



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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# JUNETEENTH

A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

## 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 making June 19, 2021 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*.

On June 19, 2022, the City raised the Juneteenth flag to commemorate the historic occasion. In Milpitas, we honor our African-American residents for their important contributions to the City and our nation's history. For many Black Americans, Juneteenth 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.

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 among 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.

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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## 2022 STATE OF THE CITY EVENT

Milpitas Mayor Rich Tran delivered a State of the City address and honored City Commissioners on Thursday, June 23 at Milpitas City Hall's Veterans Plaza. Commissioners from the past two years years were honored for their service, along with currently serving commissioners.

The City of Milpitas traditionally hosted the annual event to give thanks to its hardworking volunteers who serve on the 12 City commissions advising City Council. However, no recognition event was held in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID-19.a



## MONTAGUE EXPRESSWAY PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING AT THE MILPITAS TRANSIT CENTER WINS ANOTHER AWARD

The City's Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing at the Milpitas Transit Center won the 33rd California Transportation Foundation (CTF) Active Transportation Project of the Year Award. This is a notable recognition because the project previously won the 2022 Excellent Engineering Award of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) in California!

The pedestrian overcrossing provides a safe, convenient, and direct link between the newly opened Milpitas BART Station and the high-density residential developments, businesses, hotel, school, and Great Mall to the north over Montague Expressway. The vibrant 230-foot-long elegant steel bridge spanning over the county expressway represents an iconic landmark in the city.



## SOOFA PILOT PROGRAM ROLLS-OUT IN MILPITAS

Soofa, the creators of the solar-powered neighborhood news feed, recently installed three solar-powered Soofa Signs in the city of Milpitas. The Signs are located near key places of community gatherings providing residents with opportunities to be engaged in city happenings and voice their opinions. The Signs have been placed strategically around points of interest throughout the Milpitas community including City Hall, the Library, and the Sports Center. The E-ink screens on the Signs feature information on local events, community updates, real-time transit updates, interactive polls to gauge community input, and the city's Twitter feed (@MilpitasCityGov) as well as the police and fire department's Twitter feeds (@MilpitasPD and @MilpitasFire). The outer vinyl design of the Signs includes a wayfinding map on the back of the Sign highlighting key areas of interest and historical elements of the city.



## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE MILPITAS GATEWAY-MAIN STREET AREA

Attend a Virtual Public Workshop - June 29, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. What kind of place should the Milpitas Gateway-Main Street area become? Join a virtual public workshop for a short presentation with interactive polls, followed by small group discussion to share your ideas for the future of the Milpitas Gateway-Main Street area. Share your vision, and provide feedback on priorities for land use, mobility, public space, and amenities. You are encouraged to engage in a lively discussion, and we hope you will consider turning on your camera and microphone. Interpretation services will be available in Vietnamese and Spanish.

RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/Milpitas Workshop Registration>  
Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/Milpitas Workshop Join>  
Meeting ID: 858 2549 5083  
Passcode: 406341  
Dial By Phone: +1 669 900 6833



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## TECTON, DICKINSON & CO. HAS LEASED 240,000 SQUARE FEET IN MILPITAS

Have you heard the wonderful news? Becton, Dickinson & Co., also known as BD, has leased 240,000 square feet in the Park Point campus, a Milpitas tech complex on North McCarthy Boulevard. The medical technology giant selected Milpitas to expand its world-renowned bioscience business and is anticipated to bring in approximately 800 employees. Welcome home!



## GET OUT OF THE EXTREME HEAT

Please stay hydrated and take care of yourself and others when outdoors. If you or someone you know needs to get out of the heat, the Milpitas Community Center, The Milpitas Library, Milpitas Sports Center, and Barbara Lee Senior Center welcome you to come hang out in our lobbies and enjoy the air conditioning.



## VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY CLEANUP IN THE CITY OF MILPITAS

VTA, Keep Santa Clara Valley Beautiful, and Caltrans Clean CA are teaming together to host a volunteer community cleanup in the City of Milpitas. The purpose of this event is to increase public awareness of the hazards to drivers and the environment of littering on highways.

