Greetings Santa Clarans,

As the holiday season is upon us, we are in the midst of a lot of changes in our local community as we all continue to navigate through the COVID-19 situation. The State of California announced on Nov. 16 in light of the recent, unprecedented surge in cases of COVID-19, according to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, Santa Clara County moves to Purple Tier 1 indicating widespread community transmission. This means indoor dining will not be allowed and other restrictions have changed. Visit the Coronavirus webpage for more details on how this impacts Santa Clara. The City continues to focus on ensuring our residents in greater need have support programs during these times. This week on Nov. 18, we are excited to launch the Food For Families program in partnership with The Salvation Army and Second Harvest Food Bank. Santa Clara residents may pre-register to pick up free food items every Wednesday, through December. We are also still gathering public input on the Climate Action Plan through Nov. 19. Take the survey to share your feedback as the City continues our sustainability efforts. Look out for our upcoming holiday activities to take part in from home, at SantaClaraCA.gov/Holiday2020. Thank you for continuing to stay updated with City Hall News and wishing you all a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.
**Mayor@Noon**

On Friday, Nov. 20, the Mayor’s special guest will be Christian Pellechhia, Interim CEO of the Silicon Valley Central Chamber of Commerce, to talk about how the pandemic has impacted the Chamber. For more details, visit the webpage and to view past episodes.

**Emergency Worker Recall Ordinance Approved**

At the Nov. 10 City Council meeting, the City Council approved an emergency ordinance to add worker recall protections for Santa Clara workers. Worker recall ordinances protect laid off building service, food service and hotel workers by requiring employers to offer employees their jobs back in order of seniority. The ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency has severely impacted building service, food service and hotel workers. Many have already been separated from their jobs and many more are expected to face separation in the coming months. The ordinance addresses and supports these workers with a promise of a return to their previous jobs as the pandemic recedes and business returns.

The emergency ordinance will protect workers in building service, food service and hotel service who work at a location within the city of Santa Clara limits for an employer for six months or more. The ordinance covers full or part time employees (8 hours a week or more) and does not apply to managerial, supervisory or confidential positions. If a worker meets the criteria and was recently separated on or after March 17, 2020, as a result of a lack of business, a reduction in work force or other economic, non-disciplinary reasons, the emergency ordinance requires the employers to offer work to these laid off workers, once a position becomes available.

To find out more about the recently approved worker recall ordinance, attend one of the upcoming information sessions being held on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17. View the flyer for more details and visit the webpage at SantaClaraCA.gov/WorkerRetention.

**Put the Brakes on Illegal Street Racing and Sideshow Activity**

In recent weeks, multiple reports of illegal street racing and sideshow activity in Santa Clara have occurred. Organized illegal street racing and sideshows have been concentrated in large parking lots in the industrial area and on expressways in Santa Clara. The noise and danger presented by these activities are significant concerns expressed by residents and local businesses.

Current state law enables criminal enforcement against individuals caught operating a vehicle in a street race or sideshow. In addition to enforcing the state laws against the driver, the City Council adopted an ordinance in April, 2020 which allows law enforcement to fine spectators attending a race/sideshow to discourage participation in illegal speed contests or reckless driving exhibitions. Help the Police Department rev up enforcement of organized street racing and sideshows in our City. If you witness illegal street racing or sideshow activity, contact the Santa Clara Police Department via the non-emergency phone number, 408-615-5580. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

**Play it Safe, Santa Clara**

Prior to reopening public park playgrounds, health and safety protocols were put in place to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Park visitors are responsible for following the park rules and State and County health and safety protocols: adhering to playground capacity limits, wearing face coverings, sanitizing hands before and after use, staying 6 feet from persons not in your household unit. Repeat violation may result in a report to the County for enforcement and closure of the playground. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec for the health and safety protocols.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Accepting Applicants**

Two vacancies are available for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Any potential candidate who is interested in bicycle or pedestrian related issues must either live or work within the city of Santa Clara. If you are interested, contact Marshall Johnson at MJohnson@SantaClaraCA.gov or 408-615-3023 to request an application form. All applications need to be submitted by Wednesday, Nov. 18 by 5 p.m.

**Seeking Public Comment for Housing & Urban Development Plans**

The Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Action Plan detail how the City intends to spend housing and urban development funds the City receives and includes the results of 2019 efforts. The public comment period is from Nov. 4 through Dec. 15, 2020. All comments may be emailed to Housing Development Officer Eric Calleja at egalleja@santaclaraca.gov before Dec. 15. On Dec. 15, a public hearing will be held for review and action on the documents.

