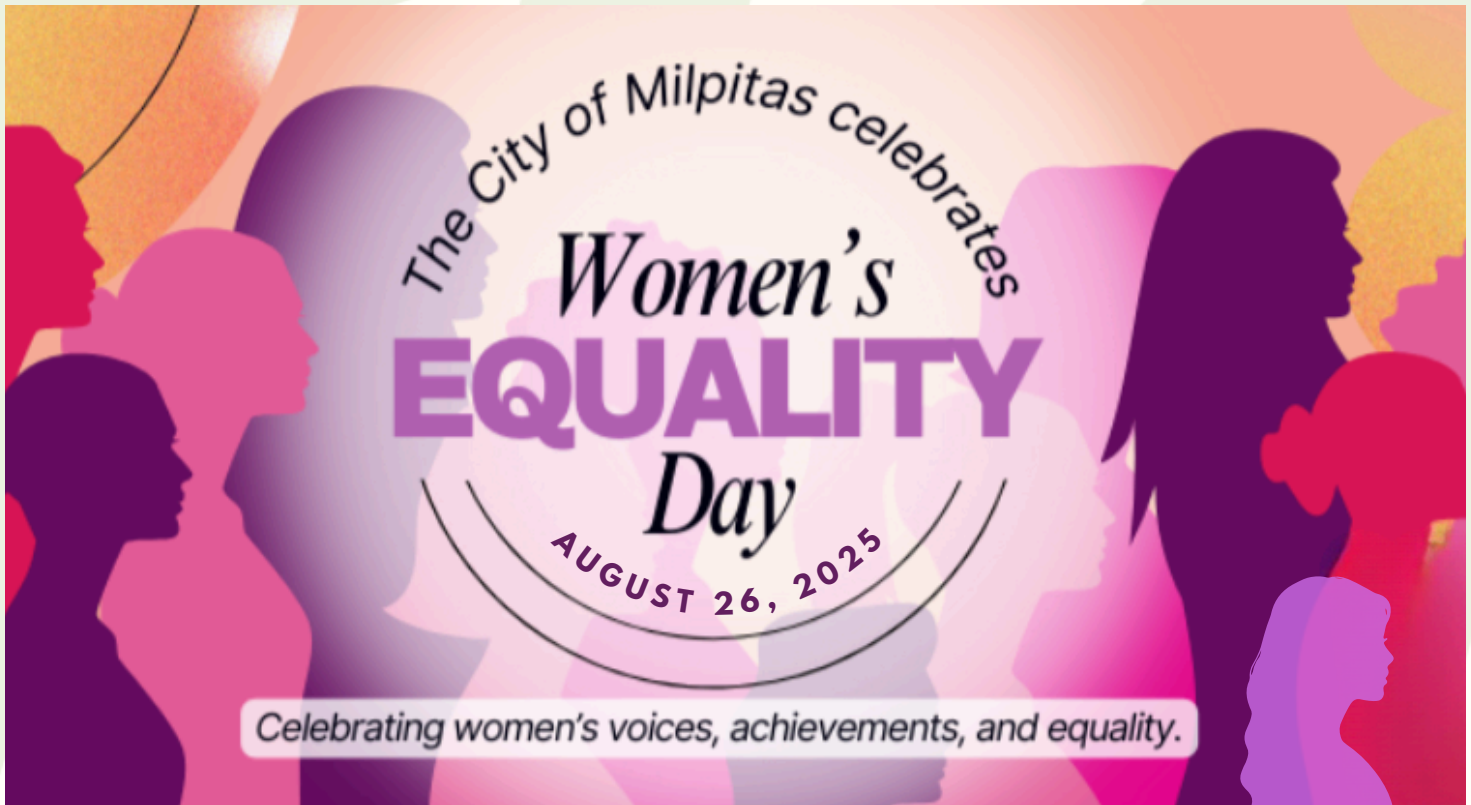




# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CITY MANAGER DEANNA J. SANTANA

August 26 marks Women's Equality Day, a time to honor the historic passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. This milestone was the result of tireless advocacy by generations of women who demanded a voice in our democracy.

