



# MILLBRAE NEWS

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## EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

EARTH AND ARBOR DAY  
CELEBRATION  
APRIL 27, 2024  
9:00 AM



# WORKS

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In case of emergency call 9-1-1

## Thank You For Helping to Make Millbrae a Great Place to Live!

Millbrae Works powered by SeeClickFix is the fastest, easiest way for you to submit non-emergency requests to City Staff, stay updated, and initiate change in your community!

Since last year, our registered users have tripled, and we want to say thank you to our residents and community for being engaged and helping to identify areas within the City that need our attention. Through the Millbrae Works App, we have been able to remedy potholes, sidewalks, and street issues, as well as work with our community on various Code Enforcement issues. There are over 25 different request categories for residents to utilize to request City Services. Since our launch in January of 2023, we have been able to work with the community to close over 450 requests.

Be a part of the Millbrae of Tomorrow, join [Millbrae Works](#), and submit your requests today!

## Turn This:



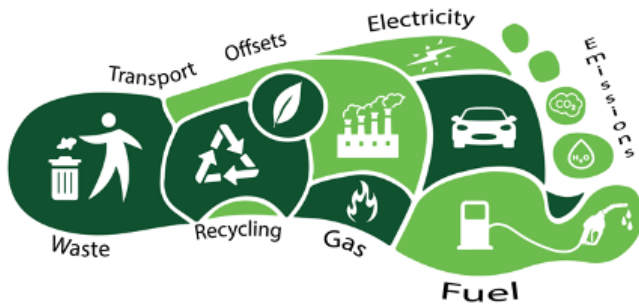
Illegal dumping on the corner.

## To This:



Illegal dumping removed.

# What Is Your Carbon Footprint?



## What is your Carbon Footprint?

Your carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases generated by your actions. Climate change is caused by Greenhouse Gases such as Carbon Dioxide and Methane. So, you can take action against climate change by reducing your footprint!

## How do you calculate it?

You can use the 5-minute [Climate Hero Ecological Footprint Calculator](#) or the more detailed [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Carbon Footprint Calculator](#) to calculate your footprint and see what changes you can make to reduce your impact.

## How to reduce your footprint in Millbrae

Change the way you commute!

- Millbrae has great transportation options. Try taking Caltrain, Bart, SamTrans, or a SPIN bike on your next commute!
- Try carpooling and unlock a \$25 e-gift card reward for every set of 10 verified carpool days through [Commute.org](#).
- Take advantage of [Peninsula Clean Energy's Used EV Rebate](#) to purchase a used EV.

## Use Reusable

- Bring your reusable tote bags when shopping.
- Choose to use a reusable water bottle over plastic single-use bottles.
- Drop by the Public Works Counter at Millbrae City Hall and pick up a set of reusable to-go utensils.
- Report businesses that are using disposable plastic utensils and foodware on [the county website](#).

## Grow and Shop Local

- Shop at the Millbrae Farmers Market every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the City Parking Lot on 200 Broadway.
- Shop at the local family-owned and operated produce market, Dean's Produce, located on 451 Broadway.
- Buy local Meat in Millbrae from Pape Meat Company.
- Look for produce or fish labeled "As Fresh As It Gets" to buy food grown or harvested in San Mateo County.
- Check out the [San Mateo County Local Produce Guide](#) to find seasonal local produce.
- Take advantage of Millbrae's sunshine and plant a vegetable garden at home, or look out for open plots at the Millbrae Community Garden in Central Park in the [Millbrae Recreation Catalog](#).
- Pick up Free Compost during the [City's Compost Giveaway Events](#).

## Dry-up Household Water Consumption

- Drop by the Public Works Counter at Millbrae City Hall and pick up free water-saving devices to install at home.
- Apply for a [Rain Barrel Rebate](#) and start collecting your own water.
- Switch out your old irrigation controller with the high-tech Rachio 3 and take advantage of the [City's partnership with Rachio](#) for a discounted price.
- Plan to convert your lawn to drought-tolerant landscaping. Visit City Hall for inspiration!
- Attend a [Free Landscape Education workshop](#).

## Increase Energy Efficiency at Home

- Switch out your old water heater for a heat pump water heater and take advantage of local rebates from [Peninsula Clean Energy](#) and [Bay Area Regional Energy Network](#).

