



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

### MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

During the month of May, the nation honors and recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. The event celebrates the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. This year is particularly poignant because of the rise of anti-Asian incidents across the nation. However, history tells us that anti-Asian violence is not new. We have heard about the *Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882*, which prohibited all immigration of Chinese laborers. To this day, it remains the only immigration legislation ever implemented that specifically barred one ethnic group. The United States wouldn't exist without railroad workers because they took part in bridging the eastern and western regions of the country and allowed the transfer of goods. Many Chinese laborers died from working in inhumane conditions and freezing winters, blasting holes through rock to clear tunnels, taking on the most dangerous jobs yet were paid less than other immigrant groups. The observance of Asian Pacific Heritage month originated in a congressional bill in 1977 by U.S. Representatives, Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California. They introduced a House resolution that called on the president to

proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, U.S. Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga from Hawaii, introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed in 1978. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush designated the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 where majority of workers on the western portion of the line were Chinese. The history of North America is shaped by immigrant stories from Asia and the Pacific and the native people of the Pacific Islands. In an already increasingly diverse country, they stand apart as the most diverse community. And this is evident in Milpitas where 67.8% of our population is comprised of Asian American and Pacific Islander community members (2019 American Community Survey, Census). May this month's observance give all of us the opportunity to honor, recognize, and celebrate the rich diversity, leadership, and resilience of all Asian American and Pacific Islanders, and their remarkable contributions to the progress of our nation.

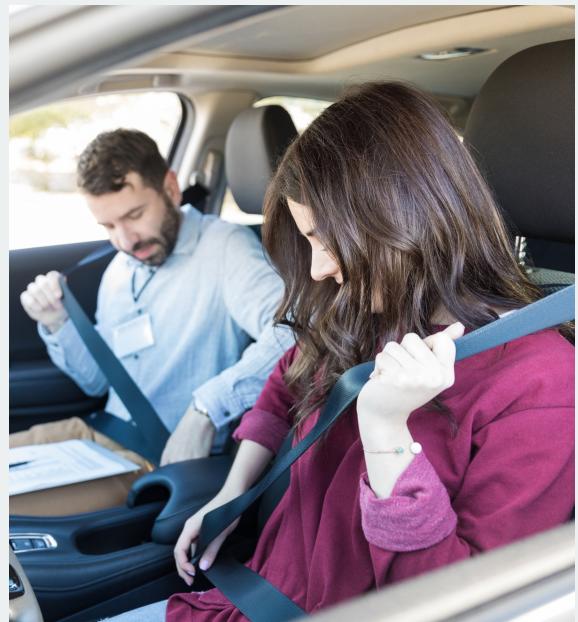
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## MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES "CLICK IT OR TICKET" CAMPAIGN

Starting May 17, 2021, the Milpitas Police Department will be joining agencies across the country to promote the importance of wearing a seat belt through the "Click it or Ticket" campaign. The campaign will conclude on June 6, 2021. Officers will be looking for drivers and passengers who are not wearing a seat belt and for children who are not properly restrained in child seats.

- Children under 2 years of age shall ride in a rear-facing car seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds OR is 40 or more inches tall. The child shall be secured in a manner that complies with the height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the car seat (*California Vehicle Code Section 27360*).
- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- Children who are 8 years of age OR have reached 4'9" in height may be secured by a booster seat, but at a minimum must be secured by a safety belt (*California Vehicle Code Section 27363*).
- Passengers who are 16 years of age and over are subject to California's Mandatory Seat Belt law.

The rate of seat belt use in California last year was 96%. However, there has been a decrease in seat belt use by rear passengers. A recent report by the Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA) found only 76% of rear passengers wear seat belts. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts save nearly 15,000 lives annually. The fine for a seat belt violation is \$162 and \$490 for not properly restraining a child under 16. Buckling up only takes a few seconds and is your best defense in a crash. Airbags alone are not enough to protect you and can cause serious injury or death if you're not buckled up. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



## BACK-TO-BACK MOBILE VACCINATION CLINICS IN MILPITAS

Milpitas Recreation and Community Services continues to partner with Santa Clara County and local pharmacies to provide vaccine opportunities at our facilities. On May 6, a County Mobile Vaccination site at the Milpitas Sports Center vaccinated 201 people with a clinic that extended into the evening hours. The following day, Calaveras Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy in Milpitas, hosted an afternoon vaccination clinic at the Milpitas Community Center. It provided a valuable opportunity for people wanting the one-shot Johnson and Johnson Janssen vaccine to get their shot on a Friday and have the weekend to recover.

