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## Millbrae Recreation Center Receives National DBIA Awards



Last month, the City of Millbrae was honored alongside partners Blach Construction (Blach), ELS Architecture and Urban Design (ELS), and Swinerton Management & Consulting (SMC) with three Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) awards for its Millbrae Recreation Center (MRC) project. Presented at the 2024 Design-Build Conference & Expo in Dallas, the project was initially bestowed the National Award of Merit in the Civic/Assembly category and went on to also receive the National Award of Excellence in the Civic/Assembly category and Best in Teaming at the ceremony.

"It is always an honor to be recognized for our work, particularly by an organization as prestigious as the DBIA," said Blach President Dan Rogers. "Design-Build is a highly collaborative delivery method. The early team integration it allows ensures greater efficiencies and improved control over project budgets, schedules and quality. Our Millbrae Recreation Center project epitomizes the benefits of Design-Build, as these awards clearly attest."

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## City of Millbrae 2025 City Council



Anders Fung  
**Mayor**



Reuben D. Holober  
**Vice Mayor**



Stephen Rainaldi  
**Councilmember**



Sissy Riley  
**Councilmember**



Bob Nguyen  
**Councilmember**

## Millbrae Recreation National DBIA Awards continued:

After the devastating loss of its original recreation center to arson in 2016, the City of Millbrae embarked on an ambitious journey to rebuild a central hub for the community. Construction of the new 24,000-square-foot MRC commenced and was completed during the global pandemic. Thanks to the nature of Design-Build delivery, it exceeded expectations with its cutting-edge sustainable design and enhanced community-focused amenities, while remaining on both budget and schedule.

"Delivering a Design-Build project with long-time partners Blach and SMC always produces a highly collaborative and successful outcome. Add a visionary client that includes the Millbrae City Council and City Manager, Tom Williams, and the results are this exciting, new multigenerational resource for the richly diverse and vibrant Millbrae community," said ELS President Clarence D. Mamuyac, Jr., FAIA, LEED AP BD+C. "It was an honor to participate on such an important community endeavor."

The long-awaited MRC is a flexible, vibrant two-story community resource that was delivered ahead of schedule during the global pandemic using an innovative, efficient structural hybrid of cross-laminated timber and steel. It features copious space for recreation/fitness, cultural and educational activities, senior events, a licensed pre-school with secure outdoor play area, and an expansive community room, called the Great Hall, complete with commercial grade kitchen, independent access and ample parking. It is bordered by a large terrace with outdoor seating, a fire pit and pathways that connect to Millbrae's Central Park. With great emphasis on occupant wellness and reducing carbon footprint, the all-electric MRC is highly sustainable and designed to meet net-zero emissions standards.

"Our teams were welcomed and supported by the community of Millbrae throughout the course of this project. We were regularly greeted by neighbors gathered outside the fence line, holding handmade signs of welcome and thanks for building their new community center, remembers Linda Rizzoli, CCM, DBIA, LEED AP, senior project manager at SMC. "We took great pride in this project, knowing how much the community would welcome and enjoy their new MRC."

An exemplary Design-Build project, the MRC project team adds these three national DBIA Awards to the 2023 Distinction Award presented by the Design Build Institute of America, Western Pacific Region.

"The Millbrae Recreation Center stands as a symbol of resilience and innovation," said Mayor Anders Fung. "We are honored to receive these accolades, which reflect the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in bringing this project to life."

## City of Millbrae Receives Gold Vanguard Award

The City of Millbrae has received the Institute for Local Government's (ILG) Gold Vanguard Award for its exceptional environmental leadership and commitment to sustainability. The award honors the City's significant progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving energy, and implementing sustainable practices across both municipal operations and the community.

Millbrae has made impressive strides in reducing its environmental impact. The City achieved a 19% reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions and a 15% reduction in emissions from City operations. Additionally, energy consumption in City facilities has been cut by 42%, and natural gas use has dropped by 32%. These milestones reflect the City's commitment to its climate action goals and its efforts to combat climate change while enhancing residents' quality of life.