## Stop your Junk Mail

- Remove yourself from mailing lists, telemarketing calls, and catalogs on the [Bay Area Recycling Website](#).

**To learn more please visit the [Millbrae Environmental Programs Website](#).**





# BE A PART OF MILLBRAE'S TOMORROW!

SERVE ON A:  
**COMMISSION  
OR COMMITTEE**

**APPLY TODAY!**

Are you or someone you know interested in getting involved with your local government?

Your civic participation is always important in advising and maintaining critical City resources and infrastructure.

The City welcomes and encourages your active participation by serving on a Commission or Committee and

seeks volunteers to fill vacant seats. Join other volunteer members in shaping policy initiatives and services affecting the community.

Contribute to the Millbrae of tomorrow and foster positive outcomes in our community, gain experience, and build your resume. Each Commission and Committee may have specific

eligibility criteria. Please refer to the City website for further details.

<https://bit.ly/millbraecom>

If you have specific questions please contact Elaine Tran, City Clerk by calling 650-259-2414.

## Millbrae Adventure Camp

Millbrae Recreation staff are excited to bring fun and excitement to Millbrae over summer. The Millbrae Adventure Summer Camp will take place at Taylor Middle School daily, as counselors lead engaging crafts, games, and activities. Join us for an active and entertaining week!

Camp curriculum, instruction, and activities will take place from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Check-in is anytime between 8:00 am - 9:00 am and check-out is between 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. A \$20 late pick-up fee will be charged for every 30 minutes after program conclusion at 5:30 pm, commencing with the first minute.

The Registration Fee DOES NOT include the price of 1 camp t-shirt

Campers must wear this t-shirt on Wednesdays for our off-site field trip to Baskin Robbins on Broadway in Millbrae. If you need to purchase one, please add it to your cart before checking out. The price per camper shirt is \$10.32; purchased shirts will be given to campers weekly on Wednesdays. All campers will need to bring snacks, lunch, and a water bottle to camp daily.

Register by July 1 for Early Bird Pricing! The registration fee will increase beginning July 1. If the minimum registration is not met, camp may be cancelled with full refunds given. Spots fill up quickly, register today to ensure a place in our wonderful camp!



**REGISTER BEFORE JULY 1 FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING!**

**MILLBRAE ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMP**

**JUNE 10-AUGUST 2**

Week 1 June 10-14: Island Luau  
Week 2 June 17, 18, 20, & 21: Wild Wild West  
Week 3 June 24-28: To Infinity & Beyond  
Week 4 July 1-3: Patriotic Party  
Week 5 July 8-12: Road Trippin'  
Week 6 July 15-19: Under the Big Top  
Week 7 July 22-26: Land Before Time  
Week 8 July 29-August 2: Bummer...End of Summer

**LOCATION: TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
850 TAYLOR BLVD, MILLBRAE, CA**

Register today at: [bit.ly/milrec](https://bit.ly/milrec)

**Registration and more  
information can be found in the  
Millbrae Recreation Catalog**





## Makerspace Now Open!

We are so excited to announce the grand opening of the Millbrae Library Makerspace, which celebrated its grand opening on April 13, 2024. The City of Millbrae worked closely in partnership with the San Mateo County Libraries and the Friends of the Millbrae Library to build the new 817-square-foot Millbrae Library Makerspace.

The Project began in 2017 and renovated the existing computer room at the Millbrae Library and:

- Installed new flooring, painting, and a new exhaust fan for ventilating the laser cutters.
- Installed new upper and lower cabinets with a sink.
- Reconfigured the custodial room to accommodate a new makerspace alcove.
- Installed a new partition and doors in the staff workroom

The new tech inside the Makerspace includes:

- 3D printing
- Sewing machine creations
- Photography demos
- Memory lab digitization demos
- Sphero robots
- Jewelry making

For more information regarding our makerspaces, please visit our San Mateo County Libraries [makerspace guide](#).



