



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote. However, while women in some states could already vote before 1920, women in other states were blocked from voting after ratification. 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 gives us an opportunity to celebrate women who bring a different perspective to leadership. I take pride in sharing that the City of Milpitas is at the forefront of advocating for women's equality. The City is deeply committed to breaking barriers, and making a difference to help improve the quality of life for everyone in Milpitas and inspiring the next generation of women leaders. While on the subject of next generation women leaders, I would like to acknowledge the exceptional women in the City. We are especially privileged to have Vice Mayor Carmen Montano,

Councilmember Karina Dominguez, and Councilmember Evelyn Chua on the City Council – who continue to make Milpitas a *best in class* City. I would also like to recognize the executive leadership team and 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.

When the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) announced their \$5 million grant program, the idea of creating a Women's Task Force in Milpitas emerged. I am happy to share that the City received a \$25,000 grant that helped with the establishment of a Task Force that will implement the principles of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The Task Force will provide resources to address issues affecting many women in the City. Some of these issues include but are not limited to: domestic violence, wage gaps, and accessible childcare. 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.

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2022 SELECTUSA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Milpitas' Office of Economic Development was selected to join Go-Biz (Governor Newsom's Office of Business and Economic Development) as part of the California delegation at the recent 2022 SelectUSA Economic Summit. The SelectUSA Economic Summit took place on June 26-29 in Washington D.C. and was dedicated to promoting foreign direct investment (FDI) and attracting international businesses to California. Over 3,700 global attendees participated in the economic summit, which provided the California delegation and the Office of Economic Development an opportunity to engage with international businesses and highlight opportunities in California and in Milpitas. The City of Milpitas and Global SF were the only Bay Area representatives to participate in the SelectUSA Economic Summit. The California delegation also included representatives from 20 communities including Fresno, Glendale, Humboldt, Riverside, Murrieta, Sacramento, Ventura, Imperial Valley, World Trade Center Los Angeles and San Diego, Team California, and other areas from across the state. For more information, see the Go-Biz press release [here](#).



SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S FIRST 5 EARLY LEARNING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH

On August 13, 2022, First 5 Santa Clara County launched the County's first-ever pilot Early Learning Teacher Apprenticeship Program. Program graduates will complete a 22-month course sequence to earn an Associate Teacher's Permit. The City Council has directed that \$40,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be utilized for the Early Learning Teacher Apprenticeship Program. The Program is free to Milpitas residents and program participants will be paired with a childcare employer through an "Earn and Learn" paid apprenticeship. There are also additional support services such as: textbook assistance, transportation assistance, mental health support, in-program childcare during classes, and more. First 5 is still actively recruiting more Milpitas residents to enroll into the program. For more information, please contact Eddie Truong at etruong@milpitas.gov or call 408-586-3047.



HISTORIC GROUNDBREAKING OF MUSD'S INNOVATION CAMPUS

On August 3, the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) broke ground on its new Innovation Campus. The campus will provide a state of the art environment for the evolving education of future-ready learners in Milpitas. The Innovation Campus will include 75 classrooms, over a dozen experiential learning labs, Flex spaces, and various outdoor courtyards and learning quads. Additionally, it will also feature an industry-based design lab and a KLA STEAM lab. Once finalized, the Innovation Campus will serve over 2,700 students each year.

The Innovation Campus will offer high school for adult education, and will also serve as a workforce development center. Along with offering high school and adult education, the campus will offer virtual reality, AV production, robotics, artificial intelligence, coding, entrepreneurship, and much more. The campus will also include an Early Childhood Development Research Center.



(Photo provided by MUSD)

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, TONY NDAH RECEIVES KEY TO THE CITY

On August 16, 2022, the City of Milpitas' Public Works Director Tony Ndah received a Key to the City. Tony led the Milpitas Public Works Department for 5 years. His main priority was serving customer needs when it came to public infrastructure and facilities. He was particularly committed to a stable and long-term strategy for investing in the City's water system ensuring better reliability and quality of the City's water system for Milpitas residents and businesses. He was also a key lead in the implementation of the City's Smart Infrastructure Program and most recent adoption of the City's Climate Action Plan Update.

We are very thankful for Tony's service in the City of Milpitas and wish him well as he moves on to explore an excellent opportunity with Valley Water. Congratulations Tony!



