



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Veterans Day is commemorated on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day. In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. On this important day, we come together to express our profound gratitude for the sacrifices veterans and their families have made on the battlefield, at home, and at outposts around the world in defense of our freedom.

In Milpitas, we have a Veterans Commission comprised of honorably discharged veterans and actively serving members from every branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. The seven-member commission was founded on December 1, 2009 and is focused on advocating for and providing superior service to Milpitas veterans. The Commission's goal is to improve the quality of life of veterans, their families and survivors. Every year, the Milpitas Veterans Commission also acknowledges a veteran who has given unselfishly to the community other than their job-related occupation. The 2021 Milpitas Veteran of the Year was awarded to Andy Dyson, a Vietnam veteran who served as an in-flight

electrician. He served in Vietnam from December 1969 - December 1970; earning the Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, combat action ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal. Andy and his wife have lived in Milpitas since 1976. While living in Milpitas he has been involved with St. John's Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, and the Milpitas Pantry.

Our gratitude to our veterans has always been grounded in an appreciation for what they did while on duty and what they continue to do even after their service has ended. Courageous men and women have faced and overcome challenges. In turn, we need to uphold our obligations to these heroic individuals. The City's Veterans Commission provides up to date information that will benefit all United States veterans and their eligible family members who live in Milpitas. Information about employment, job training, assistance and benefits, etc. can be found [here](#). These resources will be especially important to the estimated 2,159 or 3.1% veterans (2019 American Community Survey) and their families residing in Milpitas. On Veterans Day and throughout the year, please take a moment to thank our veterans for providing us with a future that is strong, safe, and free.

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FIRE CAPTAIN KEN RICCI RETIRES

After 23 years of service to the City of Milpitas and 30+ years in fire service, Captain Ken Ricci retired. Milpitas Firefighters Local 1699 and the City of Milpitas are very thankful for his commitment and dedication to the community.



2021 MANUFACTURING DAY EVENT

On October 7, the Office of Economic Development hosted its 5th Annual Manufacturing Day event. In addition to community members, the event welcomed nearly 250 students from Milpitas High School and Calaveras Hills High School, meeting the mission of Manufacturing Day to encourage local employers to open their doors to students, teachers, and community leaders to grow the next generation of industry talent. The three female panelists – Shari Liss of SEMI Foundation, Kris Stadelman of NOVAworks, and Mae Labata of Headway Technologies – engaged the audience in an inspiring and thoughtful discussion. Check out the full event video [here](#) – we look forward to hosting next year's event in person!



MILPITAS POLICE RECESS WITH A COP PROGRAM

The Milpitas Police Community Relations Unit and Traffic Safety Unit visited Randall School for a trial run of their new program, *Recess with a Cop*. Officers play with kids at recess, providing guidance and a feeling of safety in the schoolyard. The program promotes cooperative problem-solving behavior and bullying intervention techniques.



CREDIT RESTORATION WEBINAR

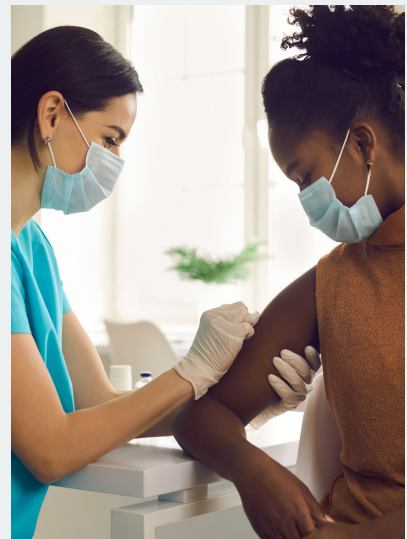
In partnership with NorCal Small Business Development Center, the Office of Economic Development hosted a business webinar on October 28 on the topic of credit restoration. NorCal SBDC Regional Lending Manager Chris Horton and Dennis Sanchez, Credit Expert with Blue Water Credit, shared their expertise on the basics of rebuilding credit scores. Click [here](#) to watch the full recording. The webinar featured important topics including:

- how credit scores are calculated
- where to obtain a free credit report
- what to do if you are a victim of identity theft
- tips on boosting your credit score by 70 points in 7 weeks



COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINE UPDATE

COVID-19 booster shots are now available in Santa Clara County for those who received their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago and are eligible according to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines. People who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least two months ago and are 18 years of age or older are recommended to receive a booster shot. For additional information and to schedule an appointment click [here](#).



Milpitas Pop-Up, Walk In Clinic *(Please note that your wait will depend on the number of patients ahead of you)*

In partnership with Santa Clara County Public Health, the City of Milpitas is providing a clinic open to ages 5+ on Sunday, November 28 at the Milpitas Community Center (457 East Calaveras Blvd.) from 12 noon to 7pm. Boosters also available for qualified individuals.

