



MILPITAS MATTERS

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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 12, 2021, Filipino American labor leader Larry Itliong was inducted into the California Hall of Fame for his leadership in civil rights and labor movements and advocacy for Filipinos in California and across the country,

Each year, Filipino American History Month is recognized with a special theme. The 2021 theme is “50 Years Since the First Young Filipino People’s Far West Convention.” 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. 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. The 2019 American Community Survey indicates that Milpitas is comprised of an estimated 11,341 strong Filipino community, representing approximately 13.5% of the City’s Asian population. 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 22, 2021 the City had its Filipino American History Month Flag Raising event at the Milpitas Community Center 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. 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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POLICE CHIEF SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Chief of Police, Jared Hernandez, was sworn in and had his badge pinning ceremony on October 8, 2021. Chief Hernandez had family and colleagues in attendance for this special occasion, including his wife Jennifer, children, and parents as well as Milpitas City Councilmembers, City staff, Police Chiefs from other jurisdictions, and former Milpitas police chiefs.



MILPITAS FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On October 28, the City of Milpitas Fire Department was honored by Senator Robert Wieckowski during his State of the District address. The Fire Department received the California State Senate Community Partner of the Year Award, not only for going above and beyond providing excellent service to residents and businesses, but also for dedication and participation in California Office of Emergency Services wildfire deployments.



FILIPINO HERITAGE FLAG RAISING EVENT

On October 22, 2021, the City of Milpitas celebrated the rich heritage and many contributions of the Filipino culture. The ceremony featured guest speaker Father Andy Ligot, music by RelativeKey, and performances by St. Elizabeth Fil-Am Dancing Queens and Fil-Am Heritage Dance Group.



YOUTH COVID VACCINE UPDATE

Milpitas is pleased to be a leader in offering youth vaccines. Youth ages 5+ are eligible to get COVID vaccines. The City is partnering with Santa Clara County Public Health to provide a clinic open to ages 5+ on Sunday, November 7. No appointment necessary, and boosters are also available for qualified individuals. This clinic will be exclusively Pfizer vaccines.



Free with no insurance required.

First and second doses for people ages 5 and up. Pfizer boosters for eligible people 18 and up (6 months after 2nd dose)

Location: Milpitas Community Center

Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM - 7:00PM

Address: 457 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, CA, 95035

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

On October 23, 2021, 127 pounds of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription/over the counter drugs were dropped off at the Drug Take Back Event.

We appreciate your commitment to keeping our Milpitas community safe!



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MICROGRID CONSTRUCTION

Construction of new microgrids at Milpitas' Community Center and Senior Center will commence in the coming weeks! Each microgrid will include solar panels and energy storage – providing clean energy daily and backup power during outages. New EV charging stations outside the Senior Center will also be installed. Parking lot access will be limited while construction is in process. Click [here](#) to learn more.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Home Smart Speaker Devices will be made available to seniors who would benefit from the device for purposes such as: countering social isolation, to use as reminders for medical appointments, playing music, etc. – all of which might add greater, health, wellness and mental wellbeing. The initial outreach will be for seniors participating in the MAP program. To date, 77 seniors have received a Google Home Smart Speaker Device and have received an orientation as to its use. From the recent "Welcome Back" event on Oct 2nd, 9 additional seniors are scheduled to receive an orientation and device in the next two weeks.

SENIOR NUTRITION LUNCH PROGRAM

During the week of October 4 – October 8, the Senior Center served a total of 600 meals to seniors for an average of 120 meals served a day. Over 43,000 meals have now been served since the start of the pandemic.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SURVEY

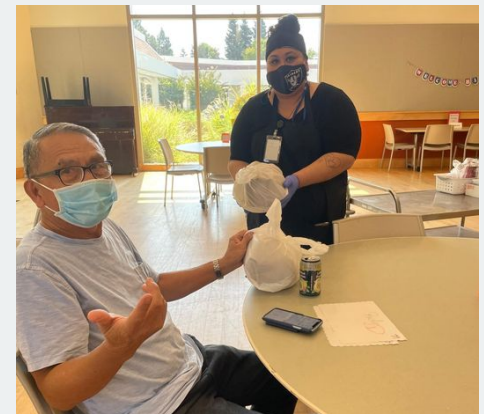
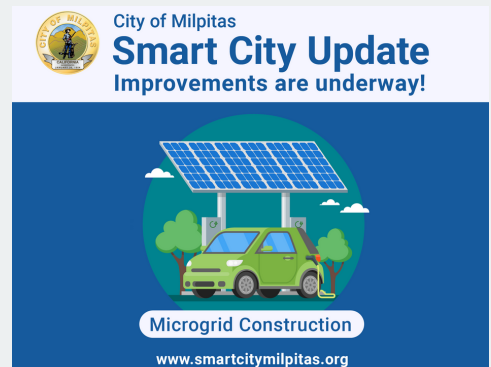
We need your help in determining priorities when allocating funding from the Community Development Block Grant. We value your opinion and seek your feedback through a needs assessment survey. The result of this survey, along with input from community meetings, will assist us in the development of a Consolidated Plan. The 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. Thanks in advance for your support!

