



# Sunnyhills Times

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## FRIGHTENLY 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, snacks, 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. Please feel free to bring snacks to share with the children.

**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2018

**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@electric-bikes.com](mailto:SNA@electric-bikes.com) or The-Vu Nguyen at (408) 386-6115 or [the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org)



## Understanding Your Clean Energy Savings

by Silicon Valley Clean Energy Group

This year Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) became the official electricity provider for residents and businesses in Milpitas, joining our fellow Santa Clara County communities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Saratoga, Sunnyvale and unincorporated county neighborhoods.

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### Community Events Calendar

**SNA Monthly Meeting** 9/27/18

Community Breakfast 10/6/18

SNA Monthly Meeting 10/25/18

➔ **Halloween Party** 10/27/18

Community Breakfast 11/3/18

Milpitas Democratic Club Immigration Forum 11/3

Fall back clocks 11/4/18

➔ **Community Breakfast & ELECTIONS** 12/1/18

SNA Monthly Meeting 12/27/18

Community Breakfast 1/5/19

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## Clean Energy (Continued from page 1)

SVCE delivers carbon-free electricity at a lower cost than PG&E. PG&E continues to distribute electricity through their existing infrastructure, perform maintenance, billing and customer service, so there is no difference in your utility service or reliability. SVCE was formed by the communities it serves and is governed by a board of directors comprised of one elected representative from each of its participating communities.

SVCE has many resources available to Milpitas residents to help you understand the “Silicon Valley Clean Energy Electric Generation charges” on your PG&E Energy Statement, which first appeared on your July PG&E bill. It’s important to note that this new line item on your bill is not a duplicate charge, or an extra charge. SVCE charges REPLACE charges from PG&E, at a lower rate.

Solar customers can learn more about SVCE’s generous Net Energy Metering program at <https://www.svcleanenergy.org/solar/>. Note that solar customers with annual true-ups in the winter and spring are still being enrolled on a special schedule.

Visit the [Understanding Your Bill](#) webpage on the SVCE website for an illustrated guide to readying your PG&E Energy Statement: <https://www.svcleanenergy.org/your-bill/>

As a community-owned agency, Silicon Valley Clean Energy reinvests net revenues back in our communities by keeping rates competitive to save customers money, and through programs, scholarships and grants. SVCE is currently in the process of developing clean energy programs that will further help customers with lowering carbon emissions.

ENERGY STATEMENT		Account No: 1023456789-0
www.pge.com/MyEnergy		Statement Date: 07/02/2018
		Due Date: 07/31/2018
<b>Service For:</b>	<b>Your Account Summary</b>	
SPARKY JOULE	Credit Balance on Previous Statement	\$312.53
1234 MAIN STREET	Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement	-312.53
MILPITAS, CA 95035	Previous Unpaid Balance	0.00
<b>Questions about your bill?</b>	Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges	\$83.64
Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-9 p.m.	Silicon Valley Clean Energy Electric Generation Charges	\$34.75
Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.	<b>Total Amount Due by 03/28/2018</b>	<b>\$118.39</b>
Phone: 1-866-743-0335		
<b>Local Office Address</b>		
10900 N BLANEY AVE		
CUPERTINO, CA 95014		

#### Important Messages

Your charges on this page are separated into delivery charges from PG&E and generation or procurement charges from an energy provider other than PG&E. These two charges are for different services and are not duplicate charges.

## Breakfast with the Candidates

by Allysson McDonald

The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Milpitas Beat invite you to breakfast with the candidates on Saturday, October 6 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 355 Dixon Road (across from Weller School Playground).

Hear from Milpitas Mayoral and Council candidates, bring your questions, and enjoy coffee, eggs, and pastries on us. Donations gratefully accepted. Some of the candidates you will hear are Rich Tran, Voltaire Montemayor, Robert Marini, Tim Alcorn, Karina Dominguez, Van Lan Truong, and Marsha Grilli.

## 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 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.

## Community Breakfasts



All Milpitas are invited to join the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association on the first Saturday of the month at the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church (355 Dixon Road—across from Wells School Playground) 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 6, 8am-10am** — Milpitas Candidate Forum  
Hear from City Council and Mayor Candidates

