



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## — SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL — PREPAREDNESS MONTH

### MESSAGE FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an annual awareness campaign launched in 2004 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to educate and encourage individuals, families, and communities to prepare for emergencies. The observance of NPM in September is particularly significant, as it marks the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season and the middle of fire season. Furthermore, the tragedies of September 11, 2001, underscored the importance of always being prepared. The national preparedness program encompasses prevention, protection, response, and recovery efforts to prepare the country for all hazards, whether they are natural disasters or terrorist attacks. This year's theme for NPM is *"building a culture of preparedness."* The campaign culminates on September 30 with National Preparedness Day, a National Day of Action.

In Milpitas, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is the go-to resource for Personal Emergency Preparedness. The following programs help Milpitas community members prepare for any emergency:

- Disaster relief and recovery efforts, in collaboration with State Office of Emergency Services and FEMA

- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services/RACES, which provides a certificate program in FCC radio operations licensing. During an emergency, when Wi-Fi and other electronic communications are out, RACES may be the only means of communication for emergency response.

To learn more, reach out to OEM at (408) 586-2801 or [OEM@milpitas.gov](mailto:OEM@milpitas.gov). Disaster can strike at any time, so it's essential to be informed and prepared year-round. Follow the emergency preparedness tips on Page 2 and create a plan that could make all the difference when it counts. Having the RIGHT information at the RIGHT time will help you make the RIGHT decisions in an emergency or disaster.

Signing up for AlertSCC is easy. Simply create an account and verify your address by visiting <https://milpitas.info/SCCAlert>. Once you are signed up, AlertSCC allows you to add your parents, children, and friends' addresses to your profile, so you can help them monitor alerts in their area when you're away. *Building a culture of preparedness takes time and ongoing effort. Let us take the necessary steps to help our City become more resilient and better prepared for emergencies and disasters.*

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## COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS MONTH RETURNS TO SANTA CLARA COUNTY

With the increasing frequency of natural disasters such as wildfires and severe weather events, along with the constant awareness of the potential for the next big earthquake, the need for preparedness has never been more critical. In response to this urgency, Community Preparedness Month is back in Santa Clara County. A key focus of this year's commemoration revolves around empowering older adults to be resilient in the face of disasters, with special attention given to communities that bear a disproportionate burden during various emergencies. This year's fair will feature partner agencies, including the American Red Cross, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, Community Health Partnerships, County of Santa Clara Animal Services, County of Santa Clara Health System, Department of Family and Children's Services, and the San Martin Homeowners Alliance. For more information about the fair and to see a complete list of partners, please go to [www.preparescc.org/fair](http://www.preparescc.org/fair).

The Fair takes place on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the County of Santa Clara Animal Services, 12425 Monterey Rd., San Martin, CA 95046.

## DELANO MANONGS PARK OPENING - OCTOBER 14

The City of Milpitas invites you to the Grand Opening and Fiesta for the *Delano Manongs Park* on Saturday, October 14, from 11am to 2pm. Join us at 1650 McCandless Drive in Milpitas and celebrate with live performances from the local community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, food, and dance groups.

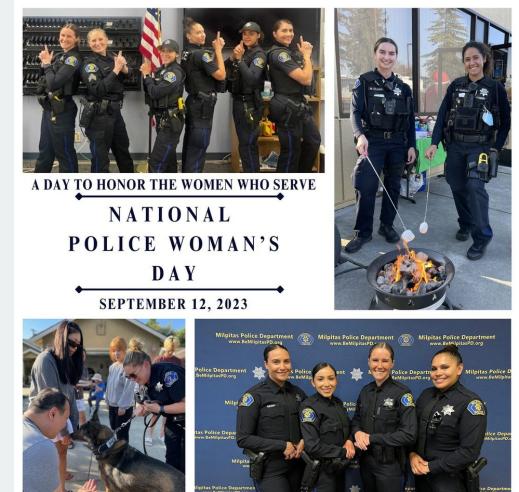
## FIRE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

On September 13, eleven members of the Milpitas Fire Department were sworn in during a badge pinning ceremony. Receiving their badges were: Deputy Chief Galahad Zamora, Battalion Chief John Bankston, Battalion Chief Matt Severson, Captain Heather Edwards, Firefighter (Lateral) Andrew Quimby, Firefighter Nicholas Fenn, Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Lee, Firefighter Clayton Richardson, Firefighter Jeremy Steggell, Firefighter Michael Watson, and Assistant Fire Marshal Martin Gatdula. *Congratulations!*

## NATIONAL POLICE WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED IN MILPITAS

September 12 was National Police Women's Day, and the City of Milpitas is honored to recognize our Milpitas Police women officers and all women officers in law enforcement. The efforts, contributions, and accomplishments of women officers help keep our communities safe!