MILPITAS NORTH VALLEY PAL 12U ALL STARS RECEIVES CITY COUNCIL COMMENDATION

Congratulations to the Milpitas North Valley PAL 12u All-Star team! The team received a commendation during the August 16, 2022 City Council meeting for their 1st place win! Way to represent Milpitas and MNVPAL Softball ladies! Milpitas North Valley PAL prides itself on giving young girls in our community the confidence and leadership skills to succeed in life, while also being active and healthy using the fundamentals of athletics. For more information or to register please visit <https://mnvpalsoftball.com/>



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING EVENT

The City of Milpitas celebrated the 75th Anniversary of India Independence Day. Attendees enjoyed a colorful and joyous celebration, hosted by Festival of Globe and the Federation of Indo Americans. Deputy Consul General of India Rajesh Naik was joined by local leaders to raise India's flag alongside the Stars and Stripes, recognizing both countries as leaders in democracy.

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT DELIVERS BACKPACKS TO MUSD SCHOOLS

The Milpitas Police Department dropped off 120 backpacks filled with school supplies at Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) schools. Each school received 10 backpacks for children in need. Backpack recipients were selected with the assistance of the Milpitas Unified School District. The JanSport backpacks and school supplies were funded through *Walmart Community Grants* received in 2021 and 2022. We are thankful for our partnership with the Walmart Community Grants Team and Walmart Milpitas Supercenter 2119. Their commitment and generosity in supporting the Milpitas community is greatly appreciated!



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CONSIDER SWITCHING OVER TO A DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPE

Landscape irrigation is one of the largest uses of residential water. Consider switching over to a drought tolerant landscape to help cut down on your water use and your water bill! Visit savewatermilpitas.org/rebates/ to learn more.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP IS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

The next Neighborhood Clean-Up is on September 24th. 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. The Sign-Up Genius registration links for each event will be released about a month prior to each event.

If you would like to participate in the September event, register [here](#).

Event full? You can sign-up on the waitlist [here](#).

For more information about Neighborhood Clean-Up Events, please visit [here](#).

For questions/concerns, MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov.

MICHAEL THOMAS JOINS THE CITY OF MILPITAS' ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Michael Thomas will serve as Economic Development Specialist in the City of Milpitas. In this role, he will help implement the Economic Development Strategy to grow Milpitas' economy, support the Economic Development and Trade Commission, as well as the business and real estate communities and more.

Before joining the City of Milpitas, Michael served as Economic Development Specialist with the City of Campbell since 2017. He executed and managed Campbell's Economic Development Plan, attracted, retained and helped grow businesses, and acted as liaison to the business community. Michael created a new Wayfinding Sign Program, developed and established a semi-permanent Parklet Program, guided business owners through permitting processes, and negotiated license and operating agreements. He also served in various roles in the City Manager's Office from 2015 to 2017, including policy development and program evaluation, executive assistant to the city manager and liaison to an advisory commission.

Michael's other previous public sector experience includes working for the City of Cupertino and County of Santa Clara. Michael is a South Bay native and earned his Master of Public Administration from San Jose State University in 2015.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Apple, Inc., 260 S. Milpitas Blvd., to allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to Apple, Inc. for tenant improvement for factory use.

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.

Photo shows the progress on rebar placement and forms for columns and walls at the first-floor parking garage for the development.



Headway Technologies, located at 463 S. Hillview Dr., to allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the installation of tools in the cleanrooms for Headway Technologies was issued.

District Lot 4 (Gideon), 1400 McCandless Dr., an 8-story mixed-use project with commercial retail space and 213-unit apartment, wrapped around an 8-story parking garage by Lyon Communities

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for 74 units out of 213 residential units under phase 2 was issued making total of 169 units to be ready for move in.

BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Corsair, a developer and manufacturing company of high-performance gear & technology for tenant Improvements under phase 2 at their existing facility located at 115 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$4.1M.

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

City of Milpitas Tularcitos Reservoir, for installation of new chemical storage tanks for the existing water reservoir located at 1328 Tularcitos Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

Littlefuse Inc., for reroofing at their existing facility located at 1590 Buckeye Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$327,280.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

BD Life Sciences, a biotechnology company, for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 155 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$40M.

Regency Tasman Holding LLC, for tenant improvement at the vacant building in preparation for future tenant move-in located at 570 Alder Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$851,807.

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$525,000.