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Milpitas Community Newsletter

August - October 2018  
Volume VI



## Holidays & City Events

### AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM  
City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room

3<sup>rd</sup> Yelp Workshop  
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
Embassy Suites

10<sup>th</sup> Movie Night Out - Thor: Ragnarok  
8:00 PM  
Murphy Park

25<sup>th</sup> Hot August Bites  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Milpitas Civic Center

### SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day  
City Holiday: Closed

15<sup>th</sup> Costal Cleanup Day  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Sign-up at [www.cleanacreek.org](http://www.cleanacreek.org)

20<sup>th</sup> General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM  
<https://milpitas.generalplan.org/>

29<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Milpitas Civic Center

29<sup>th</sup> First CERT Training Class  
Email [oes@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:oes@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) to register

### OCTOBER

5<sup>th</sup> Manufacturing Day  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
[www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/mfg](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/mfg)

17<sup>th</sup> General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM  
<https://milpitas.generalplan.org/>

19<sup>th</sup> Fall Movie Night - Hotel Transylvania 2  
7:00 PM  
Milpitas Sports Center

27<sup>th</sup> Pumpkins in the Park  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Cardoza Park

31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

## 2018-19 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET

The annual budget is the single most important policy action that your City Council makes each year, and it represents the City's priorities for making resource investments, both for the upcoming year and for the long-term future. This year's priorities were identified through a new proactive outreach program which prioritized the community's input through many meetings and surveys. The seven month participative process directed by the City Council, involved the public's input along with the input from all departments, City labor groups, community leaders, and partner agencies. Identified priorities from this engagement include: Public Safety, Infrastructure and Community Facilities Maintenance, Transportation and Transit, Economic Development and Job Growth, and a commitment to Fiscal Responsibility.



The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Operating Budget was adopted on June 5, 2018, and equals \$147.2 million across all City funds and \$101.2 million in the General Fund. In addition to meeting City priorities identified above, the FY 2018-19 Operating Budget is a reflection of significant economic and development growth in Milpitas and adds 18.25 new positions in several departments including Police, Fire, Public Works, Engineering, and Recreation. While the City is currently able to expand its operations, it is doing so cautiously and strategically in light of rising service delivery and other costs.

Related to the City's operating budget is the City's 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which was also approved by City Council on June 5, 2018, and equals \$315.0 million over 5 years. The CIP pays for one-time major projects for repair, renovation, replacement, and improvement to City facilities and infrastructure as well as large scale equipment acquisitions. Of the \$315.9 million, \$134.3 million will be funded from internal City funds, \$121.4 million will be funded through external funds such as grants, reimbursements, developer fees, and bonds, and \$95.3 million in funding still needs to be secured. Significant new projects include those for a Sports Center Baseball Field Renovation, new parks, sewer system improvements, and water system leak detection.

To view the 2018-19 adopted budget book, which will be available by mid-August, please visit: [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/budget](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/budget).

## MEET YOUR NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER



Ms. Ashwini Kantak has been named Assistant City Manager for the City of Milpitas by City Manager Julie Edmonds-Mares. As the City Manager's second in command, Ms. Kantak will lead a wide range of operational and project priorities for the City, and will function as the City's Chief Operating Officer and

provide administrative support and policy guidance to the City Council as well as to the City's departments.

Ms. Kantak comes to us from the City of San José where she served as Assistant Director of the Department of Environmental Services. In that position she was the Chief Operating Officer for a department with a \$310 million budget and 550 employees, and she led a \$1.4 billion capital improvement program for the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility serving 1.4 million residents in Silicon Valley.

As part of her role as Assistant Director of Environmental Services in San José, Ms. Kantak also led the department's efforts for regulatory compliance, legislative affairs, and programs for sustainability and energy, including the creation of the San José Community Choice Energy program and the development of Climate Smart San José, a data-based plan to chart a local path to meet the Paris Climate Accord goals.

A 17-year employee with San José, Ms. Kantak was an Assistant to the City Manager for 6 years and was responsible for the implementation of the San José Green Vision, a 15-year strategic plan for economic growth and environmental stewardship. She coordinated the city's multi-billion dollar capital improvement program and led the development of several policies and citywide initiatives. Prior to her role in the City Manager's Office, she was a project manager in Public Works, managing the design and construction of major facilities.

Ms. Kantak has also worked 10 years in the private sector for multiple architectural firms and was project architect for projects ranging from single-family residences to large hotels and resorts.

