Harris-Lass Garden Tea

Sunday, June 12th, 2016

This year’s popular Garden Tea is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Harris-Lass House Museum, 1889 Market Street in Santa Clara. Guests will be served afternoon tea in the shaded gardens before being entertained with a humorous One Act Vignette Play performed by the Santa Clara Players. The 1865 Victorian farmhouse will be open for house tours for early arrivals from 11:30 a.m., and again following the program.

The cost is $35 per person and tickets are limited to 100 guests. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on April 16th. The event is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara.

For more information, please call Jeannie at (408) 296-1525.

Submitted by Bob Byrd, president (408) 241-7311 Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara.

Visit harrislass.org for more information.

Bike to Work Day

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mark your calendars for the annual Bike-To-Work Day taking place on Thursday, May 12, 2016. 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.

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Public Discussion of 2016-17 Proposed Budget

The following dates have been established for joint study sessions and public hearings to review the proposed 2016-17 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 Santa Clara Stadium Authority has an April 1 to March 31 fiscal year and its operating, capital improvement, and debt service budgets will be separately presented to the Stadium Authority Board.

April 19: Public Hearing and adoption of the Municipal Fee Schedule

May 10: Joint Study Session to review significant capital improvement projects

May 17: Joint Study Session to review the proposed 2016-17 Capital Improvement Project Budget and proposed 2106-17 Operating Budget

May 24: Joint Study Session to review the proposed 2016-17 Capital Improvement Project Budget, proposed 2106-17 Operating Budget, and Five-Year Financial Plan

June 7: Joint Study Session to receive Council input on proposed budgets

June 21: Public Hearing and adoption of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

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

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 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

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Get great deals on thousands of books, movies and music at the Friends of the Library Book Sale! The sale will be held in the Central Park Library, Redwood Room, and proceeds support library programs and services. Open to members at 9:00 a.m. and to the public at 10:00 a.m. From noon to 2:00 p.m. books are sold for $5.00 a bag. It’s a fantastic bargain! Not a member? You can join at the sale! Membership is just $15.00 for individuals or $25.00 for families.

Did you know the Friends of the Santa Clara Public Library operate an online bookstore at Amazon.com? With more than a thousand titles offered for sale, this is a great place to buy books and support the library at the same time! Visit lovethelibrary.org for more information

Thank you for your efforts to conserve water and use water wisely.