



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NED P. THOMAS

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday Bill into law, officially establishing the third Monday in January as a federal holiday to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a champion for civil rights. This day stands out as the only federal holiday recognized as a National Day of Service, encouraging people across the nation to engage in volunteerism and community support.

In Milpitas, we are proud to continue this tradition of service through the **Milpitas Volunteer Program**, where individuals contribute their time and talents in various ways. Volunteers play a vital role in community service programs, park cleanups, emergency preparedness efforts, and other special projects that align with their personal passions. Their commitment enables the City to enhance services without increasing costs while providing residents with opportunities to learn new skills, build connections, and gain valuable work experience.

Dr. King's enduring legacy of equality and justice continues to inspire individuals across our community to take action and create positive change. On this day, we not only honor his vision but also reaffirm our dedication to building a more inclusive and collaborative future.

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MILPITAS FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYS FIREFIGHTERS TO SUPPORT WILDFIRE EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

As catastrophic fires continue to devastate the greater Los Angeles region, the California Office of Emergency Services has activated the State Mutual Aid Mobilization System to coordinate resources from across the state, including Santa Clara County. The Milpitas Fire Department has deployed two fire engines and a total of nine firefighters. These personnel will join additional teams from various agencies across Santa Clara County to form specialized Strike Teams. The Strike Teams are prepared to face the dynamic and hazardous conditions created by these catastrophic fires and will remain deployed for up to fourteen days. The Milpitas Fire Department remains fully staffed and ready to respond to local emergencies throughout the City.




AI MADE SIMPLE: FREE WORKSHOP TO EMPOWER SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS & STUDENTS IN MILPITAS



Join us for a transformative workshop series on February 10, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:30PM at 691 S Milpitas Blvd. STE 217 in Milpitas. The workshop is designed to equip small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) and motivated students with the skills to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur, a current business owner, or a student looking to enter the tech-savvy workforce, these workshops will provide invaluable insights into how AI can boost productivity, streamline operations, and open new avenues for innovation. To learn more about the event and sign up, click here: <https://lu.ma/nt9c6wln>

HELP DESIGN MILPITAS' NEWEST PUBLIC PARK!

The City of Milpitas wants your input to create the best possible facilities for the new Tango Park (*temporary name*). We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback!

 Community Outreach Meetings:

- ✓ January 15th – In-person Meeting
- ✓ January 15th to February 17th – Online Survey
- ✓ January 22nd – Virtual Meeting

Visit our project website <https://www.milpitas.gov/1280/Tango-Park-Temporary-Name> for details and join the conversation. Together, we can make sure this park meets the needs of our amazing community.



TESLA OPENS NEW SUPERCHARGER SITE IN MILPITAS

A new Tesla Supercharger site has opened in Milpitas on Barber Lane! Along with 20 stalls at 250 k@, it features direct current fast charging for electric vehicles, as this site can accommodate non-Tesla EVs with a NACS DC adapter, as well as Tesla vehicles. To learn more, click [information here](#). You can learn more about the basics of Tesla Supercharging, including site navigation, stall availability, and expected charge speeds [here](#). We are excited to have this new site available to electric car drivers and look forward to helping the Milpitas community!



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MULTILINGUAL MESSAGING NOW AVAILABLE ON CITY'S CUSTOMER BILLING HOTLINE

The City's Utilities Billing Unit added a new multilingual phone messaging feature to enhance communication with the Milpitas community. Available after hours, the system provides important information in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Mandarin, and Vietnamese. This initiative is designed to bridge language barriers and foster an inclusive environment, ensuring that all residents feel informed and supported. The multilingual service offers updates on utility billing, payment options, and service interruptions, making it easier for residents to manage their accounts and stay updated on essential services. The customer service hotline is (408) 586-3100.



MILPITAS CONTINUES ONGOING SUPPORT FOR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS THROUGH DIGNITY ON WHEELS



The City of Milpitas remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting unhoused residents through its ongoing partnership with WeHope, who administers the Dignity on Wheels mobile shower and laundry service. This essential program currently operates every Sunday from 11am-3:30pm on Winsor Street, providing much-needed hygiene services to those in need.

This long-standing initiative, fully funded and organized by the City, is a cornerstone of Milpitas' efforts to address homelessness with compassion and practical support. The program's sustainability is supported by a one-time grant from Assemblymember Alex Lee, highlighting the importance of collaboration between state and local leaders in tackling homelessness.

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

This exciting program offers youth ages 14-20 the opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of police work and get a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be a Police Officer. Don't wait, the application deadline is January 16, 2025.

Why join?

- *Hands-on Learning:* Participate in ride-alongs, training exercises, and community events.
- *Community Involvement:* Make a difference in your neighborhood.
- *Leadership Development:* Build valuable skills like teamwork, communication, and critical thinking.
- *Career Exploration:* Discover if a career in law enforcement is right for you.

Visit milpitas.gov/398/Police-Explorers for the application. Send your completed forms to Officer Paracha at sparacha@milpitas.gov.

