



# MILPITAS MATTERS

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## FILIPINO AMERICAN *history month*

**OCTOBER**

### MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

October is Filipino American History Month (*also known as Filipino American Heritage Month*) and commemorates the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay. On October 18, 1587, they arrived aboard the *Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza*, which had sailed from Portuguese Macau, as part of the Manila galleon trade. The event is often pointed out as the first time Asians were in modern day California, the United States, North America, and in the Americas itself. Every year, Filipino American History Month is recognized with a special theme. The 2022 theme is "Celebrating Our History and Legacies: 50 Years of Filipino American Studies, 40 Years of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), and 30 years of Filipino American History Month." More than 300 young Filipino Americans participated in the first Young Filipino People's Far West Convention at Seattle University in 1971, sparking the beginning of the Filipino American Movement.

In Milpitas, the community is comprised of an estimated

11,341 strong Filipino residents, representing approximately 13.5% of the City's Asian population (American Community Survey). The City also takes pride in having made a mark in history with Councilmember Evelyn Chua being the first Filipina elected official to the Milpitas Council.

On October 1, 2022, the City held a Flag Raising event at the Cesar Chavez Plaza where the rich heritage, accomplishments, and contributions that many Filipino Americans have made throughout our country's history – such as serving in our armed forces to the frontlines of the pandemic as essential workers – was celebrated. This year, across the nation, Filipino-American community-based organizations, colleges and universities, and non-profit agencies will be commemorating the occasion through various events. Let us take a moment to shine a light on the extraordinary legacy of trailblazing Filipinos who have built, shaped, and improved our nation.

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## FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED IN MILPITAS

On October 1, 2022, a flag raising ceremony to commemorate Filipino-American History Month was held at Milpitas' Cesar Chavez Plaza. The event was well-attended by members of the Milpitas City Council as well as several dignitaries and legislative representatives. Councilmember Evelyn Chua shared her special remarks and highlighted the history, accomplishments, and legacy of Filipinos in the country. She also celebrated notable Filipinos like Manny Pacquiao, Rob Bonta, Cristeta Comerford, and many others who have made great strides in changing the country's cultural spectrum—from business and finance, to arts, public service, sports, education, technology, and philanthropy. The event also featured Filipino music, cultural dances, and an assortment of delicious food.



## GRAND OPENING OF FIRE STATION #2

On October 20, the Milpitas Community celebrated the grand opening of Fire Station #2. Fire Station #2 was constructed in 1969 and has reached the end of its service life. Construction began in January 2021 and is designed to provide for additional fire apparatus, sustainable elements, gender equality/privacy, operational efficiencies to improve response times and meet current Building and Fire Codes for "Essential Services Buildings", allowing the City to better serve the Milpitas community for years to come. Investing in public safety infrastructure is an important part of providing high-quality services in Milpitas and being prepared for any emergency or disaster response. Community members, Milpitas City Council, City Staff, and invited guests gathered to commemorate another wonderful mark in Milpitas' history.



## CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE IN MILPITAS (STARTING NOVEMBER 1)!

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Three-month Limited Term Program or until ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds are exhausted, whichever is sooner.
- \$400 voucher for Milpitas residents to protect their catalytic converter with welded metal rods or other protective hardware. This doesn't cover etching.
- Funded by \$200,000 Federal ARPA dollars.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- All Milpitas residents.

### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Show proof of residency. Provide one form of identification (e.g., water bill, driver's license, PG&E bill, etc.).
- Show proof of current vehicle registration. Make sure that the name and residential address on your registration and form of ID are the same.
- Sign a City liability waiver form.
- Sign up in-person at the Milpitas Police Department.
- Select one of the participating businesses.
- Schedule the appointment and get the work done.
- Any work performed over \$400 is the vehicle owner's responsibility.

For more information, please contact the Milpitas Police Department.

