Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Grilli, and Council Members

**City Council Meetings Next Week, December 18 and 19**
During the Tuesday, December 18, meeting, Vice-mayor Grilli and Councilmember Barbadillo will be recognized and celebrated for their dedication and work over the past 4 years serving the Milpitas community. Councilmember-elect Karina Dominguez and Councilmember-elect Carmen Montano will then be official sworn-in as the newly elected Councilmembers and welcomed to the City Council. As part of the agenda, the newly seated Council will receive a report on a legislative framework and provide direction to staff on the 2019 Legislative Guiding Principles and Priorities. I want to thank Vice-mayor Grilli and Councilmember Barbadillo for their service and welcome Councilmember-elect Dominguez and Councilmember-elect Montano to the City Council.

On Wednesday, December 19, the City Council will be holding a Special Council Meeting to consider the introduction of an Ordinance prohibiting commercial cannabis activities, prohibiting outdoor cultivation of cannabis for personal use and to regulate the indoor cultivation of cannabis for personal use within the City. Notice of the meeting was published in the Mercury News on Saturday, December 8 and information was pushed on the City’s website and social media channels.

**Prop 218 Noticing on Proposed Water and Sewer Utility Rates**
Per the Council’s direction from November 29, staff has been diligently working on meeting the legally required Prop 218 noticing for the proposed water and sewer utility rates. The notice is being finalized today, Friday, December 14, and will begin to be delivered to residents late next week. The community engagement strategy will launch next week, beginning with pushing information through a dedicated webpage, social media, flyers and the mailed notice.

**Recycling and Solid Waste Outreach Update**
As discussed at the December 7 Council meeting, information on the 2019 recycling and solid waste rates have been posted on the City’s website and social media channels, information is running on the City’s local government access channel, an ad will appear in the Milpitas Post December 21 and 28 and flyers have been posted in City facilities. Information will also be included with MSI utility bills in January, as well as the MSI Newsletter January – mid-February.

**Holly Days with City Employees**
City employees have been enjoying each other’s company and enjoy the end-of-the-year holiday spirit though Holly Days. This employee engagement effort consists of different departments collaborating together for various lunch and break activities. Last week the Fire Department hosted a lunch of smoked chicken and prime rib and this week the City Manager’s Office, Recreation and Community Services, Engineering, Building, Planning and Finance hosted two different breakfasts for all employees. Next week, the Police Department, Information Services, Human Resources and Public Works will be hosting two additional events. Each event has been very well attended and have been a great opportunity to take a moment to celebrate each other and all the hard work of the employees.
**Milk and Cookies with Santa**
The Recreation and Community Services department hosted another successful *Milk and Cookies with Santa* event on December 8. There were three sessions this year: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and for adaptive/special needs families, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We were very excited to offer a session open only for families with adaptive needs based on valuable feedback from Focus Groups conducted with Milpitas residents who have a child(ren) with special needs. Each participant decorated cookies, participated in crafts and got to visit with Santa.

**Milpitas Firefighters Toy Drive**
The Milpitas Firefighters Toy Program works year-round to fundraise and gather toys and food for their annual holiday giveaway. In partnership with local businesses, charities, and city representatives, the Toy Drive will be held on December 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Barbara Lee Senior Center. Milpitas and Alviso residents may register for the event at [www.milpitasjoydrive.org](http://www.milpitasjoydrive.org) (participation is limited to Milpitas and Alviso residents only). Our goal is to make sure every child in our community has a gift to open over the holidays. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the website for more information and thank you for your generosity.

**Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Meeting**
City Manager Edmonds-Mares and Assistant City Manager Kantak met with the Cities Association of Santa Clara County board member appointee Rod Sinks, along with Congressman Khanna's District Director Chris Moylan on December 12 regarding odor mitigation in Milpitas. BAAQMD expressed a commitment to explore odor mitigation opportunities, particularly with the long history of complaints logged from Milpitas residents. Operational recommendations and long-term solutions will continue to be explored.

**Community Meeting on Accessory Dwelling Units and Short-term Rentals**
On Thursday, December 13, the first of two community meetings on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and short-term rentals was held at Pearl Zanker Elementary School. Attendees received a presentation from Planning and Economic Development staff and answered questions. While there are a number of state regulations that cities must adhere to with regard to ADUs, there are some discretionary changes to the ADU Ordinance, including requiring owner-occupancy, increasing the quantity of ADUs per single family lot beyond one ADU, eliminating the limit on the number of bedrooms, requiring deed restrictions, etc. For short-term rentals, there are some discretionary policy issues such as setting a maximum guest limit, requiring parking on-site, and requiring having a local contact to complaints when the host is out of town. Two community surveys will be launched early next week: one for ADUs and one for short-term rentals, which will be pushed through the City’s website, social media, flyers and the City’s local access government channel. An update, including a summary of all community input received to date, will be presented to Council at the January 15, 2019 Council meeting.