Date and Time:  
Saturday, June 25, 2022  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Location:  
I-680/Landess Ave  
Northbound On-Ramp, Milpitas

Sign up Below:  
<https://www.kscvb.com/event-details/milpitas-ca>



## MILPITAS 3-DAY DROUGHT WATERING SCHEDULE CONTINUES

Let's continue to cut water waste at our homes and businesses. Remember to follow the City's Outdoor Watering Schedule. Water no more than three times a week, and never when it's raining. Watering and irrigation is only allowed from 6 PM to 9 AM. Even-numbered addresses can only water on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday, and odd-numbered addresses can water only on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. No outdoor watering is allowed on Wednesday. Please adjust your sprinkler timers accordingly. Visit <http://www.savewatermilpitas.org/> for more information on the City's water waste restrictions. #MilpitasPublicWorks



Drought 3-Day Watering Schedule						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
✓ EVEN	✓ ODD	✓ EVEN	✗	✓ ODD	✓ EVEN	✓ ODD

## HOW WATERSMART LEAK ALERTS PREVENT YOUR HOME FROM WASTING WATER

The first-ever Family Campout occurred! Big thanks to our local scouts and all the community partner organizations volunteering and sponsoring to make this a fun and safe camping experience for so many young families. Staff setting up the campfire area and keeping kids busy with crafts and games now that tents are pitched



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## CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY WITH THE CITY OF MILPITAS

Celebrate Fourth of July with the City of Milpitas! Our pool party, fireworks, concert, food trucks and fun are all back for 2022!

New to the celebration is a skateboard competition!

The competition will take place at the Milpitas Skate Park (1325 E. Calaveras Blvd) from Noon-3:30 p.m. Registration is free and begins at Noon for the first 40 contestants in each division at the Milpitas Skate Park.

To learn more about the Milpitas Fourth of July event, please visit <https://www.milpitas.gov/July4th>

## MILPITAS COMMUNITY THEATRE 2022-23 SEASON

Milpitas Community Theatre will present a full season of in-person shows in 2022-23. The group is excited to return to a true community theater format, welcoming performers of all ages and offering a wider variety of productions. Performances will be held at the Milpitas Community Center auditorium. A mobile stage will also be available for outdoor performances.

Please complete our brief survey to let us know what you'd like to see! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J7V56LK>

## MILPITAS POLICE SUMMER TEEN ACADEMY

Our Summer Teen Academy is an opportunity for teens (13-16) to build a positive connection with members of the Milpitas Police Department, discuss issues facing teens, and learn how the police department operates.

Dates: July 26, 27 and 28

Location: Milpitas Police Department

For more information or to sign up, please contact Officer Mostafa Asefi.

Email: [masefi@milpitas.gov](mailto:masefi@milpitas.gov)

Phone: 408-586-2438 or 408-586-2526

Don't delay as space is limited. Deadline to sign up is July 15, 2022 at 4:00pm.



**4TH OF JULY**  
With The City of Milpitas

**MILPITAS SPORTS CENTER**  
1325 E. Calaveras Blvd.

**\$4 PRE-SALE**  
(On sale now. Credit Card on Activenet, Credit Card or cash in person)

**\$6 DAY OF PURCHASE IN PERSON** (Credit Card ONLY, No cash)  
\*Wristbands needed\*

**WAIVING THE RED, WHITE & BLUE POOL PARTY**  
Noon - 3 p.m.  
MILPITAS SPORTS CENTER POOLS  
BALLOON TWISTERS | DJ  
**FREE!**

**RED, WHITE & BOOM! CONCERT & FIREWORKS**  
6 - 9 p.m.  
MILPITAS SPORTS CENTER  
FEATURING: LEFT UNIVERSITY  
ADMISSION REQUIRED (2 YRS +)  
\*Wristbands needed\*

**POOL PARTY | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | KIDS AREA | FIREWORKS**  
**CLIMBING WALL | RC CARS | VIDEO GAME TRUCK | SKATEBOARD COMPETITION**

