



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

Earth Day signifies the beginning of the modern environmental movement and was initially observed on April 22, 1970, to raise awareness and appreciation for our planet. The observance has evolved from Earth Day to Earth Week and now Earth Month, with millions worldwide celebrating environmental advancements, educating one another, and advocating for sustainable policies. Lately, environmental concerns have reached a critical level due to ongoing threats like droughts, wildfires, and other climate change impacts. In 2013, the Milpitas City adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to make Milpitas a more sustainable community by reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). In addition, the CAP provides guidance for adapting to anticipated effects of climate change. Learn about CAP here: <https://www.milpitas.gov/313/Climate-Action-Plan>. To celebrate our planet, join us at the City's Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Calle Oriente Park from 10 am to 12 noon. Participate in engaging activities and watch demonstrations to learn about the Milpitas community's sustainability programs. Explore booths and exhibits that highlight sustainable practices, environmental initiatives, and ways to protect our planet. As stewards of our planet, I encourage you to come together and celebrate, educate, and inspire action for a greener, more sustainable future.

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# 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 Park. The event is free and will feature booths with information about sustainability, recycling, water conservation, renewable energy, gardening, and more! There will also be various fun activities, demonstrations, and free giveaways! For more information, visit: [Earth Day 2024](#)



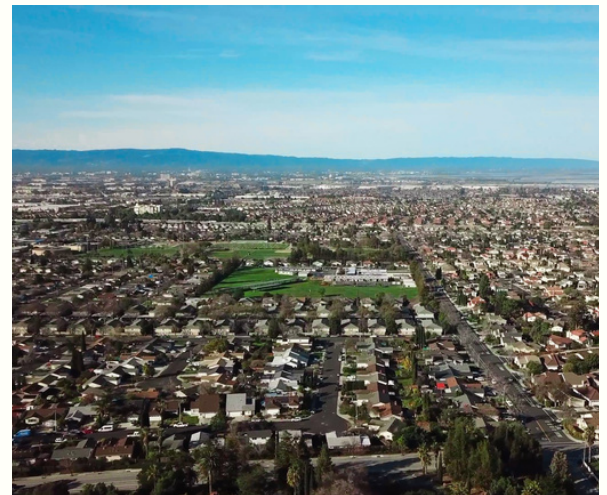
## MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES POLICE TRANSPARENCY PORTAL



The Milpitas Police Department recently launched a new Transparency Portal, a dedicated online platform aimed at providing a deeper insight into police operations, policies, and community engagement initiatives. This milestone reflects Milpitas' steadfast dedication to nurturing trust, accountability, and transparency in the community. The Portal offers a robust suite of features and resources designed to foster greater understanding between law enforcement and the community. Some of the key highlights of the portal include: Annual Reports, Diversity in the Workplace, Department Policies, and Community Engagement Initiatives. To access the portal, follow the link: [www.milpitas.gov/1098/Transparency-Portal](http://www.milpitas.gov/1098/Transparency-Portal)

## MILPITAS UNVEILS FIRST PHASE OF COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The City of Milpitas Planning Department initiated an update to the Zoning Ordinance in 2022 to ensure consistency with the City's new General Plan, as required by State law. Phase 1 of this multi-year effort entails zoning map changes as well as the creation of a handful of new zoning districts envisioned by the General Plan and the Metro Area Specific Plan. The new Business Park Research and Development (BPRD) Zone focuses on focuses on high-tech industries in the southwest, while Metro Area Zones promote high-density development near transit centers. Interested community members are invited to review the proposed zoning map changes and new zoning districts proposed in Phase 1 and provide comments. The draft documents are available for download in the "Project Documents" section of the zoning update website: [www.milpitaszoningupdate.org/resources](http://www.milpitaszoningupdate.org/resources).



## MILPITAS WELCOMES LUZ COFRESI-HOWE

City Manager Ned Thomas has appointed Luz Cofresi-Howe as the City's new Finance Director. Luz joins the team with over 30 years of experience in managing public agency, non-profit, and private financial operations. Luz will be responsible for the overall financial stewardship of the City's portfolio, departmental efficiency and effectiveness improvements, budget management of the City's capital projects, and enterprise resource system planning. Luz holds a master's in business administration from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science in Information and Computer Sciences from the University of California, Irvine. She will report directly to the City Manager and will begin work on May 6, 2024.