As we reflect on this progress, we also acknowledge that the journey toward full equality has not been the same for all women—many continued to face barriers to voting and civic participation for decades afterward. And even now, the pursuit of true gender equity remains ongoing.

Here in Milpitas, we proudly celebrate the leadership of trailblazing women shaping our City's future. Our City Council is led by Mayor Carmen Montano, the first woman to serve in this role alongside Councilmember Evelyn Chua, the first Filipina elected to office in Milpitas, and Councilmember Hon Lien, the first female Vietnamese Councilmember. *They are not merely making history; they are redefining what leadership means for generations to come.*

Women's equality is not just a chapter in history, it is an ongoing promise to uphold fairness, opportunity, and dignity for all. It means creating a world where every woman and girl has the freedom to lead, to dream boldly, and to thrive without limits. When we empower women, we don't just change individual lives we elevate entire communities, strengthen economies, and build a more just and prosperous future for everyone.

On this Women's Equality Day, let us recommit to advancing equity in every space—government, workplace, home, and beyond. Gender equality benefits us all, and together, we can build a society where fairness, representation, and opportunity know no gender.

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# MILPITAS NEWS

## COMING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

Milpitas City Councilmembers, Public Safety personnel, and City staff visited over 28 neighborhood gatherings during National Night Out 2025, held on the first Tuesday of August. This annual, nationwide event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Milpitas Police Department to promote crime prevention, public safety, and community partnerships. A heartfelt thank-you to all the amazing hosts and neighbors who welcomed us with open arms and showcased the true spirit of Milpitas. The Milpitas Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management also used the event to introduce the Genasys Protect—a simple, effective tool to help keep our community informed and safe.

1. Download the Genasys Protect app ([protect.genasys.com/download](https://protect.genasys.com/download))
2. Enter your address
3. Identify your zone (MLP-#)
4. Save your location

Once registered, the Milpitas Fire and Police Departments will send real-time alerts for evacuations, shelter-in-place orders, or other emergency actions. For more info, contact [OEM@Milpitas.gov](mailto:OEM@Milpitas.gov).



### Congratulations!

**SMART**  
**100,000TH**  
**RIDER**

**KULPRIT KAUR**

100 FREE RIDES  
+ EXCLUSIVE MILPITAS  
SMART MERCHANDISE

BOOK A RIDE  
TODAY!



## CELEBRATING OUR 100,000TH MILPITAS SMART RIDER!

The City of Milpitas is thrilled to honor Kulprit Kaur, our 100,000th Milpitas SMART rider, with 100 free rides and a special prize package, including a limited-edition hoodie, a stylish Milpitas SMART tumbler, and exclusive commemorative merchandise. Choosing SMART over driving helps reduce traffic, cut emissions, and save on fuel costs, all while providing a smooth, affordable ride to key destinations across Milpitas.

Be part of the movement! Download the app at [milpitas.gov/smart](https://milpitas.gov/smart) and ride SMART today.

## SUTTER HEALTH RIBBON CUTTING EVENT

On Friday, August 8, 2025, Sutter Health celebrated the grand opening of its Milpitas Care Center at 100 North Milpitas Boulevard with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Mayor Carmen Montano presented a certificate of recognition, joined by Councilmembers Evelyn Chua, Hon Lien, and William Lam. The new clinic occupies the entire first floor, totaling 15,000 sq. ft., and provides primary care, pediatrics, imaging, and lab services. This addition strengthens Sutter Health's commitment to community-based healthcare for its 910,000 patients across the Greater Silicon Valley area. Milpitas welcomes the new clinicians and staff who will serve local residents as part of Sutter Health's team of 2,100 physicians and 9,100 employees in Northern California. The Milpitas clinic began seeing patients on August 11, with tenant improvements completed by Milpitas-based XL Construction.





# MILPITAS NEWS

## MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL HONORS HIKE QUEEN BUDDIES FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

In celebration of Women's Equality Day, the Milpitas City Council proudly presented a proclamation to *Hike Queen Buddies*, a local sisterhood of hikers dedicated to building community, transforming lives, and inspiring wellness—one trail at a time. The proclamation was presented during the August 19 Regular City Council Meeting, recognizing the group's outstanding contributions to women's empowerment and community well-being. Hike Queen Buddies exemplifies the spirit of unity, resilience, and wellness, uplifting women from all walks of life through shared outdoor adventures and support. We thank them for their ongoing commitment to fostering equity, wellness, and sisterhood in our community and beyond!



