

MILLBRAE NEWS

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Beats, Brews & Vines

View upcoming events like *Chill & Chat* with Councilwoman Riley and *Beats, Brews & Vines* on pg 10

Second Community Meeting and Online Survey for Mills Estate Park Reactivation

Great things are happening at Mills Estate Park! After a successful first community meeting on August 9th, the City is excited to announce another chance for residents to help plan the future of this popular neighborhood park.

Mills Estate Park, located in the Mills Estate neighborhood, is currently the most undeveloped park in Millbrae. Even without facilities or regular maintenance, the park has long been a favorite spot for dog walkers and community members who love its amazing views of the Bay Area. The City is now ready to turn this hidden gem into a fully functional park for everyone to enjoy.

Three different park design ideas were created for the project and are now posted on the project website. The goal of the project is to make the park more beautiful, useful, and accessible while keeping the natural beauty that makes it special. These community meetings help make sure the City creates a park that matches what residents really want.

The second community meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Millbrae Recreation Center. This indoor evening meeting will show the three design options and give plenty of time for community discussion and feedback. Make sure to answer the online survey available at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/7XF2MHY where you can review the three design ideas and share your thoughts. The survey closes on August 28th, so be sure to participate so your input can be incorporated in the designs before the September meeting.

Questions?

Contact Tricia Baxter
tbaxter@ci.millbrae.ca.us

Apply today!

Citizen's Oversight Committee

Review City revenues and expenditures

related to the Fire Assessment and Transient Occupancy Tax



What is the time commitment?

2 meetings/year

4-year terms

ZERO experience required



What is the Fire Assessment?

Revenue restricted by law to fund only fire protection and prevention services, including keeping fire stations open and providing firefighting equipment and facilities

What is the Transient Occupancy Tax?

14% tax on hotel stays and short-term rentals that goes into the City's General Fund to support general governmental services like police, fire, public works, parks, recreation, library services, and infrastructure

Apply Now!

bit.ly/MillbraeCitizensOversight

Porridge & Things Makes SF Chronicle's Best Chinese Restaurant List

Great news for Millbrae! Porridge & Things on downtown Broadway has been featured in [the San Francisco Chronicle's list of the best Chinese restaurants in the Bay Area](#). Restaurant critics MacKenzie Chung Fegan and Cesar Hernandez included our local spot among their carefully selected establishments.

Porridge & Things specializes in authentic Chiu Chow cuisine from the Chaozhou region of China, a rare find in the Bay Area. Partner Kevin Lu notes there are only a couple other traditional Chiu Chow restaurants locally, making this downtown Millbrae location truly unique.

The restaurant's chef actually hails from the Chiu Chow region and returned there for research before opening at 235 Broadway. Customers select live seafood from tanks (lobster, crab, abalone, geoduck) and choose their preparation method. The porridge is cooked using traditional "sawo" techniques in clay pots, creating distinctive textures and allowing the seafood's natural sweetness to infuse the dish.

For newcomers, Lu recommends the abalone and chicken porridge with Chinese donuts. The restaurant also offers kung fu tea pairings and operates from the same owners as the popular Noodles & Things.

This Chronicle recognition brings positive attention to our downtown corridor and establishes Millbrae as a dining destination. When local restaurants earn regional acclaim, the entire community benefits.



A rice porridge party at Porridge & Things in Millbrae.
Richard H. Grant/S.F. Chronicle

Porridge & Things is open daily 11:00am to 2:30pm and 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Next time you're looking for a unique dining experience, discover what San Francisco food critics found so special right here in Millbrae.



Porridge & Things 235 Broadway, Millbrae

Millbrae is Back at School – Slow Down!

School is back in session, and our quiet residential streets are about to become bustling with students, parents, and school traffic. Our local schools are welcoming back thousands of students, creating concentrated activity around campuses from 7:30-8:30 AM and 2:30-4:00 PM.

With more pedestrians, cyclists, and school buses on our roads, everyone needs to slow down and pay attention. Please come to complete stops at stop signs, especially around schools, never block

crosswalks when parking, and always yield to pedestrians. Put away phones and distractions, and allow extra time for your commute.

Many Millbrae families are choosing to walk and bike to school, which is great for reducing traffic congestion, but it means drivers must be extra vigilant and patient when sharing the road with young cyclists and pedestrians. Remember that those crossing guards and school zones are there for our kids' safety.

Students should wear their helmets and use crosswalks, while parents can help by considering carpooling and

avoiding double-parking in school zones. Let's start this school year with patience and a shared commitment to keeping our children safe. Those extra few minutes you spend driving carefully are worth it.

Welcome back to school, Millbrae!



Millbrae Art and Wine Festival Returns!

The [Millbrae Art & Wine Festival](#) returns Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31, 2025, transforming Broadway into a vibrant celebration of music, art, food, and community spirit.

The main stage at the Wells Fargo parking lot will feature an exciting lineup of live performers throughout both days. Saturday kicks off at 11:30 am with The As Is Band, followed by Marshall Law Band at 1:30 pm, and

Unauthorized Rolling Stones taking the stage at 3:30 pm. Sunday brings The Groove Foundation at 11:30 am, Glory Dayz at 1:30 pm, and Dee Coco & Mbox Co. closing out the festival at 3:30 pm.



