

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

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.

A Healthier Milpitas

The City of Milpitas Recreation and Community Services Department is pleased to announce that it was awarded a grant from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department Tobacco-Free Communities Program! This will support the City's efforts to prevent youth access to tobacco products and reduce the number of tobacco retailers in communities.

We're excited to implement this grant with the collaboration of our Youth Advisory Commission, City staff, and Santa Clara County Public Health Department!

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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Better Block Milpitas – Kickoff Event, February 26 at 6:00 PM to 7:00 at Milpitas City Hall

Let's Invigorate Downtown Milpitas!

Do you have any thoughts for what Downtown Milpitas should look like? Join us! The City of Milpitas is partnering up with The Better Block, a non-profit that works on revitalizing spaces by engaging communities! If you're interested in sharing your thoughts about the South Main Street corridor, please join us for this kickoff community engagement event.

All ideas – whether about pop-up businesses, parklets, bike lanes, art, music, youth activities – are welcome! [Event Website](#)

Project Sentinel Drop-in Clinic, February 26 at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at City Hall Committee Room

Project Sentinel Educational Workshop, February 26 at 7:00 PM to 8:00 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](#)