Public discussion of 2015-16 Proposed Budget

The following dates have been established for a joint study session and public hearings to review the proposed 2015-16 Annual Budget, including Operating, Capital Improvement Project Budgets and Municipal Fee Schedule. The public hearings will discuss City budgets, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency budget, Sports & Open Space Authority budget, Housing Authority budget, the use of funds from the federal entitlement HOME Program (used for affordable housing purposes) and adjustments to fees, rates and charges. Community Development Block Grants will also be considered although separate public hearings will be held. The schedule for 2015-16 study sessions and public hearings is:

- **April 21:** Public hearing and adoption of Municipal Fee Schedule
- **May 19:** Joint Study Session to review the proposed 2015-16 Capital Improvement Project Budget and proposed 2015-16 Operating Budget
- **June 16:** Public hearing and adoption of the above proposed budget elements

Mark your calendars for the annual Bike-To-Work Day taking place on Thursday, May 14, 2015. With the help of the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the City of Santa Clara will be hosting an Energizer Station from 6:30 - 9 a.m. at the intersection of the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail and Agnew Road. Refreshments will be provided at the Energizer Station for those who bike or walk to work that day. In addition to this location, Silicon Valley Power will also be hosting an Energizer Station near the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. For more information on Bike-To-Work Day, please visit youcanbikethere.com.
Harris-Lass Museum Ice Cream Social and Open House
The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market Street, will kick off its summer events season with an Open House on Saturday, May 16. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with the dedication of the Museum's refurbished Heritage Orchard. New trees planted this spring include apricot, peach, nectarine, apple, pear and prune. The program will also celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the building of the eight-room Italianate Victorian farmhouse by Henry Harris in 1865.

Visitors will be able to view the recently restored Rose Garden and flowerbeds and enjoy a complimentary house tour. Tours run from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and include a special exhibit on the Lass Family's antique musical instrument collection.

The sponsoring Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara will be serving ice cream refreshments and showing the documentary, The Last Harvest, on the history of the property, which was once a 13-acre prune orchard and farm. For more information, call the Museum's message line at (408) 249-7905 or visit harrislass.org.

Water Awareness Month
May is Water Awareness Month in California. Conserve water this month and every month and encourage your friends to do the same. The City's Water Utility is committed to providing a safe, reliable, high quality drinking water supply to residents and businesses. Conservation efforts help to ensure an adequate supply of water for the future.

Free information and water-saving devices are available at the Water & Sewer Utilities office in the West Wing of City Hall located at 1500 Warburton Avenue. Items include gardening and plumbing booklets, information on water conservation rebate programs, hose nozzles, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. For information about water conservation rebate programs, call the Santa Clara Valley Water District’s hotline at (408) 265-2607, x2554 or visit valleywater.org/programs/waterconservation.aspx.

To obtain an assessment of water use at your home, request a free Water Wise House Call by calling (800) 548-1882. A trained water surveyor will come to your residence and review your water use, identify irrigation problems, provide low flow showerheads, aerators and toilet flapper valves and make other Water Wise recommendations.

For more information about water and water conservation, contact the City of Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities at (408) 615-2000 or visit santaclaraca.gov/waterconservation.

This has been an especially dry year. Visit santaclaraca.gov/drought for the most up to date drought information. Thank you for your efforts to conserve water and use water wisely.

Code Enforcement
Code Enforcement involves many city departments and is about ensuring a safe, livable and enjoyable community for all. City Codes enforce a variety of local regulations as well as State laws that are delegated to the City. Many of the complaints referred to Code Enforcement can be avoided by being thoughtful good neighbors and maintaining ones property in a neat and orderly manner. Parking cars or recreational vehicles in front yard landscaping areas, and storing materials or inoperable vehicles in front yards and driveways are City Code violations. To report problems in your neighborhood, contact Code Enforcement at (408) 615-2460 or visit santaclaraca.gov/citycode.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
The monthly Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (open to members at 9 a.m.) in the Central Park Library Margie Edinger Room, 2635 Homestead Road. Get deals on thousands of books, movies, and music! The $5 a bag sale is from 12 - 2 p.m. If you are not a member, you can join at the sale for $15/individual or $25 for families. All proceeds support Library programs and services.