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Santa Clara**
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Voters to consider Council election change on June 5

A ballot measure to change the way Santa Clara elects members of the City Council will be considered by voters during the Gubernatorial Primary Election on Tuesday, June 5.

If approved, the City Charter would be amended so that Council members are elected to represent one of two districts. (How to divide the City into two districts will be determined at public hearings in the spring.) Each district will have three Council members and only residents of the district will vote for those Council positions. Currently candidates run for a specific Council seat, which does not represent a geographical district, and are elected by all voters in the City.

The June 5, 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election is the first step in the transition process. If the Charter Amendment measure passes in June, then in the November 2018 election two Council members would be elected to four-year terms for District 1 by residents living in that district. Voters throughout the City will also elect a Mayor for a four-year term in November 2018.

The second phase of the transition would occur in 2020, when voters in District 1 would select a Council member for a two-year term and voters in District 2 would select three Council members for four-year terms.

To be eligible to vote in the June 5 election, residents must be registered to vote by May 21. Requests to vote by mail ballot must be received by May 29. More information on how to register and request mail ballots can be found on the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters website, SCCgov.org, and from the Santa Clara City Clerk's Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., 408-615-2220 or the website SantaClaraVotes.org.

Ranked Choice Voting in the future

Currently, Santa Clara uses plurality voting, where the candidate who receives the most votes is elected. A new type of voting method – a form of Ranked Choice Voting – could be put in place beginning as early as the 2020 election if the City Charter amendment measure is approved in June 2018. In this method, voters rank candidates on their ballot in order of preference and candidates must receive a certain threshold of voter support to be elected. More detailed information will be provided to voters before the system is put into place.

All of these election changes were recommended by a Charter Review Committee appointed by the City Council.



Fire Department helps fight wildfire

The Santa Clara Fire Department dispatched Engine 90 and a crew of four firefighters to Southern California on Dec. 5 to help fight the massive wildfire in Venture County. The team was assigned to structure protection. Explosive, gusty winds – clocked at more than 75 mph – fed the fire that destroyed 150+ homes in one night. Wind-drive fire embers made for tenuous conditions. At press time, the fire had scorched more than 236,000 acres but was slowly coming under control.

Central Park Annex coming soon

A new public park is nearly complete between Kiely Boulevard and Miles Drive. It includes areas with native grasses and creek upland habitat, as well as a new playground, picnic area, grass lawn and restroom. Prometheus Development will turn over the two-acre park to the City at a public dedication event to be scheduled in early 2018.



Council goal-setting session in January

The public is invited to attend the City Council's goal-setting session on Jan. 19-20 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara Convention Center.

The entire session will be live streamed on the City's YouTube and Facebook channels. City priorities will be determined for the next two years during this session.

For information, call the Mayor/Council Office at (408) 615-2250 or check the City website at SantaClaraCA.gov.

El Camino Real public meetings invite feedback

The El Camino Real is the City's most visible and identifiable commercial corridor. The City's General Plan vision for El Camino Real is to transform the Focus Area from a series of automobile-oriented strip malls to a tree-lined, pedestrian and transit-oriented corridor with a mix of residential and retail uses.

Community members are invited to attend two events in early 2018 designed to gather feedback on the El Camino Real Specific Plan

and help to define a future vision for the area. The first is a "pop up" scheduled for Jan. 26 outside the Santa Clara University Benson Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in collaboration with Santa Clara University's Associated Student Government. A workshop is scheduled for Feb. 28, 5:30-8 p.m. at Central Park Library in the Redwood Room.

Staff will describe existing conditions along the corridor and ask for community feedback on key issues and opportunities. Additional workshops are planned along with an online survey available at SantaClaraCA.gov/survey. For more information on the El Camino Real Specific Plan, call 408-615-2450, email planning@santaclaraca.gov or visit the City website SantaClaraCA.gov/er.

Dear Community,

The start of a new year is always an exciting time to reflect on the past year and focus on desired accomplishments for the coming year. January marks my fourth month with the City of Santa Clara and I have had the esteemed honor of working side-by-side with committed employees and residents. I can share that it is easy to observe that we have



City Manager
Deanna Santana

big opportunities ahead of us, with each able to further enhance this extraordinary and active community.

It's been a pleasure to meet so many community leaders, residents and entrepreneurs in Santa Clara. I appreciate your warm welcome at City events like the Fire Station Open House, the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, Board/Commissions meetings and Mission Branch Library Renovation Celebration, and I've visited neighborhoods and community groups. The pride you have in this City is clear, and so is your desire to make sure Santa Clara has a sustainable future for generations to come.

We are fortunate to have a committed community that is well matched by an equally committed workforce. I am so impressed with the talent and dedication of our City staff. I have worked with and observed first-hand a group of employees that continues to emanate a strong pledge to public service while meeting the service needs of our community. The City's employees are a solid foundation for moving this City forward in a direction guided by our City Council and residents.

Setting priorities

In January, the Mayor and City Council will meet to establish goals for the next two years. This is important work because it sets the policy framework for budget decisions and how we align City resources in support of these objectives. As part of this effort, it is extremely important for the organization to review its financial status in the short and long term. For example, upon joining the Santa Clara team, I immediately began working with staff to establish a 10-year fiscal outlook to inform resource investments in the long term while proactively planning for needed strategies in the short term to manage and stabilize the City's fiscal condition. As we continue to manage our resources, we will be recommending other measures that reflect best practices for fiscal management. In short, we need to consider the context over time of our financial practices and determine whether managing our financials from year-to-year is prudent.

It is also important to me to continue to introduce new administrative policies and practices that will modernize and increase the efficiency of City work. As an organization, we are focused on changes that improve customer service, improve administrative efficiencies, manage risk, and augment transparency and the public's confidence in City government.

Staying in touch with you

One of my first actions upon arriving in Santa Clara was to encourage transparency and open government. We have started a City Manager weekly blog that summarizes many of the current happenings in our City departments. It is posted on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov/cmblog and you can subscribe to eNotify to be alerted to posts. I hope you will become a regular reader and that you find this snapshot of the many activities underway interesting and impressive.

I look forward to the new year and continuing to work with the Mayor, City Council, residents and employees to advance the interests of our wonderful community. On behalf of everyone on the City of Santa Clara team, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

In community spirit,
Deanna J. Santana

New water tank completed

Construction of a new two million gallon storage tank and new pump station building has been completed. The project also included vertical turbine and booster pumps, an electric transform and emergency generator, and inlet/outlet piping to the site at



the City's Corporation Yard. The tank will also be connected via a dedicated water service connection to the existing Emergency Operations Center.

In addition to more water storage capacity, the tank increases operational flexibility for water distribution.

Construction at Police Building

Construction is underway of new security enhancements at the City's Police Building, 601 El Camino Real. Until the project is complete – estimated by March – there may be some days/times when parking or access to the building is limited.

The Police Department recommends that visitors park in a free yellow parking stall in the CalTrain parking lot, across Benton Street from the Police Building. Note that white parking stalls require a paid parking ticket. Handicap parking will remain available in the Police Building parking lot in a temporary location.

Before coming to the Police Building, call the appropriate office to be sure that service is available:

General, 408-615-4700

Fingerprinting, 408-615-4701

Permits, 408-615-4867

Pharmaceutical Disposal Program, 408-615-4727

Property and Evidence, 408-615-4727

Request for Record Information, 408-615-4700

Remember that you can utilize the Police Department website to file an online police report. For more information visit sepd.org.

Comic Con event receives statewide honor

The Santa Clara City Library was awarded a 2017 PR Excellence Award by the California Library Association for its inaugural Comic Con event in 2016. Thousands of residents attended to meet superheroes and meet with Bay Area artists, comic book shops, makers, and authors. A second Comic Con was held in October of 2017.



Silicon Valley Power eliminates coal power

As of Jan. 1, Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, has permanently eliminated coal power from its energy supply, ceasing all purchases and imports of coal power. The move from coal will reduce the carbon intensity of Santa Clara's power supply by about 50%.

For years, coal power provided up to 10% of Santa Clara's power mix and accounted for over half of the carbon emissions from electricity use in Santa Clara. The decision to move away from coal was influenced by the expressed interest of Santa Clara residents and businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Silicon Valley Power will replace the 51 megawatts of coal-powered electricity it sourced from San Juan Generating Station in New Mexico with cleaner energy generated by various renewable resources and natural gas-fueled generation from the Lodi Energy Center in Lodi.

The transition away from coal places Silicon Valley Power two years ahead of the City of Santa Clara's Climate Action Plan's 2020 deadline. The state has mandated a 33% renewable energy mix by 2020, and Silicon Valley Power already achieved a 28% renewable power portfolio in 2016.