Ms. Kantak has a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Academy of Architecture in Mumbai, India, a master's degree in architecture from Iowa State University, and a master's in public policy and administration from Northwestern University. She is a licensed architect in California and a LEED Accredited Professional. Ms. Kantak can be reached at [akantak@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:akantak@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

## MEET YOUR NEW DEPUTY CITY MANAGER



Mr. Steve McHarris returns to Milpitas in a new leadership capacity as Deputy City Manager overseeing the operations of three departments: Building & Safety, Planning & Neighborhood Services, and Engineering, along with Economic Development, and related inspection activities and development services in other

departments. Mr. McHarris has a successful history with the City, having previously served as Director of the Milpitas Planning and Neighborhood Services Department for three years until 2015, when he joined the City of San José as its Planning Official of the San José Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department. During his tenure with the City of Milpitas, he established a reputation as a creative, collaborator, and visionary leader for the Planning & Neighborhood Services Department.

Mr. McHarris is currently initiating an organizational review process to identify improvements for better interdepartmental collaboration and more efficient and effective development services. He is including an evaluation of current developer fees and other proposed operational changes to make sure the City is recovering development services related costs fairly and fully. Updates to the City's General Plan and Midtown Specific Plan along with ramping up a robust affordable housing program are also under Steve's purview.

Mr. McHarris' 30 years of public service not only includes his service at Milpitas and San José, but also his planning roles for the City of Fremont and University of California, Irvine. He advanced into planning and leadership roles with the cities of Soledad, Atascadero, Milpitas, and San José. He also served in the past as an appointed Design Review Board member for the City of Orange and an elected Town Council member in the County of San Luis Obispo. A graduate of California State Polytechnic University-Pomona, he holds a master's degree in public administration/urban planning from California State University Fullerton and is an AICP certified planner.

Mr. McHarris has led award-winning planning efforts in the communities he has served, including visioning plans for Milpitas that received Bay Area, state, and national recognition by the American Planning Association. He is always open to sharing new thoughts with residents and businesses, and incorporating local community perspectives into the planning and development process. Mr. McHarris can be reached at [smcharris@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:smcharris@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE

On January 31, 2018, the City Council held an affordable housing study session in which it discussed a number of affordable housing items. One of the items was the discussion of an Affordable Housing Ordinance. From the discussion, City staff was directed to prepare an Affordable Housing Ordinance for City Council review by June 2018. An Affordable Housing Ordinance requires developers of new residential developments to set aside a certain percentage of units as affordable. Since commercial developers typically do not construct residential units, they would be required to pay a fee. The fee would then be used to finance future affordable housing developments.



City staff began preparing the ordinance in February 2018 based on the findings of an affordable housing study conducted with neighboring cities in both Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. During the preparation process, staff conducted two community meetings to present details about the ordinance. The two community meetings were held on April 19 and April 26, 2018. Approximately 40 people attended each meeting. At the meeting, the general requirements of the ordinance were outlined.

The Affordable Housing Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on June 12, 2018. The Ordinance took effect on July 20, 2018. Prior to this Ordinance, new residential developments had the option to either set aside 5% of units as affordable or pay a fee equal to 5% of the construction costs. Starting August 2018, all new residential and commercial developments are subject to the new ordinance. Residential developments of 10 or more units are required to provide 15% of the units as affordable. If it is an ownership development, then the 15% affordable units are designated for Moderate Income Households. If it is a rental development, then the 15% affordable units are for Low Income Households. Commercial developments of over 10,000 square feet are required to pay a fee on a per square feet basis. That fee will be determined through a separate resolution in the future. City staff will be meeting with developers to discuss the fee level, and staff will return to the City Council in fall of 2018 to determine the fee levels for Council consideration.

For more information about the Affordable Housing Ordinance, please call Tim Wong at (408) 586-3286.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACES AGING FIRE TRUCKS

The City of Milpitas has received delivery of two Pierce Velocity Fire Engines. The apparatus arrived in June and will be placed in service after being fitted with tools and equipment. These new Fire Engines will be in service at Fire Station #1, located on 777 South Main Street, and Fire Station #3, located on 45 Midwick Drive. These additions to the fleet will replace units that have reached the end of their service life. The new Fire Engines feature advanced technologies in fire pumping capability and all wheel steer technology. Because of increased fire suppression capabilities, the engines are able to pump water faster, and at a greater volume. This means that Milpitas Fire will be able to put out fires more efficiently and effectively. The all wheel steer feature allows for increased maneuverability and improved street access.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING SET TO RE-LAUNCH IN FALL 2018

Milpitas residents play a vital role in the City's disaster recovery efforts when trained as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member. The Milpitas CERT program educates residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The free CERT trainings for the fall of 2018 will take place on September 29, October 6 and 13, and residents must participate in all training dates to become certified. To register, please contact Toni Charlop at (408) 586-2801 or [oes@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:oes@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

## THE FUN NEVER STOPS IN MILPITAS

The fun never stops in Milpitas, and the Milpitas Recreation and Community Services Department is busy planning events to keep the fun going throughout the year for the community. The next five community events this summer and fall will keep the entire family entertained.

