



MILPITAS MATTERS

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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 2022 campaign for Fire Safety Month is *"Fire won't wait. Plan your escape."* This campaign works to educate the public about simple but important actions to keep safe from home fires.

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. This is why it is incredibly crucial to plan for the worst.

The following are planned fire safety escape tips:

- Draw a map of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Plan assistance for children, older adults, and people with disabilities who may need help waking up and getting out.
- Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily.

- Pick an outside meeting place that is a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet.
- Practice your escape plan often.

We have all seen how wildfires in California have become 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 yourself and your loved ones by preparing a fire escape plan 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. For more information or/and if you need support, please contact Fire Prevention Services by calling 408-586-3365 or e-mailing firepreventionoffice@milpitas.gov.

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CITY OF MILPITAS RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The City of Milpitas has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. GFOA is a professional association of approximately 22,500 state, provincial, and local government finance officers in the United States and Canada. The organization aims to advance excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for the communities they serve.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the commitment of the City of Milpitas in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The City's budget document clearly communicates the City's financial plan, operations, and fiscal policies and thus meets the high standards set by GFOA. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation in four main categories and also satisfy fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award. The City's Budget document was rated outstanding in the following areas: Special Performance Measure, Special Strategic Goals and Strategies, Special Financial Policies, Special Budget Process, Special Long Range Financial Plans, and Special Capital Recognition. The GFOA award represents a significant feat by the City of Milpitas in applying the highest principles and best practices of budgeting and financial reporting. *Congratulations to our Finance Department for a job well done!*



Images from Government Finance Officers Association's Website

MILPITAS LEADERSHIP TEAM TOURS JOSÉ ALVISO ADOBE HISTORICAL SITE

On October 11, 2022, members of the City of Milpitas' Executive Leadership Team (ELT) visited the restored José Alviso Adobe historical site. Built in 1837, it is the only remaining example of the Monterey Colonial architectural style in the Bay Area. It was inhabited until 1996 when it was acquired by the City in 1996. The site celebrates and preserves the Milpitas community's ranching and agriculture roots with historic farm outbuildings, public art, interpretive signage, heritage trees, fruit trees, flowers and wildlife visitors. The Adobe building underwent complete restoration and seismic strengthening as part of a project designed to provide an educational exhibit about the families who used to call it home. The City will be hosting a ribbon cutting for invited dignitaries in late October. The facility opens to the public in mid-November. Stay tuned for more information!

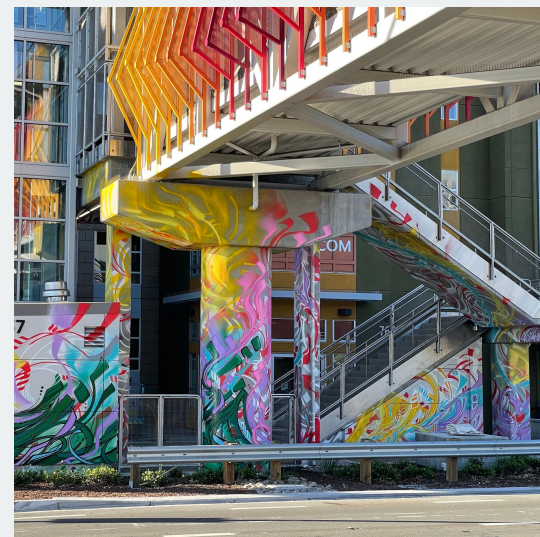


MONTAGUE PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING UNVEILING

The City of Milpitas officially unveiled its public artwork, a mural at the base of the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing on October 15. The bright, mostly abstract design was chosen after extensive public outreach in 2020 and funded through the City's Public Art Fund. Titled "Together We are More," the artwork draws its inspiration from the movement of people through Milpitas. Although the artwork was visible to passersby during its painting in August, the artwork is considered finished on 10/15 with the installation of a plaque identifying the piece.

Location:

Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing. Directly in front of Edge apartments (753 Montague Expressway, Milpitas, CA).



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MILPITAS ELECTION SEASON IS HERE - INFORMATION ON LOCAL ELECTION ITEMS

Registered voters in Milpitas should have received their voter information guides, and, starting October 10th, ballots will be mailed to every registered voter in the City of Milpitas.

Q: What is on the local City of Milpitas Ballot?

A: Milpitas voters will select a new Mayor to serve a two-year term, two Councilmembers to serve four-year terms, and three MUSD (Milpitas Unified School District) governing board members. Voters will also consider Measure F regarding Councilmember and Mayor term limits.

Q: Where can I find official information on candidates for local office and Measure F?

A: Information for City of Milpitas Mayor and Councilmember candidates and Measure F is available through the City Clerk's Election webpage <https://milpitas.info/NovElections>.

Q: Where can I find information on my voter registration, view the sample ballot, find a ballot drop off, or track the status of my ballot?

A: Visit the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters online portal at <https://rovservices.sccgov.org>.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

In 2004, the President of the United States and Congress declared October to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The awareness is to help individuals protect themselves against online threats to technology and confidential data. Threats to cybersecurity are quite common and can be detrimental to an individual and company. This led to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA) collaborating between government and industry to raise cybersecurity awareness nationally and internationally.

