



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Every February, we celebrate Black History Month. It is a federally recognized, national celebration that reminds all of us to contemplate on the many roles that African-Americans have played in shaping U.S. history. This year's theme for Black History Month is *Black Health and Wellness*, as outlined by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The theme explores the nuances of health and wellness in the Black community with the goal of gaining wisdom and understanding on topics related to the spiritual, mental, emotional, and financial aspects of health care that don't normally get discussed.

As we reflect on what Black History Month means, I would like to encourage all of us to learn more about Black histories and how many heroes have shaped the course of our history. We also reaffirm our commitment to building a stronger future together by helping create more justice in our daily lives. Let today be an opportunity to think about our very own biases, stereotypes and knowledge gaps, so that we, as a Milpitas community, can be better equipped to lead and engage in healthy conversations about equity, inclusion, and social justice.

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## MONTAGUE EXPRESSWAY PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING (MPOC) PROJECT RECEIVES ANNUAL ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing (MPOC) project received the annual Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council Of Engineering Companies (ACEC). ACEC recognizes outstanding achievements in engineering and land surveying projects completed by California firms. MPOC is an important element of the BART to Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension project. MPOC provides a safe, convenient, and direct link between the newly opened Milpitas BART Station Campus and the high-density residential developments, businesses, hotel, school, and shopping mall to the north. The project exemplifies how to leverage federal, state, and local funds to prompt sustainable transit-oriented development that further aides carbon pollution reduction. The successful project implementation was a result of the seamless collaboration of Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA), the City of Milpitas, and all other project stakeholders. Click [here](#) for award list.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH GLOBAL DIVERSITY AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT

The California Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network and The Inclusivity Project invites startups, small business enterprises, angel investors, venture capitalists, government stakeholders and industry representatives to join us for our [Black History Month Global Diversity and Investment Summit](#) on Friday, February 25, from 10am-12pm. Check out the incredible speaker lineup of investors & BIPOC entrepreneur supporters. Click [here](#) for free registration.



## MILPITAS TO BE AWARDED REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) GRANT FUNDS

Milpitas is one of six Bay Area cities to be awarded with Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funds to support a one-year pilot of [Symbium's Plancheck software](#). This proprietary software helps streamline the residential permitting process by automating the legal analysis of properties against non-discretionary local zoning codes. Plancheck saves time by automating responses to routine questions, allowing staff to focus on more complex, discretionary analyses. Plancheck also ensures that regulations are consistently applied and reduces the time needed to train new planning staff on complex regulations.

As part of its grant award, Milpitas will receive a free license to use the Plancheck software for one year. The value of this one-year license is \$20,000, and Symbium added one year free (paid for by the Association of Bay Area Governments).

**Project Scope**

What type of project are you proposing on the property?

Custom Project	New Single-Family Residence	Add up to Existing Single-Family Residence
New ADU for Single-Family Residence	New Multi-Family Residence	New ADU for Multi-Family Residence
New Accessory Building	New Deck	New Fence

Existing Condition

- 1,600 sqft Single-Family Residence

Proposed Condition

- Add 1,200 sqft to (1) 1,600 sqft Single-Family Residence. Resulting Single-Family Residence is 2,800 sqft
- 2 garage parking spaces
- New landscaping

## MILPITAS' ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH CHOIR PERFORMS AT CHASE CENTER

On January 27, 2022, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church's adult choir sang the national anthem during the Golden State Warriors *Filipino Heritage Night*. The event is designed to bring culture to the basketball court and is a tradition that celebrates the Bay Area's rich Filipino community. It's so popular that the Warriors put on two of these events: one in the fall, one in the spring. Filipino Heritage Night was capped by the Warriors' victory against the Minnesota Timberwolves.



