Voters will elect two Council members, Mayor, City Clerk on Nov. 6

Four City of Santa Clara government leaders will be selected on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6 – Mayor, City Clerk, and two Council members – but voters will be limited on which positions they can vote for. It will be the first time that Council members will be elected to represent a district in the City, rather than to be elected at-large by all Santa Clara voters.

The change in how Council members are elected is the result of a court decision this summer after the Santa Clara County Superior Court found the City in violation of the CA Voting Rights Act “by showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the at-large method of election... impaired the ability of Asians to elect candidates as a result of the dilution and abridgement of their rights as voters.” The Court ordered the City to be divided into six districts with residents of each district voting for one Council Member. (See district map on page 3.)

On Nov. 6, Council members for District 2 and District 3 will be elected. Only residents of these two districts will be able to vote for a Council member to represent their district. Incumbent Council members in Districts 4, 5 and 6 will serve out their term of office until 2020 when voters will decide on Council members for those districts for the next four-year term.

The City held community meetings to inform residents about the court’s decision and input was gathered regarding the division of the districts and election sequencing through public forums and communications submitted to the City by individuals, with summaries conveyed to the court. The City Council has placed an Advisory Measure on the November ballot (Measure N) asking voters if the City should draft a Charter Amendment ballot measure to elect Council members, other than the Mayor, by district. The City has also filed an appeal of the trial court decision. Neither Measure N nor the appeal will have any effect on the November 2018 election.

Ballot measure asks voters about cannabis taxation

The Nov. 6 election will include a ballot measure asking Santa Clara voters if the City should establish a tax on commercial cannabis up to 10% of gross receipts and up to $25 per square foot for cultivation. If Measure M is approved, it is estimated this new tax could generate up to $2.2 million annually for the City’s General Fund.

Proposition 64, approved by California voters in November 2016, legalized personal recreation use of marijuana by individuals age 21 and over. It also regulated commercial activities related to cannabis, which is overseen by the State’s Bureau of Cannabis Control, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Food and Agriculture. Prior to the issuance of a State license, applicants are required to have a local license if local regulations have been enacted.

The City Council is expected to consider two of the three parts of a local regulation this fall: 1) health and safety regulations and 2) land use regulations that set parameters and conditions on appropriate locations for various types of cannabis businesses. The third part of local regulations addresses fees and taxes. Proposed licensing fees will be considered by the City Council this fall. Any new tax must be approved by a majority of voters, not just the City Council. Further information on proposed regulations or Measure M is available on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov/cannabis.

Role of City Clerk redefined

Ordinance 1983 approved by the City Council this summer redefines the role of the elected City Clerk to be more aligned with the ceremonial and policy direction duties of an elected City Council member.

The assistant City Clerk is now responsible for the day-to-day administrative operations of the City Clerk’s office, including publishing official notices, maintaining a record of all City Council proceedings, preparing City Council agendas and minutes, and handling other official public record archives and requests.

Compensation for the redefined City Clerk position is set at $2,000 per month. Future changes to the City Clerk compensation will be made by a Salary Setting Commission appointed by the Civil Service Commission. Currently, about 20% of the 478 incorporated cities in California have elected City Clerks. In Santa Clara County, Morgan Hill is the only other city with an elected City Clerk. Learn more about the City Clerk’s office on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

Annual Art & Wine Festival fills Central Park Sept. 15-16

This is the 38th year for the popular event that raises funds for local charities. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, see the Art & Wine Festival Program in this newspaper or visit SantaClaraArtAndWine.com.

Santa Clara’s biggest community event – the annual Art & Wine Festival – returns to Central Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16, with live entertainment on three stages, more than 170 art and crafts booths, delicious international food, fine wines, and ice cold micro-brewed beer. The popular Kids Kingdom and Toddler Town will provide youngsters of all ages with activities and rides.

See more November election information on pages 3, 6, 7
Dear Community,

As summer comes to an end, I am honored to express on behalf of City staff our gratitude to the community for participating in the season’s many events, programs and resources.

More than 5,000 individuals took part in summer camps, swim lessons, summer enrichment classes offered by our Parks & Recreation Department. In addition, almost 11,000 people participated in Santa Clara City Library programs for children and teens, and the 2018 summer reading program sign-ups reached an all-time high! Thousands also enjoyed the annual July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza and All-City Picnic at Central Park. The fun continues this fall with many other events, such as the 2018 Art & Wine Festival and ComicCon at Central Park Library. We hope to see you there!

Electoral Year

2018 is a municipal election year and the City of Santa Clara has experienced a significant change as a result of the Santa Clara Superior Court order requiring district elections. More than ever, it is important for residents to stay informed as the court rulings impact Santa Clara’s election this November. Information contained in this newspaper is an update based on the amended court order received on July 24, 2018. The City of Santa Clara strongly urges the public to monitor the City’s website at santacroca.gov/districts and to contact the City Clerk’s office at 408-615-2220 for more information.

Open Communication

When changes impact our City, it helps to have guiding principles for process and decision-making. Transparency, fairness and open communication continue to be high priorities for the City in everything we do.

So far this year, there have been numerous public hearings, community meetings, forums, online surveys, focus groups and other activities designed to inform and engage the public on a variety of topics. Thousands of residents have participated, sharing their perspectives and visions of Santa Clara’s future that have been extremely helpful in crafting policies and helping the Council work through solution options. Your participation is impressive.

The City continues to look for new ways to reach out to the community to inform and engage residents in local government. If you have ideas on how to expand outreach, please send your suggestions to Deanna J. Santana, City Manager at santacroca.gov. I encourage you to subscribe to my blog by visiting santacroca.gov/cmblog.

Fiscal Management

I also encourage you to become more familiar with the City’s financial outlook by reading the article on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget on page 5 and reviewing the newly-developed policy document that provide a longer-term outlook, Santa Clara’s Ten Year Financial Plan, on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

Santa Clara’s fiscal state determines the services the City is able to offer to the community and its quality of life. A 10-year outlook provides greater awareness about how decisions today impact the long-term.

First Year in Santa Clara

It is amazing to me that my first year anniversary with Santa Clara is in a few weeks. The Council, community and staff have made me feel welcome from the moment I started, and it has been a pleasure meeting and getting to know many of you. I am so impressed with how engaged the community is as we navigate through policy development, strategic planning, and key initiatives. Every project has its challenges and every project has its rewards. Working together as partners, Santa Clara is moving in the right direction and the future continues to look bright. I’m proud to be part of the Santa Clara team and want to express my deep appreciation to the staff, in addition to the Council and community, for their dedication to providing the best possible service for our residents, businesses and visitors.

I look forward to meeting more people within the Santa Clara community and to serving this great City! In community spirit,

Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

Celebrate Fire Prevention Week

The Santa Clara Fire Department is hosting its annual Fire Station Open House at neighborhood fire stations throughout the City on Saturday, Oct. 6-1-5 p.m. The Fire Museum will be open during these same hours. It is located in the parking lot behind Fire Station 2 at 1900 Walsh Ave.

The family-oriented events include tours, fire safety information, and the opportunity to meet and get to know many of you. I am so impressed with how engaged the community is as we navigate through policy development, strategic planning, and key initiatives. Every project has its challenges and every project has its rewards. Working together as partners, Santa Clara is moving in the right direction and the future continues to look bright. I’m proud to be part of the Santa Clara team and want to express my deep appreciation to the staff, in addition to the Council and community, for their dedication to providing the best possible service for our residents, businesses and visitors.

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Many ways to stay informed

City Website: SantaClaraCA.gov

Visit the City website frequently to learn about services, events, issues and policy changes. Click on “News” in the Residents Menu for easy access to new information. The City Manager Blog, published every two weeks, also provides a quick overview of City activities.

Comcast Cable Channel 15

Tune in to watch live City Council, Stadium Authority Board or Planning Commission meetings or rebroadcasts. The station also carries agenda highlights and other municipal announcements.

City Manager Blog: SantaClaraCA.gov/cmblog

Subscribe to receive current information about City issues and activities.

eNotify: SantaClaraCA.gov/enotify

Sign up to receive notices from the City about events, news, community meetings and employment opportunities. You decide what topics are of interest to you.

Santa Clara Source: SantaClaraCA.gov/sourcsource

Brief recap of City Council and Stadium Authority Board meetings are posted to help the public track issues and decisions. More detailed information including minutes and staff reports on agenda items and videos of full City Council, Stadium Authority Board and Planning Commission meetings are also on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov under the Government menu.

Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar: SantaClaraCA.gov/TMAC

This calendar is published weekly to provide tentative dates and policy-level agenda items planned for City Council study sessions, joint Council/Commission meetings and regular Council meetings in the next three to four months.