Green Power Award

For the 11th year, Silicon Valley Power's Green Power program was honored as one of the top 10 utility green power programs in the nation by the U.S. Department of Energy. Silicon Valley Power received high marks in three areas — percentage of customer participation, green power sales as a percentage of total utility retail electricity rates, and total green power sales. To learn more about the Green Power program, visit SiliconValleyPower.com.

Design process begins on renovations for six neighborhood parks

Six of Santa Clara's older parks will soon be updated with new features that will provide a safe and welcoming place for children and adults to play, improve health and fitness and enjoy the out-of-doors.



In the fall, community workshops were held along with online surveys to gather public input on what residents would like to see improved at Bowers Park, Machado Park, Homeridge Park, Montague Park, Agnew Park and Fuller Street Park. City staff and professional playground and park designers will use this information to prepare schematic designs for each site. These will be shared with the community in the spring before final decisions are made.

The renovations will meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requirements and reflect research best practices for age-friendly, inclusionary play spaces. Funding has been allocated in the Capital Improvement Project budget.

To stay up to date on the progress of the designs for these parks, sign up for eNotify or visit the parks page on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

More LED streetlights are coming

Phase 2 of the LED Streetlight Retrofit project – an update to traffic intersection lights in the southern part of Santa Clara and a portion of streetlights in the northeastern area of the City – will begin in the first quarter of 2018. It is expected to be complete by the first quarter of 2019.

LED streetlights provide better visibility than old lighting technology because they spread light more evenly and uniformly across an area than traditional streetlights. Since light from LEDs can be precisely controlled, LED streetlights help eliminate dark spots between poles. This enhances safety at night, boosting quality of life for residents.

More efficient than currently installed high-pressure sodium and mercury vapor streetlights, LEDs use up to 50% less energy to produce similar illumination. Reduced energy use helps the City cut carbon emissions and meet its sustainability goals. LED streetlights last up to 100,000 hours compared to a 24,000-hour life span for existing streetlights, reducing the need for lighting maintenance work.

Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, completed Phase 1 of the LED Streetlight Retrofit project in June 2015. That phase installed approximately 5,000 new streetlights in southern Santa Clara and saves three million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, or enough to power 600 homes. To learn more about the project visit SiliconValleyPower.com/streetlights.



City sets restrictions on marijuana sale, growth

Proposition 64, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, was approved by California voters in November 2016 and took effect on Jan. 1, 2018. It decriminalizes the recreational use of marijuana, with certain limitations, and for small-scale cultivation of marijuana personal use.

Local jurisdictions still have the power to regulate or prohibit certain marijuana-related activities. In order to have more time to analyze and develop regulatory options, the City Council passed an ordinance in November that places a temporary ban on commercial marijuana activity until Dec. 31, 2018. It also limits the number of marijuana plants that can be grown in a private residence for personal use to six living plants and placed other restrictions to address health and safety concerns.

More details about the restrictions on marijuana in the City of Santa Clara during 2018 can be found on the City's website SantaClaraCA.gov.



Mission Branch Library closed several months for renovation

The Mission Library is now closed for remodeling and will reopen in late spring with a new look, expanded hours, updated book collections and events for all ages. Watch the website SCLibrary.org for information on grand opening date and activities.

The renovation will retain Mission Library's 60-year history and historic connection with the Old Quad while providing a gathering place that meets the needs of the City's ever-evolving population. Special thanks to the Santa Clara Library Foundation & Friends for its fundraising efforts to add special touches to the new space.

Bike lane comes to Tasman Drive

The project to install bicycle lanes on Tasman Drive is substantially completed, providing bicyclists with a safer route between San Jose and Sunnyvale. One section remains to be complete between Patrick Henry Drive and Old Ironsides Drive. Because there is insufficient width at this time, the bike lanes will be added after the roadway is widened as part of the Genzon development.



The City of Santa Clara is recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as one of only 404 “Bicycle Friendly Communities” in the U.S. There are 29 miles of bike lanes in Santa Clara, plus 5.2 miles of bike routes and 9.3 miles of recreational paths. A downloadable Bicycle Map can be found on the City’s website SantaClaraCA.gov/residents/maps.

Opportunity coming to purchase a new, affordable home

Four families will get the chance to purchase a brand new home in Santa Clara in 2018 at a price well below market value thanks to a City-sponsored affordable housing program.

The homes are part of Saverio by Pulte Homes, a townhome development located at the intersection of Alviso Street and El Camino Real. This project, like all new construction, for sale developments in Santa Clara, is part of the City’s Below Market Purchase (BMP) Program that requires housing developers to set aside 10% of new for sale housing units for low- and moderate-income households.



Proud Santa Clara homeowners Ed Gonzales and Therie Velasco

The four Saverio townhomes will be available to families earning a maximum of 100% of the area median income for Santa Clara County and who are first-time homebuyers. For example, to qualify a family of three cannot earn more than \$101,950 and a family of four cannot earn more than \$113,300.

The City of Santa Clara has operated a BMP Program since 1995, assisting more than 200 low- and moderate-income families achieve the goal of homeownership, while fulfilling State

mandates for the production of housing across a range of income levels. Housing Trust Silicon Valley administers the program on behalf of the City and hosts ongoing workshops to explain the process behind applying for the below market rate homes.

Ed Gonzales and Therie Velasco were among the 24 families that have benefitted from the BMP Program over the past two years. The couple purchased a three- bedroom townhome in August of 2016 after renting a house in Santa Clara for six years. It’s in a convenient location for both and for Therie’s parents who live with them -- close to Therie’s job and their church in the community they love. “It was a real blessing,” said Therie. “We went from a dream to reality. It is indeed a miracle!”

Second grade teacher Michele Hopper also marvels that she and her husband now own a home on land that previously was the hospital where she was born. “There isn’t a day go by when I don’t walk into my home and think about how happy I am to have my house that is all mine,” she said. “I never have to worry about the rent going up or the owner saying I have to move. It’s my first home away from home and I love it.”

For information about BMP orientation and application workshop dates in 2018, contact Housing Trust Silicon Valley at 408-436-3450 or homebuyer@housingtrustsv.org.

FIFA World Cup could be in Santa Clara’s future

The FIFA World Cup soccer competition is the most widely viewed and followed sporting event in the world – and it may be coming to Santa Clara in 2026. The North American soccer federations (U.S., Canada and Mexico) submitted a joint bid for the 2026 event listing 31 potential host cities, including San Francisco Bay Area/ Levi’s Stadium. If North America is selected, an extensive evaluation of the potential host cities will take place with the goal of narrowing the choice to 12 venues by 2021. The City will update the community as the selection process unfolds.

Santa Clara joins 10-minute walk to a park campaign

Santa Clara is one of 134 cities throughout the U.S. that have signed on to support the “10-minute walk to a park” advocacy campaign organized by The Trust for Public Land, National Recreation and Park Association and Urban Land Institute. The goal is to ensure that all Americans live within a half mile of a park or green space.

In 2018, the national campaign will develop policies and strategies that cities could employ to support the 10-minute walk vision. Studies have shown that parks add to the quality of life in a community by providing physical and mental health, economic and environmental benefits.

Santa Clara ranked in top 25 places to raise kids

A recently released report from the National Council for Home Safety and Security ranked the City of Santa Clara as the 23rd best place in America to raise kids. The study looked at 526 cities across the country and examined a number of factors including safety, quality of schooling, median income and opportunities for outdoor play and exploration. It described Santa Clara as having “the ideal conditions for raising children.”

Grant provides residents with free gun locks

A grant to the Santa Clara Police Department from Project Child Safe has funded the purchase of gun locks that are now offered free to residents. It is part of a nationwide program to ensure safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage.

Residents who would like to obtain a gun lock must bring proof of residency (driver’s license, utility bill, rental agreement, etc.) to either the Police Building, 601 El Camino Real or the Northside Substation, 3992 Rivermark Parkway, to apply. For more information on gun locks, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700. To learn more about the safe handling and storage of guns, visit ProjectChildSafe.org.

Sign up for eNotify

Sign up to receive email notices from the City of Santa Clara about events, news and employment opportunities. You decide what topics are of interest to you. Sign up at SantaClaraCA.gov/enotify.

Help for your new year’s resolution

Is this the year for more exercise and physical activity? Track your progress by checking out a Fitbit Zip from the Central Library at no cost. The wrist device keeps track of your steps, distance and calories burned and can sync this data to a computer or selected smartphone.



Is an electric vehicle in your plans for 2018?



The growth of electric vehicles is accelerating throughout the U.S. and the City of Santa Clara is no exception. It is ranked one of the top 30 cities in California for market share of new plug-in electric vehicles.

Consumers are choosing electric vehicles for a variety of reasons – an enhanced driving experience, innovative technology, snazzy new models, lower maintenance costs and reduced environmental impact. For Santa Clara residents, the decision to go electric also comes with budget-friendly access to electricity.

