



# MILLBRAE NEWS

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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# City Council Reorganization



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At our December 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Mayor of the City of Millbrae Reuben D. Holober and Vice Mayor Stephen Rainaldi were sworn into office.



# Rain Forecast

## For the week of Dec. 19–27

### Forecast from NOAA

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Millbrae residents should prepare for wet weather ahead as an atmospheric river takes aim at the Bay Area this weekend, bringing the first significant rainfall of the holiday season.

#### When to Expect Rain

The moisture will begin arriving Friday afternoon, with the wettest conditions expected from Saturday night through Monday morning. Sunday is shaping up to be the most challenging day for travel, with steady rainfall throughout the day.

While rain may occur intermittently through Christmas, the pattern will feature breaks between systems. The first storm will peak Sunday through Tuesday, followed by a potential second system arriving around Christmas Eve.

#### How Much Rain?

Current forecasts call for modest rainfall totals in Millbrae and the broader Peninsula, with 0.25 to 0.5 inches expected initially. Heavier rainfall is anticipated Saturday night, with total accumulations potentially reaching 2 to 4 inches through Tuesday, depending on the exact track of the atmospheric river.

The source of this moisture is impressive—a true "Pineapple Express" stretching back past Hawaii, nearly 1,000 miles from the International Date Line, tapping into unusually warm Pacific waters.

#### Track the Rain in Real Time

Millbrae residents can monitor rainfall and stream levels throughout the storm using a valuable local resource: the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (One Shoreline) maintains a comprehensive early warning system with real-time data.

##### Key Resources:

- Main Dashboard: [One Shoreline Early Warning System](#)
- **Rainfall Gauge Map: [Track rainfall across the county](#)**
- Stream Level Map: [Monitor creek and stream levels](#)
- Green Hills Creek: [Local monitoring station](#)

**[View and print our Storm Resource directory on page 9 or visit our website for more storm info and tips.](#)**

# Efficiency And Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home Program



## It's EASE-y to Upgrade Your Home and Save Money

BayREN's Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home Program helps income-eligible residents make energy upgrades that improve health and home comfort.

### Home Upgrade Support

The EASE Home Program supports a range of core upgrades to improve your home's comfort, energy efficiency, and safety. BayREN provides comprehensive assistance—including fixed pricing, direct installation, and step-by-step support. **You pay just 20% of the total project cost, with your contribution capped at \$1,000.**

Core Measures include:

- **Weatherization upgrades** keep your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer—like improved insulation, duct sealing or replacement, and whole-home air sealing.
- **Energy efficiency upgrades** such as smart thermostats and weatherstripping help reduce energy use and lower bills.
- **Health and safety upgrades** are necessary for completing weatherization upgrades and can include pest control and mold remediation.

**BayREN can also provide free consultation on upgrades to high-efficiency electrical appliances, including help finding and applying for third-party rebates.** Vetted contractors and fixed pricing are included.

Please note that BayREN does not currently offer any cost coverage for appliance upgrades. They may be added to your scope upon request. Program participants must have at least insulation or duct improvements on their scope to proceed.

### Who Qualifies?

You can participate if you:

- **Live in a single-family home** (four or fewer units) built before 2010. Qualified tenants will need property owner permission to proceed with upgrades.
- **Are a PG&E customer.**
- **Have a household income under or at 120% AMI.** Homes occupied by tenants will use the tenant's household income.
- **Install at least one energy-saving weatherization measure** in your planned upgrades, such as insulation, duct sealing, or duct repair or replacement.

### Income Eligibility

Residents must be income eligible to participate. Check your eligibility using the tool below and review acceptable documentation.



Interested in more rebates and incentives available to you?

Visit [theSwitchIsOn.org](http://theSwitchIsOn.org) to learn more!

# 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 Development 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.**



The Rec



MILLBRAE

*What's New in Millbrae Recreation!*  
 Check our website for more information about  
 classes, events, and registration for activities at:

[bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)

# WINTER camps

**Week of 12/22**

*Dragonfly Holiday Art & Jewelry Camp*  
 Fee: \$375R/\$395NR

**PLAY-WELL TECHNOLOGIES**  
 Fee: \$156R/\$176NR



**Week of 12/29**

**Brick Tech**  
 Fee: \$220R/\$240NR

Communication Academy  
 Fee: Half Day-\$345R/\$365NR or  
 Full Day \$655R/\$685 NR

**KIDS CARPENTRY**  
 Fee: \$295R/\$315NR







Millbrae Recreation  
 477 Lincoln Circle

Scan QR code or go to [bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)  
 for more information and to register!



*Chapman Production*

# INTRODUCTION TO HULA

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

AGES: 16+  
 DATES: 1/7-3/25  
 FEE: \$150R/\$170NR  
 LOCATION: MILLBRAE  
 RECREATION  
 477 LINCOLN CIRCLE



**IN THIS BEGINNER-FRIENDLY CLASS, YOU'LL LEARN THE GRACEFUL ART OF HULA. WE'LL COVER THE BASIC FOOTWORK, HAND GESTURES, AND BODY MOVEMENTS THAT TELL THE BEAUTIFUL STORIES OF THE ISLANDS. IT'S A WONDERFUL, LOW-IMPACT WORKOUT FOR ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.**





## JUNIOR CHEF STARS

**WHISK AROUND THE WORLD**

This is your ticket to a global kitchen adventure! In this flavorful program, your junior chefs will "whisk" away to a new country each week, exploring international cuisines, ingredients, and traditions through hands-on cooking fun. As we stir up global inspiration, students will also sharpen essential kitchen skills—including proper knife techniques, measuring, mixing, and teamwork—all while building confidence and curiosity one bite at a thyme. We will create tasty dishes, cook up culture, and learn through every fun-filled recipe. It's a recipe for adventure—and it's going to be souper! No passport required—just a hunger to explore!

