



MILPITAS MATTERS

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER STEVEN G. MCHARRIS

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. It is a time to raise awareness on a topic that is often considered taboo. Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or background. Everyone is affected by suicide, not just the victim. It also significantly impacts family and friends long after the loss of a loved one. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 130 Americans die by suicide every day and that there is one death by suicide every 11 minutes.

In Milpitas, we work together as a community to prevent suicides. Our goal is to raise awareness, spread hope, and increase access to resources to those who have contemplated or attempted suicide and for those who have lost a loved one to suicide and suffered the shock.

In 2018, the City of Milpitas adopted its Suicide Prevention Policy and convened a community task force called Milpitas HOPE (*Helping Others Process Emotions*) that includes health care professionals, educators, faith and community leaders, Milpitas Police Department, Milpitas

Recreation and Community Services and residents. We partner closely with Santa Clara County's Behavioral Health Services, which coordinates regional suicide prevention efforts. The City welcomes organizations, businesses and individuals to collaborate with us. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Charu Aggarwal by calling (408) 586-3405 or e-mailing caggarwal@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.

Your mental health or a loved one's can never be taken too lightly. It's important to recognize that when we discuss prevention, we must also accept that despite our best efforts some people still tragically choose suicide. Becoming aware of suicide prevention is important. Our friends, family members, and colleagues may need help. Let us continue to work hard to ensure that people we know have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and seek help. *Together, we can help save lives.*

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BOBA WITH A COP

On Tuesday September 21st, the Milpitas Police Department hosted Boba with a Cop at I-Tea Doraku located at 760 E. Calaveras Blvd. in Milpitas. This 2-hour community engagement event was the second in-person event, that the department has held this year. Over 120 boba drinks were shared with the community. Attendees were able to speak with members of the department's Command Staff, Patrol Services Division and Criminal Investigations Bureau. In addition to boba drinks and free goodies, attendees were able to view information regarding job openings and crime trends. The Milpitas Police Department would like to thank the community members and staff who attended and made this a great event. Special thanks to I-Tea Doraku for their generous donation of boba drinks and support.



HOPE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Do you know of someone who is struggling with mental health? Are you or someone you know feeling anxious about the transition back into the workplace and in-person activities? You are not alone, and help is available. Call the City's social services coordinator at (408) 586-3405 to connect with free resources that can help you cope. You can also find more information, and register for upcoming Milpitas HOPE (Helping Others Process Emotions) social/support groups by clicking [here](#).



MAKE A PLAN, PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED

Many kinds of emergencies can lead to an evacuation. In some cases, you may have a day or two to prepare while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning is vital to making sure that you can evacuate quickly and safely no matter what the circumstances. Always map out several routes with safe locations to meet up in case you become separated. Make sure that each family has a copy of this route in their Go Bag. For more information, please click [here](#).



VTA SAFETY REMINDER

With the light rail system down for three months throughout Santa Clara County, some may have let their guard down around tracks or crossings. However, some trains have resumed operations with the remaining scheduled to come back shortly.

Please remember the following safety tips when traveling on or around the VTA light rail system, whether you're on foot, bike or in a vehicle.

- LOOK both ways before crossing our tracks. Watch for warning signs and stay behind the yellow line when you're on a light rail platform.

- Remove your headphones and LISTEN for the light rail train and any audible warning signals that let you know a light rail train is approaching a stop or a crossing.

- PAY ATTENTION to warning signs and street and pedestrian crossing gates. They are there to protect you and remind you to only cross the tracks when it is safe to do so.

Protective measures in place around VTA light rail stations and tracks should never be ignored.



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FREE COVID-19 TESTING

School age kids should get COVID tested. The Milpitas Community Center is a Santa Clara County Public Health COVID-19 test site. We offer free testing every Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 457 E. Calaveras Blvd. No appointment is necessary.

WATER METER UPGRADE PROJECT IN PROGRESS

To better serve customers, support conservation efforts, and reduce operating costs, the City of Milpitas is continuing the process of modernizing its water utility infrastructure. New and improved water meters have been installed at homes, businesses, and other facilities since March 2021. To learn more about the project, please click [here](#).

