MEMORANDUM

Department of Planning & Neighborhood Services

To: Community Advisory Commission

From: James Lindsay, Planning & Neighborhood Services Director

Subject: **Noise Abatement Authority & Process**

Date: August 25, 2010

The Police Department receives and enforces the majority of noise complaints in the City and utilizes both the California Penal Code and the City's Noise Ordinance (MMC V-213) for enforcement.

The California Penal Code makes it illegal for any person to maliciously and willfully disturb another person by loud an unreasonable noise during any time of day. Violations of this section are considered misdemeanors and require prosecution by the District Attorney.

The City's Noise Ordinance makes it illegal to create excessive sound in residential areas during the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. It also prohibits most construction activities (in all Zoning Districts) during the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. and designated holidays. Excessive or "disturbing noise" is defined as any sound or vibration caused by sound which occurs with such intensity, frequency and in such a manner as to disturb the peace and quiet of any person. It includes, but is not limited to: 1) electronic equipment such as, a radio, television, musical instrument, 2) sound of any horn, 3) operation of machinery or tool, 4) revving of engine, or 5) yelling, shouting or whistling on a public street.

The Penal Code and the City's Noise Ordinance are effective in mitigating most noise disturbances. In general the Police Department finds that an officer visitation with a request to cease is usually effective. When deemed necessary citations are issued for violations of the Noise Ordinance- approximately 2% of disturbance calls result in citations being issued.

Chapter 213

NOISE ABATEMENT

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V-213-1 Declaration of Intent

The Council finds and declares that excessive sound and excessive vibration caused by sound are a hazard to public health and welfare, safety and the quality of life in residential areas; that persons living in residential areas are entitled to the reasonable use and enjoyment of their property without exposure to excessive sound and vibration during evening and early morning hours; that everyone's right to use and enjoy his property must be exercised with respect to the right of his neighbor to use and enjoy his property; that the regulation of excessive sound and vibration in residential areas of the City of Milpitas is necessary to accomplish this purpose. (Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-2 Definitions

2.01 The term "disturbing noise" as used herein means any sound or vibration caused by sound which occurs with such intensity, frequency or in such a manner as to disturb the peace and quiet of any person. It shall include, but not be limited to noise from the following sounds (this enumeration not being exclusive but only illustrative):

(1) The use, operation, playing of any radio, television, musical instrument or instruments, phonograph, stereo, loud speaker, sound amplifier or other device for the production or reproduction of sound with louder volume than is necessary for hearing for any person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto.

(2) The sounding of any horn or signal device or siren except as a danger warning.

(3) The operation of any machinery or tool.

(4) The continuous or recurrent acceleration of a motor vehicle or other engine while stationary ("revving" the engine).

(5) Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on a public street.

2.02 The term "person" as used herein means any individual, association, partnership, corporation or other entity.

2.03 Construction Site-a construction site for the purpose of this chapter is a parcel of real property on which any building or related improvement of road, walkway, pool or landscape, construction is taking place or to which construction materials, supplies or implements are delivered in connection with such construction activities.

2.04 Emergency-shall mean any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical danger, crisis, trauma, or property damage which demands immediate action.

2.05 Holiday-means New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

2.06 "Weekdays"-shall mean any Monday through Friday, that is not a holiday as defined herein.

2.07 "Weekends"-shall mean Saturdays and Sundays, that are not holidays as defined herein. (Ord. 196.6 (part), 3/17/98; Ord. 196.5 (part), 10/7/97; Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-3 Unlawful to Create or Permit Disturbing Noise

(a) Residential Zone Regulations.

3.01 It shall be unlawful for any person in any district zoned for residential use (under the provisions of Chapter 10, Title XI of the Milpitas Municipal Code) to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any disturbing noise between the hours of 10:00 p.m. in the evening to 7:00 a.m. in the morning.

3.02 It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing or controlling any real property in any district zoned for residential use (under the provisions of Chapter 10, Title XI of the Milpitas Municipal Code) to permit or allow the making, continuing or causing to be made or continued any disturbing noise upon said real property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. in the evening to 7:00 a.m. in the morning.

3.03 The above prohibition against making, continuing or causing to be made or continued any disturbing noise in any district zoned for residential use shall not apply to the authorized collection of solid waste, recyclables, and/or yard trimmings by an authorized collector during the months of June, July and August beginning at 6:00 a.m.

(b) Site Construction Regulations. No person shall engage or permit others to engage in construction of any building or related road or walkway, pool or landscape improvement or in the construction operations related thereto, including, delivery of construction materials, supplies, or improvements on or to a construction site except within the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.

