

MILLBRAE NEWS

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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What is the Mid-Autumn Festival?

This ancient festival is over 3,000 years old and takes place on the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar, when the full moon appears at its largest and brightest of the year.

The festival celebrates the end of the harvest season and serves as a time for friends and family to gather, admire the full moon together, and share food with loved ones.

Mooncakes are a beloved tradition during this celebration. These round pastries are commonly filled with red bean or lotus seed paste and beautifully stamped with intricate designs that often carry symbolic meaning.

The magic of the Mid-Autumn Festival comes to Millbrae this Saturday and Sunday, September 27-28, transforming downtown into a spectacular celebration of culture and community. This two-day festival invites residents and visitors alike to experience the beauty and traditions of this ancient holiday.

The celebration will feature delicious food, cultural performances, family-friendly activities, and unique shopping opportunities.

Whether you have celebrated this festival for generations or are experiencing it for the first time, Millbrae's Mid-Autumn Festival offers a meaningful opportunity to connect with tradition, savor authentic cuisine, and gather with neighbors under the harvest moon. Join us and discover why this festival has captivated hearts for thousands of years.



MILLBRAE
MID-AUTUMN
FESTIVAL
中秋街會

9/14 - 9/15/2024
 Sat 10AM-7PM & Sun 10AM-5PM
 200-400 Broadway
 Millbrae

Street Food

Dessert

Stage Performances

Art & Crafts

Bayside Manor Park Updates

- Playground Equipment is being installed
- Basketball surface is complete, striping has started
- Planting and Irrigation in progress



Did you feel that???

On Monday at 2:56 AM, a 4.3 magnitude earthquake centered in Berkeley shook the Bay Area, serving as a timely reminder of our region's seismic activity. The Bay Area sits atop a complex network of fault lines, with six major faults and over 30 total faults running through the region.

In Millbrae, we are closest to the San Andreas Fault —yes, the same fault featured in that infamous earthquake movie. This major strike-slip fault marks the boundary between the Pacific and North American tectonic plates. These massive plates creep past each other at a rate of 0.8 to 1.4 inches per year. When this gradual movement becomes locked, energy accumulates and eventually releases through a larger earthquake.

The last major earthquake on the San Andreas Fault was the devastating 1906 earthquake that destroyed much of San Francisco. Given our region's seismic history and ongoing geological activity, it's not a matter of if another "big one" will strike, but when. This makes earthquake preparedness essential for every Bay Area resident.

How to Prepare for the Next Earthquake

Earthquake preparedness has two critical components:

1. Know how to respond immediately when an earthquake strikes. This means understanding proper safety actions like "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" and knowing the safest locations in your home and workplace. Continued on Page 6...



2. Ensure you have the necessary supplies and materials to sustain yourself and your family in the aftermath of a major earthquake, when normal services may be disrupted for days or weeks.

Special Considerations

Certain situations require additional planning and preparation:

- Taking regular medications
- Caring for pets
- Having young children or elderly family members
- Managing mobility issues
- Serving as a caretaker for others

If any of these apply to you, develop a more comprehensive emergency plan that addresses these specific needs.

Use the printable checklist included on [page 7](#) for better understanding of essential emergency supplies. Make sure to modify the list to work for you!



CERT Training Available for Millbrae Residents

Want to take your emergency preparedness to the next level? Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be available to Millbrae residents in winter 2026.

This comprehensive program educates participants about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area and provides hands-on training in basic disaster response skills.

Using skills learned through CERT training, community members can assist their neighbors following an emergency when professional responders are not immediately available. As CERT's motto states: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors Doing the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number!"

Questions? Email: cert-info@ccfd.org

We will make reasonable efforts to assure all persons have access to programs and services. If a disability requires special needs accommodations, please email Kaz Chiao at kchiao@ccfd.org or call (650) 898-9986.



CERT also has a newsletter!
Sign up here for all things emergency response

EMERGENCY KIT

CHECKLIST

General

Store all your supplies in a plastic tub that is easily accessible.

Water

Three gallons of water per person, to last three days, for drinking and hygiene.

Food

At least a three-day supply of nonperishable foods. Don't forget a manual can opener.

Prescription Medications

At least a week's worth of medication. Don't forget non-prescription medications.

Cash

In case ATMs are unavailable or credit /debit card systems are down.

Important Documents

Copies of any documents you can't lose, along with your family emergency plan.