IS YOUR HOME DROUGHT-READY?

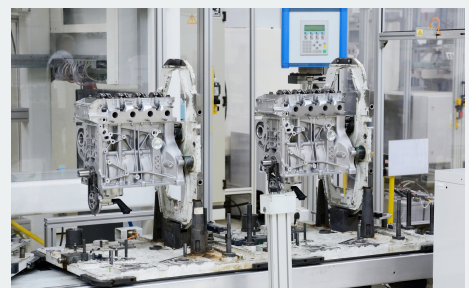
We are in a drought emergency, and we are in this together. To help everyone use less water, Valley Water offers free water conservation tools and devices. You can upgrade your showerheads and aerators for free. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to learn how to save water and money today.

MILPITAS SANITATION COMMUNITY COMPOST GIVEAWAY

The City of Milpitas will be holding a FREE compost giveaway for Milpitas residents on Saturday, October 9th, from 7:00am - 11:00 am. A photo ID with address and signed waiver will be required for attendance. While supplies last, Milpitas residents only get 2 free bags of compost. Link to waiver [here](#).

5TH ANNUAL MANUFACTURING DAY

The Office of Economic Development is excited to host Manufacturing Day, an event held in partnership with Milpitas Unified School District to introduce students to exciting careers in technology and advanced manufacturing. This year, we continue the tradition of hosting an informative and engaging event while keeping everyone safe by having a virtual event instead. Join us on Thursday, October 7 from 11am to 12:15pm for the 5th Annual Manufacturing Day featuring a panel discussion on the following topics: trends from COVID-19, career pathways for students, and bringing attention to the need for more women in manufacturing. Manufacturing Day is a great opportunity to learn more about the employers in our backyard, ask questions directly to our accomplished panelists, and provide students with the knowledge and resources to kickstart a successful career in manufacturing. We look forward to seeing you. Register [here](#).



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MILPITAS RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES HIRING

Join our team! Milpitas Recreation and Community Services is hiring part-time building attendants. We're looking for people with great customer service skills to welcome the public to our facilities for classes, private rentals and a host of other activities. Apply online [here](#).

SAT MATH PREP CLASS

This class is an in-depth review of all four math content categories covered by the SAT. Students will review or re-learn all the important math concepts that should be mastered for future math classes. Sample problems, both multiple choice and "grid-ins," will be demonstrated in class. Five actual practice exam sections will be given and graded in this class, and personalized feedback will be given to the students. This class also prepares students for the PSAT. College admissions requirements and target score strategies will also be discussed. For more information, click [here](#).

SKATEBOARDING 101 LESSONS

Did you know skateboarding was in the Olympics this year? Rob, the creator and founder of Rob Skate, trained a handful of these athletes as they were starting out skateboarding. Learn from Rob Skate to better yourself as a skateboarder. This class will teach beginner and intermediate skaters basic skateboarding fundamentals while keeping themselves safe.

Classes will be held at the Milpitas Skate Park 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas. All participants must wear closed toe shoes and bring their own skateboard, helmet, knee pads, and elbow pads. For additional information, click [here](#).

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLINIC

Whether your child is a beginner or more advanced player, the drills taught at these classes will help them fall in love with sports. The National Academy of Athletics sport-specific classes provide kids various ways to learn about games and fitness while having a blast and making new friends. This clinic is using their expanded curriculum to include social and emotional learning (SEL), and meets the National Standards and Grade Level Outcomes to produce a quality Physical Education program that creates confidence, optimism, and growth. For additional information, click [here](#).

"SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP"/ HOLIDAY MAGIC PARENT NIGHT OUT

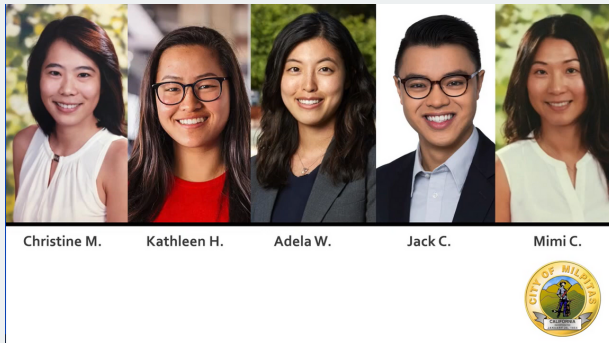
During this busy season, your favorite ATB-LYFE (After the Bell-Leading Youth Futures Everyday) staff will be available to watch the kids while you go on a much needed date night to the City's new Holiday Magic on Main Street, shop 'til you drop at the mall or just enjoy some time alone. Kids will enjoy snacks, activities, and a movie (to be determined). This program will be from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on 12/10 & 12/18. For more information click [here](#).



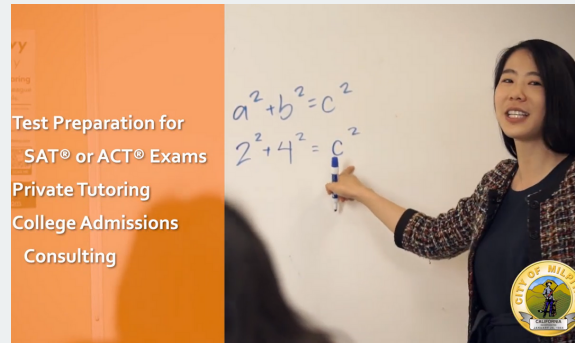
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MILPITAS SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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. If you're looking for a quality tutoring service, check out New Ivy Academy below. 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](#).



New Ivy Academy [Website](#)



New Ivy Academy [Video](#)

GOPUFF LAUNCHES FROM MILPITAS BEVMO

GoPuff is a digital convenience retailer where customers can order convenience items through the GoPuff app and have them delivered right to their door. GoPuff is now operating in Milpitas and has recently acquired BevMo. Customers can now order BevMo products along with GoPuff convenience products and have them delivered. GoPuff provides the modern-day consumer's go-to solution for immediate everyday needs.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

District Lot 2 (Graham), 1415 McCandless Dr., a 6-story mixed-use project with commercial retail space and 207-unit apartment, wrapped around a 6-story parking garage by Lyon Communities. The development has received the final certificate of occupancy. See the below aerial photo.



Corning Inc., 840 N. McCarthy Blvd.: To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit was issued to Corning Inc., a multinational technology company.

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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. The photos below show the construction progress of the last phase of the development with a view of the amenity roof deck with a swimming pool and an exterior view of the building.



BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to:

Robson Homes Finch Hollow, for construction of another 7 single-family homes for the residential development located at 1005 N. Park Victoria Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$3.3M.

Lyon Communities, for tenant improvement for leasing office and fitness center at The District Lot 4 (Gideon) mixed-use development located at 1400 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Laser Away, a skincare professional business for tenant improvement at its new facility located at District Lot 1 (Turing) mixed-use development at 1325 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$245,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Prudential Cleanroom Service, for construction of three new canopy structures and installation of 604-kW photovoltaic roof-mounted array modules located at 1437 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.25M.

City of Milpitas Community Center, for installation of 60-kW photovoltaic roof-mounted array modules on a new solar canopy structure located at 457 E. Calaveras Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.06M.

City of Milpitas Senior Center, for installation of 125-kW photovoltaic roof-mounted array modules on new canopy structures and installation of two electric vehicle charging stations located at 40 N. Milpitas Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.03M.

Virtusa, for tenant improvement of a new information technology company located at 888 Tasman Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$475,000.

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

New Life Acupuncture Clinic, an acupuncture clinic office located at 8 N. Abel St.

Tansu, a woman's apparel retail store at the Great Mall.

Grace Chiropractic, a chiropractic office located at 500 E. Calaveras Blvd.

M31 Technology USA Inc., general office for software distribution & sales support business relocating from Santa Clara to 1900 McCarthy Blvd. in Milpitas.

Selway Construction, Inc., a general contractor office relocating from San Jose to 1013 Pecten Ct. in Milpitas.

HPE Labs, a high performance computing business office located at 820 N. McCarthy Blvd.

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