

# Inside



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Santa Clara**  
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## June 5 election could change how City Council is elected

Santa Clara voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, June 5 to decide if the City Charter should be amended so that City Council members would be elected to represent one of two districts rather than the City at large. If approved, the new electoral system would go into effect in time for the Nov. 6 election.

Measure A proposes that each of the two City districts would have three Council members and only residents of the district would vote for those Council positions. Candidates must reside in the district they would like to represent. 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 Mayor would continue to be elected by all voters throughout the City, as would the City Clerk and Chief of Police.

The transition to the new system, if approved by voters, will begin this November with the election of two Council members for a four-year term for District 1 by voters of that district. The second phase would occur in 2020. Voters in District 1 would select one Council member for a two-year term and voters in District 2 would select three Council members for a four-year term.

### Council Districts maps

At its May 8 meeting, the City Council approved a recommended map of two districts that will be used to elect Council members if Measure A is passed by voters in June. This configuration was one of eight draft district maps that were considered – three that were developed by a professional demographer and five based on community feedback.

An Ad Hoc Advisory Districting Committee took public input on all of the maps and made a recommendation to Council on the one that

### See proposed map for Districts 1 & 2 on page 3

best met legal requirements including that both districts must be roughly equal in population (about 58,000 in each district) and that the map takes into account the distribution of various communities of interest.

### Ranked Choice Voting

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 as early as the 2020 election if Measure A is approved. In this method, voters rank candidates in the 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.

The changes proposed in Measure A were recommended by a 13-member Charter Review Committee tasked with updating how the City elects local officeholders. Hundreds of residents provided input at public hearings and online before Measure A was placed on the ballot. For more information, visit the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

## Five elected City positions on November ballot

Santa Clara voters will fill five elected positions in City government in November. Any resident of Santa Clara who is 18 years of age and a registered voter in the City of Santa Clara may run for these offices. The candidate nomination period opens early in July and papers to file to run for office are due in early August.

The ballot will include candidates for Mayor, City Clerk and three Council seats. The Mayor, City Clerk and one Council seat will be elected by voters from throughout the City. If Measure A is approved in June, two of the Council seats will be elected only by voters in District 1. If Measure A does not pass, then all three Council seats will be elected at large. All of the positions are for a four-year term.

More information on election requirements can be found on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) and on the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters website [SCCGov.org](http://SCCGov.org).

## 2018-19 Budget hearings set for June 12 and June 26

Two public hearings on the proposed 2018-19 City budgets are scheduled in June. The first is on Tuesday, June 12 in the Council Chambers. The second and final public hearing and adoption of the proposed Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Project Budgets will be held on Tuesday, June 26, also in the Council Chambers. This will be the final opportunity for residents to comment on the City budgets.

The proposed budgets can be read online at [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) and printed copies are available for review at the City libraries and at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave.

## Remodeled Mission Branch Library to open in August

Santa Clara's oldest public building, Mission Branch Library, will reopen in August after an extensive renovation that upgraded amenities, added more group study rooms, improved ADA accessibility and redesigned the interior for more flexible use of space. The date of the grand opening will be publicized on the library website [SCLibrary.org](http://SCLibrary.org).

Built in 1954, Mission Branch Library is located at historic City Plaza Park. It was the first separate library facility in Santa Clara until Central Park Library. Renovations include the addition of a children's reading patio and an upgraded patio with additional seating at the front of the library near the entrance. Both of these features take advantage of the park setting that surrounds the library building.



Inside, the library has improved lighting including skylights to bring in natural light, an upgraded community room, three new two-person study rooms and two new rooms for larger meetings and book groups. The remodel achieved LEED Silver status for its energy efficiency.

Mission Branch Library will be open six days per week including two nights and Saturdays. It will host regular preschool story times, afterschool programs for school age children and teens, and a variety of events for adults that enrich and educate. It will contain a refreshed collection of books, DVDs and other materials to meet the needs of Santa Clara's diverse and vibrant community.

### July 4th Holiday

All City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day. No change to garbage, Clean Green or recycling schedule.

# Dear Community,

Engaging members of the community in City government is a priority in Santa Clara, and a responsibility we take seriously.

Throughout this issue of Inside Santa Clara, articles describe the many ways the City is reaching out to the community to involve residents and businesses in quality-of-life issues and planning for the future. Community meetings, workshops, online surveys, telephone community research, focus groups, outreach events, one-on-one communication via email and our blog are just a few of the ways we invite the public to offer their questions, concerns and ideas.

## Increasing Transparency

To fulfill the Council's desire to expand transparency and community involvement in civic affairs, the City recently initiated four new programs. The first, "Santa Clara Source," was showcased as a best practice at the California Association of Public Information Officers Annual Conference in April. These brief recaps of Council and Stadium Authority meetings help the public track issues and decisions. They are posted and archived on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/scsource](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/scsource). Individuals who would like more detailed information can also go the website to read minutes and staff reports on agenda items and/or to view video of full Council, Stadium Authority and Planning Commission meetings.

The second new program is the audio recording of Board, Commission and Committee meetings for posting on the City website along with action minutes that capture agenda items, actions and votes cast by each board, commission or committee member.



City Manager  
Deanna Santana

Third, to help residents have advance notice of issues at upcoming meetings, the City has introduced a Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar(TMAG). It is published weekly on [SantaClaraCA.gov/TMAC](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/TMAC) and includes tentative dates and policy-level agenda items planned for Council study sessions, joint Council/Commission meetings and regular Council meetings in the next three to four months. This tool allows residents to follow policy development, plan what meetings to attend, and track movement on key issues impacting our community. Few municipalities offer this service, but our deep interest in transparency

has motivated us to internally focus on pre-planning our agenda for maximum community engagement.

Finally, the City Manager blog appears every two weeks on the City website that provides updates on department activities, community events, Stadium Authority actions, responses to City Council meeting inquiries, and a link to the TMAG agenda.

All of these efforts are aimed at increasing awareness, knowledge and participation in the public process.

I also want to encourage you to read the article about the Council Retreat and to follow up with more reading and/or video watching on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov). The two-day event was a thorough discussion of Santa Clara's present and future opportunities. Council goals for the next two years will determine how City resources are deployed, and the new budget and forecasting tools will help to guide prudent fiscal decisions in order to protect core services and the future of our community.

We are entering one of the most beautiful seasons in Santa Clara, and I hope you and your family enjoy a summer of fun and relaxation.

In community spirit,

Deanna J. Santana  
City Manager

# Council Retreat sets goals for Santa Clara's future

A two-day Council Retreat held at the end of January identified six strategic goals that will be pillars of building a sustainable future for Santa Clara that protects its economic viability and quality of life.

## **Deliver and enhance high quality efficient services and infrastructure.**

This is the day-to-day business of City government, including police, fire, library, parks and recreation, streets, utilities, planning and other core services.

## **Enhance community engagement and transparency.**

An ongoing priority for the City Council, new technologies and policies are increasing opportunities for the community to be engaged. The City Manager describes several of these in her column.

## **Promote and enhance economic and housing development.**

Many commercial, office and residential developments are in the works, including the biggest in Santa Clara history, City Place. Each contributes to the City's economic strength. The Council continues to be very concerned about the regional housing crisis and is pursuing new policy and funding opportunities to increase affordable housing construction.

## **Enhance community sports and recreational assets.**

This goal builds on the Facility Condition Index that inventoried and assessed every park and recreation facility in 2017. This information is helpful in prioritizing maintenance and long-range capital replacement plans. Articles about new parks and plans to upgrade existing parks are this newspaper.

## **Maintain adequate staffing levels.**

In order for the City to meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors, Santa Clara must employ a sufficient number of skilled and experienced individuals. Hiring and retention can be a challenge in the highly competitive job marketplace of Silicon Valley.

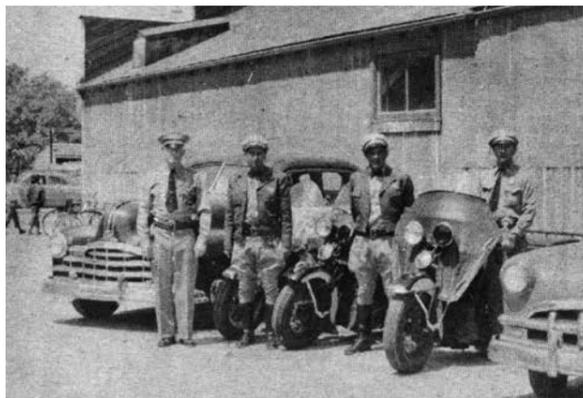
## **Ensure compliance with Measure J and manage Levi's® Stadium**

Several action items supporting this goal are already underway or completed, including the audit of stadium costs and the decision to make Stadium Authority meetings separate from City Council meetings.

The Council also discussed staff's recommendation that the City move to a two-year budget cycle and develop a 10-year financial plan that would project possible deficits and surpluses. These fiscal tools will help the Council analyze short-term and long-term impacts of their decisions.

More detailed information and videos of the retreat can be found on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/government/council/council-goals](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/government/council/council-goals).

# Motorcycle patrol gets new equipment for 75th anniversary



Santa Clara's three-officer motorcycle unit in 1950.

Santa Clara Police Department's motorcycle patrol has been a key element in keeping the City safe for 75 years. It is the largest motorcycle unit among law enforcement agencies in Santa Clara County and as the region's population – and number of drivers – grows, the need for its services is more important than ever.

The motorcycle unit has many functions including traffic enforcement (speeding, distracted driving, carpool lane violations, etc.), monitoring school zones and areas with a high volume of collisions or violations, accident reconstruction, fatal accident investigation and public education. Motorcycle officers have one of the most dangerous jobs in law enforcement and, sadly, Santa Clara motorcycle officers have been killed or severely disabled through the years.