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## FREE 2-DAY DIY (DO IT YOURSELF) LAWN CONVERSION WORKSHOP

Upcoming Workshop: Learn how to design and convert your lawn into a water-wise garden! Our City Forest is hosting a FREE 2-day DIY Lawn Conversion workshop on February 25th and 26th. Through this class, you will learn how to execute your own lawn bust and how to leverage Valley Water's landscape rebate program! In addition, participants will earn 50% off purchases of shrubs and perennials at Our City Forest's Community Nursery. The first-day presentation will be online from 6:00 pm -6:30 pm. The second day will be in-person from 9:30 am – 3 pm. Register [here](#).

## NEW PROGRAM TO DROUGHT PROOF YOUR YARD FOR MILPITAS HOMEOWNERS!

Lawn Bust Milpitas, a new pilot program to help replace lawns with drought-tolerant plants at minimal cost just launched this month. Through this direct install program, Our City Forest will provide an on-site assessment, personalized and simple landscape design, materials, and labor. Low water landscapes will be designed to save water, reduce storm water runoff, and create habitats for birds and insects. The pilot will be open to all Milpitas homeowners on a first-come, first-served basis with limited number of spaces available. Learn more [here](#).

## MILPITAS COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL

Milpitas Community Theatre presents Disney's Descendants The Musical. Get transported to the land of Auradon, and watch the offspring of Disney villains, Cruella De Vil, Maleficent, the Evil Queen and Jafar find their place at Auradon Prep School.

### Performances:

Friday, March 4 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, March 5 - 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Friday, March 11 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, March 12 - 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Show your support for the cast and crew, and see all their hard work come together. To purchase your tickets, please [click here](#).

## MILPITAS MYPLAN CAREER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

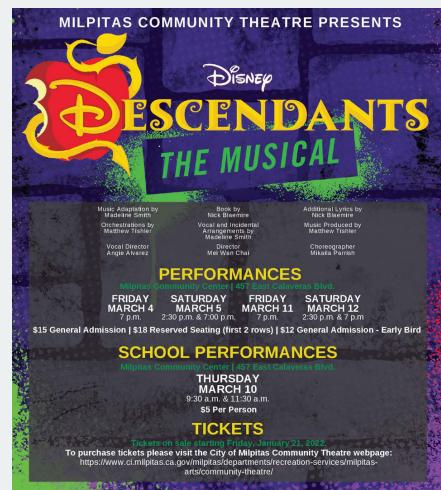
The purpose of the Milpitas MyPlan Career Accelerator Program is to provide residents and vulnerable populations with customized access to job search tools and information. This free program offers residents ages 18 years and older the opportunity to participate in workshops, assessments, career navigation 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 [click here](#).



The graphic features two photographs of a lawn conversion project. The left photo shows a newly installed garden with a 'BUST LAWN' sign. The right photo shows a mature, landscaped garden. Below the images is a dark banner with the text 'Lawn Busters DIY Workshop' in white, with a small floral illustration at the bottom.



A screenshot of the 'OUR CITY FOREST LAWN BUST MILPITAS' website. It features the city's logo and the tagline 'SAVING WATER ONE LAWN AT A TIME'. It includes a photo of a lawn conversion, a 'HOW DO I APPLY?' section with a QR code, a 'WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?' section with links, and logos for Valley Water, AmeriCorps, Our City Forest, and Milpitas.



A poster for 'Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL' presented by Milpitas Community Theatre. It features the Disney logo and the title in large letters. The poster includes cast and crew credits, performance dates (Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 5 at 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.; Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 12 at 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.), and ticket information. It also lists 'SCHOOL PERFORMANCES' on Thursday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. for \$5 per person. A QR code is at the bottom.



A blue-themed advertisement for a job search program. The text reads: 'WANT TO BE MORE COMPETITIVE IN THE JOB MARKET?' and 'Participate in the City of Milpitas' new three-week job search program.' It includes a call to visit [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/jobtraining2022](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/jobtraining2022).

