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# MILLBRAE NEWS

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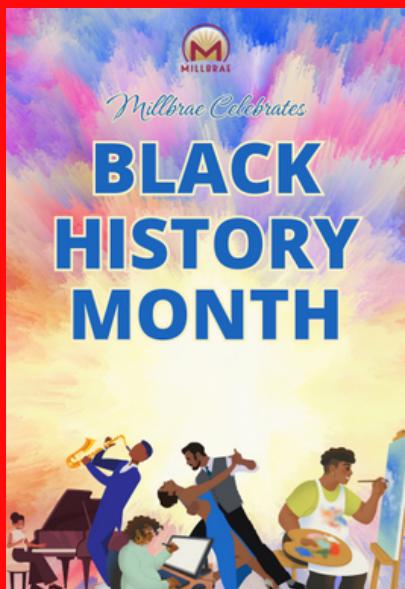
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**Happy Lunar New Year, Millbrae!  
Gung Hay Fat Choi**

**米爾布雷市政府仝人恭祝您龍年新年快樂，  
恭喜發財。**

The City of Millbrae joins many families around the world to welcome the Year of the Dragon. This year, the Lunar New Year falls on February 10, 2024. Lunar New Year is steeped in tradition, with many customs and festivities passed down through generations. The Lunar New Year celebration is centered around removing the bad and the old and welcoming the new and the good. It signifies a fresh start and is a time for families and friends to come together in celebration. This year marks the Year of the Dragon, which holds a significant place as an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. It symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success. The City of Millbrae wishes all its residents good health and prosperity as we welcome the Lunar New Year.

Join us at one of our upcoming Lunar New Year celebrations in the City of Millbrae. See page three (3) for a list of library programs specific to Lunar New Year.

### **2024 Millbrae Lunar New Year Festival**

**February 17  
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
300 Broadway  
Millbrae, CA 94030**

### **Millbrae Rotary Community Lunar New Year Banquet**

**February 29  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
1180 El Camino Real  
Millbrae, CA 94030**

## Is Winter Weather Wearing Out Your Retaining Wall?

Many residents in Millbrae live on hillsides where retaining walls provide structure and support to their property. Over the past few years, heavy seasonal rains have put tremendous strain on everyone's retaining walls. Water makes everything heavier, including the soil being supported behind your retaining wall. In some instances, it can also cause the soil to expand in size. Over time, this stress can weaken a retaining wall and cause it to buckle, lean or fail.

Your retaining wall should be inspected periodically for signs of stress and water damage. Evidence of wood rot, bulges, loose material, leaning, and cracks are critical signs that it may be time to repair or replace your retaining wall. A failed retaining wall can destabilize a slope and cause damage to both your own and your neighbors' properties. Emergency repairs and shoring during winter storms can be especially costly. The best time to repair and replace a retaining wall is when soil conditions are dry.



If you are thinking about repairing or replacing your retaining wall, remember a building permit is required if the wall is over 48" tall. In most cases, a construction plan prepared by a licensed civil engineer will be required for the project. Always check with the City's Building Division before starting work. If you have any questions or concerns about the condition of your retaining wall, we recommend having it inspected by a qualified professional contractor or engineer. If you have any questions about getting a building permit to repair or replace your retaining wall, don't hesitate to contact us at (650) 259-2330.

More information about retaining walls is available on the [City's website](#).

## We are hiring for Summer Camp Counselors!

We are looking for this Summers Camp Counselors! Join a great team at the Millbrae Recreation Center and spend your summer leading our Millbrae Adventure Camp.

The City of Millbrae has multiple openings for the Recreation Leader (Summer Camp Counselor) position! This position will focus on our Millbrae Adventure Summer Camp, working as a Camp Counselor. Hours will vary, and applicants are expected to be available to work full camp weeks. Recreation Leaders are also expected to attend a mandatory, paid training.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.calopps.org/city-of-millbrae>



Millbrae Celebrates

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*“Art as a Platform for Social Justice”*



Black History Month is celebrated each February and was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African American historian, author, and journalist.

This year, the month-long celebration highlights “art as a platform for social justice,” spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more.

Black History Month also affords a special opportunity to further educate ourselves on the prejudice that still exists in our country and to work together to overcome this inequality.

San Mateo County consolidated an array of information and opportunities to further educate and participate in the celebration of Black History Month. Please visit [San Mateo County Website](#) for more information.

African American Community Initiative (AACI) is hosting its 2024 Black History Month Celebration on February 17, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a free community event promoting arts and wellness for African Americans. Expect a resource fair, speakers, and health and wellness checks. Lunch will be served. For more information and to register, please visit [San Mateo County Health Website](#)

In addition, you can join the Millbrae Library on Friday, February 9, at 3:30 PM for an [African Village Celebration](#); this event is for all ages and includes engaging activities with Onye Onyemaechi, MBA, a globally acclaimed master percussionist, educator, author, and performing musician. Or you can attend two events on Friday, February 23, they will be hosting a [Cultivating Compassion Workshop](#) with Lakiba Pittman, MA, starting at 1:00 PM, and a virtual event, [Celebrating Black Achievement: A Moderated Discussion](#). Starting at 2:00 PM.