**Spangler Elementary School Visit**
On Friday, December 14, over 75 third graders from Spangler Elementary School visited City Hall. A presentation was made to the students in the Council Chambers, took a tour of City Hall, and got to check out a Milpitas Fire Engine. City departments contributed by including a keepsake in a goody-bag, which each student received.
Company Tour of Nanometrics
On Thursday, December 13, City Manager Edmonds-Mares, Assistant City Manager Kantak, Deputy City Manager McHarris, Planning Director Thomas, Economic Development Director Andrade and several other staff members attended a tour of Nanometrics. The CEO provided a presentation on the company and products & solutions. Nanometrics is a leading provider of advanced, high-performance process control metrology and inspection systems used primarily in the fabrication of semiconductors and other solid-state devices, such as data storage components. In addition to their business model, Nanometrics also reviewed opportunities to partner with the City through their philanthropic efforts.

Police Department Updates:
This week, Police Chief Armando Corpuz gave three conditional offers to police officer applicants. As a result of these job offers, there are no vacant police officer positions in the Police Department. The Police Department is continuing police officer recruitment as there are three impending vacancies in early 2019.

On Friday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m., Police Chief Armando Corpuz and Fire Chief Brian Sherrard attended the Milpitas Community Educational Endowment Black Tie Fundraiser at Ta Restaurant.

On Saturday, December 8th, officers attended First 5 Program’s “Family Day” at Randall Elementary, 1300 Edsel Drive. The children enjoyed meeting the officers and seeing the patrol vehicles. (Pictured on right)

On Thursday, December 13th, Captain Henry Kwong attended the California Association of Property and Evidence (CAPE) Northern California Chapter Holiday Awards and Luncheon in Hayward. Police Evidence Technician Debbie Souza was honored with the Meritorious Award, one of their highest honors, for Debbie’s contribution to CAPE. (Pictured on left)

On Thursday, December 13th, a consultant, Center for Public Safety Management, assessed the Milpitas Police Department and interviewed key stakeholders to look at the positives and negatives of the organization and obtain feedback. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the consultant met with representatives each from the School District, NAACP, Sunnyhills Association, Pines HOA, Ismaili Cultural Center, Public Safety Commission, and Planning Commission in the Police Department Community Room. Other key community members were also interviewed.

The Milpitas Police Department Recruitment Team attended the following events this week actively looking for those interested in applying for police officer and dispatch positions:

- Tuesday, December 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.- Academy at San Mateo.

Building Permits and Occupancy
Building permit was issued to the following:

1. Lyon Communities Developer for construction of 207 residential unit apartment development for The District Lot 2 located at 1415 McCandless Dr. at an estimated construction cost of $48.4M.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

1. KLA Tencor, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of $700,000.
2. Eagle Pools, Inc., for the swimming pool & spa on the 6th floor of the parking garage for The Anton Milpitas, 266 multifamily units in a 5-story residential development located at 730 E. Capitol Ave. at an estimated construction cost of $215,744.

The following businesses have received final inspection and are now open for operation:
1. Sarku Japan, a Japanese restaurant located at Great Mall.
2. Barco, a visualization solutions technology company located at 1421 McCarthy Blvd.
3. Celsius, an ice cream and tea café located at 1350 S Park Victoria Dr.
4. Persis Restaurant Inc. /Paradise Biryani Pointe, an Indian restaurant located at 560 N Abel St.

**Construction Update**
District Lot 2, 7-story mixed-used project with commercial retail space and 207 residential unit apartment, wrapped around 7-story parking garage by Lyon Communities Developer located at 1415 McCandless Dr.: The construction of the above development continues to proceed on the wrapped-around 7-story parking garage for which the building permit was issued on September 10, 2018. Concrete placement on the first elevated deck is scheduled for this week. (Pictured on top right)

Somont, 4-story, 141 stacked flat condominium unit residential development by Lennar Homes located at 450 Montague Expressway.: Two more 4-story buildings with a total of 18 units were finalized at the development, bringing it to a total of 36 completed units in the development. (Pictured on bottom right)

**Upcoming and Past Events:**
December 19, 6 pm at Milpitas Community Center Room 7 & 8: General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). The agenda has been posted to the City’s website.

December 25, 2018 – January 1, 2019: City Offices will be closed. Information about the closure has been posted on the City’s website, social media channels and flyers have been placed in City facilities and on the City’s local government access channel.

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