

MILLBRAE NEWS

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MILLBRAE EV + ENERGY SHOWCASE TOMORROW!



As electric vehicles are becoming more mainstream, residents of the Bay Area have a unique opportunity to experience them firsthand at the EV + Energy Showcase taking place tomorrow at the Millbrae Library. This free, family-friendly event promises to be an electrifying day of discovery, education, and hands-on experiences with the latest in electric vehicle technology and sustainable energy solutions.

The heart of this showcase lies in its impressive lineup of electric and hybrid vehicles, featuring some of 2025's most anticipated models. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with seven different vehicles, including:

- The 2025 Toyota RAV4 Plug-In Hybrid XSE, representing the perfect blend of familiar SUV practicality and electric efficiency
- Ford's bold 2025 Mustang Mach-E, which reimagines the iconic Mustang legacy for the electric age
- The sleek 2025 Honda Prologue, Honda's dedicated entry into the all-electric SUV market
- Two luxury options from Hyundai: the premium Genesis GV70 and the acclaimed Ioniq 5, including both 2025 and 2023 models
- A 2021 Chevrolet Bolt, demonstrating the evolution and proven track record of more affordable electric options

This lineup offers a wide variety of cars so visitors can explore different price points, sizes, and manufacturers, making it easier to envision how electric vehicles could fit into their own lives.

Learn about local programs and incentives that make electric vehicle ownership more accessible and affordable. This expert guidance makes the switch to electric easy, helping navigate rebates, tax credits, and utility programs available in California.

Cars not for you? The EV + Energy Showcase also features e-bike demonstration rides courtesy of Sports Basement, allowing visitors to test another form of electric transportation that's increasingly popular for commuting and recreation.

Families will find plenty to enjoy, with kids' games and activities and live music by DJ Cazu!

Bayside Manor Park Updates

Project Manager: Amer Zreika

Bayside Manor Park is making excellent progress! As of Friday September 12, most of the concrete flat work (curb and walkway) has been completed, the shade structure and basketball posts have been installed.

The crews are now starting to install trees and prepare for lawn installation.



Commission & Committee Openings

The City of Millbrae is seeking engaged residents to join its various commissions and committees, offering multiple opportunities to directly impact the community you call home.

Current Opportunities Available

The Citizens Oversight Committee has seven positions available for residents who want to provide independent oversight and accountability for city programs and fiscal matters.

The Community Enhancement Advisory Committee seeks three members to advise on Millbrae's cultural, aesthetic, and physical environment, while the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee offers three positions for those passionate about promoting arts programs and activities.

Other opportunities include the Economic Vitality Advisory Committee for business climate advocacy, the Senior Advisory Committee for older adult services, and the Sister Cities Commission for international cultural exchange.

What's the Commitment?

Commission and committee members attend regular meetings and actively participate in shaping policies and programs that affect daily life in Millbrae.

Alternate members participate fully in meetings and discussions, voting when regular members are absent or when needed to establish a quorum, ensuring every voice contributes to important decisions.

How to Apply

To get started, [download the Commission and Committee Application](#) from the city website and submit via email or drop off in person.

Most positions require Millbrae residency, making this a great opportunity to impact your immediate community. Ready to make Millbrae an even better place to live, work, and play? Apply now!

Contact the City Clerk's Office at 650-259-2414 with questions.



Unidirectional Main line Flushing in Millbrae

Ever seen our water division opening a hydrant and letting massive amounts of water run down the storm drain? It may be frustrating to see, but here's why it's important.

What Is Hydrant Flushing?

This essential maintenance activity cleans mineral deposits and particles that naturally build up in water mains over time. Our crews use the "unidirectional" method of flushing. They close valves to move water through the water main in one direction. This builds pressure, forcing water through the main line at high speed, clearing everything in the way, mineral deposits and particles that naturally build up over time. After our crews are done, the pipes are left squeaky clean.

Service Areas and Schedule

Millbrae's water system operates in four pressure zones. Following best management practices, the City alternates flushing every two years—Zones I, II, and III one year, followed by the larger Zone IV the next year. This rotation ensures all water mains are cleaned at least every two years as recommended.

View the [City of Millbrae Water Pressure Zone Map \(PDF\)](#) to view what Zone you are located in.

In flat areas, water pressure is naturally lower, making it easy for mineral deposits and particles to build up. This makes it especially important for Millbrae to flush those locations regularly.

Temporary Impacts

During flushing operations, residents and businesses may experience:

- Temporarily discolored water due to mobilized particles
- Reduced water pressure in localized areas
- Possible low-pressure alarms on commercial fire sprinkler systems

The water remains safe to use throughout the process. If you notice discolored water, run cold water from one faucet for 2-3 minutes. If it doesn't clear, wait an hour and try again.

Water Conservation

The flushing program is scheduled during winter months when water demand is lower to minimize customer impact. While the process uses a significant amount of water, about one summer day of citywide irrigation, it's a requirement for good water quality, not waste. To protect San Francisco Bay, crews use environmentally safe dichlorination tablets

that remove chlorine before water enters storm drains. These tablets may cause temporary bubbling, giving the water a soapy appearance.

For more information about the hydrant flushing program, contact Millbrae Public Works at (650) 259-2339 or visit City Hall at 621 Millbrae Avenue.

The photos below were taken before and after flushing the water main on Magnolia Ave. and Green Hills Dr.