No construction work shall be conducted or performed on the holidays indicated in Section V-213-2-2.05 of this chapter.

(c) Exemption from Off-Site Construction Regulations. Exempt from the Off-Site Construction Regulations of this article are:

(1) Emergency construction and repair that is necessary for protection of life and property,

(2) Operation preempted from local regulation by state law, such as construction of public school buildings,

(3) Furnishing utility-type service including construction and maintenance of utility facilities,

(4) Any work on an existing single-family or duplex (two-family) dwelling undertaken by the property owner,

(5) Operation to construct and maintain facilities within the public right-of-way as deemed necessary by the Public Works Director, and

(6) Any other circumstances where the City Manager deems that an exemption would be appropriate. (Ord. 196.6 (part), 3/17/98; Ord. 196.5 (part), 10/7/97; Ord. 196.4, 12/5/95; Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-4 Determination of Violation

(a) Notice of Violation. Notwithstanding Section V-213-5 and except in the case, after a verbal or written warning of a violation has been given, the City is satisfied that a person is acting in good faith and with deliberate speed to comply with Section V-213-3(b), a continuing violation of Section V-213-3(b) shall be cause for either a citation and stop work notice, an infraction as specified in Section V-213-5, or an abatement order issued by the City of Milpitas pursuant to Section I-20-4 of the Milpitas Municipal Code.

(b) Public Nuisance. The Council finds and declares that a violation of this Chapter shall constitute a public nuisance if said violation disturbs the peace and quiet of one (1) or more persons in at least two (2) households. (Ord. 196.5 (part), 10/7/97; Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-5 Violation an Infraction

The violation of this Chapter shall constitute an infraction under the provisions of I-1-4.09-2 and I-1-4.09-3 of the Milpitas Municipal Code. (Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-6 Abatement Authorized

In addition to such other remedies as are provided by law, the City Attorney shall be empowered to maintain an action for the abatement of said nuisance upon order of the City Council. (Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-7 Public Hearing

In addition to such other remedies as are provided by law, the City Council shall be empowered to hold a public hearing to enable any person whose acts are alleged to be a nuisance within the meaning of this Chapter to show cause why the City Attorney should not be empowered to institute an abatement proceeding. Any person or persons desiring the Council to hold such a hearing shall file with the City Clerk at least two (2) declarations under penalty of perjury meeting the requirements of Section V-213-8 of this Chapter. Notice to the person whose acts are alleged to be a nuisance shall be given by the City Clerk by regular mail at his address as indicated in said declaration or declarations at least ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing of the City Council. Copies of said notice shall also be sent by regular mail to the declarant or declarants at the address indicated in said declaration or declarations. (Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-8 Declarations

The declarations to be filed pursuant to the provisions of Section V-213-7 of this Chapter shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Each declaration shall be under penalty of perjury.

(b) Each declaration shall state the name and address of the person whose acts are alleged to be a nuisance and shall state the nature of said acts and the time and place of their commission.

(c) Each declaration shall state that the acts so alleged to be a nuisance occurred with such frequency or in such manner as to disturb the peace and quiet of declarant.

(d) Each declaration must be signed by a different person residing in a different household, giving the address of the declarant. (Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-9 Abatement Procedure Optional

The provisions of Sections V-213-7 and V-213-8 are permissive and optional with the City Council. Said provisions are not a condition precedent to the issuance of a citation by any police officer or the filing of a complaint by the City Attorney for an infraction for the violation of the provisions of this Chapter. Neither the institution of a hearing before the City Council, the conclusion of said hearing or a decision of the City Council shall, in any way, abate any pending provisions of this Chapter. It is the intent of this Chapter to provide an alternative discretionary and independent remedy in favor of the City Council to determine an appropriate course of action in the future with regard to a nuisance maintained in violation of the provisions of this Chapter. (Ord. 196 (part), 6/7/77)

V-213-10 Notice of Personal Liability for Cost of Extraordinary Police Services

(a) When any loud or unruly assemblage occurs or is held, and the City's law enforcement agency is required to respond to the scene other than for routine police assistance calls, and the senior police officer at the scene determines that there is a threat to the public peace, health, safety or general welfare, then that senior officer shall notify the owner of the premises or the person in charge of the premises or the person responsible for the assemblage that that person, or if that person is a minor, that the parents and guardians of that person will be held personally liable for the costs of providing police

