



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day is a very meaningful day for every American as we remember those who died serving the armed forces of the United States of America. Many of us know someone who is either a current, former or fallen member of our military. They are exemplary citizens who have achieved greatness by facing grave danger in conflict zones, experienced isolation or emotional challenges in dealing with deployments, illness or injury, etc.

In Milpitas, I am certain that community members have hundreds of stories to share about family and

friends who are veterans. The tales of sacrifices their loved ones made to defend our land continue to inspire all of us. And this is why I am also particularly proud and moved by the advocacy work of our City's Veterans Commission. The Commission continues to focus and advance the interest of veterans and their beneficiaries with the intention of making a positive contribution to their well-being, independence, and quality of life.

On December 28, 2000, the National Moment of Remembrance Act was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. To ensure that the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, all Americans are encouraged to take a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have given their life in service to the nation wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day. I invite you to take a moment on this special day to commemorate the lives of those who have served, so that we can continue to experience and enjoy the freedoms under the United States of America.

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## MORE THAN 400 GUNS RETURNED DURING BUYBACK EVENT IN MILPITAS

The Gun Buyback event held on May 22, 2022 at the Milpitas Community Center was a huge success. Thanks to the collaborative effort by multiple Santa Clara County Agencies and Community Partners such as Supervisor Otto Lee, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, City of Milpitas, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, Palo Alto Police Department, San Jose Police Department Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department, and County Of Santa Clara's Behavioral Health Services and Public Health Departments, a total of 415 firearms were turned in for destruction.



## CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR SUCCESSFUL ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) WORKSHOP

On May 17, 2022, the Milpitas City Council presented a certificate of appreciation to FAREPA (Filipino American Real Estate Professional Association) Silicon Valley's Dorotea Tuzon, Fremont Planning Commissioner Ben Yee and Milpitas Chamber of Commerce members Warren Wettenstein and Inderjit Mundra for partnering with the City of Milpitas in hosting an ADU workshop for the community.



## DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ZAMORA RETIRES AFTER NEARLY 29 YEARS OF SERVING THE MILPITAS COMMUNITY

Chief Zamora joined the City of Milpitas in 1993 as a Fire Plan Check Engineer. He was then promoted to Assistant Fire Marshal in 2000 and became the City's Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Marshal in 2009. During the Great Recession in 2009, Zamora managed and led the Fire Prevention Division with 67% less staffing due to a mandatory reduction in force to help offset a \$9.2 million dollar structural deficit. More recently, Zamora led the enforcement of the County Public Health Order and concurrently completed all applicable annual state-mandated fire code permit maintenance inspections to ensure that Public and Health Safety was a top priority for the Milpitas community during the pandemic. A native of San Diego, California, Zamora graduated from Cal Poly University and is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer. Albert and his wife Judith have three adult children. Albert is looking forward to spending more time collecting vintage drums and playing with a future cover band as he did in the early 90's, enjoying professional sports to the fullest, spending more time with family and eventually traveling. His greatest achievement has been "Providing Quality and Responsive Service for the Community" every day throughout his entire career in the Milpitas Fire Department.



## CURTNER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL HONORS IN NOETIC MATH CONTEST

A group of 4th grade students from Curtner Elementary School received national honors from the Spring 2022 Noetic Math Contest. Students from 450 schools competed from around the world. The students from Curtner received the 5th highest score.



## MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN, DEVESH MAMIDI WINS SECOND PLACE IN 2022 CALCHESS COMPETITION

Milpitas High School freshman Devesh Mamidi continues to shine in competitions, placing second in the 9th grade division of 2022 CalChess Grade Level State Championship, which was held May 21-22 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Mamidi competed against the top chess players from throughout the state for hours of competition.



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## STEPHANIE FONG RECEIVES ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION SILICON VALLEY CHAPTER

On April 20, 2022, Stephanie Fong, Senior Administrative Analyst in the Public Works Department was recognized with the Administrative Excellence Award. Each year in conjunction with Administrative Professionals Day, the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Public Works Association recognizes and celebrates the important contribution of administrative staff in Public Works. The Administrative Excellence Award honors Administrative Professionals that are involved in either the public or private sectors. Professionals in these areas have made significant contributions to the success of their organizations in an administrative capacity. This award was presented to Stephanie for demonstrating high proficiency work, committed to the City's purpose, and for exemplary customer service both internally and externally. Congratulations Stephanie!



