



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## Happy International Women's Day!

### MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

March 8 is International Women's Day. It is a day dedicated to honoring the many achievements and influence of women throughout history. Women and girls make extraordinary contributions every day and without these, communities and families would fall apart. From the movement's humble beginnings in Denmark where one hundred women from 17 countries unanimously agreed to designate one day each year for women around the world to rally for equality, *we have come a long way*. In 1958, Mary Jackson became NASA's first black female engineer. Valentina Tereshkova from Russia was the first female astronaut to venture into space in 1963. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir won the election as Europe's first female leader, becoming the first woman in the world to be democratically elected president in 1980. Radia Perlman from Virginia developed the algorithm behind the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) in 1985, an innovation that made today's Internet possible. Yip Wing-sie broke the glass ceiling of a traditional, Euro-centric and male-dominated classical scene when she was named Hong

Kong Sinfonietta's first female music director in 2002. Vice President Kamala Harris has risen higher in the country's political leadership than any woman ever before her. The list goes on and yet there are still too many places around the world where women continue to suffer the injustice of being treated as second-class citizens. Women in other countries are not given the same educational and occupational opportunities. They are denied a say in how they are governed, prohibited from fully participating in society and fear gender-based violence. As we reflect on the meaning of International Women's Day, let us join in the celebration of empowering the women in our lives. We also need to remember to raise our voices for women's rights and gender equality so we can help spread awareness and break down barriers. This way, we can all look forward to a world in which all women and girls are allowed to reach their full potential, which translates to an even more prosperous future for us and many generations to come.

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## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOSTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

The Milpitas Office of Emergency Management (OEM) hosted a workshop during the month of February, which included members of the community for the purpose of receiving feedback on the Emergency Operations Plan. The invitees were reflective of the cultural differences, businesses, religious communities, access and functional needs groups, seniors, multilingual and non-English speaking, commissioners, the school district, and representatives from the housing sector, among many others. OEM will host another meeting to include those who could not attend the previous session. At present time, OEM intends to take the Emergency Operations Plan to Council for adoption in Spring 2021, which will include a 30-day comment period for the public at large. OEM is very excited to open the Emergency Operations Plan to the community. Emergency preparedness is a "team sport". If residents, agencies, businesses and organizations take meaningful and intentional actions toward emergency preparedness, they can help the community reestablish stability after an event.

## SMART WATER METER CONVERSIONS

Beginning March 16th, manual read water meters around the City will be upgraded or retrofitted to automated meters. This will allow the City to better track usage for more accurate billing. Also, a new data portal will help residents better track their own water usage. Staff have been coordinating with the City's contractor on the data exchange process and the contractor has received the initial order of meters for installation. Outreach materials including a Project Intro Letter, Website and notification postcards are being mailed out to residents ahead of the start of the installation work.

Residents can find more information about this project by calling toll-free 1-800-331-4223 or visiting [www.milpitaswatermeter.org](http://www.milpitaswatermeter.org).

## FACILITY WATER AND LIGHTING FIXTURE UPGRADES

As part of the City's energy and water savings program, water fixtures at City Hall and the Senior Center were replaced this past week. LED lighting upgrades at the 4th floor of City Hall were completed. The work continues on the 3rd floor as the contractor works their way down the building. Water fixture installations will continue at the Sports Center Complex, Main Fire Admin Building, Fire Station 1 and the Milpitas Community Center.



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## VIRTUAL MANUFACTURING JOB FAIR

Bay Area Community Colleges and AMBayArea are partnering with workforce development agencies to host a Manufacturing Job Fair to hire jobseekers for positions in the skilled trades including CAD Designers, HVAC Techs, Machinists and Welders, as well as entry-level positions for assemblers and supportive services. The event will be on Friday, March 19th, from 2-5pm. Click [here](#) to register and see the full details of the job fair.



## MORE GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant has provided over \$500 million in assistance to small businesses who can receive a grant of up to \$25,000 to keep them afloat during the pandemic. On February 23rd, Governor Newsom signed a \$7.6 billion [relief package](#) that will include an additional \$2.1 billion for this program to continue supporting small businesses. Please stay tuned for more details on when the next round of funding will open again. For eligibility and application information on the CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant, please visit their [website](#).



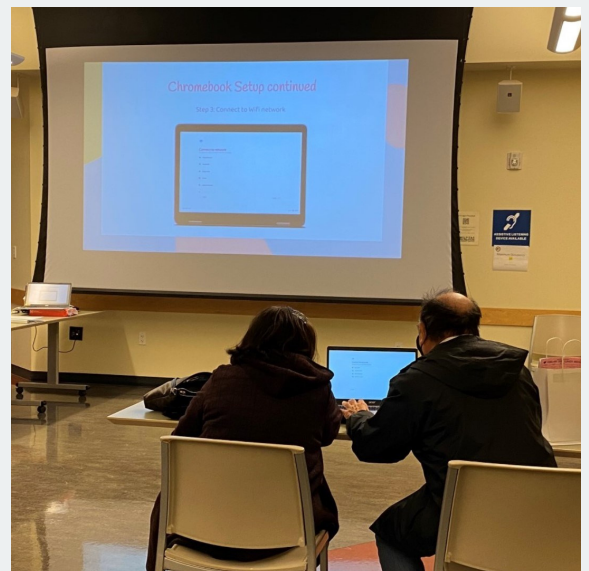
## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR THE MILPITAS COMMUNITY

The Senior Center is currently partnering with Sourcewise to identify and distribute up to 100 Google Home Smart Speaker Devices to seniors who would benefit from the device for purposes such as countering social isolation, to use as reminders for medical appointments, playing music, etc. – all of which may result in better health, wellness and mental well-being.



