



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER ASHWINI KANTAK

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.

Last year, our City was recognized with a Smart 50 Award. The annual Smart 50 Awards are given to cities that stand out for having innovative and influential "Smart City" projects. In Milpitas, we are constantly advancing our Smart City infrastructure Program, part of which has meant constructing new sustainable microgrids while enacting comprehensive water and

energy conservation initiatives. The Program 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.

I'd like to invite you to the City's Earth Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Selwyn Park from 10am to 12 noon. Learn all about healthy, sustainable, and affordable food options from an assortment of local vendors.

Climate change is becoming increasingly visible in our daily lives, and the fight to preserve our planet has never been more critical. Every action, no matter how small, counts towards making a difference. By being mindful of our daily practices and making minor adjustments, we can all contribute to the cause. Let's all do our part to make our planet a more sustainable and livable place for future generations.

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MILPITAS EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate Earth Day with the City of Milpitas at Selwyn Park on April 22nd from 10am-12pm. There will be multiple booths and vendors at Selwyn Park with various fun activities and giveaways!

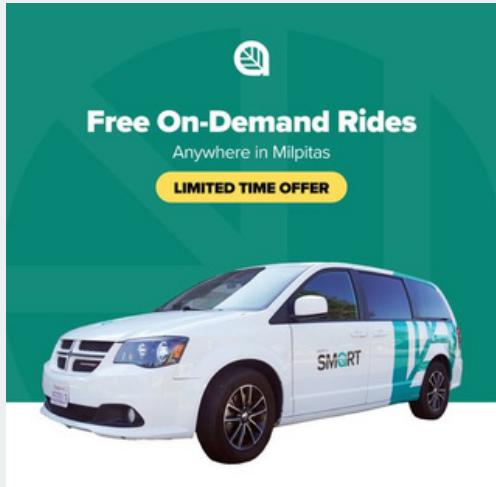


FREE ON-DEMAND RIDES ANYWHERE IN MILPITAS

In celebration of Earth Day, Milpitas SMART is offering free rides for the entire month of April. Reduce your carbon footprint by sharing rides when traveling around town. Milpitas SMART is a new on-demand rideshare service that gets you around Milpitas quickly and safely. Use this service for your local daily trips to work, school, shopping, medical appointments, and other needs. This service is available for everyone to use.

How Milpitas SMART works:

- Book rides using the Milpitas SMART app, visiting book.weride.rideco.com or calling (408) 330-3302.
- Pick-up locations are existing bus stops or other locations that are safe and convenient. They are a short walk from your current location.
- Arrive at your pick-up location 5 minutes before your scheduled pick-up window begins and enjoy your ride!



Book rides on demand or schedule a ride up to a week in advance. The Milpitas SMART service is ADA accessible. More details available at milpitas.gov/smart

Milpitas SMART operates Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANS-UPS ARE RETURNING SOON!

Need to get rid of items you can't recycle, reuse, or fit in the weekly trash collection cart? Then join the interest list for the 2023 Neighborhood Clean-Ups! This year, the City of Milpitas, Milpitas Sanitation, and San Jose Conservation Corps will be hosting 6 FREE events on the following dates:

- May 20th
- June 10th
- July 15th
- August 12th
- September 23rd
- October 24th

Locations are still being confirmed. To join the interest list, please contact the City of Milpitas at MilpitasRecycles@Milpitas.gov or call 408-586-3341.



UPGRADE YOUR HOME TO BE MORE EFFICIENT WITH ENERGY & WATER SAVINGS REBATES AND INCENTIVES

Get paid for making your home more energy efficient and for saving water. Did you know that Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) offer energy rebates? Or that Valley Water offers water conservation rebates? Rebates range from \$150-\$8,000. Who knew being green could save so much? Scan the QR code to find out more or visit: <https://svcleanenergy.org/home-rebates/>



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SAVE WATER BY CHECKING FOR HOUSEHOLD LEAKS

Did you know that household leaks can waste about 1 trillion gallons of water each year? Track down leaks with these four steps:

- Look for unusual water use patterns or a high bill. Be sure to regularly check your water bill, meter, and WaterSmart Portal to look for any signs of strange or unusual use.
- Perform visual leak detection tests. Examine fixtures and appliances you use often and look for drips and puddles.
- Check your toilets. Toilets are the most common source of leaks at home. Listen for running water and put food coloring or dye tablets into your toilet tank to see if color runs into the toilet bowl.
- Replace high water-using fixtures. Cut down water use by changing out fixtures that are old and dispense excessive amounts of water. Free fixtures are available to Santa Clara County residents from Valley Water's Online Shopping Cart.

PRE-APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS FOR CITY'S FIRST 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The City of Milpitas is very pleased to announce the pre-application waitlist opening for the City's first 100% affordable housing development, located at 355 Sango Court. This development is the first County Measure A Affordable Housing Bond funded project in Milpitas and was made possible in part due to the City of Milpitas' \$6.5 million investment. Pre-applications will be accepted online from April 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM through April 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM. Pre-applications are available online in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog at this link: <https://rcdhousing.org/sango-court/>. The rental pre-applications will be selected by lottery, involving all applicants who submitted a rental pre-application by **Monday, April 24, 2023, 12:00 PM deadline**. The waitlist will be capped at 800 applications.

Eligibility and rent are income-restricted in accordance with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program as well as other funding requirements. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the ability to pay rent, which typically means that household income is 2 times the rent. Household gross income will be required as part of the pre-application process. Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and other forms of rental vouchers and subsidies are accepted.

If you have questions about 355 Sango Court, or for additional assistance, please email sangocourt@jsco.net or contact them at (408) 508-3132; TTY: (415) 345-4470



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TEMPORARY LIMIT ON THIRD PARTY FOOD DELIVERY FEES LIFTED

The City of Milpitas' temporary limit on third-party food delivery service fees charged to food service facilities has expired. This restriction ended when the City Council adopted a resolution to end the [City's Local Emergency Order](#) related to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 7, 2023. The City Council adopted the resolution following Governor Newsom's proclamation terminating the State's COVID-19 State of Emergency on February 28, 2020. The County of Santa Clara also transitioned out of the emergency phase of the pandemic by the end of February to align with the State's action. Adopted as an [urgency ordinance](#) by the City Council on October 20, 2020, the temporary food delivery fee cap limit is to expire when the City Council ends the City's Local Emergency Order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The urgency ordinance limited the fees third-party food delivery services charged local food service facilities to 15% of the purchase price of customers' food and beverage delivery orders and 10% of customers' non-delivery orders.

LAYOFF ASSISTANCE WEBINARS

NOVAworks and the Employment Development Department are hosting upcoming layoff assistance webinars. People facing recent or future layoffs can learn about resources to assist with career transition during free, one-hour webinars, including:

- Filing for Unemployment Insurance
- Certify weekly Unemployment Insurance benefits
- Register for Covered California healthcare
- Support, coaching and training resources

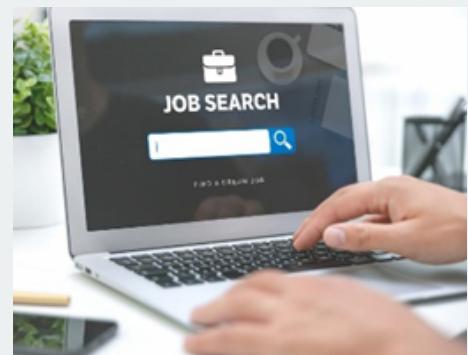
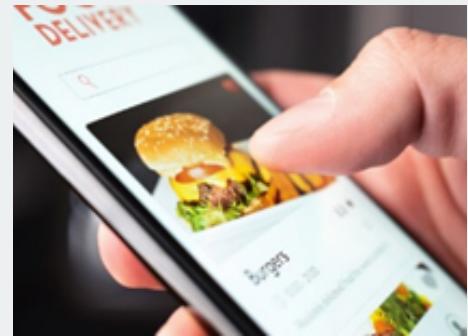
Upcoming Webinar: April 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
Register [HERE](#).