# MILPITAS NEWS

## CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMENDATIONS TO THE MILPITAS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Milpitas City Council recognized the Milpitas Community Concert Band at the April 2 meeting. Commendations were presented to Director Jeff Yaeger and all 54 band members for their commitment to bringing the essence of music to the City. Their contributions have played a vital role in promoting unity and harmony in the Milpitas community.



## FREE MILPITAS SMART RIDES FROM 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](#)



## NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK PROCLAMATION



From April 14th to 20th, the City celebrates the tireless efforts of the voices on the other end of the line, the lifelines in times of crisis. In recognition of their invaluable service, the City Council proudly proclaimed Public Safety Telecommunicators Week at the April 16 City Council meeting. With unwavering dedication, these unseen champions are the reassuring voices in moments of distress, the guiding hands in times of crisis. Milpitas Police Department Chief Jared Hernandez, Dispatch Supervisor Jaime Sears and Dispatchers Rachelle Boyd, Belen Anaya, and Krissy Ostlund were present to receive the proclamation.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK CELEBRATION

The Milpitas Police Department is kicking off National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week with a huge thank you to the City's incredible dispatch team! In 2023, they handled a staggering 23,477 emergency 9-1-1 calls, answering 95.2% of those calls in under 10 seconds. Additionally, they handled 68,000 other calls for service! Thanks to their quick and efficient dispatching, the police department maintained an average response time of just 2 minutes and 51 seconds to emergency calls for service. Their ability to stay calm under pressure, gather crucial information, and coordinate resources effectively makes them the vital link in ensuring help arrives swiftly when it's needed the most. Join us in celebrating our unsung heroes, whose unwavering dedication and tireless efforts keep our community safe!



# MILPITAS NEWS

## FREE GARDENING WORKSHOP WITH SUCCULENTS



Succulents are a great way to get into gardening and incorporating drought-tolerant species in your landscape!

Join us from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday, May 4 at the Barbara Lee Senior Center to get tips on caring for and arranging succulents. Registered attendees will even have a chance to prepare a succulent container to take home! Reserve your spot today! Register for the class at: <https://bit.ly/3v7MVx6>

## 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](#)

## THE 2024 SUMMER RECREATION GUIDE IS HERE

Milpitas celebrates its 70th anniversary of Incorporation. Reflecting on childhood summers in the 80s, the community looks back at the summer of 1954 with record heat, movies, and music. Well, those movies and games are now "the oldies" but the good news is having a fun summer with your family and friends never gets old! Present-day activities include camps, classes, and throwback events like classic movies and family game nights, bridging the past and present for lasting memories.

View the online guide here: [www.milpitas.gov/448/Activity-Guide-Registration](http://www.milpitas.gov/448/Activity-Guide-Registration)



## APPLY FOR THE SVBC YOUTH LEADERS IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AWARD

Are you a young trailblazer in the world of active transportation? Do you have a bike project that's making waves? Perhaps you've spearheaded a program to reduce driving at your school, initiated a walking program in your community, or championed safety measures on your streets. If you're promoting biking culture or devising strategies to decrease car dependency, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) wants to hear from you. They are looking for youth leaders like you to present and inspire at the upcoming [14th Annual Bike Summit!](#) To apply, click here: [forms.gle/Qyzf1HGrodDXqDcA](https://forms.gle/Qyzf1HGrodDXqDcA)



# 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.

Corridor work is progressing well with all electrical, mechanical and plumbing trades and structural strapping. The second level is almost ready for gypsum drywall at the corridors. Steel studs on the first floor are close to completion. Exterior walls are continuing with waterproofing installation. See the below photo.



**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.

Underground utilities removal almost completed with some utilities and services still needing to be capped. Soil stockpiles are covered to prevent degradation from wind and rain. See below photo.



