January City Office Closures

City Hall is closed on Monday, January 2, 2017, for New Years Day. There will be no Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling services on this day. Services will be postponed one day.

City Hall is closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. There will be no change in regular Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling schedules.

Plan your Event at the Triton Museum!

The Triton Museum of Art is the “eclectic venue” for your next entertainment function. Our galleries are structurally spacious to accommodate both formal and informal events.

Want a more intimate venue? The historic 1866 Jamison-Brown House has a history that reflects, in one building, the changing taste of American architectural styles during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is perfect for small celebrations with its charming rooms and wrap around porch for all of your needs.

For more information, please visit www.tritonmuseum.org/FacilityRentals.php

Exhibitions/Events

Imagery Art for Wine Collection: An Art & Wine Partnership  
November 19, 2016 - February 12, 2017

Stephanie Lam: Thespians  
November 12, 2016 - February 5, 2017

Katherine Levin-Lau: Symbiotic Ecologies: The Eclectic Visual Collection of Katherine Levin Lau  
November 12, 2016 - February 5, 2017

City Now Live-Streaming Council Meetings

In our continued efforts to enhance community engagement, the Community Relations Division has begun live-streaming Council meetings on the City’s Facebook and YouTube channels simultaneously. This is in addition to broadcasting on the City’s public access station and streaming on the City’s website. Santa Clara is the first known city to offer such technology, which is accessible on mobile devices, tablets and anything with a modern internet browser.

In addition to watching the meetings, viewers can also make comments with each other during the live meetings and “like” posts. All meetings are then archived for later viewing options. While City staff will monitor the comments, if you would like to address the Council, please submit through the “Make a Comment” option on the online Council agenda.

Follow us at santaclaraca.gov/facebook and santaclaraca.gov/youtube.
Minimum Wage Ordinance

New minimum wage of $11 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2016

On September 22, 2015, the Santa Clara City Council passed a Minimum Wage Ordinance that goes into effect on January 1, 2016, raising the minimum wage from $9 per hour to $11 per hour. The Ordinance requires employers to pay a minimum of $11.00 per hour to each employee who performs at least two (2) hours or more per week of work in Santa Clara. Beginning January 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the minimum wage will increase corresponding to the prior year’s Consumer Price Index (CPI). Please visit santaclaraca.gov/minimumwage for complete information about the new ordinance. This self-service page includes downloadable PDFs of the 2016 official minimum wage bulletin, important employer and employee document posters, FAQs and links to important resources.

2016 Leadership Santa Clara

Applications accepted through Dec. 16, 2016

For almost 20 years, Leadership Santa Clara has prepared current and future leaders for the many challenges that lie ahead. Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 session of this popular course, which presents skill-building workshops and topical presentations on the many issues influencing life in Santa Clara and the region. Full-day sessions are held at a variety of Santa Clara business and government sites, offering a peek behind-the-scenes of different organizations. Classes will be held from January through June. Participants pay a modest tuition fee and some scholarships are available. Graduates may also be awarded Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from Santa Clara University. For application and more information, visit santaclaraca.gov/leadership, call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at (925) 249-9320 or the City of Santa Clara City Manager’s Office at (408) 615-2210.

Santa Clara Votes Survey

Santa Clara Votes, formerly known as the Vote Ethics program, was reinvented for the November 2016 election. As part of the program, three short videos were created on the topics of registering to vote, campaign financing (including independent expenditures) and the importance of voting. In addition, there were many social media posts, news items and promotions broadcasted on the City’s public access channel. Two direct mail pieces, several utility bill inserts, ads in the Santa Clara Weekly, articles in Inside Santa Clara and Mission City Scenes were also created to promote components of the SC Votes program. The City would like to hear your feedback to enhance future projects. Please take a short survey on Open City Hall at santaclaraca.gov/opencityhall.

Youth Commission 2016-2017

Are you a Santa Clara resident age 12-19? Are you interested in being a voice in the community and making a difference? Applications for the Youth Commission will be available beginning January 30, 2016, and can be obtained at the Youth Center and on the City website. Term applications must be submitted by March 13, 2017 and interviews will be conducted in person on March 25, 2017.

Youth Commission Scholarship

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission offers community service-based scholarships to City of Santa Clara resident high school juniors and graduating seniors. Last year, the Youth Commission raised $2,500 towards scholarships. Scholarship application availability, deadline, and interviews are the same as the term applications. If you have questions about the Youth Commission activities mentioned above, or the term and scholarship application, contact Jon Kawada at (408) 615-3741.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Curbside Collection Jan. 9-13, 2017

City crews will collect Christmas trees curbside on your regular residential solid waste collection day the week of January 9-13, 2017. All clean trees collected will be chipped and used as mulch. Here’s what to do:

- Remove ornaments, hangers, tinsel, nails AND the stand.
- Place the clean tree next to your Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling carts at the curb on your regular waste collection day. Flocked trees (trees with artificial snow) should be bagged to reduce storm water pollution potential.
- Residents of apartments and other multi-family units can set out cut Christmas trees on the nearest public street on the regular solid waste collection day. Call (408) 615-3080 if you are not sure of the pick up day.

The City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, located at 1700 Walsh Avenue, will also accept trees January 9-13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

After January 13, discard clean trees by cutting them into sections and placing them into your Clean-Green container. Flocked trees should be cut into sections and placed into the black Garbage container for disposal.