

Milpitas Muse

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**> SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th <
LUNCH, 12 NOON – 3:00 PM**



**OMEGA RESTAURANT
90 S. PARK VICTORIA BLVD, MILPITAS**

OUR 4TH LUNCH MEETING

To make a reservation (required), please text or call Joe Ehardt at 408-384-1366 before October 21. The cost of the meal is \$35 per person payable by cash, check, or Venmo at the event. Special drinks from the bar are the responsibility of the member who placed the order.

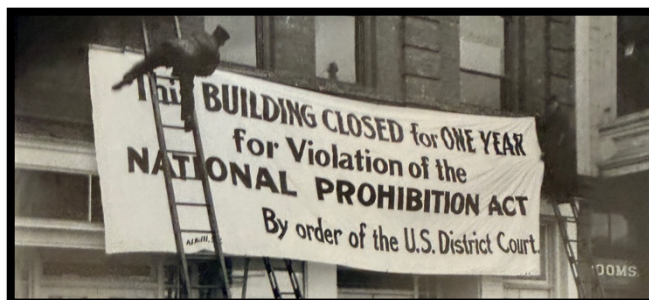
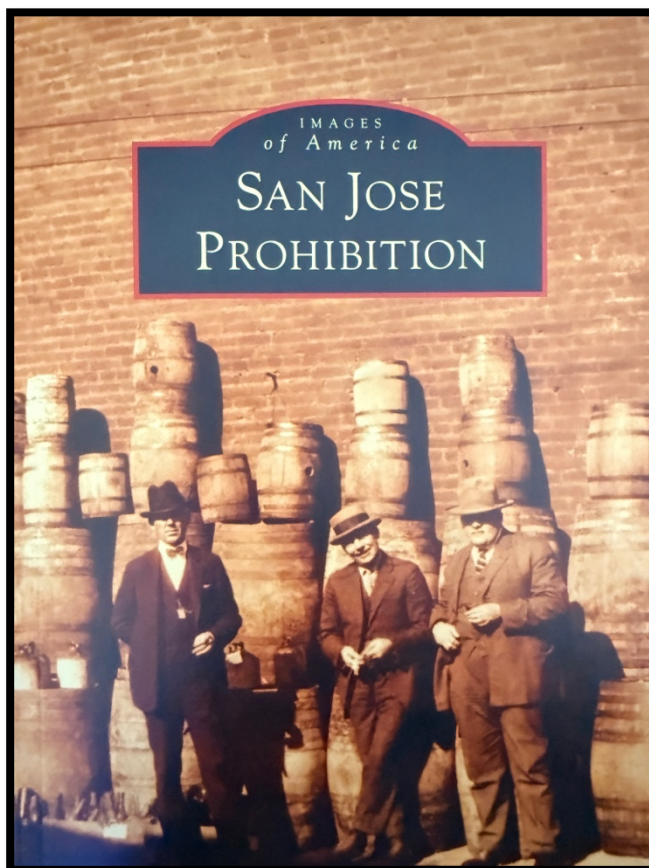
The Presentation

PROHIBITION IN SAN JOSE

The 18th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution was passed by Congress on December 18th, 1917 and ratified on January 16th, 1919, when the 36th of 48 states (Nebraska) voted its approval. It banned the manufacture, sale, and transport of intoxicating liquids, but omitted any specific definition of such a liquid nor how the ban would be enforced.

The Volstead Act solved that, becoming law on October 28th, 1919. After it had been passed by Congress, it was vetoed by President Woodrow Wilson and then overridden by Congress. It defined what beverages were banned and the means of enforcement.

Prohibition started January 17th, 1920, and it ended December 5, 1933, in force almost 14 years before the 21st Amendment repealed the 18th.



PRESENTER: TED RAMOS

Some of us already know Ted from his presentation to the Society in February 2021 about his previous book, *Images of America: San Jose Gambling*. A local historian and police officer with the San Jose Police Department, Ted has just finished a new book, the cover of which is shown above. Meet him at lunch!

OUR OCTOBER 24th LUNCHEON AT OMEGA

The Society needed to delay our meeting by one week because of a conflict with a major annual City-sponsored family social event: Pumpkins in the Park.



Every year the Society takes its Frontier Days Jail, specially decorated for Halloween, to the park for children to climb inside for family photos to be taken. We also put up the Society tent as a booth where children craft their own Halloween toys to take home with some candy. So, at noon on Saturday, October 24th, we will gather together to share a buffet-style luncheon with the following choices:

**Tri-Tip Steak with Sauteed Mushrooms,
Baked Chicken, & Fresh Fish
with Rice, Veggies and Salad
(Optional Vegetarian Plate is OK)**

When making your reservation, there is no need to specify your food choice; everyone can choose when we serve ourselves at the event

After the meal, we will watch Ted's presentation on the history of prohibition in San Jose.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Milpitas Recreation and Community Services

DIA DE MUERTOS

5K & WELLNESS FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
9-11 AM
GILL MEMORIAL PARK
SANTA RITA DR. AND PASSED REFUGIO

5K SUGAR SKULL RUN-WALK-ROLL
REGISTRATION FOR THE 5K WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Race start: 9 a.m. at Gill Memorial Park
Adults: \$42 | Kids 17 and under: \$32
Price includes a medal, t-shirt, and race swag bag.

To register, visit bit.ly/milpitas-event
All sales are final, no refunds.
Event will be held rain or shine.
Entertainment subject to change.

• LIVE MARIACHI BAND •
• SUGAR SKULL FACE PAINTING •
• KIDS CRAFTS •
• WELLNESS-FOCUSED RESOURCES •

MILPITAS RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PUMPKINS IN THE PARK 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
11 AM - 1 PM
CARDOZA PARK
KENNEDY DRIVE AND PARK VICTORIA DRIVE

FREE ADMISSION

\$16 GOLDEN GOURD PUMPKIN PASS
Entry for 7 premium activities and access to the Pumpkin Patch

\$8 MINI GOURD PUMPKIN PASS
Entry for 3 premium activities and access to the Pumpkin Patch

\$3 ACORN PASS
Entry for 1 premium activity

Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, September 14.
Purchase Pumpkin Passes at bit.ly/milpitas-event

CITY OF MILPITAS

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

2026

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 9 AM
VETERANS PLAZA, 457 E. CALAVERAS BLVD.
BETWEEN CITY HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER

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