We're proud to say that 20% of our Milpitas Police officers are women and serve in various assignments, including patrol, detectives, field training officers, field evidence technicians, K-9 handlers, drone pilots, and supervisors.



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## 2023 MILPITAS NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS IS NOW OPEN

Did you know that the 2023 Milpitas Neighborhood Beautification Awards is now open? The awards are given to residential and non-residential properties with maintained aesthetic front yards. Simply fill out the online form <https://airtable.com/shritLb3PCorvROIU> and get a chance to be recognized in making the City of Milpitas, a beautiful community for everyone.

Visit <https://www.milpitas.gov/1135/Neighborhood-Beautification-Awards> for more information.



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN



## CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMENDATION TO MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

On September 5, the Milpitas City Council presented commendations to Milpitas High School (MHS) students Vasista Ramachandruni, Kavinkumar Sainathan, Letizia Lee, and Johnny Palacios for their innovative work on *The Digital Map Project*. The project was developed to help Milpitas High School visitors, students, and parents navigate around the campus. Divided into the art and programming teams, students have made significant progress over the past two years. The *Digital Map Project* currently has a physical map (being used digitally) meant to replace aging physical maps around MHS, and a web-based application and other related mobile apps scheduled to be launched soon. To view the map visit this [link](#).

## MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMS SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

On September 5, the Milpitas City council presented a proclamation recognizing September 2023 as *Suicide Prevention Month*. The proclamation was received by Lorraine Patterson who is the CEO of Show up and Love. Show Up and Love is dedicated to encouraging, supporting, empowering, and serving as a guiding light for people challenged with depression and trauma to understand self-love and find happiness. The organization provides a supportive community that is ready to encourage and uplift everyone as they guide people through their journey into self-love.

## LOCAL MILPITAS BUSINESS WINS AT THE 2023 ELECTRIC SHOWCASE AWARDS

Congratulations to Seema Beauty Salon, a local Milpitas business and one of the winners of the 2023 Electric Showcase Awards. Seema decided to install a tankless electric water heater at her business so that she could make a difference and fight climate change. Her choice paid off; along with lowering her salon's carbon emissions, she is saving money on her energy bill. The @svcleanenergy Electric Showcase Awards recognizes success stories of building electrification in local homes and businesses. Learn more about SVCE's award winners at [svcleanenergy.org/electric-showcase-awards-23/](https://svcleanenergy.org/electric-showcase-awards-23/).



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## THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP EVENTS ARE BACK FOR 2023!

The sixth and final Neighborhood Clean-Up for 2023 is on Saturday, October 14. You can dispose of unwanted items for free upon proof of residency, ID, and sign-up reservation. Each household is limited to one pick-up truck load and participation at one event for the year. You must unload your own vehicle. Milpitas staff will be present to direct traffic flow and vehicles to specific debris containers.

If you would like to participate in the September event, [register here](#). For questions, please email [MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov](mailto:MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov) or call 408-586-3341.

## JOIN A CITY OF MILPITAS COMMISSION AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Help shape the future of our community by volunteering to serve on a City of Milpitas commission. There are current vacancies on the Community Advisory Commission, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission, and more! Come join one of the 12 City Commissions, advise the City Council on an array of topics, and provide a public forum for community input. To see current vacancies, visit <https://www.milpitas.gov/318/Commissions>.

Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and appointments made by the Mayor as needed throughout the year and confirmed by the City Council. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 586-3001 or [cityclerk@milpitas.gov](mailto:cityclerk@milpitas.gov) for more information.

## SENIOR CENTER TREATS

Baking is a delicious way to keep your brain sharp and also satisfy your sweet tooth. Join Senior Center Treats on Tuesday, October 17, from 3-4:30 p.m. to learn how to make your own homemade spooky pumpkin pie pop tart. You must be a Senior Center member. Members can register in person during business hours or through ActiveNet.