Charging an electric vehicle at home in Santa

Clara is affordable because Silicon Valley Power, the City’s municipal electric utility, provides residents a maximum electric rate of 11.8 cents per kilowatt-hour, the lowest of any municipal utility in California with more than 5,000 customers. This means that energy for a typical electric vehicle traveling 100 miles on 34 kWh will cost less than 3 cents per mile for Santa Clara residents, anytime day or night. In comparison, the fuel cost for a medium-sized, gas-powered car is approximately 13-15 cents per mile.

Fueling an electric vehicle in Santa Clara also benefits the environment since Silicon Valley Power provides a power mix sourced from more than 50% clean resources and offers Santa Clara Green Power, a voluntary, 100% renewable power option.

The City is expanding public infrastructure to support electric vehicles drivers and public charging stations are available throughout Santa Clara, including Santa Clara Libraries (Central and Northside branches), Stevens Creek BMW, Stevens Creek Nissan, Walgreens, Mariposa Shopping Center, Santa Clara City Hall and more. The Tasman Parking Garage is the largest public electric vehicle charging facility in California. For a full list of public charging stations in Santa Clara and the surrounding area, visit Plugshare.com.

City Holiday Calendar

Monday, Jan. 1

New Year’s Day Holiday

City offices closed. Regular collection of Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling.

Monday, Jan. 15

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

City offices closed. Regular Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling Collection day.

Monday, Feb. 19

Presidents Day Holiday

City offices closed. Regular Garbage, Clean Green, Recycling Collection day.

Friday, March 30

Spring Holiday

City offices closed. Regular Garbage, Clean Green, Recycling Collection day

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

City offices closed. Regular Garbage, Clean Green, Recycling Collection day.

Can’t visit the library?

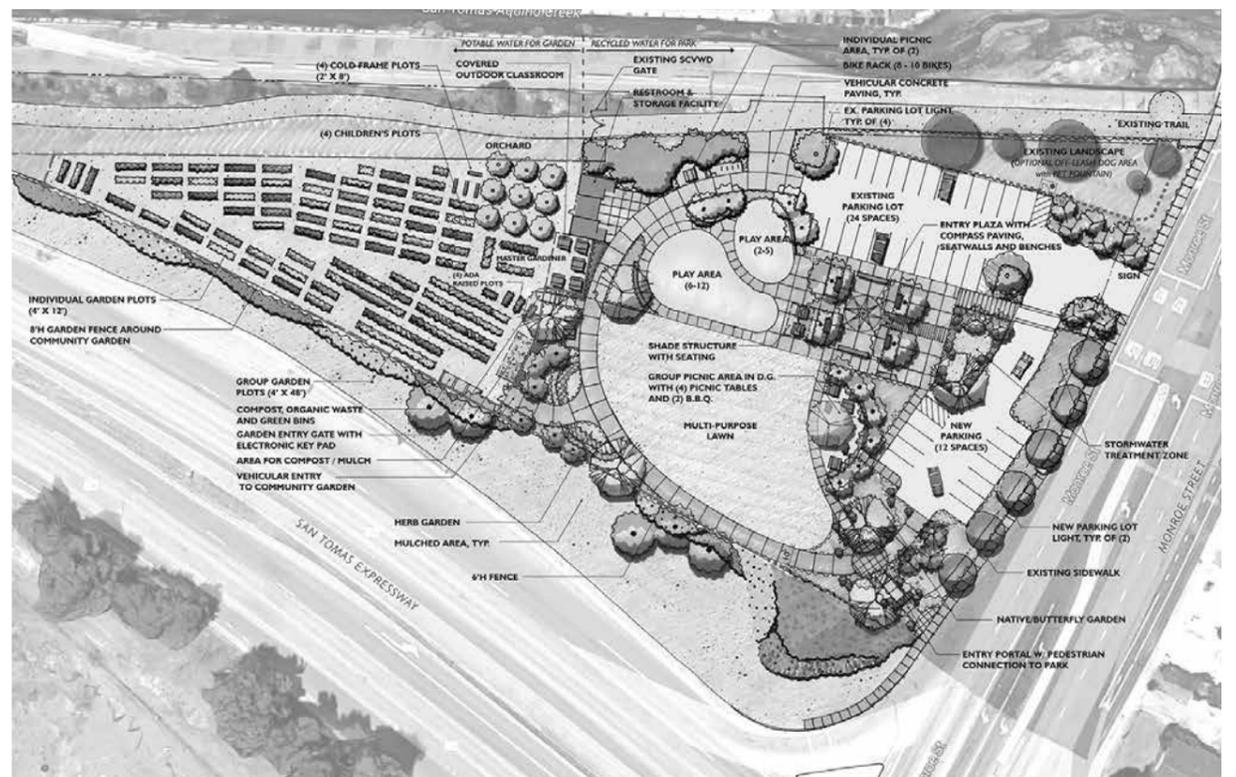
Patrons living within the City of Santa Clara who are physically unable to visit the library are eligible for a special delivery program. Once a month, a library volunteer will deliver books and/or audiobooks (picked especially for each individual based on their personal interests) to their home. To learn more or to sign up for the program, email librarians@santaclaraca.gov or call 408-615-2900.

New neighborhood park and community garden will open this summer

San Tomas and Monroe Neighborhood Park and Community Garden is under construction and scheduled to open in the summer 2018.

The new two-acre park, located along the San Tomas/Aquino Creek Trail, will include playgrounds, picnic/barbecue areas, an open grass area, a native plant/pollinator garden, off leash dog area and a restroom.

The Community Garden portion will have a covered outdoor classroom as well as plots for children, individuals and groups to grow their own produce. A community garden interest list is forming. Call 408-615-3140 for more information.



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City Mission Statement
 The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership. - Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989

NEED TO TALK?

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Minimum wage went up Jan. 1

The minimum wage in the City of Santa Clara increased to \$13.00 per hour on Jan. 1, the amount set by the City's minimum wage ordinance. It will increase to \$15.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2019. Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, and each year after, the minimum wage will increase corresponding to the prior year's Consumer Price Index (CPI). For further information visit SantaClaraCA.gov/minimumwage.

Grant for pedestrian/bicycle safety

The Santa Clara Police Department has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety for pedestrian and bicycle safety programs. The funds will be used to support a variety of programs such as pedestrian safety workshops, distribution of bicycle helmets at community events and increased police visibility in school zones during drop-off and pick-up times and in areas with new HAWK pedestrian crossings. Funding for the grant originates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Conserve water no matter how much it rains

Last winter's rain totals helped to end drought conditions in many areas of California, but it's a new season and no one can predict how much rain will arrive in the coming months or years. The threat of another drought is always present and a reason why Santa Clara residents and business should continue water conservation efforts all year, every year.

With cooler temperatures, shorter days and more moisture in the air, turf or landscape watering should be cut back to no more than two days a week – less if it's raining. City code prohibits irrigation during and within 48 hours of measurable rain.

Watering hours are also limited to between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. when temperatures are cooler and less water is lost to evaporation. This restriction applies year-round.

The next few months are also a great time to begin a conversion to a drought tolerant landscape. A rebate is available to help cover the cost. Find information about the rebate and other water conservation tips at SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation.

Save money on heating costs with attic insulation

Even in a mild climate, weatherizing a home can result in saving money on energy bills. In Santa Clara, for example, installing attic insulation can reduce heating and cooling costs by an estimated 14%.

Upgrading attic insulation is one of the most cost effective ways to make a home more comfortable. Proper attic insulation makes the most of a home's heating and cooling system by helping to keep heated or cooled air from escaping. It also absorbs excess heat shining down on a roof in the summer and stops cold air from seeping into the home on winter days. This means fewer chilly winter mornings and sticky summer afternoons.

Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, is helping residents make this upgrade with an attic insulation rebate. Residents can receive 10 cents per square foot for installing new attic insulation. With the minimum R-38 attic insulation starting at 55 – 88 cents per square foot, this rebate helps make the upgrade economical for homeowners.

The rebate is available for all single-family and multi-family homes with electric heating and an attic space separated by a physical barrier. In order to be eligible, the attic's existing insulation must have an insulation value of less than R-19, or less than seven inches of existing insulation, and new insulation must have an insulation value of R-38 or greater. Preapproval is required. For more information, or to apply for the rebate, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/insulation or call 408-244-SAVE (7283).



More ways to save

Other ways to reduce heating costs during the winter include turning down your thermostat 10 to 15 degrees at night and making sure your furnace is clean and unblocked. When the sun's out, open curtains and blinds on south-facing windows and close all window coverings at night.

The Silicon Valley Power website SiliconValleyPower.com contains additional information on ways to save energy including a step-by-step guide on how to install weather stripping, outlet gaskets, window caulking and more.

