

# MILLBRAE NEWS

## BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR



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The Marina Vista Park Renovation Project has been awarded the 2025 Project of the Year in the Parks category. This transformative effort transformed an ordinary park into a vibrant, multi-use space featuring a fusion of soccer and basketball facilities, a custom play area designed by SPEC (Specified Play Equipment Co.), shaded picnic areas, and eco-friendly landscaping. The project was completed on time thanks to strong community engagement, strategic planning, and environmentally conscious design.

The Nearshore Outfall Project has been awarded the 2025 Project of the Year in the Utilities category, recognizing the City's efforts to improve essential infrastructure while prioritizing environmental protection. The project strengthened the City's wastewater discharge system, employing innovative engineering solutions to enhance performance, safety, and sustainability.

Additionally, the Drought-Tolerant Landscaping Project received an Honor Award in the Sustainable/Green category. This project reflects Millbrae's dedication to water conservation and climate resilience by replacing traditional landscaping with low-maintenance, water-wise plantings that promote both beauty and biodiversity.

"We are honored to be recognized across multiple categories by APWA Silicon Valley," said City Manager Tom Williams, "These awards reflect the hard work of our staff, the vision of our City leadership, and the strong partnerships that helped bring each of these projects to life."

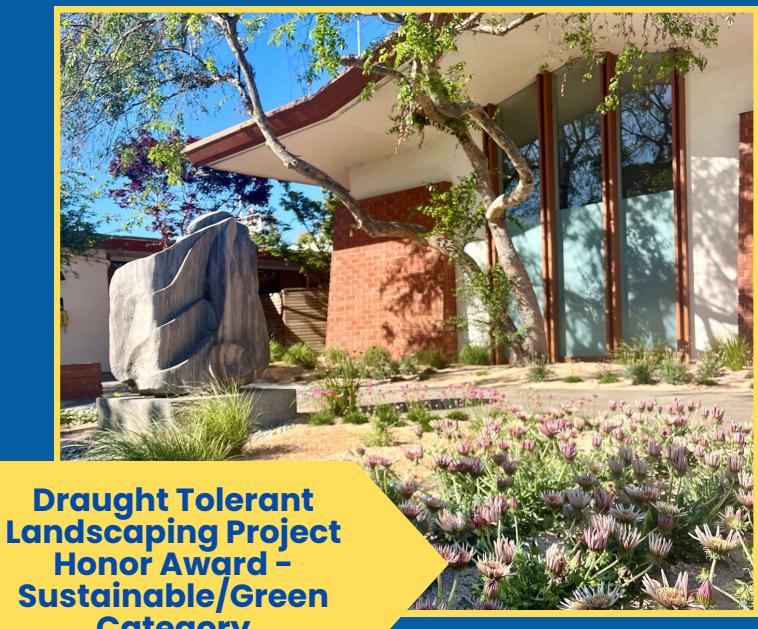
City representatives were formally recognized at the APWA Silicon Valley Chapter Luncheon on May 21, 2025. These awards serve as a testament to Millbrae's leadership in sustainable and community-driven public works.

For more information about the APWA awards, visit: <https://siliconvalley.apwa.org/event/call-for-2025-project-of-the-year-awards-nominations>

**Marina Vista Park Project of the Year 2025 – Parks Category**



**Nearshore Outfall Project of the Year 2025 – Utilities Category**



**Draught Tolerant Landscaping Project Honor Award – Sustainable/Green Category**

## Get Involved with Commission and Committees - New Deadline to Apply is May 28!

Want to make a real impact in Millbrae? Here's your chance! The City of Millbrae is looking for passionate residents to serve on one of nine Commissions and Committees that help guide city decisions on everything from planning and parks to sustainability and community engagement.

Being part of a Commission or Committee is a meaningful way to give back, connect with neighbors, and play an active role in shaping the direction of our City.