## LEAD AND COPPER WATER SAMPLING TO START ON JUNE 15, 2022

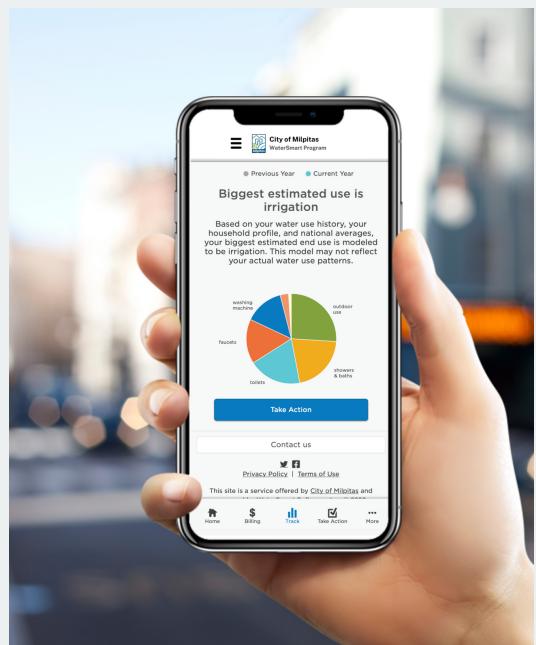
On June 15, 2022 the City will begin conducting the Household Lead and Copper Water Monitoring Program. The sampling is mandated by the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water, which follows the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA's) Lead and Copper Rule. The rule is in place to protect the public's drinking water from metals that can adversely affect public health. The purpose of the monitoring program is to determine if lead and copper are leaching into tap water from household plumbing systems.



The City is on a reduced, every 3 years, Lead and Copper Sampling Schedule since the City's previous sample results were consistently below the action levels. During the last sampling event in 2019 zero out of 35 samples exceeded the Action Levels of 0.015 mg/L for lead or 0.044 mg/L for copper.



The list of program volunteers was put together from past volunteers and from targeted Nextdoor posts to neighborhoods where a majority of the houses meet the required criteria for sampling (i.e. homes built between 1982 and 1986). The sampling process is simple and the City provides the sample kit and performs the test at no cost to residents. All residents need to do is fill the sample bottle with water from their tap on the specified morning and set it out on their porch for pickup. Once the results come back from the lab they will be provided to each volunteer household. Any households interested in joining the waiting list for future sampling events can sign up at: <https://forms.gle/br3P9zBZytUkxG7V9>.



## NEW DROUGHT-BUSTING TOOL TO HELP MILPITAS SAVE WATER, TIME, AND MONEY!

Save water, time, and money with the City's new WaterSmart Web Portal! WaterSmart allows you to view and track your near real-time water use through your new smart meter. Get personalized, step-by-step saving suggestions, see how you compare to similar sized Milpitas homes, receive leak alerts, and more when you sign up at <https://milpitas.watersmart.com/>. All you need to register is your account number, email, and zip code. Sign up today! #MilpitasPublicWorks

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP EVENTS

The Neighborhood Clean-Up Events are back for 2022! The next Neighborhood Clean-Up is on June 25th. You can dispose of unwanted items for free upon proof of residency, ID, and sign-up reservation. Each household is limited to one pick-up truck load and participation at one event for the year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, you must unload your own vehicle. Milpitas staff will be present to direct traffic flow and vehicles to specific debris containers. The Sign-Up Genius registration links for each event will be released about a month prior to each event.

If you would like to participate in the June event, register [here](#).

Event full? You can sign-up on the waitlist [here](#).

For more information about Neighborhood Clean-Up Events, please visit [here](#).

For questions/concerns, [MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov](mailto:MilpitasRecycles@milpitas.gov).



## WATCH AN OUTDOOR MOVIE AT STARLIGHT PARK

It's officially outdoor movie season! On June 10, Ghostbusters Afterlife will be played at Starlite Park.