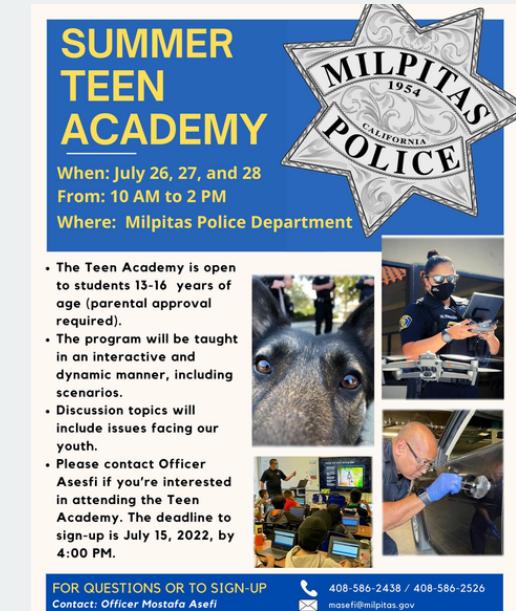
**Skip the lines and buy your pre-sale tickets now!**  
TICKETS ON SALE AT THE MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER, SPORTS CENTER AND BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER  
OR VISIT [WWW.MILPITAS.GOV/JULY4TH](http://WWW.MILPITAS.GOV/JULY4TH)

**GATES OPEN AT 5 p.m. FOR PRE-SALE TICKET HOLDERS AND 6 p.m. FOR GENERAL ADMISSION**

Sponsored in part by **TDK**, **flex**, **Toll Brothers**

For more information call (408) 586-3210 or visit [WWW.MILPITAS.GOV/JULY4TH](http://WWW.MILPITAS.GOV/JULY4TH)

**Milpitas Community Theatre**



**SUMMER TEEN ACADEMY**

**When:** July 26, 27, and 28  
**From:** 10 AM to 2 PM  
**Where:** Milpitas Police Department

**MILPITAS POLICE**

- The Teen Academy is open to students 13-16 years of age (parental approval required).
- The program will be taught in an interactive and dynamic manner, including scenarios.
- Discussion topics will include issues facing our youth.
- Please contact Officer Asefi if you're interested in attending the Teen Academy. The deadline to sign-up is July 15, 2022, by 4:00 PM.



FOR QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN-UP  
Contact: Officer Mostafa Asefi  
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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**SMTc CORP.**, 1171 Montague Expy., to allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to SMTc Corp. for installation of racks

**Apple, Inc.**, 260 S. Milpitas Blvd., to allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to Apple, Inc. for tenant improvement for its existing office

**Chick-fil-A**, 755 E. Calaveras Blvd., Chick-fil-A, a fast food quick-service restaurant (4,999 sf) with 94 seats and drive-through operation is fully open and operational on June 16. See photo.



**Sango Court Apartments**, 355 Sango Ct., a 5-story 102-unit affordable housing development by Resources for Community Development:

See below photos on the progress of the development.

The concrete pump truck preparing for placement of concrete at elevator mat slab is shown in the left photo. A mat slab of concrete is typically in the lowest portion of the building and is connected directly to the foundation perimeter.

The right photo shows the construction entrance with 6-inch rock to protect the streets of Milpitas and the San Francisco Bay from dirt and debris.



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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**308 Sango Court Apartments**, for site improvement and construction of 5-story over 1-level parking garage of 85-unit affordable housing development located at 308 Sango Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$22.4M.

**Stratford School**, for tenant improvement for its new private school for preschool and elementary school children located at 125 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.5M.

**Socionext**, a company that delivers System-on-Chip (SoC) based solutions, for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 1455 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$810,000.

**Nothing Bundt Cakes**, for tenant improvement at its new store located at 597 E. Calaveras Bl. at an estimated construction cost of \$502,179.

**SMTC Corp.**, an electronic company for tenant Improvement at its facility located at 1171 Montague Expy. at an estimated construction cost of \$433,000.

**District Lot 1**, "Turing", for vanilla shell interior improvements for two spaces at the existing development located at 1321 and 1325 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**Duke Realty**, for demolition of 3 commercial buildings in preparation for future new construction of 1-story warehouse building with offices located at 475 Sycamore Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$750,000

**Lacoste**, for tenant improvement of a retail store located at 556 Great Mall Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$450,000.

**Lenthor Engineering**, a manufacturing company for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 311 Turquoise St. at an estimated construction cost of \$330,000.

**Abercrombie & Fitch Co**, for tenant improvement of a retail store located at Great Mall Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

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

**Stanford Education DBA PEL Learning Center of Milpitas**, an education center located at 365 Jacklin Rd.

**SOLEMATE**, a new retail store selling shoes & clothes at the Great Mall.

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## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH US



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