



MILPITAS MATTERS

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Women's History Month is dedicated to reflect the significant contributions of women to United States history. The observance grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's roles in advancing culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California in 1978. Presentations were given in schools and hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest. A parade was also held in downtown Santa Rosa. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

As we reflect on the meaning of Women's History Month, let us join in the celebration of empowering the women in our lives. The month-long remembrance honors the various influences and achievements of women throughout history. Some of these influences include social, economic and political achievements. Without their contributions, communities and families wouldn't be nearly as strong. Although we made some inroads, there are still many places around the world where women continue to suffer the injustice of being treated as second-

class citizens. In other countries, women are not given the same educational and occupational opportunities as their male counterparts. They are denied a say in how they are governed, prohibited from fully participating in society and fear gender-based violence.

Women account for 39 percent of the City's workforce. This is very much congruent with the World Bank's 2020 labor report indicating a 38.8% female global workforce representation. Forty-three percent of the City's Executive Leadership Team is also comprised of women leaders in charge of addressing current and future community needs. The City of Milpitas is very honored to have three female members of the Council – Vice Mayor Carmen Montano, Councilmember Karina Domínguez, and Councilmember Evelyn Chua – who are all at the forefront of breaking barriers and leading differently amidst unprecedented challenges of our times.

We have made progress but have the opportunity to become even better. We need to continue raising our voices for women's rights and gender equality. This way we can help spread awareness and look forward to a world in which all women and girls are allowed to reach their full potential.

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MILPITAS ANNUAL BUDGET CHALLENGE SURVEY

The annual budget is the single most important policy action that the City Council takes, and it represents the City's priorities for the upcoming year and beyond. We want to hear from you. Take the Milpitas Budget Challenge Survey! Allocate imaginary money to show what services are most important to you.

Click [here](#) to take the survey. Survey closes on April 30, 2022.

RECESS WITH A COP PROGRAM

On March 6, Officers from the City's Police Community Relations Unit, Patrol Services Division, Community Service Officer Unit and the Chief of Police brought the Recess with a Cop program to Weller Elementary School.

The program promoted cooperative problem-solving behavior and bullying intervention techniques. The goal of the program is to have police department staff interact with the children in the community, build relationships, and have fun. The plan is for the Milpitas Police Department to drop by every school within the City.

MILPITAS POLICE ATTEND OPENING DAY OF MILPITAS NV SOFTBALL

Opening Day 2022 for Milpitas NV Pal Softball was on March 5, 2022. Chief Hernandez, Sergeant Speckenheuer, and Officer Goods were there to be part of the festivities.

A special thank you to the parents and league staff, who worked together to make Opening Day happen. To all the teams, good luck this season!

MILPITAS HOUSING RESOURCES

Do you or someone you know need housing assistance? The City of Milpitas is proud to offer housing resources to its residents. Check out the flyer below. You can also click on the following links to get more information.

Milpitas Rent Relief Program: [here](#) and [here](#).

Tenant-Landlord Issues: [here](#).

Housing Search Assistance [here](#).

Mobile Shower and Laundry [here](#).

Homeless Services [here](#).

Housing Resources Flyer [here](#).

For additional assistance, send an e-mail to housing@ci.milpitas.ca.gov, call 408-586-3240, and/or visit [here](#).



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THINKING OF BUILDING AN ADU (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT)? THE CITY IS WAIVING PERMIT FEES AND HAS TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR YOU.

Check out our flyer for information regarding the ADU Incentive Program for new ADUs, visit [here](#) or call the Building Safety and Housing Department at (408) 586-3240.

For information on the Safe ADU Legalization Program, visit [here](#). For questions, e-mail SafeADU@ci.milpitas.ca.gov or call (408) 586-3220.

To join the workshop on 3/23 at 4:00pm, visit [here](#) or call-in using the information below:

Teleconference: 1 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 812 5515 8294 Passcode: 883424

For additional information regarding the workshop, click [here](#).

GET MORE CASH NOW FOR REMOVING YOUR GRASS

Your neighbors are transforming their yards, and you can too! Get your yard drought ready by transforming your lawn into a beautiful low water use landscape and receive a rebate of up to \$5,000. Energy & Environmental Sustainability Chair Sexton took advantage of the landscape conversion rebate to convert her lawn to flowering plants and shrubs.

Apply Today! Learn more [here](#).

MILPITAS FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Bring the whole family out to Friday Family Game Night on March 25, 2022 from 6-9PM! It will be a night filled with fun family games, activities, video games, a movie and a skate competition! There will also be a video game truck and four giant screens to play the Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4. In addition, there will be a rock climbing wall.

To learn more about the skate competition, click [here](#).

NEED A NO SMOKING SIGN?

Milpitas protects residents from secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing and in outdoor areas. Signs must be posted where smoking is prohibited. Need a "no smoking" sign? Contact the Planning Department at planningdepartment@ci.milpitas.ca.gov or (408) 586-3279 to pick-up a free "no smoking" sign.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MASKING UPDATE

Santa Clara County transitioned from its indoor masking mandate to a strong recommendation, regardless of vaccination status, for masking indoors on Wednesday, March 2 after meeting the required metrics.

The California Department of Public Health continues to require masking in higher-risk settings such as public transit, healthcare facilities, shelters, jails, and long-term care facilities.

