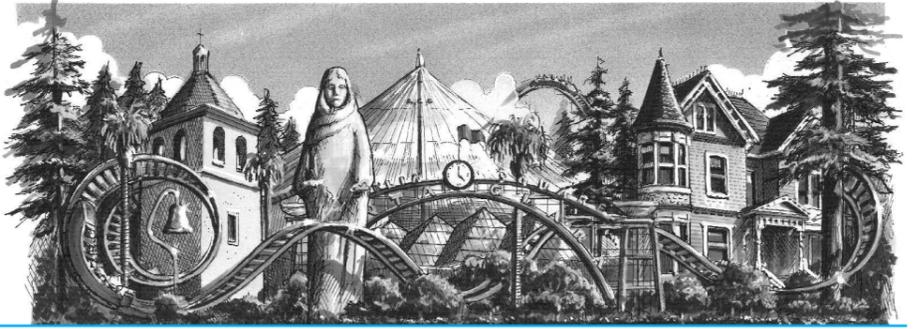




## INSIDE SANTA CLARA

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES  
WINTER/SPRING 2014



### Special Edition of *Inside Santa Clara*

This edition of *Inside Santa Clara* is packed with information! It contains two special inserts of importance to the community:

*The 10th Anniversary of Central Park Library* and  
*Economic Development in Santa Clara.*

There is plenty to read and enjoy, and remember that additional detailed and current information is always available on the City's website, [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

## Celebrate 150th anniversary of Santa Clara Depot



*Santa Clara Train Station circa 1903*

The Santa Clara Depot, the oldest operating railroad passenger depot in California, will celebrate its 150th year of service in 2014. It was originally constructed in 1863 as one of two "way stations" between San Francisco and San Jose.

The original depot was a 24'x50' board and batten building on the east side of the railroad tracks. It was moved to its current location in 1877 and attached to a freight house built a few years earlier. As Santa Clara became a thriving agricultural hub in the late 1800s, the depot became a focal point for shipping premium fruit all over the U.S. By the turn of the century, the Pratt-Low Preserving Company, the largest fruit packing plant in central California, was located just south of the depot. Caltrans acquired the depot from Southern Pacific in 1980.

In cooperation with California Department of Transportation, the South Bay Historical Railroad Society began renovation work in 1986 on the depot. Volunteers spent more than 25,000 hours hauling away debris,

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## Stadium is bringing major events to Santa Clara

"If you build it, they will come" is not just a popular catchphrase – it's an accurate statement about the major sporting and entertainment events that are lining up to use the new Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

The most recent addition to the roster is WWE's WrestleMania 31 in March 2015. This premier professional wrestling event typically sells out soon after tickets are put on sale, and millions more watch on pay-per-view TV.

It will be the first time the sports-entertainment event has been in Northern California, and there will be dozens of WrestleMania-related activities scheduled throughout the region during week-long celebration leading up to the main event.

The first event to take place in Levi's Stadium will be a soccer match on August 2, 2014, between the San Jose Earthquakes and the Seattle Sounders FC. The Earthquakes adopted Santa Clara as its temporary home while the team's new stadium in San Jose is under construction. Home games for its 2014 season from March to October will be played at Buck Shaw Stadium on the Santa Clara University campus.

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## We knew it all the time – Santa Clara named one of most livable cities in America

Santa Clara was rated as the 15th most livable city in America (and third best in California) in an annual survey by [livability.com](http://livability.com) that identifies the top 100 places to live and visit in the U.S.

The survey gives up to 800 points to each city for a number of factors such as employment opportunities, housing stock, education, infrastructure, access to healthcare, diversity, and amenities like parks, community events and the arts. Santa Clara's final score was only 24 points away from the #1 spot.

Santa Clara was praised for its "culturally diverse and highly educated population, excellent climate, and progressive and well-supported City programs and services."

## Spotlight on Diversity: Mexican Americans



Mexico has been a strong influence on the history of Santa Clara ever since 1777 when Juan Bautista de Anza made the first overland colonizing expedition into Alta (North) California – a 1,500-mile trip from Hermosillo, Mexico involving 240 people and 1,000 head of livestock. It continues to this day when the City's population includes almost 17,000 residents of Mexican heritage.

Evidence of the long relationship between Mexico and America is everywhere in Santa Clara, from the mission on the Santa Clara University campus to street names like El Camino Real and De La Cruz Boulevard. Traditional Mexican cultural events such as Cinco de Mayo in May have become universally popular reasons to celebrate for residents of all backgrounds.

Individuals of Mexican-American heritage are fully integrated into the community, working in all types of industries in positions from entry level to the executive suite. Some families have been here for decades and do not even speak Spanish. Others are more recent arrivals who benefit from the large number of bilingual businesses and English language programs offered through the schools and local nonprofit programs.