SUMMER 2023 ACTIVITY GUIDE

This year we want to take you back – way back – to carefree days of summer before COVID. City staff is hard at work on a big new weekend-long special event where we can relive the fun of growing up in Milpitas in the 1970s-2000s. Remember CalSkate and Splashdown? Even if you don't, you'll love Retro Milpitas at the Sports Center Skate Park with a roller-rink, water slides, nostalgic music of the 1970s and '80s on Friday and '90s and 2000s on Saturday, and fun, fun, fun for all ages! If you want to go back even further, our Senior Center is hosting some great classic movies (Grease and A League of Their Own) and a summer camp, just for those 50+. We hope to see you and your family having good old-fashioned fun at our programs, pools and parks all summer long! Register Here: <https://milpitas.info/3mo2A7j>

JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER TOUR

It was all hands on deck when special visitors from Marshall Pomeroy Elementary School visited the police department for a tour. School Resource Officer John Muok led the tour with assistance from Community Service Officer Allison Trammell and Chief Jared Hernandez. Officer Shuyo Chang showed the class his police car and how he gets ready for his shift, Officer Reuben Lopez showed the class how he uses a drone to protect the community, and Sergeant Dave Morris showed the class his police motorcycle and talked about traffic safety. The class also got to see Evidence Processing, Dispatch, and learn how to properly use 9-1-1. At the end of the tour, the class was sworn in as Junior Police Officers and each student was issued a sticker badge! Congratulations to the new junior officers!

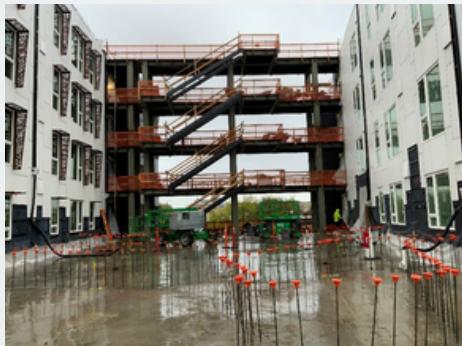


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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct., (2) 4-story residential buildings of wood modular construction above first floor concrete podiums with a steel bridge connecting the two buildings providing 102 affordable housing units by Resources for Community Development

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing work continues while Water proofing at exterior corridors is progressing and is the store-front work, glazing, and interior corridor finishes. See below pictures.



McCandless Park, 1650 McCandless Dr., a new 4- acre city park.

The below photos show completion of phase 1 of this new beautiful city park. The city park includes construction of community garden, butterfly garden, picnic area, gazebo structures, small dog play area, barn area, two playground areas.



Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes, 551 Lundy Pl., an 89-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc.

One more 3- story building with a total of 8 units was finalized, bringing it to a total of 16 completed units in this development. Due to extensive installation of construction fencing around the building that had yet to be removed, photos were not available at the time of this report.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Extra Shine Car wash, for demolition, grading, site improvement & construction of a new automatic carwash located at 554 S Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.6M.

Pace, for exterior repair work in 15 buildings in the complex located at 516 Odyssey Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$787,259.

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at the existing facility located at 7 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$461,599.

Five Below, a retail store, for tenant improvements located at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$225,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Gateway Precision Inc., a machine manufacturing company, for small addition & tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 480 Vista Way at an estimated construction cost of \$1.5M.

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

Hopyard Property Management, Inc., a residential property management business relocating from Fremont to 360 S. Abbott Ave.

Infinity Bouquet, a new florist shop located at the Great Mall.

Rezonent Corporation, a new electronic technology research and development company relocating from Los Altos to 1525 McCarthy Blvd.

Straight Forwarding, Inc., a new general office for a freight forwarding and logistic service company located at 1156 Cadillac Ct.

Tarana Wireless, Inc., a research and development business located at 570 Alder Dr.

Selway Construction, a general contractor office located at 741 Ames Ave.

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