



MILPITAS MATTERS

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Vietnamese American Heritage Month

MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

On April 30, 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese Army, effectively ending the Vietnam War. April 2022 marks the 47th anniversary since the *Fall of Saigon*, when Vietnamese citizens were forced to flee their homeland and begin new lives elsewhere. Nearly one million left Vietnam due to unfortunate economic conditions, political repression and discord with neighboring countries. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees came to the United States after spending time in Southeast Asian refugee camps. Many of these refugees struggled to find occupations in their newfound home, in part due to language barriers, job requirements, and prejudice.

Today, the Vietnamese American community refer to the anniversary as *Black April and Day of Shame*. Many communities commemorate the event through solemn public ceremonies that showcase the flag of South Vietnam, which represent the lives lost during the war and the lives of those who embarked on a dangerous journey to freedom. These tributes serve as a reminder for the younger generations to learn and reflect on the sacrifices that others that came before them made in search for freedom and a better life.

Many Vietnamese families call Milpitas their home. Our

city continues to flourish because of the countless contributions of the Vietnamese community to the diversity, culture, growth, and economic development of our City. We are fortunate to have *International Children Assistance Network (ICAN)* based in Milpitas. The non-profit organization is committed to strengthening the Vietnamese American community by developing the next generation of caring leaders. Some examples of ICAN's social programs include Seeds, a workshop geared towards Vietnamese American parents to educate them about the importance of a child's developing years (ages 0-5) and prepare them with the necessary tools to help their child succeed in the American education system; Prepping for Career, a new program that exposes young adults to networking resources and workshops; and The Youth Support Group program, allows students to discuss topics such as culture and identity, hopes and dreams, relationships, and problem-solving, in a comfortable and safe environment.

Let us take a moment to honor the remarkable stories of perseverance that heroic Vietnamese refugees and their parents lived through.

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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION IN MILPITAS

In recognition of Earth Day, the City of Milpitas is celebrating the construction of new sustainable microgrids and a number of city-wide water and energy conservation initiatives; all part of its Smart City Infrastructure program. Delivered in collaboration with ENGIE North America, 10 water and energy infrastructure improvement measures in the construction phase of the initiative are either complete or nearing completion. Combined, these measures will enhance community services and safety, contribute to the City's Climate Action Plan and resiliency goals, and reduce its operations, maintenance, and utility costs. As of today, the City of Milpitas and ENGIE have completed work on water upgrades to 25 public buildings and parks; 2,185 LED streetlight retrofits; 4,453 streetlight controls upgrades with outage detection; and citywide LED lighting upgrades in parks, sports fields, City buildings, and community facilities.

The City will host its unveiling ceremony on April 23 at 10:00 AM at 40 N. Milpitas Blvd. Elected officials will provide brief remarks at the outdoor socially distanced event and light refreshments will be served.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS MICHAEL MUTALIPASSI AS CITY ATTORNEY

The Milpitas City Council has selected a well-respected attorney to join the administration as the City's chief legal counsel and advisor. Michael Mutalipassi will be responsible for all of the City of Milpitas' legal affairs and will provide legal counsel to the City Council, City Commissions and Advisory Committees, and all of the City's departments. Mutalipassi has served as the City of Salinas' Assistant City Attorney for close to six years. He was in charge of developing policies, resolutions, and ordinances associated with land use, housing and homelessness, code enforcement, criminal enforcement, and COVID-19. Mutalipassi obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from California State University (Fullerton) in 2002 and a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Arizona State University (Tempe) in 2006. He received a Juris Doctor degree from University of California Hastings in 2010.

CITY OF MILPITAS LAUNCHES CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO LOCAL FAMILIES

The Milpitas City Council voted to more than double the amount of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding it had previously intended to assist low and median-income families with the high cost of childcare. When the new Childcare Subsidy program launched on April 11, it began to provide more than \$300,000 in childcare subsidies to qualified Milpitas families. The new Childcare Subsidy program will provide subsidies to assist Milpitas families in paying for licensed childcare for their children ages 0 to 12. For full program details and to get qualified online visit www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/MAP. The City Council also approved \$1,500,000 to be distributed as relief funds for small businesses and have prioritized childcare providers to be beneficiaries of ARPA funding. If an eligible commercial or home-based childcare provider applied for grant funding, their application would skip the lottery process and automatically receive a \$5,000 grant. Out of the total 371 grant applications received, 11.3% of applicants were childcare providers.

If you have questions about the Childcare Subsidy Program, please send an email to map@ci.milpitas.ca.gov or call (408) 586-3406. If you have questions about the Milpitas Small Business Assistance Grant Program, please call the Office of Economic Development at (408) 586-3047 or send an email to BusinessAssistance@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP EVENTS

The Neighborhood Clean-Up Events are back for 2022! On May 14, June 25, August 20, and September 24, you can dispose of unwanted items for free upon proof of residency, ID, and sign-up reservation. Each household is limited to one pick-up truck load and participation at one event for the year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, you must unload your own vehicle. Milpitas staff will be present to direct traffic flow and vehicles to specific debris containers.

If you would like to be notified when timeslot registration is live, provide your full name and email address [here](#).

USE YOUR (CLEAN) POWER TO TAKE (CLIMATE) ACTION

You have the power to help change the world. The Silicon Valley Clean Energy eHub contains free resources to help you explore what kind of impact you can have by switching to electric vehicles and appliances.