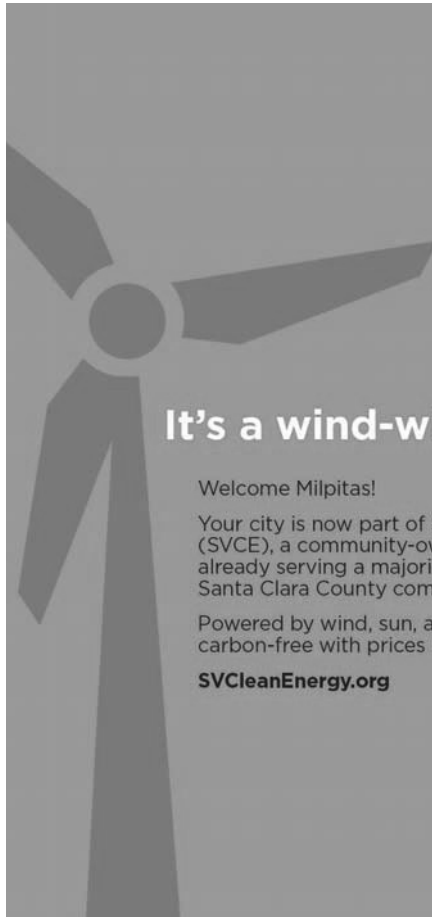
**November 3, 8am-9:30am** — What's New with the History of Milpitas? Milpitas Historical Society and Museum Society

**December 1, 8am-9:30am** — What Can the Neighborhood Association Do for You? General Meeting and Election

**January 5, 8am-9:30am** — Silicon Valley Green Energy (Milpitas's New Power Company)

**February 2, starting 9am** — Honoring the Past, Empowering the Future; Black History Month — Flamekeepers

# Paid Advertisements




**It's a wind-wind situation.**

Welcome Milpitas!

Your city is now part of Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE), a community-owned electricity provider already serving a majority of your neighboring Santa Clara County communities.

Powered by wind, sun, and water, SVCE is carbon-free with prices lower than PG&E.

**SVCleanEnergy.org**



# Your Opinion

## Proposition 10 Means Local Control and Stability By Allysson McDonald

New apartments in Milpitas go for over \$3,000 a month. According to an article that appeared in The Mercury News on September 13, even tech workers with six figure incomes can't afford the rent in the Bay Area! A California State law (Costa Hawkins) prevents cities from enacting rent control strategies to protect residents from rising rents. Prop. 10 would repeal that law and allow local control.

In the metro San Jose area (which includes Milpitas), 45 percent of all renter households are "rent burdened," meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their pre-tax income on rent. Many others pay up to 50% or more, making them one paycheck away from homelessness. A Mercury News article on July 3 reported that "rents across the state are up 2.1 percent from last year, continuing a trend that makes California home to some of the most expensive communities for renters."

Voting yes on Proposition 10 in November will repeal Costa Hawkins and give local communities in California the ability to pass rent control laws that will have the effect of stabilizing rents and keeping families in their homes. All families of every economic level will benefit from limits on rent increases so vote yes on Prop 10 in November. For more information, please go to <https://www.housingnowca.org/take-action>.



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A community foundation-sponsored organization and member of United Neighborhoods

### SNA 2018 Board Members

<b>President</b>	Allysson McDonald
<b>Vice President</b>	Guy Haas
<b>Treasurer</b>	Melanie Lewert
<b>Secretary</b>	Rob Means
<b>Members at Large</b>	Carmen Montano Voltaire Montemayor

SNA meets once a month on the last Thursday of the month at SMUC 7pm-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; Inquiries & summations to this newsletter can be sent to: [mlemail@mindspring.com](mailto:mlemail@mindspring.com)

## SNA Election Issue

Don't forget to **VOTE** on **November 1st** 

Elections are important to **all of us**. 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.

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.





# 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	* Halloween Party	* Bike & Roller Fest
* 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 tax deductible. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation.**

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## Membership Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

Tax Deductible Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

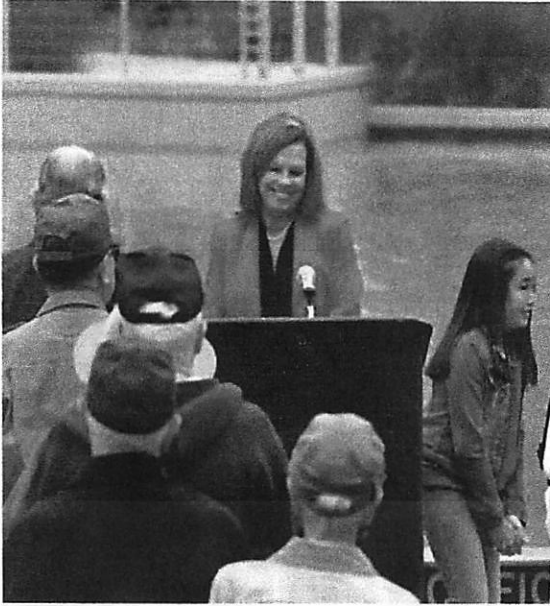
*Donations are not required to become a member*

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

# Marsha Grilli is an Experienced Leader That We Can Trust



- ✓ Leading the effort to protect and enhance affordable housing and tenants' rights in our community.
- ✓ Introduced and passed ordinances to help working families including raising the minimum wage and stopping wage theft.
- ✓ Fighting for clean energy, environmental safeguards, traffic mitigation and smart growth.
- ✓ Guarding tax dollars and budget transparency by creating the Community-Oriented Budget Program.