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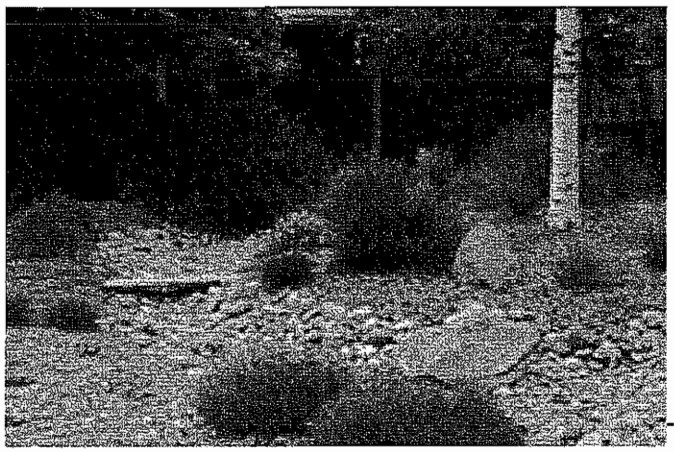
Landscape Rebate Program

As of July 1, 2010, the current Landscape **Rebate** Program will not accept new applications.

A new Landscape **Rebate** Program is scheduled to begin in August, 2010. Updated terms/conditions and qualifying lists will be available soon. Do not begin your landscape project until you have received written notice to proceed from the water district. For more information, please call the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554.



The Landscape **Rebate** Program provides rebates for homeowners and businesses that increase their outdoor water use efficiency by replacing high water use landscape and/or upgrading to high efficiency irrigation equipment. In order to qualify for the Landscape **Rebate** Program, you must participate in pre-inspection survey prior to beginning your landscape project.

To schedule a pre-inspection survey, please contact the appropriate program list below:

Residents – Please contact 1-800-548-1882 or click here to schedule a Water-Wise House Call. San Jose Water Company customers please contact 408-279-7900 to schedule a Water Watcher Report.

Businesses – Please contact 408-239-4655 or click here to schedule a Landscape Survey Program survey.

The Landscape **Rebate** Program provides two types of rebates:

- Landscape Replacement Rebates
- Irrigation Equipment Upgrade Rebates

How do I apply?
Single Family or Multi-Family property with less than 5,000 sq ft of irrigated landscape
The first step is to schedule a home water survey. Please contact ConserVision Consulting at 1-800-548-1882 for a Water-Wise House Call . These inspections will be used to determine eligibility for the Landscape **Rebate** Program.

Once the survey is completed please contact WaterWise Consulting at 866-685-2322. At that time you will need to mail, fax or e-mail your Application Request Form to WaterWise Consulting in order to receive the Landscape **Rebate** Program Application Package.

- *If you pay for water service to San Jose Water Company, please call San Jose Water Company at 408-279-7900 to schedule a Water Watcher Report.*

Business or multi-family property with 5,000 sq ft or more of irrigate landscape
The first step is to schedule an irrigation survey. Please contact Global Sun Landscape at 408-239-4655 for a Landscape Survey Program survey. These inspections will be used to determine eligibility for the Landscape **Rebate** Program.

Once the survey is completed please contact WaterWise Consulting at 866-685-2322. At that time you will need to mail, fax or e-mail your Application Request Form to WaterWise Consulting in order to receive an application packet.

How long will the rebate be available?
Rebates are paid on a first come first served basis and are only available until funds are depleted or June 30, 2010, whichever occurs first.

For more information Please contact WaterWise Consulting at 866-685-2322 or via e-mail.

Landscape Replacement Rebates

Santa Clara County single family homes, multi-family and business properties with 5,000 sq ft or more of irrigated landscape can receive rebates for replacing high water using plants such as irrigated turf grass, with low water using plants from our Approved Plant List and/or permeable hardscape. The table below describes the **rebate** amounts available.

Property Type	Rebate Amount	Maximum Rebate
Single Family (any size) or Multi-Family property with less than 5,000 sq ft of irrigated landscape	$75 per 100 sq ft	$2,000
Business Property and/or Multi-Family property with 5,000 sq ft or more of irrigated landscape	$75 per 100 sq ft	$20,000
Single Family (any size) or Multi-Family Property with less than 5,000 sq ft of irrigated landscape located within a cost-sharing partner area*	$150 per 100 sq ft for the first 1,333 sq ft $75 per 100 sq ft for the next 1,333 sq ft	$3,000
Business and/or Multi-Family property with 5,000 sq ft or more of irrigate landscape located within a cost-sharing partner area*	$150 per 100 sq ft for the first 13,333 sq ft $75 per 100 sq ft for the next 13,333 sq ft	$30,000

For cost-sharing area information, please inquire with WaterWise Consulting at 866-685-2322.