The Santa Clara Public Library collection includes a wide variety of books, periodicals, and DVDs in Spanish. Local Catholic churches offer masses in Spanish. There are also multiple Spanish language radio and TV stations and newspapers in the Bay Area.

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## New radio system coming and will be activated in 2014



After years of planning and preparation, the City of Santa Clara will convert to a new, state-of-the-art radio system during the first few months of 2014 for use by the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments and Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility.

The new Project 25 (P-25) Digital Radio System from Motorola – the most advanced radio communication system available — replaces the existing system that is more than 20

years old and at the end of its operational life. Santa Clara and the City of Sunnyvale will be the first communities to install the new system, but eventually it will be used countywide by all public safety agencies to ensure better regional communication during major events.

The City also purchased new portable and mobile radios for personnel and vehicle fleet, and upgraded 9-1-1 Dispatch Consoles that are compatible with the P-25 system.

Public Works personnel will be the first to operate on the system in January to test coverage and performance before it is expanded to Police and Fire personnel. The new system should be fully operational in March.

## News about Ulistac Natural Area



The Ulistac Natural Area Restoration and Education Project (UNAREP) is now an official nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status. Its mission is to engage students and volunteers and provide educational programs about the ecological significance of California native habitat and the unique historical and cultural values of Ulistac Natural Area. Tax-deductible donations to support the work of

UNAREP can be made on the website [ulistac.org](http://ulistac.org).

The fall was a busy time for UNAREP when Executive Director Dennis Dowling, interns, and volunteers provided interactive field trips for hundreds of children from Don Callejon Elementary School. The students cycled through six work stations, learning to grind acorns for food like the Ohlone Indians once did at Ulistac, or learning how to make an Ohlone clapper stick for song and dance.

Volunteers also used the fall months to sow \$800 worth of wildflower seeds, funded by a grant from the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Spring blooms should be even more spectacular than last year! For flower photos, go to Facebook Ulistac Natural Area.

Winter volunteer hours at Ulistac are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. Wear clothes for the weather, sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. Meet at the tool shed at the first bend of the south pedestrian entrance trail near Hope Drive. Only steady rain cancels. For more information email [ulistac@gmail.com](mailto:ulistac@gmail.com).

## City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values

Ethical  
Professional  
Service-Oriented  
Fiscally Responsible  
Organized  
Communicative  
Collaborative  
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making Ethical Values a Good Habit



## CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

Winter/Spring 2014

(Delivered bulk mail to every residential and business address in Santa Clara)

### Santa Clara City Council

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Pat Kolstad, Council Member  
Patricia Mahan, Council Member  
Jerry Marsalli, Council Member  
Teresa O'Neill, Council Member

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### City Goals and Priorities 2011-2013

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2011-2013 can be found on the City website. Visit [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and search for "Council Goals.")

### 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 -



## City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	6:30 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7 pm
Cultural Commission	1st Monday	7 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7 pm
Planning Commission	One Wednesday per month	7 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board, and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Central Park and Mission Libraries, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk's Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) and search for "City Meetings."

\* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road

\*\* Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street

\*\*\* Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov)

Dates and times may vary. Call 408-615-2220 for information.



## Start the new year off right by helping homeless animals



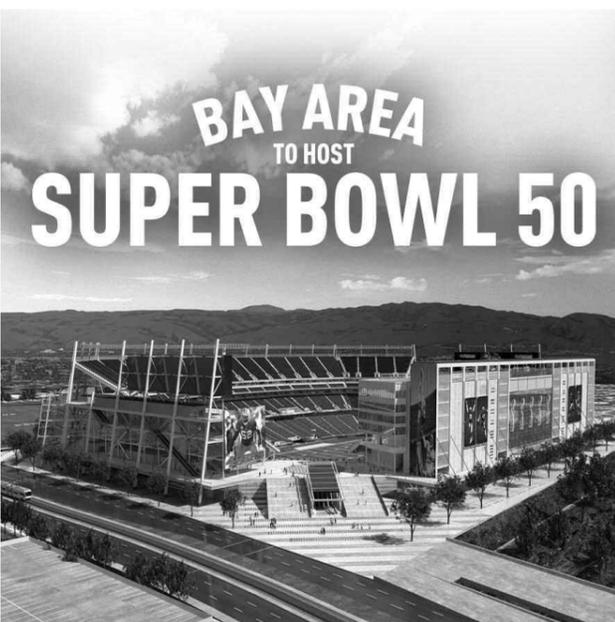
The Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) operates the only cageless Animal Care Center in the Silicon Valley and offers a variety of services to Santa Clara residents such as animal licensing, a spay/neuter clinic, and investigations of possible animal abuse.