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the following documents before Dec. 15:

- 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD activities
- 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan (Substantial Amendment)
- 2020-2025 Consolidated Action Plan (Substantial Amendment)

**Thanksgiving Waste Collection Schedule**

There will be no garbage, recycling or Clean Green services on Thursday, Nov. 26 due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Collection will take place a day late for Thursday and Friday routes. Customers on Thursday collection routes will receive service on Friday, Nov. 27. Customers on Friday collection routes will receive service on Saturday, Nov. 28. For questions regarding recycling service, please contact Recology South Bay at 408-970-5100; for garbage and Clean Green questions, please contact Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Many residents continue to struggle financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The community can help neighbors who are struggling to pay their utility through the Help Your Neighbor Program. Donate cash, check or online by credit card. 100% of donated funds to help residents who are having difficulty paying their utility bills during the pandemic. For more details, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/HelpYourNeighbor.
Water Main Replacements Project Update

The Water & Sewer Utilities has a goal of replacing 10,000 linear feet of water main annually as part of the Distribution System Replacement Project. In order to continue to provide quality drinking water to customers, the City plans to replace the aging infrastructure. Starting in August 2020, Water & Sewer Utilities began construction on replacing approximately 3,900 feet of main on Miles Drive, Pepper Tree Lane, Marietta Dr and nearby courts. Crews completed approximately 3,000 feet of the project and expect to be completed in mid-December, with the final work being completed on Marietta Drive. Construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Street and parking access will be limited during construction hours. Residents will have full access to driveways. For questions, call Water & Sewer Utilities at 408-615-2000.

Halloween Home Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Halloween Home Decorating Contest hosted by the Cultural Commission. Thank you to all the participants. To learn more about the Cultural Commission, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission. The following winners by Council District include:

- District 1 - 1141 E River Parkway
- District 2 - 2633 Cabrillo Ave.
- District 3 - 2164 Nobili Ave.
- District 4 - 2839 Toyon Dr.
- District 5 - 992 Maryann Dr.
- District 6 - 3113 Atherton Dr.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

Thank you to those who participated in the 2020 Spooktaclara Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Many creative entries were submitted including painted and carved pumpkins! Below are the winners:

- 5 years and under: Batman & Face mask Massage
- 6-9 years old: The Magical Unicorn Pumpkin, Reaching for the Star and Plantkin
- 10-12 years old: IT Pumpkin and Evil Mr. Corona
- 13-18 years old: Spookiepumpkin
- 19 years and older: Corona Virus and Sam Unmasked

You've Been TREAT'ed Neighborhood Activity

Residents participated in the TREAT'ing by providing neighbors and family goodies to enjoy. Thank you to all who participated in the Spooktaclara Halloween activities hosted by the Youth Activity Center and sharing the community spirit.

Give us Your Pumpkins!

Food waste makes up the largest component of household trash headed for landfills. Bring your gourds and pumpkins (without candles or decorations) for composting at Everett N. “Eddie” Souza Community Garden, 2380 Monroe St., during November and December only. Pumpkins may be dropped off at the garden gate during park hours (sunrise - sunset) or visit during open garden tours to feed the worms. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CommunityGarden or call 408-615-3743.
Gateway Crossings Community Meeting on Nov. 16

The applicant, the Holland Partner Group, is holding a virtual community meeting on Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. for the architectural review application for Phase I, which includes buildings 1 and 2, of the Gateway Crossings project site located at 1205 Coleman Ave. For more project information visit the webpage. The virtual community meeting can be accessed at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89474313642, webinar ID: 894 7431 3642, Dial-in: 1-669-900-6833.

Holiday Classes & Activities

The Parks & Recreation Department is planning a variety of activities for this holiday season such as online classes, craft box, and a Virtual Tree Lighting ceremony. These programs will be announced on Nov. 18. For more information, contact the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140 or email PRCustomerServe@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Downtown Community Task Force Meeting on Nov. 19

The City is preparing a Precise Plan for the redevelopment of the City’s historic Downtown. The next meeting will be held via Zoom Thursday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m. Use the link to join the meeting. Additional information on the Downtown Precise Plan is available at SantaClaraCA.gov/Downtown.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Begins Nov. 30

The Cultural Commission will host a Holiday Home Decorating Contest for all Santa Clara residents. Submissions will be accepted beginning Nov. 30. For more information, contact Kimberly Castro, 408-615-3147 or KCastro@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Virtual Community Meeting for 906 Monroe Street on Dec. 1

An applicant proposes a residential mixed-use redevelopment on a 0.87-acre site located at 906, 930, 940, and 950 Monroe Street. The proposed project includes a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning to construct a 5-story building with a basement including 61 residential units, 3,844 square feet of general retail and 6,224 square feet of restaurant on the ground floor, with 116 residential parking spaces and 71 retail parking spaces. The project includes relocation of two existing historic houses located at 906 and 930 Monroe. The applicant will hold a virtual community meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m. More information on virtual participation information for the community will be posted on the project website.

The Firehouse Run

The Firehouse Run goes virtual Dec. 5 to 20. Participate in a 5K walk/run event while helping raise money for Santa Clara Unified Schools. This year complete a 5K anywhere such as your neighborhood, trail, track and treadmill. All proceeds will be donated to Santa Clara Unified Schools! View the website at TheFireHouseRun.com for more details.

Santa Clara Chorale Virtual Concert on Dec. 13

The Santa Clara Chorale will celebrate the holidays with a virtual concert on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. Mac Huff’s Home for Christmas revels in holiday humor with a wry lockdown twist that promises to leave you chuckling. John Rutter’s arrangement of the French carol Noel Nouvelet proclaims the wonder and inspiration of the nativity. Join us from home to celebrate all that we cherish and have missed with a lovely and lively program of music on the Santa Clara Chorale YouTube channel.