Landscape Replacement Rebate Eligibility

- Rebates are available for residents or businesses located within the Santa Clara County service area.
- Applicants must attain pre-approval by submitting **rebate** application request form provided during pre-inspection survey.
- Areas to be converted must have high water using landscape at the time of pre-inspection. Project that have been started, landscape that has been

allowed to die, or project that have already been completed are not eligible.

- Participants must currently own the property to be retrofitted.
- Projects must be completed within 90 days of receiving application material.
- Only mater/plants approved by Santa Clara Valley Water District will qualify for a **rebate**.
- Labor, installation, construction costs, delivery charges, and hauling are not covered by this **rebate**.
- Any manufacturer's rebates or other rebates must be subtracted before figuring eligible project costs.
- New construction does not qualify for the program as it is aimed at encouraging retrofitting of existing facilities.

Landscape Replacement Rebate Requirements

- All exposed soil must be covered with a minimum 2" layer of mulch. A layer of impervious plastic that underlies the mulch is not permitted.
- Concrete, plastic sheeting or other impermeable surfaces do not qualify.
- There can be no net increase in the size of the irrigated area.
- The re-landscaped area must be landscaped with one or more of the following qualifying replacement products: low water using plants (see approved list), mulch (bark, gravel, rock), and/or permeable hardscape.
- Non-qualifying replacement products include, but are not limited to: artificial turf, vegetable gardens, lawn ornaments, impervious surfaces, hot tubs, building extensions, retaining walls, high water-using plants, sheds, pools, trellises, play ground materials and fences.
- If an irrigation system is used, it must be one of the following: drip, soaker, bubbler, micro-spray, or underground irrigation system. **Overhead spray is not allowed.**
- The irrigation system must be designed so lawn and shrubs are watered separately from each other (served through a separate valve that can be controlled independently)
- To qualify, applicants must remove a minimum of 100 sq ft of high water using landscape.

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Santa Clara Valley Water District

California is facing its second year in a row of a low Sierra snowpack. Additionally, the crisis facing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is also impacting the water supply in the Santa Clara Valley and across the state. The Delta delivers water from the Sierra snowpack to about 23 million Californians, but due to court-ordered restrictions on pumping from the Delta, we can't expect to receive the same amount of water we have in the past. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is asking everyone in the county to pitch in by reducing their water use by an additional 10 percent this summer.

By taking simple steps, the residents, businesses and farmers of Santa Clara County helped save roughly 42,000 acre-feet of water this year. That's enough water for about 84,000 families for an entire year. It's especially important to find out if there are any leaks in your outdoor water usage, since more than half of the water used in an average home goes to its landscape.

To help ensure a reliable water supply for today and the future, the Santa Clara Valley Water District offers a variety of conservation programs and incentives. Whether you are a renter, homeowner or business, we have a program to help you conserve and save money on your water, wastewater and energy bills.

For a complete list of district water conservation program incentives and eligibility rules, please visit www.valleywater.org/conservation or call the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554.

Thank you for your efforts to safeguard our water supplies.

Water Conservation Programs for Your Home

Water-Wise House Call Program
Participants of the Water-Wise House Call program receive a thorough evaluation of their home's indoor and outdoor water use. A trained surveyor will make recommendations regarding your home's indoor water fixtures and provide or install free faucet aerators, showerheads, and toilet flappers if needed. The

surveyor will also evaluate the irrigation system and make efficiency recommendations and provide an annual water-wise irrigation schedule.

Home owners and apartment managers can request a free Water-Wise House Call by contacting 1-800-548-1882. San Jose Water Company customers should contact 408-729-7900 to schedule a residential survey.

Replace Your Old Toilet
Apply for a rebate of up to $125 when you upgrade to an approved high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallons per flush or less), or a dual flush model. Pre-approval is required, and can be obtained by calling (877) 874-8479. Rebate is doubled for Morgan Hill Utility customers. Efficient toilets use 50–80 percent less water per flush—that's an average savings of 19,000 gallons per year for the average family of four!

Upgrade to An Efficient Clothes Washer
Take advantage of a combined water and energy rebate of $125–$200 when you purchase a new High Efficiency clothes washer. Efficient clothes washers use 40 percent less water and energy than traditional models and are gentler on clothes.

District rebates are now combined with energy-efficiency rebates from Pacific Gas & Electric Company for the purchase of residential high-efficiency clothes washers. For more information, visit www.waterenergysavings.com or call (800) 933-9555.

Residential Irrigation System Hardware Rebate Program (RISHRP)
RISHRP helps residential survey participants save water and money by providing up to $1,000 for irrigation hardware upgrades. The program offers rebates for the installation of weather-based irrigation controllers, replacement sprinkler nozzles, converting shrub bed irrigation to drip, rain sensors and more.