**We've extended the application deadline to May 28, 2025**, so there's still time to apply and make an impact.

- [Community Enhancement Advisory Committee](#)
- [Cultural Arts Advisory Committee](#)
- [Economic Development Advisory Committee](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Commission](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Senior Advisory Committee](#)
- [Sister Cities Commission](#)
- [Youth Advisory Committee](#)
- [NEW - Citizen's Oversight Committee](#)

## APPLY TODAY!

[bit.ly/millbraecom](http://bit.ly/millbraecom)

To learn more about each group, check current vacancies, and submit your application, visit the [Millbrae Commissions and Committees webpage](#).

Questions? Contact City Clerk Elaine Tran at (650) 259-2414.



### LEASH LAW IN MILLBRAE

There's a leash law in the City of Millbrae! When out in public, your dog needs to be leashed and under your control. The City currently has one dog park at the Gateway at Millbrae Station on the westside of Rollins road North of Millbrae Avenue, available for public use during daylight hours. We welcome dogs to utilize all our parks, but pursuant to law, they must remain on a leash continuously held by a person capable of controlling the dog.

Please use our free dog bags throughout our parks to pick up your dog's feces and help keep our parks clean for everyone! You can request more dog bags or a new location for dog bags through our [Millbrae Works App](#).



### Water Efficient Edible Gardens

*Lecture by Loretta O'Brien*

**Saturday, June 7, 2025  
11:00 am- 12:30 pm**

**Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle**

**Questions? (650)652-2706**

Discover how to replace your lawn with an edible garden

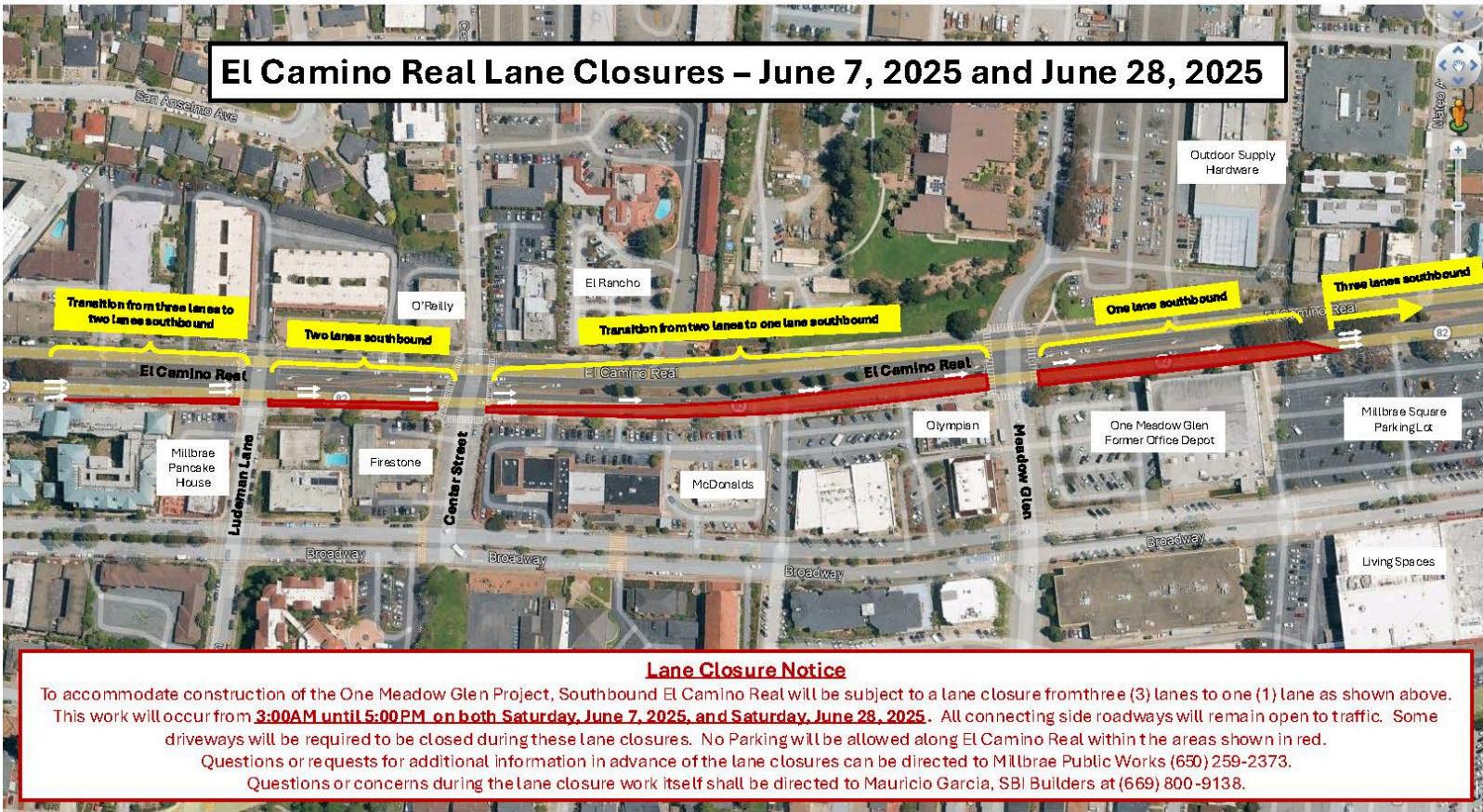
Learn how and when to plant your seeds or seedlings

