. See the below pictures.



City of Milpitas Community Center & Senior Center, 457 E Calaveras Blvd. & 40 N Milpitas Blvd.

The Community Center and Senior Center Solar, back-up generators and energy storage systems (ESS) were finalized. See the below picture.



Headway Technologies, located at 497 S Hillview Dr.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for new clean room, installation of tools in the service chase for Headway Technologies was issued.

Corsair, located at 115 N McCarthy Blvd.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy was issued to Corsair, a developer and manufacturing company of a high-performance gear & technology.

KLA Plus, located at 7 Technology Dr.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy was issued to KLA Plus for a new PCB lab on second floor.

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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. & 5 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$921,061.

County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management, for tenant improvement at their new facility located at 901 Wrigley Wy. at an estimated construction cost of \$600,000.

WG Commercial Construction Inc., for tenant improvement for office space in preparation for future tenant move-in located at 423 Dixon Landing Rd. at an estimated construction cost of \$410,216.

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 Crossing at Montague, (Phase 2), for grading & site improvement to restore the site back to recreation space after completion of VTA/Bart project located at 755 E Capitol Ave. at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

Building permit application was submitted by the following:

Geomax Townhomes by Toll Brothers, for total building demolition of two Industrial buildings & rough grading for new 78 unit's townhome-style condominiums with 12 ADU's residential development located at 675 Trade Zone Blvd and 1951 Tarob Ct at an estimated construction cost of \$1.3M.

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

Jenn Plus, a retail store for women's clothes located at Great Mall.

Valliani Jewelers, a jewelry store located at Great Mall.

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