Facebook

Follow the City of Santa Clara or specific City departments including Police, Library and Silicon Valley Power. City Council and Stadium Authority Board meetings are also streamed live on Facebook.

YouTube: SantaClaraCA.gov/youtube

Visit the City’s YouTube channel to watch City Council and Stadium Authority Board meetings streamed live, or to view past meetings, community events and public education videos.

Community Meetings

Public forums are scheduled frequently to allow residents to learn more about proposed developments, park rehabilitation, new or revised policies, or other issues in the City. Sign up to receive notifications on Notify or through the Community Development Department SantaClaraCA.gov/planning-community-meetings.

Nextdoor: Nextdoor.com

Sign up for this neighborhood networking tool and you will receive posts from the City of Santa Clara about public events, crime prevention, emergency notifications and more.

Twitter – Instagram - Pinterest

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LinkedIn

LinkedIn: Link to the City’s LinkedIn page.

MySantaClara app

Download this free app to your smart phone to access more than 20 options for service requests or information. Find it in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Nixle

Register on the webpage nixle.org to receive updates from the Santa Clara Police Department, including traffic alerts.
Per a court order, Santa Clara has been divided into six districts, each with approximately the same number of residents. Voters will now only vote for a Council member to represent their district. Previously all voters selected all Council members. The Mayor will still be elected by all voters throughout the City, as will the City Clerk and Chief of Police positions. See election Q&A on page 6 for details.
Congratulations to Leadership Santa Clara 2018 class


Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Santa Clara 2019 that begins in January. See details on page 10.

Survey finds residents are happy with police services

A comprehensive, year long initiative to assess the community’s satisfaction with local law enforcement, funded by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, found that 87.3% of survey respondents said they were “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the service they receive from the Santa Clara Police Department (SCPD). An even higher number – 92.4% -- reported they consider SCPD to be very or somewhat trustworthy, and 93.6% believe their neighborhood is very or somewhat safe.

The project was conducted by My90, a data-driven communication platform that bridges the gap between the public and police. Efforts to gather community feelings about police services included a citywide survey, six in-depth questionnaires completed by 20 local leaders, and three specialized focus groups. All of the project components were promoted using social media, flyers, citywide events, city publications, community organizations and local leaders. Santa Clara police officers voluntarily handed out cards soliciting feedback from people they came into contact with.

In addition to opinions about the Police Department, the initiative queried residents on their top local safety concerns with these results: 1) property crime (33.0%); 2) traffic enforcement (24.5%); and homelessness (12.2%).

Immediate action steps include hiring My90 to conduct training among SCPD employees and developing a 15-member Chief’s Advisory Committee comprised of a diverse cross-section of residents and business owners to meet quarterly on matters and public policies which influence or impact the ongoing relationships between SCPD and the community.

To view the full results of the initiative, visit the website textmy90.com/santaclara. Further information on the Chief’s Advisory Committee, including the application due Sept. 14, is available at bit.ly/2vac06Y.

The annual National Night Out event in August is one of several community outreach activities scheduled by the Police Department designed to bring residents and police officers together to become better acquainted.

The Roberta Jones Junior Theatre Youth Choir meets Wednesdays, 6:45-8 p.m., starting Sept. 26. Youth Choir members will learn proper vocal technique and improve singing ability while learning fun, modern songs and musical theatre favorites.

This fall’s youth musical production will be “Pinocchio.” In this magical musical adventure, the famous puppet who yearns to be a boy goes on wild adventures, and learns the power of the love of a parent for a child. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 26-Nov. 4. For ticket information visit RJJT.org.

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is a program of the City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. For more information, contact Kevin Cornelius, Recreation Supervisor, at kcornelius@santaclaraca.gov or 408-615-3161, or visit the website RJJT.org.

Robertas Jones Junior Theatre celebrates 50th anniversary

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre, founded in 1969, begins its 50th Anniversary Season with a variety of opportunities for people ages 8-18 to join the fun.

Young children have the chance to explore their creativity while enjoying physical exercise and acting out stories at two classes beginning Sept. 26 – Imagine Me for ages 4-5 on Wednesdays, 3-3:45 p.m. and Imagine Me, Too for ages 6-8 on Wednesdays, 3:50-4:40 p.m.

Aspiring actors, ages 8-12, are invited to join the Young Actors Funshop that starts Saturday, Sept. 29, 12:30-1:15 p.m. Participants will learn acting technique through games, exercises, poems and brief scenes. Other Saturday classes starting in September include Acting Technique for Teens (ages 13-18), Stage Make-Up (ages 10-18) and Improv Your Communication (ages 8-12).

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New Neighborhood Park & Community Garden is open!

A grand opening ceremony was held at the end of August for the new Neighborhood Park & Community Garden located at the southwest corner of San Tomas Expressway and Monroe Street. The new two-acre park on the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail includes playgrounds, picnic/barbecue areas, an open grass area, a native plant/pollinator garden, an off-leash dog area and a restroom.

The Community Garden portion has a covered outdoor classroom as well as plots for children, individuals and groups to grow their own fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Applicants for garden space were selected through a lottery process in early August. Individuals who would like to be considered for a plot as there are openings should obtain a copy of the Guiding Principles and Application at the Community Recreation Center, Senior Center or Teen Center, or download the documents from SantaClaraCA.gov/CommunityGarden.

The park was funded through developer contributions and a grant from Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

Other park renovations coming

Six other parks or playgrounds in Santa Clara are scheduled for rehabilitation and upgrades. Each project has its own timeline and all have been the focus of community meetings to determine what the public would like to see happen in each space.

Balanced budget in place for 2018-19; future deficits forecast

A balanced budget for fiscal year 2018-19 was adopted by the City Council at a public hearing in June. An Annual Operating Budget of $860.9 million was approved to fund core services, of which $250.5 million is in the General Fund. This year’s budget includes funding of negotiated contractual obligations for labor costs and a net addition of six positions in the City. The budget does not anticipate any savings and/or surpluses, so no transfer of funds was included to the Budget Stabilization Reserve (formerly Working Capital Reserve). The reserve target is equal to the expenditures level as part of closing the current fiscal year 2017/18.

The 2018-19 budget also includes a transition from a Five-Year Financial Plan to a Ten-Year Financial Plan for the City’s General Fund. Moving to a 10-year outlook allows staff and the City Council to be proactive in strategic solutions for addressing year-over-year deficits. The current General Fund Ten-Year Plan forecasts cumulative annual deficits between $4 million to $28 million. However, by committing to fiscal discipline and addressing annual deficits, the year-over-year deficits could be reduced to between $2 million and $6 million.

For the first time, the City is moving to a two-year rotating budget cycle which will allow staff to continue to focus on fiscally aligning and incorporating City Council priorities to resource investments, starting with a Biennial Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

The CIP Budget is $84.0 million in 2018-19 and $132.4 million in 2019-20, totaling $216.4 million over the two-year budget period, with an additional estimated carryforward of $157.7 million from the current fiscal year. The budget focuses on completing projects approved in prior capital budget cycles and places the highest priority on projects that address any safety issues and serious deferred maintenance needs that can no longer be delayed. The program includes various long-term capital needs such as improving water, wastewater, and electric infrastructure, and parks and recreation improvements.

The CIP budget also includes $5.7 million during those two fiscal years to fund Citywide information technology projects such as computer and network equipment replacement, CAD upgrade, and video conferencing for the Fire Department. In addition, $11.3 million is budgeted over the two year planning period to fund the Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program.

Information about the budgets can be found on the City’s website at SantaClaraCA.gov/government/departments/finance, and copies of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Operating Budget and the 2018-19 and 2019-20 Biennial CIP Budget are available for review online, at City Hall and the City Libraries.

Planning underway for more electric vehicle charging stations

The California Energy Commission has awarded Silicon Valley Power, the City’s electric utility, close to $200,000 to develop a plan for adding more electric vehicle charging stations in Santa Clara. The plan aims to make electric vehicle charging simple for all drivers and compatible with new technologies.

Santa Clara already has more than 400 charging ports throughout the City. Additional charging stations will make electric vehicles an even more convenient option for residents.