To request a RISHRP application, contact 408-265-2607 ext. 2554.

Convert High Water Using Plants to Low Water Using Plants and/or Permeable Hardscape
Apply for a rebate of up to $1,000 for converting high water using landscapes to low water using plants and/or permeable hardscape. Rebate amount is calculated on a $0.75 per square foot basis. Rebate is doubled for Morgan Hill Utility and Palo Alto Utility customers.

A pre-installation inspection is required and can be scheduled by calling (866) 685-2322. Original landscape must be present during the pre-installation inspection.

Free conservation items

Chances are, you're using more water in your home than you should be. The water district offers several free water conservation devices that can help you save 20 gallons a day water. Some of the items you can request include:

- Showerheads
- Bathroom aerators
- Kitchen aerators
- Leak detection dye tablets
- Toilet flappers
- Shower timers
- Water effiicient landscaping and plumbing literature
- Water-Wise Gardening for Santa Clara County CD-ROM

Small actions can add up to huge water savings. If everyone saved 20 gallons a day, we'd save more than 13 billion gallons a year in Santa Clara County alone.

If you are interested in receiving FREE water conservation devices, call the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554.

Adopt-A-Spot Program
Milpitas Recreation Services
457 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

City of Milpitas

ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM

Take action...

ADOPT-A-SPOT!

Past Adopt-A-Spot Participants
Akshay Thapar-Boy Scouts Troop 92
Browning-Ferris Industries
Calaveras Hills High School
Cub Scouts Pack 92
Jones Chemical
Knights of Columbus
Milpitas Host Lions

Adopt-A-Spot is a City-wide volunteer program designed to enhar the environment and improve the appearance of the Milpi community through citizen involvement. Adopting a spot is a gr opportunity for individuals, community organizations, busines and companies to become directly involved in making Milpi cleaner and more beautiful!

Adopt-A-Spot's goals is to provide an attractive and clean community through volunteer assistance in beautification tasks and services. This program enables City staff to concentrate on the more technical aspects of maintenance operations within the city and work in high traffic areas not suitable for volunteers.

eas are available for adoption?
ot-A-Spot program ranges from large h as parks, to smaller areas, such as the f street in front of your house. The pplies to all public areas of the City. eas include streets, parks, trails, vacant medians and other publicly held lands.

n Adopt-A-Spot?
me anyone! The entire community is o participate, including community ervice clubs, fraternal organizations, local neighborhood groups, houses of youth programs and local businesses: e friends and make a difference.

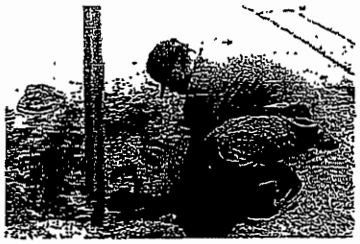
volunteers help?
s help care for their adopted spot in ays. They lookout for vandalism and nce problems, plant trees, paint picnic benches, pick up litter, rake leaves and more! Participants are requested to patrol their spot weekly. Volunteers often provide input to the City on site development and use. Adopters may also provide assistance, either monetary or volunteer, for the recreation program activities that take place in the adopted spot. Some activities include the youth summer day camp program and special events.

Volunteers will also be invited to participate in other local and national environmental events, such as Compost Give-Away Day, National Creek Clean-up Day, Make-A-Difference Day and Pollution Prevention Week. The City also seeks volunteers for City-Wide tree and flower planting projects.

Supplies and Tools: Volunteers are encouraged to provide their own supplies and tools (ask about the Lend-A-Tool Program). If needed, however, the City will assist in providing litterbags, gloves and other supplies.

