

Assistant City Manager Weekly Update

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Tour of Milpitas Transit Center

On Friday, April 19, City Senior staff toured the Milpitas Transit Center and the Berryessa Transit Center. The Milpitas BART Station is one of two stations of the 10-mile Berryessa Extension, the first phase of the 16-mile BART Silicon Valley extension of the regional BART system. VTA staff provided the tour and indicated that the expected opening for both the Milpitas Transit Center and the Berryessa Transit Center is still end of year, 2019.



Community Development Roundtable

The Community Development Roundtable met Friday morning, April 19, with Senior staff and Matrix Consulting Group representatives. Staff and the consultants reviewed the Development Review Process and Cost of Services (User Fees) Study with much of the focus and stakeholder discussion centering around the key process improvements that reduce permitting time through streamlining and the 100 percent cost recovery fees identified in the report. The outcome was general agreement on the work completed to date and appreciation for City Council direction and staff for the constant communication between staff and the stakeholders.

Community Budget Meetings

The second of two community budget workshops was held Thursday, April 18 at the Barbara Lee Senior Center. The Assistant City Manager presented an overview and purpose of the City budget, reviewed where money comes from and where it goes, Fiscal Year 2018-19 revenues and expenses, recent City accomplishments, results of the recent community-wide survey, the Capital Improvement Project budget, and the Council Priority Areas. A dedicated webpage has been created at www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/budgetoutreach, which includes a quick survey on how the community would allocate imaginary money towards the different Council Priority Areas.

Earth Day Resource Fair

The City of Milpitas, in partnership with the Milpitas Library, will be hosting an Earth Day Resource Fair on April 20 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Library, 160 N. Main Street. Learn how easy it is to green up your life and save money through hands-on activities and information. Bring an old T-Shirt and learn how you can turn it into a reusable bag. Special showing of the movie "Trashed" with Jeremy Irons from 2 to 3:30 pm. Stop by one of our information tables to learn about: clean energy, energy efficiency, water conservation, stormwater pollution prevention, and recycling and zero waste living.

Dispatcher Appreciation Week

Mayor Rich Tran and Vice Mayor Karina Dominquez, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Milpitas Police Dispatchers at the City Council meeting for Dispatcher Appreciation Week (April 14-20, 2019). Dispatcher Robert Gaudinez was given a Council commendation for being awarded the 2018 Dispatcher of the Year. Congratulations to Robert and thank you to all the Milpitas dispatchers for helping keep us all safe!



2019 Passport Fair

The City Clerk's Office will be hosting a Passport Fair on Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Lobby. No appointment is needed; however, the Fair is reserved to the first 75 applicants and for first time applicants (children and adults), minor renewals, or adults whom have had a passport issued more than 15 years ago. To view current fees and information related to applying for a passport, please visit the [City's website](#).

Upcoming Citywide Community Events

April 20: Brunch with The Bunny at Barbara Lee Senior Center– 10:00 a.m.
April 27: Annual Commissioner Luncheon at MCC Auditorium - 11:00 a.m.
May 15: Peace Officer/Fire Memorial Day at Cesar Chavez Plaza - TBD
May 27: Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Plaza - 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Community Events

On Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m., two police officers stopped by St. John's Catholic Church basketball tournament. The basketball game was between the coaches in the league to raise money for the teams.

On Tuesday, April 16, Sergeant Bryan Hinkley presented a Run, Hide, and Fight! presentation to 200 employees at Teledyne, 765 Sycamore Drive. The first presentation was at 1:00 p.m., and the second presentation was at 2:30 p.m.

Recruitment Team

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:

- Thursday, April 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.- Academy at Coyote Valley, San Jose.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Senior Center

Spring Crafts Activity

On Wednesday, April 10, the Senior Center's weekly Spring Crafts station featured Pulled String Art. Staff working the activity were able to teach the participants how to do the art project and encouraged them to take the artwork home to share with their families.

Japanese Friendship Garden Trip

On Thursday, April 11, a group of 12 Senior Center members had a fun day visiting the Japanese Friendship Garden in San Jose followed by a no-host lunch at the Flourishing Garden Restaurant and then a tour and history lesson at the Chinese American Historical Museum. The Historical Museum tour was facilitated by Brenda Wong, who is a member of the Senior Center.

Upcoming at the Senior Center

- 4/16 Flowers and Tea (Afternoon Tea Event), 2:00 p.m.
- 4/17 Assembly member, Kansen Chu's Scam Stoppers Presentation, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 4/17 Spring Crafts: Beaded Bracelets, 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- 4/18 Trip: Gamble Gardens
- 4/18 Hearing Screenings by SJSU students, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Youth

This week the Milpitas Recreation and Community Services team hosted Spring Break Camps for children ages 5-12 years old. Camp was hosted April 15 – April 19, at the Milpitas Sports Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day. Extended Care Services were also available for the mornings (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.) and evenings. (5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Campers enjoyed various activities including, Dr. Seuss Story and Art, DIY Bird Feeders, STEAM Activities, Project Cornerstone Asset Hour, Chinese Paper Lantern making, and much more. We had 57 campers join us at Spring Break Camp this week!

Aquatics

The first of two planned Lifeguard Academies concluded on April 14. A total of 12 participants each successfully completing over 30 hours of the American Red Cross course required to be a certified Lifeguard. The 12 participants are now certified in Lifeguard Training, First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer and AED. We look forward to having these 12 new lifeguards join our Aquatics Team with the Recreation and Community Services Department this summer!

BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

1. Lego Discovery Center, a new amusement center for tenant improvements at their 31,000 sf facility located at 870 Great Mall Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$7M.
2. Kohl's Digital Center, a technology center for the retail store for tenant improvements at the existing facility located at 840 N. McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of \$350,000.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Metro Flats, 108 condo-style residential development located at 1401 S. Milpitas Blvd.: The photo below shows the different stages of construction for this development which has 18 completed units.