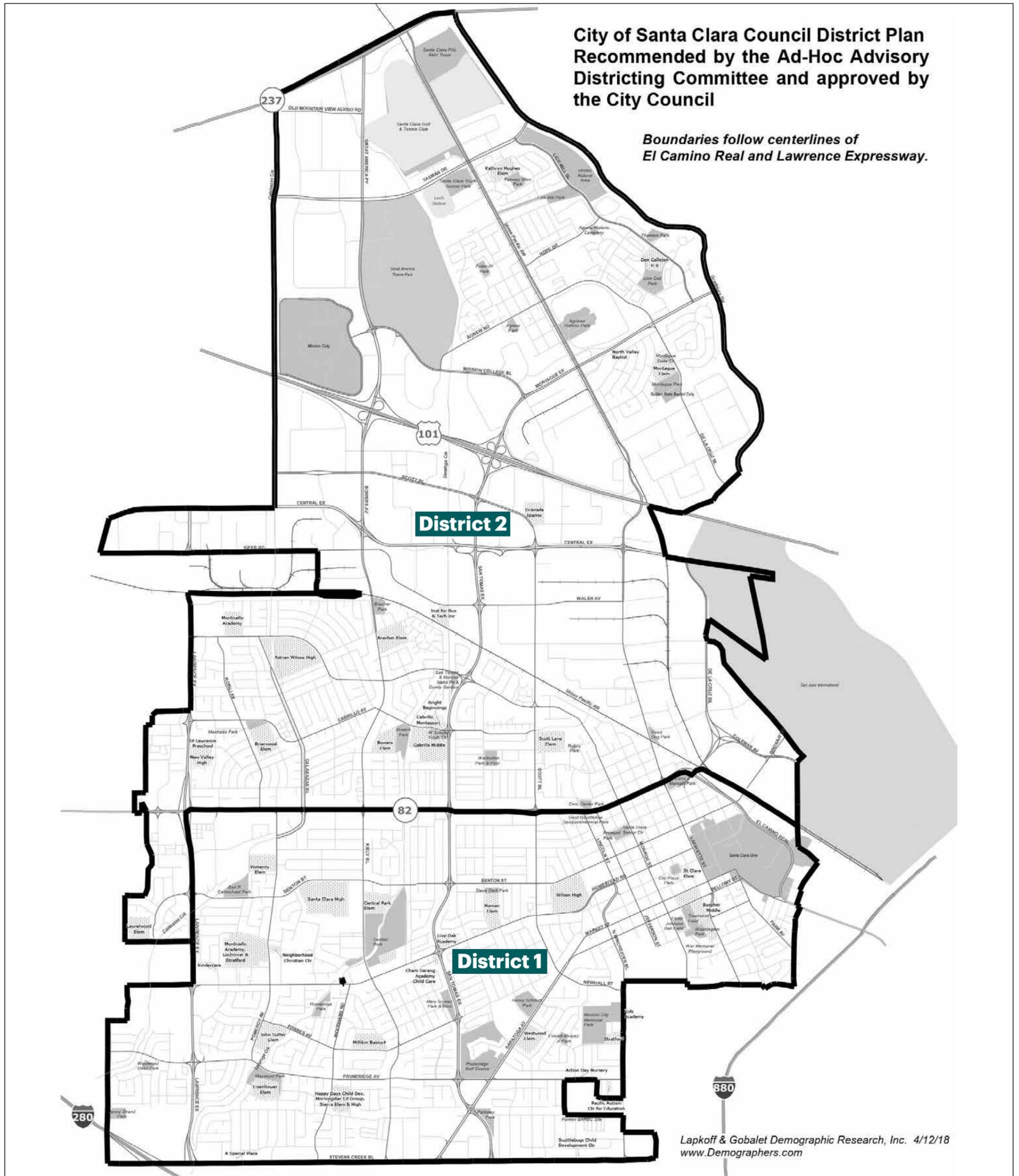
Helping to keep them safer in the event of a crash on the road is new safety equipment recently purchased with funding assistance from the Community Oriented Policing Services Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Santa Clara Police Department's motorcycle officers are now wearing sleek Shark and Shoei helmets



Today's motorcycle patrol includes nine officers and two sergeants.

and high-tech, low-weight Kevlar-reinforced uniforms. The pads on the shins, side, tailbone, elbows and shoulders serve as an additional shield to protect officers from high impact injuries, road rash and skin tearing in the event of a slide or crash.

# Proposed boundaries of District 1 and District 2 for Council elections



This map shows how the City will be divided into two districts if Measure A is approved by voters on June 5. Each district will be represented by three City Council Members. Citywide elections would remain for the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief of Police positions. See article on page 1 for more information.

## Mission Branch Library renovation campaign seeks donors

The Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends is leading a renovation fundraising campaign for the Mission Branch Library. The historic library – the oldest public building in Santa Clara – is being remodeled by the City to modernize the 64-year-old facility and make it a better space for today’s community.

The cost of renovating Mission Library including facility upgrades, program enhancement and a sustainable resource plan is \$4.1 million. The City of Santa Clara has committed \$3.8 million, and this renovation fundraising campaign hopes to raise the additional \$300,000 needed.

To donate online or learn more about giving options including honoring a loved one on the donor wall or naming opportunities, visit [LoveTheLibrary.org/mission-renovation-campaign](http://LoveTheLibrary.org/mission-renovation-campaign).

## Sewer lines are under inspection

Approximately 36,000 linear feet of the City’s sewer mains are being cleaned and examined using Closed Circuit Television. Work will continue through the end of June and is scheduled between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. to take advantage of low sewer flow and to minimize disruption to residents and businesses. Questions? Call Water & Sewer Utilities at 408-615-2000.

## Watch out for utility bill phone fraud

A current scam is taking place where Santa Clara residents are receiving phone calls that claim to be alerting them about the status of their utility bills and requesting payment for utility bills using cash, credit card or gift card. The fraudsters may threaten to disconnect power if payment is not made in one of these ways. In some cases, residents have also been asked for personal identifying information.

Don't always believe your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine. Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request — whether it comes as a text, a phone call, or an email.

If you receive a fraudulent call, hang up immediately. If you have been a victim of this or any other scam, file an online report with the Santa Clara Police Department at [scpd.org](http://scpd.org) or call 408-615-4700.

## New electric meters are powerful tools

How much energy does it take to do a load of laundry? What part of your energy bill is wasted on appliances that are plugged in, but not in use? By 2019, Santa Clara residents and businesses will have the tools at their fingertips to answer these questions and more.

This spring, Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, began installation of an additional 40,000 new wireless digital electric meters in Santa Clara homes and businesses. More than 15,000 of the new, advanced meters were already installed. The new digital meters replace mechanical meters and first-generation digital meters that are no longer compatible with modern technologies.

Starting this summer, Silicon Valley Power will begin remotely reading these new electric meters. Remote meter readings are more efficient and accurate and less intrusive than traditional, in-person meter readings.

The new meters will link to an online customer energy portal that will allow customers to view energy usage information in daily, hourly, and even 15-minute intervals. Silicon Valley Power is currently procuring this online tool and has scheduled its roll out for 2019.

Customers will receive advanced notification by mail about their meter replacement and installers will leave a door hanger when done. The new meter installation process takes less than five minutes. For more information, call Silicon Valley Power's Energy Conservation Hotline at 408-244-SAVE (7283) or visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/meterconnect](http://SiliconValleyPower.com/meterconnect).

## June 9 parties kick off Summer Reading Program at libraries

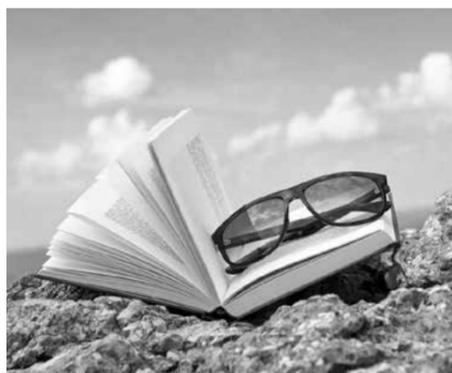
The annual Summer Reading Program at Santa Clara City Library kicks off with parties for kids and teens on Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Northside Branch Library and 1-4 p.m. at Central Park Library.

The events will feature live animals, daring circus acts and arts and crafts. Most importantly, it is an opportunity to sign up for a summer reading club to get rewarded for reading in June, July and August. Participants earn free books, gift cards, and other exciting prizes when they turn in a reading log at the end of summer.

Beginning June 1, adults can pick up a passport at Central Park Library or Northside Branch Library to track their summer reading journey. Read at least three books throughout the summer to complete the summer reading challenge and be entered to win one of several grand prizes. The passport also contains optional activities to earn even more chances to win!

Check the library webpage, [SCLibrary.org](http://SCLibrary.org), for complete information on events and summer reading activities.

The 2018 Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored by KeyPoint Credit Union and the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends.



### New puppy or dog?

Meter readers may enter your yard to read your meter. Be sure to inform the City if you have a dog in your yard to help ensure the safety of City personnel and your pet. Contact customer service at 408-614-2300 to update your account.

## Share your ideas on how bicycling can be safer, more convenient

An online survey designed to gather input from residents on the City's Bicycle Master Plan will be open until mid-June. Link to it from the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/government/bicycle-plan-update](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/government/bicycle-plan-update). In-person feedback can also be provided at the Art & Wine Festival in September in Central Park.



Survey participants will be asked where they currently ride a bike, what improvements they would like to see on existing bicycle facilities, and suggestions for new routes and facility locations.

The goal is to have a new draft master plan completed by the end of the year for the City Council to review at a public hearing in January 2019.

Santa Clara is recognized as one of America's "Bicycle Friendly Communities" and it contains 23.6 miles of bike lanes, 5.8 miles of bike routes and 9.3 miles of recreational paths. A bicycle map can be downloaded at [SantaClaraCA.gov/residents/maps](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/residents/maps).

## State of the City events

The Mayor will present the annual State of the City address at four community gatherings in June. Information is also on the City website [santaclaraca.gov/stateofthecity](http://santaclaraca.gov/stateofthecity). A video of the talk will be posted on the City's YouTube channel.

### Saturday, June 2, 9-11 a.m.

Santa Clara Teen Center Multipurpose Room  
2446 Cabrillo Ave.

### Saturday, June 2, 2-4 p.m.

Community Recreation Center Auditorium  
969 Kiely Blvd.

### Saturday, June 9, 1-3 p.m.

Don Callejon School Gym  
4176 Lick Mill Blvd.

### Monday, June 11, 1-3 p.m.

Santa Clara Senior Center  
1303 Fremont St.

## Sign up now for fall PAL soccer season

Registration is already underway for the fall Santa Clara Police Activities League (PAL) soccer season that runs Aug. 25 through the end of November. It is open to boys and girls ages 4-17 as of July 31, 2018. Learn more and link to online registration at [SantaClaraPAL.org](http://SantaClaraPAL.org).

The website will also provide information on other PAL programs including its year-round Judo Club, BMX track and other sports activities.

# Report coming on community opinions about Levi's® Stadium

The final report on the months-long extensive outreach and engagement process to identify the community's perspectives on issues related to Levi's® Stadium is scheduled to be presented to the public on June 26 in Council Chambers as part of the Stadium Authority Board meeting.

The process included multiple community meetings and focus groups for neighborhood and community groups. Topics included noise, public safety, nuisances, parking, flyovers, crowd control, cleanliness, loitering, lighting, pyrotechnics/fireworks, performance curfew, and other items surrounding Levi's® Stadium.

For more information on the process, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/outreach](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/outreach).

