



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

In the United States, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month occurs in the month of June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York. Patrons of The Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Manhattan that is now a national monument, fought back against a police raid. The uprising sparked a movement dedicated to the pursuit of equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. This year marks the 51st anniversary of the first gay pride march, which was held on the first anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Pride Month celebrates all the sacrifices and efforts poured into a movement about LGBTQIA+ equal rights to housing and employment; the freedom to adopt and raise their own families; and, the right to marry and share in the benefits that come with marriage. It is also a time to celebrate and honor the people who have been instrumental in paving the way for gay rights advocacy through their influence and contributions to their community circles and the rest of the world. I had the privilege of meeting Courter Simmons at a City Pride event. The inspiration behind Cacophony Daniels, hails from Milpitas where he first started performing with Milpitas Rainbow Theatre, a children's theatre group. In interviews, he often refers to fond memories of growing up in a welcoming and accepting

Milpitas community. Today, Simmons is a famous theater actor and considered Broadway's Drag Darling with an impressive resume that includes Disney's Beauty and the Beast and Jersey Boys. Courter Simmons' trailblazing success is a great example of remarkable things that can happen when you grow up in community that lifts you up. In line with this, I am happy to share that this month, the City of Milpitas' Social Services program is launching a new LGBTQIA+ Social/Support Group, welcoming adults of all ages to a safe and accepting environment. The first meeting will be virtual and is scheduled on June 12, 11:30 -12:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail the Social Services Coordinator [ateschera@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:ateschera@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) or call at (408) 586-3405. On June 1, 2021, President Biden issued a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month. He underscored the need to keep fighting to ensure equal rights for members of the LGBTQ community. Although we have come a long way, there is still so much work to be done to help the community progress and lay the foundation for a more fair and unbiased society. May we all reflect and acknowledge the courage and resilience of the many LGBTQIA+ individuals who continue to fight for visibility and respect and live without fear of oppression.

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## MILPITAS POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL) FALL SOCCER SEASON REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the Milpitas Police Activities League (PAL) Fall Soccer Season. The co-ed soccer league is for ages 4 to 17. No experience is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. The 2021 season starts in August and ends in November. You can sign-up and review the League's COVID Safety Plan by clicking on the link below:

<https://milpitas-pal-soccer.sportngin.com/register/form/510988648>

We look forward to seeing you on the field!

## READY, SET, GO WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Fire season has arrived in Santa Clara County, a designation that has seemingly come earlier and stays longer with each year in California. Although wildfires have long been a part of the California landscape, severe drought conditions and a changing climate have caused the dry seasons to become much longer and much more severe. Drought-stressed vegetation has had little to no opportunity to recover during the winter months and the risk of wildfires this year is high.

Through the READY, SET, GO wildfire preparedness program, residents can, and should, take the steps to prepare their own home and family for wildfire. The READY, SET, GO program is a nationally recognized program that outlines preparedness steps like creating defensible space and hardening your home to create a buffer and eliminate opportunities for embers to enter spaces in and around your home. The program also provides information on preparing emergency supplies, registering to receive emergency alerts and planning for an evacuation.

Wildfires do not recognize the boundaries of cities, towns, neighborhoods or property lines. With many residents in wildland urban interface areas throughout the County, it's most beneficial for communities and neighborhoods to work together in their preparedness efforts. The Milpitas Fire Department recognizes the challenges of the wildland fire safety and preparation. Milpitas partners with other fire agencies in Santa Clara County to support wildland fire safety.

For more information on the program and services noted above, please visit the following resource pages:

Santa Clara County FireSafe Council: [www.sccfiresafe.org](http://www.sccfiresafe.org)

Santa Clara County Fire Department READY, SET, GO: [www.sccfd.org/rsg](http://www.sccfd.org/rsg).

CAL FIRE Ready for Wildfire: [www.Readyforwildfire.org](http://www.Readyforwildfire.org)



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## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS HUDDLE - JUNE 16

Join us for a Mental Health Awareness Huddle, presented by the Youth Advisory Commission and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health Illness). This interactive presentation will address mental health awareness and provide tips and tricks on navigating through tough times. This virtual event will take place on Wednesday, June 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For any questions or concerns please reach out to the Program Coordinator at [ateschera@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:ateschera@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) or call (408) 586-3231. For more information, visit: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/milpitasrec/ActivitySearch/62156>

## CITY OF MILPITAS 2021 FILM COMPETITION

The Youth Advisory Commission recently launched its 2021 Film Competition.

The competition categories are as follows:

1. Short film (3-5 mins) regarding the harmful effects of vaping
  - a. Vaping Epidemic: Create a short film that will encourage adolescents to consider the harms of vaping.
2. Open category (2-10 min)
  - a. Showcase your talents by creating a film of any theme/genre of your choice.

Here are the contest rules:

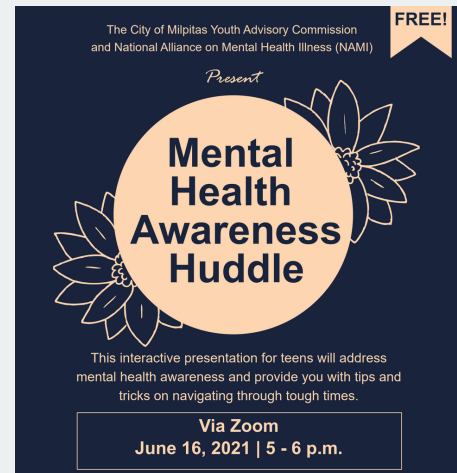
1. Submissions can be individual or in groups of up to 5 people.
2. Competitors must submit the video and writing prompt by June 18th at 11:59 via email ([TeenCenter@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:TeenCenter@ci.milpitas.ca.gov)). Include the names, emails, grades and roles of all members involved.
3. A minimum of 30 seconds of raw footage must also be submitted to confirm intellectual property.
4. You may submit a film for both categories.

