



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

Every year, Veterans Day is observed on November 11 in the United States. On this significant occasion, we unite to express our deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans and their families, both on the battlefield and at home, in defense of our freedom.

In Milpitas, we have a Veterans Commission that actively serves members from every branch of the United States Armed Forces. The seven-member commission is dedicated to advocating for and delivering outstanding service to Milpitas veterans. Each year, the Milpitas Veterans Commission recognizes a veteran who has generously contributed to the community beyond their professional duties. This year, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Jeannie Lam is the City's *Veteran of the Year*. She honorably retired from the Air National Guard in 2022 after 20 years of service. She served as the Aviation Resource Management Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) with the 129th Rescue Wing (RW) at Moffett Field, California. Throughout her service, Jeannie deployed to Africa, Jordan, and Afghanistan. Today, she continues to give back as a teacher in the Milpitas School District and a dedicated volunteer.

Jeannie will be honored for her service and dedication at the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at the Civic Center Plaza. We are immensely proud to call Jeannie Lam one of our own, and we thank her for her extraordinary service and commitment.

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MILPITAS CELEBRATES ITS 8TH ANNUAL MANUFACTURING DAY!

On October 4, the City and Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) co-hosted Milpitas' 8th annual Manufacturing Day event in partnership with BD Biosciences and Corsair. Manufacturing Day celebrates and showcases the importance of manufacturing in local communities, inspiring the next generation of skilled workers by connecting them with careers and innovations in the industry. Students and guests participated in engineering activities, manufacturing games, facility tours, product demonstrations, video games and a panel discussion. Students represented Calaveras Hills High School, MUSD Innovation Campus, Milpitas High School and Milpitas Middle College while guests included MUSD Board President Minh Ngo, Superintendent Cheryl Jordan, and City representatives.



THANK YOU FOR VOTING!



The City of Milpitas thanks all residents who participated in the 2024 General Election and the City's "Join the Conversation" engagement efforts earlier this year. We appreciate the support we received for the City of Milpitas Public Services Reauthorization Measure (Measure J). There are still outstanding ballots to be counted, and if reauthorized, this locally controlled funding will allow the City to continue investing in repairing streets and sidewalks, addressing public safety needs and maintaining 911 emergency response times, maintaining community parks and facilities, and addressing other community priorities. To get more information on election results, visit: <https://milpitas.info/3Cfz4rT>.

MILPITAS TO RECEIVE \$2.9 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The City of Milpitas has been awarded \$2.9 million in federal grant funding to enhance pedestrian safety at intersections near local schools and reduce crashes along the City's school route network. The U.S. Department of Transportation will provide funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, a key component of President Biden's bipartisan infrastructure bill. The City submitted its grant application in May 2024 and was awarded the full amount requested for project design and implementation.



MILPITAS SMART MARKS TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH LAUNCH OF NEW HYBRID VEHICLES



It's Milpitas SMART's two-year anniversary and we're celebrating with upgraded, new vehicles! You may have already spotted our sleek new vehicles cruising around town, equipped with USB charging ports, roll-up shade screens, and cutting-edge driver-assistance safety features. Five out of our seven vans are now hybrids, helping to keep our streets cleaner and greener. Thank you for your continued support of Milpitas SMART and we can't wait to see you on your next ride! To learn more and schedule a ride, visit milpitas.gov/smart

MILPITAS NEWS

MILPITAS ENHANCES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The City of Milpitas has upgraded the Audio-Visual equipment in its Council Chambers and Committee Meeting Room to enhance community engagement and ensure accessible governance. Key upgrades include:

- **High-Definition Display and Streaming:** Real-time HD streaming of council meetings for residents.
- **Improved Audio Systems:** State-of-the-art audio for clear sound quality for all attendees.
- **Interactive Voting Displays:** Future digital voting capabilities with agenda management support.
- **Enhanced Accessibility Features:** Closed captioning and assisted hearing devices for better access.



MILPITAS EMPLOYEES HONORED AT ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



At this year's annual recognition luncheon, the City honored its dedicated employees for their outstanding service, including those who missed acknowledgment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the unprecedented challenges and disruptions of recent years, some employees were unable to receive their well-deserved recognition. This year's event not only celebrated current achievements but also took a moment to acknowledge the resilience and hard work of staff members whose dedication kept essential City services running smoothly during difficult times. The City is proud to celebrate these individuals and their unwavering commitment to serving the community.

MILPITAS HONORS OLYMPIANS JACKLYN LUU, EMMA MALABUYO, AND KANAK JHA FOR INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE WORLD STAGE

On October 15, the Milpitas City Council proudly honored three outstanding local Olympians. Jacklyn Luu captured a silver medal in artistic swimming, showcasing her strength, precision, and artistry in this demanding sport. Emma Malabuyo displayed her skill and balance as she competed in the gymnastics balance beam event, demonstrating extraordinary focus and grace. Kanak Jha brought energy and tenacity to his performance in the sport of table tennis, a field requiring agility, strategy, and resilience.

The City Council expressed deep gratitude to these athletes for inspiring the Milpitas community and serving as role models for young people. Their achievements reflect the dedication and drive that characterize the spirit of Milpitas, and we eagerly look forward to watching their future endeavors.



