



MILPITAS MATTERS

THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS

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HAPPY
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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

This holiday, observed on the third Monday of February, provided an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the rich history of our country and the role that Presidents have played in shaping our future. From George Washington to Joe Biden, Presidents have defined our nation and guided it through some of the most challenging times. They are leaders, innovators, and visionaries, and their contributions have left an enduring impression on our country.

In Milpitas, we are proud to be part of a community that values how the City Council-City Manager form of governance operates with accountability. As your City Manager, I strive to keep your confidence through our high-quality delivery of City services and transparency. I hope that President's Day gave everyone in Milpitas a reason to pause and remember the significant responsibility that leaders and residents alike play in influencing and developing our local community.

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In response to Senate Bill 1186, a new state law that requires local lawmakers to allow medicinal cannabis deliveries, the Milpitas City Council has adopted a comprehensive set of regulations aimed at preserving its commercial cannabis ban and tightly controlling the delivery of medicinal cannabis products within City limits. The ordinance establishes sensible regulations that comply with State law and provides access to medicinal cannabis products to qualifying patients while ensuring controls are in place that maximize community safety. It remains unlawful to deliver recreational cannabis within the City. To learn more about the new regulations, click [here](#).

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF HERNANDEZ RECEIVES POST EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE

On January 30th, Milpitas Police Chief Hernandez received the prestigious Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Executive Certificate, which was personally presented by Christina LaCap, POST Law Enforcement Consultant. The POST Executive Certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the California Commission on POST and is given to fewer than one percent of the state's law enforcement community. This remarkable accomplishment is awarded to a Chief of Police who has served as a department head for two years, has college-level education, and has completed a comprehensive POST Executive Development Course. Huge congratulations to Chief Hernandez for this well-deserved recognition!



MILPITAS SMART WINS TOP PRIZE FOR BEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN



The City of Milpitas was recognized by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Adwheel Awards for 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 received certificates and were recognized on-stage during the AdWheel Awards Luncheon at APTA's Marketing Conference in New Orleans on February 13. Public Information Officer Charmaine Angelo and Planning Director Jay Lee attended the conference and received the award on behalf of the City.

MILPITAS SHOPPING CART RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

Milpitas' retail stores provide a needed and convenient place for residents, community, and visitors to shop for groceries, apparel, home improvements, and other goods. However, some shopping carts provided at these stores end up on sidewalks and streets and sometimes in waterways such as creeks. These shopping carts create potential hazards to the health and safety of the Milpitas community. See program flyer [here](#) for more information. Report Shopping Cart location: street address, cross streets, city and number of cart(s) via e-mailing CodeEnforcement@milpitas.gov, calling (888) 992-4778, or submitting a request on [MyMilpitas App](#).



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MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS COFFEE WITH A COP



COPS
Wednesday, Feb. 21st
10:00AM to 12:00PM



The Milpitas Police Department held Coffee with a Cop on February 21 at Aroma Coffee and Snacks to meet with the community. Over steaming cups of coffee and delicious snacks, residents shared their thoughts, concerns, and experiences with the officers. It was a wonderful way for everyone to connect, build relationships, and strengthen trust between law enforcement and the community. The Milpitas Police Department looks forward to hosting more Coffee with a Cop events in the future to continue fostering positive interactions and collaboration with the residents they serve.

CITY OF MILPITAS TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL HOLI FESTIVAL

Get ready to immerse yourself in a celebration of music, dance, and colors at the City of Milpitas' second annual Holi Festival! The event promises a lineup of talented performers like the Raga & Blues Band, the graceful dancers from Nrityami Kathak Dance Academy, the energetic beats of Dhol Drummer Gurdeep Hira, and the infectious tunes of DJ Shem. As you soak in the festive atmosphere, you can also indulge in a feast for your taste buds with a variety of delicious food options. In addition, vibrant colors, and delicious food are available for purchase. No outside colors will be allowed into the park. Join us on **Saturday, March 16**, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cardoza Park (Kennedy Dr. & N Park Victoria Drive). Admission is free.



2023 SYNOPSYS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



On February 20, the Milpitas City Council presented commendations to Arisha Jain, Aiden Yang, Maitri Singhal, Ashraya Siruvole, Chilling Han, and Spencer Liu. Students from Stratford Middle School, Merryhill School, and Milpitas High School competed at the highest level in the California Science and Engineering Fair and the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair. The annual Synopsys Championship showcases students in the Santa Clara County who will become future scientists, technology experts, engineers, and mathematicians. The regional competition celebrates achievement by middle and high school students supported by their parents, teachers, and schools.

SILICON VALLEY MAYORS' BREAKFAST

Join our Silicon Valley mayors on March 7th at the upcoming Mayors' Breakfast, hosted by the Silicon Valley Central Chamber of Commerce! Sit down with Silicon Valley's current mayors, including those from cities like Santa Clara, Cupertino, and our very own Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano. This is an up-close-and-personal event for people to learn more about each city and their plans, along with a session for questions.

Register today at tinyurl.com/SVCCC-Mayor-Bkfst



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MILPITAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEETS WITH BD BIOSCIENCES AND CORSAIR GAMING



On Friday February 2, 2024, Economic Development staff participated in a meeting with representatives of BD Biosciences, Corsair Gaming, and Embarcadero Capital Partners.

The purpose of the convening was to ensure that BD Biosciences and Corsair Gaming executives met to commence a business relationship since they are the two businesses occupying space at Park Point, which is owned by Embarcadero Capital Partners. Conversation topics included workforce development, business needs, point of sale, amenities at Park Point and in Milpitas, Manufacturing Day 2024, corporate visitation program, and solar installation and permit processing for Corsair Gaming.

