



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

Each November, we celebrate *America Recycles* month, a time to educate and empower Americans to recycle more, not just on one day but every day. Individual recycling action and behavior are the themes of this year's America Recycles Day (November 15), a Keep America Beautiful national program and the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recycling has contributed to American prosperity and the protection of our environment. The recycling rate has increased from less than 7 percent in 1960 to the current rate of 32 percent. An EPA study found that recycling and reuse activities in the United States accounted for 681,000 jobs and \$37.8 billion in wages.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also shown all of us that recycling is a valuable and essential service. Today, residential recycling is creating valuable supply for use in essential goods and products – including shipping boxes, food packaging, and the ever-elusive toilet paper. As climate change and environmental issues take the forefront, proper recycling is more important than ever. Do not place garbage (such as disposable face masks), food scraps, or yard trimmings into the recyclables carts and empty and clean recyclable containers, if possible. Putting non-recyclable items in the recycling cart can contaminate recyclable batches and the whole load could be rejected and end up in the landfill.

Did you know that there is a new law on the horizon (Senate Bill 1383) that requires every Californian to divert organics by collecting and recycling organics such as food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard? Organics make up half

of what is in landfills and significantly contributes to methane, a strong contributor to climate change, which is created as the items break down. Separating your food scraps and placing them in the food scraps section of your split cart will divert those items from the landfill and allows them to be reused in animal feed products.

In Milpitas, collective efforts to "Recycle Right" by residents and businesses have led to less items going to the landfill and more recycling. Keep up the good work! Unsure of which items go in which cart? When in doubt, find out by contacting the City's waste hauler, Milpitas Sanitation, Inc (<https://www.milpitassanitation.com> or 408-988-4500) or email the City at MilpitasRecycles@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.

Are you ready to get started on embracing a recycling lifestyle? Take the Keep America Beautiful #BeRecycled pledge.

1. LEARN: I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my Milpitas community by calling 408-988-4500 or going to <https://www.milpitassanitation.com>.
2. ACT: Within the next month, I will reduce the amount of waste I produce, I will recycle more, and I will buy products made with recycled content.
3. SHARE: In the next month, I will encourage one family member or one friend to take the #BeRecycled pledge.

I encourage everyone to become everyday recyclers because it not only impacts the Milpitas local economy but also ensures that our City's environmental well-being continues to be healthy for our families and the future generation.

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HONORING VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY

The City of Milpitas gathered on Veterans Day to honor its Veterans and active duty military personnel. Veterans blend into the fabric of our community and serve as threads that hold our country and community together! Their service to our nation keeps our freedom intact. Veteran Andy Dyson, who has contributed countless hours to the community with the Knights of Columbus and the Milpitas Pantry, and was named Veteran of the Year for 2021, receiving proclamations from Assembly member Alex Lee and Mayor Rich Tran.



RECYCLE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS AT THE OLYNS REDEMPTION MACHINE

Olyns, a Bay Area start-up, has placed self-serve CRV-redemption machines in select Safeway stores, including the one at Milpitas Town Center. These machines help reduce plastic pollution and increase the amount of recycled PET, all while providing a convenient way for people to recycle cans and bottles for cash. The Olyns Cube crushes and separates materials, using AI-image recognition for deposit returns. A single Olyns machine can compress and store more than 1,000 plastic bottles, 850 aluminum cans, and 50 glass bottles. Users simply download the Olyns app on their mobile phones, go to the closest Olyns machine, log in with touchless NFC, and start depositing CRV containers. The Olyns app automatically credits the user's account for every container deposited - five cents for small containers, ten cents for large ones - and lets users cash out their balance anytime through Paypal. The Olyns app also has a dashboard so users can track their environmental impact - the # of containers they deposit, the CO2 they save, and the amount of waste they divert from landfills and oceans. You can find out more about Olyns [here](#). Download the app from the App Store or Google Play - just search for Olyns.



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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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SURVEY

You still have time to complete the City's Community Development Block Grant survey! We need your help in determining priorities when allocating funding from the Community Development Block Grant. We value your opinion and seek your feedback through a needs assessment survey. The result of this survey, along with input from community meetings, will assist us in the development of a Consolidated Plan (a.k.a. Con Plan). The Con Plan is a document, derived from public input, that governs the use of Federal housing and community development funds for the next several years. Participate in the survey [here](#). Survey deadline is November 28, 2021.



ADJUST YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROL SYSTEM

Rainy weather is upon us, which makes it a great time to turn off your irrigation system. Watering your plants is not necessary when nature is doing it for you. The City does not allow watering during and two days after it rains. Learn how to set your controller properly [here](#).