Senior Center business hours: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 408-586-3400 or email [seniorcenter@milpitas.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@milpitas.gov) and visit the link here: <http://ow.ly/fBIA30sx3Qt>

## SEASONAL CONTRACT CLASS INSTRUCTORS WANTED TO TEACH IN THE CITY OF MILPITAS

The City's Recreation and Community Services Department is inviting seasonal contract class instructors to share their skills, interests, knowledge, and passion for teaching classes that might align with the wide-ranging interests of our Milpitas residents. The Milpitas Recreation and Community Services Department continuously strives to expand class offerings and seek new and innovative contract instructors. Milpitas offers many sports, arts, music, enrichment, and technology classes for all ages, from Pre-k to older adults. Your creative ideas for adding value to the lives of our Milpitas community members are welcome! If you have an idea for a class you would like to share, please email [jnicolas@milpitas.gov](mailto:jnicolas@milpitas.gov). To learn more, please visit <https://ow.ly/Aov850PKgKr>.



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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

See the photo below showing exterior covering progress on Building F, which is the last building to have exterior covering applied.



**Main Street Townhomes, 808 S Main St.**, four 3-story buildings of 27-townhomes residential with retail space development by D Town LLC.

Photos below show the 3rd floor framing work in progress at Building D, a 4-unit Townhouse Style Condominium building. It is one of the smaller buildings out of 4. This building is going through significant revisions to add roof decks with spiral stairs, parapets, revised entries, kitchen, and bathroom layouts. The photo below at far-left shows poured foundations for Building A, a 12-unit Townhouse Style Condominium building w/ commercial retail on first floor. On the right side, rebar work is progressing for Building C, a 6-unit Townhouse Style Condominium building.



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

One more 3- story building with a total of six units was finalized, bringing the total to 71 completed units.



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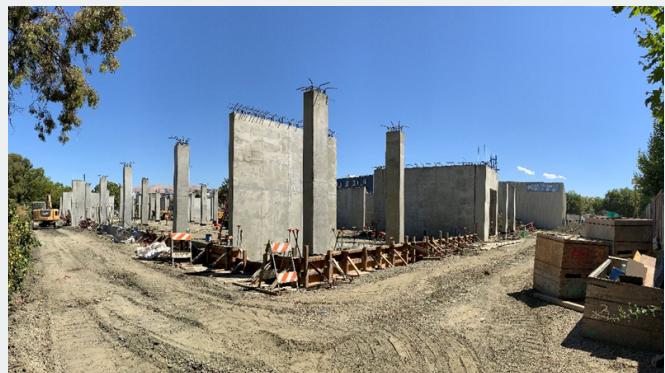
**Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct.**, two 4-story residential buildings of wood modular construction above first floor concrete podiums with a steel bridge connecting the two buildings providing 102 affordable housing units by Resources for Community Development.

See photos below. This week most trades worked on trim and small details to get tower one ready for TCO phase 2 in the coming week. The car stackers will likely be ready for final inspection this week. State elevator inspection will be the key inspection to pass, before submitting application for the phase 2 TCO.



**308 Sango Court Apartments, 308 Sango Ct.**, a 5-story over 1-level parking 85-unit affordable housing development by The Pacific Companies.

See photos below. This week's progress was made in underground electrical work, soil work for compaction, domestic drinking water piping, fire sprinkler pipes, sewer and storm water pipes.



**Two new ADU units created by converting storage space at 555 Apartments, 555 S. Park Victoria Dr.**

Existing laundry/storage areas being converted to ADU's in the complex are close to final. Pre-final inspection was done this week. See photo below.



**Logitech, located at 1440 McCarthy Blvd.**

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for Logitech, a computer manufacturing company was issued.

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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**HPE Labs**, a high-performance computing business for tenant improvements at the existing facility located at 820 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$700,000.

**City of Milpitas Gibraltar Reservoir**, for installation of new chemical storage tanks for the existing water reservoir located at 677 Gibraltar Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$666,000.

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

**Lumen by KB Homes**, for underground onsite utility work for new 32 units townhome-style condominiums development located at 2001 Tarob Ct at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**South Bay Construction**, for tenant improvement to make it market ready for future tenant to move-in at the existing facility located at 1011 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.56M.

**Corsair**, a developer and manufacturing company of a high-performance gear & technology, for installation of 640 panels, 345.6 KW photovoltaic roof mounted system located at 115 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

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

**LL-TEK Cables**, a service contract cables assembly business relocating from San Jose to 1118 Wrigley Wy.

**West Coast World Martial Arts**, a martial arts training center located at 1350 S Park Victoria Dr.

**Modern Movement Chiropractic**, a chiropractic business relocating from San Jose to 133 S Main St.

**Tik Tok Lounge**, a nail salon located at 32 S Abbott Ave.

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