



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Every year, we all celebrate Earth Day on April 22. This marks the anniversary of an environmental movement that gave a voice to an evolving consciousness about the state of our planet. The first Earth Day mobilized 20 million Americans to call for increased protections for our planet. Today, more than 1 billion people in 192 countries participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the biggest civic observance in the world. EARTHDAY.ORG's theme for 2021 is **"Restore Our Earth,"** which is centered on natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can help restore the world's ecosystems. The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency as we continue to 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. The more we keep doing our part, the greater chance that we'll see real change and the reversal of devastation done in the coming years.

Leading up to Earth Day, the City of Milpitas began hosting several activities for residents to get involved. Through learning tips, tricks, and easy actions that anyone in the family can do to be more sustainable at home. Weekly challenges continue to be shared on our social media channels (e.g., Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram, and Twitter). These challenges are focused on connecting everyone through participation with the common goal of taking small steps that can help make a big difference in our environment. In line with this, we would like to invite you to engage in conversations on our online platforms by adding **#MilpitasEarthDay2021** to your posts. To learn more about the many ways you can do your part in our beautiful City, visit <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/earth-day>. Let our voices be heard as we take on the greatest challenge that humankind has faced. I look forward to creating memories with you and taking steps to keep Milpitas healthy in order to support our jobs, livelihoods, health, survival, and happiness.

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MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

On Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Milpitas Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 20th opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

On October 24, 2020, citizens turned in over 403 pounds of prescription and over the counter drugs to the Milpitas Police. Overall, Americans turned in over 492 tons (over 985,00 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,857 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its 19 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners took in over 13.6 million pounds—more than 6,800 tons—of potentially dangerous prescription drugs. Please take note of the following as you turn in your unused or expired prescription and/or over the counter medication for safe disposal:

- The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked
- A sharps/syringe container will be available on site
- COVID-19 precautions will be in place at the Milpitas Police Department. Visitors must wear face coverings, and a maximum of three (3) people at a time will be allowed in the lobby with social distancing required

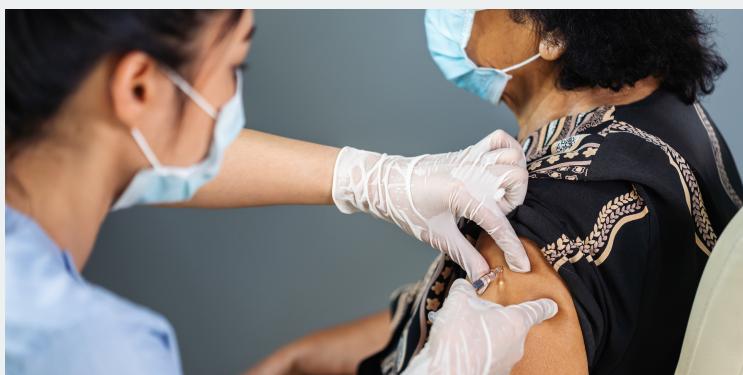
If you need further information, please contact: Sergeant Bryan Hinkley, (408)586-2400 – bhinkley@ci.milpitas.ca.gov



MOBILE VACCINATION SITE AT THE MILPITAS SPORTS CENTER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

The Milpitas Recreation and Community Services staff is hosting a new Vaccination site in collaboration with Santa Clara County. The site, run by Santa Clara County, will provide 500 vaccinations in an all-day vaccination clinic. The site is walk-up, no appointment necessary, while supplies last. Vaccine Doses will be either Pfizer or Moderna, so second shot appointments will be required and will be made the same day as the 1st vaccination.

For information or questions please call the Recreation and Community Services Social Services Hotline at (408) 586-3434.



No Appointment Needed

Wednesday, April 28

10 am - 4 pm, while supplies last

Milpitas Sports Center

1325 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035



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Please follow this [link](#) for the Chinese, Vietnamese and Spanish flyers.