# Public hearings on Winchester Blvd. project expected this summer

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a mixed income housing project on City-owned property at 90 N. Winchester Blvd. is being finalized. The EIR and design documents are expected to be considered at Planning Commission and City Council meetings this summer. Construction could begin as soon as summer of 2019. For more information, visit the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

The proposal for the six-acre "The Agrihood" from The Core Companies includes 361 residences (181 of which will be affordable) plus a café, community center and 1.7 acres set aside for community gardens and agricultural themed open space. The project was redesigned to incorporate input received during a six-month public outreach process hosted by the Project for Public Spaces.

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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

# Annual neighborhood gatherings scheduled for August 7



On the first Tuesday of every August, thousands of people in communities throughout the U.S. – including the City of Santa Clara – participate in a one night event to make their neighborhoods better places to live.

The goal of National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7, is for residents to meet their neighbors, deter crime and be more involved with the community. Each neighborhood can choose what type of event to organize, such as a potluck, barbecue, block party, street dance, family games, sports activities, theme parties or any other ideas for getting people together to have fun and make new friends.

Neighborhoods that register by July 31 may invite a member of the Santa Clara Police Department or Santa Clara Fire Department to attend as a guest.

To close a street for a Neighborhood Block Party, an application with a petition signed by all residents affected must be submitted at least

four weeks in advance. Information is available at [SantaClaraCA.gov/blockparty](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/blockparty).

A permit is required for amplified music. Information about the permit and restrictions is available at [SantaClaraCA.gov/amplifiedmusic](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/amplifiedmusic).

More information about National Night Out is available from the Santa Clara Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, 408-615-4876 or [crimeprevention@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:crimeprevention@SantaClaraCA.gov).



**National Night Out Registration Form**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2018 • 6 – 8:30 p.m.**

Organizer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organizer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Event Address / Location \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Kids \_\_\_\_\_

Event Type: (circle one) BBQ Potluck Ice Cream Social

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

(Requests cannot be guaranteed, but we will try our best)

Email: [cclay@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:cclay@santaclaraca.gov)

or mail:  
 Santa Clara Police Department  
 601 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050  
 Attn: Crime Prevention Unit



The officers and City officials that come to your event do not give prepared speeches or talks on issues in your neighborhood. They can answer some general questions for you, but the intent for National Night Out is for the citizens of Santa Clara and the Police Department to connect on a more social level.

## Curb ramp project completed

The City recently completed a project to upgrade curb ramps at 24 locations at intersections along Forbes Avenue, Warburton Avenue and Santa Clara Street.

Existing sidewalk, curbs and gutters were removed and replaced with curb ramps that are compliant with the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Pavement striping and markings were also upgraded to accommodate easy access to the curb ramps.

Gently sloping ramps provide sidewalk access to individuals in wheelchairs and those with limited mobility. Yellow dome-shaped bumps are designed to be felt underfoot or with a cane by people who are blind or have low vision – alerting them of the transition from a pedestrian-only area to a roadway.



The City monitors accessibility issues with the help of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee that meets four times a year. The next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. at a location to be determined. For information call the Department of Public Works at 408-615-3000.

## 2018-19 Stadium Authority budget approved

The City Council, meeting as the Santa Clara Stadium Authority Board, approved the Annual Operating, Debt Service and Capital Budget for fiscal year 2018-19 this spring.

The \$130.8 million Operating Budget includes \$3.2 million that is paid to the City of Santa Clara General Fund from senior and youth fees, ground rent, and performance rent revenues. The General Fund pays for core City services such as police, fire, library, parks, streets, recreation, etc. The \$57.6 million Debt Service Budget includes \$38.9 million in principal debt payments. The Capital Budget of \$7.9 million comprises of a number of projects to be completed at Levi's® Stadium.

More detail about the Stadium Authority Budget can be found on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

## Park news – just in time for summer!

The City has prioritized the renovation and replacement of playgrounds and park facilities to meet criteria for accessibility, safety, and improved play. Opportunities for community input are through the Parks & Recreation Commission (3rd Tuesday of the month at City Hall), online surveys and workshops. The next playgrounds on the list are Montague Park, Fuller Street Park, and Agnew Park. In addition, three new parks are open or coming soon.



### Central Park Annex

Santa Clara's 35th park, located at 2902 Miles Dr., is now open. This new two-acre park was built by a housing developer (Prometheus) for the City of Santa Clara and includes a new playground, restroom, multipurpose grass meadow, and natural habitat. Eventually, the park will connect with Central Park and an off street Creek Trail extension to Homeridge Park.

### San Tomas & Monroe Neighborhood Park and Community Garden

This new two-acre park, located along the San Tomas/Aquino Creek Trail, is under construction and will open later this summer. It includes 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. For more information, call 408-615-3140.



### Reed & Grant Streets Sports Park

Construction will begin this fall on this project that will provide five lighted soccer fields (in various configurations), off street parking, a playground, a multipurpose building, and restrooms.

Summer is a great time to explore all of Santa Clara's beautiful parks, including Steve Carli Park, 1045 Los Padres Blvd., that received an Award of Excellence from the California Park and Recreation Society District 4 for its accessible and creative recreational play features. All parks are showcased on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

## New website helps gardeners achieve sustainable landscaping

Looking for inspiration for your yard? Want to learn ways to attract butterflies, conserve water, improve your soil, and use fewer pesticides? Searching for a class on how to prune fruit trees, select native plants, or plant a vegetable garden?

A new website launched by the City of Santa Clara in partnership with other local agencies provides gardeners with a wide variety of resources to support sustainable landscaping.

[SouthBayGreenGardens.org](http://SouthBayGreenGardens.org) contains information on landscape designs, water-efficient irrigation, pest management, tree care, managing rainwater, events/workshops, mulch, soils and composting. It also links to a California Native Plant database, San Jose Water Company's Waterwise Plant database and Demonstration Gardens tour sites. Gardeners will find help on putting together a landscape design and tips on proper care once it has been established.

Information on the site was vetted by local experts in Santa Clara County, specifically the South Bay Green Gardens Subcommittee, a part of the Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Commissions Technical Advisory Committee. It is co-sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, a collaboration of 15 stormwater managing agencies including the City of Santa Clara.



## 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 bowl 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](http://SantaClaraLawnBowls.org) or call Jerry at 408-499-5423.

**New LED lights and fixtures were recently installed by the City at Central Park Lawn Bowl so that Lawn Bowl patrons will have better lighting for night-time practice and tournaments.**

## Stay physically active as you age

Santa Clara residents ages 50+ are invited to learn how to become and stay physically active



through a new program at the Senior Center. “Active Living Every Day” is a 12-week class that is based on the research study Project Active at The Cooper Institute. Taught by trained instructors, it includes information on overcoming barriers to physical activity, how to set realistic goals, building confidence and developing social support.

**Having energy, feeling good, and being healthy are all benefits of active living.**

The program is funded by a grant from the National Recreation & Parks Association. The next session is scheduled to begin on Thursday, Aug. 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register online at [SantaClaraCA.gov/residents/senior-center](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/residents/senior-center) or at the Senior Center front desk.

The Santa Clara Senior Center has a wide variety of physical activity classes in addition to its Fitness Center and Natatorium with three indoor pools.

## Santa Clara offers summer swimming fun at 3 pools

Summer season pool passes can now be purchased at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd., for access to the International Swim Center, Montague Swim Center and Warburton Swim Center. All members of the family need to be present when purchasing the pass and each family member will be issued an individual card. Costs for residents range from \$75 for children ages 1-17 to \$180 for a family of six or more.

Noon hour lap swim passes are also available for purchase. Cost is \$5 per visit if purchased as a pass, compared to \$6 per visit for drop-in swimmers.

### Senior Swim

Senior Swim at the International Swim Center requires a free membership card that can be obtained at the Community Recreation Center or the Senior Center.

### Swim Lessons

There is still time to sign up for summer swim lessons offered evenings at Montague Swim Center and mornings and evenings at Warburton Swim Center. Classes are formatted in two-week and four-week sessions and Saturday mornings.



### Swim Birthday Parties

If you are looking for a different fun venue for a child’s birthday party this summer, consider the International Swim Center which is available on some weekends. Parties include 90 minutes of non-exclusive swim time, followed by 30 minutes for cake, presents and celebration under a party canopy. Cost includes lifejackets and a staff liaison. For information, call 408-615-3140.

### Swim Centers

**George F. Haines International Swim Center**  
969 Kiely Blvd. at Central Park

**Montague Swim Center**  
3595 MacGregor Lane

**Warburton Swim Center**  
2250 Royal Dr.

## Joint bridge project completed

A joint project with the City of Sunnyvale was completed earlier this year to replace the Old Mountain View-Alviso Road Bridge, which crosses Calabazas Creek. In addition to the bridge itself, the cities worked collaboratively on the construction of a water main intertie to increase operational flexibility in the water distribution systems of both cities, and to increase the ability to respond to water related emergencies.

The new bridge is 52 feet wide, includes two 12-foot wide traffic lanes, two 7-foot wide shoulders/bike lanes, two 6-foot wide sidewalks, and two 1-foot thick barriers. The project was funded by an \$8.7 million Federal Highway Bridge Program grant with a local share of \$565,000 by each city.

## Career Opportunities

Are you interested in a rewarding career that serves your community? Join the City of Santa Clara’s highly motivated, talented and dedicated team of professionals by applying for one of the current employment opportunities. For up-to-date recruitment information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs), follow openings on Twitter @ SantaClaraJobs, follow the City of Santa Clara on LinkedIn, or call the City’s Job Employment Hotline at 408-615-JOBS. You may also sign up for a “Job Interest Card” to receive email notifications of current openings to match your areas of interest.

## Summer Concerts in Central Park

Bring the family and enjoy these free concerts under the summer sun.

**Friday, June 15**

6:30-8 p.m. - The Megatonnes



**Friday, July 13**

6:30-8 p.m. - Orquesta Latin Heat



**Sunday, July 22**

2:30-4 p.m. - The Lyratones



**Friday, July 27**

6:30-8 p.m. - California Groove



**Sunday, Aug. 12**

2:30-4 p.m. - The Funky Souls Dance Band



**Friday, Aug. 17**

6:30-8 p.m. - The Houserockers



# Activities for every age, every interest

## Harris-Lass House Museum Tours

**Saturdays, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4 and Sundays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19**

Spend a lovely summer afternoon exploring the historic Harris-Lass House Museum and grounds. The historic site was originally a 13-acre prune orchard and today includes a 12-room farmhouse, barn, tank house, gift shop and summer kitchen. Tours are offered 1-3 p.m. with last tour beginning at 2 p.m. No reservation necessary. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children. For information, visit [HarrisLass.org](http://HarrisLass.org).