Silicon Valley Power will work with Siemens Digital Grid to complete a plan within one year that will lay out Santa Clara’s long term electric vehicle adoption goals and steps required to get there. Creating the electric vehicle plan will help Santa Clara meet the State’s goal of putting five million electric vehicles on the road by 2030, as well as the targets specified in the City’s Climate Action Plan.
Q&A: What residents are asking about new Council Districts

Q: What is changing about Council member elections in the City of Santa Clara?
A: A court order has mandated that the City of Santa Clara be divided into six City Council Districts and that only residents of each district vote for one Council member to represent them. The court decision was in response to a lawsuit that claimed the City’s previous election system violated the CA Voting Rights Act. Detailed information about the lawsuit and the court decisions are on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

Q: How is the new Council election system different?
A: Previously, candidates for City Council ran for a specific Council seat, but all voters in the City of Santa Clara voted for all Council seats. In the new system, voters only vote for the Council member representing their district. The previously numbered City Council seats do not represent a district within the City; there is no relationship between the previous Council seat numbers and the new Council District numbers.

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Q: How do I find out who is running for each Council District?
A: Election information is posted on the City Clerk’s webpages on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov and on the website of the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, SCCvote.org. Registered voters will receive a sample ballot in the mail that lists only the candidates and measures each voter is eligible to vote for.

Q: Who is eligible to vote for a District Council member position?
A: Only registered voters who reside in the City can vote for a candidate running for Council member to represent that district.

Q: How do I know if I’m registered to vote?
A: Go to the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters website, SCCvote.org, and click on the box “Voter Registration Lookup.” It will ask you to enter your home address and birthday and will inform you of your voter registration status.

Q: Do I have to change my voter registration to be eligible to vote for my District Council member?
A: No. If you are a registered voter in Santa Clara County, your ballot will automatically include the candidates for Council member if your Council District is up for election this year.

Q: Is it too late for me to become a candidate for my District Council seat on the November ballot?
A: Yes, if your District Council seat is one of the two that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot – District 2 or District 3. Candidates for these Council Districts were required to file candidacy papers by Aug. 10. Candidates for District Council member seats that will be on the ballot in November 2020 – Districts 1, 4, 5 and 6 – will file their paperwork in the summer of 2020.

Q: Is the election system for electing Mayor changing?
A: No. The Mayor will continue to be elected by all voters in the City of Santa Clara for a four-year term. The current Mayor’s term of office ends this year, so the Mayor position is on the Nov. 6, 2018 ballot.

Q: Is the election system for electing Chief of Police changing?
A: No. The Chief of Police will continue to be elected by all voters in the City of Santa Clara for a four-year term. The Chief of Police position will not be on the ballot until November, 2020, and the current Chief of Police stays in office until that time.

Q: Is the election system for electing City Clerk changing?
A: No. The City Clerk will continue to be elected at large by all voters in the City of Santa Clara. Since the position is currently vacant, it is on the November, 2018 ballot for a two-year partial term. The City Clerk position will also be on the November 2020 ballot for a full four-year term.

Q: When do the Council Districts go into effect?
A: The new Council District election system goes into effect with the Nov. 6, 2018 election. Residents of two Council Districts – District 2 and District 3 – will vote for a Council member to represent them for the next four years. Current Council members who reside in the other four districts – Districts 1, 4, 5 and 6 – will remain in their positions until their current terms of office conclude in 2020 and then voters in these Council Districts will vote for their Council representatives in the November, 2020 election.

Q: How do I know which Council District I live in?
A: Look at the Council District map on page 3 of this newspaper or on the City’s website SantaClaraCA.gov. You can also go to the website of the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, SCCvote.org, and click on the box “Look Up Your District.” It will ask you to enter your residential address and then provide district information for all jurisdictions (county, state, Congress, etc.), including the City of Santa Clara. If you still have questions, contact the Santa Clara City Clerk’s office at 408-615-2220 or Clerk@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Q: Who is eligible to run for a District Council member position?
A: Only registered voters who reside in the district can run for the Council member representing that district.

Q: How were the District boundaries determined?
A: Through an expedited process from the Court order, several options for dividing Santa Clara into Council Districts were developed by demographic consultants to the City in conjunction with multiple community outreach meetings and public hearings. It was important that each district contain approximately the same number of residents (about 20,000) and that each district take into account other demographic factors such as the ethnicity of residents. The court decided which of the Council District maps would be used for the November 2018 election.

Q: Will all Council member votes have equal weight?
A: Yes. All six Council members have one vote each and all count the same. The Mayor also has one vote and it also has the same weight as a Council member vote.

Q: Will District Council members vote on issues that are outside of their district boundaries?
A: Yes. Council members will vote on all City issues and policies brought before the City Council, no matter what district they represent.

While some voters enjoy going to the polls to vote, others prefer the convenience of a mail-in ballot. Request a mail ballot from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, 408-299-VOTE.
Important Election Dates

Sept 25  National Voter Registration Day
Oct. 9  First day vote by mail ballots sent to voters
Oct. 18  Nonpartisan information session about statewide ballot measures presented by League of Women Voters, 1-2:30 p.m. at Central Park Library
Oct. 22  Deadline to register to vote to participate in Nov. 6 election
Oct. 30  Last day to request vote by mail ballot
Nov. 6  Election Day

Vote by mail, vote in person

Registered voters may request a vote by mail ballot by contacting the Registrar of Voters at 408-299-VOTE. These ballots must be mailed in time so that they are physically received at the Registrar of Voters by the close of polls on Election Day. A Nov. 6 postmark will not suffice. Vote by mail ballots can also be dropped off at the Registrar of Voters, 1555 Berger Dr., Bldg. 2, San Jose, at Santa Clara City Hall, 1500 Wurzbarton Ave., Santa Clara, or at any polling location. Voters may also vote in person at the assigned polling location listed on the sample ballot received in the mail. Polling locations can also be confirmed by calling the Registrar of Voters at 408-299-VOTE. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Ethical Campaign Checklist

Over the past few years, Santa Clara residents have identified 10 characteristics of campaigns that are honest, fair, respectful and issues-oriented. These candidates:

• Are truthful
• Focused on issues relevant to Santa Clara
• Take a clear stand on issues
• Treat opponents with dignity and respect
• Avoid personal attacks on others
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• Never try to confuse or mislead voters
• Criticize unfair and dishonest campaign tactics from any source (even if it is from a third party trying to help this candidate be elected)
• Take responsibility for mistakes made by the candidate or campaign

Register to vote by Oct. 22
Santa Clara residents who are eligible to vote but who have not registered can do so by Oct. 22 in order to vote in the Nov. 6 election. Registration can be done online 24/7 at RegisterToVote.CA.org or mail-in voter registration forms can be picked up at City Hall or the City Libraries.

Central Park Library will participate in National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2-6 p.m. Residents can come to the library that day to register, re-register if they have moved since the last election, or verify if they are already registered. Eligible voters can also go to the Registrar of Voters, 1555 Berger Dr., Bldg. 2, San Jose, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to register or ask questions.

Sign up for electronic delivery of Voter Information Guide

Voters in Santa Clara County can now opt to receive the hefty County Voter Information Guide electronically rather than a print booklet delivered through the mail. Electronic delivery is good for the environment and saves taxpayer money for printing and postage. It also allows voters to access voting information anytime from anywhere.

To sign up, go to the website SCCVote.org and click on the Go Green icon.

There is also a SCCVote mobile app available for iPhone/iPad and Android that provides information on all aspects of the election including your polling place, contests on the ballot, background on candidates and measures and verification if you are registered to vote. You can download the app from the Apple App Store or Google play, or go to SCCVote.org and click on the Mobile App icon for a link to the sites.

One Vote Can Make A Difference

Don’t forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6

Register to vote at SCCvote.org.

Full disclosure of campaign contributions required of all candidates

The City of Santa Clara is the first mid-sized city in California to require full disclosure of political campaign contributions used to pay for advertisements and other efforts to influence elections.

This new local law will provide more robust disclosure requirements so that Santa Clara voters have a clear understanding about who is spending money – and how much money they are spending – on efforts to support or oppose local election campaigns, including candidates running for office and ballot measures, before casting their vote Election Day.

All contributors of $100 or more to any organization that spends money to affect a local Santa Clara election, either for or against a city office or ballot measure, must report their identities to the City.


Violation of the City of Santa Clara’s new campaign finance disclosure rules can result in prosecution, civil action by a Santa Clara resident for an injunction and damages, and disqualification of an elected official who benefited from the contribution from voting on a matter in which the contributor has a financial interest, among other potential penalties.

For parties that have a contract with the City, violations of the new rule will be considered a material breach of contract and grounds for termination of the contract.

