



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Lunar New Year was celebrated around the world on February 1. This year we said goodbye to the Year of the Ox and welcomed the Year of the Tiger. In the Chinese culture, the tiger is commonly associated with characteristics like bravery, courage and strength. It comes third in the Chinese zodiac and is considered the king of all beasts and is thought to be a sign of new beginnings. Although many Western nations refer to the Lunar New Year as Chinese New Year, the festival is celebrated not just in Chinese communities all over the world but other Asian nations such as Vietnam (Tet) and South Korea (Seollal).

On February 1, we had an online virtual Year of the Tiger celebration broadcasted on the [City's YouTube channel](#) featuring local performers and a craft and cooking activity for families to enjoy together while keeping safe at home. Milpitas City Hall also kicked off a light display with festive colors, which will continue through next week.

May this year bring good fortune and a sense of fearlessness to you and your family. Amid concerns over the virulent omicron variant, may the Year of the Tiger set the tone for what is a more promising future. The increase in vaccination rates also raises our hope of bringing life back closer to normal. Thank you for your continued faith in us and in the ideas and spirit of collaboration that inform all that we do. **Gong hei fat choy, Gong xi fa cai** (Congratulations and Be Prosperous)!

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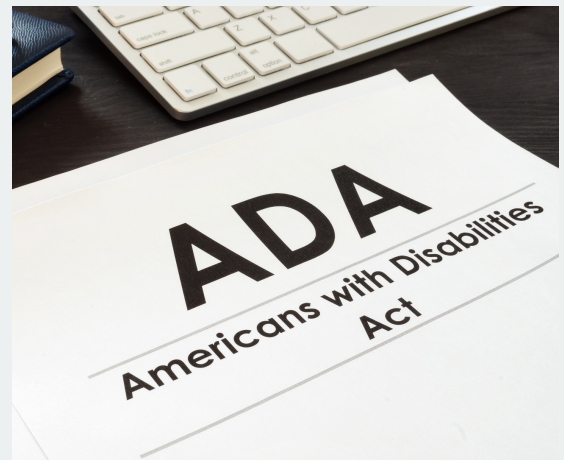
CITY OF MILPITAS INVITES QUALIFIED MURALISTS

The City of Milpitas invites qualified muralists to submit qualifications to be considered for various mural projects as part of the City's new Mural program. The program is expected to produce four murals per year, with at least one being painted by a Milpitas resident. The Milpitas City Council is keen on using murals to amplify the City's beautification efforts. Murals could range in size from very small projects on utility boxes to very large projects coordinated with other public agencies. They could be on City-owned property or in partnership with private property owners. Members of the public are invited to nominate mural sites for consideration. Proposed sites are evaluated by the Arts Commission and recommended for City Council approval. The Milpitas Arts Commission will review qualifications this Fall with the goal of developing an extensive portfolio of prequalified muralists. The Arts Commission has also expressed interest in prequalifying muralists of diverse cultural backgrounds, artistic styles and experience levels, to provide potential artists for projects of all sizes and budget levels. Some projects may request or require artists to involvement the public, in design or painting. For additional information, please contact tmlane@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.



AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of Milpitas is in the process of completing an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) transition plan and self-evaluation. This will result in a comprehensive plan for accessibility for persons with disabilities to City facilities, programs, services, activities and events. The City is seeking input from the community and organizations assisting persons with disabilities. Your feedback will assist in addressing and prioritizing current and future accessibility needs. Online surveys are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese). Please click [here](#) to participate in the survey.



If you have questions or comments or would like to request a survey in an alternate format, please contact Michael Silveira, ADA/504 Coordinator by e-mail adacoordinator@ci.milpitas.ca.gov or phone (408) 586-3314.

COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Santa Clara County and the City of Milpitas have partnered to provide COVID-19 testing by appointment at two sites:

Milpitas Community Center (457 E. Calaveras Blvd.)
Milpitas Sports Center (1325 E. Calaveras Blvd.).

Testing at the Milpitas Community Center is thrice a week - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-6:00pm.

Testing at the Milpitas Sports Center is twice a month every 1st and 3rd Friday from 9:30am-4pm.