More info [here](#).



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MILPITAS STUDENTS WIN 2022 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION (VRC)

The Milpitas Xtreme Robotics Team 1669X represented Milpitas High School at the 2022 Northern California VRC High School State Championship in Redding and won the State championship in 3 categories: 1. Tournament Champion; 2. Robot Skills Champion; and 3. Excellence Award.

Prior to this event, the team of Eugene Ng, Kathan Sheth, Chenghao Li and Eusern Ng won multiple regional tournaments to qualify for the state championship. With the latest victory, they officially advance to the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas in May.



DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL

The opening weekend for Descendants The Musical went very well! Congratulations to the cast and crew! All their hard work and passion shined during the performances. There are still two additional performances remaining on Friday March 11 and Saturday March 12, 2022.



MILPITAS CITY HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The first community meeting for the City's Housing Element Update is just around the corner! Come join us on Monday, **March 14** starting at 6pm for our first community workshop. The workshop will be held virtually but will be very interactive. It will be an opportunity 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 [here](#). Please visit the newly launched [website](#) to learn more.

The Housing Element is part of the City's General Plan. Its purpose is to facilitate the production of a variety of housing types, at different income levels, to accommodate all households and family types. Cities are required by state law to update their Housing Element every eight years, and the City of Milpitas is now updating its Housing Element to plan for the City's projected housing needs during the next eight years between 2023 and 2031.

Housing Element Survey

This survey is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about housing with the City, and ensure that this plan is a reflection of community voices and concerns. Access the survey [here](#).



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

The below photo shows the demolition work of the existing building is now complete. Demolition of pavement/existing foundation is about to begin and will be followed by grading and construction preparation of the development.



McCandless Park, 1650 McCandless Dr., a new 4-acre city park. These photos below show construction in progress for the two gazebos in the park. The city park will include construction of a community garden, butterfly garden, picnic area, small dog play area, barn area, and two playground areas.



Corning Inc., 840 N. McCarthy Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Corning Inc., a multinational technology company.

Chick-Fil-A, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd. See the below photos for the progress on the construction of the exterior and parking lot for the new restaurant, which is getting ready for the installation of signages and drive-through covers/awnings.



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Sentient Energy, 890 Tasman Dr. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued for new tenant, a Koch Engineered and Solutions R&D company.

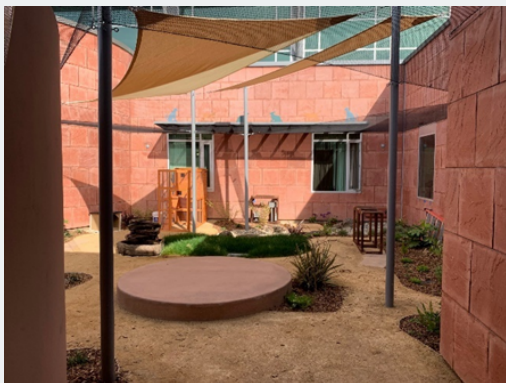
Advanced Energy Industries, Inc., 888 Tasman Dr. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to a power and control technologies manufacturing company.

Lantana, 1675 S. Milpitas Blvd., a 5-story, 216-unit multifamily residential with commercial development. See the below photos of the progress being made in the two interior courtyard areas of the development. Central court landscaping, pool construction, and outdoor kitchen area is being worked on as the building is close to completion.



Humane Society Silicone Valley, located at 901 Ames Ave.

See the below photos for the state-of-the-art new patio for cats at the Humane Society. This area will be used for semi-feral cats. It has everything from peek-a-boo windows, grassy area, full waterfall, to a play area with a shade structure.



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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Statewide Roofing, for re-roofing at the existing facility located at 521 Cottonwood Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$382,414.

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 3 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$225,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

308 Sango Court Apartments, for construction of a 5-story over 1-level parking garage of 85-unit affordable housing development located at 308 Sango Ct.

Corsair, a developer and manufacturing company of high-performance gear and technology for tenant Improvement under phase 2 at its existing facility located at 115 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$4.1M.

APPLE Inc.-SWE, for tenant improvement to convert existing unoccupied space to R&D lab space at its facility located at 1021 Yosemite Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$2M.

Apex Apartments, for installation of roof-mounted 515 kW (1305 panels) photovoltaic system located at 1102 S. Abel St. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.6M.

Socionext, a system on a chip (SoC) company, for tenant Improvement at its new facility located at 1455 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$810,000.

APPLE Inc.-SWE, for tenant improvement at its R&D labs facility located at 1021 Yosemite Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$600,000.

Great Mall, for site and parking lot accessibility work done at an estimated construction cost of \$534,204.

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

APPLE Inc., for interior non-structural demolition to make space ready for tenant improvement at this new facility located at 260 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$400,000.

Rainbow Child Development Center, for tenant Improvement for childcare center located at 154 S. Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

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

Law Office of Maria Reina Acaylar Trazo, a law office located at 1535 Landess Ave.

ATM Beverage LLC dba ATM Tea Bar, a new food and beverage café located at 686 Barber Ln.

Yoshi Express, a Chinese/Korean restaurant located at 80 Ranch Dr.

Measurement Specialties Inc., a manufacturing company located at 1701 McCarthy Bl.

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