



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

On August 26, we celebrate Women's Equality Day. An important aspect of this is women's suffrage. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees all American women the right to vote. Women won the fight for legal recognition under the law. However, while women in some states could already vote before 1920, women in other states were blocked from voting after ratification. In fact, the voting rights of Native American women were not recognized until 1924. For Chinese American women, it was 1943, and for Japanese and other Asian American women it was 1952. While African American women were actively engaged in the women's suffrage movement, they remained barred from voting for decades. It wasn't until the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, that African American women were granted the right to vote.

Women's Equality Day also gives us an opportunity to celebrate women who bring a different perspective to leadership. The City of Milpitas is especially privileged to have Vice Mayor Carmen Montano, Councilmember Karina Dominguez, and Councilmember Evelyn Chua on the City Council – three strong and resilient female

leaders who continue to pave the way, break barriers, and make a difference to help improve the quality of life for everyone in Milpitas. They are women in leadership positions who have remained steadfast in leading by example and inspiring the next generation of women who will soon follow in their footsteps. I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional women in the City's executive leadership team as well as all other female employees in the organization who chose their careers in Milpitas and rose through the ranks, benefiting from the City's commitment to supporting women. Their diverse experiences and perspectives have brought innovation and better decision making to the City, which I am grateful for.

As we all reflect on the significance of Women's Equality Day, let us not forget about the continuing struggle that many women still endure in ensuring that there is equal economic opportunity, educational equity, and an end to gender-based violence. We have come a long way but have further to go in creating a future society that respects and empowers women.

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100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL

On August 5, 2021, the Milpitas City Council adopted a resolution approving the development of a 100% affordable, multi-family residential building located at 308 Sango Court, in the Transit Area Specific Plan (TASP) area of Milpitas. The apartment complex will house 85 units with 60% of the units made available to low-income households and 40% of the units made available to moderate-income households. The project includes 35 one-bedroom, 27 two-bedroom, and 23 three-bedroom units. Additionally, the project includes a podium-floor parking garage, leasing office, fitness area, multi-purpose resident lounge, and over 20,000 square feet of private open space consisting of a public plaza, landscaped paseo, a dog-park, half-court basketball court and walkways. Rents are projected to range between \$846 to \$2,399 for one-bedroom, \$1,024 to \$2,889 for two-bedroom, and \$1,187 to \$3,342 for three-bedroom units. Read the full press release [here](#).



CITY OF MILPITAS INTRODUCES CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The City of Milpitas is pleased to advance another opportunity for civic engagement in the community. The Milpitas Civic Leadership Academy is a free 9-week program focused on developing and engaging community members to become better informed and potential members of the City's governance structure. The Academy: 1) introduces participants to the City organization e.g. City governance structure (City Council, City commissions, Council appointees/City mission and vision/City functions); 2) identifies opportunities for community involvement and encourages participation; and 3) helps participants in building networks and developing skills.



The Academy kicks off this Fall and will be coordinated through the Recreation and Community Services Department, with all City departments participating. All participants who complete the program will be presented a certificate of completion and are encouraged to use the skills and information received in the community. The city is planning to hold the Civic Leadership Academy twice yearly – for adults each fall, and for teens ages 13-17 in the spring. Teen students would be eligible for school community service credit.



Anyone interested in registering for this program can read more information [here](#).



MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER

We are happy to share that the Milpitas Community Center will offer COVID-19 testing on Mondays and Thursdays, from 10am – 6pm. Appointments are required for this site and can be made [here](#).

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THE DO'S AND DONT'S TO CONSERVE WATER

Due to the drought, the City is asking residents to conserve water and reduce outdoor watering. The City's code outlines uses of water that are prohibited. Learn more about the City's water waste restrictions, tips, and resources to help you reduce your water use [here](#).

COMPOSTING BASICS WORKSHOP

Are you trying to build a better garden without relying on artificial chemical fertilizers? Join us in a free Composting Basics Online Workshop for Milpitas residents on Saturday, August 21st from 10AM-12PM. Learn how you can set up composting at home. Follow this [link](#) to register.