Book your appointment by following the links below:

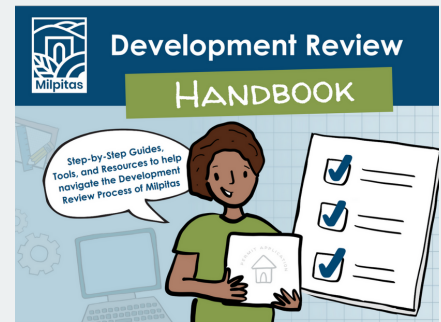
<https://milpitas.info/CommunityCenterTest>
<https://milpitas.info/SportsCenterTest>



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CITY LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT REVIEW HANDBOOK FOR HOMEOWNERS AND DEVELOPERS

A Development Review Handbook is now available for homeowners and applicants who are considering remodeling or building their home or developing their property. The Handbook provides a comprehensive and step-by-step explanation of the City's development review process from beginning to end, including an overview of the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved, key planning regulations and building codes, the City's various development fees, and other relevant topics. Visit [here](#) for additional information.



MILPITAS MYPLAN CAREER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

The purpose of the Milpitas MyPlan Career Accelerator Program is to provide residents and vulnerable populations with customized access to job search tools and information. This free program offers residents ages 18 years and older the opportunity to participate in workshops, assessments, career navigation and career counseling provided by NOVAworks. The target audience are Milpitas unemployed, underemployed workers, and young adult learners impacted by COVID-19. Program offerings include cohort learning, 21 hours of available training over three weeks, and access to two hours of one-on-one career advising. Want to learn more about this program or to complete your interest form today, please visit [here](#).



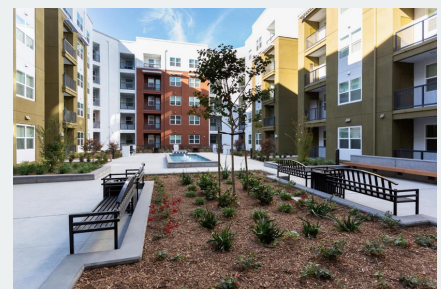
MILPITAS SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LAUNCH

The City of Milpitas has launched the 2022 Milpitas Small Business Assistance Grant Program to support local businesses that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$1,500,000 grant program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and approved by the Milpitas City Council to assist Milpitas small businesses with resiliency and recovery efforts. The grant program will provide \$5,000 grants and free technical assistance to over 280 Milpitas small businesses. The grant application period is open from January 31 through March 1, 2022. Click [here](#) for full details and to submit an application.



MILPITAS OFFICIALLY KICKS OFF THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE PROCESS

Milpitas has officially started the Housing Element Update process! The purpose of the Housing Element is to plan for current and future housing needs in the next eight years, including affordability and many others, and propose actionable pathways for the city to accommodate these needs through housing preservation and production.



Your input is crucial to this process because you, as a resident, can offer unique knowledge, perspectives, and experiences navigating housing in the city. Your input will ensure that this process is equitable and that it meets the housing needs of all residents and creates vibrant places for all to thrive.



Save the date! Come join us on Monday, March 14 starting at 6pm to learn more about the Housing Element Update and share what you think the housing challenges and opportunities are in Milpitas. Stay tuned for more information!

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HOW MILPITAS SAVED NEARLY 4 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER

The City of Milpitas owns and operates a Neutral Output Discharge Elimination System (NO-DES) truck to clean and maintain the City's drinking water pipelines. Prior to utilizing a NO-DES system, Public Works staff would clean drinking water lines by opening fire hydrants to flush water through the mains at a high velocity. This method would scour the interior walls of the water mains to remove any naturally occurring deposits of minerals or sediment that settle out of the water over time, with the water hitting city streets bound for storm drains.

With a NO-DES system, instead of water hitting city streets and getting flushed down storm drains, it is caught, filtered and sent back into the system, effectively removing sediments and improving water quality. Disinfectants can also be added to further improve water quality and ensure its safety, something previous methods could not achieve. The NO-DES process results in improved water quality and water savings which benefits the City's water rate payers. In 2021, staff estimates that the system saved residents roughly 4 million gallons of water.



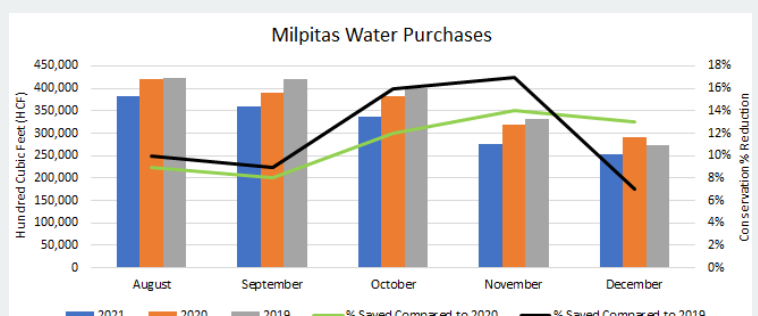
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK - MILPITAS IS CLOSE TO ACHIEVING ITS WATER CONSERVATION GOAL!