Here are 4 Actionable Cybersecurity Tips Everyone Should Consider:

- **Think Before You Click.** Recognize and Report Phishing: If a link looks a little off, don't click. This could be an attempt to gain sensitive information or install malware.
- **Update Your Software.** Don't delay, if you see a software update notification, act promptly. Even better, turn on automatic updates.
- **Use Strong Passwords.** Use passwords that are unique, long, and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts.
- **Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA).** You need more than a password to protect your online accounts, and enabling MFA makes you significantly less likely to get hacked.

In the City of Milpitas, employees are the first line of defense against cyberattacks. City Staff go through regular training to be aware of security threats to avoid falling victim to attacks. Employees are also encouraged to immediately report any suspicious activity on their work-related emails to the Information Technology Department. Taking these simple steps will help keep valuable information out of hackers' hands.

Source: *Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.*



Infographic courtesy of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.



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PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

Back by popular demand is the 9th annual spooktacular Pumpkins in the Park! Enjoy a frightful fall event in Cardoza Park and take a stroll through the ghostly pumpkin patch. Don't forget to bring a costume and participate in our inaugural costume contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants. Music, Face Painting, Trick or Treat Stations, Activity Stations and more.

Event to be held at Cardoza Park, October 22, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. At the time of the event, please go to the "Ticket" Table, and you will be given your tickets for the items. Sign up [here](#).

SENIOR CENTER PILOT PROGRAM

The Senior Center Saturday Hours Pilot Program continues until November 19. The Saturday hours are 9:00am - 12pm. Meet up with your friends this Saturday at the Barbara Lee Senior Center and enjoy a work-out in the fitness room, play billiards, table tennis, crafts, board games, and take advantage of the free resources and services available to everyone ages 50+. Annual membership is just \$12 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Visitor day passes are available free for first-time visitors.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

All of Milpitas is invited to share the fun of this traditional Mexican celebration of life. Enjoy traditional Día de Los Muertos activities and honor the lives of deceased loved ones at our Community Altar de Ofrenda Showcase on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 3-7PM. Members of the public are invited to cast votes for their favorite altars and prizes will be awarded to the people's choice favorites. For additional details and information please visit, contact Special Events Coordinator Danny Clark at DClark@milpitas.gov. Altar spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve a Día de Los Muertos Ofrenda space to publicly honor your loved ones using this link [here](#).

GILL MEMORIAL PARK PICKLEBALL COURT NOW OPEN

Two handball courts at Gill Memorial Park were striped for pickleball and are now open. The Pickleball nets at Gill Memorial Park are up 9 a.m. - dusk. For more information on the pickleball pilot program, including to volunteer to assist with nets, contact Lisa Ciardella at lciardella@milpitas.gov.

MILPITAS COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Calling all Milpitas residents – come get your 4 FREE bags of compost on **Saturday, October 22nd**, just in time to supplement your soil for fall/winter planting. Full of nutrients, compost is great for your garden, plants, trees, and potted plants because it improves aeration, drainage, and water and nutrient-holding capacity. Instead of using fertilizer, using compost puts organic resources back into the soil. Come rain or shine! Bring a photo ID that shows your Milpitas address, along with a signed waiver. One coupon limit per household.

For a copy of the waiver, visit:

<https://www.milpitassanitation.com/community/>



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct., 4-story residential buildings of wood modular construction above first floor concrete podiums with a steel bridge connecting the two buildings providing 102 affordable housing units by Resources for Community Development.

Nibbi, the general contractor, was able to set 14 module units in one day which is double the planned amount. Large special cranes were used to lift and place these modules. See also the photo showing the garage where the stacker parking system will be installed. The vertical posts seen from floor to ceiling are temporary support for additional weight of material on the podium level and will be removed within the next 3 or 4 months.



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 to allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the leasing office was issued.

Headway Technologies, located at 463 S Hillview Dr., to allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the installation of tools in the service chase #14 for Headway Technologies was issued.

BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

Main Street Townhomes, for the construction of four, 3-story buildings of 27 townhomes residential with 1787 sf of retail development located at 808 S Main St., at an estimated construction cost of \$12.2M.

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its existing facility located at 3 Technology Dr., at an estimated construction cost of \$12.1M.

Headway Technologies, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 497 S Hillview Dr., at an estimated construction cost of \$1M.

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$509,437.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Ascenx, LLC, an electronic manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 461 S Milpitas Blvd., at an estimated construction cost of \$1.5M.

Pinnacle Townhomes, for total building demolition of two Industrial buildings for future residential development located at 1752 Houret Ct., at an estimated construction cost of \$310,000.

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Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Skyworks Solutions Inc., a wireless semiconductor company, for tenant improvements at the facility located 880 Yosemite Way at an estimated construction cost of \$310,000.

University of Silicon Andhra, for installation of EV charging stations located at 1521 California Cir., at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Five Below, a retail store, for tenant improvements located at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$225,000.

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

A Plus General Contractors, a general office for mechanical contractor company located at 362 S Abbott Ave.

Basikwall Inc., a wholesale distributor for aluminum doors business relocating from Newark at 434 S Abbott Ave.

Hoya Holdings, Inc., a holding company for an optics and opto-electronics company located at 820 N McCarthy Blvd.

Sighttech Corp., a new office for engineering consultation located at 1525 McCarthy Blvd.

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