**Milpitas Square located at 190 Barber Ct.**, existing shopping mall with diverse retail & Asian dining

Parklet for outdoor dining at the above plaza has been completed. See photos below.



# DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

Exterior drywall is being completed and all rough electrical, mechanical, and plumbing trades are in progress. See photos below.



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

Installations of roof framing and interior stairs are moving forward for the last building. See photo below.



**Parkside West Townhomes, 675 Trade Zone Blvd.,** three-story 13 townhome-style condominium complex consisting of a total 90 units which includes 78 condominium units with 12 ADUs residential development by Toll Brothers.

See the below picture of total building demolition of existing two industrial buildings.



# DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Minnis Circle** located at 1313 N Milpitas Blvd.

See the below pictures for the completion of five new carports with 200 Kw photovoltaic system at the above center.



**Pinnacle Townhomes, 1752 Houret Ct.**, 56-unit townhome-style condominiums with 24 ADUs residential development by City Ventures.

Demolition of two one-story tilt up industrial buildings have begun to make way for the new development. See below photos.



**Main Street Townhomes, 808 S Main St.** Four three-story buildings of 27 townhomes with retail space. Development by D Town LLC



# BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**KLA Plus**, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 5 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$10M.

**Pinnacle Townhomes by City Ventures**, for the construction of first 2 out of 8, 3-story buildings consist of 13 townhome-style condominiums with 9 ADU's out of 56 units with 24 ADU unit's residential development located at 1752 Houret Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$4.79M.

**Torrent Laboratory Inc.**, an environmental testing laboratory for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 1652 Watson Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$1M.

**Pulte Group Townhomes**, 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.

**Crossroads HOA**, for reroof of 5 multifamily residential buildings located at 488 Dempsey Road at an estimated construction cost of \$430,000.

**Best Buy**, for reroofing at their existing store located at 63 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$408,000.

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

**Griffis South Bay Apartment Homes**, for installation of EV chargers in the existing complex located at 501 Murphy Ranch Rd. at an estimated construction cost of \$275,000.

**BD Life Sciences**, a biotechnology company, for tenant improvement at their facility located at 135 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$230,000.

**Trace 3**, for an elite technology consultancy company for tenant improvements located at 598 Gibraltar Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$224,000.

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**DREF Milpitas LLC**, for tenant improvements to make it market ready for future tenant to move-in at this existing facility located at 240 S Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$25M.

**Mission Peak Homes Inc.**, for the construction of four 2 story single family residences with a single-story accessory dwelling unit at Kennedy Crossing development located at 470 Wool Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$1.9M.

**Phung Petroleum DBA 76 Gas Station**, for total demolition, grading, site improvement and construction of a new convenience store at the existing gas station facility located at 27 S Park Victoria at an estimated construction cost of \$738,000.

# BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

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

**Prologis**, a logistics real estate company located at 680 N McCarthy Blvd.

**McCarthy Medical**, a medical office relocating within Milpitas to 882 N Hillview Dr.

**Topcon Medical Systems, Inc.**, a software research and developer for a medical diagnostic device company relocating within Milpitas to 860 Hillview Ct.

**Cub AA Inc dba Black Bear Diner Milpitas**, new ownership of an existing restaurant at 174 W Calaveras Blvd.

**DMtech Systems Corp**, a design service company for electronics, schematics design and testing located at 736 S Hillview Dr.

**Zoom In**, a gift store relocating within the Great Mall.

**Diva Bloom**, a female clothing retail store relocating within the Great Mall.

**Korean Beauty**, a beauty retailer kiosk located at the Great Mall.

**Valley Relocation & Storage**, a full-service moving company relocating with in Milpitas to 800 S Milpitas Blvd.

**Hewen Music Studio**, a music tutoring business located at 1 N Main St.

**Pacific Retina Inc**, an ophthalmologist office located at 1109 S Park Victoria Dr.

**Henna Beauty and Threading Center**, new ownership for an existing threading beauty salon located at 67 Dempsey Rd.

**Bay City Automotive Inc**, new ownership of an existing auto repair shop located at 75 Minnis Circle.

# WAYS TO CONNECT



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