



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

As the warm sunshine and longer days of summer arrive, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the many outdoor activities and events that our City has to offer. Our parks and recreational facilities are open and ready to welcome you. Whether you're looking to enjoy a picnic with family and friends, explore nature, or participate in sports and recreational programs, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Additionally, our City has a vibrant cultural scene that comes alive during the summer months. From concerts in the park to art exhibitions and theater performances, there are countless opportunities to engage with the arts and enrich your summer experience.

Here are a few activities for you to consider:

- Take a dip in the refreshing pools at the Milpitas Sports Center.

- Enjoy a picnic and a game of frisbee at one of our many parks.
- Go hiking or biking at one of the nearby nature preserves, such as the Calaveras Reservoir or the Ed R. Levin County Park.
- Cool off with a sweet treat from one of Milpitas' many ice cream shops or boba tea stores.
- Attend one of the many summer events hosted by the City, such as outdoor concerts, movie nights, and festivals.

As we enjoy the warm weather and longer days, it's essential to prioritize safety and well-being. Please remember to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and take necessary precautions to protect yourself and others from the sun's rays. If you're planning outdoor activities, be mindful of weather conditions and stay informed about any advisories or warnings.

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## **MAYOR CARMEN MONTANO DELIVERS 2023 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

On June 22, Mayor Carmen Montano delivered the 2023 State of the City (SOTC) Address and highlighted the City's many accomplishments from the past year. The SOTC event plays a vital role in promoting transparency, accountability, community engagement, and strategic planning in local governance. It also serves as a platform for the Milpitas City Council to provide an opportunity for the public to stay informed, participate, and hold elected officials accountable for the City's progress. The occasion was attended by members of the Milpitas community, elected officials from neighboring cities such as Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, Campbell Mayor Anne Bybee, and Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gillmor as well as a representative from Santa Clara County's District 2 Supervisor Cindy Chavez, members of Milpitas Commissions, media partners, other special guests and City staff.



## **MILPITAS PLANNING DIRECTOR NED THOMAS APPOINTED ACTING CITY MANAGER**

On June 20, 2023 the Milpitas City Council voted to appoint Ned P. Thomas, AICP, as Acting City Manager. This action took effect Monday June 26, 2023, and will continue on an interim or temporary basis until Council takes subsequent action. Thomas has served as Planning Director for the City of Milpitas since August 2018. In this capacity, he has directed work on a broad range of matters related to land use planning, zoning code enforcement, urban design, economic development, and environmental review. Recent work includes updates to the Milpitas General Plan and Transit Area Specific Plan as well as ongoing updates to the Midtown Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Thomas brings more than twenty-five years of experience in local government and public administration to the role of Acting City Manager.



## **2023 SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE**

The City has designed a diverse range of summer activities that cater to everyone's interests and passions. Whether you're looking to improve your cooking skills, dive into the arts, or simply enjoy a movie night with your friends and family, we have something for you. Our swimming and tennis classes are perfect for those looking to stay active and healthy this summer. Come join us and make this summer one to remember! Click the link provided to access our activity guide and explore all the exciting events we have in store for you this season: <https://milpitas.info/3NT46cC>



## **MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

On Wednesday, June 8, 2023, the Milpitas City Council unanimously approved an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Development grant of \$30,000 to launch the Milpitas Adult Education (MAE) Career Training Center, which will ignite new workforce development opportunities for Milpitas residents. The Milpitas Unified School District's adult education program provides academic classes for English Language Learners, high school credit recovery, GED, high school diploma, and other services to secondary school and adult students. The addition of the Career Training Center will be a key component of the programs and services to be offered at the new MUSD Innovation Campus. Phase I of the MUSD Innovation Campus will open Fall 2023.





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## **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AWARDS MILPITAS \$800,000 GRANT**

On June 28, 2023, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the regional planning agency for the Bay Area, awarded the City of Milpitas a total of \$800,000 in grant funding through its Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Grant Program. This program provides funding for local projects that implement Plan Bay Area 2050, which is a 30-year regional plan that charts a course for a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, and healthy for all residents through 2050 and beyond. The City received \$600,000 to prepare the Milpitas Main Street Sense of Place Plan and the remaining \$200,000 will be used to prepare the Milpitas Innovation District Parks and Trails Master Plan.



## **MILPITAS PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING EVENT**

On June 24, the City of Milpitas commemorated the very first flag raising ceremony in the Philippines, 125 years ago. A flag raising event was held at the Cesar Chavez Plaza, led by the Milpitas City Council and members of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley. The occasion was attended by members of the Milpitas community, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, District Director Anurag Pal from Assemblymember Alex Lee's Office, Filipino Community Leader Ben Menor, members of Milpitas Commissions, other special guests and City staff. The event was capped with several folk dance performances showcasing the rich culture and heritage of the Philippines.