A poster for the Milpitas Police Explorer Program. It features the text 'Now Accepting APPLICATIONS' in a large, stylized font. Below this, it says 'POLICE EXPLORER'. A QR code is in the top right corner. A banner in the top right corner says 'Application Deadline: JAN 16!'. The poster lists requirements: '14-20 YEARS OLD', 'HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT WITH A 2.0 G.P.A OR BETTER', 'INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT', and 'NO CRIMINAL HISTORY'. It also states '*MILPITAS RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED'. A large police star logo is in the center. At the bottom, it says 'LEARN ABOUT:' and lists various police activities: 'PATROL OPERATIONS', 'TRAFFIC STOPS', 'ARREST TECHNIQUES', 'FORENSICS', 'TESTIMONY', and 'FIRST AID'. The Milpitas Police Department logo is at the bottom left.

Interested? Scan the QR code above for the application! Send an email with the completed forms to Officer Samir Paracha at sparacha@milpitas.gov

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CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH US!

Celebrate the *Year of the Snake* with us on Saturday, January 25, 6-8:30 p.m. at Milpitas Civic Center Plaza! Bring your family and friends to experience the rich traditions and vibrant festivities that mark the Lunar New Year. The event promises to be a delightful evening filled with joy, color, and excitement as we welcome the new year together.

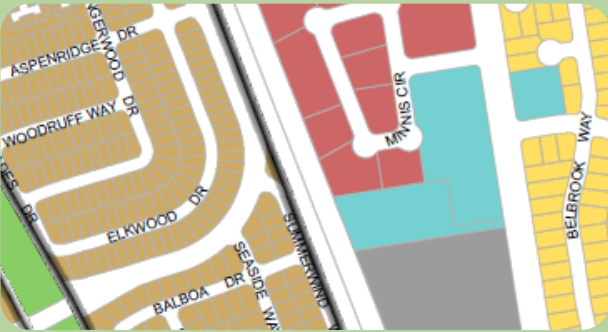
Don't miss the chance to immerse yourself in this cultural celebration that highlights the diversity and unity within our community. Enjoy cultural performances, food and kids' crafts, along with the traditional lion and dragon dances and a firecracker finale.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY: SHARE YOUR INPUT ON MODERNIZING THE ZONING ORDINANCE



The Planning Department released the public review draft of the updated Zoning Ordinance on December 18. This draft is the second of two phases of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Update project, which involves the reorganization and modernization of the entire Zoning Ordinance (*currently Title XI, Chapter 10 of the Milpitas Municipal Code*). Proposed changes to the updated Zoning Ordinance focus primarily on improving the clarity, structure, organization, and 'user friendliness' of the code. The draft updated ordinance is available online – click [here](#).

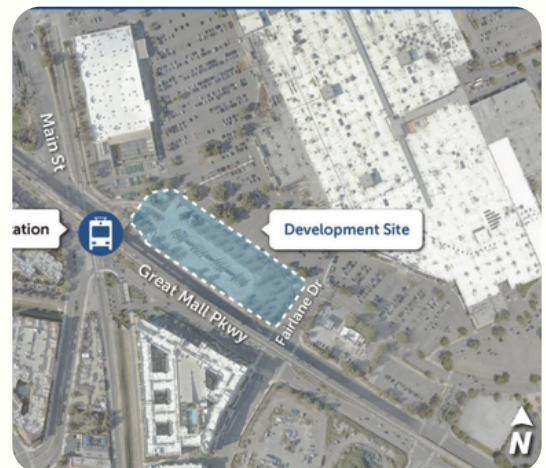


The public comment period for the draft Zoning Ordinance continues through March 7. Community members may submit comments via the project website (milpitaszoningupdate.org) or via email to zoningupdate@milpitas.gov. In addition, Planning Department staff are hosting virtual office hours for the zoning update project through early March. Interested individuals may [sign up here](#) for a 30-minute online meeting with a planner to ask questions and/or provide comments about the draft Zoning Ordinance.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE: VTA GREAT MALL TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

VTA is redeveloping its Park & Ride lot on Great Mall Drive in Milpitas. This property currently serves as a Park & Ride lot for VTA Light Rail and Bus passengers. It has a pedestrian walkway from the parking lot to the Great Mall Light Rail station, which is served by VTA's Orange Line. The lot also contains a retired bus loop. Bus stops for the 66 and 44 VTA bus lines are located on Great Mall Parkway adjacent to the site.

VTA will host a community open house on January 23, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Milpitas Library Auditorium (160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035), to discuss the future Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the VTA Great Mall site. To learn more, click [here](http://vta.org/greatmalldevelopment): vta.org/greatmalldevelopment



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

308 Sango Court Apartments, 308 Sango Ct., a five-story over one-level parking 85-unit affordable housing development by The Pacific Companies.

Stucco installation is nearly complete. Podium level playground equipment has been welded into place and meter releases have passed inspection. See the photo below.



Pinnacle Townhomes, 1752 Houret Ct., eight three-story buildings consist of 56-unit townhome-style condominiums with 24 ADUs residential development by City Ventures.

