



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## 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 who have significantly impacted the many facets of American culture and society, including science, medicine, literature, art, music, sports, politics, entertainment, and so much more. Historically, the United States benefited from the contributions of Asian railroad workers who 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, all while being 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 to the Senate. Both were passed in 1978. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush designated the month of May as AAPI

Heritage Month. The history of 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 multicultural community. In Milpitas, the ethnic mosaic of the AAPI group is ubiquitous. In fact, the US Census 2020 data shows that the City's population is predominantly comprised of the AAPI population with 71.3% Asian Americans and .4% Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Americans.

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. I would also like to dedicate a moment of silence to honor the legacy of former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta who recently passed away. A recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and one of the country's highest-profile Asian American political leaders, Norman has given our country a lifetime of service and was a great example of leadership and devotion to duty.

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## GUN BUYBACK IN MILPITAS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office is partnering with the Milpitas Police Department, the City of Milpitas, the County, Supervisor Otto Lee, and the Board of Supervisors to buy back up to \$50,000 worth of guns to prevent gun violence and get unwanted firearms out of the community. Buybacks are intended to prevent weapons from ending up in the hands of criminals, mentally unstable people, and children. Approximately 500 unwanted firearms were handed in at the Sunnyvale gun buyback in 2020.

The gun buyback will take place May 22, 2022, at the Milpitas Community Center. People can anonymously hand in unwanted guns and receive cash in return. No questions will be asked about who owns the guns or where they came from.

Additional event partners include the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, and the police departments of San Jose, Sunnyvale, Los Gatos, and Palo Alto. The DA's Office will contribute to the buyback using Asset Forfeiture funds, which is money seized from gangs, drug traffickers, and criminal organizations.

### Event Details:

**Location:** Milpitas Community Center (457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035)

**Date:** Sunday, May 22, 2022

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Exchange Details:

\$100 for handguns, rifles, and shotguns, \$200 for ghost guns and assault weapons

Firearms must be functional

Limit 5 firearms per person

\* After collection, guns will be checked for a lost or stolen status and will be returned to their legal owners, if applicable. All other firearms will be destroyed. All guns must be unloaded and transported in the trunk of your car. You must remain in your car. No ammunition is allowed. Funds are limited to a first come, first serve basis. We reserve the right to limit the funds paid to an individual (see exchange details).

## MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT

The Milpitas Police Department Recruitment Team has been on the move to various colleges in Southern California for police recruitment. The career opportunities include police officers and communications dispatchers. Some of the stops in Southern California included San Diego State University, San Diego City College, Long Beach City College, CSU Long Beach California State University, CSU Fullerton, Fullerton College, CSU Los Angeles, Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles Valley College.

Check out [www.BeMilpitasPD.org](http://www.BeMilpitasPD.org) for career opportunities.





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This Event is Sponsored by the Following Santa Clara County Agencies and Community Partners:  
• Supervisor Otto Lee  
• The City of Milpitas  
• Santa Clara County Department of Public Health  
• Santa Clara County Department of Behavioral Health Services - Suicide Prevention & Crisis  
• Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department  
• San Jose Police Department  
• Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety  
• Palo Alto Police Department  
• Los Gatos Police Department



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## FIRE STATION 2 UPDATE

Fire Station 2 (Calaveras Station) has protected the Milpitas community since its opening in 1968. Fire Station 2 was actually constructed at the same time as Fire Station 3 and the Calaveras overpass. While Fire Station 2 has been under a refurbishment Fire crews moved into the temporary station (located at 1126 Yosemite Drive), and have been operating at the temporary location since July 2020. Construction started in January 2021. The station will span 10,300 square feet, ability to house 2 fire companies, three apparatus bays, 8 dorm rooms, and a public meeting/training room.

It is a very exciting time as the grand opening is approaching! Fire Station 2 is set to open at the end of this summer. Fire Station 2 will continue to provide an exemplary level of service to keep our Milpitas residents safe.



## CITY OF MILPITAS JOINS SYMBIUM PLANCHECK PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Milpitas will use Symbium Plancheck, an innovative tool that streamlines residential site plan reviews for applicants and planners. Milpitas is receiving the first year of the license for free as a part of a pilot program that provides up to 10 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) member governments with free Symbium Plancheck licenses. Milpitas will use Symbium Build Business to make it easier for businesses to understand where they can operate – simplifying the permitting process. Plancheck will facilitate efficient development review, zoning conformance, and permit scoping for Milpitas residents and the development community. This translates to delivering a better experience to the Milpitas community.



## NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY - MAY 21

Let's work together to keep our waterways clean! Join us for National River Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9:00 am to noon. The City will be hosting cleanup sites at Los Coches Creek and Coyote Creek. Learn more and sign up at <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/national-river-clean-up-day/>



## MILPITAS WATERSMART CUSTOMER WEB PORTAL LAUNCH

On May 16, 2022, Milpitas residents and businesses will be able to access the Milpitas WaterSmart Customer Web Portal. The water savings tool, delivered in collaboration with Valley Water and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) will help community members better understand water usage, encourage water conservation and realize cost savings on lower utility bills.

The Milpitas WaterSmart Portal will provide access to the following:

- Near real-time water use charts and personalized recommendations on how to save water.
- Leak alert notifications and step-by-step instructions to help residents and businesses find and fix leaks.
- Quarterly customized Home Water Use Reports that display water use patterns and comparisons to similar Milpitas households; and Information regarding available rebates and resources.