Embrace sustainability and watch your garden flourish



**Register at  
[www.bit.ly/MillbraeEdibleGarden](http://www.bit.ly/MillbraeEdibleGarden)**

## El Camino Real Lane Closures – June 7, 2025 and June 28, 2025

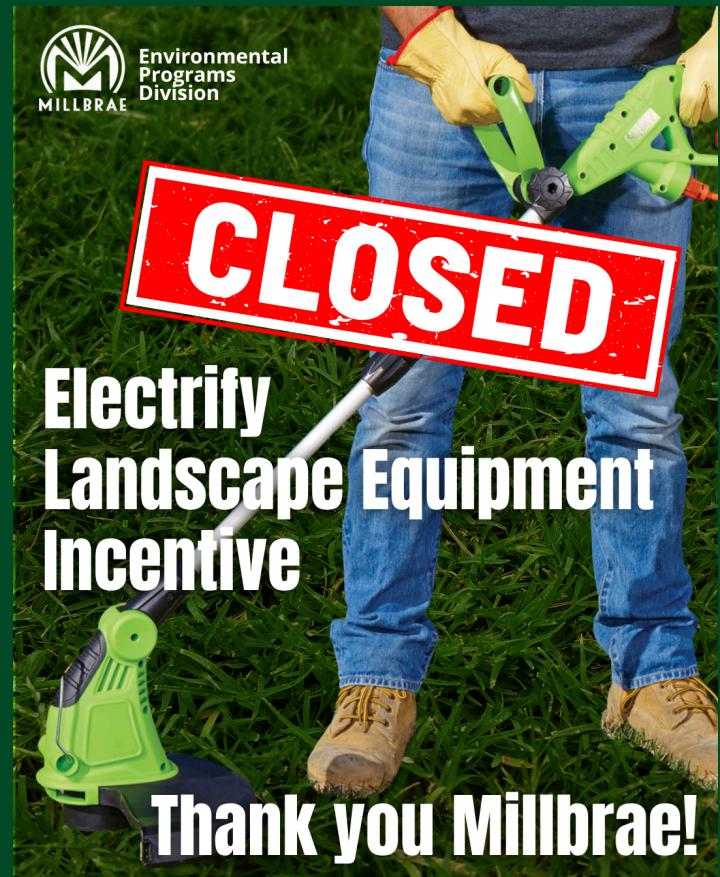


## Electrify Landscaping Program Closes – Thank You, Millbrae!

The City of Millbrae would like to thank all residents and commercial landscapers who participated in our Electrify Landscaping rebate program. We're pleased to share that the program helped distribute 116 residential rebates and 3 commercial rebates, supporting our community's transition to cleaner, quieter landscaping practices.

This program was made possible by a Peninsula Clean Energy Member Agency Grant. We extend our sincere thanks to Peninsula Clean Energy for their ongoing partnership and grant funding that helped launch and complete this impactful initiative.