Chart of Milpitas Parks and Facilities

Map Location	Facility/Park	Address/Location	Acreage	Parking Spaces	Restrooms	Group Capacity	Picnic Units	BBQ Units	Play Equipment	Tennis Courts	Softball/Baseball	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Units	Horseshoe Pits	Par Course
1	Milpitas Community Center	457 E. Calaveras Blvd.													
2	Milpitas Senior Center	1000 E. Main Street													
3	Milpitas Sports Center	1325 E. Calaveras Blvd.													
4	Community Library	40 N. Milpitas Blvd.													
5	Mid-Peninsula Parks	Grand Teton at Alameda	7.5	35		25		•	•	•					
6	Cedo Colombo Mini-Park	Cedo Colombo and N. Park Victoria				75	2		•		•			•	
7	Creighton Park	Kennedy Drive at N. Park Victoria	30	123	•	175	10		•		•		•		•
8	Creighton Park	Olympic west of N. Park Victoria	4	15		20	2		•						
9	Dixon Landing Park	Dixon Landing at Milpitas	11	65	•	80	10		•	•	•	•			
10	Fandango Park	Redwood Dr. at Rancho Ct.	4	20	•	30	4		•	•					
11	Gill Memorial Park	Foster Rodrigues and Starlite Rds	5.1	20	•	30	5		•	•	•	•		•	
12	Hall Memorial Park	Larkbrook and Coyote	5.5	50	•	35	6		•	•					
13	Hidden Lake Park	E. Milpitas Blvd., at of Escuela Pkwy	1.5	5			3		•						
14	Higuera Adobe Park	Milpitas at N. Park Victoria	2.1	20	•	25	20		•						
15	Hillcrest Park	Piedmont off Crescent	5.2			75	6		•	•					
16	Murphy Park	Yellowstone east of N. Park Victoria	3.3	10	•	30	6		•				•		
17	Pinewood Park	Lagoon and Starlite Ct.	6		•	30	4		•	•	•	•			
18	Sandalwood Park	Redwood Pkwy and Round	1.5			25	3		•						•
19	Sinnott Park	Redwood Dr. off Gregory Rd.	2.5	10		12	2		•						
20	Sunnyhill Park	Elmer Lane and Teton	4.7	30	•	20	3		•						•
21	Starlite Park	Starlight and Autumn Ave.	4		•	15	4		•						•
22	Tadianchi Park	Abbott and Corsair off Tramway	6.1	25		25	5		•						
23	Augustine Memorial Park	Comet and Cerise off Comet	6		•	30	4		•				•		
24	Jones Memorial Park	Jacklin at Midland	2.3			30	5		•						•
25	Vasona Open Park	Yellowstone east of N. Park Victoria	4	80						•					
26	Rancho Softball Field	1972 Yellowstone									•				
27	Milpitas High School Field	1285 Escuela Pkwy													
28	Ed Donaldson Building	840 E. Abel St.													



Why you should volunteer?
Volunteering to keep our City clean and beautiful is a great way for you to share not only in the beautification of Milpitas, but in the savings of taxpayers as well, by helping reduce the thousands of dollars spent on litter clean-up. In addition,, it's an opportunity to get involved with the community, make new friends and build relationships. Plus, its FUN!

All Adopt-A-Spot volunteers will be recognized by the City. The type of recognition depends upon the level and length of participation.

Recognition levels include, but are not limited to, public acknowledgment at City Council meetings, Certificates of Appreciation, signage at the adopted spot, and articles in local newspapers/publications.

Keep Milpitas Beautiful!

What is required to Adopt-A-Spot?
Dedication (3, 6, 9, or 12 month commitment) and a desire to take action are the only pre-requisites to adopting a spot. The adoption process is easy! It begins with these simple steps:

1. Submit the attached application to the Volunteer Services office at the Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaberas Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035.
2. Obtain, sign and return a Adopt-A-Spot Agreement and a Liability Release form. (If you are under 18, you must have a parent's/ legal guardian's signature on the liability form.)
3. Upon approval of your proposal, staff will train you so that you may begin work at your adopted site.

Mail in the attached application, or call (408) 586-3207

PLEASE JOIN THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

Name:

Organization Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State: Zip:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Name of spot to be adopted:

Adoption period requested: From To

Milpitas Volunteer Partners

The City of Milpitas hosts many community programs, events, and activities throughout the year that serve the Milpitas population and local surrounding areas. Volunteers are frequently recruited to assist in various aspects of these programs, providing valuable staff support, as well as help and encouragement to citizens.

Opportunities exist for working on a variety of tasks in every department within the City structure. Different opportunities are available at various times throughout the year and time commitments vary based on the specific task requirements and the volunteers' availability. All those interested in volunteering must complete an MVP application and pass the screening and interview process specific to a given opportunity.

On-going Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Milpitas is recruiting volunteers to assist with the following programs:

Adopt-A-Spot • After The Bell Tutors
Building Department • Clean-A-Park
Community Fire Aides • Finance Department
Graffiti Terminators • Lend-A-Tool Program
Neighborhood Beautification • Planning Department
Police Explorers • Police Reserves
Police Senior Outreach • Recreation Class Aides
Recreation Services Special Events
Senior Center Volunteers • Teen Center Volunteers
Volunteer Services

Volunteer Applications can be mailed to you or downloaded from www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov (under Community Center in the Parks & Recreation Services Section).

Clean-A-Park Program

Join the City of Milpitas Volunteer Partners as we continue the popular monthly "Clean-A-Park" events, part of the Adopt-A-Spot program. This is a great way for students to fullfill their community service hours!