## Chorale Encore

**Sunday, June 3**

The Santa Clara Chorale will revisit musical highlights from the season at a matinee performance at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1957 Pruneridge Ave. This is an opportunity to relive a favorite moment or experience a new masterwork. For information, visit [SCC.org](http://SCC.org).

## Farmers Market

**Saturdays**

The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market is in full swing every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead and Benton all year round. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market, this weekly event provides Santa Clara residents with fruits and vegetables fresh from local fields and orchards, as well as live music to enjoy while shopping. Baked goods and prepared foods are also available. Summer's bounty offers an appetizing way to get the recommended five daily servings of fruits and veggies, and delectable fruits like peaches, plums, apricots, melons and a wide assortment of summer berries provide an easy and delicious way to eat healthy. Don't forget to bring your own bags!



## Biennial Sculpture Exhibition

**Through June 15**

The 8th annual Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition is underway with artwork on display in City Hall and Central Park Library during regular operating hours. This year's theme is "Out of the Darkness, Light" and showcases work by 25 artists. Media for the sculptures include porcelain and metal, found objects, 3-D printed material, laser-cut acrylic and other modern "maker" and kinetic techniques. It is sponsored by the Santa Clara Cultural Commission. More information is on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/sculptureexhibition](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/sculptureexhibition).



## Trivia Contests

**2nd Wednesday of the month**

Are you familiar with the most famous Oscar winners of the past decade? Do you know who has appeared on the cover of TIME magazine more than any other person? Can you name the capital of Liberia? Test your useful (and useless) knowledge during a monthly pub-style trivia night, hosted by your local librarians from the Santa Clara City Library! Trivia nights begin at 7 p.m. at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Franklin Square. Registration is required; tickets are available online one month in advance for each event at [bit.ly/SCTrivia2018](http://bit.ly/SCTrivia2018). Teams may consist of 1-6 people, and prizes are given to the top three teams. This is an adult program open to ages 18 and up.

## Swim Meet

**Thursday-Sunday, June 7-10**

About 400 swimmers are expected to participate in this annual swim meet at the George F. Haines International Swim Center. For ticket information on the 2018 YR Pro Swim Series visit [USASwimming.org](http://USASwimming.org).

## Fusion Concert

**Friday, June 8**

More than 150 Santa Clara University students join together to fill Santa Clara Mission with beautiful music, starting at 7:30 p.m. The performance combines the talents of the SCU choirs, orchestra and wind symphony. For ticket information, visit [SCU.edu](http://SCU.edu).

## "The Ladies Foursome"

**Through June 9**

The day after their friend Catherine's funeral, three women gather for a round of golf in honor of their recently departed fourth. At the golf course they are joined by another woman, an old friend of Catherine's they'd never met. Over the course of 18 holes, secrets and confessions unravel as the women discuss love, sex, children, and everything in between. For performance schedule and ticket information, visit the Santa Clara Players website [SCPlayers.org](http://SCPlayers.org).

## "Legally Blonde the Musical"

**Through June 9**

Santa Clara University students present this fun musical adapted from the movie of the same name at the Mayer Theatre. For ticket information, visit [SCU.edu](http://SCU.edu).

## NASA Science Talk

**Thursday, June 11**

Do you want to know more about NASA space stations? A science talk about NASA space stations and Mars as a final destination will be presented at 7 p.m. at Central Park Library for ages 6 and up. The speaker is Ali Guarneros Luna, a senior NASA aerospace engineer supporting the "Synchronized Position Hold, Engage, Reorient, Experimental Satellites (SPHERES)" Program and a number of small satellite spaceflight projects within the Engineering Directorate of the NASA Ames Research Center. She has made significant contributions as a member of the SPHERES Engineering team, a group that helps scientists, companies and government institutions from all over the world access the highly advanced robot platforms that are located on the International Space Station. For more information, call Central Park Library at 408-615-2900.



## Homebuyers Workshop

**Wednesday, June 13**

This workshop is designed to help residents who are interested in purchasing a home through the City of Santa Clara Below Market Purchase Program. It is scheduled 6:30-8 p.m. at Central Park Library. Registration opens on June 13 at 1 p.m. at <https://santaclaracitybmpworkshop180613.eventbrite.com>. For more information on the program, visit [HousingTrustSV.org](http://HousingTrustSV.org).



## Estate Sale

**Saturday, June 16**

An estate sale of quality collectibles will be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the historic Harris-Lass House Museum, 1885 Market St. All items have been donated for fundraising purposes for the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara and will be pre-priced for quick sales. The huge collection includes antiques, household décor, dishes, glassware, china, knickknacks and home furnishings. Visit [HarrisLass.org](http://HarrisLass.org) for more information.

## Daddy-Daughter Dance

**Saturday, June 16**

Girls ages 0 to 12 years and their father or a significant male role model are invited to the 4th annual event at Northside Branch Library from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call Northside Branch Library at 408-615-5500.



# Santa Clara is the Center of What's Possible



## Silicon Valley BBQ Championship Friday-Saturday, June 22-23

Enjoy a variety of barbecue-style food and samples, live music, arts/crafts vendors, beer, and wine while more than 60 professional teams compete in four barbecue categories: pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken thighs and brisket. The Central Park event is one of the largest barbecue championships on the West Coast. Hours are 4-10 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds support community projects in Santa Clara. For information, visit [SVBBQ.com](http://SVBBQ.com) or call 408-615-3140.

## Worm Workshop

Saturday, June 16

Vermicomposting is a no fuss, no smell and low maintenance way to compost. Learn how to build, maintain and troubleshoot a worm bin at a free workshop 10 a.m.-12 noon at Machado Park, 3360 Cabrillo Ave. For beginners to experienced composters, this event is an opportunity to ask an expert questions about composting using worms. Workshops are sponsored by the City of Santa Clara, Recycling, the Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County and UCCE Master Composters. For more information, call Public Works at 408-615-3080.



## Citizenship Application Workshops

Mondays, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20

Get help preparing your citizenship application and filing a USCIS fee waiver or reduced fee request, if applicable. Guidance on the naturalization legal process, eligibility requirements, and interview will be provided. Register by phone: 408-658-9206 or [sanjoseimmigration@rescue.org](mailto:sanjoseimmigration@rescue.org).

## Practice SAT for teens

Saturday, June 23

Take a practice SAT on paper to simulate the test day experience at Northside Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. After you've finished, score your test immediately. For more information, call Northside Branch Library at 408-615-5500.

## Pacific Procession

Monday, June 25

Vanguard Music and Performing Arts presents one of the Bay Area's largest drum corps events at Santa Clara High School. Performing will be Santa Clara Vanguard, Vanguard Cadets and Santa Clara Big Band with a special appearance by the Troopers from Casper, Wyoming. For ticket information visit [SCVanguard.org](http://SCVanguard.org).

## American-athalon: Kids vs. Parents

Saturday, June 30

A head-to-head quiz game to see whether parents or kids (in grades 3-6) know America best. It is scheduled for Northside Branch Library 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. For more information, call Northside Branch Library at 408-615-5500.

## Antiques Appraisal & Luncheon

Thursday, July 12

Only 55 tickets are available for this special annual event, scheduled 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Harris-Lass House Museum. Tickets are \$25 per person and cost includes a box lunch, beverage and appraisal of one item by local professional antique dealers. Tickets sales begin June 6 and end July 6, or when sold out. For additional information, call 408-241-1572.

## Street Dance

Friday, Aug. 3

The annual Franklin Square Street Dance will be held 6-9:30 p.m. featuring music from The Hitmen. It will be located on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the City's Cultural Commission.

## Fall Activity Guide

Wednesday, Aug. 8

The Fall Activity Guide will be mailed to residents and available online Aug. 8 at [SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec). It contains information on hundreds of recreation classes and opportunities for children, teens, adults and seniors.

## Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday, Aug. 11

Garage sales are a great way to de-clutter, recycle neglected treasures and keep usable items out of our landfills. The Citywide Garage sale is held at homes throughout Santa Clara. The City's website has information for both shoppers and sellers. Want to hold your own sale? Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale) to fill out a registration form. You will be asked for your address and items you will have available for sale. Going on a treasure hunt? Visit the link above for an interactive map where you can search for sales by category and address. There is no charge to register.

## Santa Clara Kids Triathlon

Saturday, Aug. 18

Kids ages 15 and under are invited to swim, bike and run in Central Park. The event provides a safe and fun environment for kids to compete in a triathlon with kids their same age. To register, visit the website [BayAreaKidsTriSeries.org](http://BayAreaKidsTriSeries.org).

## Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, Aug. 29

Stop by the Santa Clara Senior Center, grab an ice cream, and learn about the programs and activities available to older adults ages 50+. Ice cream will be served anytime between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$2 for Santa Clara seniors (age 50+) and \$3 for other ice cream lovers of any age. For more information, call the Senior Center at 408-615-3170.



## Coming up in September

### Labor Day Holiday

Monday, Sept. 3

City Hall closed. Regular schedule for garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection.

### Admission Day Holiday

Monday, Sept. 10

City Hall closed. Regular schedule for garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection.



## Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival at Central Park

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 15-16

Mark your calendars now for this annual family friendly event featuring nearly 175 artist booths, Kids Kingdom and Toddler Town, international foods, fine wines, shaded craft beer garden and live entertainment on multiple stages. Interested artists should contact Robin Shaddle at [RShaddle@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:RShaddle@santaclaraca.gov) and interested companies or community sponsors should contact Susan Diatte at [SDiatte@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:SDiatte@santaclaraca.gov). Information on the festival can be found at [SantaClaraArtandWine.com](http://SantaClaraArtandWine.com) or call 408-615-3140.



## Pour for Paws

Friday, Sept. 21

This annual fun event raises funds for the SVACA Animal Care Center. It will be held 6-9 p.m. at the dog friendly

Steins Beer Garden in Mountain View. Enjoy craft beers, food and live and silent auctions. Visit [SVACA.com](http://SVACA.com) for more information.