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Important Election Dates

Sept 25  National Voter Registration Day
Oct. 9  First day vote by mail ballots sent to voters
Oct. 18  Nonpartisan information session about statewide ballot measures presented by League of Women Voters, 1-2:30 p.m. at Central Park Library
Oct. 22  Deadline to register to vote to participate in Nov. 6 election
Oct. 30  Last day to request vote by mail ballot
Nov. 6  Election Day

Vote by mail, vote in person

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Ethical Campaign Checklist

Over the past few years, Santa Clara residents have identified 10 characteristics of campaigns that are honest, fair, respectful and issues-oriented. These candidates:

• Are truthful
• Focused on issues relevant to Santa Clara
• Take a clear stand on issues
• Describe how the candidate will make decisions when in office
• Point out factual differences from other candidates
• Treat opponents with dignity and respect
• Avoid personal attacks on others
• Never try to confuse or mislead voters
• Criticize unfair and dishonest campaign tactics from any source (even if it is from a third party trying to help this candidate be elected)
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Inside Fall 2018

Activities for every age, every interest

Adult Book Club
4th Tuesdays
Join other adults who love to read and discuss books at 10:30 a.m. every 4th Tuesday at Central Park Library. No registration is needed. Fall reading includes This is How You Lose Her by Junot Diaz on Sept. 25, The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett on Oct. 23, and Darktown by Junot Diaz on Sept. 25. More information is available at SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-2900.

RetroTech Lab
Wednesdays
The RetroTech Lab is open every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Central Park Library to help you preserve old photos, slides, negatives or family movies that are VHS or 8 mm format. To schedule an appointment, visit http://bit.ly/retrotechcentral.

Farmers Market Saturdays
Celebrate the fall harvest season with a trip to the weekly Farmers Market held every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street. Purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from local fields and orchards, as well as baked goods and other handcrafted foods. The event is sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market. Don’t forget to bring your own reusable bags!

Harris-Lass Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 8
The annual yard sale at the Harris-Lass House Museum runs 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on the grounds of the preserve, 1889 Market St. Goods for sale include clearance merchandise from the Tank House Gift Shop, household items donated to support museum restoration projects and collectibles, handmade arts and crafts and other treasures provided by members of the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara. Details are at HarrisLass.org.

Fall Storytimes
Weekly beginning Sept. 11
Stories, songs and rhymes for children of all ages (including babies) are part of storytimes scheduled at the Central Park and Northside Branch libraries. See schedules at SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-2916 for more information.

Movie Night
Friday, Sept. 14
“The Winchester Mystery House Explored: Secrets of the Mansion,” a 20-minute documentary on the mysterious Sarah Winchester and her unusual house and grounds that has become a world-famous tourist attraction, will be shown at 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the 1867 era barn of the Harris-Lass Museum Preserve, 1889 Market St. Popcorn and cider will be served. The film is appropriate for ages 13 and up. Admission is free but RSVPs are requested by leaving a message with the number attending and which viewing on the museum’s phone 408-249-7805. More information is also at HarrisLass.org.

Grand Reopening of Mission Branch Library
Saturday, Sept. 22
After months of renovation, Mission Branch Library reopens with a family celebration from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Activities include performances by Andy Z and Happy Birds for the kids, along with tours, crafts, food and other fun festivities throughout the day.

Mission Branch Library now features a fully redesigned interior, a new collection, four group study rooms, a conference space, an expanded community room and beautiful outdoor patio and seating areas.

Book Sales
Saturday, Oct. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17
Find a treasure for your personal library or music or film collection at the monthly book sales at Central Park Library held by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends. Items are priced $2 and below from 10-11:45 a.m. and $5 a grocery bag full from 12 noon-2 p.m. Please bring your own reusable bag. For information, visit LoveTheLibrary.org.

Pour for Paws
Friday, Sept. 21
Enjoy gourmet food and tastes of craft and import beer at this fundraising event co-sponsored by Friends of SVACA (Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority), 6-9 p.m. at Steins Beer Garden in Mountain View. Auction items include an African safari and a sports fan bundle with pre-game field passes to a 49ers home game. For ticket information, visit SVACA.com.

Repair Café
Sunday, Sept. 23
Bring broken household items to Central Park Library, 12 noon-4 p.m., to have volunteers assess and fix (or help you fix) belongings that you like but that no longer work. Free! Repair Café is a grassroots community organization dedicated to keeping usable goods out of the landfill.

California Indian Photographs Exhibit
Sept. 28-Nov. 3
“‘She Sang Me A Good Luck Song: The California Indian Photographs of Dugan Aguilar” opens the fall exhibit season at the de Saisset Museum on the Santa Clara University Campus. Aguilar has documented Native cultures for more than 40 years and exhibited in the U.S. and Europe. Other exhibits scheduled for the fall include “Radical Velocity” and “California Flora: Fanny McClatchy Richardson.” For information, visit SCU.edu/desaisset.

National Coffee with a Cop Day
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Police officers and the community members they serve enjoy getting better acquainted over a cup of coffee. Location will be announced closer to the event on the website scpd.org. Coffee with a Cop encourages residents to ask questions, discuss happenings in the area, voice concerns and get to know the officers who patrol their neighborhoods.

Comic Con
Saturday, Oct. 13
Literature and pop culture collide at the third annual Library Comic Con at Central Park Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bay Area artists, comic book shops, cosplayers, makers, and authors will be there for panels and workshops including special guests Ru Xu and Nitdis Chanani. Activities include tabletop gaming, anime showings and hands-on crafts for all ages, plus geek trivia and Gumula build contests. Expect to meet some of your favorite costumed characters, and be inspired by creators of art, comics, and film! Stay updated and get free tickets at SCLibrary.org/comic-con. This program is made possible with generous funding from the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends.

Staffing and operating hours have also been expanded:

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For more information on the full schedule of programs for all ages that will be offered this fall at Mission Branch Library, visit the website SCLibrary.org.
Meet Wild Animals
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Meet your wild animal neighbors in a presentation from Wildmind Science Learning, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe haven for animals who would not be able to survive in the wild because they were abused, abandoned, injured or born in captivity. It is scheduled 3-4 p.m. at Mission Branch Library.

Prepare to Vote on State Ballot Measures
Thursday, Oct. 18
A nonpartisan presentation on statewide propositions that will be on the Nov. 6 election ballot is scheduled 1-2:30 p.m. at Central Park Library. Representatives of the League of Women Voters Cupertino-Sunnyvale chapter will describe what each measure is about, what groups and individuals support or oppose each, and what a “yes” or “no” vote will mean. All questions welcome. No registration required.

Música con los Muertos Concert
Friday, Oct. 19
The Santa Clara Chorale performs a program inspired by the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) at 7 p.m. in Mission Santa Clara. The concert includes music from diverse cultures and traditions that connect the audience with their ancestors, such as David Conte’s “Three Mexican Folksongs” paired with African-American spiritual music. For more information, visit SCC.org.

PAL Golf Tournament
Thursday, Oct. 25
This is the 41st annual tournament to support the youth sports programs of the Santa Clara Police Activities League (PAL). For information, call 408-615-4879.

Santa Clara Players
Oct. 26-Nov. 17
“Exit the Body,” a hilarious mystery set in a New England house where characters rush on and off stage while searching for missing bodies and jewels, will be presented by the Santa Clara Players. Both evening and matinee performances are scheduled at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion and sponsored by the City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission. For tickets and other information, visit SCCPlayers.org.

Spooktacular Children’s Preschool Children’s Halloween Party & Parade
Wednesday, Oct. 31
Children ages 0 to 5 are invited to come in costume for a party and parade at 10:30 a.m. at Central Park Library. There will be Halloween crafts for little hands and trick or treating in the library. For more information visit SCLibrary.org or call Youth Services at 408-615-2916.

Halloween Party
Wednesday, Oct. 31
A free Halloween party for children preschool through 5th grade will be held 3-6 p.m. at Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, 2450 Cabrillo Ave. Fun activities include a costume contest, on-site trick or treating, carnival games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, entertainment and more. For information, call 408-615-3760.

“The Cripple of Inishmaan”
Nov. 2-10
This tragicomedy, set on the smallest of the Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland, was written by Academy Award-nominated writer Martin McDonagh. The play reflects the great tradition of Irish storytelling with a fascinating collection of fascinating characters. Both evening and matinee performances are scheduled for the Mayer Theatre on the Santa Clara University campus. For ticket and other information, visit SCU.edu.

Mission City Community Fund Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 3
The annual charity auction dinner raises funds to support local nonprofit organizations serving residents with services related to education, health care, the environment, social services and theater/arts. Details can be found at MissionCityFund.org.

“Magnificent Mozart” Concert
Saturday, Nov. 3
The Mission College Orchestra is joined by the Mission College Chorus in a performance of Mozart works at 7:30 p.m. in Mission Santa Clara. For ticket and other information, visit missioncollege.edu.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 4
Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour and to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Veterans Day Ceremony
Monday, Nov. 12
Join City leaders in honoring veterans at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park beginning at 3 p.m.