Bring your friends, classmates and family to help pick up litter, pull weeds, rake leaves, check for graffiti on signs, restroom walls, picnic tables and benches. Minimum age of volunteers for these events is 11 years of age. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/legal guardian signature is required on the day of the event. Work gloves and hand tools will be provided.

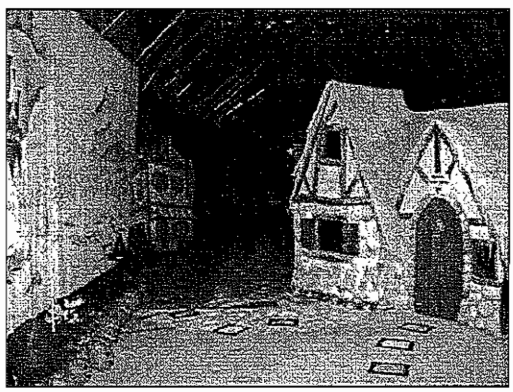
For more information on dates/times or to volunteer, please contact the Milpitas Volunteer Partners at (408) 586-3207.

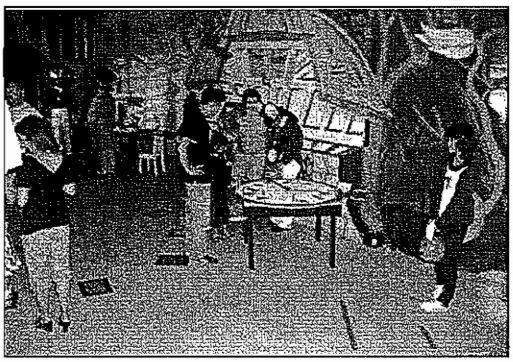
Volunteer Highlights

Rainbow Theatre & Special Event Volunteers

Bob & Michelle Bandel

Bob and Michelle Bandel have been extraordinary volunteers for Rainbow Theatre for more than two years. Bob is a retired engineer and Michelle is a retired teacher. Together they have helped build, paint and produce more than 10 Rainbow Theatre productions and special events. Bob is an excellent carpenter/engineer and Michelle is a superb seamstress and loves to paint. Individually either one would be a huge help, but together they have helped immeasurably. From Chinese scrolls to rabbit holes and Snow White's house to Willy Wonka's Factory gates, they are always consistent, reliable, meticulous, hard working, and an absolute pleasure to work with.





Volunteer Program Application & Information

Please print all information clearly in ink.

MILPITAS VOLUNTEER PARTNERS

Completion of the volunteer program application does not guarantee placement or engagement as a City of Milpitas volunteer program participant. Qualified volunteer applicants are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, non-job related medical condition or disability. **Return to: Milpitas Parks & Recreation Services, Attn: Volunteer Coordinator, 457 E. Calavers Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035.** For more information please call (408) 586-3210.

Choose one: ☐ Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Mr. ***I prefer to be called by the name:*** _____

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth (m/d/y): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: ( ) _____ Evening Phone: ( ) _____

Email Address: _____

Driver's License No.: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: ( ) _____ Evening Phone: ( ) _____

Availability & Assignment Request

How often would you like to volunteer? _____

Please list times and days you are available to volunteer:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Times available:							

Check all areas of interest:

☐ Community Development	☐ Police Department	☐ Public Works	☐ Recreation
☐ Youth/Teen Programs	☐ Special Events	☐ Cultural Arts	☐ Sports/Fitness
☐ Senior Citizens Programs	☐ Environment/Recycling	☐ Planning/Engineering	☐ Clerical Support
☐ Foreign Language/Translating	☐ Reception/Greeter	☐ City Commission	☐ Marketing/Promotions
☐ Print Shop/Mail Processing	☐ Park Clean-up/Graffiti	☐ Other: _____	

Volunteer assignment preference (optional): _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor (not including traffic citations)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", please explain. A "yes" answer to this question is not an automatic bar to acceptance into the MVP program.

_____

DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU READ IT AS IT CONTAINS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO WHICH YOU WILL BE BOUND

I hereby give Milpitas Volunteer Services permission to request and obtain data pertinent to my volunteering at City of Milpitas programs for the individual named herein, and the California State Department of Justice if necessary. I also release from all liability or responsibility all persons and institutions supplying information. I certify that all statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I agree and understand that if I am accepted into the Milpitas Volunteer Partners program, any false statements may result in my dismissal.

