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Inaugural Scholarship Awarded to MHS Graduate

by Allysson McDonald

Last year the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) determined that we would like to offer one of our graduating seniors a small scholarship. We recognize both the importance of higher education to the residents of our community, and the burden of its expense, especially for those in financial need.

The SNA Scholarship was made available to members of the senior class of Milpitas High School (MHS) and Calaveras Hills High School (CHHS) who were planning to attend college full time

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WICKEDLY GOOD FUN!

by Wiley Rankin



Food, costumes, & crafts! Everyone—children and adults alike—is invited to attend this **FREE** Halloween Party. Enjoy a costume parade (with prizes for all costumed kiddies), fun art projects, ChildID booth, and live music. Learn safety precautions for Halloween and the benefits of joining a Neighborhood Watch group. 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! We encourage our neighbors to participate in this great annual event.

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

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 SNA@electricbikes.com or The-Vu Nguyen at (408) 386-6115 or the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org



Community Events Calendar

SNA Monthly Meeting 10/24/19

Community Breakfast 10/5/19

SNA Monthly Meeting 10/24/19

Halloween Party 10/28/19

Community Breakfast 11/2/19

Fall back clocks 11/3/19

SNA Monthly Meeting TBD

Community Breakfast & ELECTIONS 12/7/19

SNA Monthly Meeting TBD

Community Breakfast 1/4/20

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following graduation and were from the Sunnyhills area (from the Milpitas/Fremont border to Jacklin Blvd, between Milpitas Blvd. and I-680). Applicants were asked to compose a 1,000 word essay or an 8 minute video on how living in Sunnyhills made a difference in who they have become.

Our successful candidate, Maggie Ly, impressed us with her honesty and self-reflection in her essay. She is a dancer, choreographer, dance instructor, and student leader. Maggie volunteered with several organizations at MHS and won Miss Teen Vietnam California, all while becoming qualified to attend a UC school! We are so proud that she is a Sunnyhills kid!

The Neighborhood Association plans to offer this \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior again in the spring of 2020. Priority will be given to those who establish financial need and those who have volunteered or performed community service for SNA. Unlike most scholarships, a high GPA is not a requirement. Those who may have struggled in the past but were able to raise their grades will also be considered. If you know of a deserving Cal Hills or MHS senior who lives in Sunnyhills have them speak to their Counsellor or Principal for more information, or email SNA.

Note:

The scholarship will be presented at the Milpitas High School Senior Awards ceremony or the Calaveras Hills High School Awards Night.

Deadline:

Monday, April 20, 2020, 3pm at the MHS College & Career Center or the CHHS Counselling Office

Community Breakfasts



NEW LOCATION:

San Jose City College Milpitas Extension
1450 Escuela Pkwy (just South of Russell Middle School)

All Milpitans are invited to join the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association on the first Saturday of the month for coffee, breakfast, and discussion. Each month we host a presentation followed by questions and answers. Breakfast is free! Donations gratefully accepted. Join us!

October 5, 8am-9:30am — BART Presentation: What We've Built and How You Can Use It

November 2, 8am-9:30am — 2020 US Census - What it means and how can you help

December 7, 8am-9:30am — What Can the Neighborhood Association Do for You? General Meeting and Election

January 4, 8am-9:30am — TBD

February 1, starting 9am — Black History Month — Flamekeepers

SNA Fundraising

Once a year the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association asks for your financial support with a donation to our group. Without donations from our neighbors, we cannot put on or help support special events like Be an Artist Day and the Halloween party, or continue our scholarship efforts for deserving students. As a qualified 501(c)3 Non-Profit your donations are 100% tax deductible. Please consider filling out the attached donation form.

PRT Needs Your Help

by Rob Means

An advanced transit project for Milpitas needs community support to continue moving forward. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is expected to be on the Council's Agenda sometime in November. Letters and calls of support would be very helpful.

The proposed project uses Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) technology in a plan that includes 6 miles of guideway and 12 stations to connect residents and businesses with the Great Mall and VTA transit hub (BART, LRT and buses). The project has been well-received by community members, including attendees of the Aug. 8 Community Outreach Meeting where the project was presented in detail. Audience reaction was reflected in Assembly member Kansen Chu's statement, "I see this as the initial step to exploring an idea that has been very thoroughly thought out."



Information on the project, the MOU, and PRT technology can be found at <http://sunnyhillsneighborhood.org/crossing.html>

If you would like to send a letter of support directly to Council, contact information for each of the 5 individual Council members is at <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/directory/categories/council-directory>

If you email them, be sure to send a copy to the City Clerk, Mary Lavelle, (408) 586-3001, mlavelle@ci.milpitas.ca.gov, so it gets into the Council packet.

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.



Your Opinion

Climate Emergency

By Rob Means

Recently, both the San Jose City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors joined hundreds of other cities in declaring that we are in a Climate Emergency. Unfortunately, some people still do not believe it, and pass along propaganda designed to confuse the public. That just happened on NextDoor. The climate refuser posted a link to a video designed to show that we don't have a Climate Crisis. Here is my response:

Using cherry-picked data while ignoring the overall trends, that video claims that "Climate Change is not worse than we thought." That statement directly conflicts with the latest IPCC report and the history that IPCC reports have consistently been overly optimistic (due to the consensus process that is signed off by governments). So, why would Prager University (which is not a university) produce such propaganda? FOLLOW THE MONEY! In addition to the infamous Koch brothers, another carbon-fueled billionaire is funding this propaganda mill. <https://www.quora.com/Who-funds-PragerU> the video actually lies by saying that "solar and wind energy are simply expensive, feel-good measures. "Wind energy is already cheaper than coal-fired plants - which is why wind is booming and coal is dying. The propagandist's solution: more R&D (aka more delay). Hello!!! We are in a Climate Emergency that requires action now! And we already have the technologies to do it: <https://www.drawdown.org/solutions-summary-by-rank> Watch the first 3 minutes of this video to get an idea of how dire our situation really is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnyLIRCPajM> As Greta Thunberg says, "Change is coming whether you like it or not."



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SNA meets once a month on the 4th Thursday of the month (except on holidays) at SJCC Extension, 1450 Escuela Pkwy (next to Russell Middle School) 7:00pm-8:30pm. The public is welcome to join us.

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
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Your Community Advocate

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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
 - * Music in the Park
 - * National Night Out
 - * Halloween Party
 - * Be An Artist Day
 - * Community Breakfasts
 - * Student Scholarships
 - * 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 \$20 per year, it's a bargain & it's tax deductible. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation.

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

☐ Tax Deductible
Donation \$ _____

Donations are not required to become a member

I can help SNA by:

- ☐ Delivering Newsletters
☐ Becoming a Board Member
☐ Other _____

Please make your check out to "**Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association**"
and mail it to: 1421 Yellowstone Avenue, Milpitas, CA 95035



Free Halloween Party & Community Gathering Saturday, October 26, 2019

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Augustine Park in Milpitas

- Have fun and learn about safety
- Meet your neighbors, learn more about your community
- Give your children a chance to show off their costumes
(adults can come in costume too)

Children's Costume Contest

(Judging at 3:15pm)

Free Pumpkins

Free Drinks and Snacks

Free Art Projects

Live Music by Jump for Joy Music

Fun for the whole family!



Sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and County Supervisor Dave Cortese. For more information, please contact The-Vu Nguyen at (408) 386-6115 or the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org

We are grateful for the generous contributions by the City of Milpitas.

Can you help? Contact wiley@jumpforjoymusic.com or call 408 757-8126.
Community Service opportunities for teens.



**Dave
Cortese**

**County Supervisor,
Third District**