



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law, officially declaring the third Monday of January a federal holiday in honor of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This day is now the only federal holiday marked as a *National Day of Service*, inspiring Americans to volunteer and contribute to their respective communities.

In Milpitas, we take great pride in welcoming volunteers who generously offer their time and abilities through the *Milpitas Volunteer Program*. These outstanding individuals assist with a range of activities, from community service programs and park cleanups to emergency readiness activities and working on special projects aligned with their interests. This volunteer service allows the City to provide improved customer service without increasing costs, while also affording residents the opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends, and earn service credits and work experience. The

City has a database of hundreds of volunteers who are eager to serve the community. They are regularly updated on upcoming events and projects, allowing them to choose which ones to participate in. The City also has a strong tradition of community participation. Commissioners, liaisons, committee members, and other volunteers have shaped the future of the community by serving on a City commission and advising the City Council and providing a public forum for community input. Their tireless efforts as have made a significant impact on the well-being and growth of our City.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s incredible life is an inspiration to many. His efforts toward racial equality and the end of segregation have sparked ongoing conversations that help us educate one another, share experiences, and work together to create a brighter future. Let us remember and reaffirm Dr. King's values and take a moment to honor his efforts towards equality for all.

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CITY OF MILPITAS CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY!

Milpitas is proud to announce the celebration of its platinum anniversary, marking 70 years of rich history, resilience, and progress. Established in 1954, Milpitas has evolved into a thriving hub of diversity, sustainability, and innovation. The platinum anniversary not only commemorates a significant milestone in the City's history but also reflects its resilience, growth, and commitment to providing an exceptional quality of life for its residents. On January 25, the eve of Milpitas' 70th birthday, the City hosted an open house at the City Hall Rotunda from 3:30 pm to 7 pm. Residents, businesses, and visitors stopped by and enjoyed light refreshments, heard music from the last seven decades, and experienced the legacy of our City through historical photo displays in partnership with the Milpitas Historical Society. Milpitas' anniversary is not just a single day on the calendar; it's a year-long exploration of the City's history, diversity, and spirit. City staff has planned a series of engaging activities, events, and initiatives that will unfold throughout the year. For more information about Milpitas' platinum anniversary celebrations and events, please visit www.milpitas.gov.



MILPITAS FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWCASES EXEMPLARY RESPONSE IN RECENT EMERGENCY

On January 17, at approximately 6:19 am, the Milpitas Fire Department was dispatched to the address of 88 South Park Victoria Drive for a reported Structure Fire. Within minutes, highly trained firefighters and emergency response teams were on the scene to find a single-story strip mall with a large fire in a business located in the center of the building that was quickly spreading to adjacent attached businesses. Recognizing the potential for the rapidly spreading fire to overwhelm on-duty resources, firefighters quickly requested a second alarm from the communications center and initiated an aggressive attack on the main body of fire with multiple hose lines. The swift response of the firefighters and excellent tactical decisions made at the incident scene led to the fire being extinguished before it could consume the entire building. Of the roughly seven businesses that were contained in the strip mall, three sustained substantial damage and two suffered moderate smoke and water damage. The Milpitas Fire Department's commitment to public safety was evident as they worked seamlessly to control and extinguish the fire.



MILPITAS SMART WINS AWARD FOR BEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN!

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) AdWheel Awards awarded the City of Milpitas first place in the Best Marketing and Communications to Increase Ridership/Sales Comprehensive Campaign category. The campaign submission was entitled, *Milpitas SMART, the Smart Way for Milpitas Residents to Travel Around Town*. First Place winners will be recognized and presented with certificates on-stage during the AdWheel Awards Luncheon at APTA's e Workshop in New Orleans, which is scheduled from February 11-14, 2024. The success of the Milpitas SMART campaign is a testament to the City's commitment to sustainable transportation. By making public transportation more accessible and convenient, Milpitas is not only helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution but also improving the quality of life for its residents.



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MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMENDATIONS TO CURTNER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

On January 24, the Milpitas City Council presented commendations to 26 students of Curtner Elementary for their volunteer efforts in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Their participation demonstrated the values of community service and spirit of kindness and compassion honoring Dr. King's legacy. These students assembled hygiene bags for the unhoused, collecting used books for Curtner and the Milpitas Library, and making greeting cards for the Cards for the Hospitalized Kids organization!

WELCOME KELLI PARMLEY TO MILPITAS!

City Manager Ned Thomas has appointed Kelli Parmley as Human Resources Director. Kelli comes to Milpitas from the City of San José, where she served as Assistant Director in the Human Resources Department for the past six and a half years. Parmley joins the team with over twenty-five years of combined professional experience in higher education, state and local government, and the not-for-profit sector. In the City of San José, Parmley successfully led the department in a portfolio of activities and programs to positively impact culture change to improve the employee experience and retention. Parmley is a certified *Leadership That Works* community coach and holds a master's in public administration from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University. She will report directly to the City Manager. She started her new role on January 8, 2024.