Dinosaurs Rock!
Saturday, Nov. 17
Observe more than 30 specimens including giant T-Rex bones, dinosaur eggs, dinosaur footprints and dinosaur poop. Learn all about our prehistoric friends in this informative and fun presentation 2-3 p.m. at Mission Branch Library. After the talk, kids will get to dig for a real fossil: ammonite, shark tooth, shell, and dinosaur bones.

Choregraphers’ Gallery
Nov. 29-30
An evening of innovative and original dance choreographed by Santa Clara University (SCU) students will be performed in the Mayer Theatre on the SCU campus. All genres of dance will be represented. For ticket and other information, visit SCU.edu.

Firehouse Run
Sunday, Dec. 2
This annual event organized by the Santa Clara Firefighters Foundation raises funds for Santa Clara Unified schools and military veterans. It includes a 5K family walk or run and a 10K running event. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. on the Santa Clara University campus. For information or to register, visit TheFirehouseRun.com.

Holiday Events
Throughout December
The lighting of the City Holiday Tree in Central Park on Dec. 7 is one of many holiday events for all ages scheduled in Santa Clara. Learn more about them in the Home for the Holidays pull-out section in this newspaper or check the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

Mission College Activities
There are many performances, exhibits and classes at Mission College open to the community throughout the year. Check out what’s scheduled at fun.missioncollege.edu.
New fire truck added to fleet

The Santa Clara Fire Department has taken delivery of a new 2018 Pierce Velocity Quint 105’ Aerial Ladder Truck to replace a 1983 ladder truck that was at the end of its useful life. The truck meets all the latest applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, and its engine meets all the emissions requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and State of California for heavy duty diesel powered trucks. The truck is equipped with on-board diagnostics that report to the operator and technicians. It is also equipped with many of the latest features for a fire apparatus of this size which include side roll and frontal impact protection, multiplex wiring, anti-lock braking system, and LED lighting.

Children improve skills by reading to animals

More than 60 kids and parents gathered this summer for a fun event held in cooperation with the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) to help children ages 7 to 12 improve their reading skills. It was an Animal Read-athon with the City Library providing books and SVACA bringing dogs and cats eager to hear a good story. Educators know that reading aloud is an effective way to advance students’ literacy development. It helps readers better understand the text, and it can expand their vocabulary and increase their confidence. Parents and other caregivers are encouraged to read aloud to children of all ages and, as the youngsters’ reading skills grow, to give them an opportunity to read aloud to the family— including pets!

Lead Santa Clara into the future!
Enroll in Leadership Santa Clara 2019

Santa Clara residents, business owners and employees of local businesses are invited to learn more about their community and prepare for taking on leadership roles in government, neighborhood, civic and nonprofit organizations.

Sessions generally meet monthly, January through June, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a variety of locations within Santa Clara. In addition to learning more about the past, present and future of Santa Clara, participants become more aware of regional issues such as transportation, energy and health care and improve on leadership skills such as public presentations, meeting management, working with the media and ethical decision-making.

Special activities include Public Safety Day that includes a trip to the Emergency Operations Center, Education Day, and mock Planning Commission and City Council meetings.

For information on tuition costs, schedules and registration deadline contact Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at ssmrHD@aol.com or 925-249-9320.

SantaClaraCA.gov/LeadershipSC

Upcoming City Holidays

**Monday, Sept. 3 Labor Day**
City Offices Closed
Regular Garbage/Recycling pickup schedule.

**Monday, Sept. 10 Admission Day**
City Offices Closed
Regular Garbage/Recycling pickup schedule.

**Monday, Oct. 8 Columbus Day**
City Offices Closed
Regular Garbage/Recycling pickup schedule.

**Monday, Nov. 12 Veterans Day**
City Offices Closed
Regular Garbage/Recycling pickup schedule.

**Thursday-Friday, Nov. 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday**
City Offices Closed
On Thursday, no collection of Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling.
Garbage/Recycling pickup one date late for those normally serviced on Thursday or Friday.

**Tuesday, Dec. 25 Winter Holiday**
City Offices Closed
No collection of Garbage, Clean Green or Recycling.
Garbage/Recycling pickup one date late for those normally serviced Tuesday through Friday.

**Tuesday, Jan. 1 New Year’s Day**
City Offices Closed
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“The City Water & Sewer Utility, Police, Fire Public Works, and Silicon Valley Power personnel will provide 24/7 assistance during holiday closures to respond to any City emergencies.

• In an emergency, call or text 911
• Non-emergency situations can be reported by calling 408-615-5580
• Water, sewer and power emergencies should be reported by calling the 24-hour line at 408-615-5640.

Access to meters still needed

Silicon Valley Power, the City’s electric utility, is replacing residential electric meters with the new advanced meters, but the citywide advanced meter system is not fully activated. It is important to continue to allow City meter readers access to the meter in your backyard. If the gate is locked and no one is home when City staff comes to read the meter, usage will be estimated. If you do not want estimates used for billing and want to keep the gate locked, provide the City with a copy of the key or the combination to the lock. Contact customer service at 408-615-2300 to update your account.

New traffic signal under construction

A new traffic signal at the intersection of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Henry Avenue is under construction and work is expected to be complete this fall. The project includes new concrete sidewalks, curb and gutter, roadway pavement, traffic signal and pavement markings. This intersection, along with others on Stevens Creek Boulevard, is shared jurisdictionally by both Santa Clara and San Jose. The City of San José is the lead jurisdiction for this project, which received federal grant funding to improve the intersection.
New Sports Park is under construction

A groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 30 marked the official start of construction of the new Reed & Grant Streets Sports Park that will include five lighted soccer fields (with multiple configurations), a multi-purpose community recreation building, a children’s playground, picnic area, off-street parking and other amenities.

The park’s 8.75 acres is adjacent to the Reed Street Dog Park. Construction is expected to be completed in 2019.

Art in many forms on view this fall at Triton Museum of Art

Glass sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings and geometric abstractions are on display this fall at the Triton Museum from Art in four exhibitions that run through most of October.

“Illusory Abstractions: Recent Acquisitions” are pieces from the museum’s permanent collection. A dozen artists each fuse geometric abstraction with expressionism showcasing their personal journeys of discovery. “Drawing Light from Darkness” is an exhibit of works by Miguel Machuca that conveys the harrowing fears of cancer. Both exhibits run through Oct. 21.

“Paper Trails” by artist Michael Shemchuck reflects the artist’s love of using both paint and collage to create layered textured surfaces that asks the viewer to consider what lies ahead in a paperless culture. Glass sculptures in “Alimentos: Glass Work by Viviana Paredes” examines the cultural and political connections between food, language and land. Both of these exhibits run through Oct. 28.

A reception for all of the fall artists is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 7, 6-8 p.m. The reception is free and includes light refreshments and a no-host cash bar.

Learn more about the Triton Museum at “Donuts with the Deputy” on Monday, Sept. 10, 8-9:15 a.m., an opportunity to ask questions of Deputy Director Preston Metcalf. The event is free to museum members, $5 general admission.

For more information on the Triton Museum, including a Halloween Family Day being planned for October, visit the website TritonMuseum.org.

Add a bundle of love to your family

Adorable kittens, many of which were nurtured by volunteer foster parents, are waiting for a new home at the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) Animal Care Center, 3370 Thomas Rd, Santa Clara. Go online at SVACA.com to see who is available, or come to the Center to start the adoption process.

Some of these kittens started life as feral and un-socialized, but were transformed into friendly, cuddly cuties as a result of the new Happy Meower program where volunteers help the kittens become more comfortable with humans.

All of the kittens at the shelter now have tablets in their rooms where they can play cat-and-mouse apps or watch a favorite YouTube video.

Another big change at the Animal Care Center was the recent redecoration of 20 rooms. Local artist Jason Guastucci painted the walls with various themes ranging from safari, reptile, butterflies, undersea, music, sports memorabilia and more. He also led several students in the design and execution of a wall mural in the YaYa Room, used for socializing adoptable dogs. Altogether, the new artwork has increased the Center’s friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

SVACA provides the cities of Campbell, Monte Sereno, Mountain View and Santa Clara with the care of sick, injured, lost and abandoned companion animals, animal cruelty investigations, enforcement of animal laws, education and outreach programs, and its adoption program. For more information, visit SVACA.com.

Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club invites you

Members of the Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club invite residents to try out this unique outdoor sport at the lawn bowl green in Central Park. The game is easy to learn but also challenging. Club members strive for a light-hearted, sociable atmosphere that is welcoming to all. Serious competition is also available at tournaments in the Bay Area. Annual fee for club membership is $40 and provides 400 hours of fun. For more information, visit SantaClaraLawnBowls.org or call Jerry at 408-489-5423.

