



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED P. THOMAS

Black History Month, observed each February, is a federally recognized national celebration that prompts us to reflect on the significant contributions of African Americans in shaping U.S. history. From the arts and entertainment to politics and civil rights, Black Americans have enriched our society in countless ways, and it's vital that we acknowledge and honor their impact.

As a community, we are dedicated to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion, recognizing that understanding Black history is a vital component of this mission. Milpitas takes immense pride in individuals who contribute to these values and uplift our city. On February 24th, Nicole Steward, a school-linked services coordinator and homeless/foster youth liaison for Milpitas Unified, was honored at a Black History Month celebration hosted by Assemblymember Alex Lee. With over two decades of experience in social work, including nonprofit service and accountability work in K-12 education, Nicole has been a steadfast advocate for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

As we celebrate Black History Month, we honor the resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black leaders who have shaped our community and beyond. Milpitas remains committed to fostering a City where diversity is celebrated, equity is prioritized, and inclusion is woven into the fabric of our shared future.

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# MILPITAS NEWS

## MILPITAS AI WORKSHOP DRAWS OVER 150 ATTENDEES, SHOWCASING INNOVATION AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

Democratizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) is key to economic development, and Milpitas is leading the way! On February 10th, the City hosted an "AI Made Simple" workshop, presented by the City of Milpitas and FalconX, empowered local entrepreneurs and SMBs (small to medium-sized businesses) to integrate AI into their workflows. Thanks to the expertise of Ashish Bansal and Deepa Vivekanandan, over 150 attendees gained practical insights through real-world case studies of Milpitas-based businesses. A big thank you to our partners Milpitas Unified School District, SiliconValley SBDC, SJSU, and Milpitas Chamber of Commerce for their support in helping us foster innovation in our community.



## MILPITAS SECURES \$2 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS



The City of Milpitas has been awarded **\$2,064,330** in federal funding through the Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), administered by the Federal Highway Administration. The grant, announced on February 21 by Caltrans, will support critical traffic safety upgrades aimed at improving visibility and pedestrian protection across the City. The project will fund the installation of retroreflective backplates, leading pedestrian intervals (LPI), enhanced signage, daylighting, and beacons at all 72 city-owned traffic signals, as well as three unsignalized intersections. These enhancements align with Milpitas' commitment to safer streets, providing long-term benefits for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

## APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR MILPITAS MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MEAP)

The application period for the City of the Milpitas Microenterprise Assistance Program (MEAP) is now open. This program is designed to provide economic assistance to microenterprises within Milpitas. FORWARD, the trusted partner in program administration for local governments, has partnered with the City of Milpitas to administer the MEAP. The City of Milpitas has allocated \$200,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for MEAP in order to provide up to 40 Milpitas microenterprises each with \$5,000 in grant funding. For eligibility criteria and eligible grant uses please visit the MEAP website: [milpitas.info/3wWS2Rm](https://milpitas.info/3wWS2Rm)



## CITY OF MILPITAS RELEASES RESULTS OF COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

The City of Milpitas has released the results of its latest community satisfaction survey, conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Mauling, Metz & Associates (FM3) from December 12 to 30, 2024. The survey, which collected feedback from a representative sample of 647 adult residents, provides valuable insights into the perceptions and priorities of the Milpitas community. Key findings include:

- 86% of residents are satisfied with the overall quality of life in Milpitas.
- 78% of residents are satisfied with overall City services. A solid majority of residents feel that City government is effectively managing tax dollars and planning for the future.

For more information about the survey results, visit Community Survey Presentation here: [milpitas.info/3XfSVic](https://milpitas.info/3XfSVic)



# MILPITAS NEWS

## CITY HALL EXPANDS HOURS TO INCLUDE FULL-DAY FRIDAY



The City of Milpitas is pleased to announce that, starting March 7, City Hall will once again be open all day on Fridays, ensuring greater accessibility and service for the community. City Hall's Friday hours were reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic as the City adapted to evolving public health guidance and remote work solutions. While many City employees will continue to have flexible work arrangements, the commitment to providing excellent service remains a top priority. With this change, City Hall will be open Monday through Friday during normal business hours. For more information about City Hall hours and services, visit [www.milpitas.gov](http://www.milpitas.gov).

## DISCOVER THE NEW STORYWALK® AT MURPHY PARK – A PERFECT FAMILY READING ADVENTURE IN MILPITAS

The City of Milpitas and the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) have collaborated on a new StoryWalk® installation at Murphy Park in central Milpitas. A StoryWalk® includes pages taken directly from a children's book, mounted and installed along an outdoor path. While walking down the path, children and families are encouraged to read and follow the story, which is a great way to develop early literacy skills and promote physical activity with young children. The Milpitas Library is less than a three mile drive from Murphy Park. The current story on display is *Someday, Maybe* by Diana Murray, one of this year's Silicon Valley Reads companion books for kids. There are 17 individual panels circling the children's playground in Murphy Park. Come check it out!