Residents enjoy coffee with a cop



Coffee with a Cop events are tentatively scheduled in 2018 for Jan. 19, Feb. 23, May 18 and Oct. 4. For time and location information, visit scpd.org.

Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club invites you



Members of the Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club invite residents to try out this unique outdoor sport at the lawn bowling green in Central Park. The game is easy to learn but also challenging. Club members strive for a light-hearted, sociable atmosphere that is welcoming to all. Serious competition is also available at tournaments in the Bay Area. Annual fee for club membership is \$40 and provides 400 hours of fun. For more information, visit SantaClaraLawnBowls.org or call Jerry at 408-499-5423.

Leadership Santa Clara 2018 class still open

A few spaces are still open for the Leadership Santa Clara 2018 class that begins in February. The program is open to residents, business owners and employees of local businesses. It meets monthly through June with the goal of preparing individuals to take on leadership roles in government, neighborhood, civic and nonprofit organizations.

For information, immediately contact Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at 915-249-9320 or smmrfd@aol.com.

Not every kitten is a love bundle from the start

More than 800 cats and kittens arrive each year at the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA). Many of the kittens are born to feral (undomesticated) moms and have never had any human contact until the moment they are picked up and brought to the shelter. They are frightened, self-protective and not the friendly, happy purr machines families want to adopt into their home.



A new volunteer program called Happy Meower is helping these kittens morph into perfect companion animals. Volunteers sign up for shifts throughout the day, working with Happy Meower kittens in-house at the Animal Care Center, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara. The kittens – usually three to six weeks in age -- get individualized attention, tons of TLC and a huge dose of human intervention. Almost all Happy Meower kitten graduates are swiftly adopted to their forever homes.

If you are interested in working with kittens in this unique program, volunteer orientations are held monthly. Sign up via eNotify on SVACA.com/how-to-help/volunteers to get alerts for classes.

Stay safe when driving in rain

The Santa Clara Police Department urges all drivers to be careful and cautious when driving in the rain, starting with slowing down your speed, turning on headlights, and leaving more distance between your car and the one ahead of you. It is also important to use your defroster in wet weather to ensure windows don't fog up.

Concentrate fully on every aspect of driving. Anticipate the unexpected and give yourself more room and time to react than usual. Avoid hard braking and/or turning sharply to reduce the chances of hydroplaning.



Never drive through flooded roadways. It can be difficult to gauge how deep water is on a street or in an underpass so avoid standing water if at all possible. Turn around, don't drown!

Recreation Activity Guide available Feb. 21

The Parks & Recreation Department's 2018 Spring/Summer Activity Guide will be available online at SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec beginning Feb. 21. The print version will be available on Feb. 22 at City facilities including the libraries, City Hall, Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, and Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Offerings for all ages include classes in creative arts, dance, fitness, special interest and sports, as well as special events. Residents can register online or by mail beginning Feb. 27 and walk-in starting March 7.

Encouraging kids to walk, bike to school

A \$500,000 grant awarded to the City of Santa Clara through the Santa Clara County VERBS (Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools) Program will support Phase 2 of the Safe Routes to School Program in cooperation with the Santa Clara Unified School District. VERBS is funded with federal highways congestion mitigation and air quality funds.



On the drawing board are new Safe Routes to School maps for five elementary schools (Bracher, Hughes, Washington, Westwood, Don Callejon) and review of existing maps for seven other schools (Bowers, Briarwood, Haman, Montague, Scott Lane, Sutter and Cabrillo Middle School).

In addition, the funding will be used to develop more training and toolkits for parents and teachers, special events, awards programs, community education and other promotional activities. All have the goal of encouraging children to walk or bicycle to school so they have a healthier lifestyle and a safer, cleaner environment for everyone.

Fire department visits the community

Schools and businesses within the city limits of Santa Clara may request a visit from a fire engine and crew. The visits are designed to familiarize the community with the Fire Department and to learn about fire prevention.

To request an engine visit, complete the request form on the Fire page of the City website, SantaClaraCA.gov. The page also includes information on how to schedule a tour of a fire station.



A Santa Clara fire engine and crew visited with special needs adults at the Santa Clara Senior Center.

Auditions coming up for Roberta Jones Junior Theatre performances

A busy spring is planned for the Roberta Jones Theatre, with a variety of options for youngsters who would like to be on stage or behind-the-scenes.

Auditions for "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" (ages 8-18) will be held in January and performances are scheduled for April 6-15. Auditions for "Disney's Sleeping Beauty Kids" (ages 7-15) are in April and performances June 8-10. For those who are interested in technical theatre, anyone ages 8-18 is welcome to join the technical crew for both productions.

Younger children can get involved in acting by joining a creative dramatics classes -- Imagine Me (ages 4-5) or Imagine Me, Too (ages 6-8), with sessions beginning Jan. 10 and April 4.

For details about auditions and classes, or to buy tickets online, visit RJJT.org. Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is a program of the City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. For more information, contact Kevin Cornelius, Recreation Supervisor, at 408-615-3161 or kcornelius@santacalaraca.gov.

Fill your calendar with Santa Clara events

Book Club for Adults Monthly

Do you love to read and discuss books? Join the adult book group at Central Park Library at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. No registration is required. The first 2018 meeting is on Jan. 23 and the book for discussion is *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy, a New York Times bestselling novel about an affluent Indian family in the 1960s. For the full list of books, visit the event calendar at SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-2900.

Central Park Nights Jan. 4 and Jan 12

Enjoy family entertainment by the outdoor ice rink at Central Park starting at 6 p.m. Happy Bright Kids Puppet Show is scheduled for Jan. 4 and magician Spencer Grey and Teen Zone Ice will perform on Jan. 12.

Sunset Cinema Friday, Jan. 12

A free showing of the family film "Lego Ninjago" 7-8:30 p.m. at Central Park Library. Light refreshments will be sold by the Youth Commission to raise funds for their community service scholarship. For information, call 408-615-3740.



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Miss Santa Clara Saturday, Jan. 13

The Miss Santa Clara and Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen competitions will be held at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts. Tickets and more details can be found at MissSantaClara.org.

New Music Festival Jan. 31-Feb. 2

Composer/performer Eve Beglarian will be in residence at Santa Clara University for a series of public events including the Bay Area premieres of works by Vivian Fung and John Kennedy. For information, visit SCU.edu.



Love Our Library Lollapalooza Saturday, Feb. 3

The annual community event to celebrate the Santa Clara City Library will include special honors to Bob Byrd, president of the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara and an ardent supporter of the library. Tickets for this evening of fun and entertainment can be purchased at lovethelibrary.ejoinme.org/librarypalooza2018.

Images Dance Concert Feb. 8-11

Performances at Santa Clara University's Mayer Theatre include choreography from faculty, guest artist Raissa Simpson and select student works. Dance genres include jazz, tap, modern and hip hop. For information, visit SCU.edu.



Lunar New Year Celebration Sunday, Feb. 11

Welcome the year of the dog and celebrate the Lunar New year with interactive art-making activities and live performances at the Central Park Library at 2 p.m. There is something for all ages! For information, visit SCLibrary.org.

Mardi Gras Masquerade for Teens Friday, Feb. 16

A high school only after-hours event at Central Park Library. Music, dinner, dessert, prizes, and activities start at 8 p.m. Semi-formal dress code.

Silicon Valley Reads Sunday, Feb. 18

Rachel Khong, author of *Goodbye, Vitamin* will appear at Central Park Library at 2 p.m. as part of Silicon Valley Reads. Her award-winning debut novel reflects the 2018 theme – No Matter What: Caring, Coping, Compassion. For information, visit SiliconValleyReads.org.



Santa Clara Players Feb 23-March 17

The Players perform "Helen On Wheels" by Cricket Daniel, a heartwarming new comedy, in the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion. For ticket information, visit SCPlayers.org.

77th Camellia Show Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 24-25

Hundreds of delicate Camellia blooms in different sizes and colors will be on display at the annual Camellia Show



at the Community Recreation Center. Free viewing is available 2-5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Entries for the show will be accepted 6:30-10 a.m. on Feb. 24. Experts will be available to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces. A variety of camellia plants not found in local nurseries will be on sale by members of the Santa Clara County Camellia Society. For more information, visit SCCCamelliaSociety.com or call John Mendoza at 408-203-0011.

Showtime 2018 March 2-4

"Pirates, and the Perils of Penelope" or "Locked up Loot" – an original melodrama for all ages featuring local talent -- will be performed at the Community Recreation Center. The annual production raises funds to support the Senior Center's Health & Wellness Program. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. The event includes an olio of local talent, refreshments, opportunity baskets and raffle prizes. Audience members are encouraged to be part of the action by cheering for the hero and booing and hissing when the villain takes the stage. Tickets are available at the Community Recreation Center in mid-January and at the Senior Center in February.

