



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

On June 17, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. The law went into effect immediately, making June 18 the first federal Juneteenth holiday in American history. It is also the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established in 1983. June 19 goes by a number of names such as *Emancipation Day, Jubilee Day, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, Juneteenth Independence Day, and Black Independence Day*. For many Black Americans, it marks the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and the enslaved people living there learned of their freedom — two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. What started as a uniquely Texan observance is now recognized across the country. A year after numerous racial justice protests and civic unrest, the national recognition of Juneteenth is considered a step in the right direction. The acknowledgment of the hurtful way America was built and the recognition of the historic contributions of

the enslaved will be instrumental in sparking important conversations amongst us and aid in the healing process. I think it is important to reflect on the important contribution of our very own Sunnyhills Neighborhood. Known as one of America's first integrated communities, Sunnyhills was a place where one could see a black family and a white family living next door to one another in harmony. Back then, it was a concept that many considered foreign and unacceptable. Each year around June 19, Black communities across the country celebrate freedom in both solemn and festive ceremonies. May we continue to share and experience forgiveness, understanding and joy in the many Juneteenth festivities. Whether you were invited to or hosted a cookout, participated in an event or church service, gathered around a BBQ pit, let us not forget about the extraordinary gift of coming together and believing in the idea that all of us are created equal.

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LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTER BAY AREA GRAND OPENING

Legoland Discovery Center Bay Area opened its colorful doors on June 14 at the Great Mall, marking the first Discovery Center in California. Families and their kids aged 3-10 can enjoy several build stations, an interactive ride, a 4-D theater, a climbing playground, a café, and Lego shop, and also stroll through an impressive "Miniland" in which landmarks from all over the Bay Area are replicated using over 1.5 million Lego pieces. Milpitas native Sam Suksiri is the Master Model Builder, tasked with maintaining and creating new Lego models at the center. Opening just in time for the statewide re-opening on June 15, Legoland Discovery Center Bay Area provides a family-friendly environment to spend a fun, creative day for kids and adults alike.



Say hello to Millie, the 20 feet tall Giraffe Lego installation named after the City of Milpitas.



Milpitas City Council and Staff at the Grand Opening event



Milpitas City Council pose with Bertie, the Legoland Discovery Center mascot

MILPITAS APPROVES OVER 1.28 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS HARDEST HIT BY COVID-19

The City of Milpitas has received grant funding in the amount of \$1,282,240 from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. At the June 15, 2021 meeting, the Milpitas City Council approved the allocation of funding focused on services related to COVID-19.

The CDBG program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual grants to local cities and counties to address community development needs through investment in public services and capital projects that provide resources to the most vulnerable low-income communities.

The City of Milpitas was allocated \$682,977 in FY 21-22 CDBG funds, as well as \$582,236 in CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, \$17,027 in unused funding from prior fiscal years was reallocated to prepare, respond, or prevent the spread of COVID-19. The adopted Annual Action Plans will provide 21 grants ranging in amounts from \$5,000 to over \$300,000 to the City's non-profit partners to provide public services, capital projects, and COVID-19 response. While there is a variety of needs in the community, the City Council has prioritized the allocation of the City's CDBG resources to address needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the allocation of these resources, the City Council has also provided assistance and stability for Milpitas' vulnerable residents as the community emerges from uncertain times.

Read the full press release [here](#).



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MILPITAS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES REOPEN

Following CDC, State and County public health guidelines and/or orders, as applicable, the department will be taking a measured roll out approach with opening recreational facilities to residents. Programs that were capacity restricted under the pre-June 15th mandates, will begin operating without capacity restrictions in the coming weeks, allowing more residents to enjoy great services this summer. Other programs and services will be gradually offered in the coming weeks. And, keeping in line with applicable guidelines and/or orders, masking will continue to be required when indoors, except for children 2 and under and those with medical conditions preventing them from doing so. Some key program and event change areas are:



Milpitas Sports Center

- No more reservations required for lap swim, water exercise or fitness room use.
- Capacity limits in the fitness room and pools will be lifted starting Monday, June 21.
- Reduced hours at the center are maintained to allow for continued COVID testing and vaccinations. Regular hours will be reinstated in alignment with the City's Return to the Workplace plan implementation.
- Additional indoor drop-in sports and fitness classes (i.e. Yoga will be added back into the schedule).

Senior Center

- Due to significantly increased senior lunch program participants, to-go lunches will continue through the summer. A hybrid lunch service model is being developed and anticipated to be launched in early fall.
- Capacity limits in the fitness room will be lifted starting Monday, June 21.
- Reduced hours at the center are maintained. Regular hours will be reinstated in alignment with the City's Return to the Workplace plan implementation.



Special Events

- Movies in the Park & Performances in the Park
 - + Those who had already reserved family pod space will be offered seating in a premiere seating section.
 - + Open seating will be allowed for the community



SPOTLIGHT VIDEO

The City of Milpitas launched the **Milpitas Small Business Spotlight Program** to sustain and grow the local economy by supporting diverse businesses. The program is designed to assist small businesses affected by the pandemic through promotions and marketing. A recently completed video production features *Hwang Family Chiropractic*. You can access all the produced small business videos through the [City's YouTube Channel](#), Office of Economic Development [website](#) and social media channels.