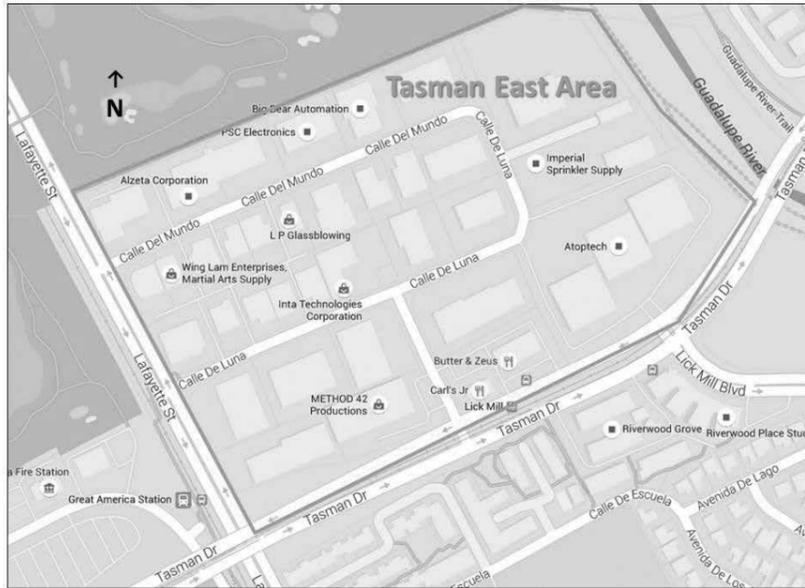
## City plans for the future with Specific Plans

In addition to the General Plan, the City of Santa Clara uses Specific Plans to guide planning for the future so that development meets the community’s housing, jobs and quality of life needs and is respectful of the environment. A Specific Plan focuses on a defined area. It may include broad policy concepts or be much more detailed in setting direction for every facet of development including the type, location and intensity of uses, and infrastructure requirements. Two Specific Plans are currently in progress.

### Tasman Specific Plan

Santa Clara is moving forward with a specific plan for redeveloping the Tasman East industrial area – an existing industrial neighborhood 45 acres in size that is bounded by Tasman Drive to the south, Guadalupe River to the east, the future City Place to the north, and Lafayette Street to the west.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being finalized, and will be discussed by the City Council in August. It analyzes the impact of a proposed redevelopment of the area that would include six high-density, somewhat self-contained residential neighborhoods—up to 100 units per acre—with neighborhood retail and parks. Several community meetings and other input opportunities for residents have been held over the past two years, leading up to the preparation of the EIR.



More information is available on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

### Other Focus Areas

The Lawrence Station Area Plan has been in development for several years and is nearing completion. Other Focus Areas are: El Camino Real, Downtown, Santa Clara Station, Stevens Creek Boulevard, Central Expressway, De La Cruz and Great America Parkway. Information about each is on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

The community will be invited to participate in discussions of the future of each of these areas at various stages of the planning process. Community engagement efforts have been extensive for the El Camino Real Specific Plan since last September, including four pop-up events, two community workshops and an online citizen – all designed to provide opportunities for the community to provide input and comments at various stages of the plan’s development. A third community workshop is planned for this fall. The City also established an El Camino Real Community Advisory Committee with members representing a broad and diverse range of backgrounds and perspectives. More information on the status of the El Camino Real Specific Plan can be found at [SantaClaraCA.gov/ecr](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ecr).

Information on all Focus Areas and Specific Plans is available on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) and through notifications from eNotify.

## City services by the numbers

The annual Council retreat held in January started with an overview of current City services and accomplishments in the past year. These numbers may surprise you!

- 2.7 million items checked out of library
- 1.8 million visitors to library
- 1.2 million visitors to the City website
- 195,285 attended a recreation class
- 176,122 dropped in to the Senior Center, Youth Activity Center or Teen Center
- 90,000 utility meters
- 42,000 eNotify recipients
- 9,157 calls for service to Fire Department
- 40 City facilities with free indoor public WiFi

Read more about each City department in the presentation documents and videos of the Council retreat posted on [SantaClaraCA.gov/government/council/council-goals](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/government/council/council-goals).

## Program promotes healthy leisure for disabled, special needs

Santa Clara has offered therapeutic recreation services to individuals with disabilities/special needs since 1973. There are programs for children, teens and adults with all types of disabilities including developmental and neurological disabilities, hearing/visual impairments, autism, and emotional/behavioral challenges.

Classes this summer include fitness, aquatics and water exercise as well as social recreation programs. All activities are designed to help individuals develop and enhance social skills, self-esteem, independence, communication, fine and gross motor coordination, health and wellness and improved overall quality of life.

For specific information see the schedule in the Parks & Recreation Department Recreation Activity Guide available at City facilities and online at [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

## Serve on a Board or Commission

Residents who would like to contribute to the quality of life in the City of Santa Clara are encouraged to apply to serve on any of the City’s Board or Commissions including the Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission and Youth Commission.

Santa Clara residents who are registered voters or are eligible to register to vote may apply to be a commissioner. For the Youth Commission, applicants must be Santa Clara residents and of the ages 12 to 19.

Information about current and upcoming vacancies can be obtained by visiting the City website at [SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions), emailing [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov), calling 408-615-2220, or visiting the City Clerk’s Office at 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA, 95050.

# Lead Santa Clara into the future!

## Enroll in Leadership Santa Clara 2019

Santa Clara residents, business owners and employees of local businesses are invited to learn more about their community and prepare for taking on leadership roles in government, neighborhood, civic and nonprofit organizations.

Sessions generally meet monthly, January through June, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a variety of locations within Santa Clara. In addition to learning more about the past, present and future of Santa Clara, participants become more aware of regional issues such as transportation, energy and health care and improve on leadership skills such as public presentations, meeting management, working with the media and ethical decision-making.

Special activities include Public Safety Day that includes a trip to the Emergency Operations Center, Education Day, and mock Planning Commission and City Council meetings.

For information on tuition costs, schedules and registration deadline contact Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at [smmrfd@aol.com](mailto:smmrfd@aol.com) or 925-249-9320.

[SantaClaraCA.gov/LeadershipSC](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/LeadershipSC)

## All residential electricity is now carbon-free

Carbon-free electricity is now the standard, default power supply for residential customers of Silicon Valley Power, the City's electric utility.

Silicon Valley Power's carbon-free electricity is generated by 50% large hydroelectric power and 50% renewable resources that include solar, wind, geothermal, landfill gas, and small hydroelectric power plants. This transition puts Santa Clara on track to meet the state's renewable portfolio standard as well as greenhouse gas emission reduction goals set forth by the City of Santa Clara's Climate Action Plan.

The shift to carbon-free electricity for residents builds upon Santa Clara's 2016 decision to divest from coal power resources, which took effect this year.

Additionally, all Silicon Valley Power customers have the option to enroll in Santa Clara Green Power, now a 100% solar power program. This option allows customers to cover 100% of their electricity use with solar power primarily from California solar facilities.

For more information on Santa Clara Green Power and other ways that Silicon Valley Power is working to lessen climate impact, visit [SiliconValleyPower.org](http://SiliconValleyPower.org).

## Coyote decoys placed in Central Park

Coyote decoys have been placed in Central Park to help discourage a flock of more than 100 Canadian geese that have adopted Central Park. The geese are damaging turf and creating hazards with their waste. An adult goose can eat up to four pounds of grass and can create three pounds of fecal matter in a single day. The coyote decoys will discourage the geese from staying. The City will also occasionally play goose distress calls over the park's loud speakers to help keep the flock away.



## Bookmobile service continues this summer

Summer bookmobile service will provide access to library books and resources at convenient locations throughout the City. To view the current bookmobile schedule, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/bookmobile](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/bookmobile) and for further information call 408-615-2907.

## Multicultural Family Concerts in the Park



Free family-friendly performances on Mondays starting at 7 p.m. at the Central Park Pavilion.

- June 11 PAMPA Indian Dance
- June 18 Asheba's Caribbean Music for Children
- June 25 Hula Dancing
- July 2 Taiko Drummers
- July 9 Fuego Nuevo Ballet Folklorico (traditional Mexican folk dancing)
- July 16 Korean Folk Dancing

## Enjoy summer to its fullest with recreation classes, camps



Summer camps and classes begin June 18. The Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department offers opportunities for the whole family to explore, play, laugh, make new friends and create memories. From dance, music, sports, gymnastics, and martial arts to ceramics, specialty classes and swimming – you can keep busy all summer long. Especially popular are summer adult fitness classes such as yoga, Zumba®, kickboxing, sculpting, Bombay Jam® and more. Sign up for a whole session or purchase a drop-in pass for the class of your choice.

Summer camps are available for all ages and the variety includes day camps, sports, cheer and dance, science, robotics, public speaking, fine arts, teen breakaway and more.

Before and after care is available for some camps to accommodate working parents.

View the Spring/Summer 2018 Activity Guide online at [SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksAndRec](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksAndRec). Printed copies of the Activity Guide are available at the Community Recreation Center, Teen Center, Youth Activity Center, Senior Center, City Hall and City libraries. Register online at [apm.activecommunities.com/santaclara](http://apm.activecommunities.com/santaclara).



## Busy summer at Triton Museum of Art



Theodore Wores

### Theodore Wores: Under the California Sun Through Aug. 26

Iconic paintings by one of California's major artists include scenes from Santa Clara Valley, San Francisco coastal views and majestic Yosemite vistas.

### Works by Anthony Riggs and Marianne Kolb Through Aug. 19

Riggs' paintings are a visual exploration of opposing belief systems. Kolb's primitive renditions of human beings capture haunting emotional levels.



Anthony Riggs

### Works by Jennifer Sturgill Through July 29

Sturgill is the winner of the Triton Museum's 2017 Statewide Competition and Exhibition.

Future exhibitions include works by Michael Shemchuck (Aug. 18-Nov. 11), Viva Peredes (Aug. 25-Nov. 4), Miguel Machuca (Sept. 1-Nov. 11), and Magnolia Press (Sept. 8-Nov. 11).

The Triton offers a variety of classes and workshops during the summer months including portrait painting, drawing, mystical masks, clay and ceramics, jewelry making, printmaking and more. For information on dates, times and costs of educational programs visit [TritonMuseum.org](http://TritonMuseum.org).

## Put kitchen sink on a fat-free diet

The City of Santa Clara is increasing its public education efforts to residents and businesses about the fats, oils and grease that enter the sanitary sewer through sinks, floor drains, dishwashers and other kitchen equipment plumbed to the sanitary sewer.

These materials and solid food waste can cause blockage in your plumbing or in the sanitary sewer lines by building up along the walls of the pipes. This can lead to an unpleasant sanitary sewer overflow that can be messy and expensive to clean up. It is also a safety hazard that can endanger both public health and the health of local creeks and the Bay.

Fats, oils and grease that can cause problems include cooking oil, salad dressings, bacon grease, meat fat, shortening, butter, sauces and dairy products. Running hot tap water down the drain will NOT help the grease float through the sewer pipe because the water will cool as it flows and the grease will become solid. Garbage disposals will also not protect drain lines from accumulating grease.



More detailed information on how to keep kitchen drains fat-free is on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/fog](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/fog).

## CERT training scheduled for August

A summer version of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, and Saturday, Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Center, 1900 Walsh Ave. Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

Participants learn safety, basic medical care, damage assessment, light search and rescue, utility control, fire suppression, and other skills that will be helpful for residents to serve as volunteer first responders after a disaster until professional forces arrive.

Register online on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) or call the Santa Clara Fire Department at 408-615-4950 for more information.