It is estimated that at least one mile is walked during a game of lawn bowling – mild exercise that is beneficial to good health for all ages!
Railroad Museum, a Santa Clara historic gem, is hiding in plain sight

How many Santa Clara residents have driven down El Camino Real near Santa Clara University and not realized that just a half block away is a gem of a historical railroad museum?

“Too many” would be the answer of a group of committed volunteers who for the past 33 years have spent thousands of hours preserving and restoring the buildings, model railroads and railroad artifacts that comprise the Howard Peterman Museum of Railroad History located at 1005 Railroad Ave, Santa Clara.

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society (SBHRS) was formed as a nonprofit in 1986 in order to save the Santa Clara Depot (built between 1863 and 1877 as a way station between San Jose and San Francisco), the Southern Pacific Santa Clara Tower (built in 1894), the Maintenance-of-Way Speeder Shed (built in 1926) and Section Tool House (built in 1894). On land owned and leased to them by Caltrain, members of SBHRS have relocated the Depot to the other side of the tracks and linked it and the two sheds into a museum complex next to the loading dock for passengers of Caltrain, Amtrak, and the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) as well as a rail line for numerous Union Pacific freight trains.

The work on the museum is never finished,” Robin said. “We are always looking for exterior restoration work, for example, took several years as volunteers searched for old first growth redwood lumber that would match the materials used in original construction.

Volunteers stripped 11 layers of paint off the walls – a time consuming effort but a necessary one in order to discover the original color of the buildings.

“The work on the museum is never finished,” Robin said. “We are always looking for something we could do better.”

The ever-changing nature of the museum is especially evident in the large operating N-scale and HO-scale model railroad layouts depicting non-specific western railroading. Volunteers create buildings and scenery that could be viewed from railroad tracks in California, such as the San Miguel Mission, Del Monte cannery or the Alhambra Valley near what is now the City of Martinez. The model trains can be from any era, but scenery and buildings must date prior to 1970.

A major volunteer project now underway by SBHRS is the restoration of an historic Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation business car that was built in 1912 and reconfigured into a business car in 1922. It was used as a rolling office for railroad supervisors as they moved from station to station to deal with customers and operations. The exterior restoration is complete but volunteers expect it will take another year or two to complete the interior.

New volunteer Cydney George-Abatecola was attracted to the museum because she likes history, but also enjoys hearing people’s interesting stories as they come to the museum to visit, make a donation, or volunteer their skills. “Some just like watching the trains run in circles,” she said, “while others have a passion for a specific train or historical era or want to put their construction skills to use.”

Currently the museum is open twice a week, Tuesday evenings 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no admission charge. It is also available as a facility rental for birthday parties or meetings. Tours for schoolchildren can also be scheduled and include a presentation on railroad safety.

Other features of the museum include displays of railroad artifacts, including many examples of signaling equipment and an operating wigwag signal, an H-2 style search light signal and a semaphore signal. The museum library holds more than 3,000 books and DVDs available for public perusal.

Fall Open House

Each spring and fall, SBHRS holds a weekend Open House and Model Train Show as a fundraising event for the museum. The next one is scheduled for Nov. 3-4, with open hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults and children under 18 admitted free.

Volunteers are painstaking in their attention to historical accuracy, according to longtime Santa Clara resident Robin Gilstrom who has been a member of SBHRS since 1986. Exterior restoration work, for example, took several years as volunteers searched for old first growth redwood lumber that would match the materials used in original construction.

In addition to exploring the museum buildings and its collections, visitors can watch two model railroad layouts in operation. The Company Store will be open so visitors can purchase used model railroad trains and accessories, railroad memorabilia, books, magazines, DVDs and railroad videos.

For more information on the Open House, how to make a donation to SBHRS or volunteer opportunities, visit the website SBHRS.org.

In Memoriam: Larry J. Marsalli

Former Santa Clara City Council member and Mayor Larry J. Marsalli passed away recently at the age of 92. A lifelong Santa Clara resident, he served on the City Council 1963-73 and as Mayor in 1967-68. He was a founding member of the Mission City Community Fund and spent 50 years as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Santa Clara Volunteer Fire Department. He also served as Chair of the Parade of Champions that was a major annual event in Santa Clara for decades. The seven-acre Larry Marsalli Park on Lafayette Street is named in his honor.

Watch for 2019 City Calendar

The 2019 City Calendar/2018 Annual Report will be mailed to all households and businesses in December.
Desilting project wins award

The City’s Westside Retention Basin desilting project received the Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association Silicon Valley.

16,000 yards of cubic sediment was removed from the Westside Retention Basin to restore its storage capacity for storm water runoff.

Over the last 40 years of operation, the retention basin accumulated silt and sediment from storm water runoff which greatly reduced storage capacity. The desilting project consisted of restoring storage capacity by removing approximately 16,000 cubic yards of sediment and replacing deteriorated inlet gate structures. It also replanted salvaged freshwater marsh vegetation and re-seeded upland grasslands.

The Westside Retention Basin is an outlet for approximately 850 acres of watershed. Two inlet structures receive flow from urban storm drains and an outlet connects the basin into San Tomas Aquino Creek through a pump station.

Welcome new citizens!

The Santa Clara City Library partnered with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to host a Naturalization Ceremony in Central Park this summer. During the ceremony 83 new U.S. citizens from more than 20 different countries were sworn in.

A reception was held in the Library after the ceremony, where new citizens applied for passports, received information about Social Security, and registered to vote.

The Library offers workshops throughout the year to help individuals interested in becoming U.S. citizens get more familiar with the process. The City website also hosts a “Pathways to Citizenship” page that provides quick links to information on steps to become a citizen, help on preparing for the exam, community resources and how to avoid scams. It can be found on the City Clerk pages of SantaClaraCA.gov.

Report illegal dumping to keep pollution out of the bay

It is illegal to dump anything into a creek or storm drain. Dumping debris into creeks or storm drains can obstruct the flow of water and cause flooding. Liquids such as oil or paint are extremely harmful to the wildlife in creeks and the bay.

Help keep the storm drain and flood management systems operating correctly by reporting illegal dumping to the City at 408-615-3080 or 408-615-5580 (24 hours), or call the Santa Clara Valley Water District’s Illegal Dumping 24 Hour Hotline at 800-510-5151.

Students get a peek into sewer lines

Budding engineers from Santa Clara University (SCU) got an inside look at the City’s sewer system recently as they joined a City crew to see how sewer lines are inspected using closed circuit TV. They also watched as blocked sewer lines were cleared using jet-flushing.

Each semester a group of SCU students learns about a different aspect of the City’s Water & Sewer Utilities.

Unemployment is just 3.1%

The City of Santa Clara Workforce Index recently compiled by NOVA, a nonprofit, federally funded employment and training agency, provides details on the City’s job opportunities and economic strength. At the end of 2017, the unemployment rate in Santa Clara was 3.1% while the individual annual wage average was $122,327.

The largest industries in Santa Clara were professional/scientific/technical services and manufacturing providing 24,040 and 22,922 jobs respectively. Santa Clara residents are well-educated with 56.7% of the population over the age of 25 holding a bachelor’s degree or higher, and 26% holding a graduate/professional degree or higher. Almost 42% of the City’s total population is foreign-born.

The Index also reported that fewer than 10,000 residents both live and work in Santa Clara – with 51,509 residents commuting to jobs outside of the City. On the flip side, 102,206 workers commuted into Santa Clara for employment.

NOVA provides innovative, award-winning workforce development services to the residents and businesses of an eight-jurisdiction consortium that includes the cities of Cupertino, Los Altos, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale (host) and the County of San Mateo. Services are delivered at no cost to the customer. For more information, visit NOVAWorks.org.
Three honors come to Silicon Valley Power

Silicon Valley Power, the City’s electric utility, has been recognized by three major industry organizations for different areas of excellence.

The American Public Power Association gave Silicon Valley Power an Award of Continued Excellence for Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED). This award recognizes utilities that have demonstrated continued commitment to DEED program ideals through involvement in grants and scholarships, use of renewable resources, pursuit of energy efficiency, and support of public power. Silicon Valley Power received this same award in 2002, and has also been honored with four DEED Energy Innovator Awards.

The Northwest Public Power Association honored Silicon Valley Power with third place in its annual Safety Contest for the utility’s excellent record in 2017 regarding the number of recordable injury/illness cases and lost work days due to injury.