## **FIRE AGENCIES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ADVISE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO LEAVE THE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS**

Fire agencies representing all of Santa Clara County are urging the community to leave the fireworks to the professionals to avoid injury and fire as the 4th of July approaches. Nationally, illegal fireworks cause over 10,000 emergency room treated injuries each year. Community members are encouraged to attend professional fireworks displays hosted throughout Santa Clara County this 4th of July. When it comes to illegal fireworks, the reward does not outweigh the risk. Community members are urged to stay safe this 4th of July by leaving the fireworks to the professionals. If you want to view fireworks in Milpitas, join us at the Milpitas Sports Center at 9:00PM for a great view. Buy your tickets [here](#).



## **2022 MILPITAS CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT RELEASED**

Stay informed on the quality of your water and learn about the measures taken to ensure water safety. Check out the City's Consumer Confidence Report for 2022, which provides a detailed breakdown of Milpitas' water quality. The report also outlines the steps taken to improve water safety so that you can feel confident in the water you drink and use every day. Follow this [link](#) to access the report and learn more.



## **MILPITAS FIRE TEEN SUMMER CAMP**

The Milpitas Fire Department hosted another memorable Teen Summer Fire Camp from June 5 to 8! Over the 4-day camp, our 9 campers got to experience hands on training of the technical and physical skills/education it takes to become a firefighter. A special thank you to our members: Gavin Greenslate, Brandon Smith, Jon Powers, Robby Kessler, Kristen Cunningham, Clay Richardson, Nick Fenn, Mike Watson, Jeremy Steggell, Scott Walsh and Mike Yamashita, who volunteered their time to make this camp a success. Thank you again and hope to see you at the next Teen Fire Camp!



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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct.**, (2) four-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.

Site improvement work including benches, planters, sidewalk and driveway are progressing well. Permanent power inspection was passed by PG&E. Temporary “manlift” elevator has been removed from the exterior when the permanent elevator was inspected and finalized by the State. See below photo.



**Prudential Cleanroom Services**, 1437 N Milpitas Blvd.

See below photo of the new solar PV carport structures with a total of 1129 modules, 474.2 KW finalized this week.



**Sunnyhills Apartments**, 1730 Sunnyhills Dr., an in-fill project that consists of six apartment buildings with a total of 44 units, a leasing office and carport structures.

Roof work completed on the leasing center and Building E. Work is progressing to cover the exterior soon and MEP work is progressing well on these buildings. See the below picture of leasing office.





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**Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes**, 551 Lundy Pl., an 89-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc.

One more three-story building with a total of six units was finalized, bringing the total completed units in the development to 65.



**Headway Technologies**, located at 463 S Hillview Dr.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for structural work for Headway Technologies was issued.

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To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for new office space in building #5 for Headway Technologies was issued.

**Lees Supermarket**, located at 777 E Capitol Ave.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for tenant improvement scope for Lees Supermarket was issued.

**Kyocera**, located at 1450 McCarthy Blvd.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for Kyocera, an electronic company was issued.

## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Geomax Townhomes by Toll Brothers**, for site improvement and construction 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 \$34.8M.

**Duke Realty**, for site improvement in preparation for future new construction of one-story warehouse building with offices located at 475 Sycamore Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$6M.

**Amazon-Milpitas Delivery Station**, for installation of conveyor system and equipment's at their facility located at 907 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.05M.

**Ascenx, LLC**, an electronic manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 461 S Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.5M.

**Hampton Inn Hotel**, for renovation of all guest bathrooms at the hotel located at 215 Barber Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$700,000.

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*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**KLA Plus**, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 7 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$3M.

**Ulferts Center**, for installation of EV charging stations at 640 Barber Ln at an estimated construction cost of \$400,000.

**Headway Technologies**, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 463 S Milpitas Bl. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

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

**Corsair**, a new developer and manufacturing company of a high-performance gear & technology located at 115 N McCarthy Blvd.

**Travel Well Corporation**, a general office for travel health organization consulting office located at 20 S Hillview Dr.

**Serenity foot Spa**, a massage parlor located at 174 S Main St.

**OhmniLabs, Inc.**, a new manufacturing business relocating from San Jose to 591 Yosemite Dr.

**JR Beauty Bar**, a new beauty salon located at 324 S Abel St.

**Human claw Machine**, an arcade game kiosk located at Great Mall.

**Amara Home Health LLC**, a general office for a home health agency relocating from San Jose to 1551 McCarthy Blvd.

**Memverge, Inc.** office for software company located at 1525 McCarthy Blvd.

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