

# Milpitas Muse

## Join Our Next Meeting on Wednesday, May 12

The Milpitas Historical Society hopes that you can join us at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 12, for our now-regular Zoom-hosted meeting. If you haven't yet used Zoom to attend one of our meetings, see the other side of this newsletter.

Our presenter for our May meeting is David Mariani, who has served on 27 corporate boards, including but not limited to private corporate boards, industry agency boards, and public boards. His professional career includes agri-business, real estate development, venture capital, and private and public banking.



David Mariani



In 2007, Mr. Mariani migrated back to his roots and founded Maristone, an herb-leafy-green fresh produce company; under his leadership, Maristone designed four different custom hydroponic growing systems and produced herbs under ¾ million square feet of glass. Mr. Mariani is currently developing a proprietary automated apiary system designed to assist apiarists to more efficiently manage and monitor bee colonies.

Mr. Mariani has authored two books, *Book of Wisdom*, and *Poverty of Affluence*. The latter book, about which he will be speaking, provides a history of Santa Clara Valley from the viewpoint of some of the early ranchers and land owners. The Marianis have been one of the seminal families in this Valley for five generations. His book takes us on a journey from the beginnings of Santa Clara Valley as the fruit basket of the world; the real estate boom of the '60s and '70s, right through to the computer age and the birth of Silicon Valley. The author weaves an entertaining, provocative and compelling story based on his personal experiences.

## The Stories of Milpitas Parks: Creighton Park



This newly improved park is named for the person who, in June 1855, constructed the first business building at a key intersection in Milpitas Township (where then Alviso Road eastward connected to Mission Road and where today Serra Way branches off from Calaveras Boulevard and soon connects to Main Street).

Frederick Creighton, of English birth and ancestry, was part of the migrant wave surging to Northern California shortly after the discovery of gold.

Creighton's store met numerous needs of early township residents: it was a saloon, it was a general store providing canned and dry goods of all sorts, and it was the first post office of Milpitas. Frederick Creighton served as Milpitas' first U.S. Postmaster for a decade, from June 1856 through May 1866.

The 5-acre park can be approached from the west via Dempsey Road into Richter Court or from the east via Park Victoria Blvd. down Olympic Drive. There are two additional access points as well: from the south, via the northern ends of either Big Bear Court or Matterhorn Court.

The park has lots of mature trees providing good shade on hot days as well as an expansive sunny green space for varied uses. Scattered about are simple benches for seating as well as tabled benches for leisurely eating of picnic food.

In the northern section of this recently upgraded park there is a large redesigned play-space with a wide range of equipment, including several types of climbing equipment, slides, and swings, all of which are installed on a foam surface to minimize injury from potential accidental falls. Very close by, there is a unisex bathroom that is a blessing for park-goers, especially those with smaller children.

For pet owners, in what is rare for the more than thirty parks of the City, the upgraded Creighton Park's southern section has a fenced dog play-space with two enclosures – one specifically for small dogs and an adjacent one for large dogs.

Finally, there is a walking trail around the perimeter of the park for exercise as well as for interconnecting the different resources of the park.

Come enjoy this wonderfully “reimagined” park!

### Joining the Zoom Meeting!

Our President, Bill Hare, has set up a Zoom link that you will be able to click on to join each Historical Society meeting at 7 pm Pacific Time (US and Canada).

From your Mac, PC, tablet, or smartphone, click on this link below and you will be connected!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8538460380?pwd=WXJMdGFKTWFlMkE5eU5JL3FOSFVxUT09>

That should get you in automatically, but if you prefer to click the JOIN button, then enter this information:

Meeting ID: 853 846 0380

Passcode: history

Another easy way to join us is to visit our website at [milpitashistoricalsociety.org](http://milpitashistoricalsociety.org), where there will be a link to click near the top of the page that will take you to the meeting!

We will have a social time afterwards (as we usually do after the meetings), so this is a great opportunity to catch up with friends who have not been able to see each other in person for quite a while now. We very much look forward to seeing *all of you* at this meeting!

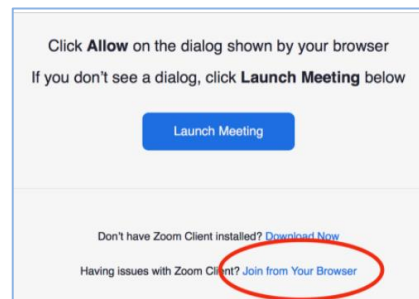
### Membership

***NO DUES needed for 2021!***

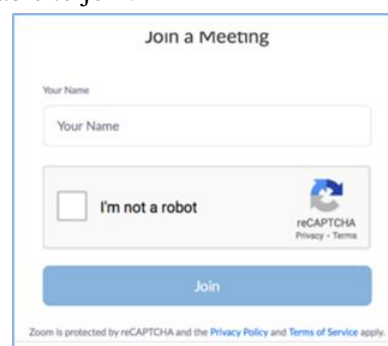
As we have said before, the Board of Directors of the Milpitas Historical Society in January decided to waive all dues for membership in Calendar Year 2021.

### New to Our Zoom Meetings? Read This!

To join our meetings, if you don't have the Zoom app, click on the **Join Zoom Meeting** link in the invitation, and you will see this window below, telling you to join from your browser.



That will take you to the next window, where you will enter your name and check the “I’m not a robot” box, and then be able to join:



If you do not have a computer or smartphone, or simply are just not comfortable with navigating the steps, you probably know a family member or friend who can help you. Ask that person if you could please join up with them for this meeting to watch the Zoom presentation; they will probably enjoy it too.

### Our Society's Contact Information

You can contact the Milpitas Historical Society:

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