Silicon Valley Power’s commitment to green power has earned it a place on three of the four national Top 10 Green Power lists for a third consecutive year. The lists are compiled by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy. The Santa Clara Green Power program placed second for the best national green power sales rate at 12.15%, sixth for its green power participation rate at 9.30% and eighth for total green power megawatt hour (MWh) sales for a total of 423,808 MWh sold. Santa Clara Green Power is one of only a few voluntary green power programs that have been recognized by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
The City of Santa Clara Senior Center provides a safe, positive and welcoming environment for adults ages 50+. The goal is to make available facilities, programs and services that meet the widely varying needs of older adults in our community as they age – from active senior to the frail elderly.

For specific program and service information, refer to the monthly Senior Center newsletter available at the Senior Center or on the website SantaClaraCA.gov/SeniorCenter. For specific questions, call 408-615-3170.

Programs and services at the Senior Center include:
- Adventures to Go Travel Program
- Ballroom Dances
- Care Management Services
- Classes – Fitness & Special Interest
- Computer Lab
- Dining Out - Senior Nutrition Program
- Drop-in Ceramics, Lapidary, & Woodshop
- Drop-in activities – Billiards, Darts, Shuffleboard, Bingo, Card Games
- Fitness Center and Natatorium
- Health Education and Coaching – Blood Pressure Checks, Evidence Based Programming & Health Screenings
- Health Insurance and Medicare Counseling (HICAP)
- Information Referral for Seniors (formerly SPA)
- Legal Assistance (SALA)
- Support Groups
- Welcome Newcomers (information meeting and tour of center)

Four ways to be more environmentally friendly

California Coastal Cleanup Day
Saturday, Sept. 15
Volunteers throughout Santa Clara County will join efforts to clean areas around local waterways including two locations in Santa Clara – El Camino Real at Bowers Avenue near Saratoga Creek and Lick Mill at Tasman Drive near San Tomas Aquino Creek. Cleanup takes place 9 a.m. -12 noon. Last year, more than 51,000 pounds of trash and recyclable materials were removed from 50 sites throughout the county. For information, visit CleanACreek.org.

Home Composting Basics Class
Saturday, Sept. 22
The City of Santa Clara is partnering with the County of Santa Clara and the University of California Cooperative Extension to offer this free, informative workshop 10 a.m. -12 p.m. at the new San Tomas and Monroe Community Garden. Registration is required at ucanr.edu/compost.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
Saturday, Sept. 29
Appointments are required for this free service that will accept and safely dispose of materials that cannot be put in your trash or recycling containers. Accepted items include: fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent light bulbs, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane and helium tanks, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, sharps containers, prescription medications and e-waste. Items not accepted are large household appliances, ammunition, explosives, or containers larger than 5 gallons. To dispose of ammunition or explosives contact the Santa Clara Police Department at 408-615-4700. To book an appointment, visit HHW.org or call the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 408-299-7300.

Environmental Day
Saturday, Oct. 20
Recology South Bay sponsors this free opportunity for Santa Clara residents to drop off these items between 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: clothing, e-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.), u-waste (batteries, cell phone, CFLs and fluorescent light tubes), and large plastic play structures/toys. In addition, residents can bring confidential documents for shredding. New location this year is 1675 Rogers Ave., San Jose. No appointment is necessary, but proof of Santa Clara residency is required.

New equipment sorts library materials efficiently

A new automated materials handling system was recently installed at Central Park Library that will be “on the job” 24/7 to accept and check in borrowed materials being returned to the library. It issues a receipt with the titles of returned items for the library patron’s record. The system will reduce the amount of staff time spent sorting and organizing, and it takes up half the space of the previous system. It is also more energy efficient and easier to clean and maintain.

Youth Commissioners start year of service in September


The Youth Commission was established in 1995 to serve as advisors to the City Council, providing insight about youth and teen issues in the Santa Clara community. Recruitment of new Youth Commissioners begins each spring for the following school year. For information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov.

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Learn about your family, learn about yourself at library’s genealogy programs

Central Park Library continues its impressive line-up of genealogy programs this fall with more than a dozen free classes, presentations and special interest groups. Many of these events are co-sponsored by the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHGS).

Year-round, Central Park Library provides access to an international genealogy collection including how-to books, historical atlases and maps, immigration resources and Census data for the U.S., California and Santa Clara County. For more information, visit SCLibrary.org.

DNA Special Interest Group
Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2:30-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2:30-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2:30-4 p.m.

Learn from others or share your experience in using DNA testing to explore family history.

DNA Basics for Genealogists- How 3 Testing Companies Can Change Your Family Tree
Thursday, Sept. 6, 1-3:30 p.m.

This basic introduction into DNA testing will cover the four different types - Y-DNA, mtDNA, Autosomal and X DNA and provide comparative analyses of the top three DNA testing companies. Registration is required online at scchgs.org.

Getting Started with Genealogy
Thursday, Sept. 13, 1-4:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of starting your genealogy research such as what documents you need and what to do with information as you find it. Topics include vital records, family group sheets, pedigree charts and how to source information. Registration is required online at scchgs.org.

How to Break Through Brick Walls Using Guadalajara Dispensations
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Alicia Carrillo, co-founder of the Nuevo Mundo Historical and Genealogical Society of Silicon Valley, will describe how to unlock the ancestries of many of Mexico’s original settler families using the extensive records found in the Archdiocese of Guadalajara. These records contain more than just marriage dispensations, such as pre-marriage investigations, divorces, land and will records and priest’s holy orders.

Civil War Research Both Union and Confederate
Thursday, Sept. 20, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Find out how you can discover whether or not your ancestor was among the 3.3 million who served in either the Union or Confederate forces.

German Special Interest Group
Friday, Sept. 28, 12-2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 30, 12-2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30, 12-2 p.m.

Join a group of fellow German genealogists in an informal group to share what you know, what is difficult, and what you would like to learn.

Forced Emigration--Scottish Genealogy Research
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

From about 1620-1890, “The Clearances” in Scotland created a steady emigration of Scots and Scots-Irish to America, the Caribbean and Australia. Finding where they lived and studying their journey not only from Scotland but from other countries can be a challenge. This talk will give hints about how to research and where to look for patterns of where ancestors and their records may be. These patterns can be used for researching any ancestor.

Census 101: An Introduction to Searching the U.S. Federal and State Censuses
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1-4:30 p.m.

Census records are among the richest and rewarding family history records available. They can tell you where your ancestors lived at a particular time, their place of birth, occupation, number of times married, and other bits of valuable information. Learn how to find census information to advance your search for your ancestors. Registration required online at scchgs.org.

Census 102: Digging Deeper into Little Known State and Federal Censuses
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Learn about good and bad of different sources for the digital U.S. and state censuses including those taken outside of every 10 years. Hands-on time will be provided so bring your information.

Hidden Women: A History of Europe, Celts and Freedom
Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

New archeological finds in women’s burial chambers show that Europe’s ancient Celts valued females in ways that later empires did not. Archaeology is uncovering vast differences between these family-centric populations and the Roman Empire that fueled its expansion by conquest, occupation and enslavement of Celtic peoples.

Upcoming Events at Levi’s® Stadium

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Dispose of medications safely

It is important to safely dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications to protect people, pets and the environment.

Santa Clara residents can conveniently drop off these products in the MED-Project kiosk at either the Police Building, 601 El Camino Real (open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m or Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or at the Northside Substation (open Tue.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.).

Medications should be kept in their original containers. Cross out or remove personal identifying information from the medicine container.

All medications in any dosage are accepted with these exceptions: herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, compressed cylinders, aerosols, inhalers, medical devices, sharps, illicit drugs and iodine-containing medications.

San Francisco Bowl (open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m or Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.).
Public Power Week in October is time to appreciate Silicon Valley Power

Every year, public power utilities throughout the nation celebrate Public Power Week during the first week of October. Community-owned, nonprofit utilities like Silicon Valley Power, the City’s electric utility, serve 2,000 communities in the U.S. with affordable, reliable electricity. The local ownership model ensures the utility and the community’s interests are aligned, allowing Santa Clara customers to have a voice in their electricity service.

As a public power utility, Silicon Valley Power provides programs and services tailored to this community’s needs. Its initiatives, such as student scholarships, local sponsorships and investments in free outdoor Wi-Fi, help advance the City’s progress. Programs like energy efficiency rebates support residents and businesses in becoming more efficient in a cost-effective manner. When residents showed interest in renewable energy, Silicon Valley Power responded with the introduction of Santa Clara Green Power, a 100% renewable energy option.

Through the public power model, Silicon Valley Power is able to provide countless benefits to Santa Clara families and businesses.

Can’t make it to the Library?

Santa Clara residents who are physically unable to visit the Library can arrange to have books and/or audiobooks delivered to their home once a month. To be part of the Special Delivery program, email librarians@santaclaraca.gov or call 408-615-2900.