PLASTIC YARN WORKSHOP

Learn how to make "plarn" – a plastic bag yarn – from Jamia Weir. Bring your plastic bags that would usually go to the landfill and get creative!

This event is sponsored by and run through Acterra's Young Professionals Group, and you can attend it for FREE on Wednesday, August 25th at 5:30PM. Follow this [link](#) to register.

DEBT MANAGEMENT WEBINAR

Don't forget to register for the FREE webinar on Debt Management happening on Thursday, 8/26 at 11am. You'll hear from the Founder & CEO of Roundleaf and NorCal SBDC Regional Lending Manager Chris Horton on strategies and resources for Debt Management. Register [here](#).

LET'S TALK HOUSING SANTA CLARA COUNTY EVENT, AUGUST 30, 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM, VIA ZOOM

The City of Milpitas Building Safety and Housing Department and the Planning Department are hosting a housing forum in partnership with nearby Cities. The meeting will kick-off an 18th month process to understand our local needs and values and to identify programs and policies that facilitate new housing for people at all income levels. This process will update the City's Housing plan for the 2023-2031 housing element update cycle. All residents and stakeholders are welcome. This meeting will include a Milpitas specific discussion group. Please see the English, Spanish and Vietnamese event flyers for the registration link and visit the Let's Talk Housing [website](#) for additional resources. If you have any questions, contact Adam Marcus at amarcus@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE 101 LOGISTICS WEBINAR

Do you want to successfully expand your business into international markets? The Office of Economic Development's International Trade & Commerce Program will feature its final webinar series in partnership with [Mission College Small Business Institute](#). We look forward to seeing you! The International Logistics webinar on 9/9 @ 10am will focus on importing and exporting regulations and logistics, which are core components of bringing your business to the global stage. Register [here](#).



The DOs & DONT's to conserve water during drought

SaveWaterMilpitas.Org





Want to learn how to compost but don't know where to start?

Composting Basics Online Workshop For Milpitas Residents

Saturday, August 21st 10am - 12pm



Acterra YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

Young Professionals Summer Workshop Series: Sustainable Art Class featuring Jamia Weir

Wednesday, August 25 5:30 pm PT



DEBT MANAGEMENT

Online Webinar

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 Time: 11am-12pm PST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Panelists:

- Richard Hua, Founder & CEO to Round Leaf Inc.
- Alex Andrade, City of Milpitas Economic Development Director
- Chris Horton, Norcal SBDC Regional Lending Manager (NorCal SBDC Finance Center)

Roundleaf collaborates with you to create a sustainable financial circumstance. Eliminate debt, build credit scores, save money, qualify for financing, or reach financial goals faster. You can find authentic options to make an informed decision.



Countywide Community Meeting #4

An introduction to the Housing Element update

August 30th, 2021 from 6 - 7:30 pm Register at bit.ly/countywidemeeting4

Let's Talk Housing SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Learn more about the update process, how to participate, and join a breakout session to discuss housing in your community.

This meeting includes the cities of Santa Clara, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and Milpitas.

Visit letstalkhousingsc.org for more info



INTERNATIONAL TRADE 101 WEBINARS

INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS SEPTEMBER 9 • 10 AM

The webinar will emphasize the development of practical tools and skills that help transport products through importing or exporting.

COURSES ARE FREE!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

In partnership with the City of Milpitas International Trade & Commerce Program

For more information and to register visit SBE.MISSIONCOLLEGE.EDU

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MILPITAS OLYMPIANS RECOGNIZED

The Milpitas City Council recognized two outstanding athletes at a Special Meeting held on August 5th, 2021. Olympians Zhou Xin and Kanak Jha received recognition upon returning from Tokyo, Japan. Zhou Xin has been living in Milpitas since he moved to the US in 2011 while Kanak Jha's family moved to Milpitas four years before he was born. Both Zhou and Jha trained at Milpitas-based India Community Center (ICC), the largest table tennis program in North America.

Congratulations to our Milpitas Olympians!