Friday Night Live

Multicultural performances presented by the Cultural Commission at 7:30 p.m. SantaClaraCA.gov/government/events.



Feb. 2

Tabia Ensemble, African-American poetry, song, drumming and dance



March 2

Broceliande! Celtic/Medieval Trio, traditional European and early music



April 13

Charged Particles, funky Latin jazz



May 4

Xpressions, traditional Indian folkdance

Santa Clara Is the Center of What's Possible

Mission City Chorale Saturday, March 10

The Chorale performs "We, The People" that reflects the diversity of American music, including African-American spirituals, jazz, gospel and folk. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Mission. For tickets, visit SCC.org.



Tartuffe March 2-10

Moliere's hilarious masterpiece is performed at Santa Clara University's Mayer Theatre. For ticket information go to SCU.edu.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11

Set your clocks forward one hour and replace smoke detector batteries in your home.

Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31

On your mark...get set... go to the annual Egg Hunt in Central Park. The egg hunt for ages 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 will begin promptly at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Parking is limited. Pre-hunt activities and a "Bunny Trail" (egg hunt maze) for ages 2 and under and individuals with special needs begins at 9:30 a.m. This popular event is sponsored by the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department and local community groups. Call 408-615-3140 for more information.



Easter Pool-Ooza Saturday, March 31

Hop on over to the International Swim Center to hunt for eggs in a swimming pool at the Easter-Pool-Ooza. Children ages 3-11 must pre-register for specific waves based on their age. See the 2018 Spring/Summer Activity Guide for more information.

Spring Model Train Show Saturday-Sunday, April 7-8

Learn more about this event at the Santa Clara Depot from the South Bay Historical Railroad Society, sbhrs.org.

Orchestra Concert Friday, April 27

Santa Clara University Orchestra performs classical and contemporary symphonic works in the Santa Clara Mission at 7:30 p.m. For tickets go to SCU.edu.

The Glass Menagerie May 11-19

Santa Clara University students perform this Tennessee William's heartbreaking drama in the Fess Parker Studio Theatre. Adult themes appropriate for 12+. For details, visit SCU.edu.

Mother's Day Tea Party Saturday, May 12

Celebrate amazing moms (and aunts and grandmothers, too) with a tea party at 2 p.m. at Central Park Library. There will be refreshments, crafts and a handmade gift for moms to take home. For information, visit SCLibrary.org.

Bach: St. John Passion Saturday, May 12

Santa Clara Chorale joins forces with the Santa Clara University Choirs and the San Jose Chamber Orchestra for this performance at 7:30 p.m. at Santa Clara Mission. For tickets, visit SCC.org.

Sunset Cinema Friday, May 18

Scheduled for 8:30 p.m. at City Plaza Park. For film information, visit the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

Family Fun Day Saturday, May 19

Bring the whole family to the Harris-Lass House Museum, 1889 Market St., between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on activities, visit the website HarrisLass.org.

de Saisset Museum through June 16

"Jazz Greats: Classic Photographs from the Bank of America Collection" are on display at the de Saisset Museum. The exhibit includes 34 photos of many well-known performers.



Also on display through June 16 is a series of 41 etchings by Michael Mazur offering his visual rendition of Dante's Inferno. For more information, visit the website SCU.edu/desaisset.

Book Sale Saturday, May 19

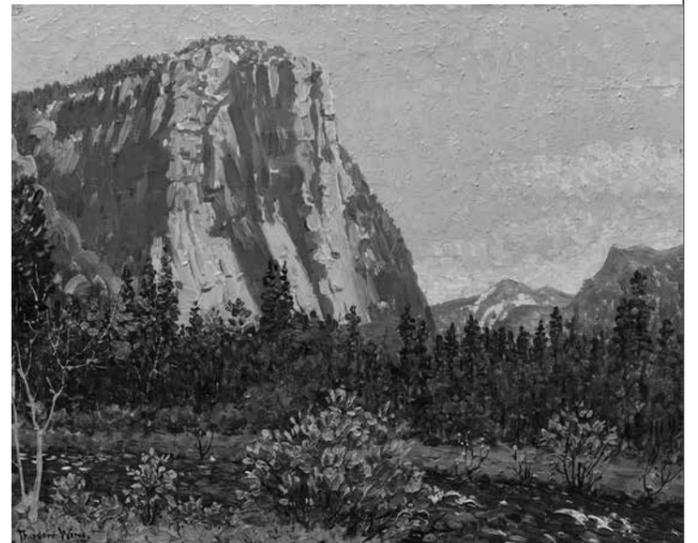
More than 100 boxes of books for sale 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Central Library, including children's and foreign language books, music and movies. For information, visit lovethelibrary.org.

Special exhibitions this spring at the Triton

The Triton Museum of Art is home to one of the largest public holdings of works by Theodore Wores (1859-1939), an internationally acclaimed plein air painter who travelled the globe and spent the height of his career living in and depicting the Santa Clara Valley and other regions of California.

A special exhibit of many of his impressionistic landscape paintings will open at the Triton in May, the first of what the museum hopes will become a traveling exhibition at museums throughout California. More details will be announced in the spring on the website TritonMuseum.org.

The Triton Museum acquired 47 paintings by Theodore Wores several years ago after they were a bequest to the City of Santa Clara on the condition that the Triton Museum of Art (a separate private nonprofit museum which maintains long-standing support from the City) retain stewardship and preserve the paintings in perpetuity. Most of these works depict California during the first two decades of the 20th century, including scenes of Santa Clara Valley orchards, San Francisco coastal sand dunes and Yosemite.



Other upcoming exhibits

Two additional exhibitions are scheduled for the Triton this spring. The photography of Tracey Valleau will be on display Feb. 10-May 13. "David Einstein: A 50 Year Perspective" is scheduled for Feb. 17-April 22. This exhibit is expected to be the most expansive retrospective of the artist ever presented and especially significant to the Triton since Einstein as named the Triton Museum as the final repository of his massive collection of work. For more information, visit TritonMuseum.org.

Learn how to ‘Be Strong, Live Long’



The second annual “Be Strong, Live Long” Health & Wellness Fair is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in Fremont Park. This event celebrates and supports older adults who are working to improve their own health or who are caring for their family members.

Information will be available on aging in place, health and wellness, housing, nutrition, technology, transportation, volunteerism, City resources and more. The Fair also includes a barbecue lunch, entertainment, tours of the Senior Center and hands on activities.

Public parking will be available in the Senior Center main lot, and along Fremont and Harrison streets. A Bike Watch will also be available as community members are encouraged to carpool or ride their bikes. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov.

Everyone has a different interest

Santa Clara’s two large, world-class event venues – Levi’s® Stadium and the Santa Clara Convention Center – will host a variety of public events in the coming months.

Silicon Valley Home Show

Jan. 19-21 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Get ideas for home improvement projects this year. Visit worldclassshows.com for details.

Model Car Builders

If building model cars is your passion, NNL West 2018 at Santa Clara Convention Center is the place to be on Feb. 3. For information, visit nnlwest.org.

Bay Area Travel & Adventure Show

Make your vacation plans for the year Feb 17-18 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Learn more at travelshows.com.

Bacon and Beer Classic

100+ craft beers from regional breweries and 30+ bacon dishes from local chefs at Levi’s® Stadium on Feb. 24. Plan your visit at BaconAndBeerClassic.com.

Sneaker Connoisseurs

Buy, sell and trade the most sought-after footwear at Sneakercon Bay Area, March 31-April 1, at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Take the first step by visiting Sneakercon.com.

2018 Monster Jam

The adrenaline-packed family entertainment returns to Levi’s® Stadium on April 28. Purchase tickets at Ticketmaster.com.



Taylor Swift

The singing star’s Reputation Stadium Tour stops at Levi’s® Stadium on May 12. The concert is sure to sell out but check TaylorSwift.com for news on ticket availability.

Sister City visit from Limerick, Ireland

The first delegation of exchange students and teachers from Limerick, Ireland since it became a Sister City to Santa Clara in 2014 visited City Hall, local schools, corporations and museums.

Santa Clara has two other Sister Cities – Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. For more information on the Sister Cities program, visit SantaClaraSisterCities.org.

Q&A: Utility Bills

Q: How do I set up an automated payment of my utility bills?

The City has a number of convenient automated payment options, including automated credit card, pre-authorized checking account, home banking, web and IVR payment channels. For more information about automated utility payment options and how to get started, visit “My Utilities Account” on the City’s website SantaClaraCA.gov/MyUtilitiesAccount or call 408-615-2300.

Q: Why are utility bills estimated?