## AN UPDATE ON THE TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS LAPTOP LOANER PROGRAM

The City is on its 5th week of Chromebook orientations. Currently 30 senior community members have signed-up for the program and 20 have successfully picked up their Chromebook devices. Our Senior Center is offering up to 55 qualified low-income seniors in the Milpitas community free use of a Chromebook device. Participants will get an individualized "Chromebook Basics" initial orientation at the time of picking up the device as well as continued virtual tech support from our Technology for Seniors (high school students). City staff will establish Zoom trainings once the participants are comfortable navigating the Chromebooks. Workshops will include topics such as getting on Gmail, cybersecurity, accessing YouTube, and downloading applications to name a few.





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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**Tarob Court-2 Townhomes**, 1992 Tarob Ct., a 53-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc. The below photo shows the construction progress of the first model building in the development.



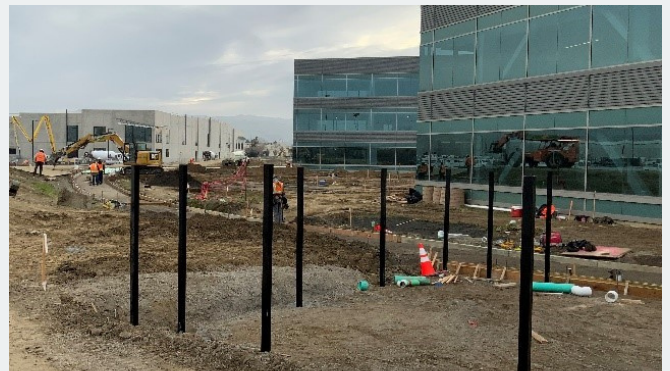
**Tarob Court Townhomes**, 1980 Tarob Ct., a 59-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc. One more 3-story building with 9 units had building permit finalized at the development, bringing it to a total of 52 completed units.



**Preston Pipeline**, 133 Bothelo Ave. by Synergy768 Inc. The below photos show the construction in progress for carport shade structures and installation of 130.5-kW photovoltaic solar modules above the shade structure.



**Campus Centre/Park Point**, 115, 135, and 155 N. McCarthy Blvd. by Swinerton & Walberg Co. The site improvement scope including new pathways, landscaping, outdoor amenities such as picnic areas and volleyball courts is in progress to make the complex market ready.



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**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 first 144 units (phase 2) was issued. See the below photo of the swimming pool of the courtyard area in this 5-story apartment complex.



**District Lot 2 (Graham)**, 1415 McCandless Dr., a 7-story mixed-use project with commercial retail space and 207-unit apartment, wrapped around a 7-story parking garage by Lyon Communities. With the building permit finalized, the development has been completed. The below photo shows the panoramic view of the courtyard spa and BBQ area.



## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Robson Homes Finch Hollow**, for construction of 8 more single-family homes with 4 accessory dwelling units out of 38 single-family residential development with 10 accessory dwelling units located at 1005 N. Park Victoria Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$4.05M.

**McCarthy Center Holdings LLC**, for tenant improvement at the vacant buildings in preparation for future tenant move-in located at 640 and 660 N. McCarthy Blvd., at an estimated construction cost of \$1.4M.

**KLA**, a semiconductor equipment manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of 650,000.

**SummerHill Apartments**, for demolition for future second mixed-use building located at 301 Gates Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$537,400.

**Headway Technologies**, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 463 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$485,000.

*Building permit application were submitted by the following:*

**Western Digital**, existing (SanDisk) research and development of data storage, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 1101 Sandisk Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

**XL Construction**, a construction company located at 851 Buckeye Ct. for tenant improvement at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

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

**Occupational Health Centers of California**, DBA Concentra, located at the 1717 S. Main St.

**Ding Express**, a shipping store located at 1738 N. Milpitas Blvd.

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



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CESAR CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY FLAG RAISING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

Celebrate the Legacy of American Labor Leader, César Chavez for our Virtual Flag Raising on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Watch the event through the City's [Recreation and Community Services Facebook](#) page. In 1962, Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association - the largest farm worker union in the United States. The Farmer worker union brought the struggles of farm workers out of the fields and into cities and towns across the country. He dedicated his life to improving the treatment, pay and working conditions for farm workers.

## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH US



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