**DATE AND TIME**  
 1/12-3/16  
 4:15 PM-5:30 PM

**LOCATION**  
 MILLBRAE RECREATION CENTER  
 477 LINCOLN CIRCLE

**AGES**  
 7-13 YRS

**\$360 R/  
\$380 NR  
SESSION**



Reserve your spot now at [bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)

# BINGO NIGHT

**PRIZES | FOOD | FUN**

Friday, January 23, 2026

Starts at 5:30 PM

\$5.00 per person to be paid at the door.

Please RSVP by January 16<sup>th</sup>

Call 650-259-2338





Millbrae Recreation  
 477 Lincoln Circle

[bit.ly/milrec](http://bit.ly/milrec)

• (650) 259-2360

• 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae, CA 94030

# Upcoming Millbrae Library Events



## **Wednesday, December 31, 11:00AM-1:00PM- Noon Year's Storytime Celebration with Paddington**

Join us for a very special Noon Year's storytime party with songs and stories, craft activities, and more as we countdown to the New Year (midday style!) with our special guest, Paddington!



## **Wednesday, January 7, 1:00PM - Responding to Dementia Related Behavior**

This program details common behavior changes of dementia and how they are a form of communication, non-medical approaches to behaviors, and recognizing when additional help is needed.



## **Thursday, January 8, 5:30PM-7:00PM - Restorative Yoga & Sound Healing**

Restorative Yoga begins with gentle stretches, incorporating mindfulness techniques and props to support long poses for the relaxation of your mind and body. No prior yoga experience is necessary.



## **Tuesday, January 13, 10:30AM -Adobe Class: Intro to Photoshop**

By the end of this course, you will have a good foundation of Photoshop CC skills that you can apply to your own projects. This course is suitable for beginners or intermediate users.



## **Thursday, January 22, 1:00PM - Retirement Planning, College Planning & Wealth Preservation**

This informative workshop covers key financial topics to help participants plan with confidence.

*Register now @ [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)*

# We're Hiring!

*Apply now: [www.calopps.org/city-of-millbrae](http://www.calopps.org/city-of-millbrae)*

Position	Salary	Job Type	Close Date
Community Development Director	\$199,698 - \$269,591 (Annually)	Full-Time	Jan. 12, 2026
Public Works Construction Inspector	\$54.61-\$69.70 (Hourly)	Full-Time	Until Filled
Deputy Finance Director	\$152,193-\$205,460 (Annually)	Full-Time	Until Filled

# Upcoming Events

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



**Jan. 10**  
9:00AM-12:00PM

**Compost Giveaway**  
**Spur Trail**  
**Millbrae and Palm Ave**



**Jan 31**  
11:00AM-2:00PM

**Fix-it-Clinic**  
**Millbrae Library**  
**1 Library Ave**



**Feb. 7**  
10:00AM-11:30AM

**California Native Garden Design**  
**Millbrae Recreation Center**  
**477 Lincoln Dr.**



**Feb. 14-15**  
10:00AM-5:00PM

**Lunar New Year Festival**  
**Downtown Millbrae**  
**Broadway**



**April 4**  
10:00AM-11:30AM

**Spring Festival**  
**Central Park**  
**477 Lincoln Dr.**



**April 18**  
11:00AM-2:00PM

**Mulch Giveaway**  
**Spur Trail**  
**Millbrae and Palm Ave.**



**April 25**  
9:00AM-12:00PM

**Earth and Arbor Day**  
**TBD**

# STORM DIRECTORY



## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

Life-threatening emergencies: 9-1-1

PG&E emergencies: 1-800-743-5000

After-hours water/street/sewer/storm concerns: 650-363-4951

Public Works (non-emergency): 650-259-2374



## SANDBAGS

Sandbags are still available to Millbrae residents on Millbrae and Palm. Please be mindful of your neighbors and take only what you need.



## POWER OUTAGES

Track outages in real-time at:

<https://pgealerts.alerts.pge.com/outagecenter/>

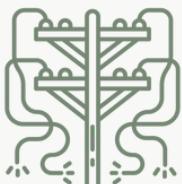


## TRAFFIC & ROAD CLOSURES

Countywide SMC Alert system -

<https://www.smegov.org/node/388760/smc-alert>

<https://511.org> for major roads/highways



## DOWNDOWNED POWER LINES

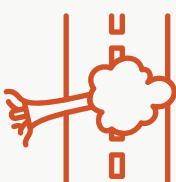
Do not touch or approach downed power lines

Stay in your car or home

Call 9-1-1 immediately

Then call PG&E: 1-800-743-5000

Note: Public Works crews cannot handle live wires please contact PG&E directly



## DOWNDOWNED TREE

Call 9-1-1 for downed trees touching power lines, on homes/cars, or blocking public roads.

Call Public Works non-emergency: 650-259-2374 for downed public trees on streets, sidewalks, or in parks



## EMERGENCY ALERTS

Countywide SMC Alert - <https://www.smegov.org/node/388760/smc-alert>

Citywide Millbrae Alert System - <https://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/list.aspx>



## LAST-MINUTE PREP

Clear gutters and drains around your home

Move belongings from flood-prone areas

Charge all devices

Have flashlights and batteries ready

Check your emergency kit

**TIP: PRINT AND HANG ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

## 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

*Christmas Day - December 25, 2025  
New Year's Day - January 1, 2026*

## 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

 [zoom https://bit.ly/MillbraeCC](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.*

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## 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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