Thanks to water-saving actions taken by residents, the City is getting close to meeting its 15% water conservation target. In December 2021, the City reduced water use by 13% compared to 2020 usage. To keep that trend going, the City continues to offer rebates and free tools to assist homeowners, residents, and businesses to conserve water. Starting January 10th, the City is increasing the rebate amounts for residential landscape conversions, rainwater capture, and graywater laundry-to-landscape systems. Apply now and receive a rebate up to \$5,000 for converting your high-water use lawn into a drought-tolerant garden.

Remember, we are all in this together! Please take these easy actions to save water:

- Turn off your irrigation when nature grants rain! The City does not allow outdoor watering during and within two days after it rains.
- Make sure to follow the City's three-day outdoor watering schedule.
- Use a hose with a shutoff nozzle for washing cars and watering.
- Check your toilets, pipes, and irrigation systems for leaks.
- Help us identify water waste. Use the MyMilpitas App or call 408-586-2666 to report violations of the City's water-use restrictions.

Thank you for doing your part to help the City meet its water efficiency goals! Click [here](#) to learn more about available rebates, water-use restrictions, and water-saving tips.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Rohde & Schwarz, located at 490 N. McCarthy Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to allow tenant to move in and set up furnishings and to conduct employee training without business operations.

Milpitas Senior Center, 40 N. Milpitas Blvd. See below photos showing progress of construction for the solar panel installation on the roof and solar parking canopy structures.



Chick-Fil-A, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd. See below photo for construction progress on the building exterior with 3 coats of waterproofing and insulation. Interior work is still in progress.



Watchpoint Logistics, located at 607 N. McCarthy Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Watchpoint Logistics for the warehouse section of the building.



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Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes, 551 Lundy Pl., an 89-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc., The below photo shows the construction progress of various townhomes at different stages ranging from underground plumbing to exterior wall scaffolding with interior work in progress in 7 out of 13 buildings. 26 townhomes have been reserved or sold.



Crocus Technology, located at 870 N. McCarthy Blvd., To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Crocus Technology, a computer consultant firm developing and manufacturing state-of-the-art magnetic sensors.

City of Milpitas Fire Station 2, located at 1263 Yosemite Dr., See the below photo showing progress on the exterior construction of the new single-story fire station building which is receiving waterproofing. Interior of the building is in various stages with walls remaining open in most locations. The roof is nearly complete.



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. See construction progress in the below photo taken from the future Market Street near McCandless Drive with the completed Centre Pointe, DR Horton Townhomes in the background. The residential units are in the finish stage.



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Element Hotel, 521 Alder Dr., a 5-story, 194-room hotel by LD Milpitas Lodging. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary certificate of occupancy for full operation of the new hotel was issued, effective January 31, 2022.



Chick-Fil-A, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd. See the below photo for the progress on the grading work to prepare for site improvements. Installation of doors and windows, as well as completing exterior insulation and lath, are also in progress.



BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes by Toll Brothers Inc., for the construction of the last four 3-story buildings consisting of 29 units out of the 89-unit townhome residential development located at 551 Lundy Pl., at an estimated construction cost of \$8.2M.

Best Buy, for tenant improvement at the existing store located at 63 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$750,000.

KLA Tencor, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 5 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Big Lots, for tenant improvement of a retail store located at 111 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$850,000.

Littelfuse Inc., an electronic manufacturing company for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 1590 Buckeye Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$780,000.

Dish N Dash, for tenant improvement of an existing restaurant located at 260 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

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University of Silicon Andhra, for installation of 92.10kW roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system located at 1521 California Cl. at an estimated construction cost of \$255,000.

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 3 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$225,000.

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

MSJ Systems LLC, a current engineering consulting services business relocating from Fremont to 1065 S. Main St.

Travel Bliss & Tours Inc., an airline ticketing office located at 1535 Landess Ave.

Getty Santos Insurance Agency, a new insurance agency located at 272 S. Main St.

Christina's hair salon, a beauty salon located at 1535 Landess Ave.

Chinese Gourmet Express, a new Chinese food restaurant at Great Mall.

Simon Lee MD A Professional Corp, a new medical spa located at 378 Barber Ln.

Lipro IT LLC, an information technology consulting office located at 691 S. Milpitas Blvd.

Mattress Firm, a mattress store located at 187 Ranch Dr.

Yoshi Sushi, a Japanese restaurant located at 599 E. Calaveras Blvd.

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