

MILPITAS MATTERS

Updates from Interim City Manager Steve McHarris



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Welcome to the latest edition of the City Manager's Biweekly *Milpitas Matters*. Find out what's happening throughout the community and learn more about special events.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Milpitas General Plan Update Moves Forward in 2020

The City of Milpitas Planning Department, in collaboration with De Novo Planning Group, are moving forward with their work on updating the City's General plan. They recently released a newsletter with updates for the community. For more information regarding the general plan, or to view the latest newsletter, please go to the [General Plan Update Website](#).

Voting in the California Primaries

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 is Primary Election Day here in Milpitas and across the state of California. For the first time in Santa Clara County, **all registered voters** will receive a primary ballot in the postal mail from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. There will no longer be any neighborhood polling places as in prior elections. Instead, there are going to be four brand new "Vote Centers" located across Milpitas at these locations:

- **Pioneer Mobile Home Park** 60 Wilson Way, Milpitas, CA 95035
- **Milpitas Library** 160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035
- **San Jose Evergreen Community College-Milpitas Extension** 1450 Escuela Pkwy. Milpitas, CA 95035
- **John Sinnott Elementary School** 2025 Yellowstone Ave, Milpitas, CA 95035

Participating voters may drop off completed ballots in signed envelopes at the Vote Centers, or drop completed ballots into a box in the City Hall main lobby, or into a drive-by drop box at Milpitas Library, or return them in the US postal mail (no postage needed). Ballots will begin to be mailed out on February 10 and must be returned by March 3.

Voters who prefer to vote in person, and not on their mailed ballot, may visit the Vote Centers at the time they are open, including the weekend prior to Election Day.

All questions may be directed to Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at 408-299-8683

Milpitas Counts!

The federal government will be taking the Census this year. The results of the Census determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the distribution of federal funds. California currently receives over \$76 billion of federal funds annually.

It's important that everyone in Milpitas is counted! For more information, please [click here](#).

Senior Center Programs

The Senior Center's annual Spring Art Show will be held in the Phantom Art Gallery from February 3 through March 6 and will be comprised of art work from participants in both the Senior Center's Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese Brush Painting classes. Please stop by to have a look for yourself!

Sports Center Fitness

The 12 Days of Wellness at the Sports Center during the holiday season was another huge success with over 300 members participating. Each time our members came in to work out they were entered in a chance drawing. Our members were encouraged to bring a friend with them to receive even more chances to claim the grand prize. Congratulations to Susan L. an active member since 2016, and Dave P. an active member for over 20 years on being our big winners!

Teen Center

Teen Center program continued to offer activities Ping Pong, Fitness, and students utilizing the Teen Center Café. On Wednesday, January 22nd Teen Center staff attended the incoming Freshman, parent orientation at Milpitas High School. 71 students visited the Teen Center last week for programs, volunteer and drop in services.

We had the opportunity to meet with over 100+ parents at this event, and we were blown away at the interest for our programming which allowed for us to communicate and showcase information about the Milpitas Teen Center. As many parents have children that attended our ATB and LYFE programs, they were very excited to learn of the free membership options for their children entering High School. We are looking forward to hosting some exciting activities in the coming weeks!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**Project Sentinel Drop-in Clinic and Educational Workshop**

February 12 at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at City Hall Committee Room

Project Sentinel is a local non-profit agency that provides fair housing, tenant-landlord counseling and dispute resolution services to the City of Milpitas. The City of Milpitas partners with Project Sentinel to provide bi-monthly drop-in clinics and monthly educational workshops for tenants and landlords in the Milpitas community.

Come learn and ask questions about new Milpitas programs – Rent Review Ordinance and Pilot Rent Relief Program, new state laws on rent increases, limits on tenancy termination and relocation payment, evictions, or security deposits. No appointment is necessary; counseling is free and confidential.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Safety and Housing Department staff at (408) 586-3269. [Event flyer](#)

4th Annual California DGS “How to Do Business with the State” Event

February 21 at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Bible Way Christian Center - 2090 Oakland Road, San Jose

Silicon Valley Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Enterprises are partnering for this event geared towards assisting small businesses in doing business with the State of California. Highlights include a session to pitch businesses, networking with the State, Silicon Valley Black Chamber, and Silicon Valley Small Business Development Center. More details and RSVP [can be found here.](#)