NO! Flushable wipes are NOT FLUSHABLE!!

Beware the story of the Hammersmith “wet wipe island”

Despite what the packaging claims, wet wipes labeled as “flushable” are causing expensive headaches for cities and homeowners alike. While these convenient cleaning products may disappear down your toilet, they don’t break down like toilet paper, and that’s where the trouble begins.

The scale of the wet wipe problem became dramatically clear last month in London, when authorities faced the infamous “Wet Wipe Island” near Hammersmith Bridge. This mass of wet wipes stretched 274 yards (almost three football fields) along the Thames and weighed an estimated 180 tonnes, equivalent to 15 double-decker London buses.

A 274-yard accumulation of wet wipes near Hammersmith Bridge weighs an estimated 180 tonnes, demonstrating the environmental consequences of improper disposal in London’s Thames.

Photo Courtesy of the Port of London Authority.



The cleanup operation, completed this week, removed about 5 million wet wipes marking the first mass mechanical removal of wet wipes from a UK river. Grace Rawnsley from the Port of London Authority called it “a source of environmental harm and an embarrassment to the capital.”

Unlike toilet paper, which dissolves within seconds in water, wet wipes, made of synthetic materials, maintain their strength even after flushing. They combine with other debris to form massive clogs in sewer systems.

These concrete-like blockages can span entire pipe sections, requiring specialized equipment and crews to remove.

Utilities report that wipe-related service calls have increased by 300% over the past decade, and the problems don’t stop at city pipes. Wet wipes frequently cause backups in residential plumbing, leading to messy situations and costly repairs.

The fix is straightforward, do not flush any product besides toilet paper. Keep a small waste basket near your toilet for easy disposal. Your pipes, your wallet, and your city’s sewer workers will thank you.

Questions? Contact Millbrae Public Works at (650) 259-2339 or visit City Hall at 621 Millbrae Avenue.





Beats, Brews & Vines

MAMBO STREET
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.



GTC BAND
OCTOBER 16, 2025
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

**DOWNTOWN MILLBRAE -
HILLCREST AND BROADWAY**





MILLBRAE RECREATION

HALLOWEEN BINGO NIGHT

OCTOBER 17, 2025

18+ YEARS OR OLDER

SUMMON YOUR GHOULISH GANG OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND BINGO-LOVING SPIRITS FOR A SPINE-TINGLING EVENING FILLED WITH EERIE-LICIOUS PIZZA, HAUNTINGLY FABULOUS PRIZES, AND MEMORIES TO DIE FOR!

5:30 PM | 477 LINCOLN CIRCLE MILLBRAE | \$5 FEE

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 12
650-259-2338

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

SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SENIOR TECH PROGRAM

FREE

Improve Your Skills Need General Help Software Update

Drop in on Saturdays to get help with your technology questions from the youth in your community.

Dates:
Saturdays
September 27-November 1

Time:
9:30am-10:30am

Location:
Millbrae Recreation:
Game Room
477 Lincoln Circle

Upcoming Millbrae Library Events



Tuesday, September 16 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM- Translating Classroom Experience Into Work Experience - Career workshop teaching how to transform class and life experiences into job-relevant work experience.



Sunday, September 21 at 11:00am- Glow with Joy: Create Your Mid-Autumn Calligraphy Lantern - Adults learn Chinese calligraphy, draw moon rabbits, and craft glowing paper lanterns to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival.



Thursday, September 25 from 1:00-2:30 PM - Traveling Easier with Technology - Technology class showing how digital tools can simplify vacation planning and reduce travel stress.



Tuesday, September 30 at 11:00 AM - Introduction to AI - Three-part beginner series covering AI fundamentals, ChatGPT/DeepSeek usage, and effective prompting techniques.

Register now @ smcl.org

We're Hiring!

Apply now: www.calopps.org/city-of-millbrae

Position	Salary	Job Type	Close Date
Human Resources Manager	\$155,472.00-\$209,887.00 (annually)	Full-Time	Until Filled
Planning Manager	\$145,571.00-\$196,520.00 (annually)	Full-Time	Until Filled
Administrative Assistant (Public Works)	\$39.34-\$50.21 (Hourly)	Full-Time	09/19/2025
Recreation Leader I, II, III (Youth Sports Coach)	\$16.28-\$21.81 (hourly)	Part-Time	Continuous

We need Coaches

We need coaches to lead our youth sports programs in Millbrae! Join our team as a Recreation Leader and help shape young athletes while working flexible part-time hours of 8 to 15 hours per week during sports seasons. No experience required for entry level, just bring your passion for sports, ability to work with kids, and we'll provide the training you need to succeed.



Upcoming Events

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



Sept 12

7:30 PM

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



Sept 13

10:00 AM

EV + Energy Expo
Millbrae Library Parking Lot
1 Library Ave, Millbrae



Sept 13

1:00 PM

Relay for Life
Millbrae Central Park
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



Sept. 18

6:00 PM

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



Sept. 27-28

10:00AM - 7:00PM

Mid-Autumn Festival
Downtown Millbrae
Broadway, Millbrae



Sept. 30

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Funding Your Future
Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



Oct. 5

10:30AM - 4:30PM

Japanese Culture Festival
Millbrae Library Parking Lot
1 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

No closures thru September 30.

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

City Council

 <https://bit.ly/MillbraeCC>

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

Committees and Commissions

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

Citizen's Oversight Committee

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