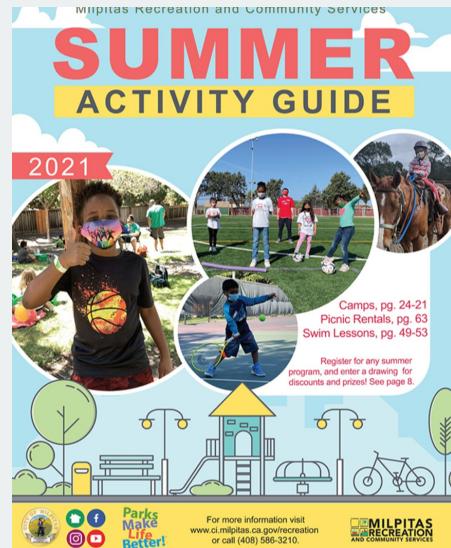


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## THE SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE IS HERE!

Take a look at the guide to see everything the Milpitas Recreation and Community Services department has to offer. We specialize in great community experiences for everyone in your home: Pre-k and Teen Center Programs; Milpitas Senior Center, including the Senior Nutrition Program lunch service; Milpitas Sports Center, including swimming pools and sports fields; and Milpitas Community Center.

For program specific information on how Milpitas Recreation is welcoming customers back safely, please call the facility you are inquiring about. Reach the Milpitas Community Center at (408) 586-3210; Milpitas Sports Center at (408) 586-3225; and the Barbara Lee Senior Center at (408) 586-3400. Visit <http://ow.ly/KcpV50EETIx> to view the guide.



## 30,000TH SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM LUNCH MEAL SERVED!

Last week the Senior Nutrition Program at the Barbara Lee Senior Center served its 30,000th "to-go" lunch since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Staff surprised lucky lunch customer Oscar Herrera with a certificate and giant cupcake to celebrate. Milpitas' Senior Nutrition Program not only provides nutritious hot meals as one of Santa Clara County's Senior Nutrition Program sites; staff also injects a little fun and celebration into the lunch pickup process at any opportunity. For many senior customers, who live alone and whose routines have been significantly altered by the pandemic, the lunch staff may be the only people they regularly see in person.



## MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

Do you know someone struggling with mental health in these challenging times? Are you or someone you know feeling isolated and sad? You are not alone, and there is help available. Call Social Services Program coordinator at (408) 586-3405 or email [caggarwal@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:caggarwal@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) to connect with free resources that can help you cope. You can also register for upcoming social/support groups starting this summer by calling the number. Visit <http://ow.ly/86qe30rGHlx> to register for the May 17 session.



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## AVOID WISHCYCLING BY SORTING YOUR WASTE PROPERLY

Recycling gives new life to products, prevents pollution, decreases the need for raw materials, conserves natural resources, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and helps us comply with the California's recycling regulations. Milpitas is fortunate to have a leading recycling program that maximizes recyclability of materials by keeping paper separate from containers and that separates food scraps to be turned into animal feed. Properly sorting your recycling, and keeping your items empty, clean, and dry is the key to reducing waste and keeping items out of the landfill.

### **What is Wishcycling?**

Wishcycling is when you put something in the recycling bin in the hopes that it can be recycled, without checking or knowing whether or not it can. Although you may have the best of intentions, wishcycling is one of the biggest issues that the waste management industry faces today.



### **Why is Wishcycling harmful?**

Putting non-recyclable items in the recycling bin could actually contaminate items that can be recycled. If a batch of recyclables is contaminated, there is a possibility that the whole load will be rejected and end up in the landfill rather than being recycled. Additionally, items that are not recyclable can damage sorting machinery.



Common Wishcycling items that belong in the trash:

- Online retailer shipping bags
- Takeout/salad clamshell food containers
- Bubble wrap
- CDs & VHS tapes
- Chip/snack packaging
- Crockery/dishware
- Shrink wrap/film plastic/plastic wrap
- Plastic plates/cups/cutlery
- Small appliances
- Styrofoam (blocks, food ware, packaging peanuts)



*Pro Tip:* Before trashing these items, try to donate any items that are still usable and/or in good condition or reuse some items such as shipping bags and bubble wrap. Or, better yet, avoid using disposable items such as plastic plates/cups/cutlery. Unsure of what to do with your stuff? Try <https://www.recyclestuff.org/> to find out if it can be recycled, donated, composted, or trashed.

