Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Grilli, and Council Members

City of Milpitas Received Helen Putnam Award for Excellence at League of California Cities Annual Conference: On Wednesday, September 12, 2018, the City of Milpitas was honored for its Workforce Development Initiative with the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence during the 2018 League of California Cities Annual Conference. The Milpitas Workforce Development Initiative connects non-profits, schools, and manufacturing companies with the goal of strengthening the City’s workforce. The Helen Putnam Award for Excellence recognizes and promotes outstanding efforts and innovative solutions by city governments.

Milpitas Savers Location Closing in November: Savers announced on September 13, 2018, it will be closing its Milpitas location, at 60 S. Dempsey Road, on November 4, 2018. Savers currently employs 62 people in Milpitas. City staff is working with NOVA Job Center to provide pre-layoff assistance and workforce development services to the Milpitas-based Savers employees.

City of Milpitas to Host Chinese Delegation, Discuss Economic Development Opportunities in November: On November 8, 2018, the City of Milpitas will host the Nanjing (China) Delegation at its City Hall Council Chambers. The delegation, consisting of twenty-five high ranking officials, will receive a Milpitas economic and business development activities presentation from the City.

Community Development Roundtable: The first Community Development Roundtable is scheduled on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 8am to 9am in Milpitas Community Center Room 7/8. This roundtable is focused on connecting key development services staff at City Hall with planning, development, and construction professionals seeking further City Hall engagement.
Birthday Celebrations
The Senior Center celebrated 16 birthdays of Senior Center members on Tuesday, September 18 during the Senior Nutrition Program. The celebration began at 11:30 am with music from Rosalinda Lively. At noon, participants at the event who were born in July, August and September were acknowledged with everyone singing Happy Birthday to them, followed by a raffle drawing and then cake and ice cream. The Senior Advisory Commission sponsored the birthday cake and raffle prize.

Senior Center Upcoming Events:
September 27: Flu Shot Clinic, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Upcoming Special Events:
September 22: Milpitas Mid-Autumn Festival at the Barba Lee Senior Center 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Our Milpitas Community Arts Grant award winner, Friends of the Ve Nguon Vietnamese Language School, will be using the grant to present a cultural event, Mid-Autumn festival. The event is focused around children and there will be numerous singing and dance numbers throughout the day. The children will have lots of fun activities, lantern making and a raffle. There will be moon cakes and a visit from the Moon Lady. We hope to see you there.

September 29: Oktoberfest at the Civic Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Returning for its second year, Milpitas Oktoberfest will celebrate German food and drink, culture and community. The festivities include music, German dancing, traditional contests and games, food trucks, German food vendors, drinks and a great kids’ area. Last year’s event drew over 3,000 people so we are excited and expecting a great attendance this year.

California Coastal Cleanup Report for Sept. 15: City staff and 109 volunteers participated in the California Coastal Cleanup Program in Milpitas on Saturday, September 15th. The event focused on 3.5 miles of creek habitat in Milpitas along the banks of Coyote, Tularcitos and Los Coches Creeks. 300 pounds of litter and debris were collected including cigarette butts, paper, wrappers, and convenience food items. Larger items found at Coyote Creek included a vehicle bumper, bed frame, scrap metal door pieces, and vehicle engine parts (photo attached). This year’s Countywide cleanup included 47 sites with 1,913 volunteers participating. A total of 75.25 miles of creek habitat in the County were cleaned and 57,000 pounds of trash was removed.
Downed Power Lines Caused by Milpitas Sanitation Inc. (MSI) Service Truck:
On Monday September 17th an MSI service truck struck powerlines with an improperly stored crane boom on Corning Avenue at Abel Street. The accident downed several lines causing a power outage affecting households on Corning and Sylvia Avenues. Milpitas Police, Fire, and Pacific Gas and Electric crews responded to safe off the area and begin repairs which required 10 hours to complete.

MSI staff have been going door to door and they are responding to customer complaints of spoiled food due to the outage and two calls complaining of damaged electrical boxes by pulled cables. The MSI General Manager has stated the company will provide reimbursement to customers for any damage, and a complete report will be provided to the City in the coming weeks.

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