CITY OF MILPITAS AWARDED LAND AND WATER GRANT

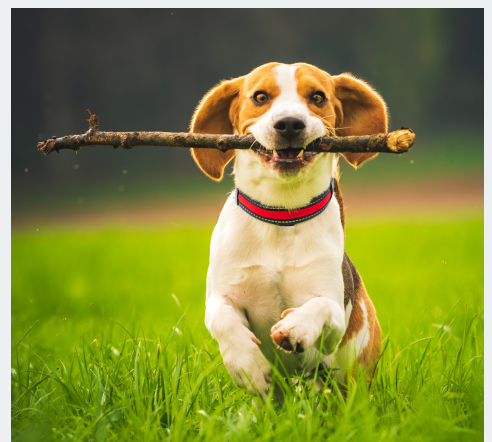
The City of Milpitas has been awarded a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for *Delano Manongs Park* to complete the Large Dog Park! The City of Milpitas is among awardees of cities and open space organizations across the State but is the only City awarded in Santa Clara County. This matching grant of \$301,516 will create the new dog park section for large dogs including asphalt and decomposed granite, concrete paving, fencing, signage, site furnishings, landscaping and irrigation throughout the park, and staff resources to manage the project. The award of the grant will allow staff to use park fund monies that would have otherwise been allocated to this project for other park infrastructure needs in the Metro area. The LWCF grant will be administered by the Recreation and Community Services and Engineering Departments. *Note: The work will not begin until other related projects in the park are completed.*

CITY OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO VERY SMALL BUSINESSES THROUGH MICROENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Milpitas Microenterprise Assistance Program will provide eligible Milpitas microenterprises with a \$2,000 grant to alleviate the economic challenges faced by microenterprises in Milpitas. To be eligible, you must meet these requirements:

- Operate within Milpitas city limits;
- One to five employees;
- Be a for-profit enterprise;
- Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) by March 31, 2024 to receive funding
- At least 51% of staff must be at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI).

Visit gofwd.link/MilpitasMEAP for more information.



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SILICON VALLEY READS BOOK SELECTED

Silicon Valley Reads has selected "A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today" as the theme for 2024, focusing on the importance of environmental conservation. The program offers three featured books for adults and four for children and teens, along with over 150 free programs on sustainability topics. The season will start on January 31st with a panel discussion featuring authors and activists, followed by an art exhibition at the Euphrat Museum of Art. The event is both in-person and live-streamed, and books will be available for purchase. Learn more and register at siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar.

SCCOOPP NOW OFFERING FREE NALOXONE BY MAIL

The Santa Clara County Opioid Overdose Prevention Project now offers free Naloxone by mail to anyone interested in being trained to carry and use it. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. This initiative by the Santa Clara County aims to reduce the number of opioid-related deaths by providing easy access to Naloxone. The program is open to anyone who is interested, regardless of whether they have a history of opioid use or not. Participants will receive training on how to identify an overdose and how to administer Naloxone.

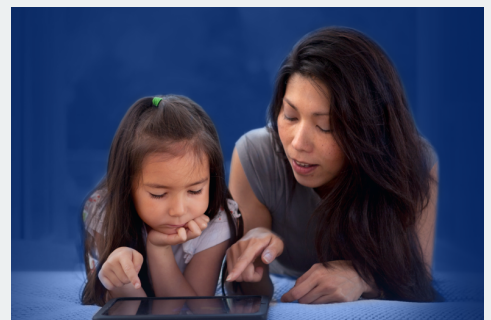
Y-LINH SANDWICH OPENS IN MILPITAS

On Friday, January 5, 2024, Y-Linh Sandwiches celebrated their grand opening. Y-Linh Sandwiches is located at 30 South Park Victoria Ave. (Ocean Market Shopping Center). This is Y-Linh's first restaurant in Milpitas, with two locations in San Jose. Attendees included Councilmember Hon Lien, City Manager Ned Thomas, Assistant City Manager Matt Cano, and Director of Economic Development Alex Andrade. Staff plans to assist Y-Linh Sandwiches with an outdoor dining permit.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP) NEARS DEADLINE

The federally funded Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is nearing the deadline on February 7, 2024, at 8:59pm. This initiative provides a \$30 monthly home Internet benefit for eligible low-income families. While a significant number of households in Milpitas have some sort of internet connectivity, it is reported that approximately 14% of households do not. Applying is simple—just call CETF's Call Center for a quick, 10-minute process over the phone. After the deadline, CETF representatives will continue to assist residents with signing up for affordable home Internet plans, obtaining low-cost computing devices, and digital literacy training.