Phone: 408-586-2400

E-MAIL: [CATCO\\_PROGRAM@MILPITAS.GOV](mailto:CATCO_PROGRAM@MILPITAS.GOV)

Address: 1275 N Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas, CA 95035





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## PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 24 AS THE FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

On October 18, the Milpitas City Council presented a proclamation to the Hindu American Foundation designating October 24, 2022, as a day of celebration for the Festival of Diwali. Diwali is celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains throughout Milpitas, around the United States, and across the globe. Diwali is one of the world's oldest religious holidays and brings family, friends and communities together in goodwill, peace, and a shared sense of renewal. This year, in accordance with the lunar calendar, Diwali was celebrated on October 24 and was celebrated by Hindus as a day of thanksgiving for the homecoming of Lord Rama and the beginning of the new year for many Hindus. Let's join together in the celebration of Diwali and the peace and serenity that the celebration brings!



## SECOND ANNUAL HOWL-O-WEEN WAS A HIT

The second annual Howl-O-Ween event was held on Thursday, October 27th at the Milpitas Police Department. At the event there was a pet costume contest, snacks and goodies and pet swag.



Officers were on site to discuss public safety questions and representatives from Parktown Vet and the Animal Shelter were at the event to answer pet related questions. This was a great way to bring the community together and have some Howl-O-Ween fun!

## RECESS WITH A COP COMES TO CURTNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Staff from the Police Community Relations Unit along with the Technical Services Division Captain, Business Management Analyst, and Chief of Police brought Recess with a Cop to Milpitas Unified School District's Curtner School. They had a great time hanging out with the kids, playing on the playground, playing wallball, and handing out stickers. The goals of the program include interacting with the children of the Milpitas community, building relationships and having fun!



## THE LEND-A-TOOL PROGRAM IS BACK

After a hiatus due to COVID-19, staffing and resource constraints, the Lend-A-Tool program has now relaunched! The Lend-A-Tool Program allows Milpitas residents to borrow a variety of tools such as: hand and gardening tools, wheelbarrows, shovels, brooms, hammers, cat traps, and more to be used for home improvement and beautification projects. A brand-new tool shed was assembled at the Public Works Building (1265 N Milpitas Blvd) filled with tool inventory. Similar to before, residents will need to request specific tools, provide proof of Milpitas residency, sign a waiver/liability form, and make an appointment to meet a City staff person to pick up the tool(s).



A new online check-out form is available on the City [website](#), and residents can also borrow tools by calling the Public Works Department at (408) 586-2600.

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## DOWNLOAD WATERSMART AND LOWER YOUR WATER BILL!

Want to lower your water bill and reduce your water use? Sign up for WaterSmart to get a better understanding of how you use water and what changes you can make! WaterSmart allows you to track your consumption with real time water meter readings and notifies you when your usage is higher than usual. Ready to get started? Visit [milpitas.watersmart.com](http://milpitas.watersmart.com) to learn more and get registered!

## CLUE MUSICAL COMING TO THE MILPITAS COMMUNITY THEATRE

Love a good mystery? Love a good musical? Love a good meal? Try all three at once! Milpitas Community Theatre is trying something new this fall, with a dinner theater production performed by adults and accompanied by a three-course meal. Step into the beloved retro board game Clue and try to figure out this hysterical who dunnit before dessert arrives.

Performances:

- Friday, November 4:
  - Start Time: 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5:
  - Start Time: 7 p.m.
- Sunday, November 6:
  - Start Time: 7 p.m.

Purchase tickets for the event at [www.milpitas.gov/mct](http://www.milpitas.gov/mct).

## SIGN UP FOR THE CITY'S FALL EXPLORATION CAMP

School is on break! Campers ages 5-6 and ages 7-12 can join us for a fun filled week of outdoor and indoor games, art projects, and crafts. Each day campers will enjoy a wide array of experiential learning through art/ crafts projects, sports, science experiments, healthy cooking and much more! Camp will be led by some of your child's already favorite Recreation and Community Services staff.

