



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. It was first celebrated on April 22, 1970 to create awareness and appreciation of our planet. Over the years, Earth Day has evolved into Earth Week and now Earth Month, a time when millions of people throughout the world celebrate environmental progress, educate each other and advocate for sustainable policies and practices.

California has long been a leader in sustainability. Environmental issues have taken on a renewed urgency in recent years as we continue to face threats from drought, wildfires and other aspects of climate change. In line with our state's environmental leadership, the City has developed a plan to significantly reduce water and energy use through infrastructure efficiency improvements. A key component of the plan is a Smart City Infrastructure Program, which is expected to save the city over \$1.5 million in energy and water costs per year, for a total savings of more than \$30 million over the program's lifetime.

In recognition of Earth Day and Earth Month, the City is celebrating the construction of new sustainable microgrids and a number of citywide water and energy conservation initiatives; all part of the City's Smart City infrastructure program. These measures will enhance community services and safety, contribute to the City's Climate Action Plan and

resiliency goals, and reduce operations, maintenance, and utility costs.

I would like to invite you in celebrating the City's new solar power and EV charging stations by attending our Earth Day Event on **Saturday, April 23, 2022** from 10am - 1pm at 40 N. Milpitas Blvd. Enjoy the educational demonstrations and resources, grab a giveaway, and check out the vegan food truck. To learn more about the many ways you can do your part in our beautiful City and for additional information regarding the Earth Day Event visit <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/earth-day>.

The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing resolve as we witness the effects of climate change in our daily lives. When it comes to saving our planet, there is no such thing as a small act. By being conscious of our daily activities and making small changes, each one of us will make a difference. Some behavioral changes include reducing, reusing and recycling, conserving water, choosing sustainable options, shopping wisely, reusing shopping bags, using LED light bulbs and fixtures, planting trees, carpooling, using public transportation and biking. The more we keep doing our part, the greater chance that we'll see real change done in the coming years.

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## WATERSHED WATCH EARTH DAY POSTER CHALLENGE

Attention student artists in Santa Clara Valley! We invite you to enter the Watershed Watch Earth Day Poster Challenge by 4/22/22 for your chance to win up to \$250. Prizes awarded in K-5, 6-8 + 9-12th grade categories. Visit [www.mywatershedwatch.org/earthday](http://www.mywatershedwatch.org/earthday) for more information.

## CITY OF MILPITAS INCENTIVE CORNER

Save money on your utility bills by making your home more energy and water efficient. Visit the City's new Incentive Corner, a one-stop-shop for information on rebates that can help cover the cost of upgrades and conversions. Explore appliance and landscape upgrades that will help you save money, reduce emissions, and save water!

To learn more visit <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/incentive-corner/>

## WATER CONVERSION REBATES

SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY! Milpitas residents can now save up to \$6,000 through water conservation rebates. As you plan your lawn and garden, consider incorporating low-water use plants and smart irrigation systems. A variety of rebates are available to help you upgrade to a drought-friendly landscape. Learn more [here](#).

## SAN JOSE/SANTA CLARA WASTEWATER FACILITY SITE VISIT

On April 1, 2022, Vice Mayor Carmen Montano and Milpitas City Staff met with members of the [San Jose/Santa Clara Wastewater Facility](#) team to get an in-depth tour on how the Water Pollution Control Plan cleans wastewater before it flows into the South San Francisco Bay. The tour included a stop at the [Digested Sludge Dewatering Facility Project](#) site, which is an project that the Vice Mayor voted for as a member of the Treatment Plant Advisory Committee (TPAC). The project includes transitioning from the open-air drying beds and lagoons to an enclosed mechanical dewatering process. The upgrading of biosolid facilities will not only reduce noise and odor impacts in the Milpitas community, it will also help decrease the carbon footprint of management facilities.

## RECESS WITH A COP

Recess with a Cop has continued to be a great program! Most recently, Recess with a Cop stopped by Milpitas Unified School District Rancho Middle School. Staff from our Police Community Relations Unit, Patrol Services Division, and Records Division were able to hang out with the kids and played soccer and basketball.

The goals of the program include interacting with the children of the Milpitas community, building relationships and having fun!





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## FIRE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

On Monday April 4th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the Fire Department hosted a promotional ceremony for 13 individuals who have earned the rank of Fire Engineer or Captain. This ceremony was larger than normal due to the postponement of all in-person ceremonies during the pandemic. These promotions represent a significant accomplishment for each individual and the City did not want to miss an opportunity to celebrate their achievements.

Congratulations to Fire Captains Paul Solis, Jerrell Hardy, Grant Johnson, Matthew Severson, Kalani Dillion, Courtney Anderson and Jeffrey Frazzitta, Fire Engineers Chad Pancoe Gurney, Christopher Baldwin, Jacob Acosta and Andrew Hunter and Fire Engineer Paramedics Gavin Greenslate and Craig Whitbeck!



## PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

At the April 5, 2022 City Council meeting, a proclamation was issued declaring the week of April 10-16, 2022 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The proclamation was received by Communications Dispatcher Supervisor Lena Sillas and Communications Dispatcher Rachelle Boyd on behalf of the men and women of the Milpitas Police Department's Communications Center.

Congratulations to all of our Communications Dispatchers on this well deserved proclamation. Your commitment to your profession and our community is greatly appreciated!



## SINNOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CHAMPION - KUSHAGRA JHA

Sinnott Elementary School fourth grader Kushagra Jha, was honored by the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) Board of Education and District leadership for winning the school-wide Sinnott Spelling Bee and advancing in the Spelling Bee regional competition at the March 22 meeting.



## YOUTH FILM COMPETITION

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) invites local students to share their stories and solutions to climate change for \$20,000 in scholarship awards. The competition is open for registration and submission. Students have until May 2, 2022 to create and submit a film that captures their vision of a clean energy future.

How can we achieve a climate-friendly, clean energy world? Show us your vision in the @SVCleanEnergy EmPower Silicon Valley Youth Short-Film Competition! No prior climate change knowledge or film experience needed.

Learn more and sign up for updates [here](#).



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## MILPITAS BUDGET CHALLENGE SURVEY

The annual budget is the single most important policy action that the City Council takes, and it represents the City's priorities for the upcoming year and beyond. We want to hear from you.

Take the Milpitas Budget Challenge Survey! Allocate imaginary money to show what services are most important to you. Click [here](#) to take the survey. Survey closes on April 30, 2022.



## HOUSING NEEDS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY - EXTENDED TO APRIL 18

The City of Milpitas has kicked off the process to update its Housing Element, a part of the City's General Plan that sets the vision and implementation plan for housing for the next eight years. This survey is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about housing with the City, and ensure that this plan is a reflection of community voices and concerns. The survey should take just a few minutes to complete, thank you in advance for your time. Access the survey [here](#).



## PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT MOVING FORWARD

It is important to be prepared for the fight against Covid-19.

### Stock up on masks now:

- You can get 3 free N95 masks per adult at pharmacies and community health centers across the county: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/free-masks.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/free-masks.html).

### Stock up on free at-home rapid tests:

- Order up to 4 boxes of tests, equal to 8 tests for free from the federal government: [www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)

If you have health insurance, contact your insurance provider to find out how to get tests for free in accordance with the federal government requirements: [cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free](https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free).





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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Chick-Fil-A**, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd.: See the below photos for the progress on the installation of awnings at the entrance and exit of drive-through for this new restaurant.



**City of Milpitas Fire Station 2**, located at 1263 Yosemite Dr.: See the below photo showing progress on the garage doors. Almost all walls have now been closed on both sides, and exterior site work is commencing.



**Sango Court Apartments**, 355 Sango Ct., a 5-story 102-unit affordable housing development by Resources for Community Development.

The below photo shows groundwork in preparation for foundation improvements is in progress with all sediment and erosion control in place. The contractor is setting a 15-month rapid completion timeline for this modular construction project, the first of its kind in Milpitas.



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**McDonald's**, located at 1249 Great Mall Dr.

McDonald's interior and exterior improvements are almost complete. The project is getting ready for final inspection. See the below photos.



**SpringHill Suites**, located at 1201 Cadillac Ct. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to SpringHill Suites for training and stocking on the first floor in the 5-story 124-room hotel.

**Milpitas Charity Bingo**, located at 461 S. Milpitas Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Milpitas Charity Bingo to allow the use of the first phase of the space.

**Corsair**, located at 115 N. McCarthy Blvd. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued for the second phase for Corsair, a developer and manufacturing company of high-performance gear and technology.

## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Sunnyhills Apartments**, for site improvement for 6 apartment buildings consisting of 44 units, leasing office, carport parking – a multi-unit residential addition to the existing apartment complex located at 1724 Sunnyhills Dr., at an estimated construction cost of \$1.8M.

**Legacy Roofing & Waterproofing Inc.**, for reroofing at the existing facility located at 550 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$400,000.

**Lyon Communities District Lot 3 hotel**, for ground improvements for a 7-story, 150-room hotel with retail and amenities located at 1310 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**Apple Inc.**, for tenant improvement for office space at an existing facility located at 260 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$6.6M.

**Apple Inc.**, for tenant improvement for factory use, structural seismic upgrades, and site accessibility upgrades at an existing facility located at 260 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$5.4M.

**McCarthy Center Holding LLC**, for tenant improvement on the second floor by adding seven multi-tenant suites to make the space market ready for future tenants to move in at the existing facility located at 860 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$979,000.

**Nanolab Technologies Inc.**, provider of technology for failure analysis and advanced microscopy, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 1708 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$800,000.



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