Water and electric meters are read every month. If the gate is locked and no one is home when City staff comes to read the meter, usage will be estimated. If you do not want estimates used for billing, provide the City with a copy of the key or the combination to the lock. Contact customer service at 408-615-2300 to update your account.

Q: How do I update my personal account information?

Visit “My Utilities Account” on the City’s website SantaClaraCA.gov/MyUtilitiesAccount or call 408- 615-2300 to update personal information.

Santa Clara Senior Center Services

The City of Santa Clara Senior Center provides a safe, positive and welcoming environment for adults ages 50 plus. The goal is to make available facilities, programs and services that meet the widely varying needs of older adults in our community as they age – from active senior to the frail elderly.

For specific program and service information, refer to the monthly Senior Center newsletter available at the Senior Center or on the website SantaClaraCA.gov/SeniorCenter. For specific questions, call 408-615-3170.



Programs and services at the Senior Center include:

- Newcomers Social
- Care Management
- Dining Out - Senior Nutrition Program
- Health Insurance and Medicare Counseling (HICAP)
- Health and Wellness
- Legal Assistance (SALA)
- Lunch Presentations
- Support Groups
- Senior Peer Advocate (SPA)
- Fitness Center and Natatorium
- Ballroom Dances
- Classes
- Adventures to Go & Let’s Talk Travel



Santa Clara Senior Center
 1303 Fremont St. (at Monroe)
 Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m.-12 noon
 Sunday: closed

Need sandbags?

Free sandbags are available from the City Corporation Yard.
408-615-3080

Green, greener, greenest – Santa Clara events protect the environment

Compost Basics Class Saturday, Feb. 17

Composting helps create a vibrant, healthy and beautiful garden while conserving water and energy and reducing pollution and waste. Learn the basics of how to compost at home at a free workshop at the Machado Park Building. To register, visit ReduceWaste.org or call 408-918-4640. Classes are co-sponsored by the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County and the City of Santa Clara.

Environmental Day Saturday, March 3

Safely dispose of items during the Environmental Day 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Recology facility, 650 Martin Ave. This free event promotes recycling, reuse and diversion of usable materials from the landfill. Materials accepted: clothing, e-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.), u-waste (batteries, cell phone, CFLs and fluorescent light tubes) and children's plastic play structures and toys. In addition, residents can bring confidential documents for shredding. Residents must provide a current collection bill and personal identification (i.e., driver's license) to verify eligibility for this free drop-off program. For more information contact Recology Silicon Valley at 408-970-5100.



Wildflower Day at Ulistac Coming this spring

Every year Ulistac Natural Area Restoration & Education Projects hosts a free celebration of nature and the environment at Ulistac Natural Area when spring wildflowers are in bloom. Activities include music, games, crafts, information booths, tours, and the chance to appreciate nature at its best. For information, visit Ulistac.org.

Citywide Garage Sale Saturday, April 21

As a seller, get rid of clutter and earn some cash! As a buyer, find unexpected treasures! Best of all, garage sale transactions keep usable items out of the landfill. Register for individual, multifamily or block garage sales on the City's website, SantaClaraCA.gov/garagesale.



Arbor Day/Earth Day Friday, April 13

Celebrate the 48th anniversary of Earth Day at a family-friendly event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Central Park Pavilion. The Arbor Day Foundation will recognize Santa Clara for its efforts to manage and maintain our City forest. For more information, call 408-615-3080.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Saturday, April 28

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will conduct a household hazardous waste drop-off event in the City of Santa Clara. Other drop-off events are scheduled throughout the county during the year. Call 408-299-7300 or go to HHW.org to make an appointment to attend any of these events. Items that can be dropped off include household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, paint products, car and household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, solvents, waste oil, automotive products, household medications and Sharps containers. Ammunition, explosives, radioactive materials and containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted.

Bike to Work Day Thursday, May 10

Join thousands of other local residents and leave your cars at home for the 24th annual Bay Area Bike to Work Day. Treats and encouragement will be available at energizer stations. For information, visit the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition website BikeSiliconValley.org.

What goes into the recycling cart?

Combine glass food and beverage jars, plastic containers, papers and all metal food and beverage containers in the blue recycling cart.

Place curbside for pickup the night before or by 7 a.m. Incorrect set out may result in non-collection



Further information

Recology Santa Clara,
RecologySouthBay.com or
408-970-5100

Cardboard	Flatten cardboard so that it fits inside the cart with the lid closed. Remove all packing materials before placing cardboard boxes into the cart. Extra cardboard that cannot fit into the cart may be flattened into 3 ft x 3 ft sections and neatly stacked alongside the recycling cart.
Glass	All glass bottles and jars of any color. No light bulbs or window glass
Metal	Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and trays (clean), paint cans (must be empty or dry), spray cans (must be empty), steel (tin) cans
Paper	Bags (paper, all colors), cardboard, egg cartons (non-styrofoam), envelopes, mail, magazines, milk and juice cartons, newspapers, soft cover books, phone books, wrapping paper (non-metallic), school and office papers
Shredded paper	Place in a clear plastic bag or securely closed paper bag and place in the recycling cart.
Plastic	All plastics with or without the recycling symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7. Not acceptable is #6 styrofoam/polystyrene
Plastic bags	Bundle together grocery, produce, dry cleaning and bread bags inside a clear plastic bag and place in the recycling cart

Special set out items (not in cart)

Used motor oil and oil filters	Place used motor oil in a plastic container no larger than 1 gallon with a screw top lid. You may place up to three 1-gallon containers next to your recycling cart for pick up. Put used oil filters (fully drained) in sealed, leak-proof plastic bags and place next to the recycling cart
Compact fluorescent light bulbs	Place in clear Ziploc-type bags and place next to the recycling cart
Batteries	May be dropped off at local fire stations or placed in a Ziplock-type bag on top of your garbage cart for weekly collection.

Keep out of recycling cart

Food contaminated packaging, packing peanuts or Styrofoam, garden hoses, rubber gloves
These items should be disposed of in your garbage cart.

Process to develop 2018-19 City budgets begins – public study sessions coming

Work is underway on the development of the City’s budget for fiscal year 2018-19. Public study sessions will be scheduled this spring before the City Council public hearing to adopt the budget in June. The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2018.

Budget discussions include the General Fund that is used for basic City services such as police, fire, library, parks, recreation, streets, etc., Capital Improvement Projects and Enterprise Funds for utilities. To stay informed about the proposed budget, sign up for eNotify or visit the Finance Department page on the City’s website SantaClaraCA.gov that includes a budget brochure detailing the sources of revenue for the City budget and how funds are spent.

How the 2017-18 City Budget is allocated (in millions)



* Includes City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Managers Offices and City wide programs.

Be careful of home heating equipment

Everyone likes a cozy, warm home during when temperatures dip during the winter, but heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire accidents and fatalities. The Santa Clara Fire Department urges residents to be careful on how they heat their homes.

Keep any combustibles at least three feet away from anything that has a heating element, including space heaters. Establish a three-foot “kid free zone” around any open fires or space heaters.

Check all of your heating appliances for frayed or exposed wires or cables, and make sure all electrical appliances are marked as approved by a qualified electrical testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL). If a heater, fan, electric blanket or any other device seems to be working abnormally (hotter than normal, working slower or faster than usual), stop using it and replace the device. Many devices that exhibit the signs above are drawing more electricity than they were designed to and are susceptible to starting a fire.



Do not light a fire if you can smell gas around your gas heater. Leave your home immediately and call 911 to contact the Fire Department. NEVER use your oven to heat your home, and NEVER use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home to heat or cook – high levels of carbon monoxide can build up quickly.

Install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Have only qualified professionals install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment in accordance with local building codes and manufacturer’s instructions.

Questions about fire safety? Contact the Fire Prevention & Hazardous Materials Division at 408-615-4970.

Upcoming genealogy classes

For details, visit SCLibrary.org, the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society website sccchgs.org or call Mary Boyle at 408-615-2909.

Jan. 9: DNA Special Interest Group

Jan. 11: DNA Basics for Genealogists – how three testing companies can change your family tree

Jan. 16: Fun With Maps

Jan. 19: Getting Started with Genealogy

Jan. 26: German Special Interest Group

Feb. 6: DNA Special Interest Group

Feb. 20: Writing History with Genealogy

Feb. 23: Census 101 – an introduction to searching U.S. federal and state censuses

Feb. 27: German Special Interest Group

March 6: DNA Special Interest Group

March 8: Census 102 – digging deeper in little known U.S. federal censuses

March 20: Family History Writing

March 22: Getting Started – Organization

March 30: German Special Interest Group

Program focuses on abilities, not disabilities

The City’s Therapeutic Recreation program serves the recreational and social needs of individuals who have disabilities, including opportunities for aquatics, dance, fitness and social clubs. Meaningful and purposeful activities are planned that develop and enhance social skills, communication, personal growth, and focus on abilities rather than disabilities. For more information, contact Lauren Council at lcouncil@santaclaraca.gov or 408-615-3169.