Re-elect  
**Marsha  
Grilli**  
*Bringing Us Together*  
**Milpitas City Council**



*"From clean energy to affordable housing to workers' rights, Vice-Mayor Grilli has taken the lead on the important issues that have come before the City. She does her homework, talks with*

*residents and brings people together to find solutions that benefit all of Milpitas."*

**--- Councilmember Anthony Phan**



*"A lot of politicians talk about important issues like public safety, education and affordable housing but Vice-Mayor Grilli puts words into action. When Sunnyhills residents faced losing our affordable housing she stood up to public officials and others who said there was nothing we could do. She met with us, fought for us and helped to create a long-term solution that puts residents first."* --- **Terri E. Naylor, Sunnyhills Resident**

✓ RE-ELECT

# CHRIS NORWOOD

MILPITAS BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- MUSD Vice President
- Balanced Budget (4)
- K-12 CS Champion
- Elementary Olympics
- County Partnerships
- Suicide Prevention
- Teacher Housing
- Governance Certified
- Family Engagement
- Student Internships



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**STUDENT SUCCESS**  
**SAFETY & SECURITY**  
**SECOND HIGH SCHOOL**

I, VOLTAIRE S. MONTEMAYOR, 66 years old, Geologist, Engineer, Technician, Singer, Chancellor, Sports player, Man of Integrity, Candidate for Mayor. My wife is a Nurse and works for Kaiser. We have 3 wonderful sons.

Worked as: Field Manager, Disbursing Officer, Aircraft Co-Pilot Navigator, Rock Sampler, Engineering Operator, Electro-Mechanical Assemble, Material Handler, Data Entry Member, Production Associate, Cashier, Stockman, and Facility Maintenance.

Studied and worked in USA and abroad. Was president of High School Student Body, Young Dreamers, & Farmers and Balungao Association of America.

Member: Knights of Columbus, Servants of the Lord-Couples for Christ, Lions Club, Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, and Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association.

I am a seated Commission of Parks (PRCRC); a regular attendee of City Council meetings, workshops, seminars, breakfasts, and events for 4 administrations.

Promotes: sporting events for kids, students, and family to enjoy.

Milpitas Be Champions in: singing, dancing, table tennis (ping pong), bowling, chess games, cycling, running up hills, boating, and gliding.

Celebrate: Milpitas Town Fiesta-Queens in popularity or beauty; parades of floats; booths of products, exhibits, and international foods.

Threats watch: Water shortages, flooding, earthquakes, and fires; prevention to containment of fire; earthquake drills; remove bad orders; settle garbage, traffic, crimes, housing rentals, homelessness issues, and environment care. Education focus, World peace, Love and Care for all Mankind, especially to the parishioners and the people of Milpitas.

“If we forget what we were, we won’t know what we are.” In me, is a civic, religious, and political leadership. I have the strength to bear the effort to maintain the fair stand to my three characteristics. I will always remember my youth to adult stage as a citizen, my worship to GOD, and the public choice to make me a leader or be a city legislator. I should have a good enough basis to do well for my aspirations.

## VOLTAIRE S. MONTEMAYOR

CANDIDATE FOR MILPITAS MAYOR



• Geologist •

- People
- City
- Business
- Environment
- Education
- Happy and Safe

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*Please Vote for:*

**Voltaire S. Montemayor**

**FOR MAYOR**

PEOPLE • CITY • BUSINESS • ENVIRONMENT • EDUCATION



# Show Your Holiday Spirit! Community Gathering and Halloween Party!!

**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2018  
**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
**Where:** Augustine Park at Coelho Street, Milpitas  
**Price:** Free!

Welcome to all Sunnyhills neighborhood friends! Come have fun and learn about safety precautions for Halloween as well as the Neighborhood Watch Program. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, and to give our children a chance to show off their costumes. Adults can come in costume too!

## Children's Costume Contest – judging at 3:15pm

- \* Surprises!
- \* Free snacks
- \* Live Music by Jump for Joy Music- fun for the whole family!
- \* Free Drinks
- \* Free Art Projects



This event is 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](mailto:the-vu.nguyen@bos.sccgov.org)

We also gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions of the City of Milpitas. Working together works!

Can you help? Contact [wiley@jumpforjoymusic.com](mailto:wiley@jumpforjoymusic.com) or call 408 757-8126.



**Dave Cortese**  
County Supervisor,  
Third District