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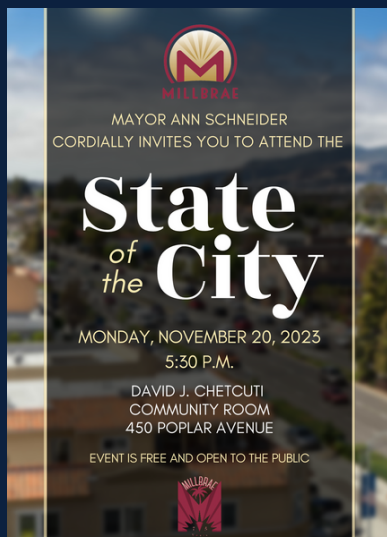
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EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

STATE OF THE CITY
MONDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2023
5:30 PM



New Ordinance Prohibiting Synthetic Grass and Artificial Turf Landscaping

In light of concerns about the effects of unregulated synthetic grass and artificial turf landscaping, the City Council established a temporary moratorium on October 26, 2021, placing a pause on all synthetic turf installations until a new ordinance could be drafted. On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, the Millbrae City Council approved an ordinance prohibiting the installation of synthetic grass and artificial turf consistent with new state laws.

The City seeks to prohibit synthetic grass and artificial turf because the unregulated use of the material has been found to have an adverse effect on public health and safety, stormwater management and pollutant discharge, groundwater recharge, soil biodiversity, and neighborhood character. Synthetic grass and artificial turf function as a barrier that limits the absorption of groundwater, resulting in pooling and greater runoff during storm events. As much of the City of Millbrae is located on a hillside, this reduction in absorption presents a significant risk to the City's storm drain capacity and the overall capacity of the City's stormwater system. Plastics and microfibers are also released, contaminating the Bay, local streams, and aquatic life.

Since new installations of artificial turf grass are no longer legal and/or allowed, there is a provision for residents with existing synthetic grass and artificial turf landscaping that allows it to remain until it shows visible signs of wear and tear. Visible signs of wear and tear include identifiable holes, tears, stains, discoloration, seam separations, lifted surfaces, loose or separated nap and netting, buckling, and flaking. It is at this point that the ordinance requires the removal of artificial turf and the installation of natural landscaping plant material. This requirement ensures onsite percolation and groundwater recharge and lessens the impact on our storm drain systems.

The ordinance becomes effective on January 1, 2024. More information about the new regulations is available on the City's website at: [PROHIBITION OF ARTIFICIAL TURF & SYNTHETIC GRASS](#)





Let's play some Tennis and Pickle Ball!

We are excited to announce the completion of the tennis courts and now added pickleball resurfacing project!

The tennis courts at Central Park have served the community for several years and had reached the end of their service life. The courts were initially slated for resurfacing in 2015; however, the city put the project on hold following the community center's fire incident. After the completion of the Recreation Center, the

City awarded a construction contract to American Asphalt Repair and Resurfacing Co., Inc. (Contractor) for the 2022 Central Park Tennis Courts Rehabilitation Project. The project consisted of repairing the full-depth base of the uplifted area, resurfacing the courts with an asphalt concrete overlay and acrylic coating system, patching all cracks, replacing all nets, adjusting and repairing the chain link fence, and installing new court line markings. In addition to rehabilitating the courts, four pickleball courts were added to the two tennis courts.



The courts are currently open and available for public use. We hope the community enjoys these new courts and makes lots of memories playing tennis and pickleball!



Electronics & Clothing Reuse and Recycling Drop Off Event

On Saturday, November 4th, Goodwill and the County came together with the City of Millbrae for a one-day Free electronics and clothing reuse and recycling drop-off event. This event was very successful, with over 350 donors donating thirty-three (33) full Gaylords of items estimated to weigh over twelve thousand (12,000) pounds.

Residents were enthused with the chance to donate e-waste and used goods for free and asked for more events like this one in the future. To see a list of upcoming Environmental Programs Events and programs, please visit the [Sustainable Millbrae Programs webpage](#).





Holiday Waste Reduction

We can all do our part to reduce holiday waste! Follow these tips to help reduce waste during your holiday celebrations:

1

If you enjoy sending traditional greeting cards, make sure they are made from recycled content and can be recycled again. Avoid cards and envelopes with glitter and foil.



2

Avoid excess packaging by shopping for gifts and groceries locally. Be sure to bring your own reusable shopping bags.



3

Give gifts that are durable or consumable (such as performance or sporting event tickets, zoo or museum memberships, a promise to babysit or to make a favorite meal). Stay clear of items that are sure to quickly end up in the landfill.