Reserved seating for six, with movie, candy and popcorn included is just \$10.

Click [here](#) to sign up.

## KEEP CHILDREN SAFE IN HOT WEATHER

Children love to play! Remind them to drink water, set a timer so they know when to take a break from playing and rest under a shaded area, and be sure to help children put on plenty of sunblock. For more hot weather safety tips, visit [PrepareSCC.org/HotWeather](http://PrepareSCC.org/HotWeather).



## ACADEMIC WRITING: JOURNALISM CLASS

In this exciting and educational class, students apply writing strategies to develop newsworthy articles. Learn how to write and edit different types of articles which includes editorials, interviews, and features. Students practice researching on a topic and apply their research for their articles. Max 12 students to ensure individual feedback.

**Date & Time:**

Jun 18, 2022 to Jul 30, 2022

Each Sat 9am to 10:30am, except: Sat, Jul 2, 2022.

Sign up [here](#).



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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

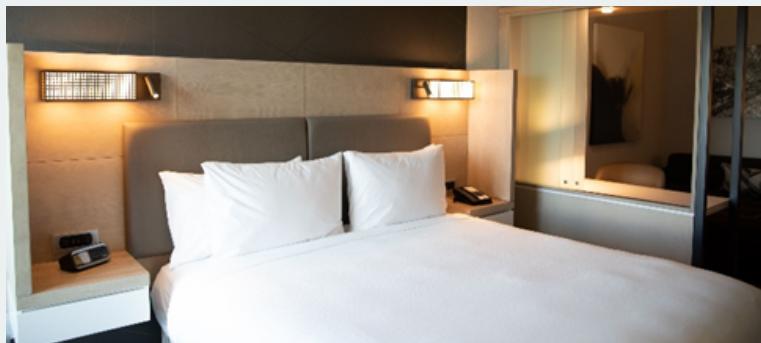
**District Lot 4 (Gideon)**, 1400 McCandless Dr., an 8-story mixed-use project with commercial retail space and 213-unit apartment, wrapped around an 8-story parking garage by Lyon Communities.

The units in the photo along McCandless Drive and the west portion along Market Street are in progress with final inspections. Landscaping work is close to completion. The developer is working to apply for phase 1 of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to release the first 75 units.



**SpringHill Suites**, located at 1201 Cadillac Ct.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to SpringHill Suites, a 5-story 124-room hotel. See below photos showing the exterior, the interior of the lobby and hotel rooms.



**Community First School**, located at 1172 E. Calaveras Blvd.:

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Community First School to convert a restaurant and medical office into a daycare facility.

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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

Below photos show the progress on the first Chick-Fil-A in Milpitas. The estimated grand opening period is around early to mid-June.



**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 below photo shows progress on the swimming pool and spa on the 8th floor of the garage.



**RāwASF**, located at 1679 N. Milpitas Blvd.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to RāwASF, a restaurant.

## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Campus Centre/Park Point**, for site improvement which includes recycled water irrigation works located at 115, 135, and 155 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

**Dixon Landing HOA**, for exterior repair work in all 29 buildings in the complex located at 1001 N. Abbott Ave at an estimated construction cost of \$317,000.

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## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**KLA Plus**, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 3 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$12.5M.

**KLA Plus**, for tenant improvement at its new 2-story office building located at 620 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$4M.

**Headway Technologies**, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvement including installation of various equipment at its facility located at 497 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

**Scale Flux Inc.**, a computer hardware manufacturer company for tenant improvement at its new office located 900 N. McCarthy Blvd at an estimated construction cost of \$210,000.

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

**Accord Therapy Services Inc.**, a medical office for physical, occupational and speech therapy in an outpatient setting located at 1679 S. Main St.

**Bay Area Ping Pong Academy, Inc.**, a new office for table tennis equipment located at 1759 S. Main St.

**Illusion Beauty Academy**, a new business for make-up classes located at 1313 N. Milpitas Blvd.

**R&B Tea-Milpitas/Sweet Box-Milpitas**, a new business serving tea, milk tea and Vietnamese desserts located at 60 S. Abel St.

**Milpitas Boxing & Fitness**, a fitness studio located 1535 Landess Ave.

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