Your decision to switch from gas-powered tools to electric alternatives plays an important role in helping us reduce air pollution and noise while moving closer to our environmental goals outlined in the [Millbrae Climate Action Plan](#) and California State Law AB 1346. Thank you for making a difference!





# MILLBRAE POLICE BUREAU

## BIKE RODEO SUCCESS!

On May 11th, 2025, the Millbrae Police Bureau hosted an exciting and fun-filled Bike Rodeo that brought the community together in the best way possible! In partnership with the California Highway Patrol, San Bruno Police Department, City of Millbrae, and Central County Fire Department, the event was packed with action and learning.

Local youth had the opportunity to be properly fitted for bike helmets and test their skills on a thrilling obstacle course set up by our dedicated Community Service Officers, all while learning essential bike safety tips.



## COMING UP: STORYTIME WITH DEPUTY HAJIK AND K9 TEDDY!

Mark your calendars! On May 27th, Deputy Hajik and his lovable K9 partner, Teddy, will be making a special visit to the Millbrae Library from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM for storytime with children.

It's a great chance to meet one of our amazing K-9 partners and enjoy some tail-wagging tales!





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## Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) & Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) 2025 Legislation Updates

Wildfires are a serious threat in California, especially with today's changing climate. To help communities prepare and stay safe, the state updates Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) maps using the latest science and fire data. These updates help show which areas are most likely to face wildfires and help local governments plan better for fire safety.

### What Are Fire Hazard Severity Zones?

FHSZ maps classify land into three categories:

- Moderate
- High
- Very High

These labels are based on things like the land's shape, types of plants, past fires, and weather conditions. But it's important to remember: these maps show hazard potential, not actual risk. They don't consider safety features like fire-resistant homes or cleared brush.

### What's New in 2025?

California passed new laws to improve how FHSZs are used:

#### Senate Bill 63 (2021):

Now includes Moderate and High hazard zones, not just Very High. This means more areas are reviewed and regulated for fire safety.

#### Assembly Bill 211 (2022):

Requires cities and counties to adopt the state's FHSZ designations within 120 days. They can't lower a hazard level, but they can raise it if there's enough evidence.

#### City of Millbrae's Update (May 2025):

Millbrae's City Council introduced a new ordinance to approve and adopt FHSZ maps for its Local Responsibility Areas. This step:

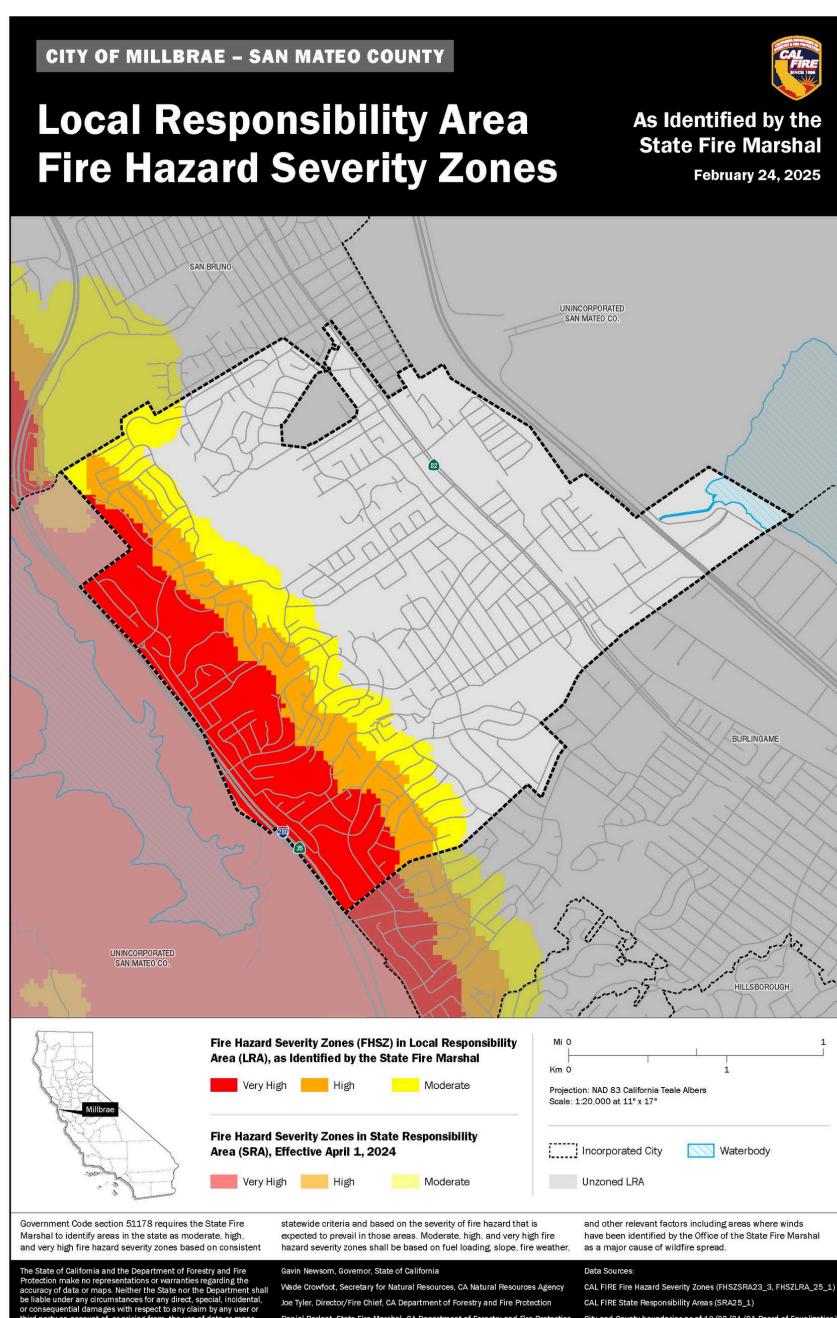
- Helps protect people, homes, and the environment.
- Aligns with state fire safety laws.
- Makes sure Millbrae follows strong land use and building rules.
- Supports public education on fire prevention.

This ordinance was introduced on May 13, 2025, and will go for a second reading on May 27, 2025.

### How Does This Affect Property Owners?

If you live in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, you'll need to follow stricter rules:

- 100 feet of defensible space around your home (cleared of brush and flammable materials).
- Fire-resistant building materials for any new homes or renovations.
- Disclosures during home sales — buyers must be told the property's FHSZ status.



# 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)

**ZUMBA GOLD**

REGISTER TODAY [bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)

A fun Latin inspired, dance fitness workout that incorporates a wide variety of musical genres. Class format combines easy to follow fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body while achieving ultimate cardio health benefits. All fitness levels welcome!

Zumba Gold- Wednesdays  
Dates: 5/21-7/2  
Time: 9:00 AM-9:45 AM  
**Location**  
Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle  
650-259-2338

**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, JUNE 27, 2025 AT 5:30PM  
MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER  
\$5.00 PER PERSON TO BE PAID AT THE DOOR  
PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 22 BY CALLING 650-259-2338

**Play-Well TEKnologies Summer Camp**

Dates: 6/23-6/27  
Ages: 5-9  
Wildlife Wonders: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Radical Rides: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Dates: 7/21-7/25  
Ages: 7-12  
Wizarding World of Engineering: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Ages: 5-9  
STEM Discovery: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Price: \$267 R/\$287 NR

**Location**  
Millbrae Recreation Center  
477 Lincoln Circle

**REGISTER NOW**  
To register, please visit our website,  
[bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)

**SCAN ME**



# Upcoming Events



June 2  
10:00 AM

**6th Annual Millbrae Rotary  
Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament  
Green Hills Country Club**



June 6  
1:30 PM

**Pride Flag Raising  
Millbrae Civic Plaza  
450 Poplar Avenue**



June 7  
11:00 AM

**Juneteenth Celebration  
San Bruno City Park  
251 City Park Way**



June 19  
10:00 AM

**Juneteenth Flag Raising  
Millbrae Civic Plaza  
450 Poplar Avenue**

For more events visit:

<https://bit.ly/MillbraeEvents>