## Drop off unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal

The Santa Clara Police Department has set up kiosks in the Police Building, 601 El Camino Real, and the Northside Substation, 3992 Rivermark Parkway, for the safe disposal of expired or unwanted medications.

The medications should be left in their original containers or placed in a sealed plastic bag. Personal identifying information on the medicine bottle should be removed or crossed out.

Medications in any dosage, except for those listed as an exception, are accepted. Items not accepted are: herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, compressed cylinders, aerosols, inhalers, medical devices, sharps, illicit drugs and iodine-containing medications.



The Police Building kiosk is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Northside Substation kiosk is open Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Homebound and disabled individuals can contact MED-Project, Santa Clara Police Department's partner in this service, to request a prepaid envelope to return unwanted or expired medicine. Requests can be made online at [Med-Project.org](http://Med-Project.org) or by calling 1-844-MED-PROJ.

## Residents learn about Agnews history

As part of Silicon Valley Reads 2018, the Santa Clara City Library sponsored a narrated tour of the Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum. The capacity crowd learned about the history of the facility that was established in 1885 as a neuropsychiatric institution for the care and treatment of the mentally ill.

The museum, located at 1250 Hope Dr. remembers the people who lived and worked at Agnews State Hospital and later Agnews Developmental Center from 1888 to 2009. In addition to the Visitors Center, it includes a viewing gazebo that overlooks the Agnews cemetery site that is now surrounded by a wrought iron fence. The museum is open to the public on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Kathleen Lee, former Agnews Development Center staff member and current volunteer at the Agnews Historic Museum, led the tour.

# 9-1-1 text option available for dangerous situations and disabled callers

The City of Santa Clara now allows residents to text 9-1-1 in a dangerous situation (such as a home invasion, abduction, domestic violence or active shooter scenarios) or if they are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability. All other emergencies should be reported by calling 9-1-1.

Based on the individual's location at the time the text is placed, the cell phone signal bounces off the nearest tower regardless of the area code

This program was recognized with a Special Achievement Award from the Public Safety Communications Managers Association.

of the phone number being used. If that tower is directed to the Santa Clara Communications Center, the text will be received and responded to.

If a caller attempts to send a text to 9-1-1 where the service is not yet available, FCC rules require

wireless carriers and other text message service providers to send an automatic "bounce-back" message that will advise the caller to contact emergency services by another means, such as a voice call. Other agencies currently set up to accept text 9-1-1 messages include Sunnyvale Public Safety and California Highway Patrol.

Be sure the initial 9-1-1 text message includes clear information about the location (address and city) of the emergency with the type of help needed (police, fire, or medical). Use simple words and avoid abbreviations. Do not send emoticons, emoji or send videos or photos. Be brief and concise.

Stay on the line until the dispatcher closes the dialog, if it is safe to do so. Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker. Don't forget to silence your phone if you don't want to be heard.

**Do not text and drive.**



## Make the right call – dial 9-1-1 for emergencies only!

Emergencies that should be reported by calling 9-1-1 include:

- Serious medical problem – chest pain, seizure, bleeding
- Fire – home, business, building, car, dumpster
- Life-threatening or dangerous situation – fight, person with weapon, etc.

Call the Police Department non-emergency number, 408-615-5580, to report something that happened a few days ago, a property damage accident, a vehicle break-in (when suspect is gone), panhandlers, intoxicated persons who are not disorderly, or cars blocking a street or alley. Also use this number to request a wellness check on an elderly neighbor or family member.

Approximately 160,000 calls come into the City of Santa Clara Communications/Dispatch Center each year. Inappropriate 9-1-1 calls, such as asking for directions or reporting a missing cat (real calls received last year!), can interfere with a prompt response to a serious emergency.

# Major public transit changes coming to Santa Clara in future years

Progress continues on the plans for two major public transit changes that in future years will provide Santa Clara with improved transportation options.

### BART

Plans for the 8+ year expansion of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) into Santa Clara County are underway.



Eventually six miles of BART will run from the future Northern San Jose Berryessa

BART station through downtown San Jose and terminate at the Santa Clara Caltrain station. The massive construction project is expected to begin in 2020 and open in 2026. For more information, visit [VTA.org/BART](http://VTA.org/BART).

### Caltrain Electrification

Electrification is a key element of the Caltrain Modernization Program that is designed to upgrade performance, efficiency, capacity, safety and reliability of Caltrain's service. The electrification project will involve the 51-mile Caltrain corridor from the 4th and King station in San Francisco to the Tamien station in San Jose. It will replace diesel trains with high-performance electric trains, and increase service up to six Caltrain trains per peak hour per direction.

Electric train service is scheduled to operate in year 2022. Construction will be phased and broken into four segments. Segment 3, north of the De La Cruz Boulevard overpass, and Segment 4, south of De La Cruz Boulevard overpass, are located within the City of Santa Clara. Preliminary work currently includes tree



pruning, foundation construction and potholing. Future construction work will run through 2020 to install overhead contact system poles and wires. Final system testing will occur from 2020 through 2022. For more information visit [Calmod.org](http://Calmod.org).

# Two ways to support the library

The Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends sells approximately 9,000 donated books, DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, cassettes, and vinyl records each month, raising thousands of dollars for library programs. All books are welcome except encyclopedias and mold- or water-damaged books. Donations can be brought to Central Park Library and a donation receipt is available.

Replace your donations with purchases made at the Friends Bookstore, open every day at Central Park Library and at large book sales on the third Saturday of the month. This summer those will be held June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18. There is also an online bookstore through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) with more than a thousand titles offered for sale. Go to [LoveTheLibrary.org](http://LoveTheLibrary.org) and click on "Buy Books."



## Need to talk?

Free support is at your fingertips, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the U.S., anytime, about any type of crisis, and there will be someone to talk to you.

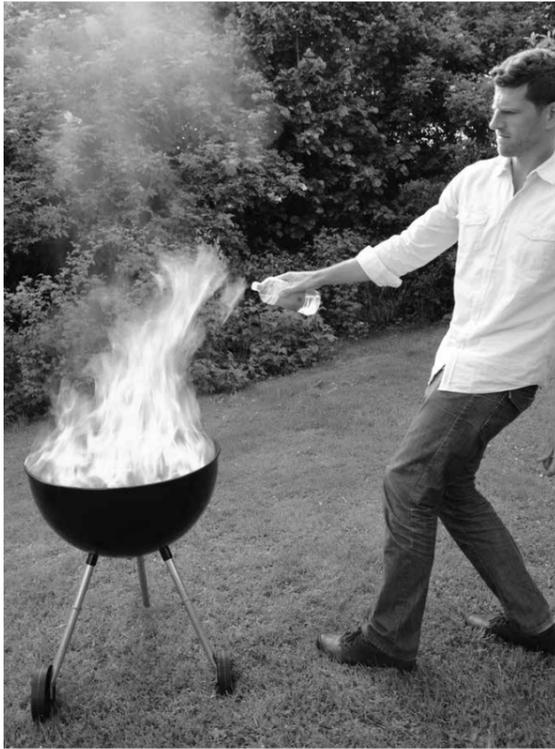
The Crisis Text Line is designed to help people who might be having suicidal thoughts, grief, depression, stress/anxiety, bullying, relationship issues, or physical, sexual or emotional abuse. The service is free and confidential.

Anyone in immediate danger should call 9-1-1.

# Be safe when grilling outdoors this summer

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food, especially during the summer months. But a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard and can lead to burn injuries.

July is the peak month for grill fires. The Santa Clara Fire Department asks residents to be cautious and safe when they are grilling outdoors by following these fire safety tips.



## CHARCOAL GRILLS:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord approved for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE GRILLS:

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
- Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

## SAFETY TIPS:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## Special story times in Turkish, Arabic

Every month, story times at Central Park Library are held for children ages 2-5 and their families featuring books in Turkish and Arabic. In addition to the books, the children enjoy stories, song, fingerplays and other activities that help build early literacy skills.

Storytimes in Turkish are held every third Sunday, 3:30-4 p.m. Storytimes in Arabic are on every third Monday, 10:30-11 a.m. For more information visit [SCLibrary.org](http://SCLibrary.org).



## Smoking ordinance changes considered

A new Smoking Ordinance is scheduled to be introduced to City Council in June. The proposed changes include banning smoking in the following areas: outdoor patios and seating areas where food or drink are consumed; within 25 feet of any operable doorway, window opening or vent of a building where smoking is prohibited; within 25 feet of service areas such as transit spots or ATMs; public parks; outdoor public events such as farmers markets and concerts; and inside any multi-unit housing, including private and shared balconies and patios.



Earlier this year, the City sought community input on its smoking and tobacco regulations. Three community outreach meetings were held along with an online survey that garnered 867 responses. The majority of survey respondents were very supportive of the proposed changes as were members of the public who attended the community meetings.

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/smoking](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/smoking) for more information.

# Santa Clara Senior Center Services

The City of Santa Clara Senior Center provides a safe, positive and welcoming environment for adults ages 50+. 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](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/SeniorCenter). For specific questions, call 408-615-3170.



Programs and services at the Senior Center include:

- Adventures to Go Travel Program
- Ballroom Dances
- Care Management Services
- Classes – Fitness & Special Interest
- Computer Lab
- Dining Out - Senior Nutrition Program
- Drop-in Ceramics, Lapidary, & Woodshop
- Drop-in activities – Billiards, Darts, Shuffleboard, Bingo, Card Games
- Fitness Center and Natatorium
- Health Education and Coaching – Blood Pressure Checks, Evidence Based Programing, & Health Screenings
- Health Insurance and Medicare Counseling (HICAP)
- Information Referral for Seniors (formerly SPA)
- Legal Assistance (SALA)
- Support Groups
- Welcome Newcomers (information meeting and tour of center)



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

## Cats are top dog at Animal Care Center right now

It's kitten season at the Animal Care Center operated by the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) in Santa Clara. Check out the cute kitties (and adult cats) at [SVACA.com](http://SVACA.com) or visit the Center at 3370 Thomas Rd. All adopted pets are fully vaccinated, micro-chipped and spayed or neutered.



Many of the cats available for adoption are straight from SVACA's Foster Care Program, where they get a ton of attention and plenty of TLC in volunteers' homes. Some are graduates of the Happy Meower Program—kittens that arrive as feral felines and morph into confident, affectionate and super social beings thanks to volunteers who work hard to transform them.

While they are waiting for their forever families, the kittens are enjoying an updated Kitty Kondo that received new themes and décor thanks to a recent grant from Maddie's Fund. Contemporary local artist Jason Guastucci is helping with some of the rooms, while other rooms will be adorned with themed decorations including a 49ers locker room, tropical tiki, butterflies and more. There are even new tablets to entertain kitties with videos and games.

