



MILLBRAE NEWS

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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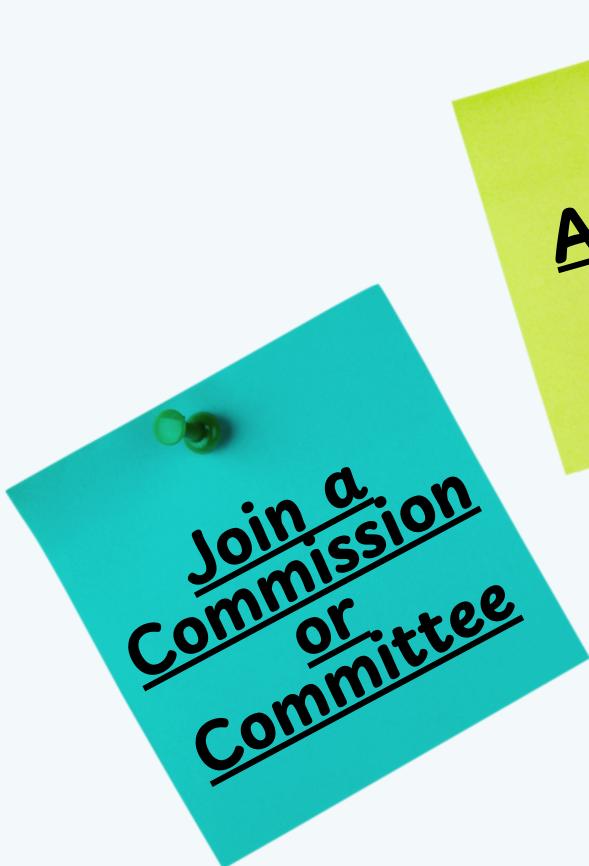
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HAPPY NEW YEARS!

Still need a resolution?
We've got your back!



Traffic Calming Update: Park Blvd and Flashing Stop Signs

Two speed tables and additional traffic striping were installed to reduce speed on Park Blvd. near Cappuccino High School. Speed tables are flat topped and so will not impact emergency vehicles or buses to the same degree as speed bumps, making sure that response times are not impacted.

Flashing beacons were installed at the Taylor/Magnolia, El Bonito/Hillcrest, and Hillcrest Magnolia Intersections. This effort serves as a pilot program to gauge effectiveness of the traffic calming tool on stop time.

If you would like to report a problem or suggest solutions for any traffic issue, parking, speed, etc. you can [fill out our traffic calming form](#) and submit it to our Public Works engineering desk or online to pwadmin@ci.millbrae.ca.us

After your form is submitted our engineers will review the request. First, an engineer will conduct a speed study to see if a response is necessary. They will collect data on how fast cars are traveling, depending on the results, the engineers will either deny the application, or continue on in the review process.



Park Blvd. Traffic Calming

If you'd like to read more about our traffic calming program, [view our traffic calming toolbox](#) or [visit our website](#).



