



MILPITAS MATTERS

THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS

Women's HISTORY MONTH



MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

This month, we commemorate the accomplishments and influence of women in history and our local community in honor of Women's History Month. It's a moment to ponder the progress made towards gender equality and recognize the valuable contributions of women in all areas. Let's pay tribute to the strong and talented women who have broken barriers and those who continue to inspire future generations. Despite advancements, disparities persist in education and job opportunities for women compared to men. In Milpitas, we are proud to have Mayor Carmen Montano, Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua, and Councilmember Hon Lien leading the City, shaping its future. Additionally, the City's Executive Leadership Team and staff include dedicated female leaders committed to meeting the community's present and future needs. *Together, let's raise awareness and advocate for a world where all women and girls can achieve their full potential.*

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CITY COUNCIL PRESENT WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH COMMENDATIONS



In celebration of Women's Heritage Month, the Milpitas City Council presented commendations to Karina Dominguez, Marsha Grilli, Mila Garcia, Jinky Peralta, Allysson McDonald, Juliette Gomez, Marielena Acevedo-Enriquez, MariCris Benitez, Ha Phan, and Nancy Weinstien at the March 5th meeting. *Congratulations to these trailblazing women who have paved the way for progress and empowerment in Milpitas!*

LAUNCH OF WORKFORCE HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Milpitas has partnered with FORWARD, the trusted partner in program administration for local governments, and launched the City of Milpitas Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program (WHRAP) on March 27. The City has allocated \$773,341 in Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funding to support the WHRAP, which aims to provide low-income residents of Milpitas and those who work within City limits with the financial assistance they need to ease rising rent expenses.

To learn more, visit: [City of Milpitas Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program](#)



MILPITAS MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE



Forty-five local businesses submitted applications during the Milpitas Microenterprise Assistance Program's (MEAP) application period from January 16 to February 16. Of the forty-five initial applications, thirty applicants were deemed 30 of which were eligible for grant consideration. As a result, a lottery occurred on March 20 during which, twenty-five grantees were randomly selected from the eligible applicant pool. The remaining five eligible applicants not selected in the lottery are designated alternates in case any of the 25 selected winners cannot provide the required documentation to ultimately accept their grant awards. The City's program administrator, FORWARD, is working with the lottery winners on disbursing funds. Visit [Milpitas.gov](#) for more details.

SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

On March 7, the City announced the successful conclusion of negotiations with two of its primary labor groups, MEA and ProTech, resulting in a mutually beneficial agreement that serves the interests of employees and the Milpitas community. These labor groups represent over 150 City employees (approximately 35% of the City's labor force), including both maintenance workers as well as administrative staff. The key terms for both units include a comprehensive compensation package that reflects the value of our employees' contributions to the City, including competitive wages and benefits that promote financial security and stability.



MILPITAS NEWS

MILPITAS CELEBRATES EARTH DAY!

Join the City of Milpitas for our annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20th from 10am-12pm at Calle Oriente Mini Park. The event is free and will feature booths about solid waste & recycling, water conservation, electrification, gardening, and more! There will also be various fun activities, demonstrations, and free giveaways!

For more information, visit: [Earth Day 2024](#)



FREE MILPITAS SMART RIDES APRIL 22-30

Join us in celebrating Earth Day with free rides using special coupon code **EARTHDAY24**.

Book your ride today by downloading the APP, visiting <https://book.smart.rideco.com/> or calling 408-330-3302 and contribute to a cleaner planet. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a positive impact while getting where you need to go. Let's ride towards a greener future together!

For more information, visit: [Milpitas SMART](#)



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP RETURNS!



Need to get rid of items you can't recycle, reuse, or fit in the weekly trash collection cart? The City of Milpitas, together with Milpitas Sanitation and San Jose Conservation Corps, are hosting Neighborhood Clean-Up Events to provide debris bins for residents who would like to dispose of large/bulky items. Learn more about upcoming dates and what to bring here: [Milpitas Neighborhood Clean-Up Events](#)

RETAIL THEFT PREVENTION FORUM



On March 21, the City hosted a Retail Theft Prevention Forum in partnership with the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office. Milpitas Police Department Chief Jared Hernandez and District Attorney Jeff Rosen led a panel discussion with Assistant District Attorney James Gibbons-Shapiro, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Edward Liang, Assistant Chief of Police Frank Morales, and Police Sergeant Peter Tachis at the Season's Market Place Community Hall. Topics covered included current crime trends in Milpitas and prevention strategies and how the criminal justice system works. The event was focused on collectively strengthening the Milpitas community's resilience against retail theft. Thanks to Seafood City for providing food and refreshments! Learn safety shopping tips and take a look at the security check list for business owners here: [Safety Tips](#)