For more information on all of the pets available for adoption and other animal services, visit [SVACA.com](http://SVACA.com).

## RetroTech: preserve your precious memories

Do you have an old shoebox filled with photos, slides or negatives that are in desperate need of preservation? Do you need to save family movies that are currently on VHS or 8 mm?

The Library has the equipment to help you digitize photos and slides, convert VHS, Super 8 and 8mm, or save your cassettes. Current lab hours are Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Park Library. To schedule an appointment, visit <http://bit.ly/retrotechcentral>.



## Secure balloons during summer celebrations to avoid power outages

Summer celebrations can be great fun, and balloons can add to the festivities. But helium balloons can be dangerous if let loose. They cause three to five power outages in Santa Clara every year when they contact power lines.

Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, urges everyone to hold on tight to balloons during graduation or birthday celebrations, weddings, Father's Day, Fourth of July and other enjoyable summer occasions.

Power outages caused by balloons are not just an inconvenience for the community. Balloons mixed with electricity can cause fires, darken traffic lights, cause hospitals and clinics to switch to emergency power sources, and force many small businesses to close for the day. In February, 119 large business customers lost power because of balloons tangled in power lines. Many of those businesses had to release employees for the rest of the day.

Balloon outages are completely avoidable with your help. Keep balloons in hand, attached to a weight, or tied down to prevent these unnecessary and sometimes critical impacts on our daily lives.

For information on current and past power outages, visit the website [SiliconValleyPower.com](http://SiliconValleyPower.com) or the twitter feed <http://twitter.com/SantaClaraPower>. The website also includes helpful information on how to prepare for a power outage and what to do should one occur.



## Online Burial Index is quick reference tool



Whether you're looking for your ancestors or just have an interest in local history, an online Burial Index is now available to help. A database of more than 27,700 individuals buried at Mission City Memorial Park, which is owned and operated by the City of Santa Clara, can be downloaded from the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation/cemeteries](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation/cemeteries).

The Burial Index includes the name and location of the deceased along with other information as available such as the dates of birth and death, gender, age at time of death, and

date of interment. The oldest record goes back to 1903. Permanent records of individuals placed in Mission City Memorial Park are maintained in perpetuity.

Mission City Memorial Park covers 30 acres and is available for any family looking for a final resting place for a loved one. It is located at 420 N. Winchester Blvd. Grounds are open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Keep busy this summer with events at your Convention Center and Levi's® Stadium

Santa Clara's two biggest venues – Santa Clara Convention Center and Levi's® Stadium will be the sites of variety of public events this summer.

**Indo-American Wellness Conclave & Exhibition**  
June 22-24 at the Santa Clara Convention Center [Lawce.com](http://Lawce.com)



**Silicon Valley International Invention Festival**  
July 2-4 at the Santa Clara Convention Center [Sviif.com](http://Sviif.com)

**Bricks by the Bay annual gathering of LEGO® builders**

July 12-15 at the Santa Clara Convention Center  
[Bricksbythebay.com](http://Bricksbythebay.com)



**San Jose Earthquakes vs. Manchester United, Britain's powerhouse soccer team**  
July 22 at Levi's® Stadium  
[Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com)

**2018 International Champions Cup soccer match**  
Aug. 4 at Levi's® Stadium [Levisstadium.com](http://Levisstadium.com)

**Desi Comedy Fest, the largest South Asian comedy festival in America**  
Aug. 11 at the Santa Clara Convention Center  
[Desicomedyfest.com](http://Desicomedyfest.com)

**Preseason 49er Football**  
Aug. 19 and Aug. 31 at Levi's® Stadium  
[Levisstadium.com](http://Levisstadium.com)

# Summer genealogy programs at the library

The Santa Clara City Library in partnership with the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society offers a robust program of classes to help residents discover more about their family history. For more information, visit [scchgs.org](http://scchgs.org) or call librarian Mary Boyle at 408-615-2909.

## DNA Basics for Genealogists- How 3 Testing Companies Can Change Your Family Tree

**Wednesday, June 13 and Monday, June 19, 1-3:30 p.m.**

Pam Fujii and Patricia Burrow of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society will discuss the four different types of testing available - Y-DNA, mtDNA, Autosomal and X DNA – and what information is provided by the top three companies. They will also describe how to find new family members using this data. Registration required at [scchgs.org](http://scchgs.org).

## Using Third-Party Tools to Analyze DNA Results

**Tuesday, June 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

This talk by Christine Bell Green, a professional researcher, will explore the use of GEDmatch and other third-party tools to analyze DNA and compare and contrast these new tools with what's available at Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe and My Heritage.



## J. J. Montgomery - the Invention of Flight in the Bay Area

**Thursday, June 21, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Award-winning author Craig S. Harwood will describe the life of a local scientist and inventor who succeeded in flying gliders 20 years before the Wright Brothers powered flights at Kitty Hawk.

## German Special Interest Group

**Tuesday, June 26, 12 noon-2 p.m.**

Join a group of fellow German genealogists in an informal group to share what you know, what is difficult, and what you would like to learn.

## Census 102 : Digging Deeper in Little Known American Census Records

**Thursday, June 28, 10:15-11:45 a.m.**

Librarian Mary Boyle will discuss the good and bad of different sources for the digital U.S. Censuses and other resources for federal and state information.

## American Ancestors

**Thursday, July 26, 10:15-11:45 a.m.**

Librarian Mary Boyle will describe how to navigate the New England Historic and Genealogical Society records, articles, books and electronic resources to find early settlers who may be your ancestors.

## Free Genealogy Databases at the Library

**Thursday, Aug. 23, 10:15-11:45 a.m.**

Become acquainted with the subscription databases you can access free with your library card, including Ancestry, American Ancestors, Findmypast, Heritage Quest Online, ReferenceUSA, and historic San Jose Mercury newspapers.

## Automated utility payments – the convenient way to pay your bills

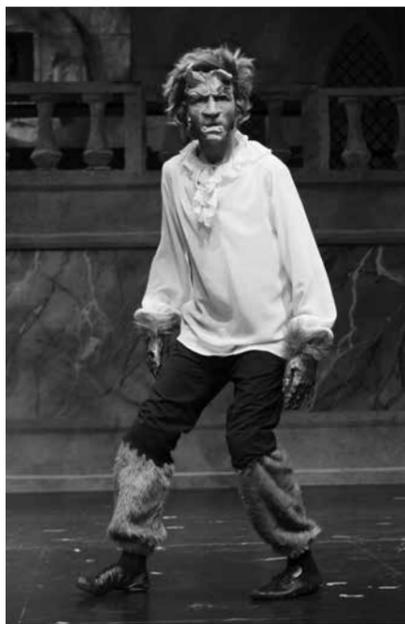
The City has a number of convenient automated payment options for paying utility bills including automated credit card, pre-authorized checking account, home banking, web, and IVR payment channels. Automated payments help to ensure that utility bills are paid on time, avoiding late fees.

More than 50% of the City's residential and business customers now pay their utility bills automatically. This helps the City maintain its lower utility rates and improve customer service. For more information about automated utility payment options, visit *My Utilities Account* on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) or call 408-615-2300.

## Estimated utility bills

Water and electric meters are read every month. Although advanced electric meters are being installed, the City will still need access to the meter. If the gate is locked and no one is home when the meter reader comes by, your usage will be estimated. This can easily be remedied by providing the City with a copy of the key or combination to the lock. Contact customer service at 408-615-2300 to update your account. Also, keeping the area around your water meter clear of debris and shrubs will facilitate in obtaining meter reads.

# Children and teens learn about the theatre in performing arts classes



"Disney's Beauty and the Beast" was the April production of Roberta Jones Junior Theatre. Photo by Sylvia Kennedy.

There is something for every child and teen this summer at Roberta Jones Junior Theatre.

For those interested in technical theatre, the annual Tech Camp for ages 8-18 is a unique opportunity to learn how to use all of the professional theatrical equipment at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, plus learn about stage lighting, set building and painting techniques. Tech Camp meets Monday-Thursday, June 11-14, 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts.

Young actors, ages 8-15, are invited to join the summer performing arts camp Creative Artistic Theatrical Showcase (CATS). Participants will have daily lessons in acting, singing and dancing as they prepare to perform in the production of "James and the Giant Peach Jr." CATS classes meet Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-12 noon, June 18-July 27, plus evening performances on July 24, 25 and 26 at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts.

Aspiring actors can get a wonderful introduction to the world of make-believe in Imagine Me (ages 4-5) and Imagine Me, Too (ages 6-8) creative dramatics classes June 11-July 18 at the

Community Recreation Center. Ages 4-5 meet at 3 p.m. and ages 6-8 meet at 3:50 p.m.

For more information, including class fees and registration details, visit [RJJT.org](http://RJJT.org). Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is a program of the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department. Contact Kevin Cornelius, Recreation Supervisor, at 408-615-3161 or [kcornelius@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:kcornelius@santaclaraca.gov) for more information.

One Vote Can Make A Difference



Don't forget  
to vote on  
Tuesday, June 5

Learn more about Measure A at [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

## 2026 FIFA World Cup one step closer

The 2026 United Bid Committee has included Levi's® Stadium and the San Francisco Bay in its list of 23 candidate host communities submitted to the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). If North America is chosen as the site of the FIFA World Cup in 2026, 16 cities from this list will be selected to host matches. The FIFA World Cup soccer competition is the most widely viewed and followed event in the world.

# New crosswalk beacons increase driver awareness of pedestrians

New High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacons have been installed along Lafayette Street (at Franklin Street and Lexington Street), Monroe Street (at Glade Drive and Meadowbrook Drive), and Benton Street (at Moraga Street) to increase driver awareness of pedestrians attempting to cross the roadway. These beacons are the same as those installed last year along El Camino Real (at Alpine Avenue, Buchanan Drive, Morse Lane, and Harrison Street).

These beacons remain dark until a pedestrian activates the system via pushbutton on the pole by the crosswalk. Once a pedestrian pushes the pushbutton, the beacons go through a series of yellow and red light indications to drivers.

- ◆ **Flashing Yellow**  
Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop because a pedestrian is waiting to cross the street.
- ◆ **Solid Yellow**  
Drivers should prepare to stop
- ◆ **Solid Red**  
Drivers must stop
- ◆ **Alternating Flashing Red**  
Drivers should stop and proceed with caution only when the pedestrian has cleared the street.
- ◆ **If the HAWK beacon is dark, drivers may proceed as normal.**



Pedestrians see a different set of indications on the HAWK beacon. A solid upraised hand means do not cross the street. Once the pushbutton has been activated, the pedestrian should wait on the sidewalk until a walking figure appears on the sign. Only then should the pedestrian proceed with caution to cross the street after looking both ways to be sure it is safe. Once a flashing upraised hand and countdown numbers appear, pedestrians should stay on the curb if they have not already started to cross the street.