Camp Dates, Time and Location: Nov 21, 2022, - Nov 23, 2022, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Milpitas Sports Center, 1325 E Calaveras Blvd

For more information or want to enroll please contact Anthony Teschera at (408) 586-3231 or by email [ateschera@milpitas.gov](mailto:ateschera@milpitas.gov)

For campers ages 5-6 sign up [here](#).

For campers ages 7-12 sign up [here](#).

*Milpitas Assistance Program (MAP) customers may use their discount toward this program.*

## SIGN UP FOR COOKING FOR YOUR HEALTH

Participants will learn how to create healthy dishes. Ingredients in this section include using lean poultry, fish, tofu, seeds, and a different array of fruits and vegetables. Sign up today to learn how to prepare delicious and healthy foods!

Classes take place Nov 1, 2022, - Dec 13, 2022, on Tuesdays from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM at the Jose Higuera Adobe Building, 821 Wessex Place. Sign up [here](#).




**WHAT'S YOUR WATER SCORE?**

Download the WaterSmart app to see how you compare to households in your community!

WaterSmart can help you:

- Save money
- Save water
- Fight water waste
- Stay informed



Milpitas Community Theatre proudly presents

# CLUE THE MUSICAL

Book by Peter DePietro • Music by Galen Blum, Wayne Barker, and Vinnie Martucci  
Lyrics by Tom Chiodo • Based on the Parker Brothers' Board Game  
Directed by Lyander Abadia • Choreography by Lyander Abadia  
Vocal and Music Direction by Rachel Hasdon  
Adult Cast • Interactive Dinner Theatre

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Friday, November 4 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, November 5 - 7 p.m.  
Sunday, November 6 - 7 p.m.

Milpitas Community Center 457 East Calaveras Blvd.





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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Stratford School**, 125 N. Milpitas Blvd. See the below picture, presently much of the interior of the building is receiving drywall and ceiling tiles. Exterior elements like playground structures and sidewalks are in progress as well. The current schedule is to issue temporary occupancy on few of classrooms to allow teachers and students by the end of November.



**Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes**, 551 Lundy Pl., an 89-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc. The exterior and interior finishing work is almost complete on the nine-unit building. The developer is working to complete on corrections so that TCO for 3 other buildings can be applied soon. See the below picture.



**City of Milpitas Fire Station 2**, located at 1263 Yosemite Dr. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the Fire Station 2 was issued.

**Headway Technologies**, located at 497 S Hillview Dr. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the installation of tools in the service chase#23 for Headway Technologies was issued.

**Nothing Bundt Cakes**, located at 597 E Calaveras Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the take-out retail cake store was issued.

**Headway Technologies**, located at 463 S Milpitas Blvd. To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the installation of tools in the service chase#10 for Headway Technologies was issued.

## BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

*Building permits were issued to the following:*

**Johnson & Johnson**, a pharmaceutical company, for tenant improvement at their existing facility located at 510 Cottonwood Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.7M.

**Mindray**, a medical instrumentation manufacturer company for tenant improvement at their new office located at 690 N McCarthy Blvd. suite #220 at an estimated construction cost of \$563,536.

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**Onto Innovation**, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 1550 Buckeye Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$539,721.

**Orangetheory Fitness**, for tenant improvement for fitness center at District 1(Turing) located at 1321 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$450,000.

**McCarthy Center Holdings LLC**, for tenant improvement for future tenant move-in at the existing facility located at 680 N McCarthy Blvd. suite #120 at an estimated construction cost of \$311,400

*Building permit applications were submitted by the following:*

**BD Life Sciences**, a biotechnology company, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 135 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.2M.

**WH Silicon Valley**, for tenant improvement for future tenant move-in at the existing facility located at 540 Alder Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.7M.

**KLA Plus**, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

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

**Big Lots**, a retail store located at 111 Ranch Dr.

**Sunright Tea Studio**, a restaurant located at 1693 N Milpitas Blvd.

**Nothing Bundt Cakes**, a take-out retail cake store located at 597 E Calaveras Blvd.

**I Nails**, a nail salon located at 353 Jacklin Rd.



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## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH US



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