Please call 833-446-1739 or visit internetforallnow.org for more information. Let's bridge the digital divide.

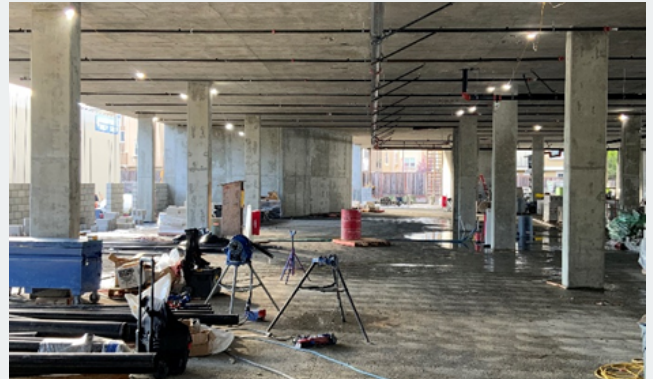


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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

Construction of CMU block walls is progressing as well as fire sprinkler piping. Most of the overhead work on the podium is completed. Site work is slow this week due to possible issues with existing underground conditions. The contractors are working closely with the project engineering company and City plan review engineers to resolve some details before proceeding. See below photos.



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.

Work on installation of fences has begun at the Development. The interior finishing work is underway. See below photo.



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

Building 2 foundation ready for inspection. It is for a 16-plex townhome style condominium building.



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BD Life Sciences, located at 155 N McCarthy Blvd.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for BD Life Sciences, a biotechnology company was issued.

Trace 3, located at 598 Gibraltar Dr.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for Trace 3, an elite technology consultancy company was issued.

KLA Plus, located at 7 Technology Dr.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for KLA Plus for construction of new clean room was issued.

Western Digital, located at 1001 SanDisk Dr.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for Western Digital, an existing (SanDisk) research & development of flash memory business was issued.

BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Lumen Townhomes, for construction of two buildings consists of 16-plex unit's per building, a total 32 unit's townhome-style condominiums residential development by KB Homes located at 2001 Tarob Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$11.84M.

Apex Apartments, for installation of roof mounted 515KW (1305 Panels) PV system located at 1102 S Abel St at an estimated construction cost of \$1.6M.

BD Life Sciences, for electrical upgrades located at 135 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$899,700.

Parkside West Townhomes by Toll Brothers, for total building demolition of two Industrial buildings 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 \$530,150.

Headway Technologies, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for installation of equipment at the existing facility located at 497 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$26.94M.

Pulte Group Townhomes, for construction of five buildings consist of 35 traditional townhomes out of total 206 unit's residential development with 96 stacked townhomes/condos, and 75 low- and moderate-income rental apartment units will be permitted later located at 1355 California Cl. at an estimated construction cost of \$15.9M.

California Circle Townhomes by Pulte, for site improvement for future 206 units comprised of 35 traditional townhomes, 96 stacked townhomes/condos, and 75 low- and moderate-income rental apartment unit's residential development located at 1355 California Cl. at an estimated construction cost of \$3M.

Parkside West Townhomes by Toll Brothers, for solar panel installation on 13 buildings with 78 unit's townhome-style condominiums with 12 ADU's residential development located at 675 Trade Zone Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$780,000.

California Circle Townhomes by Pulte, for rough grading for future 206 units comprised of 35 traditional townhomes, 96 stacked townhomes/condos, and 75 low- and moderate-income rental apartment unit's residential development located at 1355 California Cl. at an estimated construction cost of \$700,000.

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Hey Dude, for tenant improvement of a new shoe store located at Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$310,000.

MKS Instruments, for tenant improvement to install new equipment's at the existing facility located at 1565 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$294,988.

Bay View Country Club, for tenant improvement at the existing facility located at 1500 Country Club Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$289,000.

H &M, for HVAC replacement for the existing store located at Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

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

Gemini Stars Inc. DBA Hui Lau Shan, a new dessert café located at 288 Barber Ct.

Orange Square, a Taiwanese restaurant located at 1790 Milmont Dr.

Blaze BBQ, a fast food restaurant at Great Mall.

Moon's Beauty Salon Services LLC, a new beauty salon and therapeutic massage business located at 280 S Abel St.

Oright Technology USA Inc., a general office for technology consultation business located at 1900 McCarthy Blvd.

Build A Bear, a toy store located at Great Mall.

Zepp Inc., a healthcare technology company located at 1551 McCarthy Bl.

Nakoshi, Inc., a custom printing of clothing and etching business located at 887 Ames Ave.

Y-Linh sandwiches, a sandwich café located at 30 S Park Victoria Dr.

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