### Movie Night Out

Be sure to catch "Thor: Ragnarok" at the last Movie Night Out on Friday, August 10, 2018, at Murphy Park. The movie starts at sunset, at approximately 8:00 PM.

### Hot August Bites

The 2nd Annual Hot August Bites event takes place on Saturday, August 25, 2018, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Milpitas Civic Center. You can enjoy an evening full of food, beverages, live music, games, fun and more food. This year's "Bites" also features the Veterans Commission Car Show. Enjoy the sights of some of the most beautiful restorations and well-loved originals in the Bay Area. This event is a sure pleaser for the whole family.



### Oktoberfest

In 2017, the City of Milpitas hosted its first ever Oktoberfest Celebration. It was such a huge success that there was no doubt that it would return bigger and better than ever. Join us for Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Milpitas Civic Center. There will be music, food, entertainment and even games.

### Fall Movie Night

The Fall Movie Night takes on a "dive in" experience at the Milpitas Sports Center on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 7:00 PM. You can take a dip in the heated pools while "Hotel Transylvania 2" plays on the big screen.

### Pumpkins in the Park

The 5th Annual Pumpkins in the Park makes its spooky return on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Cardoza Park. Visit all of the trick-or-treat stations, petting zoo, activities, and get your face painted!

Please call (408) 586-3210 for more information.

## MILPITAS MINIMUM WAGE REACHES \$13.50 ON JULY 1, 2018

Beginning July 1, 2018, employers in Milpitas must pay to each employee who performs at least two (2) hours of work per week in Milpitas, minimum wages of not less than \$13.50 per hour. The new minimum wage increase applies to adult and minor employees who work two (2) or more hours per week. The following is the schedule for minimum wage increases:

Effective Date	Minimum Wage Rate
July 1, 2017	\$11.00
January 1, 2018	\$12.00
July 1, 2018	\$13.50
July 1, 2019	\$15.00

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 9



The Milpitas Police Department is encouraging residents to attend neighborhood parties on Thursday, August 9, 2018, to celebrate National Night Out, "America's Night Out against Crime." This annual community-building event is designed to bring neighbors together and promote police-community partnerships to make our community safe under positive circumstances. Milpitas residents interested in hosting a National Night Out neighborhood party or obtaining information regarding the event should contact Officer John Muok at (408) 586-2526 or via email at [jmuok@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:jmuok@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

## WELCOME NEW RESTAURANTS:

Pho 90 Degree  
Vietnamese Cuisine  
222 Great Mall Drive  
9am to 12am  
(408)945-6693

Pho Hoang Van  
Vietnamese Cuisine  
72 South Park Victoria Drive  
9am to 9pm  
(408)946-1937



## MILPITAS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

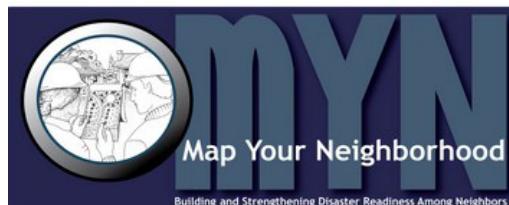


Often regarded as the City's "Constitution for Future Development," the General Plan represents the community's view of its future and expresses the long-term growth and development goals. The City Council appointed the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) members in 2016 to provide input from the community. This twelve

member committee, who are members of the community, had eight meetings to discuss the future of Milpitas. City staff and consultants have conducted fifteen meetings, including GPAC meetings, to gather community input and ideas on a variety of topics relating to land use, circulation, health, safety, and other important features of the Plan.

City staff and the consultants held a hands-on workshop with the City Council and key stakeholders on March 29, 2018, to review the GPAC's progress and gather ideas and recommendations from the City Council. The next meeting will discuss air, energy, community services, and utilities, and the meeting will be held in the City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room on August 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM. After the GPAC finalizes its recommendation, it will be presented to the Planning Commission for its recommendations, then the City Council will make a final decision on the General Plan in 2019. To learn more about the General Plan, please visit: <https://milpitas.generalplan.org>.

## MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM



Neighborhoods are stepping up to become better prepared to work together. The Milpitas Office

of Emergency Services (OES) offers a Map Your Neighborhood program. This program consists of meeting your neighbors, sharing emergency contacts, learning about family members who might have special needs or need assistance in an emergency, assisting each other in turning off utilities, preserving life and property by learning about hazards in your immediate neighborhood and preparing to address them. For more information on this program or other related services provided by OES, please contact Toni Charlop at 408-586-2801 or [oes@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:oes@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR UTILITY BILL (PG&E - SVCE)

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) has many resources available to Milpitas residents to help you understand the "Silicon Valley Clean Energy Electric Generation charges" on your PG&E Energy Statement, which should appear on your July PG&E bill. It's important to note that this new line item on your bill is not a duplicate charge or an extra charge. SVCE charges replace charges from PG&E, at a lower rate.