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EVERY SATURDAY IN MAY IS NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY

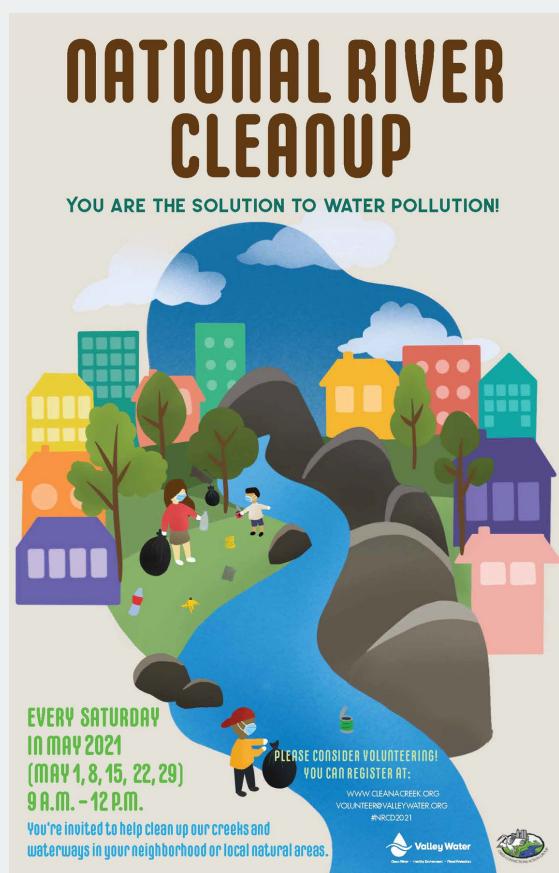
Let's help clean our creeks by cleaning up in our own neighborhoods and local natural areas. We won't be hosting in-person sites, so to keep the creeks clean we'll be cleaning up in our own neighborhoods and local natural areas. Trash can travel through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become Bay pollution. Pledge/register today and help be the solution to water pollution!

Register at <https://sccnrc2021.eventbrite.com/?aff=Milpitas> and learn more at <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/national-river-clean-up-day/>

The City of Milpitas is offering FREE litter kits, which include:

- A pair of gloves
- Trash bags/ recycling bags
- A Beautify Milpitas tote bag to carry your items
- A litter pick up stick

The *Litter Kit Pick Up Drive Thru Event* is on May 7th from 9am - 3pm at Public Works Building. RSVP through **MilpitasRecycles@ci.milpitas.ca.gov** for your free litter kit(s). You can also download the Clean Swell Mobile App, and put "City of Milpitas" in the group field to track the amount of litter you've collected.



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Work is underway to update Milpitas' Climate Action Plan (CAP) to include bold actions that will meet California's climate neutrality goals. Share your ideas and feedback on the climate actions you'd like us to prioritize so we all work together to build a more sustainable Milpitas. Our CAP Dashboard can be found at www.climateactionmilpitas.org. Here, you can view existing greenhouse gas emissions profiles for the City and community and contribute your ideas through an interactive polling and survey feature. Check it out today to follow our progress and future engagement opportunities!

Public Workshop

Please join us on May 6th from 6:00 to 8:00pm for the first Climate Action Plan Update public workshop. The workshop will be held as a virtual public meeting on Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting by clicking this [link](#).



ATTRACT GOOD BUGS TO DEFEND YOUR YARD WITHOUT TOXIC PESTICIDES

Most gardens contain far more good bugs, or beneficial insects, than pest insects. Beneficial insects and other organisms that kill pests are called natural enemies. It is important to encourage these natural enemies by avoiding pesticides that kill them. You also can encourage beneficial insects by choosing plants that provide them with pollen, nectar, and shelter and keeping ants out of pest-infested plants. Learn to identify good bugs, both in their adult forms and immature (larval) stages. Pesticides can contaminate our drinking water, harm local ecosystems and lead to higher water treatment cost. By using non-toxic pest control methods, you can reduce the risks to human health and the environment. Learn more about less-toxic gardening practices at <http://ourwaterourworld.org/>.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

During the pandemic, the Office of Economic Development has been successful in providing business assistance efforts that include, but not limited to:

- Milpitas Microenterprise Grant Program with critical funding to 38 businesses
- 5 business resources webinars
- 50 Constant Contact messages sharing important resources and information
- Milpitas Small Business Spotlight program producing free marketing videos
- Food Service Delivery Fee Cap to help restaurants
- Virtual Business Assistance Center assisting over 1,000 unique business representatives
- A hotel and travel industries report titled "Surviving the Pandemic and Building Resilient Hotel and Travel Industries in Silicon Valley: A Guide for Local Government and Industry Leaders"

This has been possible only with the direction of the City Council and partnerships with the Economic Development and Trade Commission, City Manager's Office and various City departments.

