



MILPITAS MATTERS

THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS

CELEBRATING

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, & & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

May is a month-long celebration that honors the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI). These communities have had a significant impact on various aspects of American culture and society, such as science, medicine, literature, art, music, sports, politics, and entertainment. The AANHPI population is diverse, with Milpitas serving as a great example of a community that embraces diversity. Based on the 2021 American Community Survey, Milpitas is comprised of a significant AANHPI population with Asian Indians being the largest group at 21.3%, followed by Chinese at 15%, Filipinos at 12.6%, Vietnamese at 12.3%, Korean at 2%, Japanese at .9%, other Asian at 3.4%, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders at .2%. The welcoming and inclusive environment of Milpitas, as highlighted in the 2023 Citywide community survey results underscores the City's commitment to fostering a sense of belonging for all residents. In Milpitas, families from different backgrounds come together and create a harmonious and supportive community. As we reflect on the heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, let us honor their resilience, leadership, and diverse contributions not just in Milpitas but throughout the entire nation. By celebrating their stories and achievements, we not only pay tribute to the past but also pave the way for a more inclusive and understanding future for all.

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CITY RELEASES PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025

Milpitas City Manager Ned Thomas released the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budget totaling \$248.4 million. The budget was discussed at a special City Council Study Session on May 14, 2024 and is now accessible for public review on the [City's website](#). City staff received feedback and direction from the Milpitas City Council and will provide an updated budget proposal in June. The proposed budget reflects optimism about the City's financial future while acknowledging near-term economic uncertainty due to factors such as high interest rates, moderate-to-high inflation, foreign conflicts, and the lingering financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City recognizes the need for strict fiscal discipline as a critical local revenue source, the Milpitas Public Services Measure (Measure F), is set to expire in 2028-29.



MILPITAS POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND CITY OF MILPITAS REACH CONTRACT AGREEMENT



The City of Milpitas Administration and Milpitas Police Officers' Association (MPOA) are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of labor negotiations, resulting in a mutually beneficial agreement that strengthens the partnership between Milpitas law enforcement and the community. The key terms include a comprehensive compensation package that reflects the value of employee contributions to the City, including competitive wages and benefits that promote financial security and stability. The City Administration and MPOA look forward to implementing the terms of the agreement and continuing to work collaboratively to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

MILPITAS INVITES DESIGN PROFESSIONALS TO SUBMIT PLANS FOR NEW STREAMLINED ADU DESIGN AND PERMITTING PROCESS

The City of Milpitas has launched a faster and more cost-effective permitting process for adding detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The Pre-Approved ADU Program offers standard construction plan sets designed by qualified professionals that are pre-approved by the City. This is a collaborative program between the City, design professionals, and homeowners that will make adding a new detached ADU to Milpitas properties easier and faster than ever before. Choosing one of these pre-approved plans can significantly cut down the overall review time for homeowners.

For more info visit: [ADU Program](#).



CITY OF MILPITAS SECURES TOP HONORS AT THE ANNUAL CAPIO EPIC AWARD CEREMONY



The City of Milpitas scooped up an impressive array of awards during the annual California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) EPIC Award Ceremony held on May 14 at the 2024 Indian Wells Conference. The City secured first place in the Marketing Plan category for Milpitas SMART and received two digital awards of distinction for Milpitas at Your Service and Milpitas SMART. We are overflowing with pride for receiving the highest honors in outstanding public agency information and communication programs. PIO Charmaine Angelo accepted the awards on behalf of the City.

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WHRAP APPLICATION PERIOD DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Workforce Housing Rental Assistance Program (WHRAP) application period has been extended to June 7th. WHRAP 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](#)



VTA PILLARS AT GREAT MALL PARKWAY



In accordance with the City's Public Art Policy, a Public Art Selection Committee is being established to curate artists and projects for the installation of murals on two pillars supporting the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Light Rail Line at Great Mall Parkway and McCandless Drive/Fairlane Drive. This commission is valued at \$30,000. For any questions or comments, please e-mail Recreation and Community Services Assistant Director Tegan McLane at tmclane@milpitas.gov. Stay tuned for further updates!

CITY INSTALLS SECOND GATEWAY SIGNAGE AT CALIFORNIA CIRCLE

As part of the adopted 2024-2028 CIP, the City Council approved the Gateway Signage Project for the design and construction of Gateway Signage with the new community mark at key entry points into the City. The City installed the first 'Welcome' sign in Summer 2023 at the Arco Gas Station, located at 1575 Landess Ave. On April 24, the second Gateway signage was installed on a decorative concrete wall, located at 1603 Hidden Creek Lane (California Circle & I-880 on/off ramp).