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MILPITAS HOSTS MAYORS' BREAKFAST

The City of Milpitas proudly supports initiatives that promote community engagement, economic development, and sustainable urban development. On March 7, the City of Milpitas co-hosted a Mayors' Breakfast event with the Silicon Valley Central Chamber of Commerce. Five South Bay mayors from Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Cupertino, and Milpitas discussed city issues such as transportation and affordable housing. This is a testament to the importance of collaboration and the potential for positive change when cities unite towards a common purpose.

Watch the video recap here: [Mayors' Breakfast](#)



CITY OF MILPITAS HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL HOLI FESTIVAL

On March 16, the City of Milpitas hosted the second annual Holi festival at Cardoza Park, commemorating a fusion of music, dance, and vibrant colors. The celebration featured a talented lineup of performers, including the Raga & Blues Band, graceful dancers from Nrityami Kathak Dance Academy, the energetic beats of Dhol Drummer Gurdeep Hira, and the captivating tunes of DJ Shem. The vibrant colors of powdered dye painted the air in a kaleidoscope of hues, symbolizing the arrival of spring and new beginnings. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Watch the video recap here: milpitas.info/Holi2024



MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA!

March 8th was filled with stories, smiles, and connections as Milpitas PD joined forces with Rose Elementary School to celebrate Read Across America! Officer Asefi had the privilege of reading books to a crowd of eager students. Together, they journeyed through tales that sparked curiosity and imagination. For Officer Asefi, it wasn't just about reading books but about fostering bonds with the students and sharing experiences. Officer Asefi was delighted to field questions from students about the story and our department, adding an extra layer of excitement to their day. Interacting with our youth is a highlight for Milpitas PD and a reminder of the great community they work in. We hope that the adventure in reading brought as much joy to the students and teachers as it did to all of the officers!



MEET PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER LYHAK EAM!



Watch our new Milpitas at Your Service episode featuring Principal Engineer Lyhak Eam and learn about how his family impacts his work!

Whether you are a long-time Milpitas resident or new to the area, we hope that this series will give you a better understanding and appreciation of the hard work and dedication that makes Milpitas an amazing place to call home. Stay tuned for more episodes! Link: [Meet Lyhak!](#)

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TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY



The annual budget is the single most important policy action that the City Council takes, and it represents the City's priorities for the upcoming year and beyond. We want to hear from you to make sure that the budget reflects the goals and priorities of the Milpitas community!

You have a few weeks left to participate! Survey closes on April 15.
Visit: milpitas.info/communitysurvey.

READ THE SPRING RECREATION 2024 GUIDE

Milpitas is your City and there are a myriad of ways you and your family and friends can participate as active, engaged residents. Check out various opportunities such as volunteering at the historic Alviso Adobe, showcasing your talent onstage, or enrolling in our new Civic Leadership Academy!

We are looking forward to spending 2024 with you all! Read the guide here: [Spring Guide 2024](#)



MILPITAS POLICE OFFICER ED GALLARDO RETIRES



On March 8th, we celebrated the career of Officer Ed Gallardo on his last workday before his retirement. Ed will retire after serving over 25 years of dedicated, and professional services, to Monterey County and the City of Milpitas. Ed will be remembered as an officer who consistently maintained a strong work ethic and commitment to the values of our organization. Throughout his career, he earned the respect of his peers, supervisors, and members of other law enforcement organizations. Although he is retiring, his contributions to the successes of the Milpitas Police Department will continue in the people he trained and the people he worked with. Please join us in wishing Officer Ed Gallardo all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.

KEEP SANTA CLARA BEAUTIFUL SIGN UPS



Want to help make your community a cleaner place to live? Sign up to volunteer on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 - 11:30 AM at the I-680 / Jacklin Rd Southbound On-ramp. Cleaning equipment and safety vests will be provided, along with snacks and prizes for volunteers attending day of clean up! Community service credits will also be available for students.

Learn more: [Sign Up Here!](#)

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.

Installation has started on the support steel for the temporary elevator on the exterior. Plumbing installation of no hub cast-iron soil piping and under floor are in progress. See photos below.



