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# MILLBRAE NEWS

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## EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

**SUMMER CAMP FAIR**  
**MARCH 15, 2024**  
**4:00 PM**



## CITY OF MILLBRAE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT RECEIVES STATE CERTIFICATION

The City of Millbrae receives the gold standard for municipalities. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), announced that the City of Millbrae's 2023-2031 Housing Element, which is part of the City's General Plan, received State certification today, signifying the City's compliance with the State Housing Element law.

Certification demonstrates the City's commitment to housing production, providing valuable guidance to housing developers and ensuring the City's continued eligibility for grants and State funding opportunities, including support towards the production of additional affordable housing.

The Housing Element update builds on previous City plans, goals, objectives, and strategies to ensure that the City meets the housing needs of current and future Millbrae residents and provides fair housing options for all. City Manager Thomas Williams states, "we continue to make housing a top priority in Millbrae and are proud of the certification of the Housing Element which is a testament to our efforts." With the certification from HCD, the City can now begin to implement the Housing Element Programs.

To learn more about the City's Housing Element, please visit [City of Millbrae Housing Element Update](#)

# Drought Tolerant Landscaping

The Millbrae Drought Tolerant Landscaping Project will replace 8,000 square feet of existing landscaped areas in front of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Millbrae Police Bureau and Fire Station 37 with drought-tolerant landscaping and replace the existing spray irrigation system with a drip irrigation system. Drip irrigation systems are beneficial in using 30-50% less water than conventional spray irrigation and prevent overwatering by keeping the water close to the base of the plants and soil.

This project will continue previous drought-tolerant efforts in front of City Hall and replace the lawn in front of the Fire Station and Millbrae Police Bureau. Drought-tolerant landscaping not only accommodates dry weather but also manages heavy rain efficiently with the use of bioswales. (Bioswales are channels that hold the stormwater runoff and cleanse water while recharging the groundwater and reducing soil erosion). The City of Millbrae was awarded a Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency grant with a required fifty percent (50%) match by the City of Millbrae. The WaterSMART grant provides financial assistance to water managers for projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently.

Environmental Programs engaged Gates and Associates, a landscape architecture firm, to develop landscaping plans that are drought tolerant and best suited to the City of Millbrae. Many of the plants included in the landscaping plans will be fire-resistant and support pollinators such as hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and moths. Landscaping for this project is expected to begin in early March.



**Above are examples of many of the plants included in the landscaping plans that will support pollinators, such as hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and moths.**





**In addition to providing clean energy at lower rates, Peninsula Clean Energy invests in energy programs and rebates that help residents further reduce carbon emissions from buildings and transportation.**

Peninsula Clean Energy offers thousands of dollars in rebates and up to \$10,000 in zero interest loans to make the switch from gas to electricity easier. To learn more about switching from gas to electricity please visit <https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/all-electric-homes/>



## 2024 Citizens Academy Postponed

Due to a lack of sufficient enrollment for the program, the Citizens Academy has been postponed until Fall 2024. The City will provide an update on the new schedule for the future Academy. We look forward to delivering a great program in the near future.

## Business Spotlight

Hong Kong Palace Restaurant offers delectable Chinese cuisine in the City of Millbrae, located at 300 El Camino Real. They provide in-restaurant dining, takeout, and delivery. They are open seven days a week, serving lunch and dinner. Their Dim Sum has been recognized as some of the best in the Bay Area by restaurant connoisseurs such as the Thrillist (San Francisco) and the San Francisco Chronicle. If you haven't already, be sure to indulge your taste buds and try this restaurant!



## CERT Training is now offered in Mandarin.

### 自救，助人，參與社區！



全中文  
社區急難應變培訓  
招生

培訓日期：每周兩堂課加實地操作  
April 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

May 4<sup>th</sup> Skill Day 實地操作

上課時間：傍晚 6 點-晚上 8:30

上課地點：柏林甘活 動中心

Burlingame Rec Center

850 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame

Sequoia Room B.

費用：免費

參加資格：

1. 18 歲以上
2. 願意幫助自己或社區者

報名截止：額滿截止

主辦單位：中央縣消防總局

報名方法：致電 415 519-8106 或  
發電郵 [mchuang@ccfd.org](mailto:mchuang@ccfd.org)

或在網上填寫

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/85M6KJ5>



培訓內容包括：災難應變的醫療訓練，火勢控制，傷勢控制，傷患營救運送，災難搜索，恐怖襲擊應變，災難應變心理，個人與家庭的備災知識和習慣。課程以全中文授課。

社區急難應變小組（CERT）是由社區鄰里有心人士自發接受特殊訓練後組成，透過系統訓練，小組成員能在災難發生時期辨別災變，保護自己和家人並在確保自身及家人無虞之後，投身救難，及幫助災後重建。



# MILLBRAE POLICE BUREAU



## Thank you to the Millbrae Community!

Chief Allen and the Millbrae Police Bureau were out in full force celebrating the Lunar New Year Festival, Year of the Dragon, on February 18, 2024. We all had a great day celebrating with the Millbrae community and enjoyed meeting new people! There were an array of fun activities and our teams had a blast interacting with the community and the various events and activities.

The Millbrae Police Bureau remains dedicated to community policing as a top priority. We have been very busy ensuring we have a strong presence at the transit hubs in town and providing opportunities for service when appropriate.



A graphic for Daylight Savings Time. It features a red alarm clock with the time 2:00, surrounded by white cherry blossoms. The text "Spring forward" is written in a large, elegant font.

We are ready to spring forward and have prepared for Daylight Savings on March 10th. Mark your Calendars and be sure to set your clocks the night before.

### Safety Brief:

A yellow shield with the words "SAFETY FIRST" and a black checkmark below it.

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.

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

## March

### Senior Lunch

Come join us for a lovely lunch and  
entertainment!  
Reservation is required and space is  
limited.

Please call 650-259-2338 to RSVP

Date: March 12

Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Fee: \$5.00

or free if it is your birthday month!

Location: Millbrae Recreation  
Center



## 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

APRIL 1-5

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

2024

9 AM  
-3 PM

### COMMUNICATION ACADEMY

Academic Writing & Public Speaking Ages: 8-11

### ARTISTS ON WHEELS

Mixed Media Camp Ages: 6-10

9 AM  
-12 PM

9 AM  
-4 PM

### JUNIOR CHEF STARS

Culinary Passport Ages: 7-13

### PLAY-WELL TEKNOLOGIES

Spring Into Stem w/ Lego Ages: 5-9

9 AM  
-12 PM



**MORE INFO & TO REGISTER:** [bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)



Millbrae Recreation

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

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](http://bit.ly/milrec)



# Upcoming Events



**Mar 5**  
**10:00 AM**

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



**Mar 12**  
**11:30 A.M.**

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



**Mar 15**  
**4:00 PM**

**Summer Camp Fair**  
**At Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Circle**



**Mar 21**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Tree Ordinance Workshop**  
**At Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Circle**