4

Wrap gifts in something reusable. Avoid single-use gift wrap, bags, and ribbon—especially those that are not recyclable.



5

If you are hosting a holiday meal, don't over-buy at the grocery store. Need help figuring out how much to buy? Use the dinner party calculator at [SAVETHEFOOD.COM](https://www.savethefood.com). Set your holiday table with reusable linens, plates, cups and silverware. If you think there may be leftovers, ask guests to bring reusable containers to fill.



HOSTING A HOLIDAY FEAST?



6

Do not decorate a live Christmas tree with anything you can't remove when the holidays are over. Trees that have been flocked or covered in tinsel end up in the landfill instead of as valuable mulch.




Do you have additional tips to share? Please email them to info@ssfscavenger.com. We'll share them along with other helpful waste-related information on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. Find us @ssfscavenger.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
SCAVENGER
COMPANY, INC.




Millbrae Goes to the Movies
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Free Popcorn

**Fri, Dec 8
6:30 p.m.
Rec Center,
Great Hall**

Dr. Seuss' **The GRINCH**




Tot Time Pilot Program

FRIDAYS 9:30-11:30AM



\$20 PER MONTH

TODDLERS AGES 0-5 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS CHILD-FRIENDLY PLAY ZONE! VARIOUS PLAY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP GROSS MOTOR SKILLS.

TOT TIME IS LOCATED AT THE MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER, 477 LINCOLN CIRCLE.

THIS PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRES ADULT SUPERVISION, AS IT IS UNSTRUCTURED AND NOT OVERSEEN BY RECREATION STAFF.



Register at: bit.ly/milrec

LUNCH CRUNCH Pilot Program

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
12-4pm**



JOIN OUR LUNCH TIME OPEN-GYM HOURS!!

- Spin Bikes
- TRX Bands
- Box Jumps
- Dumbbells
- Kettlebells
- Weighted Balls
- Power Ropes
- Saddle Bags

\$20 PER MONTH

MILLBRAE RECREATION PRESENTS...

parents night out

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
6PM - 9PM**

NEED A NIGHT OUT OR TO PREPARE FOR THE WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON? TAKE A WELL-DESERVED BREAK AND DROP OFF YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR A NIGHT OF FUN WITH MILLBRAE RECREATION STAFF!

PARTICIPANTS WILL CREATE WINTER CRAFTS, PLAY INTERACTIVE GAMES, AND ENJOY A PROVIDED PIZZA DINNER.

AGES: 5-11
\$30 RESIDENTS / \$50 NON-RESIDENTS

register at:
bit.ly/milrec

MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER
GREAT HALL NORTH
477 LINCOLN CIRCLE



CENTRAL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

1399 ROLLINS RD. BURLINGAME, CA 94010 | (650) 558-7600

*Help us spread joy by donating
new, unwrapped toys*

All Burlingame, Hillsborough and
Millbrae fire stations will be
collecting new, unwrapped toys
until December 24th!

STATION 32
330 ASCOT RD.
HILLSBOROUGH

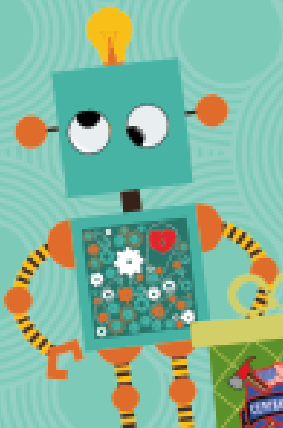
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HILLSBOROUGH

STATION 37
511 MAGNOLIA AVE.
MILLBRAE

STATION 34
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BURLINGAME

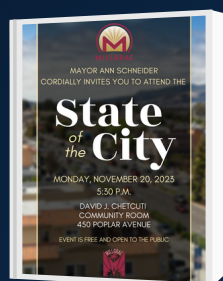
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BURLINGAME

STATION 38
785 CRESTVIEW DR.
MILLBRAE



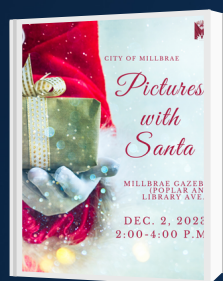


Upcoming Events



Nov. 20
5:30 P.M.

State of the City
At David J. Chetcuti Community Room
450 Poplar Avenue



Dec. 2
2:00 P.M.

Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus
At Millbrae Gazebo (Poplar and
Library Avenue)



Dec. 2
5:00 P.M.

Holiday Tree Lighting
At Millbrae City Hall
621 Magnolia Avenue



Dec. 8
6:30 P.M.

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



Dec. 12
7:00 P.M.

Swearing In Ceremony & 75th
Anniversary Gala
At Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Circle