

# Sunnyhills Times

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#### SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRT!

by Rob Means

Halloween arrives early for children and adults attending the free Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25, from 2-4 PM at Augustine Park (near Coelho Street). Milpitas residents will enjoy a costume parade, snack eating, and live music. Children can participate in art projects and learn safety precautions for Halloween. Adults will hear from a Milpitas Police Department officer about the benefits of joining a Neighborhood Watch group. City Council candidates will be available to answer questions and discuss the future of Milpitas. Jump for Joy Music will perform family-fun music.

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and to give our children a chance to show off their costumes. Adults are encouraged to come in costume too!



Date: Saturday, October 25, 2013

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

(Children's Costume parade & prizes at 3:15pm)

Where: Augustine Park at Coelho Street, Milpitas

Price: Free!

The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and County Supervisor Dave Cortese are sponsoring this event to highlight the Neighborhood Watch program and build our community. For more information, please contact us at <a href="mailto:SNA@electric-bikes.com">SNA@electric-bikes.com</a> or The-Vu Nguyen at (408) 386-6115 or <a href="mailto:the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org">the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org</a>

Find the official flyer and learn how you can help at <a href="http://sunnyhillsneighborhood.org/halloween.pdf">http://sunnyhillsneighborhood.org/halloween.pdf</a>

#### **Candidates Forum**

by Melanie Lewert

October 4<sup>th</sup> SNA held their forum for mayoral and city council candidates. Of the 11 people running (3 for mayor and 8 for city council), all but 3 people running for city council were there. Questions ranged from the candidates' stance on Measure E (the casino proposition), to how our mayor can influence the city budget, to procedural issues. Attendance matched that of the event at the library earlier in the campaign. Though not all the candidates spoke with clarity on the issues, they did give the residents of Milpitas something to think on.

## Community Events Calendar

#### SNA Monthly Meeting 11/5/14

Halloween Party 10/25/14

Make A Difference
Day 10/26/14

Community

Breakfast 11/1/14

Fall back clocks 11/2/14

Holiday Potluck 12/3/14

Community

Breakfast 12/6/14

Household Hazardous Waste Hotline 299-7300

Free Dump days 2nd & 4th Saturdays

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#### **Community Breakfast**

Please join SUMC & SNA for a FREE breakfast from 8am-9:30am on the first Saturday of most months, at Jones Hall, SUMC, 355 Dixon Road (across from Weller School Playground). Past breakfasts have included a candidates forum, the Milpitas Police and Fire Departments, and the Milpitas Post.

November's breakfast will be held on Saturday, 11/1/13 where The new Family Resource Center at SUMC will talk about their program for the public.

### SNA Fundraising—We NEED You!

Once a year the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association asks for your financial support with a donation to our group. Without donations from our neighbors we can not put on or help support special events like Be an Artist Day and the Halloween party. As a qualified Non-Profit your donations are 100% tax deductible. Attached to this newsletter is a membership form—please consider filling it out and sending us a donation so that we can keep helping our neighbors.

#### **Severe Drought Alert**

California is facing a serious drought. 2013 was the driest year on record and we are entering our third critically dry year. In Silicon Valley, we live in a semi-arid region with a growing population. Conservation has been and must continue to be a way of life, but despite recent rains, we are far below the seasonal average rainfall and our reservoirs are low. In addition, about half of the water in the county is imported from outside the county and imported supplies are being severely restricted due to the statewide drought in addition to regulatory restrictions and a growing pressure on the state's water delivery system.

To ensure that we have a reliable water supply today and in the future, we all need to use our water wisely. Everyone should do what they can to reduce their water use. If everyone saved 20 gallons a day, we'd save over 13 billion gallons a year in Santa Clara County along. For water saving tips check out <a href="http://save20gallons.org">http://save20gallons.org</a>

### **SNA Election Issue**

by Melanie Lewert, Editor





Elections are important to <u>all of us</u>. If we don't participate in the process we are letting others decide what is good for us.