Kitchen Items

Utensils, cups, tupperware, napkins, plastic ties, garbage bags and disinfectant wipes.

Personal Hygiene

Moist towelettes and hand sanitizer. Also, don't forget toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Blanket & Clothes

Keep a spare set of clothes and blankets to keep warm and dry.

Radio

Battery-powered or hand crank radio, preferably a NOAA Weather Radio.

Flashlight

Don't forget the extra batteries. Consider adding some light sticks.

First Aid Kit & Dust Mask

For any medical needs and to help filter contaminated air.

Whistle & Local Map

Use to signal for help and evacuate without GPS if needed.

Cell Phone Chargers

Include a solar charger and/or fully charged power banks (will need to be recharged).

Plastic Sheeting & Duct Tape

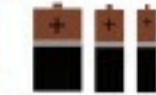
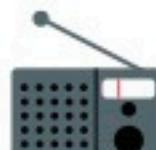
To help shelter-in-place if needed. Also consider nylon rope.

Wrench and Pliers

To turn off utilities. Multi-purpose/multi-functional tool as well.

Also Consider

Hand warmers, waterproof matches, gloves, pocket knife and fire extinguisher.



FEMA

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.



Recent Weather Fluctuations and What to Expect

This past week was one of the hottest this summer with a few days reaching the high 80s in Millbrae. The weather took a sudden shift as temperatures plummeted almost 20 degrees overnight on Wednesday and scattered showers throughout the Bay Area (SF Chronicle 2025).

This rapid change is due to an upper-level low-pressure system that is moving north from the Central Coast, bringing tropical moisture from the south.

You may have noticed higher humidity than usual, which is closely related to these low-pressure systems and a higher dew point temperature. Millbrae has been experiencing an average dew point temperature of 59 degrees, which is almost a 10 degree increase from the average annual dew point temperature (NOAA 2025).

As forecasters anticipate for the low-pressure system to weaken by midday Thursday, September 25, another unsettled weather pattern is currently developing and will bring rain early next week (ABC 7).



Photo of cloud formations taken at Millbrae City Hall on 09/25/25

To prepare for the rainy season, consider participating in the City of Millbrae's Rain Barrel Rebate program, in partnership with BAWSCA. The program offers rebates for rain barrels to collect and re-use rainwater from gutters and downspouts for lawns and gardens. The program provides up to two rebates of \$100 for the purchase and installation of each barrel. To learn more information, please visit bit.ly/MillbraeRain.



namiWalks
National Alliance on Mental Illness *San Mateo County*
Saturday, October 4, 2025
Seal Point Park, San Mateo
namiwalks.org/sanmateo



MILLBRAE RECREATION

HALLOWEEN BINGO NIGHT

OCTOBER 17, 2025

18+ YEARS OR OLDER

SUMMON YOUR GOULISH 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

ELENA YOGA

Yogalates
10/20-11/24 from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Price: \$180R/\$200NR

Chair Yoga
10/14-11/18 from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM
Price: \$180R/\$200NR

Barre
10/15-11/19 from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM
Price: \$180R/\$200NR

Mondays
Tuesdays
Wednesdays

MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER
477 LINCOLN CIRCLE

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW
at bit.ly/milrec

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



Sunday, September 28, 1:00 PM - Heron Robotics Demonstration - Join Heron Robotics for a robotics showcase! Experience their competition robot up close, learn how they design, build, and program it!



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



Monday, October 6, 10:30 AM - Screen Printing - Create your own print artwork using pre-made screens!



Tuesday, October 14, 4:00 PM - Translating Classroom Experience Into Work Experience - Join Skyline College Career Services to learn how you can translate your class and life experiences into work experience.



Monday, October 20, 11:00 AM - Block Printing and Artivism - Learn about the historical use and technique of printmaking. Class hosted in English and Spanish.

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 |
| 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. 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



Oct. 10
 6:30PM

**Millbrae Goes to the Movies:
 Wicked**
Millbrae Recreation Center
477 Lincoln Cir, Millbrae



Oct. 16
 6:00PM

Beats, Brews & Vines: The GTC Band
Downtown Millbrae
Hillcrest and Broadway



Oct. 18
 9:00AM-12:00PM

Compost Giveaway
Spur Trail
Magnolia and Palm Ave



Oct. 25
 9:00AM-12:00PM

Electronics Recycling and Reuse Drop-off Event
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

Veterans Day – November 11, 2025

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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