Pulte Group Townhomes, 1355 California Circle, a 206-unit development that includes 35 traditional townhomes, 96 stacked townhomes/condos, and 75 low and moderate-income rental apartment units by Pulte Group

Demolition is progressing well with the perimeter foundation completely removed. The concrete from the footing and foundation will be recycled into crushed rock using a concrete crusher. The crushed rock will be used in the fill compaction to raise the elevation before the new building is to be constructed. Demolition work is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks. See below photos.



Sunnyhills Apartments, 1730 Sunnyhills Dr., an in-fill project that consists of 6 apartment buildings with a total of 44 units, a leasing office and carport structures

The carports have been completed and Building F is near completion. Landscaping and playground structures construction are under way. The project electrical power has not been provided yet, which is required to commence final inspections. final inspections. See photo below.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Lumen Townhomes, 2001 Tarob Ct., 2 buildings with a total of 32 units townhome-style condominiums residential development by KB Homes

The below photo shows the progress on framing of 3rd floor on Bldg.#1, 16-unit condominium at the development. Crew is working on the installation of exterior sheathing work on the lower floors.



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

See the below picture of the last 3- story building with a total of 9 units was finalized, bringing it to a total of 89 completed units in the above development.



BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

BD Life Sciences, a biotechnology company, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 135 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.2M.

Chevron, for demolition, grading, site improvement & tenant improvement at the convenient store located at 1490 S Park Victoria Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.1M.

Pinnacle Townhomes, for grading & site improvement for 56 unit's townhome-style condominiums with 24 ADU's residential development located at 1752 Houret Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.4M.

Corsair, a developer and manufacturing company of 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.

Bank of America, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 740 E Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$400,000.

Pinnacle Townhomes, for total building demolition of two Industrial buildings for future residential development located at 1752 Houret Ct. and 1810 Houret Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$310,000.

Hillview Court (ESA), for replacement of all exterior windows at their existing permanent supportive housing facility located at 1000 Hillview Ct at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Rise At The District Townhomes, for the construction of 8 buildings consisting of 96 stacked townhomes/condos out of total 206 unit's residential development including 35 traditional townhomes (Apex At The District Townhomes) and 75 low- and moderate-income rental apartment units (to be permitted later) located at 1355 California Cl at an estimated construction cost of \$38.4M.

Asteelflash USA Corporation, an electronic manufacturing services company, for tenant improvements at their new facility, relocating from Fremont to 1940 Milmont Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements including construction of a new cleanroom at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$900,000.

The Escape Game, for tenant improvement of a new escape game puzzle room located at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$850,000.

Staybridge Suites, for tenant improvement of an existing hotel located at 321 Cypress Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

TTLC Main Street Townhomes, for grading and site improvement for nine, 3-story buildings with 57 townhomes residential development located at 612 S Main St., at an estimated construction cost of \$453,000.

BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

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

Tea Number One, a new boba and coffee shop located at 686 Barber Ln.

Stratford School, an education facility for preschool and elementary children located at 125 N Milpitas Bl.

Gengis Khan BBQ Grill, a Mongolian barbecue restaurant located at the Great Mall.

Dorotea Tuzon Insurance Agency Inc., an insurance agency relocating within Milpitas to 16 Corning Ave.

ICE Consulting Inc., an IT and security consulting company relocating within Milpitas to 860 Hillview Ct.

V Sushi & Grill LLC, a sushi restaurant located at 74 Ranch Dr.

Ivy Cleaners, a dry cleaning busienss located at 1217 E Calaveras BL.

Jiangkai Chen DDS, Inc., a dental office located at 430 E Calaveras Blvd.

Neways Electronics US Inc., an electronics developer and producer office relocating within Milpitas to 860 Hillview Ct.

GTMS dba Guaranteed Transportation Management Solutions, a delivery and logistics company located at 220 Railroad Ave.

Amy Dental, a dental office located at 226 Barber Ct.

Derm Essentials By Judy, a beauty salon relocating within Milpitas to 16 Corning Ave.

Milpitas Pure Water, new ownership of existing purified water store located at 1778 Milmont Dr.

Victoria Liquors, new ownership of existing liquor store located at 22 S Park Victoria Dr.

U.S. Uniforms, a retail store for uniforms relocating within Milpitas to 250 Hillview Dr.

Ocean Pearl Resturant, an Asian restaurant located at 206 Barber Ct.

Namma, a South Indian restaurant located at 181 Ranch Dr.

Uptone Music School, a music school located at 1240 S. Able St.

All Star Market Inc, a grocery store located at 596 N Able St.

Stickerking, an existing sign and graphics design shop (previously called G Graphxs) relocated to 284 S Abel St.

Starbucks, a coffee shop located at 1292 Great Mall Pkwy.

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