## YEAR OF THE SNAKE CELEBRATIONS LIGHT UP MILPITAS!



On Saturday, January 25th Recreation and Community Services hosted the Lunar New Year Celebration at Civic Center Plaza. Participants were treated to cultural performances by Aimusic School, VietYouth, VietSteps, Tingna Dance School, and the Silicon Valley ADHC Senior Dance Group. The evening concluded with a rousing 15-minute performance by LionDanceMe and a volley of firecrackers. Attendees enjoyed cultural food from Y-Linh Sandwiches and participated in multiple kid crafts and games. The Mandarin Language & Cultural Center hosted a craft and game section inside the Community Center. The event was attended by over 1,750 participants. Thank you to everyone who participated!

## JOIN US FOR THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS!

Join us on March 8th from 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. at Cardazoa Park for Milpitas' most colorful special event, our Holi Festival! Follow your friends to Cardoza Park and celebrate the arrival of spring with vibrant colors, a wide array of live music, dance entertainment, and tasty traditional Indian food. Entertainment includes Aki Kumar, Tamas Band, and Nrityami Kathak Dance Academy. Food will be available for purchase from Spicy Tandoor and Hint of Desi. No outside colors will be allowed into the park. Colors will be available for purchase on-site. Card only. No cash.



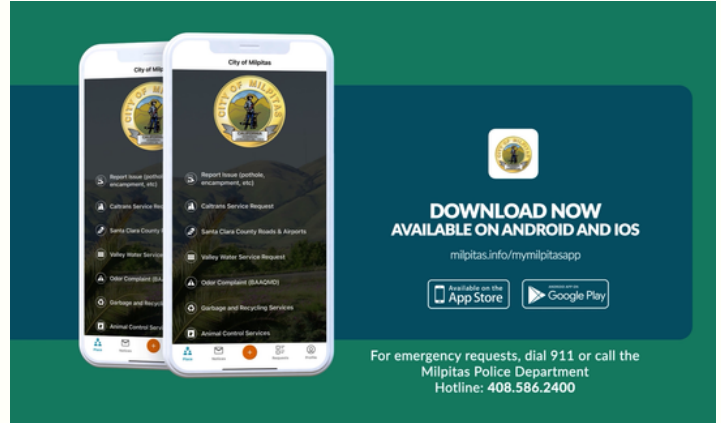
# AT YOUR SERVICE



## DOWNLOAD MILPITAS SMART!

Milpitas SMART is a new and convenient on-demand rideshare service that gets you around Milpitas quickly and safely. Residents and visitors can also utilize this service for local daily trips to work, school, shopping, and other needs around town!

Learn more at [milpitas.gov/smart](http://milpitas.gov/smart)



## DOWNLOAD THE MYMILPITAS APP!

MyMilpitas is a free app hosted on the SeeClickFix platform. Use it to report non-emergency quality-of-life issues within the City of Milpitas, such as streetlight problems, potholes, tree limbs, and other maintenance issues. There is an option to upload a photo with each service request.

Learn more at [milpitas.info/myapp](http://milpitas.info/myapp)

## SOLID WASTE SPOTLIGHT

Do you have stuff you need to get rid of? Did you know there are several FREE convenient waste disposal services available to Milpitas residents?

### Self-Haul Voucher Program

Request up to two self-haul vouchers per year to dispose of bulky items at the Zanker Material Processing Facility. Each voucher allows the disposal of one vehicle load (up to 3 cubic yards) of approved items. Call Milpitas Sanitation at 408-988-4500 for more details about what is accepted, and to request a voucher.

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off

Safely dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as old paint, pesticides, and cleaners by scheduling a drop-off appointment at a Santa Clara County hazardous waste collection facility. To make an appointment, visit [HHW.org](http://HHW.org), or call 408-299-7300. Proper disposal of HHW helps protect the environment and keeps harmful materials out of the waste stream.



## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP EVENTS

Look for annual Neighborhood Clean-Up Events and sign-up to bring your large, bulky items to dispose of in a debris bin dumpster. These clean-up events occur monthly from spring through fall. Registration is required, and each household is limited to one truckload (up to 3 cubic yards) per event, with participation in only one event per year. To receive an email once the schedule is released for this year, email [MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov](mailto:MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov) or call 408-586-3342.



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## SIGN UP FOR NOTIFY ME!