The slab for Building 6, a six-plex with six ADUs and Building 7, a 12-plex have been poured. See the photo below. Building 4, a six-plex with six ADUs and the slab is complete and the framing will begin soon. The framing is complete with MEPs nearing completion and exterior finish in progress for the model, Building 1, a seven-plex with three ADUs and Building 5, a six-plex with six ADUs. See the photos below.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

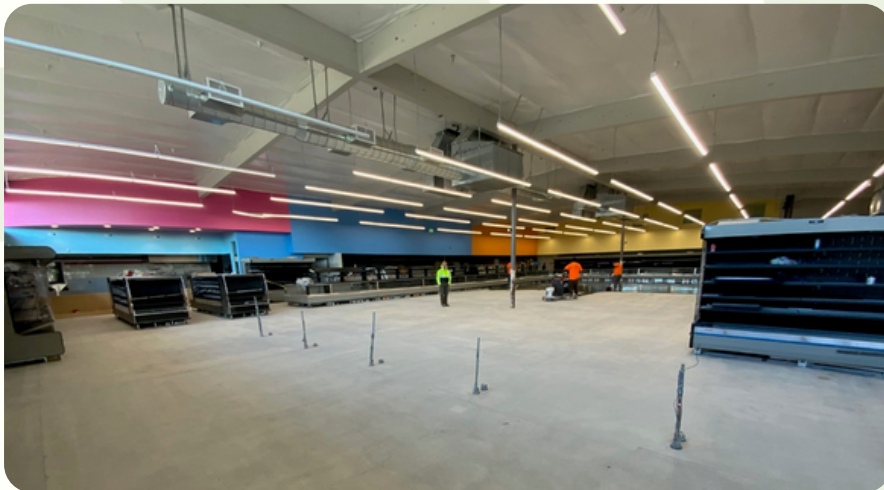
Stratford Preparatory School, 1323 Great Mall Dr. a new private middle and high school.

The foundation work for the new gym has started. See the photo below.



Lee's Supermarket, 777 E Capitol Ave. an Asian grocery store for tenant improvements at their new location.

Interior work including floor finishes are in progress. All the framing and concrete work have been completed. See the photo below.



Supermicro, located at 1801 McCarthy BL.

To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary permit for Supermicro, an information technology company was issued.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Parkside West Townhomes, 675 Trade Zone Blvd, three-story 13 townhome-style condominium complex consist of a total 90 units which includes 78 condominium units with 12 ADUs residential development by Toll Brothers.

Rough grading and installation of underground sewer and storm is underway. See the photo below.



Tarob Court-2 Townhomes, 523 Lundy Pl. a 53-townhome residential development by Toll Brothers, Inc.

To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to the last townhome building D with total 8 units in the above development. The building is awaiting necessary documentation to get finals. See the below photo.



TTL Main Street Townhomes, 612 S Main St. nine three-story buildings consisting of 57 townhomes residential development by Toll Brothers.

Grading and underground work are progressing at the development site. See the photo below.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Apex at the District Townhomes, 1365 California Circle, five three-story buildings consisting of 35 traditional townhomes out of total 206 units residential development by Pulte Group.

The foundation work has started for the first 7-unit townhome building with attached garage in this residential development. See the below photo.



Lumen Townhomes, 2001 Tarob Ct, two four-story buildings with a total of 32-unit townhome-style condominiums residential development by KB Homes.

Both buildings in this residential development are in the finishing stages and temporary occupancy permits have been issued to allow an earlier start of operation. See the photo below.



Main Street Palace, 1316 S Main St., a 4-story (3 over podium), 18 unit's condominium development over 1-level of garage by SJ Main St LLC.

Construction of the first deck level is progressing and the underground storm drain system has been completed in the front for access. See the photo below.



BUILDING PERMIT AND OCCUPANCY

Extra Shine Car Wash, 554 S Main St, new automatic car wash by Extra Shine Car Wash Inc.

Exterior work on the building and site work are progressing for the new carwash. See the photo below.



Building permits were issued to the following:

Chroma Ate, an electronics manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at this new facility located at 336 Los Coches St. at an estimated construction cost of \$7.6M.

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for electrical upgrades at their existing facility located at 5 Technology Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$1.2M.

H&M, for HVAC replacement for the existing store located at Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$200,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

Psycho Bunny, for tenant improvement of a new menswear store located at the Great Mall at an estimated construction cost of \$400,000.

Amazon-Milpitas Delivery Station, for electrical improvements at their facility located at 807 N McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

The following business has received final inspection and is now open for operation:

Crash Champions, LLC, new ownership of existing automotive collision repair center.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES & WAYS TO CONNECT

COME WORK WITH US!

Looking for a chance to make an impact? Explore exciting job opportunities with the City of Milpitas! Join a team that's dedicated to shaping a vibrant, thriving community. Whether you're passionate about public service, innovation, or growth, there's a place for you to contribute your skills and make a difference.

Visit our Job Opportunities page today and take the first step toward a fulfilling and rewarding future!

<https://www.milpitas.gov/240/Job-Opportunities>



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