LYFE (LEADING YOUTH FEATURES EVERYDAY) PROGRAM

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 skilled learnings. This month participants have been or will be partaking in the following skill sets: Effective note taking and professional email 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.



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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. Learn more about our featured small business, *Milpitas Water*. 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](#).



Milpitas Pure Water [Website](#).



Milpitas Pure Water [Video](#).

HOLIDAY MAGIC ON MAIN STREET PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

We want to put your performance group onstage for Holiday Magic on Main Street! With two stages and 16 days of performances, there are performance opportunities for schools, churches, even individuals who want to share their talent. Contact Vince Collantes for more information, (408) 586-3204.



QUICK START SLAMS TENNIS

Parents are encouraged to participate with their child through a fun Quick Start Slams tennis class. They will learn different tennis techniques and tennis games that they can play with their child. These games assist in the development of a solid foundation for future playing skills. Children will develop the building blocks to rally and play competitive games on a 36-foot court using age appropriate racquets and balls. Coaches will assist parents in working with their child to build the core muscle groups to perform the basic athletic skills of running, tossing, and catching. This takes place every Wednesday from Nov 3, 2021 to Nov 24, 2021 from 6pm to 6:45pm. For additional information and to sign up, click [here](#).



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Amazon, 225 N. McCarthy Blvd., a single-story concrete tilt-up shell building by Bridge Development Partner LLC, leased by Amazon for warehouse and office use.



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 8 units was issued.



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.



Humane Society Silicon Valley, 901 Ames Ave. See below photos showing the construction progress of new piers for the shade structure at two cat garden areas.



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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, 50 units in phase 4, and the last 45 units out of 266 units in phase 5.

BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to:

Apple Inc., for tenant improvement at its new R&D labs facility located at 1021 Yosemite Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$6.6M.

Parkside at Tarob Ct (Phase III) Townhomes by Toll Brothers Inc., for construction of the next three 3-story buildings consisting of 20 units for the residential development located at 551 Lundy Pl., at an estimated construction cost of \$5.8M.

Amazon Dur3, for tenant improvement at its new warehouse building by Bridge Development Partners located at 225 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.2M.

Chick-fil-A, located at 755 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.45M.

Victorian Square Apartments, for exterior improvement for all 5 multi-family buildings and the leasing office located at 2021 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$800,000.

Sunnyhills Apartments, for grading for future 6 apartment buildings consisting of 44 units, leasing office, and carport parking located at 1724 Sunnyhills Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$716,650.

Rohde & Schwarz, an electronic test & measurement instrument manufacturing company, for tenant improvement at its new facility located 490 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$620,000.

Ontrac, for re-roofing at the existing facility located at 1121 Montague Expy. at an estimated construction cost of \$302,694.

CVS, for tenant improvement at the store located at 45 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Stratford School, for tenant improvement for its new private school located at 125 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.5M.

Learn & Play Montessori, for tenant improvement of an existing facility into a daycare located at 164 N. Abel St. at an estimated construction cost of \$2.5M.

Sentient Energy, for tenant Improvement for new tenant, Koch Engineered Solutions company's office and R&D lab space located at 890 Tasman Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.65M.

Extra Shine Car Wash, for construction of a new automatic car wash located at 554 S. Main St. at an estimated construction cost of \$975,000.

Wee!, for tenant improvement for an Asian and Hispanic Grocery Store at the new facility located at 1029 Montague Exp. at an estimated construction cost of \$556,378.

Milpitas Materials Co., for installation of 194.64 kW roof-mounted solar system with 541 modules at the existing facility located at 1125 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$468,000.

Mini CL Business Center, for installation of photovoltaic system on 5 new carports located at 1313 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$428,000.

Victorian Square Apartments, for re-roof on 5 multi-family buildings located at 2021 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$294,500.

Watchpoint Logistics, for tenant Improvement of freight transportation arrangement business located at 607 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$245,000.

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

Tastebuds Popcorn, a new store selling readymade popcorn located at the Great Mall.

Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., a new office for a general contractor and engineering company located at 225 S. Milpitas Blvd.

Youtopia Dance Academy, a new dance coaching and rehearsing studio located at 1667 S. Main St.

Custom Bay Cuts LLC, a graphic design office relocating from San Jose to 1750 Houret Ct.

Calafia Landscape, an office and warehouse for a landscaping business located at 349 Sango Ct.

La Gugu Salon, a hair salon located at 794 Barber Ln.

Cpacket Networks, for tenant improvement for a network security company located at 480 N. McCarthy Blvd.

Digital Outlet Inc., a refurbishing electronic product business located at 199 Topaz St.

Motive Design, a designing, assembly and distribution of camp kitchens business located at 1116 Wrigley Wy.

Apple-Rubik Chamber, located at 1021 Yosemite Dr.

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