5TH ANNUAL

MILLBRAE  
ROTARY  
MAYOR'S CUP  
**GOLF**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**JUNE 3, 2024**

**5th Annual  
Millbrae Rotary Mayor's Cup  
Golf Tournament  
At Green Hills Country Club**

**June 3, 2024**

**Registration: \$275/golfer**

Registration includes golf fees, golf cart, boxed lunch, beverages, gift bag, dinner, and ceremony. Guests of golfers can purchase dinner-only for \$70.

**Register at [bit.ly/milgolf](https://bit.ly/milgolf)**

**For help registering call 650-259-2364**



# Information On Maintaining Critical Fire Services

Attention  
Property  
Owners

## Local Fire Assessment Expiring



### Important Update on Local Fire

**DEAR NEIGHBOR,**

As we head into the spring and a looming Fire Season, Millbrae is working hard to keep our community safe from Fire.

Recently, the City of Millbrae conducted a property owner ballot to reauthorize the existing Millbrae Fire Assessment, first passed by Millbrae property owners in 2004.

With low voter-participation in the recent February election, the reauthorization was not approved. Without the funding the reauthorization would have provided, the City is facing significant challenges to providing Fire and Paramedic response services.

As the City weighs options on how to maintain the current level of fire services into the future, we want to better evaluate the feedback received from property owners to date, including retaining a firm sunset date for any assessment reauthorization, and requiring independent citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits, and yearly reports to the community to ensure funds are spent as promised. We also want to make sure that larger property owners pay their fair share so that the burden of an assessment does not fall solely on homeowners and that apartments and condos are treated equitably.

With this feedback, we are working on a plan to preserve our current Fire and rapid emergency response services and would like those who may not have participated in this first ballot to learn more and provide input. Please visit us at <https://bit.ly/millbraefireassessment> for information on Millbrae's Fire Assessment needs. You can also read our FAQ to learn more.

Thank you for your commitment to our community.



**Fire Safety Needs/Assessment Ballot Information HERE**





# Fire Safety Needs and Assessment Information



## Keeping Millbrae Fire Stations Open

The current Millbrae Fire Assessment helps fund the two Fire Stations located in Millbrae- helping 911 emergency response times to remain rapid. Without the funding a reauthorization provides, Fire Station closures or brownouts may occur.

## Maintaining Emergency Response Facilities

The City is dependent on the existing Fire Assessment to provide the structure and facilities for lifesaving fire and paramedic personnel and equipment, to keep 911 emergency response times rapid.



## Community Priorities

The Assessment can legally only be used for Fire Services, impacting the services property owners have told us are important to them, including:

- Keeping firefighting/lifesaving equipment/facilities up to date
- Maintaining rapid response times for fire protection and 9-1-1 emergency services by keeping all fire stations open
- Equipping firefighters to better respond to fires in Millbrae
- Maintaining the effectiveness of the Millbrae Fire Department's first response services
- Allowing the Fire Department to maintain services in Millbrae
- Maintaining 911 emergency response times

## What's Next?

The City is evaluating next steps to maintain vital services with community feedback in mind. Please feel free to contact the City and add YOUR voice to the conversation today.





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)

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**SENIOR  
Lunch**

COME JOIN US FOR A LOVELY  
LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT!

**DATE: MAY 14TH**  
**TIME: 11:30AM-1:30PM**  
**FEE: \$5.00 OR FREE IF IT IS YOUR  
BIRTHDAY MONTH!**  
**LOCATION: MILLBRAE RECREATION  
CENTER**

RESERVATION IS REQUIRED BY MAY 3 AND  
SPACE IS LIMITED.  
PLEASE CALL 650-259-2338 TO RSVP.

Millbrae Sports Club  
**PINE WOOD  
Derby**

A PINE WOOD DERBY IS A TYPE OF CAR RACE WHERE PEOPLE  
BUILD A SMALL WOODEN CAR ABOUT 7 INCHES BY 2 INCHES,  
CUSTOMIZE & RACE IT DOWN A TRACK. THERE IS A SMALL  
CAR SHOW BEFORE THE EVENT AND A BONUS HOT WHEELS  
TRACK TO PLAY WITH YOUR CAR. WE WILL MEET TWO TIMES  
PRIOR TO THE EVENT TO PREPARE THE CARS.

GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED  
DATES: THURSDAY 5/2 6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
THURSDAY 5/9 6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
FRIDAY 5/24 6:00 PM-9:30 PM

**FEE: \$49R/  
69NR**

Millbrae Recreation  
477 Lincoln Circle

For more information & to register: [bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)

**Parents' Night  
Out**

Take a well-deserved break and drop off your  
child(ren) for a night of fun with Millbrae  
Recreation Staff! Participants will create crafts,  
play interactive games, and enjoy a provided  
pizza dinner. Invite your friends, as there is a  
minimum of 17 participants for this program!

Ages: 5-11  
Date: 5/3  
Day: Friday  
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Fee: \$30R/\$50NR  
Location: Millbrae Recreation Center

# Millbrae Library



San Mateo  
County  
Libraries

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

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

## 廣東話美國公民課程



與老師一起以廣東話練習USCIS辦公室提供的一百道公民考試試題。歡迎任何人參加。

- 六週課程，每週一上課
- 學習材料免費提供

5月13日開始  
2:00 pm-3:00 pm  
密爾布雷圖書館  
1 Library Ave

在此註冊  
[www.smcl.org/events](http://www.smcl.org/events)



## Free U.S. Citizenship Class in Cantonese



Practice the 100 Civics questions provided by the USCIS office with an instructor. Everyone is welcome!

- 6-week class, every Monday
- Free study materials

Starting, May 13th  
2:00pm-3:00pm  
Millbrae Library  
1 Library Ave.

Register here:  
[www.smcl.org/events](http://www.smcl.org/events)



## Take Our Survey!

This is your chance to guide local resources in San Mateo County. Survey participation is on a first-come, first served basis.

Act now to make sure you're heard!

## ¡Toma nuestra encuesta!

Esta es su oportunidad para guiar los recursos locales en el Condado de San Mateo. La participación en la encuesta es por orden de llegada.

¡Actue ahora para asegurarse de que se le escuchen!

Visita [www.research.net/r/smclmillbrae123](http://www.research.net/r/smclmillbrae123)



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## 請參加我們的問卷調查！

這是您指引聖馬刁縣當地資源的機會。

問卷調查參與遵循先到先得的原則。

請立即行動，確保您的聲音被聽到！

前往 [www.research.net/r/smclmillbrae123](http://www.research.net/r/smclmillbrae123)



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# MILLBRAE POLICE BUREAU

## DUI Checkpoint Recap

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and Millbrae Police Bureau, along with other county partners, conducted a DUI Checkpoint on April 12th, 2024.

During the DUI Checkpoint, one thousand two hundred and seventy four (1,274) vehicles were screened. Nine (9) drivers were given the Field Sobriety Test, and we are happy to report that zero (0) drivers were arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Twenty-eight (28) drivers were cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed, and five (5) drivers were cited for not possessing their DMV-issued California 'driver's license.

Thank you to our community for driving sober, and please remember to always have your driver's license on you while operating a vehicle.

## Remembering David J. Chetcuti

On April 25, 1998, the Millbrae Police Department and our community experienced the most devastating tragedy in the City's history. We lost an instrumental and valued member of our ranks. We lost a friend and partner. We lost Officer David J. Chetcuti when he was slain doing what he loved and did best, helping others.

This year marks the 26th anniversary of Officer David J. Chetcuti's line of duty death and we will be remembering his ultimate sacrifice on April 25th, 2024. Members of the Sheriff's Office have worn the Officer Chetcuti pins the entire month of April.

APRIL IS NATIONAL  
**AUTISM  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**



San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is celebrating Autism Awareness Month. When you see our Deputies, look for their Sheriff's Office autism awareness patches they will be wearing for the month of April.





# Upcoming Events



**Apr 20**  
**10:00 AM**

**CEAC Millbrae Native Plant Course**  
**At Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Circle**



**Apr 20**  
**10:00 AM**

**Community Informational Meeting**  
**Fire Assessment**  
**David J. Chetcuti Community Room**  
**450 Poplar Avenue**



**Apr 27**  
**9:00 AM**

**Earth Day and Arbor Day**  
**at Spur Trail near the Skate Park**  
**and Fitness Court**  
**Millbrae Avenue**



**May 11**  
**10:00 AM**

**Bike Rodeo**  
**at Taylor Middle School**  
**on the Blacktop**  
**850 Taylor Boulevard**