



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

Filipino American History Month is observed every October and is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions, culture, and history of Filipino Americans in the United States. On October 18, 1587, a group of indigenous Filipinos, who worked as sailors on board the Manila Galleon Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza landed in Morro Bay, California. This is believed to be the first recorded presence of Filipinos on the west coast of North America. In recognition of this historical moment, the U.S. Congress designated October as Filipino American History Month in 2009, and many states, counties, and cities in the United States have since proclaimed the observance of this special month.

Milpitas' thriving Filipino community constitute 13.5% of the city's Asian residents, totaling 11,341 people (Source: American Community Survey). The City has a rich history of Filipino representation, with current Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua and Councilmember Garry

Barbadillo continuing to promote policies that reflect the needs and interests of Milpitas' diverse community. This year's celebration in Milpitas is extra special and was memorialized by the grand opening and ribbon-cutting event at *Delano Manongs Park* held on October 14 (*learn more about this on the next page*). The wonderful event honored the contributions and accomplishments of Filipino Americans in the country and throughout California's history. From serving in the armed forces to fighting on the frontlines of the pandemic as essential workers. This year, various organizations, colleges, universities, and non-profits across the country will celebrate their legacy and impact.

Let us take a moment to celebrate the exceptional trailblazers within the Filipino American community who have contributed to the growth, development, and advancement of our country.

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## MILPITAS CELEBRATES DELANO MANONGS PARK RIBBON-CUTTING AND FIESTA

On October 14, the City of Milpitas celebrated a ribbon-cutting event and *fiesta* to commemorate the opening of *Delano Manongs Park*, highlighting the important contribution of Filipinos in America's history. The *Delano Manongs* represent a courageous group of Filipino farmworkers who revolutionized the working conditions and wages of American laborers. The event was attended by members of the Milpitas community, Milpitas City Council, Senator Aisha Wahab, Assemblymember Alex Lee, members of the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD), Milpitas Commissions, media partners and City staff.

The *Delano Manongs Park* is directly north of the newly constructed Mabel Mattos Elementary School along McCandless Drive. It includes joint-use park areas for the City and the elementary school, sports field, picnic areas, all-inclusive play structures, dog park, walking trails, and restrooms. This project was a collaboration in part between the City of Milpitas and the Milpitas Unified School District and was funded in part through a grant from the Santa Clara County All Inclusive Playground Grant Program. The Park will also include a new pedestrian bridge over the Penitencia East Channel and a potable water well required to meet the increase in water demands due to growth in the Metro Specific Plan Area.

## CITY OF MILPITAS HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL MANUFACTURING DAY

The City and Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) hosted Milpitas' 7th Annual Manufacturing Day event on Friday, October 13 in partnership with KLA Corporation and Flex. This year's event was the first in-person event since 2019 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions resulting in three virtual events the last three years. The purpose of this event was to inform and educate high school students in Milpitas about the local technology and advanced manufacturing industries. The event included presentations, panel discussions and Q&A sessions with KLA and Flex employees, as well as facility tours and demonstrations at these businesses. Activities also included students wearing bunny suits to observe employees working inside a clean room at KLA and producing paper airplanes in production line simulations at Flex.

In addition to 60 high school students from Calaveras Hills High School, Milpitas High School and Milpitas Middle College, guests included MUSD Board President Chris Norwood and Superintendent Cheryl Jordan, as well as City representatives including Mayor Carmen Montano, Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua, Councilmember Hon Lien, City Manager Ned Thomas, and Deputy City Manager Matt Cano. More than 100 guests and participants were treated to box lunches at Flex provided by Milpitas business *The Best Sandwiches*.