REVITALIZING MAIN STREET: CONVERSATION ON BUSINESS

In partnership with local nonprofit CatalyzeSV, the City of Milpitas will be facilitating a series of three Community Conversations on Revitalizing Main Street, each revolving around a different aspect of the future of Main Street. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, from 6-8 pm. The conversation is focused on the business community including – How do we keep, support, and expand Main Street businesses to encourage economic development throughout the neighborhood? Don't forget to register [here](#). More information about future Community Conversations can be found [here](#).

BUSINESS RESILIENCE AND RETOOLING WEBINAR ON 4/29 AT 11AM

In partnership with the NorCal Small Business Development Center, the City of Milpitas will host the third of its monthly business webinars on Thursday, April 29, from 11 am-12 pm. Regional Lending Manager Chris Horton will provide resources and guidance on how businesses can come out stronger on the other side of the pandemic. Click [here](#) to register.



Take the Customer Satisfaction Survey

Performance metrics are important and integral to our success. We kindly ask that you spend a few moments on the One-Question Survey by following this [link](#). For those that need language assistance, please send an email to

BusinessAssistance@ci.milpitas.ca.gov with your language preference.

Main Street is one of the beating hearts of Milpitas. How do we keep what makes Main Street great while building it up to be even better? The City has some ideas on this we'd like to share with you. In turn, we'd like to hear your ideas.

To kick off this partnership, the City is hosting a series of virtual Community Conversations around three important topics.

April 29, 2021 – 6 p.m. – Conversation on Business
How do we keep, support, and expand Main Street businesses to encourage economic development throughout the neighborhood?

May 27, 2021 – 6 p.m. – Conversation on Housing
How do we facilitate Main Street development that both provides housing for all types of people and is nearby shops, parks, transportation, and other amenities?

June 24, 2021 – 6 p.m. – Conversation on History & Culture
How do we reimagine Main Street while maintaining its rich history as an important crossroads?

Your ideas on Main Street will go directly to the City staff creating the plan that will shape the next decade of this important part of our City. We're excited to talk with you!

To receive information about the upcoming Community Conversations, text keyword "MainStreet" to (855) 402-1400 (Milpitas Planning Dept.) and follow the link to sign up. You can also visit our website at www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/planningdepartment to access meeting details.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Amazon, 225 N. McCarthy Blvd., a single-story concrete tilt-up shell building by Bridge Development Partner LLC, leased by Amazon for warehouse and office use. The building shell is almost complete, with work continuing on site improvements and landscaping. Amazon has begun its tenant improvement with an estimated completion date in four months.



Creekside Milpitas, a private parking lot with landscaping, lighting and improvements to the existing Guadalupe River Trailhead located at 1207 N. McCarthy Blvd. Work has begun for the new space that will serve the Amazon delivery unit housed in 3 buildings in McCarthy Creekside. The parking lot will be used to store delivery trucks.



Campus Centre/Park Point, 115, 135, and 155 N. McCarthy Blvd. by Swinerton & Walberg Co. The site improvement scope including new pathways, landscaping, outdoor amenities such as picnic areas and volleyball courts is in progress to make the complex market ready.



District Lot 2 (Graham), 1415 McCandless Dr., a 7-story mixed-use project with commercial retail space and 207-unit apartment, wrapped around a 7-story parking garage by Lyon Communities. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the community fitness center and the leasing office was issued.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Project Encore, for second phase of the tenant improvement at its facility located at 1860 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.5M.

Headway Technologies, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 463 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$550,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Electrical Training Alliance of Silicon Valley, for tenant improvement for a new training center for electrician apprenticeship at its facility located at 1873 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$10.9M.

Sunnyhills Apartments, for demolition, grading, and site improvement for future six apartment buildings consisting of 44 units, leasing office, and carport parking, located at 1724 Sunnyhills Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.62M.

Headway Technologies, for tenant improvement for electrical infrastructure upgrade at its facility located at 463 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.5M.

Centria, for renovation including mechanical system upgrade at the apartment complex located at 1101 S. Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$900,000.

CVS Pharmacy, for tenant improvement at the existing pharmacy store located at 45 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

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

Gurus of Dance, a new dance studio located at 420 S. Main St.

Headway Technologies, at its new facility located at 595 Yosemite Dr.

CPA Accountancy, an accountancy firm located at 428 S. Main St.

JIT Transportation, a transportation business located at 1025 Montague Expy.

RS Software, an electronic payment software consulting service located at 1900 McCarthy Blvd.

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