Join the City team

If you are interested in jobs with the City of Santa Clara, there are many ways to learn of current job openings. Check the City website at SantaClaraCA.gov, call the Santa Clara Job Employment Hotline at 408-615-JOBS or follow SantaClaraJobs on Twitter or LinkedIn. You can also sign up for a “Job Interest Card” on eNotify to receive email notifications about openings that match your areas of interest.

One Vote Can Make A Difference



Are you ready to vote?

May 21 is the deadline to register to vote in the June 5 Election

Registering to vote is easy & convenient

ONLINE 24/7
RegisterToVote.CA.gov

BY MAIL
Pick up a postcard registration form at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., or the Library

IN PERSON
Registrar of Voters
1555 Berger Dr., Bldg. 2, San Jose
Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

CALL
To request a registration card be mailed to you.
408-299-8683

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month

Are you and your family ready for the next big quake?

At home

- Water for every member of your family for drinking, food preparation and sanitation. Calculate one gallon per person x ___ number in your family x 3 days = ___ gallons minimum in storage. A little extra for pets and other uses is a good idea. Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers and replace every six months.
- Nonperishable or canned food for every member of the family (and pets) for at least 3 days. Figure on 3 cans per person per day. See the grocery list on page 3 for ideas from the American Red Cross.
- Hand operated can opener
- Utility knife
- Flashlight with extra batteries and bulbs
- Portable radio with extra batteries
- Fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C
- Large plastic garbage bags and plastic ties, and smaller ziplock plastic bags
- Duct tape
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Small hand tools including crow bar, hammer, pliers, screwdrivers and wrenches that may be used to shut off gas and water
- Cash in small bills and change
- First Aid kit and a First Aid manual
- Sturdy work gloves and vinyl gloves
- Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- All purpose liquid soap
- Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other personal hygiene items for each family member
- Hooded rain ponchos for each family member
- Dust masks
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Infant formula and diapers if there's a baby in the family
- Hand sanitizer and moist towelettes
- Disposable paper cups, plates and plastic
- Pet food



Complete change of clothing for each family member

- Whistle to signal for help
- Tent and/or tarp (9x12 ft minimum) for shelter
- Camp stove and fuel and/or barbecue and charcoal (Do Not Use Indoors!)
- Plastic bucket with tight lid or portable toilet
- Lantern (battery, kerosene or propane powered) plus fuel or batteries
- Gallon of disinfectant
- Nylon rope, 100 feet
- Extra pair of sturdy shoes and socks for each family member



In the car and at work

- Water
- Nonperishable food [add a can opener if any is in cans]
- Portable, battery-operated or hand-cranked radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Lightsticks (each lasts 12 hours)
- Matches in waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Whistle
- Sturdy shoes and socks
- Jacket and blanket
- First Aid kit and manual
- Cash in small bills and change
- Compass
- Sunglasses
- Safety pins
- Large garbage bags and ties
- Sunscreen
- Map of the area
- Fire extinguisher
- Car charger for your mobile phone(s)
- Hand sanitizer and moist towelettes
- Small shovel
- Multi-tip screwdriver and pliers
- Work gloves
- Latex gloves
- Paper, pencil and pen
- List of important phone numbers



Four tips to remember

Keep gas tanks at least 1/4 to 1/2 full at all times.

Refill prescriptions when you still have at least 3-5 days supply remaining.

Create and continually update a summary of important family information such as names and contact information of all doctors, insurance policy numbers, inventory of household goods, family records and bank account records. Store a copy of the summary outside the home such as in a safe deposit box or an Internet data storage service.

Make a list of what you would want to save if you only had 5 minutes to evacuate your home. Post the list on the inside of a central closet door and be sure everyone in the family knows it's there.



Create a family emergency plan

In an emergency, the first thought almost always goes to family. Where are they? Have they been affected? How will the family be reunited?

Part of preparation is talking with all family members about the potential for a disaster and making several important decisions.

- Pick a location outside of your home, but still in the neighborhood, to meet.
- Pick a second location outside of your neighborhood to gather in case you can't return home. Make sure everyone knows the address and phone number.
- Select an out-of-state relative or friend to be your family contact point. After a disaster it is sometimes easier to call long distance than across town. Family members should memorize this phone number and call there to say where they are.
- Make plans to take care of infants, elderly or other family members with disabilities or special needs.
- Talk about how you will take care of pets. How would you evacuate them? Do you have enough supplies to feed and water them for at least 72 hours?

Download a help publication on creating a Family Disaster Plan, including a cut-out form for everyone to carry with them at all times, from the American Red Cross website RedCross.org.

Annual Clean-up Campaign is April 30 - May 25, 2018

Find your home on the map and mark your calendar for your collection week.

Save these pages to help remember set-out instructions.

Not all developments participate in the Clean-up Campaign. Unsure about your area? Contact 408-615-3080

Collection Dates

Week 1 - Set out materials no earlier than Sat., April 28 and no later than 7 a.m., Mon., April 30.

Note: Includes both sides of Monroe.

Week 2 - Set out materials no earlier than Sat., May 5 and no later than 7 a.m., Mon., May 7.

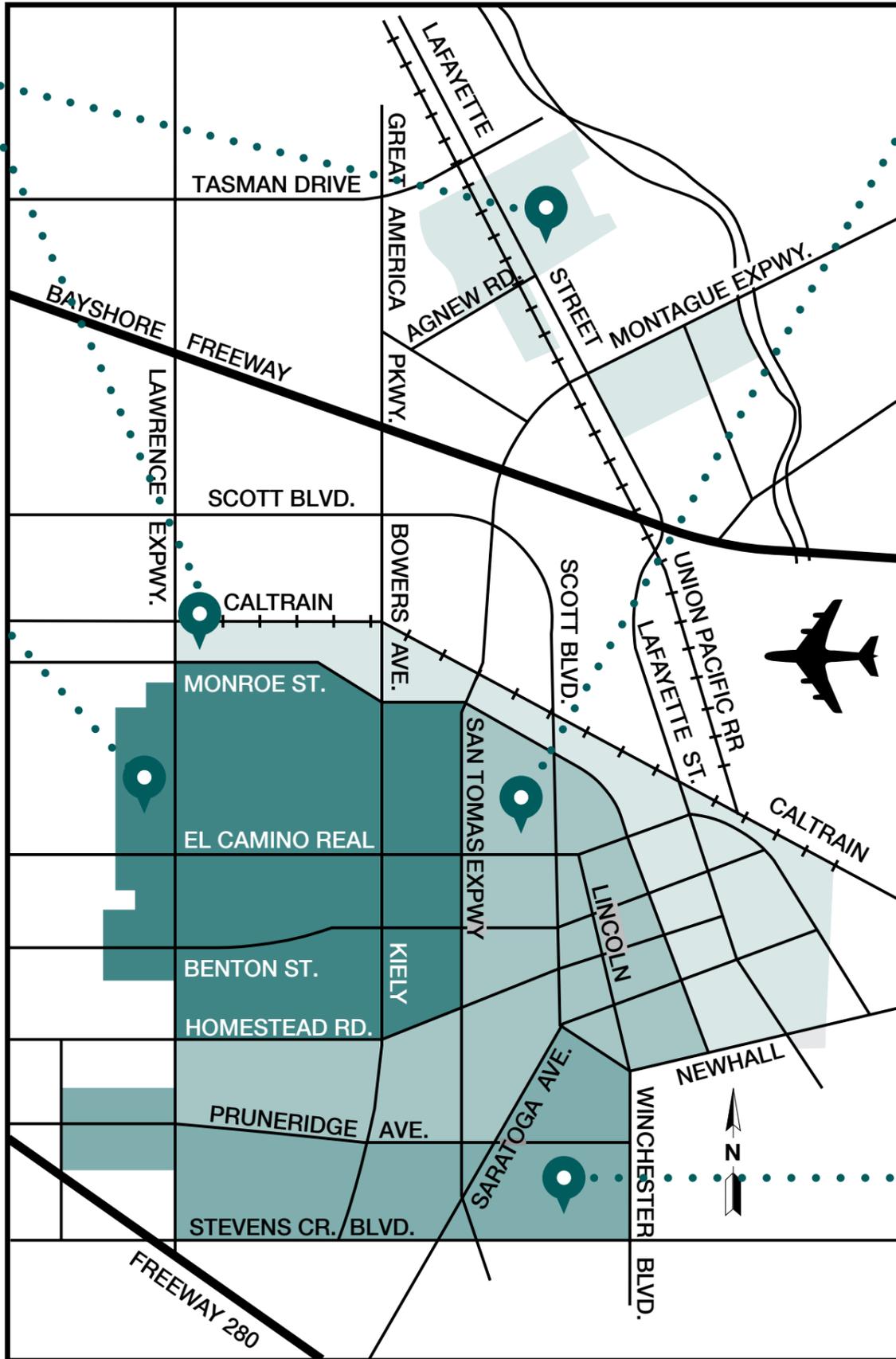
Note: Includes both sides of Homestead between San Tomas & Lawrence.