Results of public opinion research released

An extensive City-sponsored research project to determine the opinions of Santa Clara residents and local businesses about Levi’s® Stadium was concluded in May and results presented to the City Council at the end of June. The full report and policy recommendations from the research consultants can be read on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.

Serve on a Board, Commission or Committee

Residents who would like to contribute to the quality of life in the City of Santa Clara are encouraged to apply to serve on any of the City’s Board or Commissions including the Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission and Youth Commission.

Santa Clara residents who are registered voters or are eligible to register to vote may apply to be a commissioner. For the Youth Commission, applicants must be Santa Clara residents and of the ages 12 to 19.

Information about current and upcoming vacancies can be obtained by visiting the City website at SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions, emailing clerk@santaclaraca.gov, calling 408-615-2220, or visiting the City Clerk’s Office at 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA, 95050.

Never blow or rake leaves into the street or storm drain

As pretty as autumn leaves may be, they need to be collected and disposed of properly. Leaves that end up in the street or curb can clog storm drains and increase flooding potential. Never blow or rake leaves into the street.

Place fallen leaves into the Clean Green cart along with grass clippings, weeds, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and flowers for weekly curbside collection and recycling. Extra Clean Green containers can be obtained free of charge by contacting Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365.

It is also a good idea to keep an eye on your neighborhood storm drain catch basin. Clogged catch basins can cause street flooding when it rains. If a catch basin is clogged with leaves and can be cleared, it can be un-clogged and cleaned out with a plumber’s snake.

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What goes into the recycling cart?

Combine glass food and beverage jars, plastic containers, papers and all metal food and beverage containers in the blue recycling cart.

- Place curbside for pickup the night before or by 7 a.m. Incorrect set out may result in non-collection

Further information

Recology Santa Clara, RecologySouthBay.com or 408-970-5100

Special set out Items (not in cart)

- Used motor oil and oil filters: Place used motor oil in a plastic container no larger than 1 gallon with a screw top lid. You may place up to three 1-gallon containers next to your recycling cart for pick up. Put used oil filters (fully drained) in sealed, leak-proof plastic bags and place next to the recycling cart. 

- Batteries: May be dropped off at local fire stations or placed in a Ziploc-type bag on top of your garbage cart for weekly collection.

Keep out of recycling cart

Food contaminated packaging, packing peanuts or Styrofoam, garden hoses, rubber gloves

These items should be disposed of in your garbage cart.
Students receive college scholarships

Three students from Santa Clara are headed to college this fall with $5,000 scholarships from the annual Silicon Valley Power Scholarship Awards program. Each will be pursuing studies related to energy services, electric utilities or fields associated with the power industry.

The students are: Ismael Laymoun, a Mission College student who will be transferring to U.C. Berkeley to pursue a degree in Energy Engineering; James Wang, a fourth-year student at Santa Clara University with a double major in Electrical Engineering and Environmental Science; and Rafael Tolosa, who is interested in the effects of the economy in the field of energy and power and will be a freshman at U.C. Berkeley.

New and continuing college students who live or go to school in Santa Clara are eligible for $5,000 scholarships, and trade school students are eligible for grants of $2,000. Applicants for the next round of scholarships must be enrolled by October 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Scholarship applications can be downloaded starting Oct. 1, 2018, and are due back by 5 p.m. on Dec. 17, 2018.

For more information, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/scholarship or call 408-615-6604.

Rain barrel rebates available soon

A rebate of up to $100 per residential utility account will soon be available for Santa Clara residents who have purchased a rain barrel with a minimum of 50-gallon storage capacity since March 20, 2018.

Rain barrels are positioned to capture water from a roof and hold it for later use, such as watering lawns, gardens or indoor plants. It is an effective way to conserve water and reduce the amount of water that flows from your property into storm drains.

Applications for rebates require an original receipt with date of purchase as well as photos of installed barrel(s). For emailed notification on when rain barrel rebate guides and applications are available, send your name, email address, and telephone number to waterrebates@santaclaraca.gov. Call 408-615-2000 with any additional questions.

Take a hike this fall

Some of the most beautiful weather of the year is in Santa Clara during the fall months—a perfect time to get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors by taking a hike. To help you on your way, the Santa Clara City Library now checks out backpacks containing fun and important items for your excursion, including binoculars, field guides to local birds and wildflowers, information about Santa Clara County Parks, and a magnifying glass.

Backpacks can be checked out for three weeks. Ask for them at the Customer Service Desk at Central Park Library, or request a backpack be sent to the Northside Branch Library or Mission Branch Library (after it reopens Sept. 22) for pick-up. For more information, call 408-615-2970.

Thank you to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends and the Santa Clara County Parks Department for sponsoring the backpacks.

Registration still open for fall recreation classes

The Fall Recreation Activity Guide was mailed to all Santa Clara households in August and registration is underway for both residents and non-residents. Flip through dozens of pages of activities and classes for all ages and select what would be fun and educational for you and your family.

New this fall is “Aquafit,” a full-body workout to music that includes movements and stretching designed to improve strength, coordination and balance. It is scheduled Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., at Warburton Pool, 2250 Royal Dr.

Also available at Warburton Pool are youth swim lessons. Instructors will work with children to help them become more comfortable in the water, more confident swimmers, or to improve on strokes. For information on either swim program, call 408-615-3140.

To register online for any recreation program, go to apm.activecommunities.com/santaclara.

Safe spot for sales

The Santa Clara Police Department partnered with MeetUp Spot to offer online buyers and sellers a trusted place to inspect items and safely complete a transaction. It is located in the Police Building parking lot at 601 El Camino Real (at Benton Street) which is well lit, public and under surveillance.

Job Opportunities

Are you interested in a rewarding career that serves your community? Join the City of Santa Clara’s highly motivated, talented and dedicated team of professionals by applying for one of the current employment opportunities.

For up-to-date recruitment information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs, follow openings on Twitter @SantaClaraJobs, follow the City of Santa Clara on LinkedIn, or call the City’s Job Employment Hotline at 408-615-JOBS. You may also sign up for a “Job Interest Card” to receive email notifications of current openings to match your areas of interest.

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership. - Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989
Rate increase proposed to support reliable power system

Silicon Valley Power, the City’s electric utility, will be proposing a rate increase of 2% that, if approved, will take effect in January 2019. The additional funds will be used to complete necessary maintenance to the electric system and to cover the rising costs of transmitting power. Santa Clara’s electricity rates will still remain among the lowest for California utilities serving more than 5,000 customers.

Upcoming system improvements include replacing old power poles, crossarms and transformers to prevent unnecessary outages and maintain high quality service. Transmission costs have risen by almost 200% in recent years, placing an upward pressure on electricity rates as SVP works to meet Santa Clara’s energy needs. The proposed rate increase and system updates will help ensure a reliable, affordable power system for Santa Clara in the future.

Older adults get up and go

Adventures To Go is a program of day trips and extended tours open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, age 50+. They appeal to a wide variety of interests and activity levels.

Day trips coming up this fall include whale watching, a walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, Fleet Week cruise on the bay, casino visits, a Hula Festival and a trip to the Oakland Zoo. Extended tours will take travelers for a week in New England or a getaway to Gold Country.

Further information and registration is available at the Santa Clara Senior Center, or download the Adventures To Go newsletter from the Parks & Recreation page of the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.
Disasters happen. Prepare now. Learn how.

September is National Preparedness Month and an opportunity to get prepared for the unexpected such as earthquake, flood or major storm. The national campaign website, ready.gov, is packed with helpful information and tips including these you may not have considered:

- Upload copies of important documents, photo IDs, proof of address, medical records and bank statements to a secure site in the cloud that can be accessed anywhere, anytime.
- Make a plan with your family that addresses four questions – How will you receive emergency alerts and warnings? What is your shelter plan? What is your evacuation route? What is your family communication plan? Consider special needs of your household.
- Learn first aid and join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Inside Santa Clara CERT training begins Oct. 16

The Fire Department’s fall CERT training program begins Oct. 16 at the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Center, 1900 Walsh Ave. It is designed to help residents be self-sufficient after a major disaster by developing multi-functional teams throughout City neighborhoods that are trained in basic emergency skills.

The 21-hour program includes classroom and hands-on sessions taught by professional firefighters. Topics include disaster medicine, fire extinguisher use, light search and rescue techniques, utility control (when and how to shut it off), non-structural hazard mitigation, triage assessments, and more. Download an application from SantaClaraCA.gov/CERT.

Other Resources

Emergency Preparedness Guidelines and other helpful information can be found on the City website SantaClaraCA.gov.