I the undersigned do hereby agree to allow the individual named herein to participate in the Milpitas Volunteer Partners program and I further agree to indemnify and hold the City of Milpitas, its employees and contractors, harmless from and against any and all liability for any injury which may be suffered by the aforementioned individual arising out of or in any way connected with his/her participation in this program. I also agree to grant full permission to the City of Milpitas to use my name and any photographs, videographs, motion pictures or recordings for any publicity and promotion purposes without obligation or liability to me. ***I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT, BY SIGNING BELOW, I AM WAIVING ANY RIGHT THAT I MAY HAVE TO BRING A LEGAL ACTION OR TO ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF MILPITAS FOR NEGLIGENCE.***

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Interest and Special Skills

Interests & hobbies you would like to share: _____

_____

Special skills you would like to share: _____

_____

Foreign or other languages spoken fluently: _____

Are you volunteering in affiliation with an organization or special program (i.e. school, scouts, court-assigned service, etc.)?

_____

Related Experience

Education:

Name of School | Dates Attended | Degree/Diploma? | Major Course of Study

_____

_____

_____

Work/Volunteer Experience:

Employer/Agency | Position | Dates: From | To | Voluntary or Paid?

_____

_____

_____

Do you currently hold any special certificates, licenses or registrations (CPR, First Aid, etc.)? Please list: _____

_____

References

Provide two adult references who are familiar with your academic, professional or volunteer service. Do not list relatives:

1. Name: _____ Relationship/Occupation: _____
   Address: _____
   Day Phone: ( ) _____ Evening Phone: ( ) _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship/Occupation: _____
   Address: _____
   Day Phone: ( ) _____ Evening Phone: ( ) _____

Volunteer Services Use Only

Notes: _____

_____

Action/Placement: _____

_____

HOW TO DISCOURAGE BURGLARS AND PROWLERS

When away for an extended period of time:

- Lock all doors and windows
- Arrange with a neighbor to care for your yard including picking up advertising leaflets, newspapers, etc...
- Prepare an automatic timer for lights and radio, or request a neighbor's assistance in maintaining them

When leaving for a short period of time:

- Lock all doors and windows
- Leave a radio playing
- At night, keep windows covered and the front and rear porch light on. Also, keep two interior lights on
- Do not place keys under mats, in flowerpots, or other "secret" places

When at Home:

- Keep outside doors locked
- Maintain good door and window locks
- Never admit strangers into your home
- Notify the Police immediately if a stranger comes to your house and asks for someone who does not live there

A RESIDENCE WHICH PRESENTS A LIVED-IN APPEARANCE IS A DETERRENT TO BURGLARS

Chief Dennis Graham

The Milpitas Police Department is committed to the protection of lives and property by working with our community and providing professional and responsive police services.

GET INVOLVED!

JOIN THE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035
(408) 586-2400
TDD (408) 586-2484
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Sponsored by

The Milpitas Police Department
Police Community Relations Unit
586-2525

HELLO NEIGHBOR:

My name is:

_____

of _____

(Address)

_____

(Telephone)

I have volunteered to host a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the following location:

_____

on _____

Date/Day/Time

I invite you to attend.

Our neighborhood needs your help!

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOOD WATCH PROGRAM?

The Milpitas Neighborhood Watch program joins the Milpitas Police Department and neighborhood residents in an effort to combat crime. We cannot expect to have a police officer on our street all the time. We must take the initiative and join together to re-gain control over our neighborhood.

With your help, this can be done. It has happened in other neighborhoods—it can happen in ours!

The program is monitored by the Milpitas Police Community Relations Unit. With the assistance of citizen volunteer (like myself), a meeting is scheduled to discuss a variety of crime prevention related issues, including, but not limited to:

- ***Home security measures***
- ***Personal safety information***
- ***Operation I.D.***

Other topics include:

- ***What are suspicious circumstances***
- ***How to report suspicious activity***
- ***What to expect from the police***
- ***Specific neighborhood-related issues***

A Police Officer will provide information on how we can reduce the chances of becoming a crime victim. The Officer will also advise on how we can create an alert, involved neighborhood willing to be responsible in looking out for each other.

The program will enable us to become familiar with our neighbors and play an active role in reducing criminal activity in our neighborhood.

More criminals would be apprehended and more stolen goods recovered if people took the time to report suspicious persons. During this meeting, you will learn what is, a 'suspicious person', and how to make a report to the police.

We can make Milpitas a safer place if we all work together.

Your Neighbors Need You

Get Involved

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: A WAY TO PREVENT CRIME THROUGH NEIGHBOROOD AWARENESS

Emergency Police - 911

Emergency Fire - 911

Emergency Medical - 911

7-Digit Emergency Reporting

Milpitas only- 263-1212

Non-Emergency Police - 586-2400

Police Community Relations - 586-2525