In this upcoming election you will be asked to decide on who will be Milpitas' next mayor, two NEW city council members, and to vote on state and local propositions—including Measure E (casino proposition).

SNA encourages you to exercise your right to vote.

This issue of the Sunnyhills Times includes, as a fundraiser, paid advertisement from locally running candidates. Their inclusion in this issue is in no way an endorsement of any particular candidate, nor is the order to imply preference—placement is solely on a first-come, first-served basis.



#### 严重干旱警报

加州正面临着严重的干旱。 2013年是有记录以来最干旱的一年,我们正在进入我们的第三个极为干燥的一年。在硅谷,我们生活在一个半干旱地区的人口成长。保护一直是,而且必须继续成为生活的一种方式,但尽管近期的降雨,我们是远低于季节性平均降雨量水塘低。此外,大约有一半的水县从县外引进和进口物资正在严厉由于全州的干旱,除了监管限制和国家的供水系统中压力越来越大的限制。

为了确保我们有一个可靠的供水现在和将来,我们都需要明智地使用我们的水。每个人都应该尽自己所能来减少水的使用。如果每个人都节省了20加仑的一天,我们会一起保存在圣克拉拉县,每年超过13十亿加仑。节水窍门退房http://save20gallons.org



#### Holiday Potluck and SNA Elections / Call for Help

by Melanie Lewert

Please join us for our annual **Holiday Potluck**. Bring your favorite dish to Jones Hall at SUMC (355 Dixon Rd, across from Weller School playground) on Dec 3rd at 7:00 pm. We'll share food, drinks, music, and good times. Let us know you are coming by contacting us at 408-942-1418 or sending us an email to mlemail@mindspring.com. Like last year there will also be a holiday craft that you can make and take with you. People had fun making the DumDum Reindeers last year, what will be this year's craft? You'll have to come to find our.

We are also holding elections during this meeting. WE ARE NOTHING WITHOUT YOU. For those who believe that holding our community together is important during the challenging times ahead, we ask you to consider a role on the Board—executive and members at large positions are available. Come to the potluck and see the SNA family that you could be supporting. Then stay to help set the future direction of SNA. If you can't commit to being a board member please at least consider attending our monthly meetings (held on the 1st Wednesday of the month) to keep SNA going strongly forward. **SNA needs you!** If you wish to run for office contact Rob Means at 408-262-0420 or by email to SNA@electric-bikes.com. Nominations will be accepted at our November 5th meeting and also on the day of elections.

As you are talking with your neighbors and enjoying the wonderful foods everyone brought, please give thought to the events that you would like SNA to help sponsor over the coming year or issues that affect Sunnyhills residents that you think SNA should be championing. WE NEED YOU—please help SNA make your neighborhood a better place to live.

Remember to put December 3rd on your calendar! See you there.



#### **Smoke Detectors**

Smoke detectors are an important early warning device that can save the life of you and your family, BUT they are useless if not maintained. Testing and changing out the batteries are extremely important. So is practicing a home escape plan with your family—doing so could prevent a tragedy.

The Milpitas Fire Dept reminds you to:

- Install working smoke detectors outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms
- Test your detectors, at least once a month
- Replace their batteries at least annually—when resetting your clocks fall & spring are good times
- NEVER disable a detector—even if you experience nuisance alarms while cooking or showering

#### **Detectores de Humo**

Los detectores de humo son un importante dispositivo de alerta temprana que puede salvar la vida de usted y su familia, pero son inútiles si no se mantiene. Probar y cambiar las pilas son muy importantes. También lo es la práctica de un plan de escape con su manera podría evitar una tragedia haciendo familiar.