## ROAD IMPROVEMENTS COMING YOUR WAY!

Street sealing will take place in phases across select areas of Milpitas. You may notice temporary closures or lane restrictions during this work. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Why it matters:

- *Better road conditions:* Sealing helps prevent cracks and potholes.
- *Longer pavement life:* Extends the life of streets, reducing future repair costs.
- *Weather protection:* Shields roads from rain, heat, and daily wear.

We understand construction can be inconvenient, but these improvements mean smoother, safer streets for years to come. For details, visit [milpitas.info/streetsealing](https://milpitas.info/streetsealing) or contact Public Works Engineering at 408-586-3270.



## CELEBRATING OUR INTERNS AT THE CITY OF MILPITAS

On National Intern Day (July 31), the City of Milpitas recognized the contributions of the City's interns and highlighted the value of public service experiences for local youth. Programs like Milpitas Youth Force provide teens and young adults with real-world skills, career exposure, and opportunities to engage with the community. The celebration featured engaging content across City platforms, showcasing the creativity and dedication of our interns while inspiring others to explore public service opportunities. If you are interested in a future career in local government, keep checking [milpitas.info/careers](https://milpitas.info/careers) for internship opportunities. If you are a high school-aged Milpitas resident interested in our workforce summer program, visit [milpitas.info/MYF](https://milpitas.info/MYF).



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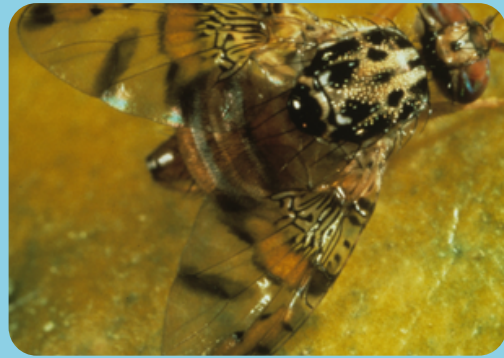
## CELEBRATING CULTURE THROUGH FILM AT TOM EVATT PARK

On July 18, Recreation and Community Services hosted the Movies on Main Street – Cultural Short Films event at Tom Evatt Park, drawing more than 250 residents for an evening of live performances and film. This event marked the first partnership between the City of Milpitas and the newly formed Milpitas Historic Downtown Business Association (MHDBA), which supported the evening with in-kind promotional services to local businesses and their customers.



## RESIDENTS CONNECT UNDER THE STARS AT FAMILY CAMPOUT

On July 26–27, over 165 residents enjoyed the sold-out Milpitas Family Campout at Ed Levin County Park's Youth Camp Site. Families participated in a variety of fun activities, including a bonfire with s'mores, a reading session from the Milpitas Jose Esteves Library, kids' crafts, and lawn games. Dinner was provided by the Milpitas Police Officers Association, while Milpitas Firefighters Local 1699 hosted breakfast the following morning. Scouts from two local Boy Scout Troops assisted families with tent setup and transporting gear. This event was made possible in part through the support of the Santa Clara County Parks Department and highlighted the joy of outdoor community experiences in Milpitas.



## FREMONT MEDFLY INFESTATION DEFEATED: BAY AREA QUARANTINE LIFTED

The Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) infestation in and around Fremont has been successfully eradicated, ending a 213-square-mile quarantine that began September 6, 2024. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Alameda County Agricultural Commissioner's Office led the effort, using sterile male Medflies and targeted organic treatments to eliminate the pest. Learn more about protecting California's fruits and vegetables from invasive species at [cdfa.ca.gov/plant/fruitfly](https://cdfa.ca.gov/plant/fruitfly).

## STACKING TAX CREDITS WITH REBATES: FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Join us for a free virtual session where you'll learn how to take advantage of federal tax credits for clean energy upgrades before they expire this year.