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## MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL DISCONTINUES ZOOM PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Milpitas City Council has joined an increasing list of jurisdictions requiring public comments to be delivered in person or in writing through the end of the year. In recent weeks, hate speech and anti-semitic comments have spread through the hijacking of government public meetings such as Sacramento, Monterey, Saratoga, San Jose, South San Francisco, Livermore, and others. A virtual tool that allowed residents to participate, influence decisions, and hold elected officials accountable has quickly become a platform for hate and harassment. The determination to temporarily discontinue virtual public comments was made in light of recent reports of Zoom-bombing attacks in other communities. Members of the public will be required to attend meetings in-person if they want to comment on an agenda item. They will also continue to have the option to share comments through email and/or regular mail, but these will not be verbalized during the City Council meeting. However, every comment submitted will be provided to the City Council and will be considered a public record.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to popular demand, the Neighborhood Beautification Awards deadline has been extended to February 29, 2024. Nominate your candidates for the Neighborhood Beautification Awards and get a chance to be recognized for enhancing the charm of the City of Milpitas. <https://airtable.com/appzbxZpIYcBNBGri/shritLb3PCorvROIU>.

The Community Advisory Commission (CAC) will be reviewing submissions at their meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The certificates for the winners will be handed out at a City Council meeting date to be determined.

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

## MILPITAS PD TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

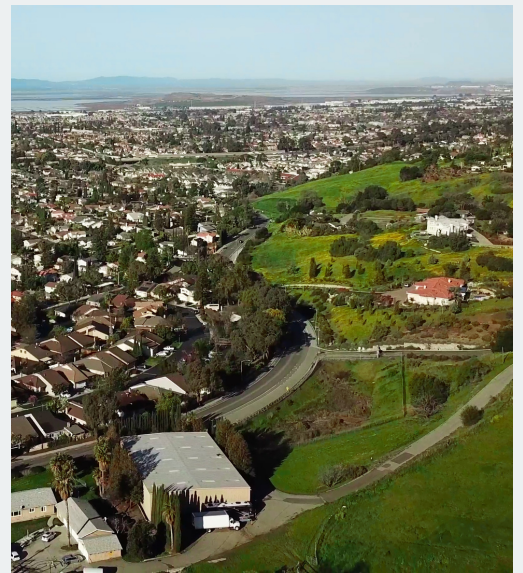
On Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Milpitas Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 25th opportunity to turn in potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of these drugs at the lobby of the Police Department (1275 N Milpitas Blvd). Last year, Americans turned in over 332 tons (over 663,725 pounds) of prescription drugs at sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its 24 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners took in over 17 million pounds of potentially dangerous prescription drugs.

## CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS IN MILPITAS

Families are invited to put an ofrenda to honor lost loved ones at the Dia De Los Muertos event on Saturday, November 4. In addition to the Sugar Skull 5k Walk-Run-Roll, live music, dancing, and crafts, we're also hosting an ofrenda alter showcase. Bring your ofrenda to Cardoza Park, display your creativity, and honor your loved ones. Ofrenda setup is from 7am – 10am. During the event, the community can vote on their favorite ofrenda.

Reserve your ofrenda space now:

<https://forms.milpitas.gov/forms/view.php?id=173705>. The Registration deadline is Saturday, October 28.





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## JOIN US FOR PUMPKINS IN THE PARK!

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Cardoza Park. Purchase a \$15 pumpkin pass that includes admission to exclusive activities such as a petting zoo, rock climbing wall, Double Axe Throwing, Double Basketball Shoot Out, and a Giant Soccer Dart Game. \$3 single activity tickets are available for purchase online at <https://ow.ly/no2550PYi1s>.

Additional free activities and games include trick-or-treat stations, a magic show, a costume contest, bounce houses, and dance performances from Jensen School of Performing Arts, Center Stage Performing Arts, and a preview of Milpitas Community Theatre's production of Matilda Jr. The Musical.

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR FLOODING?

Are you flood-ready? Climate change has made extreme weather the new normal, and as the rainy season approaches, Valley Water encourages you to take some time to make sure you are ready in case of a flood. It's important to remember that floods can happen anytime it rains.

While Valley Water's projects have improved flood protection for more than 100,000 homes, businesses and properties, parts of Santa Clara County are susceptible to flooding every year.

It's important to plan ahead in the event of a flood or any other emergency. Follow these Get Flood Ready tips to keep your family, home, and business safe and prepared **BEFORE** an emergency.

