



MILPITAS MATTERS

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National Fire Prevention Month

MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

October is Fire Prevention Month. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. We celebrate Fire Prevention Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States.

The NFPA's 2021 campaign for Fire Safety Month is "**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.**" According to the latest NFPA "Smoke Alarms in the U.S. Report," working smoke alarms in the home reduce the risk of dying in a reported fire by more than half (55 percent). However, almost three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms (41 percent) or smoke alarms that failed to operate (16 percent); missing or non-functional power sources, including missing or disconnected batteries, dead batteries, and disconnected hardwired alarms or other alternate current (AC) power issues, are the most common factors when smoke alarms fail to operate. Additionally, fire extinguishers are pressurized devices that release chemicals or water that put out fires. They keep small fires from spreading, assist in fighting fires until the fire department arrives and can help provide an escape route for you and your family.

We have all seen how wildfires in California are getting larger and how extreme weather events, marked by dry fuels, lightning storms and strong winds are also increasingly common. Fire Prevention Month falls at a time where there's a heightened risk for wildfires because of the hot and dry temperature in California. I strongly encourage everyone to help protect and keep your home safe by installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and having fire extinguishers at home because a home emergency can happen at any time.

In Milpitas, the Fire Prevention Department takes pride in taking the lead to inform the community of comprehensive programs of fire prevention and loss management and hazardous materials regulation and enforcement. Fire Prevention personnel are also in charge of recommending policy to enable residents to comply with regulatory codes in mitigating fire and hazardous materials conditions in the community. The department also monitors the effectiveness of the City's fire loss prevention programs. For more information or/and if you need support, please contact Fire Prevention Services by calling 408-586-3365 or e-mailing firepreventionoffice@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.

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CITY ANNOUNCES POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT FOR MILPITAS

Jared Hernandez, Acting Chief of Police, has been appointed by City Manager Steven G. McHarris to serve as the next Police Chief of Milpitas effective October 10, 2021.

On December 31, 2020, Jared Hernandez, was appointed as the Acting Chief of Police. During the last nine months Acting Chief Hernandez has taken charge of his department, established positive relationships with the community and worked well with members of the City Council and the City Manager's Office. During the last year, he has prioritized community engagement and has focused on building new relationships and strengthening existing relationships with members of our community. He has enhanced existing programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Coffee with a Cop, and National Night Out and is implementing new programs such as a traffic diversion program for Seniors and Teens, a Juvenile Diversion program, and a Paws of Patrol program, designed to supplement traditional Neighborhood Watch programs and encourage citizens to be active and alert while walking pets.



POLICE DEPARTMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Milpitas Police Department, please click [here](#) or [here](#). Our current job opportunities include: Police Officer, Communications Dispatcher, and Adult Crossing Guard.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR AND SMOKE DETECTOR BEEPS

Is there a beep or a chirp coming from your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your family, and your home!

Learn the sounds [here](#).

COVID TESTING AT MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Break-through COVID cases are happening in Milpitas. Even if you are vaccinated, we encourage you to get tested. The Milpitas Community Center is a Santa Clara County Public Health COVID test site. We have free testing every Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Come and see us at 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.



PFIZER BOOSTER AVAILABLE

Pfizer boosters are now available in Santa Clara County for those eligible. Boosters offer additional security for those who are at high risk for complications from COVID-19 due to age or pre-existing conditions. Make an appointment for your booster [here](#).

Did you receive two doses of the Pfizer vaccine and want a booster?

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NATIVE PLANTS AND SUCCULENTS ZOOM WEBINAR

Register for the Zoom Webinar, Design with Native Plants & Succulents to learn how to design a visually successful native plant and succulent garden that requires low maintenance and little water. The course will also cover how to care for, irrigate, and propagate succulents. Join us by registering [here](#). The webinar begins on 10/9 at 10 AM.



IS YOUR YARD DROUGHT-READY?

We are in a drought emergency, and we are in this together. To help everyone use less water, Valley Water offers tools and rebates. The City has partnered with Valley Water and increased the rebate amount for Milpitas residents to \$3 per square foot of turf converted with a rebate cap of \$4,000. Transform your yard into a beautiful drought-resistance landscape and save water the beautiful way. Click [here](#) to get started



REDUCE YOUR EMISSIONS WITH EHUB

Save money and reduce your emissions with eHub, Silicon Valley Clean Energy's free, one-stop-shop for transitioning to electric living. With SVCE, you already receive clean electricity, eHub gives you the power to use that energy to power your home, car and appliances. Browse efficient, electric appliances with the Appliances Assistant, compare electric vehicles with the EV Assistant and explore additional clean energy options with the Solar+Battery Assistant. For more information, click [here](#).



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Second Harvest Food Bank, in partnership with Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas will continue providing food boxes to local families in need, with drive - through events the first and third Saturdays of the month, at 9:00 - 11:00 am. The location where the Second Harvest food distribution takes place is at Thomas Russell Middle School, 1500 Escuela Parkway. For additional information, to volunteer or to donate funds towards the program, contact Second Harvest Food Bank [here](#). Locations are subject to change.



