**Neighborhood Watch**

Form a Watch group in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch groups take a proactive approach to fighting crime by becoming the extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement. Watch groups do not require a lot of time. It requires awareness and knowledge regarding the neighborhood you live in and the neighbors you live around. Members learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood and report activities that raise their suspicions to the police. You can form a watch group around any geographical unit: a block, apartment, park, business area, public housing complex or office. Watch groups are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood Watch helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns. If you would like to schedule a presentation in your neighborhood, contact the Santa Clara Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at CrimePrevention@santaclaraca.gov or call 408-615-4876.

**City Hall Closures**

City Office Closed for Two Holidays in September

City Hall is closed on Monday, September 5th, 2016 for Labor Day Holiday and Friday, September 9th, 2016 for Admission Day. There will be no change in the regular Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling Collection schedule.

**Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival**

Central Park, 969 Kiely Boulevard

**Saturday, September 17th, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**
**Sunday, September 18th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Don’t miss the 36th annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival! This family event features nearly 175 artists and craft vendors selling unique handmade specialty items, delicious international food, the popular “Kids Kingdom and Toddler Town,” beer garden, fine wine and continuous live stellar entertainment on three stages. Shoppers, dancers, foodies and children of all ages are sure to enjoy this action packed festival, held throughout Central Park amidst the lake, trees and wisteria. Proceeds from this event will benefit local charities. For additional information, call 408-615-3140 or visit our website at SantaClaraArtAndWine.com.
Movie Night at Harris-Lass Museum

Friday, September 16th, 2016

On Friday night, September 16th, 2016, in the 1867-era Barn on the Harris Lass Museum Preserve, 1889 Market Street, Santa Clara (off Winchester), the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara is sponsoring its annual ‘Movie Night.’ This year, Million Dollar Dirt, a 20-minute documentary on how the Santa Clara area transformed from an agricultural paradise known as ‘The Valley of Heart’s Delight’ to the world hub of high technology, will be shown. The shocking trend in 2004, when this film was produced and directed by Craig von Waaden, was the sale of farm land for $1 million an acre! Scenes in this movie depict local roads, highways, neighborhoods and the small amount of remaining farmland.

Coordinators Leo Martinez and Mary Hanel have announced that the first showing will begin at 6:30 p.m. with subsequent showings at approximately, 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Popcorn and cider will be served. Admission is free. RSVPs requested, please call Leo at 408-985-5384 with the time you would like to attend. Film is suitable for ages 13 and up.

For more information about the Harris Lass Museum, visit the website: http://harrislass.org or call the Museum’s message line at 408-249-7905.

Santa Clara Votes

Election November 2016

Santa Clara Votes, formerly known as the Vote Ethics program, has been reinvented for the November 2016 election, with more emphasis on ethics, openness, transparency and trustworthiness of candidates. This year’s program will include a series of informative video vignettes, utility bill inserts and articles within Inside Santa Clara (the City’s newspaper), as well as a robust social media, Channel 15 and website presence. Please visit santaclaraca.gov/scvotes for more information.

Connect with Us

There are a number of ways to keep up-to-date with the latest news and events in the City. Several City departments are on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Pinterest and Instagram. Search for @SantaClaraCity to find us!

Municipal Cable Channels

Comcast Channel 15 and AT&T Channel 99

Council and Planning Commission meetings and other municipal announcements appear on the two City government access television stations. Tune in to Comcast Channel 15 or AT&T Channel 99 and get the latest information on community events and news of Santa Clara. Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live and are replayed the day following the meeting at 1 p.m. In addition, the City streams video of Council and Planning Commission meetings online at santaclaraca.gov.

Miss Santa Clara & Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen Competitions

Do you need money to help pay for college? Enter the Miss Santa Clara Competition today! Entry deadline - November 12th

Every Miss America started at the local level. Our current Miss California, Jessa Carmack started on the Miss Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen stage in 2010, and on September 11th she will be competing for Miss America LIVE on ABC. Do you have a daughter, friend or next-door neighbor who you think could follow in Jessa’s footsteps? Tell her about the Miss Santa Clara Competition! The Miss Santa Clara/Miss Silicon Valley and Miss Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen Competitions will showcase the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school and junior high school students in our community. There is no fee to enter, and every contestant on stage in January will receive a scholarship! The Miss Santa Clara Organization will award over $13,000 in educational scholarships. This year’s event will once again feature Miss Santa Clara Princesses, for girls ages 4-10. For more information please contact Executive Director Stephanie Quintal at MissSCOrg@gmail.com.