Week 3 - Set out materials no earlier than Sat., May 12 and no later than 7 a.m., Mon., May 14.

Note: Includes both sides of Newhall between Saratoga & Winchester, both sides of Saratoga between Scott & Pruneridge, and north side of Pruneridge between Saratoga & Lawrence.

Week 4 - Set out materials no earlier than Sat., May 19 and no later than 7 a.m., Mon., May 21.

Note: Includes the southside of Pruneridge between Saratoga & Lawrence and both sides of Pruneridge west of Lawrence and east of Saratoga.



Set-out instructions

- Do not set out materials in the street before the Saturday prior to your assigned collection week. Early set-outs (prior to the Saturday preceding your collection week) are subject to a **\$100 fine**.
- Park vehicles in your garage or driveway during your assigned collection week so it is easier for Clean-up crews to maneuver. If you must park on the street, park at least five feet away from piles.
- Do not place piles in front of curbs painted red for "No Parking," as large piles can obstruct the view of motorists pulling out of driveways. Do not place piles in alleys or private streets, or against fences, retaining walls, fire hydrants or landscaping.

- Place your materials at least 3 feet from any obstructions such as fire hydrants, fences, poles, cars, trees, bushes or walls.
- Do not block sidewalks or bike lanes.
- Materials must be placed in the street, by the curb, in front of the house where the materials are generated (if a private street, materials must be placed on nearest public street). Placing materials in front of a neighbor's house will be deemed illegal dumping.
- Violation notices may be left at homes where materials have been improperly set out. If you have questions about what can be set out or need assistance in determining which collection area you live in, contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080.



It is important to have your materials set out by 7 a.m.

Clean-up crews move street by street through the designated area. Once a street has been serviced, there is no additional free clean-up collection that week. Don't miss your chance! Have your materials set out by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your service week.

The annual Clean-up Campaign is a special opportunity for residents of the City of Santa Clara to set out bulky items not routinely collected by weekly garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection services.



- All construction/demolition debris including (but not limited to): concrete, asphalt, brick, rocks, stones, pavers, dirt, sod, interior insulation, gypsum drywall, and/or sawdust **must** be placed in a construction bulk bag no larger than 1 cubic yard (3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft.) to prevent stormwater run-off pollution. Bulk bags may be purchased online at bagcorpstore.com/cleanup or at the Municipal Services Counter, 1500 Warburton Ave. One cubic yard of bagged construction/demolition debris will be collected at no charge. Additional amounts are subject to a collection charge of \$25 per cubic yard. Residents who place loose construction debris in the street instead of in a bulk bag are in violation of City Code and subject to a **\$250 fine**.



- Fencing and wood no longer than 6 feet in length. They should be stacked separately from other materials, along with large branches and brush, and placed parallel to the curb.
- Large pieces of yard waste: Brush, and branches should be cut to 6-foot lengths, stacked separately from other materials, along with any fencing or wood, and placed parallel to the curb. If it fits in the Clean Green cart, green waste should be disposed of through the weekly Clean Green collection program. Remember – do not trim or remove City street trees. This is a violation of City Code and subject to a \$1,000 fine and all associated replacement costs. Call 408-615-3080 for information.

Accepted materials

- Bulky items such as old furniture, carpets, mattresses, toilets, foam packaging, etc.
- Appliances, e-waste and tires: should be set out separately from the rest of your materials. Special crews will pick up these items and separate them for proper disposal since they cannot go in the landfill. Remove any appliance door with latch mechanisms prior to set out to prevent accidents. E-waste is anything that requires a plug or battery to operate.

Safe disposal of household hazardous waste

Use the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program to dispose of hazardous waste (paint, batteries, oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, Sharps containers, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc.). These materials pose a health and safety risk to Clean-up crews and the environment.



Free household hazardous waste drop-off event will be held in Santa Clara on Saturday, April 28. You can make an appointment to attend the Santa Clara drop-off event, or any of the other scheduled drop-off events held throughout the County, by calling 408-299-7300 or online at HHW.org. Illegal set-out of hazardous materials is subject to a **\$500 fine**.

One good use deserves another

Items that are salvageable and could be re-used by someone else should not be part of the Clean-up Campaign. For information on how to donate to an organization that can recycle your useable items, visit the website RecycleStuff.org or call 1-800-533-8414 for more information.

Questions?

Call the
**Public Works Department at
408-615-3080**

or Email
Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov

or Visit
SantaClaraCA.gov/cleanup

Do NOT set out

- **Recyclable items** normally collected each week as part of your curbside recycling service.
- **Regular household garbage** that is collected each week as part of your regular curbside service.
- **Yard waste that can fit in your Clean Green cart** that is collected each week as part of your regular curbside service.
- **Batteries** – place them in Ziploc-style plastic bags and set on top of your black garbage cart for collection as part of your regular curbside service.
- **Used motor oil** – Place in one gallon (or less) plastic container(s) with screw-top lid. Tape the top down securely with masking or duct tape. Label the container “waste oil” and set beside the blue recycling cart for collection as part of your regular curbside service.
- **Used motor oil filters** – Seal in Ziploc-style plastic bag and place on top of your blue recycling cart for collection as part of your regular curbside service.
- **Contractor-generated landscape or construction/demolition debris.**
- **Food or bathroom waste**
- **Automobile parts containing fluids**
- **Prescription drugs.** Santa Clara residents can drop off pharmaceuticals at the Police Building. This free service is available by appointment only. For more information, or to schedule an appointment call 408-615-4727.
- **Liquids**
- **Explosives or ammunition.** For safe disposal, call the Santa Clara Police Department at 408-615-5580.
- **Hazardous wastes** (e.g. paint, fluorescent light fixtures, oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, etc.).
- **Materials not generated by your household.** The annual Clean-up Campaign is a special service exclusively for the residents of the City of Santa Clara. If you witness illegal dumping, get the driver and vehicle description, and vehicle license number and call 408-615-3080 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or 408-615-5580 (after 4:30 p.m. and weekends).

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City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values

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Professional
Service-Oriented
Fiscally Responsible
Organized
Communicative
Collaborative
Progressive

Ethics Every Day:
Making Ethical Values a
Good Habit



City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*1st Mon., 6:30 p.m.
City CouncilTwo Tue. per month, 7 p.m.
Civil Service Commission.....2nd Mon., 7 p.m.
Cultural Commission1st Mon., 7 p.m.
Historical & Landmarks Commission.....1st Thurs., 7 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Commission3rd Tue., 7 p.m.
Planning CommissionTwo Wed. per month, 7 p.m.
Senior Advisory Commission**4th Mon., 10 a.m.
Stadium Authority Board3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Youth Commission (during the school year)**2nd Tue., 6 p.m.
Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.
Agendas for City Council, Stadium Authority Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Central Park, Northside, and Mission Libraries, and on the City website at least three days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at City Libraries beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk's Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov and search for "City Meetings."

* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd.

** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St.

*** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave.

Online schedule: SantaClaraCA.gov

Dates and times may vary. Call 408-615-2220 for information.

City Council, Stadium Authority Board and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 15 and on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov. City Council and Stadium Authority Board meetings are also streamed live on Facebook and YouTube. Archives of past City Council, Stadium Authority Board and Planning Commission meetings are on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

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New bookmobile is on the move

In 1960 Santa Clara launched its first bookmobile to provide library services to residents who would find it difficult to come to the library in person. The original vehicle was replaced twice and now, thanks to donations from the Irvine Company and the Santa Clara Library Foundation and Friends, a new bookmobile is back in service.



In 1964, the bookmobile visited schools and neighborhood stops.

The bookmobile route will include morning service to neighborhoods and senior facilities, lunchtime service to corporate campuses, afternoon stops to schools, and evening and weekend stops at City and community events and bustling live-shop-work developments. The goal is to meet the changing community needs and serve people where they live, learn, work and play.



The bookmobile begins weekly stops at Mission Branch Library on Jan. 22 while the library is closed for renovation.

The vehicle was purchased with a \$250,000 donation from the Irvine Company and "wrapped" in a colorful artistic illustrations paid for by the Santa Clara Library Foundation and Friends. The design is fun and welcoming and reflects the themes of reading and imagination. It is the creative work of local artist Tamiko Rast and illustrator Genevieve Santos.

For more information on the bookmobile routes and other library services, visit SCLibrary.org.