## RECYCLE RIGHT

Besides recycling contamination due to wishcycling, contamination also occurs when materials are not properly cleaned or dry, such as when food residue remains on a plastic yogurt container. These contaminants could cause a whole load of recyclables to be rejected and, as a result, sent to the landfill.

Tips to keep your recycling clean and dry:

- Wash or wipe out residue out of plastic containers
- Rinse out bottles and cans
- Keep items empty, clean, and dry
- Flatten boxes:
- Corrugated cardboard, shipping boxes, and paper boxes should be flattened
- Cut large pieces to 2' x 2' or smaller



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# TRAINING



Pursuant to the City Council adoption of the Economic Development Strategy on May 5, 2020 and the General Plan 2040 on March 9, 2021, the City of Milpitas Office of Economic Development commenced its **COVID-19 Workforce Recovery Program**. The goal of the program is to provide customized workforce training workshops, assessments, career navigation and career counseling for Milpitas unemployed, underemployed workers, young adult learners, and Milpitas-based businesses impacted by COVID-19. A survey will become available during the month of May for Milpitas residents and businesses to complete. The results will help the City of Milpitas determine which trainings are most needed in the community. Actual trainings and workshops are anticipated to begin in the late fall to early winter of 2021. The survey closes on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 11:59 PM. To learn more about this free program, please visit: <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/covid-19-availability-city-services/covid-19-business-resources-and-relief-information/>

# RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

Established by the American Rescue Plan, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund will help provide grants up to \$5 million per location and up to \$10 million per applicant to restaurants, bars, and other eligible businesses to help keep their doors open. Applications are now being accepted. Click [here](#) to access the portal. Funds can be used for expenses including mortgage and rent payments, payroll, utility payments, and food and beverage costs. For more details about eligibility and timelines, please click [here](#).



MILPITAS CONNECTED IN YOUR MAILBOX

The May 2021 issue of *Milpitas Connected* will be delivered to Milpitas residents' mailboxes during the week of May 10. The printed newsletter is a great resource that allows us to share a variety of valuable information on upcoming City events, projects, useful eco-friendly living tips, Recreation and Community Services activities, and important notices. Have a question? Need some help? *Milpitas Connected* also provides a helpful directory, so you can identify, locate and contact the right City department to help answer questions, provide information and help resolve concerns. The newsletter is mailed to all City residents, as well as being posted electronically on the City's website.



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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 apartment, wrapped around an 8-story parking garage by Lyon Communities. The construction of the parking garage is complete, while the wrap-around apartment building construction is in progress. See the below photos taken on April 8, 2021.



**HL Peninsula Restaurant**, 136 Ranch Dr., a new Chinese restaurant. See the photo on the right for tenant improvement work in progress for this new 17,500 sf restaurant. The Milpitas project is the third location after South San Francisco and Burlingame.

**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. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the last 65 units out of 207 units under phase 3 was issued.

**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 earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the residential units under phase 3 and use of garage for residents and guests was issued.



**Stepping Stone World Preschool**, 1362 S. Main St. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy for the preschool addition was issued.

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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Kaiser Permanente**, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 770 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1M.

**Headway Technologies**, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 463 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$285,000.

**Rajyoga Meditation Center**, for an addition and tenant improvement at the existing meditation learning center located at 540 S. Abel St. at an estimated construction cost of \$700,000.

**Crow Milpitas Associates**, for tenant improvement including voluntary seismic upgrade of the existing warehouse for a new tenant move-in, located at 1000 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$467,132.

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

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**AT&T**, for installation of new telecommunication facility on the VTA building, located at 700 Montague Expy. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

**cPacket Networks**, a network security company, for tenant improvement at its new facility with the relocation of its headquarter from San Jose to 480 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.1M.

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

**Hansang Tofu**, a new Korean restaurant located at 57 N. Milpitas Blvd.

**Commonwealth Fusion Systems**, a design and manufacturing company to provide clean fusion energy located at 840 Tasman Dr.

**Cinema Exchange**, a studio located at 1759 S. Main St.

## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH US



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