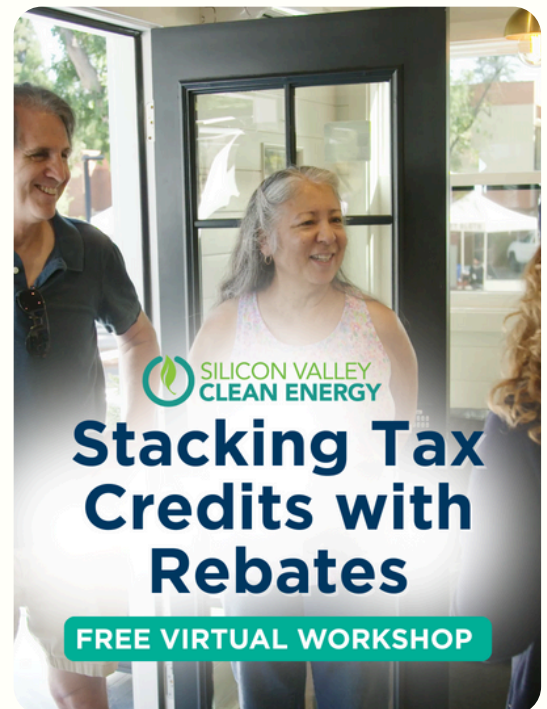
Where: Virtual on Zoom. Register for free at [milpitas.info/46WZFr9](https://milpitas.info/46WZFr9).

When: *Both sessions will cover the same material, so please choose one from the following time slots:*

- Thursday, Sept. 4th, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 6 - 7 p.m.

You will be able to learn how to take advantage of federal tax credits for clean energy upgrades including:

- Up to \$3,200 for heat pumps and energy efficiency
- Up to \$7,500 for electric vehicles
- 30% off solar & battery
- How to stack over \$13,000 in additional rebates and incentives for electric home appliances and vehicles from Silicon Valley Clean Energy!





# DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**308 Sango Court Apartments**, 308 Sango Ct., five-story over one-level parking 85-unit affordable housing development by The Pacific Companies. The development is nearing completion, has passed the Planning Department inspection, and final documentation is in progress. Photos show the finished community room and parking garage.



**TTLC Main Street Townhomes**, 612 S Main St. nine three-story buildings consisting of 57 townhomes residential development by Toll Brothers. The installation of the Silva Cell system in the bio retention area and underground utilities are under way. See the photos below.





# DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Lumen Townhomes, 2001 Tarob Ct.,** two four-story buildings with a total of 32-unit townhome-style condominiums residential development by KB Homes. Buildings 1 & 2 have now been completed and finalized. See the photos below.



**CIRCUS CABALLERO, 1100 S Main St,** an international family circus. The main circus tent and generator power for the circus has been installed and passed all inspections. See the below photos.



**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. Interior and exterior rough framing is under way. See the photo below.





# AT YOUR SERVICE



## DOWNLOAD MILPITAS SMART!

Milpitas SMART is a 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.

*For questions about any of the programs listed above, call Milpitas Sanitation at 408-988-4500.*



## **SET-OUT BATTERIES, COOKING OIL, MOTOR OIL, AND CARDBOARD FOR RECYCLING ALONGSIDE YOUR CARTS**

Recycle certain items by leaving them out with your recycling carts on your regular pickup day – it's easy!

- **Household Batteries:** Place used household batteries in a clear zipper-lock style bag and place it on top of your blue recyclables cart.
- **Used Cooking Oil & Grease:** Pour used cooking oil and grease into a sealed 1-gallon screw-top container and place it next to your blue recyclables cart.
- **Used Motor Oil & Filters:** Place used motor oil in a 1-gallon sealed screw-top container and motor oil filters in a sealed zipper-lock style bag. Place both next to your blue recyclables carts.
- **Cardboard:** Residents can dispose of cardboard overflow by cutting it into 3'x3' pieces and placing it next to the recycling cart.

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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!

[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>

## CONNECT WITH US!



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## COMMISSION RECRUITMENT

The City of Milpitas is accepting applications for open seats on its City Commissions year-round. When a deadline is announced, submitting by that date ensures your application will be considered in the current review cycle.

All applications should be submitted to the City Clerk. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 408-586-3001 or via email. Learn more and apply: [milpitas.info/commvacancy](https://milpitas.info/commvacancy)