



Milpitas Muse

Join Our Next Meeting on Wednesday, June 9

The Milpitas Historical Society hopes that you can join us at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 9, for our next 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 this meeting will be Cassie Kifer, author of the 2020 book *Secret San Jose*, a fascinating look at all the things you didn't know that you might find in our neighbor city to the south. She will share several of these interesting secrets with us.



Cassie Kifer

Cassie Kifer is a digital communications specialist, freelance writer, editor, and photographer who has long lived in San Jose but loves to travel and writes about travels too. She says: "If anyone from your group is interested in buying a copy of *Secret San Jose* before or after the event, I have set up a coupon code for your group on my website.

If you use the code: MHS at secretsanjose.com, you will get 15% off. I sell signed copies there and (usually) deliver them myself so folks get them faster than the mail! I am looking forward to talking to everyone there."

Do You Have Any Historic Milpitas Photos?



Sometimes old photos can reveal unexpected things about the historic surroundings where they were taken, as well as preserving your own and your friends' and relatives' memories! Do you have any old photos taken in Milpitas that show the way things, as well as people, looked in those days? If so, we'd love to see them, and maybe copy them for our historic archive. For more information, or to donate, contact bill@billhare.tv

Important Vote for Our Membership

At the May meeting of the Society's Board of Directors, it was decided that we recommend to our membership the return of the \$8,000 that was donated to us by the Milpitas Community Museum.

Background: In 2018, the Milpitas Historical Society con-tractually agreed to "preserve the artifacts in its collection at the Great Mall for eventual display as negotiated in a community museum and to grant the Milpitas Community Museum access to display at the Great Mall information to the public regarding the Milpitas Community Museum, its goals, and its mission."

Then, in 2019, the Society was ordered by Great Mall management to remove our collection so that this exhibit space could be converted for other use. We moved our collection into storage in compliance with that order.

Therefore, the Society is no longer able to use this space to publicize the Museum's mission. Consequently Joseph Ehardt, as Treasurer of the Society, recommended to the Board that we return the \$8,000 *donation because we cannot fulfill all of the terms of the 2018 agreement.*

Returning this money places no strain whatsoever on the financial condition of the Society, which currently has \$64,359.39 in its treasury. Since our exit from the Great Mall, the Society has received \$6,578 through services we provided to Milpitas Charity Bingo, part of which came directly from contributions from its players. In the first five months of 2021, we have averaged about \$650 a month in income from MCB and will continue to do so as long as the opportunity is available. Of the original \$8,000 donation, the Society still has \$3,946.39 unspent. This means only \$4,053.61 is needed from our fundraising to restore the full \$8,000 contribution.

At the June 9th general meeting of the Society, the Board will be asking our membership in attendance via Zoom to approve the Board's recommendation to return the Thus, at the June 9th general meeting of the Society, the Board will be asking our membership in attendance at our meeting via Zoom to approve the Board's recommendation to return the entire \$8,000 donation to the Milpitas Community Museum.

Please join us at the June 9th meeting for this important vote by the membership.

Milpitas Main Street Revitalization Project



The City of Milpitas has been having public conversations via Zoom about revitalizing Main Street. April 29th was a “Conversation on Business.” May 27th was a “Conversation on Housing.” On Thursday, June 24th, 6-8pm, there will be a “Conversation on History and Culture.”

Registration is required and admission is free. You can sign up by going to the EventBrite website with the following URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/more-community-conversations-on-revitalizing-main-street-milpitas-tickets-151134175387>

From EventBrite you will receive specific “sign-in” information about joining this Zoom meeting.

This meeting should be of interest to all of us members interested in Milpitas history.

Buying from Amazon?



If you make any purchases using Amazon, did you know that you can help support the Milpitas Historical Society each time you buy something there. If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, simply sign up at smile.amazon.com and select Milpitas Historical Society to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

- From a computer, click on the “Get Started” button, sign in to your account, (or open one), go to what you want to order, remember to click on the Amazon Smile icon on the upper left of the screen and then place your order.
- From a phone, open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone to place your order.

Joining the Zoom Meeting!

Our President, Bill Hare, has set up a Zoom link that you can use to automatically join each 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=WXJMdGFKTWF1MkE5eU5JL3FOSFVxUT09>

OR use your browser to go to milpitashistoricalsociety.org, and on the home page there will be a link to click that will automatically take you to the meeting!

If you prefer manual entry, click the JOIN button on the Zoom page, then enter this information:

Meeting ID: 853 846 0380

Passcode: history

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.

Our Society's Contact Information

You can contact the Milpitas Historical Society:

- by mail at 160 N. Main Street, Milpitas CA 95035
- by email at tmhs@milpitashistoricalsociety.org
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