Make it easier for you to monitor your sprinklers with a Weather Based Irrigation Controller. These devices account for changing weather, soil conditions, and plant types. Rebates are available, visit [here](#) for more information.



LEGO FUNGINEERING

Your child will have fun playing with LEGOs® and will learn a little about engineering and design basics at the same time. Each session will include planned projects, free play time including some time with a Mindstorms EV3 robot, and basic instruction and explanations all geared towards the development of your child's creativity and imagination. Children can also learn to follow step-by-step instructions and to play, share, and socialize nicely with others.

Ages 4-9

Sessions take place from Nov 20, 2021 to Jan 15, 2022 on each Saturday 10am to Noon.

For additional information and to sign up, click [here](#).



WINTER BREAK CAMP

Brrrrrr! The weather outside is frightful, but the Milpitas Winter Break Camp is so delightful! Winter Break Camp is a fun and enriching place for students to come during their winter break away from school. Each day campers will enjoy a wide array of experiential learning through winter themed art/crafts projects, sports, science experiments, healthy cooking and much more! Camp will be led by some of your child's already favorite Summer Camp and ATB (After the Bell) staff.



Milpitas Assistance Program (MAP) customers may use their discount toward this program. Interested in more information, please contact Anthony Teschera at (408) 586-3231 or by [email](#).

To sign up winter break camp, click [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. Check out Rainbow Childhood Development Center for all your childcare needs, located at 227 S. Main Street. 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](#).



Rainbow Childhood Development Center [Video](#).

DEMAND FOR FREE WIFI ACCESS SURVEY

The City of Milpitas would like to learn more about how much demand there is for access to free Wi-Fi services from our residents. Please complete the survey [here](#).



TAKE THESE ACTIONS TO PREVENT SEWER CLOGS

Take these actions to prevent sewer clogs so you can be sure to enjoy the holiday!

- 1) Pour turkey, fryer oil, or other FOG (fats, oils and grease) into a container and place on the curb next to your carts for collection. Can it, don't drain it!
- 2) Cool grease to a safe temperature before pouring into a container, or scrape grease into trash.
- 3) If washing dishes by hand, use warm water, to avoid grease blockage in your household plumbing system.

Milpitas single family residents may place up to 2 gallons of used cooking oil (in accepted containers) at the curb for collection each week.

Learn more about proper disposal of FOG [here](#).
Milpitas Sanitation cooking oil pick-up info [here](#).



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

District Lot 4 (Gideon), 1400 McCandless Dr., an 8-story mixed used project with commercial retail space and 213 residential apartments, wrapped around an 8-story parking garage building development by Lyon Communities Developer.

The installation of stairs in the parking garage shaft is in progress where the tower crane was recently removed. See the below picture.



Chick-fil-A, 755 E. Calaveras Blvd., With the foundation work now complete. The below photo shows the construction of walls in progress for the Chick-fil-A restaurant at the Milpitas Town Center.



Hillview Court, renovation & conversion of a 3-story 146 guest room hotel into 146 apartment dwelling units located at 1000 Hillview Ct.

BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

The Crossing at Montague, for the site improvement which consists of restoration of recreation space that was disturbed/removed by VTA during construction of the BART Milpitas Station located at 755 E Capitol Ave at an estimated construction cost of \$992,586.

Aeva Technologies Inc., a LIDAR-sensor manufacturer for tenant improvements at this new facility located at 1096 Pecten Ct. at an estimated construction cost of \$400,000.

Watch Point Logistics, for tenant improvement at their new facility located at 607 N McCarthy Blvd at an estimated construction cost of \$320,000.

City of Milpitas Senior Center, for installation of two solar canopy structures located at 40 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

City of Milpitas Community Center, for installation of one solar canopy structure located at 457 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

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Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

District Lot-3 Hotel, for construction of a 7-story, 150 room building with retail and amenities on the first floor located at 1310 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$36.6M.

MKS Instruments, for tenant improvement to install new equipment at the existing facility located at 1565 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of \$875,250.

McCarthy Center Holding LLC, for tenant improvement for future tenant move-in at the existing facility located at 670 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$304,857.

District Lot 1, "Turing", for vanilla shell interior improvements for two spaces at the existing Development located at 1321 & 1325 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$300,000.

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

Yicawell Acupuncture & Herbal Center, Inc., an acupuncture center relocating from Fremont to 40 N. Park Victoria Dr.

Ketos Inc., a water analytics R & D business relocating from San Jose to 420 S Hillview Dr.

Home Interiors Furniture, a furniture retail store located at Great Mall.

Tama Veterinary Clinic, a new Veterinary Clinic located at 542 S Main St.

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