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 2024 TEEN CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY!



The Civic Leadership Academy offers a comprehensive overview of the City of Milpitas, aimed at equipping participants for roles as commissioners or greater involvement in civic matters. The City's Recreation staff facilitates the program and works closely with City departments. Each department conducts a 45-minute PowerPoint presentation on their departmental responsibilities, followed by a Q&A session. This year, several departments, including Fire and Police, arranged enjoyable tours for students, distributed giveaways, and promoted entry-level positions. A heartfelt thank you to all the students and department leaders who participated!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT IS BACK IN MILPITAS



Join us on Thursday, May 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Milpitas Sports Center for an fun evening full of video games, lawn games, and more! Continuing Milpitas' 70th Anniversary celebration, we will have classic schoolyard games from the 1950s. DJ Jay will also be playing all the hits from the past seven decades!

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SELWYN PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS



Have you visited Selwyn Park recently? We've got some fantastic news to share that will surely bring a smile to your face! Our beloved slide and swing set has undergone a fabulous makeover and is now ready for action! Come on down and be a part of the excitement firsthand. Feel the exhilaration as you glide down the sleek new slide and soar through the air on our revamped swing set. It's like stepping into a whole new world of fun!

SIGN UP FOR MILPITAS' SECOND NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP EVENT!

The second Neighborhood Clean-Up event of 2024 will take place on Saturday, June 8. Residents can dispose of unwanted items at no cost, by signing up in advance, along with providing proof of residency and ID, is required. Each household is limited to one pick-up truck load (up to 3 cubic yards of material) and can participate in one event per year. Participants must unload their own vehicles, and Milpitas staff will be available to guide traffic flow and direct vehicles to designated debris containers. Appointments are necessary to take part in the event. For appointment times, register here: [Link](#).



MILPITAS AT YOUR SERVICE EMPLOYEE FEATURE: LADONDI CEASER



Watch our new Milpitas at Your Service episode featuring LaDondi Ceaser, our very own Equipment Maintenance Worker III in the Public Works Department, and learn about his contributions to the city!

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 LaDondi!](#)

WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS!

The City of Milpitas is seeking your input on the public draft of proposed changes to zoning regulations, specifically the Neighborhood Commercial Mixed-Use (NCMU) and Town Center (TC) areas. These changes aim to increase housing supply, implement General Plan policies, and revitalize commercial centers while incentivizing affordable housing.

The Open House takes place on Thursday, May 30th, from 6:00-8:00pm at 40 North Milpitas Boulevard, in the Barbara Lee Senior Center Room 140/141. For more information, call (408)-586-3279 or email planningdepartment@milpitas.gov.



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.

Exterior waterproofing, decks and second floor corridors drywall are nearly done. First floor improvements and corridor electrical, mechanical and plumbing work is ongoing. See the 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.

Grading and foundation soil amendment is in progress. Due to the water present at the site, lime treatment/amendments is required to the soil before grading compaction can be approved. See the photo below.



Fire at Platt Ave.

The Building and Safety Department responded to a request for a fire at Platt Ave that occurred on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The inspector posted the building with a restricted use sign (red tag) allowing no entry. Fire damaged throughout 2-story house. See the photos below.



BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for electrical upgrades at their existing facility located at 5 Technology Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$1.2M.

Jacklin Square, a shopping center, for electrical repair work located at 1301 Jacklin Rd. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

McCarthy Center Holdings LLC, for tenant improvement to make it market ready for future tenant move-in located at 680 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1M.

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

Claw Meee, an arcade located at 532 Barber Ln.

Fabri-Tech, a customized precision manufacturer of electro-mechanical components located at 576 Sycamore Dr.

Highland Noodle, new ownership of an existing Chinese noodle restaurant located at 1720 N Milpitas Blvd.

Level Up Montessori Milpitas LLC, a preschool located at 301 S Abbott Ave.

Motion Industries Inc., new ownership of an existing industrial parts distributing company located at 1141 Cadillac Ct.

Watchpoint Logistics., a logistics service provider relocated from South San Francisco to 1137 Montague Ex.

Bob's Discount Liquors, new ownership of an existing liquor retailer and grocery store located at 206 S Able St.

Chi Thanh Trading Inc, a Chinese herd and dry food product retailer located at 320 Barber Ct.

Zhengxinjpai, a fried chicken restaurant located at 1710 N Milpitas BL.

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