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New Engineering & Public Works Director to start this Monday!



The City of Millbrae is excited to announce and introduce our new Engineering & Public Works Director, Sam Bautista. Sam Joins us with extensive experience in Engineering and Public Works. Sam is a University of Southern California graduate with 22 years of experience in public service. Sam started his career as an Associate Engineer and previously worked for the City of Millbrae. He has worked on many high-level projects and served as project manager on multimillion-dollar projects throughout the Bay Area. Sam has worked for the City of Pacifica as Deputy of Public Works and City Engineer for the last five years.

Sam has always had a passion for helping people and providing high customer service to residents, businesses, and developers. He values building quality professional relationships with coworkers, residents, business owners, City Council members, and representatives from other agencies. A fun fact about Sam is that he is an avid traveler who has visited 77 countries and has made weekend trips to Egypt and Singapore.

Sam shared his sentiment stating, "Returning to the City of Millbrae as the new Engineering & Public Works Director is a great honor to continue the legacies of former Public Works Directors and deliver projects for the residents and business owners of Millbrae."

Sam will be joining our team on Monday, October 3, 2022. Be sure to say hello and help us welcome Sam to the Millbrae community.

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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS 2022

The City hosted its Employee Recognition Awards Luncheon on September 1, 2022, where we acknowledged the outstanding work of all our employees.

Three main awards were given out, and a Departmental MVP was awarded within each department.

The Department MVPs included Wanyi Liang from Administration, Roscoe Mata from Community Development, Neriza Wong from the Finance Department, Darrin Zolfarelli from Public Works Department, and Roland Tianco from the Recreation Department.

The Rising Star Award is given out to an emerging leader with three years of service or less in the City who has demonstrated significant and exceptional growth within the City. The rising star was awarded to Jennifer Lim, who was recently promoted from Administration Intern to Assistant Planner in Community Development.

The Creative Innovator award is given to an individual who provides innovative solutions and improves efficiency within the agency. The Creative Innovator was awarded to Kevin Matlock, Maintenance Worker II in Public Works.

Finally, the Employee of the Year award is given to our all-around best player, who displays true leadership, outstanding work ethic, and high levels of customer service. The Employee of the Year award was given to Jane Kao, our Senior Civil Engineer in Public works, for her exceptional work ethic, who worked hard to complete the new Recreation Center on time and on budget.





Foodware Aware Ordinance begins October 1st

Did you know that one of the biggest contributors to plastic pollution is the foodware that holds your next to-go meal? To address the problem of plastic pollution and protect public health, the City of Millbrae adopted the Disposable Foodware Ordinance that will start being enforced on October 1, 2022.

The Ordinance requires restaurants and other food facilities (e.g., farmer's markets, food trucks, push carts, cafeterias, groceries, etc.) to eliminate disposable plastic foodware and replace it with compostable alternatives made from natural fiber such as paper, sugarcane, or bamboo. Reusable foodware items are also highly encouraged. Cups, bowls, take-out containers, utensils, and straws are just some of the common disposable foodware items that are impacted by the new Ordinance.

If you need utensils, condiment packets, napkins, or other small side items (a.k.a. accessories) when ordering food, especially takeout, please remember to ask for them. Restaurants and other food facilities can now only give out these accessories when the customer directly asks for them and/or at dispensers that dispense one item at a time. Additionally, accessories can only be given out as separate, individual items.



FOODWARE AWARE

REUSE. CHOOSE. REFUSE.



Food operators at drive-throughs, however, are allowed to ask customers directly if they want accessories. Make sure your favorite restaurants and other food facilities are aware of the new requirements. [Let the County of San Mateo's Foodware Aware Team know if they need assistance.](#)

Check out the [Foodware Aware Website](#) where you can learn more about the Ordinance.