MILPITAS NEWS

GET READY TO LEAD AND INSPIRE, BECOME A RECREATION LEADER TODAY!



The City of Milpitas is looking for energetic, detail-oriented, and reliable recreation leaders to work our afterschool programs, After the Bell (ATB at local elementary schools), Leading Youth Futures Everyday (LYFE at local middle schools), and the Milpitas Teen Center. Perks include a fun work environment, getting paid to play, flexible after school schedules, and an opportunity gain work experience and transferable skills, serve the community and inspire youth and teens to reach their full potential. Apply online today!

Link:

governmentjobs.com/careers/milpitas/jobs/4667209/recreation-leader-pt-unbenefited?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs

EXPERIENCE HOLIDAY MAGIC: TREE LIGHTING & COOKIES WITH SANTA!

Milpitas' annual *Tree Lighting Ceremony* will be held on Thursday, December 5, from 7-9 p.m. at Milpitas Civic Center Plaza. Take family photos with Santa and enjoy festive entertainment from the Milpitas Community Concert Band, Jensen School of Performing Arts, and the swing band Death and Taxes. Admission is free, and s'mores kits will be available for purchase at the event.

In addition, the City of Milpitas' annual *Milk and Cookies with Santa* event will also take place on Thursday, December 5, at the Milpitas Community Center. Participating children can decorate a special large cookie and make holiday crafts while you wait for your turn to see Santa. Register online today to secure your spot: <https://milpitas.info/3YVf2vR>



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY!



Our friends at the Santa Clara County Library District need your feedback on how to improve their services. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Traditional Chinese, and open to both Library users and non-users. Now is your chance to let them know how they can make your visit to any Santa Clara County Library District location or the Online Library better! They want to hear from all residents, whether you currently use their libraries or not. Take the survey by November 24 and be entered to win a gift card. Link: sccl.org/communitysurvey/

PHANTOM ART GALLERY UNVEILS STUNNING WORKS BY JOSÉ GARCIA

The Phantom Art Gallery at the Milpitas Library is currently showcasing the unique work of local carpenter and artist José Garcia. This exhibit offers a fascinating blend of craftsmanship and emotion, with Garcia's pieces reflecting the beauty of his surroundings and his personal experiences.

Don't miss the chance to experience José Garcia's stunning creations—on display now at the Milpitas Library through January 9.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

The exterior stucco work and installation of plug walls in the corridors are progressing at the development. See photos below.



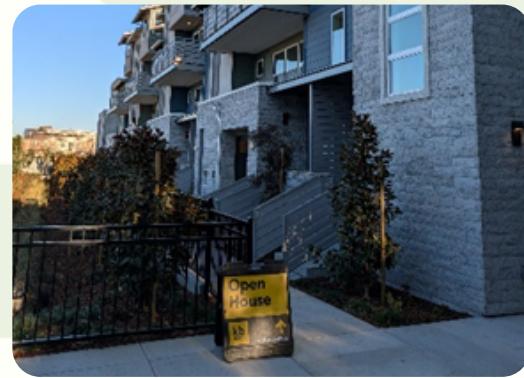
Pinnacle Townhomes, 1752 Houret Ct., eight three-story buildings consist of 56-unit townhome-style condominiums with 24 ADUs residential development by City Ventures.

Truss packages are being installed with a three man crew at Building 5, a six-plex with six ADUs. See the photo below.



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

A temporary occupancy permit (TCO) for Lumen at Building #2 was issued to allow the earlier start of occupancy of the completed 16 residential units. See photos below.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

777 E Capitol Ave. Lee's Supermarket, an Asian grocery store

Interior work including underground electrical and plumbing is progressing. See the photo below.



Main Street Palace, 1316 S Main St., a 4-story (3 over podium), 18 unit's condominium development over 1-level of garage by SJ Main St LLC.

Concrete work is in progress on the ground level garage floor. See the photos below.



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

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BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

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Building permits were issued to the following:

Apple Inc, an electronics company for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 260 S Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$26M.

Yosemite Road Associates, LLC, for recoating of the roof at their existing building located at 950 Yosemite Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$354,820.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

WestRock, a packaging manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 201 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.8M.

Altitude Trampoline Park, for tenant improvement to create new indoor trampoline park in existing retail space located at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

Prologis, a real estate investment trust company, for tenant improvement at their existing building to create new market ready spec space office located at 746 S Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$285,660.

The Vet Clinic, for tenant improvements for new veterinary clinic located at 105 Serra Way at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

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

Listen and Learn, a speech, language, and listening therapy office relocating from San Francisco to 1613 S Main St.

Rarr LLC DBA Vande Bharat, new ownership of existing Indian restaurant located at 127 Dixon Rd.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES & WAYS TO CONNECT

COME WORK WITH US!

Looking for a chance to make an impact? Explore exciting job opportunities with the City of Milpitas! Join a team that's dedicated to shaping a vibrant, thriving community. Whether you're passionate about public service, innovation, or growth, there's a place for you to contribute your skills and make a difference.

Visit our Job Opportunities page today and take the first step toward a fulfilling and rewarding future!

<https://www.milpitas.gov/240/Job-Opportunities>



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