Awards will be announced on July 1st. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/345wfnm5>

## TRADE 101 WEBINAR - JUNE 10

The Office of Economic Development is launching the City Council approved International Trade & Commerce Program with the established goals to build value for local businesses in international markets, so they can compete at home and abroad, develop trade, commerce, business-to-business and workforce development opportunities, retain existing jobs in Milpitas and create new job opportunities. The program will begin with a series of four free webinars in partnership with Mission College, starting with Trade 101 on Thursday, June 10 at 10-11 am. We will be joined by international trade expert Dr. Raj Shea and Mission College Director of Business and Workforce Engagement Rob Gamble. This webinar will equip Milpitas businesses with a general understanding of international trade basics including export regulations, finance and logistics, and global digital marketing. Your business will emerge stronger than ever, so don't miss this important Trade 101 webinar! To register, please click [here](#).

Stay tuned for more information on our monthly webinar series scheduled from June through September 2021.



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## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NON-SMOKING ORDINANCE FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

On June 1, 2021, the Milpitas City Council unanimously adopted a new smoke-free ordinance to improve the health of Milpitas residents by prohibiting smoking, vaping, and other forms of tobacco use in multifamily housing and public venues. The new regulations were developed in collaboration with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's Healthy Cities Initiative.

The health risks of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are well documented. Secondhand smoke is responsible for more than 4,000 heart disease-related and lung cancer deaths each year in California, and more than 40,000 Californians die each year from smoking-related disease. In Santa Clara County, one in eight deaths annually is attributed to smoking-related illness or diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and respiratory diseases.

The new smoke-free ordinance seeks to protect residents of multi-unit housing from the negative effects of drifting secondhand smoke by prohibiting indoor smoking in multi-unit housing units as well as common areas, such as walkways, courtyards, and pool areas. The new regulations also prohibit smoking in outdoor areas, including patios and balconies, and within 25 feet from the doors and windows of multi-unit housing units. Landlords may create a designated outdoor smoking area consistent with certain requirements outlined in the ordinance.

The ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2022, approximately six months after final ordinance adoption. This will allow time for the City to notify and educate residents and property owners regarding the new regulations.



## SECONDHAND SMOKE STOP SMOKING IN PUBLIC



## IS YOUR YARD DROUGHT READY?

Valley Water offers rebates to help protect your yard from dry weather and save money on your water bill by transforming your lawn into a beautiful water-wise landscape. The City has partnered with Valley Water and increased the rebate amount for Milpitas residents to \$3 per square foot of turf converted with a rebate cap of \$4,000 starting July 1st. Rebate amounts of up to \$50,000 for businesses are available. Apply today! Get started by visiting [www.watersavings.org](http://www.watersavings.org).



## CLASSIC MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

The Barbara Lee Senior Center will be hosting its first Classic Movie Under the Stars! Register online. For more information, call (408) 586-3400 or visit <https://bit.ly/3g12sVd>.





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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**SummerHill Apartments**, 312 Gates Dr., phase one 333-unit apartment complex with 13,000 sq. ft. of commercial development wrapped around a 6-story parking garage by SummerHill Apartment Communities. See below photo of the new art piece in the plaza with phase 4 (not yet released) in the background. Phase 4 containing the last 116 units is due to be completed for temporary certificate of occupancy by the end of May or early June.



**SpringHill Suites Hotel**, 1201 Cadillac Ct., a 5-story 124-room hotel by Alps Lodging 3 Inc. See photo below showing ground pool and spa construction in progress for the hotel.



**Robson Homes Finch Hollow**, 1005 N. Park Victoria Dr., 38 single-family residential development with 10 accessory dwelling units by Robson Homes. Below photo shows accessory dwelling units being constructed on top of garages at a few of the homes.



**Stratford School**, 25 Corning Ave. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for this private school was issued.

**CS BIO**, 801 Buckeye Ct. (Phase 2). To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to a leading peptide synthesizer manufacturing company.

**Project Encore**, 1860 Barber Ln. (Phase 2). To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued.

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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Amazon Dur3**, for tenant improvement at its new warehouse building by Bridge Development Partners located at 225 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$7M.

**Western Digital**, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 1101 Sandisk Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

**Luminostics**, a medical equipment and supplies manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 446 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$275,000.

*A building permit application was submitted by:*

**Campus Centre/Park Point**, for site improvement which includes recycled water irrigation work located at 115, 135, and 155 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

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

**Zen Acupuncture Clinic**, an acupuncture health care office located at 1717 N. Milpitas Blvd.

**Teayomi**, a new tea shop located at 60 S. Abel St.

**Commonwealth Fusion Systems**, a research and energy development company located at 840 Tasman Dr.

**Spacetel LLC dba Cricket Wireless**, a cellular retail store kiosk at Great Mall.

**Venture Enterprise Innovation Inc.**, a manufacturing company located at 1621 Barber Ln.

**Celia's Event Center**, an event center with banquet hall facilities to rent located at 60 Dempsey Rd.

## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH US



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