Photo Credit: Bay Area Table Tennis Federation

SUNNYHILLS HISTORIAN AWARDED THE MILPITAS KEY

At the August 5th, 2021 Special Meeting of the City Council, Mr. Henry Nichols was recognized for his significant contributions to the preservation of the history of Milpitas. Mr. Nichols was awarded the Milpitas Key for being a Sunnyhills Milpitas historian. He (along with Donnie Eiland and David Mosqueda) was instrumental in producing the film '54, which explored the history of the Sunnyhills neighborhood - the first planned racially integrated community in the United States.

Congratulations, Henry! We will be forever in your debt because of your significant role in ensuring our City's history is never forgotten.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SENIOR CENTER NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS

The Milpitas City Council presented a special plaque to Dan Soriano for eight years of volunteer service to the Milpitas Community. Dan has unselfishly shared his time and talent with the Senior Center volunteering to assist with City events, community service programs, park cleanups and emergency readiness activities. In addition to Dan, Aarush Arora and Avinash Ravindra, both high school volunteers were recognized for their community service. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in the City, please click [here](#).



MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY FILM COMPETITION

On August 17, 2021, the Milpitas City Council presented certificates to Michelle Ngo, Philip Yang, and Daphne Tran. The three recent graduates of Milpitas High School won a film competition hosted by Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE). The students produced a four-minute film called "Within our Immediate Reach," which features two segments that utilize a fusion of spoken word, text, and visuals from locations in San Jose and Milpitas. The film was one of the contest's four winning films. Each filmmaking team received a \$3,000 cash scholarship award. View the award-winning film by clicking [here](#).



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Tarob Court-2 Townhomes, 1992 Tarob Ct., a 53-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc. To allow an earlier start of operation, temporary occupancy permits for two buildings with a total of 9 units were issued.



SummerHill Apartments, 312 Gates Dr., phase one 333-unit apartment complex with 13,000 sq. ft. of commercial development wrapped around a 6-story parking garage by SummerHill Apartment Communities. The development had its full building permit finalized, ready for new occupants to move in.



Robson Homes Finch Hollow, 1005 N. Park Victoria Dr., 38 single-family residential development with 10 accessory dwelling units by Robson Homes. The below photo shows that the second model home had its building permit finalized. The framing for some more homes at the development is in progress as shown in the second photo,



KLA, 5 Technology Dr., To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to allow for trenching and rough mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work for tenant improvement to create a new cleanroom for KLA.

Project Encore, 1860 Barber Ln. (Phase 3): To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued.

TDK Headway, 463 S. Milpitas Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued for the clean room.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to:

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

Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes by Toll Brothers Inc., for the construction of the next two 3-story buildings consisting of 11 units out of the 89-unit townhome residential development located at 551 Lundy Pl., at an estimated construction cost of \$3.4M.

Cpacket Networks, a network security company, for tenant improvement at its new facility after relocating its headquarter from San Jose to 480 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.1M.

Parc West Apartments, for the construction of 5 new carports to install 43.5 KW solar panels for the apartment complex located 950 S. Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$377,171.

Corning Inc., for interior demolition to prepare for new tenant improvement at its new facility located at 840 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Corning Inc., a technology company for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 840 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$10M.

Amazon Dur3, for installation of rooftop photovoltaic system at its new facility located at 225 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.6M

Mission Bay Inc., for tenant improvement to convert existing church into adult day care located at 210 S. Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$880,000.

KLA, semiconductor manufacturing company, for site improvement at its facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$683,000.

Rohde & Schwarz, an electronic test & measurement instrument manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its new facility located 490 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$620,000.

Lyon Communities developer, for ground improvement design to support construction of 8-story parking garage foundation for the future mixed-use development for The District Lot 3 "Elion" located at 1320 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

AT&T, for a new telecommunication facility on the VTA building located at 700 Montague Exp. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

Bank of America, for installation of EV chargers located at 740 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

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

JIT Transportation, a local freight pick-up & delivery company located at 1075 Montague Exp.

Ajam Jewels, a jewelry kiosk located at the Great Mall.

E&Z Enterprise LLC, a self-serve restaurant serving to-go located at 1726 N. Milpitas Blvd.

Golden Harvest Montessori School-Calaveras, a pre-school and after-school learning center located at 451 Los Coches St.

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