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## MILPITAS STUDENTS WIN 2021 SYNOPSYS SILICON VALLEY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP

On February 15, 2022, Milpitas students Sowmya Sundar, Sritej Ponna, Clarina Manuel, Elaine Lee and Yash Tipirneni were recognized by the City Council for their outstanding work in the 2021 Synopsis Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship. Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Science & Engineering Fair Association, the annual Synopsis Championship showcases student work in Santa Clara County who are anticipated to become the next generation of scientists, technology experts, engineers, and mathematicians. This regional competition celebrates achievement by middle and high school students supported by their parents, teachers, and schools.

## WATER METER UPGRADE PROJECT IN PROGRESS

Reminder: the Milpitas water meter upgrade project continues. Most water meters have been changed to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). If yours has not yet been changed, crews will alert you when they are on site to replace the meter and will leave a notice on your door after a water meter replacement is completed. Crews DO NOT need to enter your home to access the water meter. For more information, visit [here](#).

## MILPITAS HOPE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) HEALING CIRCLE FOR TEENS

We recognize the inexcusable racist attacks on Asian-Americans and the impact it has had on our AAPI teens and their mental health. These circles will be a safe, confidential space for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for teens to share their reactions and to engage in communal healing through open dialogue, connection, and solidarity through Zoom. Circles will be facilitated by AACI (Asian Americans for Community Involvement) therapists.

Mar 9, 2022 from 5pm to 6pm. Register [here](#). For additional information, click [here](#).

## HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE COMMUNITY MEETING

The first community meeting for the City's Housing Element Update is approaching! Come join us on Monday, March 14 starting at 6pm to learn more about the Housing Element Update and to share what you think the housing challenges and opportunities are in Milpitas. You can register for the virtual meeting by following this [link](#). After you register, you should receive a confirmation email. If you encounter any issues, or have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to the Milpitas Housing Element team [here](#). 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. Milpitas secured \$142,718 in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funds in 2021 to support the preparation of the Housing Element.



**City of Milpitas**  
**Water Meter**  
**Upgrade Project**  
**in Progress**



[www.milpitaswatermeter.org](http://www.milpitaswatermeter.org)



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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Stratford School, located at 25 Corning Ave.** To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Stratford School for the use of first floor only and to allow staff to prepare for opening.

**Rohde & Schwarz, located at 490 N. McCarthy Blvd.** To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to allow for business operations for this manufacturing company.

**Headway Technologies, located at 497 S. Hillview Dr.** To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for tenant improvement at this facility 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.

See aerial view of the development showing the building exterior being close to completion. The first two phases are getting ready for final inspections.



**SpringHill Suites Hotel**, 1201 Cadillac Ct., a 5-story, 124-room hotel by Alps Lodging 3 Inc.

See photos showing the front of the hotel and the first floor lounge area interior in progress.



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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Sentient Energy**, for tenant improvement for new tenant, a Koch Engineered Solutions company office and R&D lab space located at 890 Tasman Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.65M.

**Mission Bay Inc**, for tenant improvement to convert an existing church into adult day care located at 220 S. Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$880,000.

**MKS Instruments**, for tenant improvement to install new equipment at the existing facility located at 1565 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$875,250.

*Building permit application was submitted by the following:*

**McCarthy Center Holdings LLC**, for demolition at the vacant building in preparation for future tenant move-in located at 640 N. McCarthy Blvd., at an estimated construction cost of \$522,630.

**Sango Court Apartments**, for demolition of existing industrial building and on-site utilities for future 85-unit affordable housing development located at 308 Sango Ct.

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

**Nina's Beauty Salon**, a new beauty salon located at 1782 Clearlake Ave.

**Hometown Kitchen**, a Chinese restaurant located at 1245 Jacklin Rd.

**Mattress Discounters #1**, a new retail store for mattress, mattress accessories, bedding and furniture sales located at 266 S. Main St.

**Swadesh Halal Meat dba Taja Mart**, a grocery store located at 81 S. Main St.

**Laser Alliance LLC.**, a laser cutting business located at 1646 Watson Ct.

## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH US



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