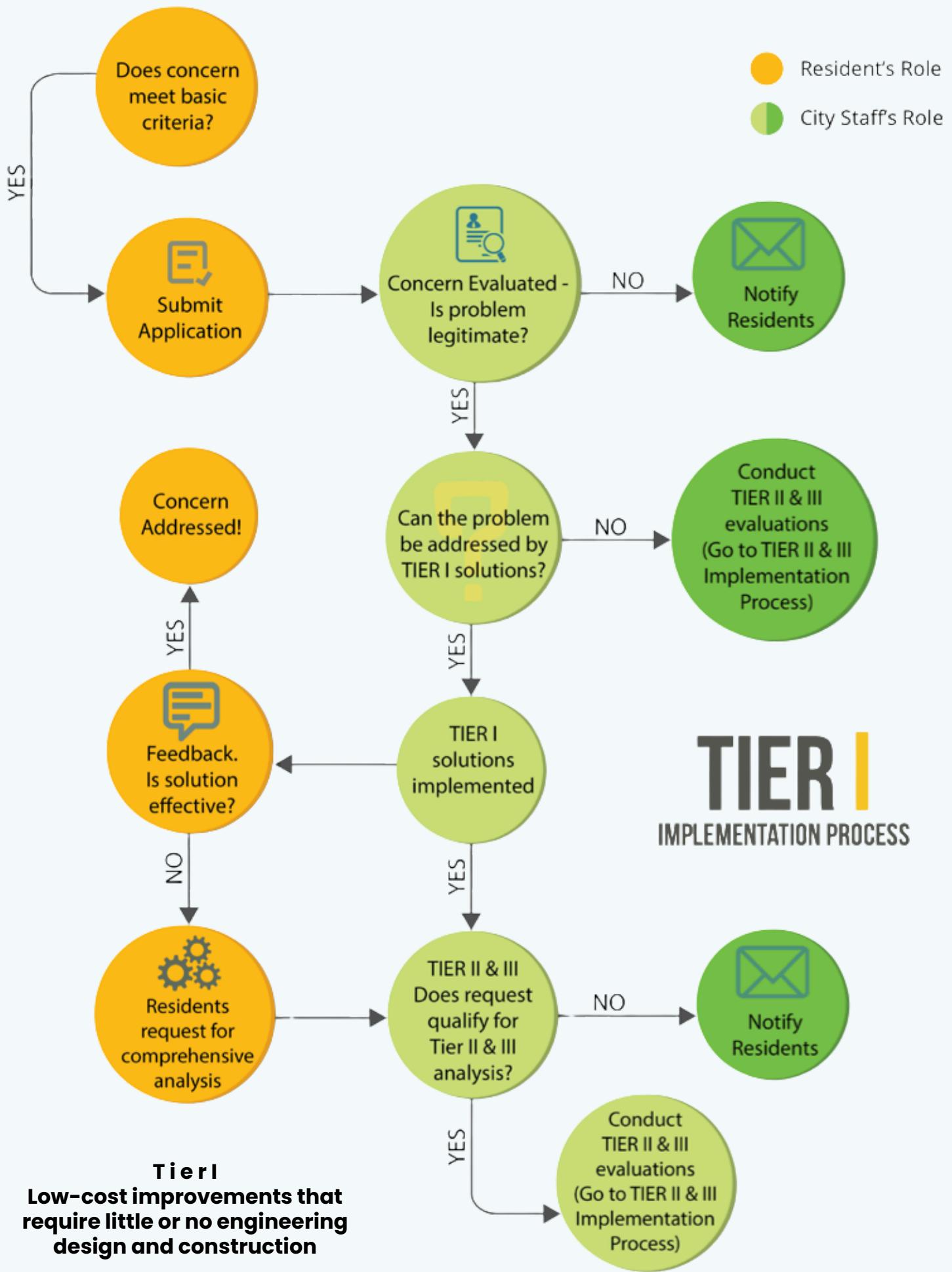
Stop Sign with Flashing Beacon

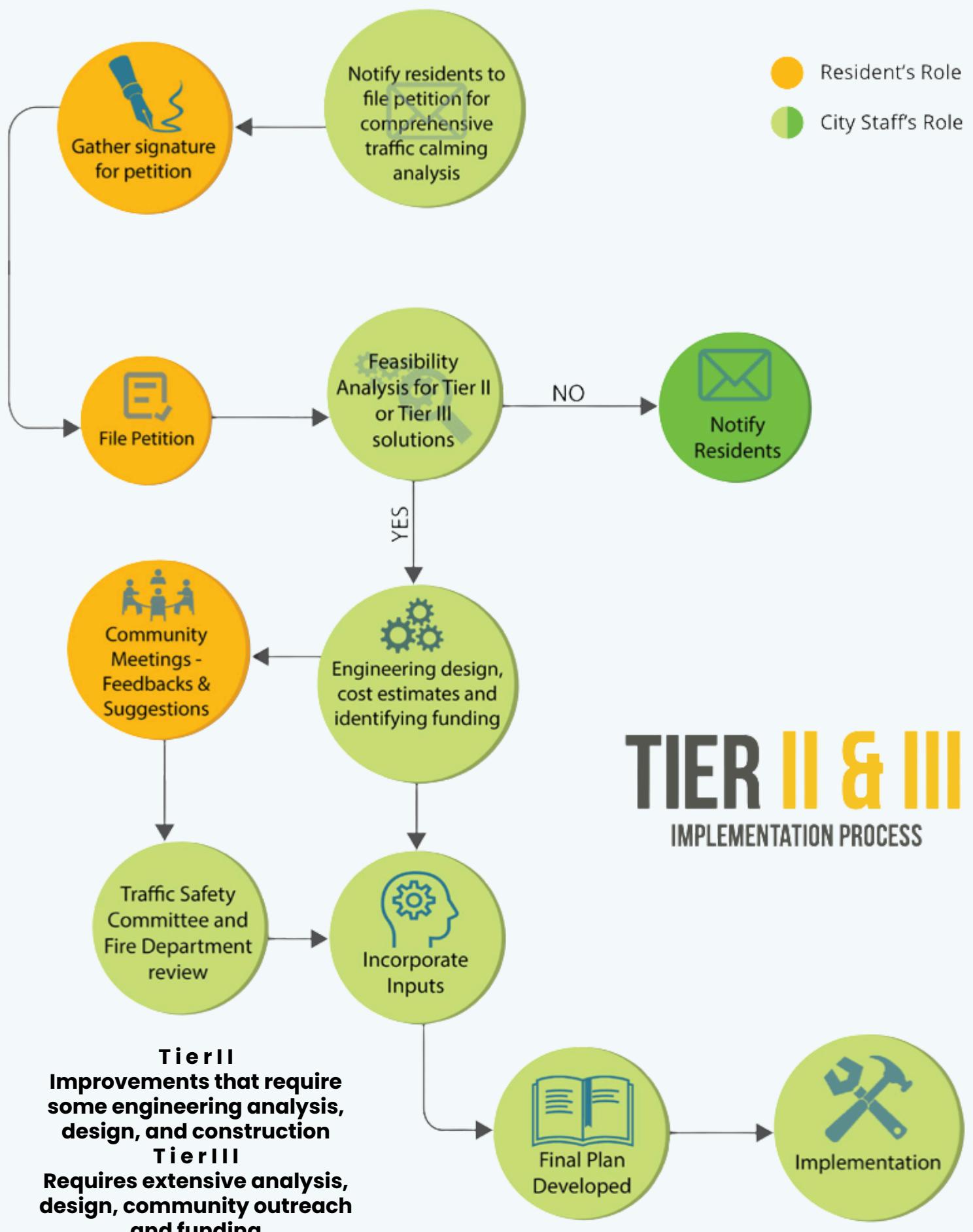
Our engineering department meet bi-monthly with a cross-departmental study group that includes representatives from Fire, Police, and Planning, to review any requests that have passed the speed study. The group will consider a number of concerns including emergency routes, response times, stop time compliance, and much more.

In some cases our engineers will consult outside traffic engineers to conduct signal timing analysis, traffic volume, turning movement counts (how many vehicles go through the light, whether they make a right, left or go straight).

Your safety is our biggest concern. Please do not hesitate to file a Traffic Calming form or contact our Engineering Division.

View the traffic calming review process by severity of concern on [pages 4-5](#).





Instructions provided by South San Francisco Scavenger

How to dispose of your tree

Still hanging onto your tree? Here's how to say goodbye to the holidays responsibly:

- Remove the stand and ALL decorations including lights and tinsel
- Cut tree in half if it is over 6ft
- Place your tree at the curb by 5 am on your regular collection day

DO NOT bag your tree

A special truck may be used to collect trees in your neighborhood. This truck can arrive earlier or later than our regular collection trucks. **Flocked and artificial trees cannot be recycled** and will be collected by the regular garbage route.

Ever wonder what happens once your tree is picked up? When the holidays are over, natural Christmas trees don't go to waste, they get recycled into mulch and wood chips!

Your tree continues to give back long after the holidays are over by nourishing gardens, parks and landscapes.



Do I need compost in my garden?

Composting is one of the simplest yet most impactful practices you can adopt for your garden and the environment. By transforming organic waste into nutrient-rich soil amendment, composting offers benefits that extend from your backyard to the broader ecosystem.

Why Compost Matters

Compost acts as a natural fertilizer that enriches soil with essential nutrients, helping plants grow healthier and more resilient. It improves soil structure, increasing its ability to retain moisture while also enhancing drainage—a balance that's crucial for plant health. This means less watering, fewer chemical fertilizers, and stronger plants that can better resist pests and diseases. It's nature's way of recycling, closing the loop on organic materials and returning valuable nutrients to the earth.

Our Compost Giveaway scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed due to the weather. Please subscribe to our [**Sustainable Millbrae Calendar**](#) to be notified when the event is rescheduled.

Fixit Clinic Jan. 31

Practice your Right to Repair!