Browse handcrafted works by talented local artists and crafters, discovering unique pieces while supporting our creative community. Food vendors will serve delicious options to fuel your festival experience, while wine and beer stations provide the perfect refreshment for a relaxing weekend. Families will love the Kids' Zone, packed with amusement rides, activities and entertainment designed especially for young festival-goers.

Street Resurfacing: Message from the Project Manager

Project Manager Kristian Alarcon (650) 259 - 2346

Road crews are making significant progress on the ongoing street resurfacing project affecting multiple neighborhoods, with work scheduled throughout the remainder of August.

The next phase of work begins Tuesday, August 19 with chip seal applications, a more comprehensive resurfacing technique that will cover six streets: Ridgewood Drive, Robin Lane, Brookside Lane, Elmwood Drive, Fernwood Drive, and Pinehurst Court. This process involves applying a layer of asphalt followed by aggregate chips, creating a durable new road surface.

The week will conclude with two days of Type 2 slurry seal work. Thursday, August 21 will see crews working on seven streets including Claremont Court, Pinehurst Court, Glenwood Drive, Elmwood Drive, Ridgewood Drive, Lomita Avenue, and Brookside Lane. Friday will wrap up the scheduled work with Type 3 slurry seal applications on Mosswood Lane, Fernwood Drive, Oakwood Drive, and Robin Lane.

City officials are asking residents to continue observing no parking signs and temporary traffic controls to keep the project on



schedule and ensure worker safety. The various treatments being applied are designed to repair existing damage and provide long-term protection for neighborhood streets.

Questions? Contact project manager Kristian Alarcon at (650) 259-2346.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Basic Training: Fire Safety & Utility Control
October 2 2025

Millbrae **Central County Fire** **CCCERT** **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

bit.ly/CCFCERTFall2025

namiWalks
National Alliance on Mental Illness *San Mateo County*

Saturday, October 4, 2025
Seal Point Park, San Mateo

To get involved, please visit
www.namiwalks.org/sanmateo
to come walk with us!

Bayside Manor History & Construction Update:

Project Manager Amer Zreika (650)259-2325

Bayside Manor park was built in 1945 as part of the Bayside Manor housing development, this small community park sits between E Hillcrest Blvd. and Aviador Ave. You'll find the entrance at the northeast end of Lerida Ave., next to the "West of Bayshore" marshland owned by SFO.

The park's history goes back to World War II, when thousands of workers flooded in to the Bay Area to take jobs at shipyards, defense plants, and military bases. Developer Niels Schultz saw the need for more housing and broke ground on Bayside Manor in 1945, transforming empty marshlands east of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks into homes for these wartime workers. What had been quiet wetlands suddenly became a bustling neighborhood, complete with its own park for families to enjoy.



The park served the community well for decades before getting its first major update in 2002. Fast forward to 2024, and it was time for another makeover. The City approved renovations for both Bayside Manor Park and nearby Marina Vista Park as part of a bigger improvement project. The construction contract went to Suarez & Munoz, and they held a groundbreaking ceremony on June 12. The project got even better earlier this year when the plans were expanded to include a dedicated dog park after the community asked for more pet-friendly spaces.

Now, construction crews are busy transforming the park. They've finished the heavy work like grading the site and putting in fence footings around the perimeter. The new dog run has a professional mow strip installed, and the playground area now has proper curbing for safety. A complete irrigation system is in place to keep everything green and healthy. In the next couple of weeks, you'll see workers adding shade structures and installing basketball posts.

When it's all done, this little park will be ready to serve Millbrae families for another generation, just like it has since those wartime days nearly 80 years ago.



FALL REGISTRATION

IS OPEN!

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

TOT TIME

Ages 0-5
Mondays
9:30 AM-11:00 AM
September-December

ONLY \$20 PER MONTH OR DROP IN \$8 PER CLASS

TODDLERS AGES 0-5 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS CHILD-FRIENDLY INDOOR PLAY ZONE! VARIOUS PLAY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP GROSS MOTOR SKILLS.

This pilot program requires adult supervision, as it is unstructured and not overseen by recreation staff.

Location: Millbrae Recreation Center
For more details & to register, visit:
bit.ly/milrec

PAINT BY NUMBERS

Come enjoy 90 minutes of scheduled painting in our Senior Lounge on Fridays!

10:30am-12:00pm
Session 1: 9/19-10/31
Session 2: 11/7-12/26
\$27.65 per session
No experience necessary.
Create a work of art for your home!

PAINT THIS!

MILLBRAE RECREATION

Elena Yoga
Free Trial Classes

Yogalates 8/25
Chair Yoga 8/26
Barre Class 8/27

Reserve Your Spot at bit.ly/milrec

Upcoming Millbrae Library Events



Monday, August 25 at 3:00 PM – Summer Adventure Circus Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza present juggling, acrobatics, music, comedy, dog tricks, and hula hoop entertainment – interactive fun for the whole family!