CITY OF MILPITAS TO LAUNCH WORKFORCE HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Milpitas will be launching a Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program. The program will provide 24 months of rental assistance, paid directly to the landlord, for up to 50 eligible applicants.

Applicants must either live and/or work in Milpitas. The application period will open in Spring 2024.

To be notified of when the application period opens, please click [here](#) and fill out an interest form.



NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS DEADLINE APPROACHES



Due to popular demand, the Neighborhood Beautification Awards deadline has been extended to February 29. Nominate your candidates for the Neighborhood Beautification Awards and get a chance to be recognized for enhancing the charm of the City of Milpitas. The Community Advisory Commission (CAC) will be reviewing submissions at their meeting on Wednesday, March 6. The certificates for the winners will be handed out at a City Council meeting date to be determined. Visit [here](#) for more information and how to submit.

JOIN A FREE TOUR OF SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY!

Join former San Jose State University Recreation staff as they go on a self-guided tour of campus. Learn about one of Santa Clara County's California State Universities and explore the surrounding areas on campus to see if San Jose State is right for you! There's still time to join this Saturday's (February 24) group from 10-12 AM. Sign-up here: <https://ow.ly/WktP50QGbo8>

This is open to all Milpitas Teen Center members. Sign-up for your free Milpitas Teen Center Membership now!

<https://milpitas.info/48xn1jX>



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JOIN THE CPUC FORUMS AND HAVE YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold in-person and virtual public forums to gather input on AT&T's proposals to remove its obligation to provide voice service in its service territories. The CPUC recognizes the importance of public input in such matters and has scheduled public participation hearings to give AT&T customers and stakeholders an opportunity to voice their opinions. These hearings will provide a platform for individuals and organizations to express their concerns, share their experiences, and offer suggestions regarding AT&T's application to end its Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations. The CPUC will take into consideration the input received during these hearings before making a decision on AT&T's application. This is an opportunity for the public to shape the outcome and influence the future of telecommunications services in California. Customers can share their concerns by attending one of the PPHs listed [here](#) or by submitting comments via the [docket card](#) on the CPUC website.

CFDA UPDATE ON FRUIT FLY QUARANTINE

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) provided an update regarding an invasive pest called the Oriental fruit fly that has been found in areas of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, and Riverside counties, triggering an Oriental fruit fly quarantine, which includes parts of the City of Milpitas. The Oriental fruit fly is an invasive pest that attacks and can ruin over 300 types of crops, including citrus and other fruits, nuts, vegetables and berries, and is one of the most harmful fruit fly species. CDFA has established an Oriental fruit fly quarantine, and although the Oriental fruit fly has not been found in Milpitas, its residents are prohibited from moving fruits and vegetables within and outside of the quarantine boundaries, see map [here](#). CDFA is also urging residents to not move homegrown produce from their property. The quarantine period is anticipated to end in late May or early June 2024. For more information, visit: [CAFruitFly.com](#).



HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING LOCATIONS FOR APARTMENTS



In Milpitas, curbside collection of household batteries is only available for single family residences. However, there are a few options for businesses and residents of multi-family units, such as apartments or condominiums.

- The Milpitas Library offers a free drop off location for household batteries (there is a bucket near the front door).
- The City of Milpitas participates in the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program, and residents can use the services for free. Residents simply need to make an appointment to drop off household batteries, along with any other household hazardous waste such as household cleaners, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, etc. For more information, visit: [here](#).
- The HHW program also coordinates free temporary drop-off events throughout Santa Clara County, to make the program more accessible to residents. The City of Milpitas usually also hosts a temporary drop-off event each year in June, so make sure to check the City's website for more information.

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.

Very recently saw a higher level of progress with the setting of 13 modules, which was the most modules set in one day. Work at module 06 at level two podium level where the elevator shaft is located and required precision, near exact location of the module to be set took the longest about 3 hours to set. Most modules are set in about 45 to 60 minutes including preparation time. Podium level modules set time is about 60 to 90 minutes, due to welding accuracy that is critical. Once the modules are above podium then a small tolerance from floor to floor is acceptable. See below pictures.



Parkside West Townhomes, 675 Trade Zone Blvd., 3-story 13 townhome-style condominiums complex consists total 90 units, which includes 78 condominiums units with 12 ADU's residential development by Toll Brothers

See below picture showing total building demolition of existing two industrial buildings to make it ready to construct 13 townhome buildings complex that will stretch to Tarob Ct.



BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 601 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.6M.

Parkside West Townhomes by Toll Brothers, for rough grading for new 78 unit's townhome-style condominiums with 12 ADU's residential development located at 675 Trade Zone Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$777,540.

Pulte Group Townhomes, for total building demolition of existing building 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 \$450,000.

Sunnyhills Apartment, for installation of 84.40 KW, 211 modules of roof mounted solar system on 5 new buildings located at 1730 Sunnyhills Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$293,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Drive at an estimated construction cost of \$950,000.

Asteelflash USA Corporation, an electronic manufacturing company, for mechanical improvement at their existing facility located at 1940 Milmont Drive at an estimated construction cost of \$274,000.

Great Mall, for tenant improvement at one of the existing retail spaces to make it ready for new tenant located at 122 Great Mall Drive at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

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

Holiday Cleaners, a dry cleaning and alteration store located at 1217 E Calaveras Blvd.

Market Café, a grab and go café located at 690 N McCarthy Blvd.

ABBYY USA Software House, Inc., a software company located at 860 Hillview Ct.

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