San Mateo
County
Libraries



Fix-it Clinic

SAT. JANUARY 31
11:00AM–2:00PM
MILLBRAE LIBRARY

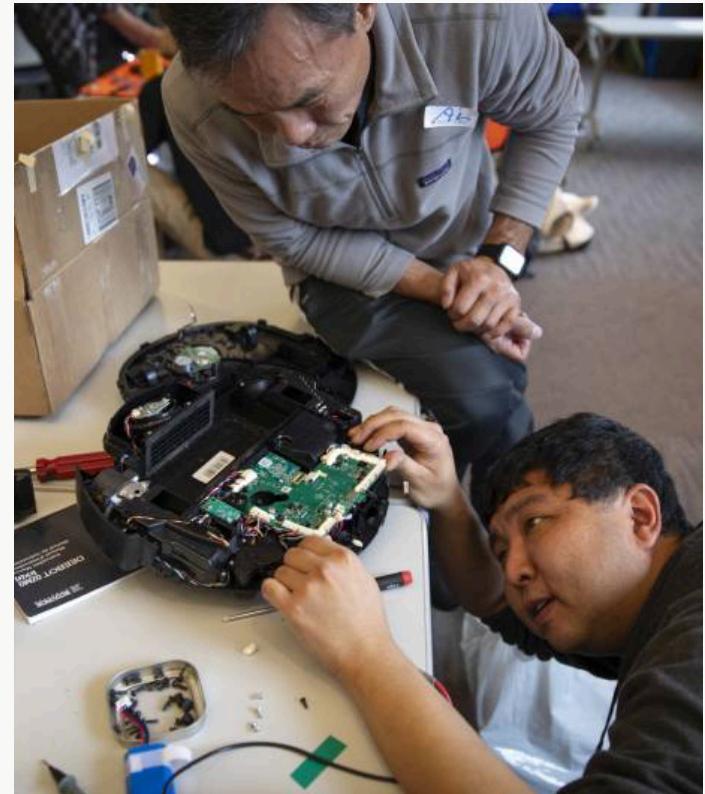
BRING ANY BROKEN ITEM,
WE WILL HELP YOU FIX-IT!

Robot vacuum come to a halt? Sewing machine suddenly stop? A problem with your iPhone but you cant physically open it up- or know how to fix it? You wish you didn't have to throw it away, but there's no other option...until now.

Thanks to California's new Right to Repair Act, electronic and appliance manufacturers HAVE to make parts, tools, and information available for you to fix your purchase.

If you'd like to try out fixing something, but don't have the tools or confidence to do it alone, check out Millbrae's Fixit Clinic on January 31 at the Millbrae Library from 11:00am-2:00pm, and work together with trained fixit coaches to repair your broken items. Make sure to register your broken item in advance

[Register at <http://bit.ly/itemcheckin>](http://bit.ly/itemcheckin)





Upcoming Millbrae Library Events



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.



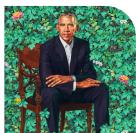
Wednesday, January 28, 3:30PM-4:30PM - Sonic Superstars Tournament

Compete and win prizes! Test your Sonic Superstars skills against your fellow gamers in a tournament hosted by the library. Prizes will be announced at the start of the event.



Saturday, January 31, 11:00AM-2:00PM - Fixit Clinic

Building resilient communities through conveying essential troubleshooting skills and celebrating repair, Fixit Clinics are a do-it-together hands on workshop!



Thursday, February 5, 3:00PM-4:00PM Kehinde Wiley-Inspired Self Portraits

Attendees will learn about contemporary painter Kehinde Wiley, who specializes in picturing the black experience through portraiture and symbolism. Walk away with a framed self portrait!



Tuesday, February 10, 10:30AM-12:30PM - Computer Basics: Intro to Artificial Intelligence

This introductory course provides an overview of leading conversational AI tools, including ChatGPT, Bing AI, Google's Bard and Anthropic's Claude.

Register now @ smcl.org

We're Hiring!

Apply now: www.calopps.org/city-of-millbrae

Position	Salary	Job Type	Close Date
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
POSTPONED

Compost Giveaway
Check our [Sustainable Millbrae Calendar](#) for updates.



Jan. 19
10:00AM

MLK Day Tree Planting
Central Park
Palm and Lansdale 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.

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19, 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>

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.

[Reuben D. Holober, Mayor](#)
District 3

[Stephen Rainaldi, Vice Mayor](#)
District 1

[Sissy Riley, Councilmember](#)
District 2

[Bob Nguyen, Councilmember](#)
District 4

[Anders Fung, Councilmember](#)
District 5

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