Thursday, September 4 at 1:00–2:00 PM – Rideshare App Technology Class Learn how to get a car or taxi to your doorstep with smartphone apps – we'll discuss different rideshare options available today.



Thursday, September 11 & Friday, September 12, 12:30–4:30 PM – Two-Day AARP Driver Safety Course Defensive driving, crash risk reduction, rules of the road, and age-related driving challenges for adults 50+ – complete both days for potential insurance discounts.



Tuesday, September 16 at 11:00 AM – Sleep Hygiene: Rest Well, Live Well Learn the science of sleep, create calming sleep environments, and build healthier sleep patterns for better rest and energy.



Tuesday, September 16 at 4:00–5:00 PM – Translating Classroom Experience Into Work Experience Skyline College Career Services workshop on turning class and life experiences into work credentials – includes job search tips and free career resources.

Register now @ smcl.org

We're Hiring! *Apply now: www.calopps.org/city-of-millbrae*

Position	Salary	Job Type	Close Date
Chief Building Official	\$128,295.00–\$173,198.00 (annually)	Full-Time	Until Filled
Maintenance Worker I	\$32.89–\$41.98 (hourly)	Full-Time/Part-Time	Until Filled
Planning Manager	\$145,571.00–\$196,520.00 (annually)	Full-Time	Until Filled
Deputy Finance Director	\$152,193.00–\$205,460.00 (annually)	Full-Time	Until Filled
Recreation Leader I, II, III (Youth Sports Coach)	\$16.28–\$21.81 (hourly)	Part-Time	Continuous

save the date EV + ENERGY SHOWCASE

**Saturday September 13, 2025
10:00AM -1:00PM**

PARKING LOT AT MAGNOLIA
AND LIBRARY AVE, MILLBRAE

Learn, Explore and
Electrify!



Please join us at the EV + Energy Showcase Saturday September 13, 2025 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in Parking Lot at Magnolia and Library Ave, Millbrae.

Learn about rebates, incentives and programs from Millbrae, the County and Peninsula Clean Energy and more.

Explore EVs Sit in real electric vehicles and chat with local EV owners. Home Electrification Discover induction cooking, new EV chargers in Millbrae and more. Bonus e-bike info, vehicle to load demo (Use your EV Battery to power external devices) and take the electrification pledge!



Beats, Brews & Vines

MILLBRAE

AUGUST 21, 2025
5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
HILLCREST AND BROADWAY

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
JUSTIN & JEREMY GARCIA

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
PRIDE AND JOY

The poster features a large graphic of the words "Beats, Brews & Vines" in a stylized blue and yellow font. In the background, there are images of two men singing on stage and a group of people posing together. The Millbrae logo is in the top left corner.

Chill & Chat Ice Cream Social with Councilwoman Riley

Saturday, August 23, 2025
1:00PM-3:00PM
Marina Vista Park
100 Bay Street
Millbrae, CA 94030



Upcoming Events

For more events visit:
<https://bit.ly/MillbraeEvents>



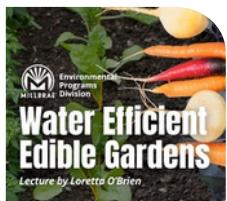
Aug 21
5:00 PM

Beats, Brews & Vines
Downtown Millbrae
Broadway and Hillcrest,
Millbrae



Aug 23
1:00 PM

Chill and Chat with
Councilwoman Riley
Marina Vista Park
100 Bay St., Millbrae



Aug 30
10:00AM

Water Efficient Edible Gardens
Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



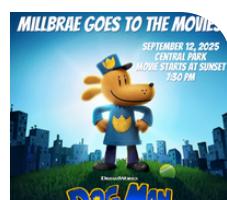
Aug 30-31
10:00AM – 5:00PM

Millbrae Art and Wine Festival
Downtown Millbrae
Broadway, Millbrae



Sept 4
6:00 PM

Mills Estate Community
Meeting
Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



Sept 12
7:30 PM

Millbrae Goes to the Movies
Millbrae Central Park
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



Sept 13
9:00 AM

Relay for Life
Millbrae Central Park
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



Sept 13
10:00 AM

EV + Energy Expo
Parking Lot
Magnolia and Library Ave,
Millbrae

City of Millbrae Mission Statement

Enhancing the quality of life in our shared community, providing great services, encouraging community engagement, fostering economic growth, and embracing cultural diversity in a safe environment.

City Hall Closures

*Employee Recognition: August 21
11:30AM-1:30PM*

Labor Day: September 1

City Hall Contacts

City Hall (650)259-2333
City Clerk (650)259-2414
Community Development (650)259-2341
Finance Department (650)259-2350
Human Resources (650)259-2332
Public Works (650)259-2339
Recreation Department (650)259-2360

Committees and Commissions

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[Youth Advisory Committee](#)
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City Council

City Council is in Recess for the month of August

The City Council meets twice a month (second and fourth Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers and schedules special meetings as needed.

[Anders Fung, Mayor](#)
District 5

[Reuben D. Holober, Vice Mayor](#)
District 3

[Stephen Rainaldi, Councilmember](#)
District 1

[Sissy Riley, Councilwoman](#)
District 2

[Bob Nguyen, Councilmember](#)
District 4

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