Autumn Leaves Can Clog Storm Drains

Leaves in street gutters can clog storm drains and potentially cause flooding of neighborhood streets. Resident cooperation and assistance in the prompt removal of fallen leaves is vital for several reasons: reduce potential flooding; prevent pollution to local creeks; and increase public/environmental health.

In Santa Clara Valley, storm drains flow directly to local creeks and into San Francisco Bay with no pollution treatment processing. If leaves build up in underground catch basins, a poisonous gas (hydrogen sulfide) can occur. This can deplete oxygen in creeks and streams where fish and animals live, and can be extremely dangerous to City workers during efforts to unclog the storm drain.

Keep Santa Clara cleaner and safer by not allowing leaves to blow down the gutter and into the storm drain. Keep an eye on your neighborhood catch basin. If it looks like it is clogging with leaves, clear it with a broom or contact the City of Santa Clara Public Works/Street Department for assistance at (408) 615-3080. Do not blow or rake leaves from your yard into the street. Place leaves along with other yard waste (small twigs, grass clippings) in your Clean Green cart for weekly pickup. Too many leaves? Mission Trail Waste Systems can deliver an extra Clean Green cart to your home free of charge during leaf season; to make a request, call (408) 727-5365.

City Hall Closures

City Office Closure in October

City Hall is closed on Monday, October 12, 2015 for Columbus Day. There will be no change in regular Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling schedule.
Your Municipal Utility is Public Powerful

Celebrate Public Power Week
October 4-10, 2015

More than 2,000 public power utilities across the U.S., including the City of Santa Clara municipal Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power (SVP), will celebrate Public Power Week, October 4-10, 2015. Businesses and residents benefit from having a municipally owned and operated utility by paying lower rates and enjoying very reliable electric service. As a not-for-profit utility, the City utility’s primary responsibility is to serve and provide the community with reliable and environmentally friendly power at the lowest possible prices. SVP will be at Northside Library, 695 Moreland Way on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 and Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with materials on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and electric safety. Visit siliconvalleypower.com or call (408) 244-SAVE (7283) for information.

Santa Clara Chorale Performs Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

Mission Santa Clara, 500 El Camino Real
Saturday, October 16, 2015, 8 p.m.

Described by the composer, Gioachino Rossini, as the last of the sins of his old age, the Petite Messe Solennelle combines the Latin Mass with the musical language of comic opera. The Santa Clara Chorale seeks to capture both the spirituality and the light-hearted musicality of the work when it performs Rossini’s Petite Messe Solennelle this October at the Mission Santa Clara. Well-known as the choral work which Napoleon III famously characterized as being neither little, nor solemn, nor particularly liturgical, despite its suggestive title, Rossini’s Petite Messe Solennelle features operatic solos, choral singing and accompaniment by piano and harmonium (a reed organ operated by bellows).

Environmental Day

Recology South Bay, 650 Martin Avenue
Saturday, October 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Recology South Bay will hold an Environmental Day event for Santa Clara residents at their facility. This event is designed to help promote recycling, reuse and diversion of usable materials from the landfill. Materials accepted:
- Residential documents for confidential shredding
- Electronic Waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.
- Universal Waste (batteries, cell phones, CFLs and fluorescent tubes)
- Clothing
- Children’s plastic toys and play structures

Residents must provide a current utility bill and personal identification to verify eligibility for this free drop-off program. For questions or more information, contact Recology South Bay at (408) 970-5100.

Mission City Community Fund Casino Night

Great America Pavilion, 4701 Great America Pkwy
Saturday, November 7, 2015

Come celebrate with Mission City Community Fund (MCCF) at this year’s annual fundraiser, “Get Your Game On.” Join us for an evening of gaming and entertainment to benefit the Santa Clara and Silicon Valley Community. This year’s event includes opportunity drawings for two 2016 49ers season tickets and a Christmas tree decorated with gift cards. Tickets are $125 per person which includes $125 in casino chips, assorted hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert. For more information, visit cagreatamerica.com/missioncity or contact Patty Mahan at 408-410-1420.

City website updated

The City’s website, SantaClaraCA.gov, has been updated to reflect the new brand identity—The Center of What’s Possible. During the redesign, web liaisons for City Departments showed their passion for residents, businesses and visitors in discussions about improving usability and convenience for the community. Check out the refreshed site and let us know what you think. Your feedback is welcome through the city’s Open City Hall forum. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/opencityhall.