Gas vehicles are the largest source of emissions in Silicon Valley, and nearly one-quarter of local emissions come from heating water and indoor air. As a customer of SVCE (your community-owned electricity provider), you have the power to take actions that reduce local pollution. By transitioning from gas-powered vehicles and appliances to the clean, carbon-free electricity you already receive, you can save money and have a positive impact to the Milpitas community.

Visit eHub today: <https://bit.ly/svce-ehub>

This Earth Month take climate action by using your clean electricity provided to our community by @svcleanenergy to power your home, car, and appliances. Visit eHub to learn more <https://bit.ly/svce-ehub>.

LEARN MORE ABOUT TIPS, REBATES AND SERVICES TO SAVE WATER AND MONEY

California is experiencing one of the driest starts to Spring in decades. We are in a serious drought and even the smallest changes can make a big difference in saving water. Some easy ways to do this include: always using a nozzle on your hose, reducing irrigation run times to eliminate runoff, and being mindful of daily water usage when showering and brushing your teeth. Learn about tips, rebates, and services to help you save water and money at <http://www.savewatermilpitas.org/>. We can get through this drought together. #MilpitasPublicWorks



MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL WINTER GUARD FINISHES STRONG AT THE CALIFORNIA COLOR GUARD CIRCUIT

Congratulations to the Milpitas High School Winter Guard on a successful season. The team finished the season strong in 2nd place with a score of 79.420 in the Scholastic National AA division at the California Color Guard Circuit!



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NATALIE CHEN ADVANCES TO THE DISTRICT 4-C6 LIONS LEVEL CONTEST

Executive Lions Club student speaker contestant, Natalie Chen from Milpitas High School won the Region Level contest April 7 held at Saint Frances Episcopal Church. She will now compete at the District 4-C6 Lions Level on April 23, 2022. This is part of a series of six competitions, with the final state competition, where participants compete for a \$21,000 scholarship prize.

MILPITAS SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Summer Activity Guide is here! The last two summers seemed to just come and go, but your Milpitas Recreation and Community Services Department wants this Summer to be a memorable one! This summer we see a full return of your favorite events, camps, classes and services – and new ones too! Look for the “New” and “Fan Favorite” banners throughout the Guide.

To view the guide, please click [here](#)

Registration begins

- April 25 for Milpitas residents
- April 29 for Non-residents

ADULT TAIKO CLASS

Taiko is the art of Japanese drumming, which develops self-expression and musical creativity. This class engages in uchikomi based practice. Taiko is a demanding and challenging endeavor which requires physical conditioning and flexible joints and muscles. Students should have a sense of rhythm and stamina to hit a drum for two hours. All the equipment, including drums and sticks in class, are provided.

The class takes place each Thursday at 7:30PM-9:40PM from May 12, 2022 to Jun 16, 2022.

Sign up [here](#).

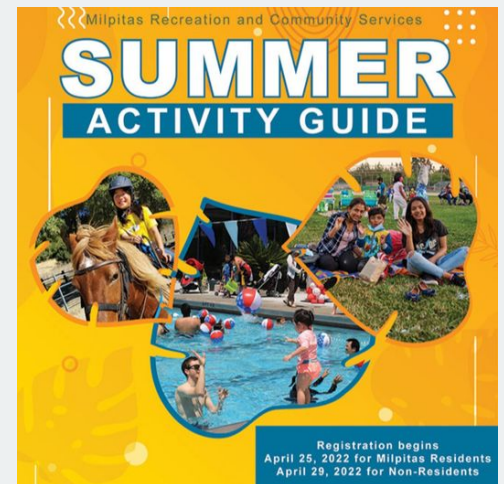
HOUSING NEEDS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY - EXTENDED TO APRIL 30

The City of Milpitas is in the process of updating 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 through a survey. This survey is an opportunity to share the community's 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](#).

SECOND COVID-19 BOOSTER ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible for a second booster! Anyone 50 and older, or 12 and older with compromised immune systems can now stay extra safe by boosting up! You can get a second booster 4 months after your first booster.

Call your doctor's office or find a clinic near you at sccfreevax.org



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chick-Fil-A, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd. The below photos show construction in progress for the interior of the restaurant as well as installation of signage with other site work in progress. Work is expected to be completed in early May for the new restaurant opening.



Lantana, 1675 S. Milpitas Blvd., a 5-story, 216-unit multifamily residential with commercial development: The units under phase 1, comprising approximately one-third of the total units, are completing final inspection. See photo of the progress of the interior of the units.



Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct., a 5-story 102-unit affordable housing development by Resources for Community Development. The below photo shows de-watering process in preparation for foundation improvements at the development. The light blue tanks in the background, looking like storage containers, are designed to store the water and allow solids to settle. During the week of April 10, laboratory test results confirmed that the water is acceptable to discharge to the sanitary sewer. The contractor is following legal protocol of obtaining approval from the Water Board.



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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

McDonald's, for exterior and interior tenant improvement at the existing restaurant located at 41 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

Watchpoint Logistics, for tenant Improvement including office area for freight transportation arrangement business at this new facility located at 607 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$375,000.

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

Santos Automotive Repair, an auto repair shop located at 135 Minnis Cl.

Cathay Bank, a commercial bank located at 603 E. Calaveras Blvd.

Pmelo's Dental Group & Associates Inc., a dental consultation and services office located at 410 Barber Ln.

Arlo Technologies Inc., a multi-function space including HR, finance, operations, technology services, R&D and product development company located at 480 N. McCarthy Blvd.

Obaitori, a new restaurant for ramen noodles located at 1708 N. Milpitas Blvd.

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