Because this new traffic control device may be confusing for some drivers, the City has installed a revised overhead sign at the beacons on Monroe Street and on Benton Street to help better inform motorists. The Traffic Engineering Division has also created a video and informational flyer to help explain how drivers and pedestrians are expected to use these beacons. Both the video and flyer can be found on the City website at [SantaClaraCA.gov/hawk](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/hawk).

The City of Santa Clara's Gas Tax Fund is paying for these pedestrian safety improvements. The Traffic Engineering Division will be studying all of the uncontrolled crosswalks throughout the City to determine how to improve safety for pedestrians. Eventually, the City hopes to improve all uncontrolled crosswalks on major arterials, near schools and by senior facilities. For more information, contact the Traffic Engineering Division at 408-615-3000 or by email at [Engineering@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:Engineering@SantaClaraCA.gov).



# Now hiring crossing guards for 2018-19 school year

Every day, hundreds of children walk, bicycle or scooter to school and crossing guards help to make sure they stay safe as they cross the street on their way to and from school. The Santa Clara Police Department is recruiting new crossing guards for the 2018-19 school year.

Crossing guards have multiple responsibilities, including:

- Encourage children to walk their bicycle or scooter in crosswalks.
- Use existing gaps in traffic to help students cross safely. When the natural traffic flow does not allow enough time for children to safely cross a street, a crossing guard may create gaps by stopping traffic temporarily.
- Discourage children from behaving in an unsafe manner near traffic, such as darting into the street without looking or crossing against a traffic signal.
- Observe and report any incident

Crossing guards generally work 10-20 hours per week in an as-needed, non-benefitted capacity. Applicants must have a valid California driver's license and be at least 21 years of age. Hours and locations vary. The rate of pay is \$14.16-\$17.21 per hour. For the full job description, visit the Human Resources website page at [SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs). For more information, contact Community Service Officer Taylor Carpenter at 408-615-4875 or [tcarpenter@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:tcarpenter@santaclaraca.gov).

# Secure garage doors to reduce risk of break-in

Garage doors are a common weak point of home security and an easy target for thieves. Not only are garage doors vulnerable, they provide criminals a shelter if they are able to get inside.

Reduce the risk of a break-in by following these safety tips:

- When not in use, store your vehicle(s) in your garage.
- Protect your family and your belongings by keeping your main garage door and pedestrian access door closed and locked during all hours of the day.
- Do not leave your garage door remote in your vehicle. If a thief breaks in to your car and steals the remote it provides instant access into your home. Instead, invest in a keychain remote opener.
- Be sure the door from your garage into your house is locked and as secure as your front door (e.g. dead bolt, peep hole).
- Tint, frost, or cover garage door windows so individuals cannot see what is inside.
- If you have a home alarm system, use it. If you have a video surveillance system, extend the perimeter to include your garage.
- Install motion-sensor lights to deter nighttime break-ins and prevent burglaries.
- When you are out of town, make sure to padlock the throw latch on the garage door. If you come home and find a door or window open or signs of forced entry, do not enter. Instead, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Remain vigilant and report suspicious people, vehicles and circumstances in your neighborhood to Public Safety Dispatchers at 408-615-5580. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

# City partners with app to provide safe location for buy/sell transactions

The Santa Clara Police Department is partnering with the MeetUp Spot app to offer online buyers and sellers with a trusted location to inspect the item and safely complete the transaction. The Santa Clara MeetUp location is the Police Building parking lot at 601 El Camino Real (at Benton Street).



The MeetUp Spot app allows buyers and sellers to coordinate a date, time and location to connect through the scheduling feature in chat. It identifies well-lit, public, surveilled locations for buyers and sellers.

Sign up for eNotify

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

## When summer gets hot, cooling centers provide relief

When summer temperatures get too warm, the City of Santa Clara opens cooling centers -- public locations where residents can get respite from the heat. Older adults over the age of 65 need to be especially cautious during hot weather since they are at higher risk for heat stress. A few hours in an air conditioned building can help to keep them cool and safe.

Here are the locations and hours of the cooling centers in the City. Call in advance to confirm current hours of operation.



COOLING CENTERS	CONTACT NUMBER	HOURS OF OPERATION
Central Park Library 2635 Homestead Rd	408-615-2900	Mon-Thu: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Fri-Sat: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
City Hall Cafeteria 1500 Warburton Ave.	408-615-2220	Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat and Sun: Closed
Community Recreation Center 969 Kiely Blvd.	408-615-3140	Mon-Thu: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Fri: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m.-12 noon Sun: Closed
Senior Center 1303 Fremont St.	408-615-3170	Mon-Thu: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m.-12 noon Sun: Closed
Northside Branch Library 695 Moreland Way	408-615-5500	Mon-Tues: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Wed-Sat: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun: Closed

## Nighttime is best time for watering lawn

Watering a lawn can account for 50% of total water use in a home, so being sure that outdoor irrigation is making the best use of water is a great way to conserve. Start by watering at night when it's cooler and less windy so there is less evaporation.

It is also important that the irrigation system and sprinklers are in good repair and working properly. How-to videos from the California Water Efficiency Partnership on maintenance and repair for full irrigation systems, sprinkler/sprayhead irrigation and drip irrigation can be accessed from the Santa Clara Valley Water District website [ValleyWater.org](http://ValleyWater.org).

If you water by hand, a limited supply of hose shut-off nozzles is available free for Santa Clara households from the City's Water Utility at City Hall, 1500 Warburton. Also replace old sprinkler nozzles and sprayers with high-efficiency ones that can slow runoff, improve coverage and reduce evaporation. If you use an automatic irrigation controller, be sure it has a rain shut-off option.

A Water Wide Outdoor Survey is available free from the Santa Clara County Water District. A trained irrigation professional will prepare a comprehensive written evaluation of your irrigation system including its efficiency and any problems or need for repairs, replacements or upgrades. To request an appointment, call 408-630-2554.

For further information on water conservation, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation).



## Adopt-a-Spot to keep City clean, beautiful

Community groups, businesses, faith organizations, schools or a network of family and friends are invited to help keep Santa Clara clean and beautiful through the Adopt-a-Spot program. Volunteers pick a location such as their block, a section of sidewalk or trail, a traffic island, a bus stop or a City-owned lot or alley and sign up for a one-year commitment to pick up litter. You set your own schedule of when and how frequently (minimum of four times per year).

The City facilitates clean-up events with training and loaned equipment, such as safety vests, gloves, trash buckets and trash grabbers.

For information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).



## 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](http://RecologySouthBay.com) or  
408-970-5100

<b>Cardboard</b>	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.
<b>Glass</b>	All glass bottles and jars of any color. No light bulbs or window glass
<b>Metal</b>	Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and trays (clean), paint cans (must be empty or dry), spray cans (must be empty), steel (tin) cans
<b>Paper</b>	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
<b>Shredded paper</b>	Place in a clear plastic bag or securely closed paper bag and place in the recycling cart.
<b>Plastic</b>	All plastics with or without the recycling symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7. Not acceptable is #6 styrofoam/polystyrene
<b>Plastic bags</b>	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)

<b>Used motor oil and oil filters</b>	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
<b>Compact fluorescent light bulbs</b>	Place in clear Ziploc-type bags and place next to the recycling cart
<b>Batteries</b>	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.

# City celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day

More than 1,000 students, chaperons and residents participated in the City’s annual celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day, a tradition that started in 1987. City departments (Police, Fire, Library, Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Silicon Valley Power, Public Works, and Water & Sewer Utilities) brought mobile public education vehicles or set up booths with interactive exhibits that were informative and encouraging of a healthy lifestyle and environment-friendly activities.

The City of Santa Clara was honored as a “Tree City USA” by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the 31st year it earned this designation. Santa

Clara also received a “Tree City USA Growth Award” that recognizes innovative programs such as the demonstration garden established by the City at Central Park Library last year.

More than two dozen community organizations also were on hand with fun activities and informative displays, including the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, the Santa Clara Valley Bee Guild, Master Gardeners and Composters, Our City Forest, San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory and the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program.

View a slide show of this year’s Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov/arborday](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/arborday). Look for the date of next April’s event in the 2019 City Calendar.



Santa Clara is a Tree City USA.



The third grade class of Central Park Elementary School performed “This Pretty Planet.”



New heroes protect storm drains



Learning about worm composting



Volunteers from the Santa Clara Valley Bee Guild



The Ukulele Club of Central Park Elementary School.



Beating the drum for a healthy environment



Employee volunteers from Intel Corporation planting a red horse chestnut tree in honor of Arbor Day.



Mad Science entertained the crowd



Science experiments for all ages

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### **City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values**

- Ethical
- 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 Council	Two Tue. per month, 7 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	2nd Mon., 7 p.m.
Cultural Commission	1st Mon., 7 p.m.
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thurs., 7 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tue., 7 p.m.
Planning Commission	Two Wed. per month, 7 p.m.
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Mon., 10 a.m.
Stadium Authority Board	3rd 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 the City Libraries (Central Park, Northside Branch, Mission Branch), 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

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## All City Picnic & Fireworks Celebration set for July 4th in Central Park

Celebrate America's Independence Day at the traditional Santa Clara All City Picnic & Fireworks Celebration on Wednesday, July 4, at Central Park. There will be games, face painting and food 12 noon-5 p.m., along with live entertainment that continues into the evening 5-9:30 p.m. on the main stage next to the Community Recreation Center. Entertainment includes music from Déjà vu Jazz Band, Santa Clara Vanguard, Silicon Valley House Rockers and an evening dance party with Pop Fiction.



A patriotic fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. BBQ areas will be open. Call 408-615-3140 for additional information.

### **Remember, amateur fireworks are illegal!**

The laws governing fireworks in Santa Clara are clear – amateur fireworks are illegal. Only licensed professionals are permitted by law to handle and display fireworks.

Santa Clara Municipal Code section 15.60.280 states: "The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling, and use of fireworks, including those fireworks classified as Safe and Sane by the California State Fire Marshal, are prohibited." This includes, but is not limited to, bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers and sparklers.

Do not engage in fireworks. It's inconsiderate to your neighbors, needlessly scares children and pets, creates an unsafe situation and, as a result, ties up emergency phone lines. It can also be costly – the fine for the first citation for illegal fireworks is \$300 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

Residents are asked to report noise complaints and/or illegal fireworks:

- Injury - call 9-1-1
- Fire - call 9-1-1
- Property damage - call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580
- Sale of fireworks - call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580
- Knowledge of an exact location where fireworks are being set off - call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580

Stay safe this 4th of July and attend the free public fireworks display in Central Park.