El Departamento de Bomberos de Milpitas le recuerda que:

- Instale detectores de humo fuera de las zonas y habitaciones para dormir en el interior
- Pruebe sus detectores, por lo menos una vez al mes
- Reemplace las pilas por lo menos anualmente, al restablecer sus relojes caer y primavera son buenos tiempos
- NUNCA desactivar un detectorincluso si se produce falsas alarmas mientras se cocina o la ducha

#### Máy phát hiện khói

Máy dò khói là một thiết bị cảnh báo sớm quan trọng là có thể tiết kiệm cuộc sống của bạn và gia đình của bạn, NHƯNG họ là vô dụng nếu không được duy trì. Kiểm tra và thay đổi pin ra là vô cùng quan trọng. Vì vậy, được thực hành một kế hoạch thoát nhà với gia đình, làm như vậy có thể ngăn ngừa thảm họa của bạn.

Sở Cứu Hỏa Milpitas nhắc nhở ban:

- Cài đặt máy dò khói làm việc và khu vực phòng ngủ bên trong bên ngoài ngủ
- Kiểm tra phát hiện, ít nhất mỗi tháng một lần
- Thay pin của họ ít nhất mỗi nămkhi cài đặt lại đồng hồ của bạn rơi và mùa xuân là thời gian tốt đẹp
- ĐÙNG BAO GIÒ vô hiệu hóa một máy dò, ngay cả khi bạn gặp phiền toái báo động trong khi nấu ăn hoặc tắm vòi sen

## Marsha Grilli for Milpitas City Council

Dear Friends:

I'm running for Milpitas City Council because I care deeply about the community where my family and I have lived for almost four decades.

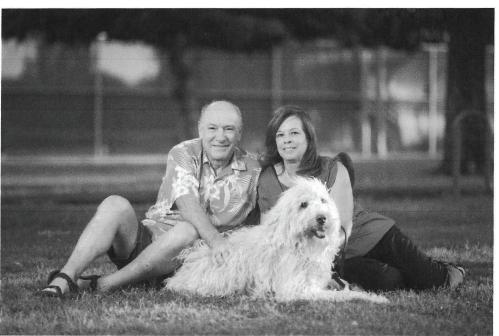
For too long, the Council has been paralyzed by petty personal politics and a culture of division and distrust that has trumped the interests of our residents. I will bring a fresh, common sense approach to city government, backed by a demonstrated track record of accomplishment and service to our community for more than 35 years.

As a twenty-year School Board member, including several terms as president, I have led the effort to turn our schools into award-winning institutions that focus on student achievement while balancing budgets during difficult times. As a Council Member I will continue to be a strong advocate for education and I will assure that the City and the School District work together for the benefit of our students.

My experience as a small business owner, highlighted by my service as president of the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, provides me with the skills and experience needed to build consensus among stakeholders to deal with complex problems. I will use those skills while applying a resident-based, quality of life focus to assure that our city thrives as we tackle every day issues around economic development, traffic and public safety.

I view this campaign as a partnership with all of you – the friends and colleagues that I have worked with over many years to build a better community here in Milpitas.

Thank you for your consideration and for everything that you do to make Milpitas a healthy, strong and vibrant community.



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Daniel Bobay Candidate For Mayor

## **Uniting Milpitas for Better Ahead of Bigger**

Milpitas is one city and it's time we all work together and display the kind of professional conduct and behavior that sets us apart from other cities. We need to be "One Team."

#### In Priority order

- Address traffic and parking congestion
- Ensure city services can meet population growth
- Host citizen communication meetings
- Meet with other elected officials to develop strategies and improve relationships between taxing entities
- Engage with companies to come to Milpitas
- Champion the Food Pantry
- Consider new services and programs.

**Law Enforcement/Fire Department/Emergency Response:** I support maintaining high-quality law enforcement services, the use of ancillary personnel to handle activities not requiring the services of a sworn officer, consideration of a "Emergency Services" assessment tax, and the establishment of a reporting system for citizen complaints.

#### **Public Works:**

- Restoration of lost jobs and salaries from the last few years
- Expansion of some departments to handle the increased work load and assure that public services are adequate to serve the city
- Address the critical needs of these departments and the people that work in them so that we can come to consensus on how best to serve the employees of the
- City wide WI-FI.