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HOWL-O-WEEN WITH MILPITAS POLICE

Howl-O-Ween with police took place on October 28, 2021 and attendance exceeded expectations! Over 100 people and about 60 pets participated in the City's first-ever Howl-O-Ween event. It was also the soft launch of the Police Department's Paws on Patrol initiative. Paws on Patrol teaches community members how to be more aware of their surroundings while walking their pets. Pets and their parents had a great time at the Milpitas Police Department, complete with treats and pooches in Halloween apparel. Thank you to Parktown Veterinary Clinic and San Jose Animal Services for participating. Your commitment to the Milpitas community is truly appreciated!



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

On November 6, 2021 the City celebrated Native American Heritage Month with a blessing, land acknowledgment and cultural dances at Cesar Chavez Plaza. The celebration featured guest speaker Charlene Nijmeh, Chairwoman for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area and performances by Dancers from the Indian Health Center and California Dance Group led by Razzle Dazzle.



DRIP IRRIGATION WEBINAR

Register [here](#) for the City's drip irrigation for beginners Zoom Webinar. Drip irrigation is a very efficient way to water your garden. This class will cover an overview of drip options available and how to design a drip irrigation system. Participants will also learn how to utilize watering zones for different plant types. Join us on Nov. 15th at 7 PM.



MILPITAS HOLIDAY MAGIC ON MAIN STREET

Help Milpitas start a magical new holiday tradition! This December 4-19, North Main Street will be transformed for the holidays as you've never seen it before. Plan to bring your family and friends to join in on all the fun!

Come enjoy a synthetic ice skating rink, holiday performances, holiday movies, fun games and activities, food vendors, photos with Santa, artwork, themed nights and snow daily!

To learn more about this new event, visit [here](#).



RETHINK YOUR SUGAR DRINK WEBINAR

Sugary drinks are the leading source of added sugars in the American diet. Limiting sugary drinks can help you maintain a healthy weight. Learn how to make healthier drink choices and being a role model for younger family members by limiting sugary drinks and choosing alternatives for a healthier lifestyle. Additional information will be provided on Dec 15, 2021 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm through a virtual webinar. Sign up [here](#).



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MILPITAS SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The City of Milpitas launched the Milpitas Small Business Spotlight Program to sustain and grow the local economy by supporting diverse businesses. The program is designed to assist small businesses affected by the pandemic through promotions and marketing. If you're looking for quality beauty services, check out Starlite Beauty Salon at 20 S Abbott Ave. You can access all the produced small business videos through the City's [YouTube Channel](#), social media channels, and the City Website's Office of Economic Development [page](#).



Starlight Beauty Salon [Video](#).

MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND COLORGUARD WIN TOP HONORS

Milpitas High School's Marching Band and Colorguard earned 1st place with a score of 78.20 in the Scarlet Regiment Tournament of Bands at San Benito High School in Hollister. The squad, led by Director of Bands Moises Fagundes, took first in all captions as well: Best Effect, Best Music, Best Visual, Best Percussion, and Best Guard.

At the Gilroy Garlic City Classic Milpitas High School won all captions including Best Colorguard, Best Visual, Best Music, Best GE, and Best Percussion.



BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL BACK INDOORS AT MILPITAS SPORTS CENTER

Basketball and volleyball are back indoors at the Milpitas Sports Center! Join National Academy of Athletics on Saturday afternoons and learn the fundamentals of each sport. Basketball meets 2-4 p.m. Volleyball meets 4-6 p.m. All skill levels are welcome! Register [here](#) to save your spot!



DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Tarob Court-2 Townhomes, 1992 Tarob Ct., a 53-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for another building with 8 units was issued. See below photos.



Robson Homes Finch Hollow, 1005 N. Park Victoria Dr., 38 single-family residential development with 10 accessory dwelling units by Robson Homes. The below photo shows two duplexes in progress.



Milpitas Elite Academy, located at 1820 Clear Lake Ave. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the Milpitas Elite Academy, an afterschool center was issued.

TDK Headway Technologies, located at 463 S. Milpitas Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for analytical lab was issued.

Spec Space, located at 80 Railroad Ave. To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to Devcon Construction Inc.

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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Corning Inc., a technology company for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 840 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$10M.

McAfee Corp, a computer security software company for tenant improvement at its new facility located at 1123 Cadillac Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$989,433.

KLA, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for site improvement at its facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$683,000.

Virtusa, for tenant improvement of a new information technology company located at 888 Tasman Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$475,000.

Bank of America, for the installation of EV chargers located at 740 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

Western Digital, a flash memory research and development business, for tenant improvement at its facility located at 1101 SanDisk Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$232,981.

MKS Instruments, a measuring & controlling device manufacturing company, for installation of electrical infrastructure for tenant improvement at its facility located at 1565 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$208,213.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Kaiser Permanente, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 770 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$450,000.

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

Hair Day the Korean Salon, a hair salon located 221 W. Calaveras Blvd.

Health Care & Service IND Inc, a new office for staffing registry, recruitment, and training located at 16 Corning Ave.

Planet Fitness, a fitness center located at 158 Ranch Dr.

Brow Bar, a threading kiosk at Great Mall.

Sinoy's Kitchen, a new take-out restaurant located at 283 Jacklin Rd.

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