Several key sustainability initiatives have contributed to Millbrae's success. The City converted gas water heaters to electric models, replaced outdated heating and cooling systems with energy-efficient HVAC units, and reroofed City Hall with energy-efficient materials. Furthermore, the rebuild of the Millbrae Recreation Center was designed and built to be fully electric, reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

Millbrae has also focused on promoting sustainable transportation options. The City installed electric vehicle (EV) chargers to encourage the use of cleaner vehicles and partnered with SPIN to launch a bike-share program, offering residents an eco-friendly transportation alternative. In addition, community events and educational programs have helped engage residents in local sustainability efforts and raise awareness about reducing carbon footprints.

Through these initiatives, Millbrae is setting a benchmark for other communities to follow, demonstrating that local governments can make significant strides in creating greener, more resilient communities.

The Gold Vanguard Award highlights the collective efforts of Millbrae's leadership, City staff, and residents in advancing sustainability. With continued innovation and support, Millbrae is poised to build on its success and remain a leader in environmental sustainability.



**Get Ready for The Rain!**

# Rain Barrel Rebate

Apply for your rebate on our website! Make sure to have:

- Receipt
- Photo of barrel installed under your down-spout

Questions? Call (650)652-2706

**\$100 per rain barrel**  
50-99 gallons

**\$150 for larger rain barrels**  
100-199 gallons

**\$200 for Cisterns**  
200+ gallons



**California Law AB 1346 bans the sale of gas-powered leaf blowers and weed trimmers.**

Millbrae Residents \$200+  
Commercial Landscapers: \$400+

# Electrify Landscape Equipment Incentive

View terms and download the application  
<https://bit.ly/ElectrifyLandscape>

# Millbrae Montessori School

At Millbrae Montessori School, your child will experience the joy of learning in a thoughtfully prepared Montessori environment. We nurture their natural curiosity and inspire a lifelong love for learning.

In Partnership with the City of Millbrae at the  
Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle

For more information:  
**(650) 259-2368**  
**[millbraemontessorischool@gmail.com](mailto:millbraemontessorischool@gmail.com)**

Ages  
2.5-6



**[millbraemontessori.com](http://millbraemontessori.com)**

# English Conversation Club!

Come practice English in a small group.

Millbrae Library:

Tuesdays 2:00 pm-3:15pm or

Wednesdays 6:15pm-7:30pm.

## ¡Club de conversación en inglés!

Ven a practicar inglés en un grupo pequeño.

Biblioteca de Millbrae:

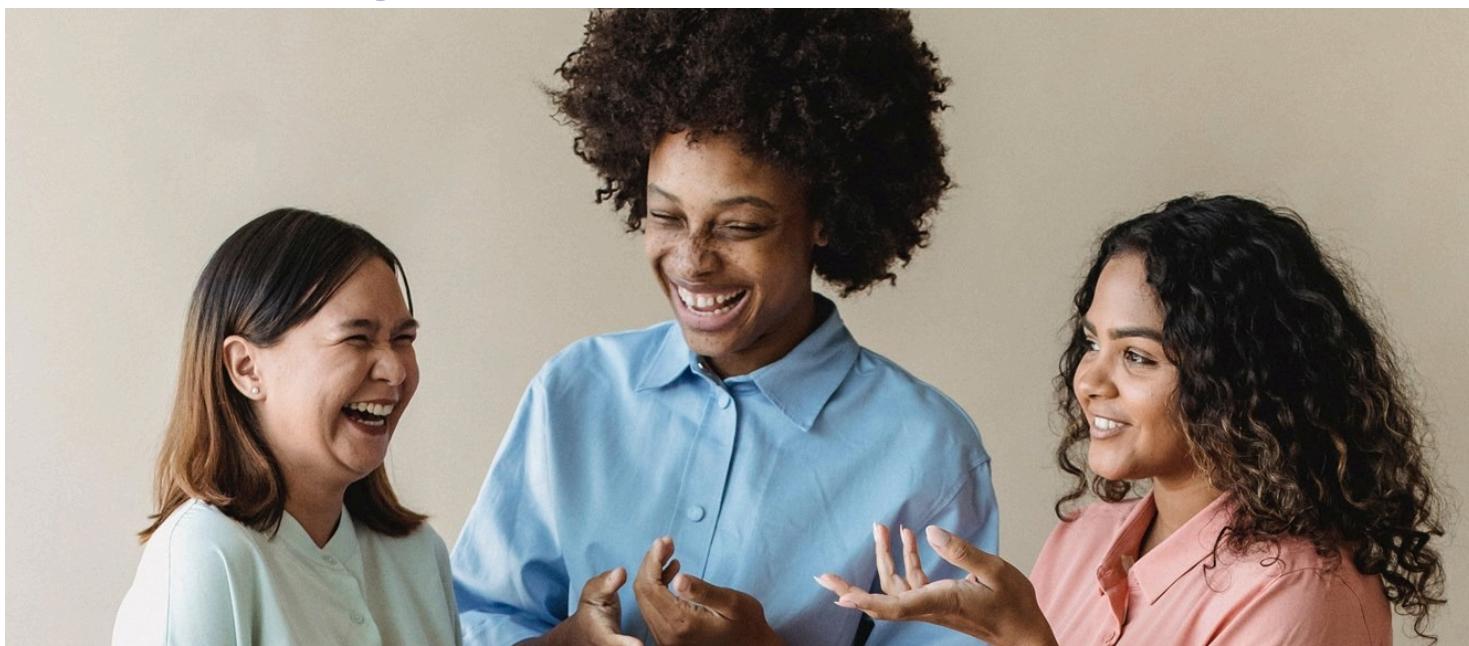
Cada martes de 2pm-3:15pm miércoles 6:15pm-7:30pm.

## 面對面英語會話學習社

每星期二下午點至點3 15分 或 星期三下午點 15分至7點半

會在Millbrae圖書館以小組形式來練習英語會話

[www.smcl.org/ESL](http://www.smcl.org/ESL)



San Mateo  
County  
Libraries

Open for Exploration™

# The Rec



## Millbrae Adventure Summer Camp 2025

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



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)

**Winter Camps**  
**12/30-1/3 (No camp 1/1)**

**Communication Academy**  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM: Academic Writing  
12:30 PM-3:00 PM: Public Speaking  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM: Combo  
Ages: 6-8

**Play-Well TEKnologies**  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Winter Wonderland  
Engineering  
Ages: 5-9

**Robotics Tech Club**  
10:00 AM-3:30 PM: 3D Modeling & Design  
Ages: 7-12

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

**Millbrae Recreation Movies in the Senior Lounge**

Come enjoy a movie in a comfortable space and meet new people! We will put on a movie **every Friday at 10:00 AM in the Senior Lounge** at the Millbrae Recreation Center! **FREE POPCORN and SNACKS**

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**BINGO NIGHT**

Gather your family, friends, and bingo enthusiasts for an evening of delicious pizza, fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories. Must be 18 years and older to attend.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 AT 5:30PM  
MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER  
\$5.00 PER PERSON TO BE PAID AT THE DOOR  
PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 17 BY CALLING 650-259-2338



# Upcoming Events



Dec. 13  
6:30 PM

**Millbrae Goes to the Movies-  
The Polar Express**  
**Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Circle**



Dec. 14  
11:00 AM

**MEF Holiday Boutique**  
**Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Circle**



Jan 24  
5:30 PM

**Bingo Night**  
**Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Circle**



Jan. 25&26  
10:00 AM

**Lunar New Year Festival**  
**Downtown Millbrae**  
**Broadway between Taylor**  
**Blvd and Victoria Ave**

For more events visit:

<https://bit.ly/MillbraeEvents>