Land Use and Open Space: I support consistency in development and preservation of the natural assets of our environment through adequate planning, acquisition, development, and maintenance of park, recreation, and open space lands. We have many open hills with few useable trails for biking, hiking, riding, and use by the general public. I'd like to see that change.

**Housing Cost Reductions:** I support changes in local government regulations to reduce the cost of housing by streamlining the building approval process, continuing requirements to provide open space and parks, encouraging residential units above commercial uses, considering rezoning some commercial land to residential use, considering zoning changes which preserve the neighborhood character and address parking and traffic impacts, preserving the current housing stock, encouraging the building of rental units; and increasing quality housing available for moderate and low-income residents.

**I DO NOT SUPPORT MEASURE E** – the card room moving to Milpitas. I regard it as the card room using Milpitas to leverage San Jose and Sacramento. It short changes us, facilitates those susceptible to gambling addiction, and changes the character of our city.

**Long-time Service to Our Community:** I have served our community for many years as a volunteer, coach, MUSD Trustee, and MetroEd Trustee now I ask for your vote to serve as your Mayor.

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Dear Neighbor,

After serving 8 years as a San Jose Councilmember, I strive to expand my duties and responsibilities furthering my public service to represent the communities of San Jose, Milpitas, Newark, Santa Clara, and Fremont in California State Legislature. My purpose of winning your vote is not to elect me into State Assembly so I can make decisions for you, but entrusting me to make the right decisions that will positive affect our community. My diverse and extensive experiences has allowed me to gain wisdom to understand the complexity of our state issues and with the opportunity to provide avenues of solution to these warranted problems, I would like to take the charge in reflecting the voice of our district. My expertise stem from being an engineer, being a small business owner, being a Councilmember, serving on various boards encompassing both local and regional organizations of education, transportation, water, public safety, and more.

As your Assemblymember, I am committed to:

- Creating jobs and strong economic development.
- Enhancing our public education system by preparing students for the 21st century workforce.
- Bringing BART down to the Santa Clara Train Station and electrifying Caltrans
- Protecting the safety net
- Conserving securing our water supply.

I look forward to partnering with you to build a thriving atmosphere of life for us to enjoy and further California in the economically engine it is with a worldwide impact. Please do not hesitate to contact me at kansen@kansenchu.com.

Sincerely,

Kansen



## Atty. GARRY BARBADILLO

## For Milpitas City Council 2014

With humility, I present myself as an alternative and fresh voice to the Milpitas city council. I pledge to ensure transparency and accountability on city affairs and resources, effective governance and achieve sustainable development. I shall firmly stand on the issues of:

- · Elimination of the odor causing landfill;
- · Work closely with the school district to build the much needed schools and quality education;
- · Maintain quality city services without raising costs and revisit the issue of utility costs;
- ·Continue and improve our senior and youth services and care;

I have the experience, dedication and vision to realize my agenda. I am young, aggressive, independent and firm on my values and principles. I currently serve as Planning Commissioner of the city, had served on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission and was a past chairperson of the School Site Council for Alexander



Rose elementary school. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Juris Doctor Law degree (JD) and studied MA Public Administration. I am a practicing consumer rights attorney and a pro bono attorney volunteer in the county.

As your Council Member, I will lead with integrity and work for the future of Milpitas.

I am privileged to have received endorsements from our local leaders: Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves, Vice Mayor Althea Polanski, Councilmember Carmen Montano, former Mayor Henry Manayan, former Vice Mayor Trish Dixon, majority of City Commissioners and many community leaders.

I invite you to know more about my qualifications, and I do hope to earn your trusts and votes on the November 4, 2014 election. Please visit <a href="www.garrybarbadillo.com">www.garrybarbadillo.com</a>

Over the past 23 years, I have made Milpitas my home. My husband and I raised our son here because of the diversity and resiliency of our community. Today, our city faces many challenges. We need qualified and proven leadership. I would be honored to have your vote.