ENERGY STATEMENT		Account No: 1023456789-0
		Statement Date: 07/02/2018
		Due Date: 07/31/2018
<b>Service For:</b>	<b>Your Account Summary</b>	
SPARKY JOULE 1234 MAIN STREET MILPITAS, CA 95035	Credit Balance on Previous Statement Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement Previous Unpaid Balance	\$312.53 -312.53 0.00
<b>Questions about your bill?</b>	Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges Silicon Valley Clean Energy Electric Generation Charges	\$83.64 \$34.75
Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Phone: 1-866-743-0335	<b>Total Amount Due</b> by 03/28/2018	<b>\$118.39</b>
<b>Local Office Address</b>		
10900 N BLANEY AVE CUPERTINO, CA 95014		

You can find this in the details of the PG&E Electric Delivery Charges page of your bill, typically found on Page 3. Here you will see a negative number, which is the Generation Credit, and this is the amount PG&E credits back to your account for what it would have charged for electric generation. SVCE's lower generation charges will be detailed on a new separate page in your PG&E bill.

Here are some other resources from SVCE to help guide you through your bill:

- Visit the Understanding Your Bill web-page on the SVCE website for an illustrated guide to reading your PG&E Energy Statement: <https://www.svcleanenergy.org/your-bill/>
- Compare Your Costs between PG&E and SVCE, as well as download a helpful worksheet to calculate your savings at: <https://www.svcleanenergy.org/compare/>
- Check out Frequently Asked Questions at: <https://www.svcleanenergy.org/faqs/>
- SVCE customer service may be reached at [customerservice@svcleanenergy.org](mailto:customerservice@svcleanenergy.org) or at 1-844-SVCE (7823)

As a community-owned agency, SVCE reinvests net revenues back in our communities by keeping rates competitive to save customers money, and through programs, scholarships and grants. SVCE is currently in the process of developing clean energy programs that will further help customers with lowering carbon emissions.



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit the website for more information: [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov)  
All phone numbers listed below have a (408) area code

Building & Safety	586-3240	Recreation Services & Community Center	586-3210	Utilities	586-2600
Building Inspection Requests	586-2797	Barbara Lee Senior Center	586-3400	Rates/Billing/Info	586-3100
Building Permits	586-3240	Sports Center	586-3225	Emergency (after hours)	586-2400
City Attorney	586-3040	Planning & Neighborhood Services	586-3279	Volunteer Services	586-3210
City Hall	586-3000	Abandoned Vehicles	586-2400	Water	
Mayor Rich Tran	586-3029	Code Enforcement	586-3279	Billing Questions	586-3100
Vice Mayor Marsha Grilli	586-3031	Graffiti Hotline	586-3079	Water Conservation Hotline	586-2605
Councilmember Garry Barbadillo	586-3024	Housing Rehab Loan Program	586-3286	Water Emergencies	586-2600
Councilmember Bob Nuñez	586-3023	Junk Cars/Private Property	586-3078	8am-5pm Mon-Fri	
Councilmember Anthony Phan	586-3032	Neighborhood Beautification	586-3074	Water Emergencies	586-2400
City Clerk	586-3001	Planning & Zoning	586-3279	After Hours	
Passport Hotline	586-3009	Police	586-2400	Water Quality Questions	586-2600
City Manager	586-3051	Business & Services	586-2400	Water Waste/Drought	586-2666
Emergencies -24/7	9-1-1	Crime Tip Line	586-2500	<a href="#">Telecommunications for the Deaf (TDD)</a>	
Engineering	586-3300	Emergencies - 24/7	9-1-1	Emergency	9-1-1
Finance Department	586-3100	Government Access Cable TV-Channel 15	586-2730	Police Department	586-2484
Business License	586-3100	Public Works	586-2600	<b>IMPORTANT ADDRESSES</b>	
Fire	586-2800	Animal Services	794-7240	<a href="#">City Hall</a>	455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Office of Emergency Services	586-2801	Maintenance Services	586-2600	<a href="#">Senior Center</a>	40 N. Milpitas Blvd.
Disaster Preparedness	586-2801	Tree Removal	586-2600	<a href="#">Community Center</a>	457 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Earthquake Safety Information	586-2801	Light Reporting	586-2600	<a href="#">Sports Center</a>	1325 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Emergencies - 24/7	9-1-1	Pot Holes	586-2600	<a href="#">Library</a>	160 N. Main St.
Fire Prevention	586-3365	Flooding	584-2600	<a href="#">Police Department</a>	1275 N. Milpitas Blvd.
General Information	586-3000	Recycling/Garbage	988-4500	<a href="#">Fire Department</a>	777 S. Main St.
Human Resources	586-3090	Milpitas Sanitation	586-2680		
Library	262-1171	Reduce, Reuse Info			
Purchasing	586-3161				
Economic Development	586-3052				



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