The Adopt-A-Spot Pilot Program is a partnership between the City of Millbrae, the Community Enhancement Advisory Committee, and the Millbrae community. The Program enables individuals, community groups, schools, and other organizations to play an active role in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of their neighborhoods. This past Saturday, Millbrae Parks Crews, City Staff, and Community volunteers began work at our pilot site by planting and beautifying the area. This location will be maintained by volunteers who have adopted the location. Be sure to take a look at the first location of our Adopt-A-Spot program at the entrance of Bayside Manor. If you are interested in this program and would like to adopt a spot, be sure to visit our [Sustainable Millbrae Page](#) on our website.



October 9-15, 2022

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

"FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE."



Central County Fire Department and the City of Millbrae are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)—to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week (FPW), October 9-15, 2022. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. Central County Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace this annual Fire Prevention Week theme.

"It's important to plan and practice evacuating from your home during an emergency. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different," said Fire Prevention Specialist, Patrick Bignardi. "Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with accessibility needs may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!"

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org or www.sparky.org.

KEY HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING TIPS:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical needs.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside family meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

MILLBRAE POLICE BUREAU



OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Crime Prevention Month. Some ways to take part in crime prevention month is to make sure to be aware of your surroundings at all times. Get to know your neighbors and develop relationships with them. If you are able to get security systems or alarms installed, we recommend you do so. The National Crime Prevention Council recommends installing locks on all your doors and windows. Use deadbolt locks, don't hide your keys under doormats or planter boxes. Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places. Make sure to keep your home lit, inside and outside. Never let strangers in your home, even if they are hurt, leave the doors locked and call the Sheriff's Office for help. Always watch for suspicious behavior and if you see something say something. If you are traveling, stop your mail service and newspaper delivery, or have a friend or family pick up mail daily. If you are ever in doubt dial 9-1-1.



Greetings Fall!

The Millbrae Police Bureau is hoping everyone is having a smooth transition out of summer, back to school. Fall is upon us and we are gearing up for all the trick or treaters in the city of Millbrae. We ask everyone to be aware when they are driving since schools are back in session. Make sure to obey all traffic laws so you can avoid accidents.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month you may notice some of our deputies wearing their pink San Mateo County Sheriff's Office patches to help spread awareness.





What's New in Millbrae Recreation!

For more information about activities and upcoming events, visit our website at bit.ly/milrec

Millbrae Cultural Arts Advisory Committee

MILLBRAE ART SHOW

CELEBRATING MILLBRAE & WHAT'S TO COME!

Are you interested in entering your artistic creations in the Millbrae Art Show?

The show is open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Millbrae.

October 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (hosted reception)

October 22, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Millbrae Recreation Center, Great Hall

Registration available online at bit.ly/milrecartshow or in person at the Rec Center

Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Circle
(650) 259-2360



Please join us for our 6-week "Tech Sessions"

September 8: Safe Internet Browsing

September 15: All About Apps

September 22: Zoom Basics

September 29: Protecting Against Identity Theft

October 6: Avoiding Phishing Scams

October 13: Email Setup

**OPEN TO
ADULTS 55+**

Please **RSVP:**
helpathand@peninsulafamilyservice.org
(650) 403-4300 ext. 4366

**Location: Millbrae Recreation Center, Senior Lounge
477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae, CA 94030**

Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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October 8-November 12

477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae, CA 94030

Storytelling through Art: Communicating My Ideas to Others

Ages 5-7

9:00 - 10:00 am

Exploring Problem Solving through Art: Sculpture Arts Focus

Ages 8-11

10:15 - 11:15 am



Upcoming Events



Oct. 2
10:30 A.M.

Japanese Cultural Festival
Millbrae Library Plaza
1 Library Avenue
[Click Here for Details](#)



Oct. 8
9:30 A.M.

Millbrae Coastal Clean Up Day
Millbrae Central Park
[Click Here for Details](#)



Oct. 14
6:30 P.M.



Millbrae Goes to the Movies
At Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Circle



Oct. 20
5:00 P.M.

Beats Brews & Vines Oktoberfest
Broadway between Hillcrest &
La Cruz, Millbrae