I am committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents through:

- Smart and balanced growth to increase city revenue, maintain infrastructure, and improve public safety;
- Creating a transit-oriented and walkable city, paying close attention to population growth and need for new schools; and
- Economic development to create jobs and balance the city budget.

I have an MBA in finance and professional experience as an accountant and analyst. I have served as Chair of the Milpitas Planning Commission, member of the Citizens Budget Task Force, and President of the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce. I have also been honored as Milpitas Citizen of Year.

My greatest passion is empowering people to be active participants in their community. As a proud American citizen, I know firsthand that the freedom to exercise our political voice is what makes our country great and unique. I will be your true voice in City Hall.

Please partner with me for a better Milpitas.

- Deepka



## Deepka Lalwani

Milpitas City Council

Business Woman • Community Volunteer • Civic Leader

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## **Rob Means** for City Council

This election offers an opportunity for a big difference. Two current Council members are term-limited out of office, so we'll see some new representatives. If you believe in good jobs, effective government, and new solutions to old problems, then support the candidate that stands – strongly – for these values. Elect Rob Means to the Milpitas City Council.

### Community Building and Leadership for 20 Years

After a successful computer software career, Rob dedicated many of his 37 years living here to working for a sustainable and family-friendly Milpitas:

- leading efforts to develop bicycle paths and creekside trails;
- helping our schools and libraries maintain their facilities;
- supporting development plans that benefit our community while protecting our hillsides.

#### Fresh Vision for Our Future

On these issues and others, Rob advocates <u>for the community and its long-term</u> <u>future</u>. As a Council member, Rob will create public-private partnerships to develop infrastructure with community-wide benefits, such as:

- Working to locate a K-6 school in the fast-growing transit area with joint City/school use of sports/play fields.
- Inviting advanced transit companies to build a critical crossing over Montague Expressway near the BART station. Then, at little City cost, expand to serve the entire transit area – possibly all of Milpitas.
- Supporting home/business upgrades with water- and energy-saving features which creates jobs and keeps money in the local economy.

In 2012, the <u>San Jose Mercury-News</u> endorsed Rob as "a straightforward, thoughtful guy...a true believer in transparency in government."

Learn more about Rob's background, values, policies and vision at

www.MeansForDemocracy.org

Vote Rob Means for City Council (and NO on (E))

#### Hạn hán nghiêm trọng cảnh báo

California đang đối mặt với hạn hán nghiêm trọng. 2013 là năm khô hạn nhất trong lịch sử và chúng tôi đang bước vào năm thứ ba của chúng tôi phê bình khô. Trong Silicon Valley, chúng ta đang sống trong một khu vực bán khô hạn với dân số ngày càng tăng. Bảo tồn đã và phải tiếp tục là một cách sống, nhưng bất chấp những con mưa gần đây, chúng tôi có hơn nhiều so với lượng mưa trung bình theo mùa và hồ chứa nước của chúng tôi là thấp. Ngoài ra, khoảng một nửa số nước trong hạt được nhập khẩu từ bên ngoài quận và vật tư nhập khẩu bị hạn chế nghiêm trọng do hạn hán trên toàn tiểu bang ngoài việc quy định hạn chế và áp lực ngày càng tăng trên hệ thống cung cấp nước của nhà nước.

Để đảm bảo rằng chúng tôi có một nguồn cung cấp nước đáng tin cậy ngày hôm nay và trong tương lai, tất cả chúng ta cần phải sử dụng nước một cách khôn ngoan. Tất cả mọi người nên làm những gì họ có thể làm giảm lượng nước sử dụng của họ. Nếu tất cả mọi người tiết kiệm 20 lít nước mỗi ngày, chúng ta sẽ tiết kiệm được hơn 13 tỷ gallon nước mỗi năm tại Santa Clara County cùng. Đối với nước tiết kiệm lời khuyên kiểm tra <a href="http://save20gallons.org">http://save20gallons.org</a>

