

# Mission City Scenes

September 2020



## ▶ City Drive-Thru Window is Back

**A**fter a 30-plus year absence, the City's drive-thru service window at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., is now open for business. This contactless service at the drive-thru window is open to the public weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase garbage tags or pay bills for electric, garbage, water & sewer. For more information about payment services, contact the City's Finance Department at 408-615-2300.

## November Ballot Measure on Hotel Tax

On the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot, Santa Clara voters will be asked whether they approve an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rate. The TOT is often referred to as a "hotel tax" or "bed tax" that requires any person or business renting rooms for lodging, dwelling or sleeping purposes to collect and pay the tax to the City of Santa Clara. Santa Clara's current 9.5% TOT rate is among the lowest in the region. If the measure is passed by the voters, the exact TOT rate would be set by the City Council at a public meeting, up to a maximum of 13.5%. The measure affords the Council flexibility to account for current economic challenges in the hospitality sector. It also preserves the ability to benefit from potential increased revenue as the economy recovers to maintain and protect general city services such as emergency response, fire protection, road safety, and parks and recreation programs. If the measure is not passed by the voters, then the TOT rate would remain set at its current rate. For more info., visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Elections](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Elections).

## Be Prepared, Santa Clara!

September is National Preparedness Month. Plan for the next disaster by developing emergency kits and preparing a plan for your family. Sign up to receive emergency alerts and warning system for the County of Santa Clara at [AlertSCC.org](https://AlertSCC.org). For additional resources, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/EmergencyPreparedness](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/EmergencyPreparedness).

### ▶ Back to School Resources

**D**ue to the COVID-19 pandemic, many public and private schools are back in session with distance learning or hybrid options. To help with the transition, the City developed a back to school resources webpage as many students are at home. The City offers resources tailored for students from K-12. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/BacktoVirtualSchool](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/BacktoVirtualSchool).

### ▶ Santa Clara Parade of Champions Goes Virtual on Oct. 10 starting at 11 a.m.

**T**his year, the Santa Clara Parade of Champions will celebrate virtually with America's Heroes as the theme. The Santa Parade of Champions nonprofit is organizing a citywide porch and front yard decorating contest. Residents, neighborhoods, organizations and businesses may enter the contest to win prizes and earn a spot in the virtual Parade of Champions video. For more information or to sign up, visit [soparadeofchampions.org](https://soparadeofchampions.org).

### ▶ Online Auction Fundraiser

**Hosted by Mission City Community Fund**

**S**ave the date on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. for the first online auction fundraiser hosted by the Mission City Community Fund. All donations and proceeds from the auction will go directly to assist those in need in the community. Visit the Mission City Community Fund website at [missioncityfund.org](https://missioncityfund.org) to learn more.

For more information  
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