- Develop an Emergency Plan
- Put your 3-Day Emergency Kit together
- Download disaster Emergency Apps.

Read more at: <https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready>

## PROVIDE YOUR INPUT TO VALLEY WATER'S PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Valley Water is seeking input from the community for their Public Art Program. Members of the public are invited to participate in a community survey by October 27th to share their ideas on how public art can be used to beautify Valley Water property and infrastructure while helping deter graffiti and litter along our creeks and waterways. For more information, please contact: [publicart@valleywater.org](mailto:publicart@valleywater.org).

## RIDE MILPITAS SMART TODAY FOR A QUICK AND EASY COMMUTE THROUGHOUT MILPITAS!

Have you downloaded the Milpitas SMART App? It is a convenient on-demand rideshare service that will help you get around Milpitas quickly and safely. Residents and visitors can also utilize the service for local daily trips to work, school, shopping, and other needs around town!

Milpitas SMART is available Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm via ADA accessible mini-vans with maximum wait times between 10 and 15 minutes. Download on the [Apple App Store](#), [Google Play](#). Please send comments, concerns, or questions within the app or [web booking site](#) by navigating to the "Help" menu. Alternatively, you can call 408-330-3302 or [email Support](#) for assistance.





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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**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.

Preparations for asphalt and concrete walkways, drive aisles and parking lots are underway. Exterior covering for both Building F and the Leasing Center continue, the leasing center mostly complete and Building F with substantial work to be completed. These are the last two buildings to receive exterior coverings for the project. See below photos showing the completed Leasing Center building, site work & Building F exterior work in progress.



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

Due to the extensive redesign of Building D to add a 4th floor amenity area, there has been a lag in progress. However, the other building foundations are substantially completed. See photo below.



**County of Santa Clara Office Of Emergency Management**, located at 901 Wrigley Wy.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for County Government office was issued.

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**Extra Shine Car Wash**, 554 S Main St., Construction of new (5490 sq ft) automatic car wash. Project includes new site work, new landscaping, new utilities, CMU walls, nonbearing interior walls, single ply roofing.

Under construction with CMU (concrete masonry units) walls going up.



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**TTLC Townhomes project**, 612 S Main St., a demolition permit application was submitted on 10/03/23 for plan review and is currently in plan check status.

**Lumen Townhomes**, 2001 Tarob Ct., a two building 32 unit townhome-style condominium residential development by KB Homes

Grading work is almost complete and testing phase of the underground utilities will begin before construction of the structures begin. See photo below.





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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

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

**P S R West Coast Builders Inc.**, for tenant improvement to make it market ready for future tenant “Starbucks” to move-in at the new retail space at District 1 building located at 1292 Great Mall Pkwy. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**Cerano Apartments**, for installation of EV chargers in the existing complex located at 501 Murphy Ranch Rd. at an estimated construction cost of \$275,000.

**Starbucks**, for tenant improvement at the existing store located at 1545 California Cl. at an estimated construction cost of \$225,000.

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

**Apni Mandi Farmers Market**, a new grocery store located at 1350 S Park Victoria Dr.

**Saint Warriors DbA MPT Club**, a new retail store for gun sales located at 1331 Jacklin Rd.

**Bund Story LLC DbA More Than Bento**, a new restaurant serving bentos, pastries and braised products relocated from Santa Clara to 682 Barber Ln.

**Jianping Sun MD, PC DbA Sun Med Spa**, a new medical office located at 242 Ranch Dr.

**Comfort Keepers Of San Jose**, a new In-Home patient care business located at 40 N Park Victoria Dr.

**Kpop 1004**, a new retail store selling Korean music related products located at Great Mall.

**Umi Tea**, a new tea store located at Great Mall.

**Cathea Elite Skincare**, a new med spa located at 1711 N Milpitas Blvd.

**Watchpoint Logistics**, a freight transportation arrangement business at this new facility located at 607 N McCarthy Blvd. See below picture.



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