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## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) UPDATE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Climate Action Plan Update is a roadmap for the community to combat the impacts of climate change. Over the past year and half, we have been developing CAP Update and hosted several forums to gather input on actions the City can take to reach carbon neutrality by 2045. The draft of the Climate Action Update now available for public review and comment [here](#). Comments on the CAP Update can be sent to ClimateAction@milpitas.gov. The CAP Update is scheduled for City Council adoption on June 21, 2022.



## WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY! Milpitas residents can now save up to \$6,000 through water conservation rebates. As you plan your lawn and garden, consider incorporating low-water use plants and smart irrigation systems. A variety of rebates are available to help you upgrade to a drought-friendly landscape. Learn more at <https://savewatermilpitas.org/rebates/>.



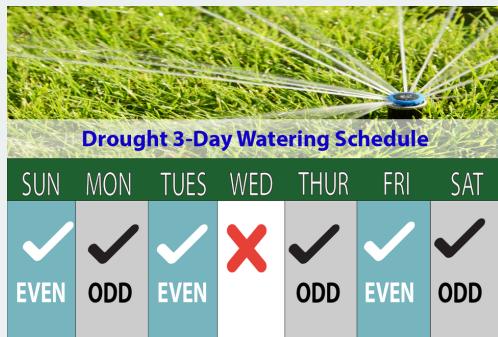
## SOIL AND INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP

Join us on May 15 to learn how to build healthy soil for your garden. The Soils and Invasive Species Workshop will be at the Barbara Lee Senior Center from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. The class will include a planting project to take home. Register [here](#).



## OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE

Reminder: Follow the City's Outdoor Watering Schedule. Water no more than three times a week, and never when it's raining. Watering is only allowed from 6 PM to 9 AM. Visit <http://www.savewatermilpitas.org/> for more information on the City's Water Waste Restrictions.



## YOUTH SOCCER CLASS

Learn dribbling, passing, defense and shooting goals. Fun skill games are played in every session, and every participant will have a ball at his or her feet. Small-sided soccer matches will be introduced gradually. This class is perfect for first-time players and also kids with some experience. All participants will receive a Kidz Love Soccer jersey.

7 Meetings Scheduled

Age: At least 5 and a half but less than 7.

Each Wed: 3:50pm to 4:35pm.

Please Note:

- Class will be held at Gill Memorial Park, Santa Rita Dr. and Paseo Refugio, Milpitas.
- Participants should wear athletic shoes.
- Participants should bring shin guards to each class.
- Class status hotline (888) 372-5803 or use the free Kidz Love Soccer smartphone app.



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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:

See below photos showing the progress on the improvements on the grading work. Site retaining wall has begun, with formwork in place waiting for concrete placement.



See below photo showing trenching work to install underground utilities. The project is making steady positive progress.



**Socionext**, located at 1455 McCarthy Blvd. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to a system on a chip (SoC) company.

**Big Lots**, located at 111 Ranch Dr. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to the retail store.

**Puma**, located at Great Mall. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to the retail store for athletic apparel and shoes.

**Blaze BBQ**, located at Great Mall. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to the new BBQ restaurant in the food court.

**Chick-Fil-A**, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd.

The various items for final work on the new restaurant are in progress. Landscaping, painting, finishes, trash enclosure, and arches near the dining area driveway are getting ready for final inspection.



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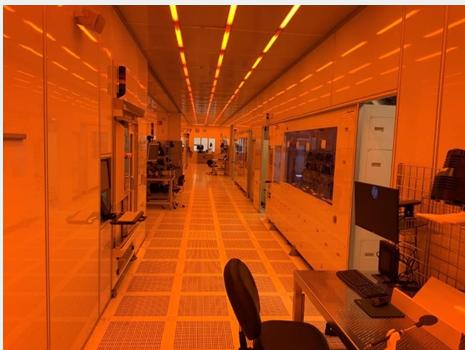
## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Lantana**, 1675 S. Milpitas Blvd., a 5-story, 216-unit multifamily residential with commercial development:

Lantana has now completed two-thirds of their unit final inspections. Amenity and courtyard areas are in their last stages as well. Photo shows the construction of the pool, spa, and outdoor kitchen area in progress



**Headway Technologies**, located at 463 S. Hillview Dr. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the installation of tools in the clean rooms for Headway Technologies was issued.



- This photo shows under-roof work completed along with new massive footings and structural steel installed to support the Clean Aisle ceiling.
- This photo shows one of the completed Clean Aisles which run between each Service Chase.
- This photo shows one of the tools in a Service Chase. When completed, the building will have 14 Service Chases.

**SMTC CORP.**, located at 1171 Montague Expy. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to SMTC Corp. to move in furniture and materials.

## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Big Lots**, for tenant improvement at the retail store located at 111 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$850,000.

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

**Advanced Energy Industries, Inc.**, a power and control technologies manufacturer for tenant improvement at its facility located at 888 Tasman Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$573,296.

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*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Dish N Dash**, for tenant improvement of an existing restaurant located at 260 Ranch Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

**Poppy Lane Apartments**, for replacement of 7 carport posts and reroof in the complex located at 1803 Strawberry Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$278,588.

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**Johnson & Johnson**, a pharmaceutical company, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 510 Cottonwood Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.7M.

**Milpitas Ayers Reservoir**, for installation of new chemical storage tanks for the existing water reservoir located at 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$360,000.

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

**New World Dental**, a new dental office located at 118 S. Park Victoria Dr.

**Pho & Bun**, a Vietnamese restaurant located at 1810 Milmont Dr.

**Rising Star Sped Academy Inc.**, an office for Rising Star headquarter corporate functions located at 1551 McCarthy Blvd.

**Life Signals, Inc.**, an office for design, testing, and distributing clinical grade wireless biosensor patch and multi parameter monitor system located at 426 S. Hillview Dr.

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