Want to be notified of news, events, emergency alerts, and so much more in Milpitas? Don't miss out on important announcements and community initiatives and sign up for Notify Me! to receive regular updates directly to your inbox or phone. Please check out the video below for a full guide on how to sign up!

Link: [Milpitas.gov/NotifyMe](https://www.milpitas.gov/NotifyMe)



## 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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# 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.

Exterior work is progressing well. Stucco scratch (1st) coat being applied after approval of wire lath. See photos below.



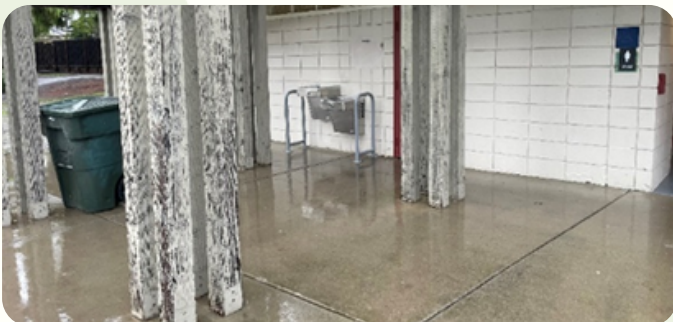
**Sunnyhills Apartments**, (Sunnyhills Investors LLC) 1730 Sunnyhills Dr., an in-fill project that consists of six apartment buildings with a total of 44 units, a leasing office and carport structures.

Building F has now been complete, completing the last permit for the project. All permits have now been complete for this project. See the photos below.



**City Of Milpitas Sunnyhill Park**, 395 Coelho St, City park restroom renovation

The restroom renovation including accessible drinking fountains and electrical room at the Sunnyhill Park has been completed. See the photos below.



**Altitude Trampoline Park**, located at 147 Great Mall Dr.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for Altitude Trampoline Park, a trampoline amusement center at the Great Mall was issued.



# DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Pinnacle Townhomes**, 1752 Houret Ct., eight three-story buildings consist of 56-unit townhome-style condominiums with 24 ADUs residential development by City Ventures. Building 2, a 9-plex with three ADUs is in progress with the installation of the Active Vapor system. Building 4, a 6-plex with six ADUs in the Development has started first floor framing. See the photos 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

The removal of the temporary forms on the 1st level are in progress and they are preparing for framing to begin on the floors above. See the photo below.



**TTLc Main Street Townhomes**, 612 S Main St. nine three-story buildings consisting of 57 townhomes residential development by Toll Brothers

Grading at the site has been completed and they are awaiting the approval and issuance of the building permits. See the photo below.



**Extra Shine Car Wash**, 554 S Main St, new automatic car wash by Extra Shine Car Wash Inc.

Site work is still in progress. The CMU walls of the trash enclosure are being constructed and some of the light pole bases have been poured. The car washing equipment set up has been completed. See the below aerial photos.



# BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

**Milpitas Fire Station #1**, for installation of a modular building to house the City's Office of Emergency Services located at 777 S Main St at an estimated construction cost of \$818,894.

**Shell Station**, to remove and replace existing underground storage tanks, dispensers, piping and associated equipment at their current facility located at 12 N Park Victoria Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$750,000.

**KLA Plus**, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility to create a new server room located at 5 Technology Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

Building permits were issued to the following:

**Rise At The District Townhomes Phase 2 (Pulte Homes)**, 1355 California Cl., for construction of 2 out of 8 buildings at an estimated construction cost of \$9.6 M. Together with the Apex phase, the two phases consist of 96 stacked townhomes/condos and 35 traditional townhomes for a total of 131 units. An apartment building for 75 low and moderate income units is also part of the development and will be under a separate permit.

**Townplace Suites by Marriott**, for tenant improvement of an existing hotel located at 1428 Falcon Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$831,075.

**St. Elizabeth Church**, for renovation of their sanctuary located at 750 Sequoia Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$750,000.

**HCT American**, a product compliance and wireless testing company for tenant improvement at their new facility located at 840 Yosemite Way at an estimated construction cost of \$450,000.

**Kaiser Permanente**, a medical service provider for tenant improvements at their existing facilities located at 589 Los Coches St. and 611 S Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$434,123.

**Skechers**, a shoe store for a tenant improvement to expand their current retail store located at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$380,000.

The following business has received final inspection and is now open for operation:

**Inhabitr, Inc.**, a furniture and accessories rental and subscription business located at 691 S Milpitas Blvd.

**Fabiano Alves Auto Shop**, an auto shop located at 1636 S Main St.

**Heuk Hwa Dang**, a tea and dessert house located at 279 W Calaveras Blvd.

**Oceancrest Kiddie Rides**, kiddie ride vending units located at the Great Mall.

**The Escape Game**, an escape game with puzzle rooms located at the Great Mall.