WASHING MACHINE WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Running washing machines only when full can save 15-45 gallons per load. We will overcome this drought together by using water wisely & efficiently. Get tips & resources on how to save water [here](#).



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SENIOR MEET AND GREET GROUP

Join our social meet up group for seniors. Social isolation and loneliness in older people pose significant health risks. Our connections to other human beings allow us to thrive. This friendly group will provide an accepting environment with social support, activities, discussions, mental health awareness and resources. Join us via Zoom to meet other local seniors on October 18th and/or December 15th from 2-3pm and build meaningful connections. To sign up for the Zoom social meet up, click [here](#).



MILPITAS PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

The City of Milpitas returns to hosting Pumpkins in the Park in person this year! The event will be on Saturday, October 23, noon-4 p.m. at Cardoza Park. Unlike in past years, guests are asked to reserve their child's space in advance, as quantities are limited. The \$5 Pumpkin Package includes a pumpkin, trick-or-treat bag and entry to games where prizes will be awarded. Register online [here](#).



MONSTERS AT THE POOL

The Halloween fun continues with Monsters at the Pool! Enjoy an evening swim while watching "Monsters University" on Saturday, October 23 from 6-9 P.M. \$5 per person includes one pumpkin, recreational swimming, movie and popcorn. Register [here](#).



LYFE PROGRAM UPDATE

The LYFE program has had a successful start and the weekly themes have provided a skill building base to allow participants to have activities that expand their skills. This month, participants have been or will be partaking in the following exercises: effective note taking and professional e-mail writing. The program will progressively continue to provide different skill learning activities to promote growth at the LYFE program. Milpitas Assistance Program (MAP) customers may use their discount toward this program.



YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR MAP

As more recreation programs and facilities open up, be sure to take advantage of Milpitas Assistance Program (MAP) if your family is in need of financial assistance. MAP customers must reapply annually. Income limits have changed. Low-income residents are encouraged to apply for the Milpitas Assistance Program, which provides discounts on recreation programs and services, water and sewer service and residential permit fees associated with installing a new furnace, water heater or air conditioning system. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed continuously. This is an income qualified program, and applicants are required to document eligibility with proof of participation in another qualifying assistance program, tax returns or paystubs and deposit records. For additional information, click [here](#).

Household Income	
# of People in Household	Maximum Household Qualifying Income
1	\$82,450
2	\$94,200
3	\$106,000
4	\$117,750
5	\$127,200
6	\$136,600
7	\$146,050
8	\$155,450

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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 5 units was issued. See below photos.



Chick-Fil-A located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd. The below photo shows the demolition work in progress at the Milpitas Town Center to prepare for the construction of a new quick-service restaurant.



TDK Headway Technologies, located at 463 S. Milpitas Blvd.: The below photo shows the progress on the addition of clean rooms at this existing building.



Rhode & Schwarz, 490 N. McCarthy Blvd. To allow earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to Rhode & Schwarz, an international electronic company.

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

Anton Milpitas 730, 730 E. Capitol Ave., a 5-story, 266-unit multifamily residential development with 3,200 sq. ft. of commercial space wrapped around a 6-story parking garage by Anton Building Co. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued for the following. In phase 1, the leasing office on the first floor; in phase 2, the parking garage, amenity roof deck, and 139 units; and in phase 3, 32 units. Below photos show a partial view of the courtyard and the amenity roof deck as well as the club lounge area.



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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to:

Parkside at Tarob Ct. (Phase III) Townhomes by Toll Brothers Inc., for construction of the next two 3-story buildings consisting of 11 units for the residential development located at 551 Lundy Pl., at an estimated construction cost of \$3.36M.

Milpitas Charity Bingo, for tenant improvement for an expansion at its existing facility located at 461 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$255,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

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.

Devcon Construction Inc., for tenant improvement at the vacant building in preparation for future tenant move-in located at 80 Railroad Ave. at an estimated construction cost of \$550,000.

Kaiser Permanente, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 611 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$550,000.

Milpitas Materials Co., for the installation of 195 kW roof-mounted solar system (541 modules) located at 1125 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$468,000.

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 463 S. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

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.

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

Milpitas Pure Water, a purified water store located 1778 Milmont Dr.

Gateway Precision, a precision machinery factory located at 480 Vista Way.

Fengcha, a new boba restaurant located 489 E. Calaveras Blvd.

Pensando System Inc., a software development office located at 570 Alder Dr.

JIIT Transportation, a transport and warehouse business located at 1001 Montague Expy.

Tanner Estates, a real estate office located 1313 N. Milpitas Blvd.

Scidatek, Inc., a general office for research and development of integrated circuit (IC) chips located at 755 Ames Ave.

TK Registration LLC, a tax service and DMV sticker issuer located at 200 Serra Wy.

Red Ribbon Bakeshop, a bakery store located at 1535 Landess Ave

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