

Crime Prevention Bulletin

FROM THE SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Protect your vehicle, home and valuables with the following crime prevention tips.

Vehicle Break-Ins

- ◆ **ALWAYS lock your vehicle** - An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to a thief.
- ◆ **NEVER leave valuables inside your vehicle or TRUNK** - If they can see it, they can steal it! Don't be an easy target. Remove cell phones, laptops, GPS devices, iPods, etc.
- ◆ **Use anti-theft devices** - Alarms & steering wheel locks.
- ◆ **Park in visible, well-lighted areas** - Avoid parking in secluded and dark areas.
- ◆ **Immediately report any suspicious activity or persons in the area.**
- ◆ **If you are a victim of a vehicle break-in,** a police report can be filed online at scpd.org.

Home Break-Ins

- ◆ **ALWAYS lock your home** - Have a dead bolt and use it! Lock all doors and windows in front of your home and behind fenced areas.
- ◆ **Daytime occurrence** - Thieves know most people work during the day, so most break-ins are occurring during day time hours.
- ◆ **Be Alert** - Don't dismiss suspicious persons, vehicles or situations. Report them immediately! Look out for your neighbors. Get to know your neighbors.
- ◆ **Use anti-theft devices** - Alarms, dogs, lighting and defensible plants.

Contact the Santa Clara Police Department immediately to report a crime in progress or any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles in your neighborhood.

9-1-1 Emergency or Non-Emergency 615-5580

Triton Museum of Art News

Exhibitions

Verne Trendadi

July 12 - September 13, 2015

Barry Masteller

July 18 - September 13, 2015

Through the Lens of Four

July 18 - September 20, 2015

Events

Coffee with the Curator

Monday, July 27, 2015, 8 – 9 a.m.

NIGHT@tritonmuseum

Friday, July 31, 2015, 6 - 8 p.m.

Triton Museum of Art
1505 Warburton Ave.
Santa Clara, CA 95050
408-247-3754
tritonmuseum.org

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July 2015



National Night Out America's Night Out Against Crime

Plan an event in your neighborhood

Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Every August, neighbors throughout America come out of their homes to attend neighborhood events designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen positive police and community partnerships. As always, all neighborhoods in Santa Clara are invited to participate. Neighborhoods that register by July 29 to officially be part of National Night Out can schedule a visit from a City official or representative of the Police or Fire Departments. Neighborhood events can vary with some of the most popular being potlucks, barbecues, ice cream socials, children's activities and theme parties. Some neighborhoods organize block parties with street closures and amplified music. Street

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closures require a petition signed by all affected neighbors to be submitted to the City's Business License Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., at least three weeks in advance. Information on an amplified music permit may be obtained at SantaClaraCA.gov/amplifiedmusic. Participants are reminded to be sure to lock their doors while they are outside and to turn on outdoor lights. See the Summer Edition of the *Inside Santa Clara* Newspaper for Registration Form, or contact Community Service Officer Rachel Thomas by email at rthomas@santaclaraca.gov, or call 408-615-4876.

Street Dance

Franklin Square, at Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street

Friday, August 7, from 7-9:30 p.m.



This year the free Franklin Square Street Dance will feature the funk, soul, disco and Latin dance music of The Hitmen. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the event, or start the evening by making reservations for an early dinner at a Franklin Square restaurant. Don't miss this enjoyable event, sponsored by the City's Cultural Commission. For more information, call 408-615-2210.

Sister Cities Annual BBQ

Santa Clara Elks Lodge, 1680 Martin Ave.

Saturday, August 15, 1-4 p.m.

Join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association for its annual Chicken BBQ. The menu includes a half slow-roasted BBQ Chicken prepared by Master Chefs Colin Boyles and Gary Potts, Portuguese beans prepared by Ray and Gerri Gamma, salad, lemonade, ice cream and Elise DeYoung's Famous Garlic Bread! Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$9 for students and \$7.50 for seniors over 65. For more information visit santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Senior Center to Host Blood Pressure Clinic

Northside Library, 695 Moreland Way

Tuesday, August 18 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Know your 'numbers' and meet the nurses from Santa Clara Senior Center's Health & Wellness Program. For 35 years, the Health & Wellness Program RNs and Geriatric Care Manager have been helping Santa Clara's older adults, age 50+, live healthier, more independent lives by providing health coaching, referrals to community resources, and care management services. This is a drop-in, free of charge event. Meet us in the Library's Group Study Room 1 for free blood pressure checks and information about community resources, including Senior Center activities and services. Please stop by – we'd love to meet you!

Ice Cream Social

Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street

Wednesday, August 26, 1-3 p.m.

Join us for the annual Ice Cream Social and learn about the wide variety of programs and services

available to City of Santa Clara residents ages 50+ and individuals with special needs. Enjoy live entertainment and take the opportunity to meet the staff at the Senior Center. Price for ice cream is \$1 for Santa Clara seniors, \$2 for family members or seniors who live in other cities. Call the Santa Clara Senior Center at 408-615-3170 for more information.

Dog Gone!

Help keep your pets SAFE!

Have you recently become the proud owner of a puppy or new adult dog? Many pet owners know that opened gates are invitations for runaway and sometimes lost pets. Please help the City of Santa Clara Meter Readers and keep your pets safe! Call the City's Finance Department Customer Service number at 408-615-2300 or send an email to UtilityBilling@santaclaraca.gov so your account is updated to alert the Meter Reader of your new dog.

Graffiti Watch

Graffiti can trigger a decline in property values and is seen as a factor in the overall deterioration in a community's quality of life. Graffiti taggers consider themselves to be artists, but graffiti is not an art form. It is the deliberate defacing of public or private property without the owner's permission. Rapid and continual removal is one of the best ways to discourage "tagging." It denies graffiti vandals the recognition they seek and results in the area remaining graffiti-free for a longer period. The City of Santa Clara offers a \$250 reward for information that leads to an arrest of graffiti vandals. To report graffiti vandalism, call the City's Dial-A-Tip/Graffiti Hotline at (408) 241-9495. For more information on graffiti removal from private property, call the Public Works Department at (408) 615-3080.