Hwang Family Chiropractic
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPV9W4k76is>

MILPITAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You or someone you know may qualify for **Milpitas Assistance Program** discounts. Income qualified Milpitas residents can save up to \$ 1900 off of certain combined City of Milpitas fees. You can apply online at www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/MAP or call the Social Service Program Coordinator to make a phone or in person appointment to apply or ask about eligibility at 408-586-3405 <http://ow.ly/dInS30rKdyN>



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MILPITAS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

Are you behind on rent? Do you have emergency housing needs? The Milpitas Rent Relief Program may be able to assist you. This program offers various forms of financial assistance to Milpitas residents and families with emergency housing needs. Please see the [Rent Relief Program brochure](#) and [Rent Relief website](#) to find out.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE SUBMITTING A SERVICE REQUEST? DOWNLOAD MYMILPITAS APP TODAY!

Do you need assistance submitting a service request? We are here to help. Powered by SeeClickFix, MyMilpitas makes connecting with the City of Milpitas easier than ever. MyMilpitas App is FREE and the fastest, easiest way for you to submit non-emergency requests, stay updated, and initiate change.

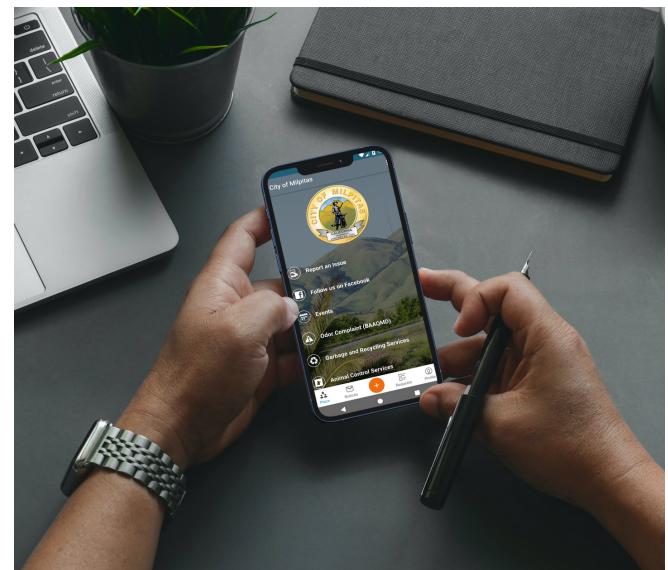
If you see something that needs attention – such as graffiti, abandoned vehicles or potholes – you can submit a service request and even attach a photo. The exact location of the issue can be pulled automatically using a GPS (Global Positioning System) or adjusted manually.

Download MyMilpitas App today from the Google Play or App Store <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/milpitasapp/>.

Please note that the App is not intended for emergency requests. If you need to report an emergency or life threatening situation, CALL 9-1-1 immediately. Thank you for being our eyes and ears in the community!

CAP SURVEY

How would you like to see climate actions planned and prioritized in Milpitas? What are the best ways for us to achieve our climate goals? How do you already make sustainable choices in your daily lives? Please visit [climateactionmilpitas.org](#) to take a series of short surveys on climate action to let us know how best to prioritize the direction of sustainability in our community. Also on the dashboard are complete community emissions profiles to help us track and understand the City's climate challenges and opportunities. Thank you for your support and feedback!



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

District Lot 4 (Gideon), 1400 McCandless Dr., an 8-story mixed-use project with commercial retail space and 213-unit apartments, wrapped around an 8-story parking garage by Lyon Communities. The below photo shows the construction progress of the District Lot 4 building from Market Street looking west toward McCandless Drive. Framing on the final segment of five stories plus lofts for the apartments is in progress. The parking garage is approximately 90% complete with work remaining on the amenity deck with a clubhouse, pool, and spa.



Stratford School, 25 Corning Ave. Below photo shows the structural work for the seismic upgrade of the building underway, which is necessary before the new addition and tenant improvement work can begin.



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. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the final phase – phase 4 – for the last 116 residential units was issued.

Headway Technologies, 463 S Milpitas Blvd. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for tenant improvement at this facility was issued.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

A building permit was issued to:

Stratford School, for grading, site improvement, tenant improvement, and addition to an existing two-story building for its new private school located at 25 Corning Ave. at an estimated construction cost of \$5.5M.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

McAfee Corp, for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 1123 Cadillac Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$989,433.

Safeway, for site improvement to install electric vehicle charging stations at its store parking lot located at 555 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

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 \$314,000.

Laser Away, a skincare professional business for tenant improvement at its new facility located at Lyon Communities District 1 (Turing) building at 1325 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$245,000.

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

C S BIO, a leading peptide synthesizer manufacturing company, located at 801 Buckeye Ct.

Legoland Discovery Center Bay Area, a new amusement center located at 870 Great Mall Dr.

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