We encourage everyone to look for opportunities within our community to participate and celebrate Black History Month.



# MILLBRAE POLICE BUREAU

## Congratulations to Correctional Officer Morales!

The Millbrae Police Bureau is very excited to share that our very own Community Service Officer Morales was recently promoted to Correctional Officer. Chief Allen was able to attend her swearing-in. We wish her all the success in her new endeavor and future with the Sheriff's Office!

## Upcoming Events:



It is the start of all the wonderful community events in the City of Millbrae. We are getting ready for the Lunar New Year Festival on February 17, and we can't wait to see everyone. Please be sure to say hello if you see us at the festival and stop by our booth!

Millbrae Police Bureau is in the initial planning stages of the 2024 Millbrae Bike Rodeo. We have many community stakeholders who will be involved and are looking forward to this great event coming in May! More information to come soon.



## Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, we would like to leave you with a quote from the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that"**



## Safety Brief:



We want to remind everyone to drive safely during the rain and give yourself extra time to get to where you are going. Being safe is the most important thing of all when you get behind the wheel.

If you haven't already, [sign up for SMC Alert!](#) SMC Alert is San Mateo County's primary alert and warning system used to contact you during urgent or emergency situations which may include life safety, fire, weather, accidents involving utilities or roadways or disaster notifications.



# Millbrae Library

The Millbrae Library has various programs available for its residents. Please view some of the highlighted programs below.



San Mateo  
County  
Libraries

To view all upcoming classes and programs please visit: <https://smcl.org/>

## Lunar New Year Storytime in Mandarin and English!

歡迎參加中英雙語故事時間！任何年齡的孩子都歡迎一起聆聽故事、放聲歌唱跟玩耍。

Celebrate Lunar New Year and join us for a bilingual Mandarin and English stories and music the whole family will love! Children of all ages will enjoy listening, singing and playing along.

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

**10:30 - 11:00 AM**

**Millbrae Library**

**1 Library Ave.**

**LEARN MORE >**



## Lunar New Year Chinese Martial Arts Demonstration

Come join us at the library and celebrate the Year of the Dragon with a traditional Chinese Martial Arts demonstration by the Jing Mo Athletic Association.

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Millbrae Library**

**1 Library Ave.**

**REGISTER NOW >**



## Customs of the Lunar New Year

Join local artist Pauline for a slideshow and talk on customs of the lunar new year, such as the origins of the Dragon Dance, stories of the zodiac animals and how people celebrate the Spring Festival today. After the talk, there will be a hands-on art lesson on how to paint flowers and animals, learn to write simple characters and phrases.

**Friday, February 23, 2024**

**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Millbrae Library**

**1 Library Ave.**

**REGISTER NOW >**



# The Rec



## Millbrae Age-Friendly Community Survey

We want to learn about the Millbrae Community and what you'll need as you get older to make our city a great place to live. Your views matter, and we need your participation! In order

for your survey to count, every question must be answered. We appreciate your time and effort.

To complete the survey, go to  
[bit.ly/agefriendlymillbrae](https://bit.ly/agefriendlymillbrae)



Paper survey available at the  
Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle



## MILLBRAE GOES TO THE MOVIES



At the Millbrae  
Recreation Center  
February 9, 2024  
6:30 PM



**What's New in Millbrae Recreation!**  
Check our website for more information about  
classes, events, and registration for activities at:  
[bit.ly/milrec](https://bit.ly/milrec)

**SUMMER CAMP FAIR**

LEARN ABOUT OUR SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS!

Information about camps, our Counselor in Training Program, & more!

**Friday, March 15**  
**4 PM-7 PM**

Free Pizza For the First 100 People

Millbrae Recreation Center Great Hall  
477 Lincoln Circle

## MILLBRAE GOES TO THE MOVIES



At the Millbrae  
Recreation Center  
February 9, 2024  
6:30 PM



APRIL 1-5

8:30AM-4 PM DAILY

**MILLBRAE RECREATION**

477 Lincoln Circle

JOIN OUR COUNSELORS FOR ENGAGING CRAFTS,  
GAMES, & ACTIVITIES!



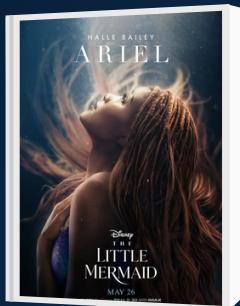
Ages: 6-11  
Price: \$267.06 R/  
\$320.15 NR



More Information & to Register: [bit.ly/milrec](https://bit.ly/milrec)



# Upcoming Events



Feb 9  
6:30 P.M.

**Millbrae Goes to the Movies –  
The Little Mermaid  
At Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle**



Feb 13  
11:30 A.M.

**Senior Luncheon  
At Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle**



Feb 17  
10:00 A.M.

**Millbrae Lunar New Year Festival  
Downtown Millbrae  
200-400 Broadway**



Feb 29  
6:00 P.M.

**Rotary Club of Millbrae – Lunar New  
Year Banquet  
Register for Banquet**