#### Alerta de Sequía Severa

California se enfrenta a una grave sequía. 2013 fue el año más seco de la historia y que están entrando en el tercer año críticamente seco. En Silicon Valley, que vivimos en una región semi-árida, con una población en crecimiento. La conservación ha sido y debe seguir siendo una forma de vida, pero a pesar de las lluvias recientes, que están muy por debajo del promedio de lluvias de temporada y nuestras reservas son bajas. Además, alrededor de la mitad del agua en el condado ha sido importada desde fuera del condado y suministros importados están siendo severamente restringido debido a la sequía en todo el estado, además de las restricciones regulatorias y una presión creciente sobre el sistema de distribución de agua del estado.

Para asegurarse de que tenemos un suministro confiable de agua hoy y en el futuro, todos tenemos que utilizar nuestra agua sabiamente. Cada uno debe hacer lo que pueda para reducir su consumo de agua. Si todo el mundo guarda 20 galones al día, ahorraríamos más de 13 mil millones de galones al año en el Condado de Santa Clara junto. Para el agua de consejos de ahorro de visita <a href="http://save20gallons.org">http://save20gallons.org</a>



#### HELP!

Can you help us distribute this newsletter? If you can't deliver a newsletter on a regular basis, how about as an occasional fill-in? Sometimes for one reason or another a person can't deliver their regular route, and we need fill-ins to help—ALL volunteers are welcome—just give us a call (408-942-1418) or drop us an email to **mlemail@mindspring.com** (title: Newsletter Help). We can help your child earn community service hours too. The average number of homes on a route is 50 and takes about an hour to deliver.

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#### **SNA 2014 Board Members**

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The Sunnyhills Times is a community newsletter serving the homeowners and residents of the Sunnyhills neighborhood—SNA is a volunteer group of local people who are actively working to improve our neighborhood, and thus the city of Milpitas, through positive activities and programs.

Melanie Lewert—Editor Inquiries & summations to this newsletter can be sent to: mlemail@mindspring.com



## Your Community Advocate

P.O. Box 360581, Milpitas, CA 95036-0581 Phone: (408) 262-0420

Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) is your local neighborhood association. We are a volunteer group of local people who are actively working to improve our neighborhood, and thus the City of Milpitas, through positive activities and programs.

#### Your Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association has:

- Transformed the Hetch-Hetchy right-of-way into Pecot Park. After 7 years of work, the park opened on 12/4/99. What was once a blighted corridor through our neighborhood was transformed into a beautiful linear park, which extends all the way to Town Center (via a bridge over the creek).
- Sparked the re-development of a derelict gas station into Crescent Center (Walgreen's).
- Delivers the Sunnyhills Times to over 2000 neighborhood homes bringing news of events and issues of civic and community interest.
- Sponsored the Milpitas Community Breakfasts, a monthly gathering for presentations and dialog that promotes civic responsibility, builds community cohesion, and bridges cultural gaps.
- Refurbished Al Augustine Park with better design, new play sets, and many tree plantings. Efforts begun in 1997 led to City Council approval in June 1999 and completion/opening in May 2002.
- Produced events such as:
  - \* International Potlucks
- \* Astronomy Nights
- \* Bike & Roller Fest\* Drumming Night

- \* Music in the Park
- \* Be An Artist Day
- \* Drumming Night

- National Night Out
- \* Community Breakfasts
- \* Neighborhood Watch Events

#### With your help we will:

- Continue to solicit and secure grant funding—thanks to our non-profit 501(c)3 status.
- Support K-12, affordable housing, and a safe and friendly Sunnyhills.
- Continue bringing you programs and newsletters, while being an activist voice in City and area matters.

This ambitious program needs your support. Because most program funding comes from grants, it's critically important to demonstrate local support to the grant makers. Your SNA membership demonstrates that local support. At only \$10 per year, it's a bargain & it's <u>tax deductible</u>. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation.

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