“We believe we offer something for every animal lover and hope folks will help us one way or another in 2014 to achieve our goal of finding homes for all of our healthy and treatable animals,” said SVACA Shelter Manager Michael Limper. Here are just a few ways to make a difference for Santa Clara’s animals:

- Volunteers and foster parents make a huge difference for the animals. Go to [svaca.com](http://svaca.com) to register for an orientation.
- Tax deductible donations to SVACA’s Animal Assistance Fund can be made online at [svaca.com](http://svaca.com) or sent by mail to: SVACA’s Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054.
- SVACA always has wonderful animals waiting to be adopted. “Celebrate Companion Animals,” the spring Adoptathon, will be held on Sat., May 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the website [svaca.com](http://svaca.com) or call 408-764-0344 for more information on how you can adopt your new best friend.
- SVACA now offers a web licensing service where owners can license their pet online. There are several benefits to licensing including expediting return of your beloved pet should it become lost. License online at [svaca.com](http://svaca.com).

SVACA’s Animal Care Center is located at 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara. SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Campbell, Monte Sereno, Mountain View, and Santa Clara. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area.

## Santa Clarans join Super Bowl 50 Host Committee



Two Santa Clara representatives have been added to the Super Bowl 50 Host Committee, the 30-member group of community and business leaders and professional athletes who will guide the vision and strategies for the golden anniversary of football’s biggest event.

Steve Van Dorn, President & CEO of the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce &

Convention-Visitors Bureau, and former Santa Clara Mayor and Council Member Gary Gillmor were appointed by Mayor Jamie Matthews to serve on the distinguished panel.

Super Bowl 50 will be held in February of 2016 at the new Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara. In addition to a full house of 70,000+ spectators, the milestone event is expected to be watched by more than 100 million viewers around the world.

## Generations have shopped at these local favorites – and they’re still here because of customer loyalty

Shopping local keeps sales tax revenue in town — every \$100 sales taxable purchase at a Santa Clara business generates \$1 in sales tax for City services.

Equally as important, shopping local encourages independent businesses to open and grow in Santa Clara, creating a more vibrant community with personalized service and unique merchandise. The best way to ensure that your favorite stores and restaurants stay in business for a long time to come is to patronize them as frequently as you can. Customer loyalty is why these and other long-time Santa Clara businesses have continued to thrive.

**Stan’s Donut Shop** has been a popular store in Santa Clara for more than 50 years.

**Merry Mart** is a family-owned business that has served school families since 1946. It stocks uniforms and accessories for schools and Girl Scouts.

For more than 30 years, **Fiorillo’s Restaurant** has delighted Santa Clara diners with a big menu and generous portions of delicious Italian food.

**Neto Sausage Co., Inc.** is a third general family business that makes a line of sausages including its world-famous linguica, Spanish chorizo, Italian sausages, and more.

Locally owned and operated **Fujii Flowers** and **Citti’s Florist** have provided floral arrangements and corsages for milestone life events for Santa Clara families.

Thousands of Santa Clara homes contain appliances purchased at **University Electric**, a family-owned business for more than 90 years.

The Russell family has been in the furniture business since 1892 and **Russell’s Furniture** has been located on El Camino Real for the past 43 years. **Eastern Furniture** was established in 1957 and is now run by the third generation of the Lasecke family.

Brothers Gary and Steven operate **Ryan’s Sport Shop** on Washington Street specializing in running shoes and gear.

**The Off Ramp** on El Camino Real boasts of being the largest bicycle store in Silicon Valley, with more than 2,000 bicycles and a full array of accessories.

**Brooks Jewelers** has helped countless Santa Clara residents select wedding rings and jewelry or watches for anniversary, graduation, and other special occasion gifts.

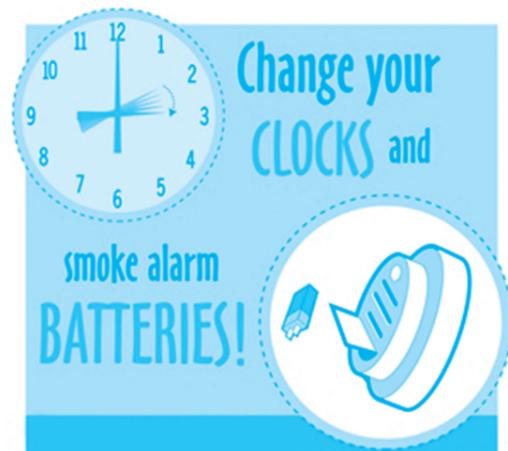
## Change smoke detector batteries on March 9

Most fatal fires occur at night while you are asleep. Having a properly maintained and working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of survival.

To be sure your smoke detector is in working order, change the batteries of all smoke detectors in your home twice a year when the time changes.

This year, Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9 – an easy day to remember to do this simple, but potentially life-saving task. Every home should have a minimum of one smoke detector in every bedroom and in the main corridor outside of all sleeping areas. For multi-story homes, an additional smoke detector should be placed on every floor.

For further information about fire safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Marshal’s Office at 408-615-4970.





# Winter & Spring in Santa Clara!

## Farmers Market Saturdays

The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues year-round every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Benton and Homestead.



Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables (look for spring vegetables like asparagus and early fruits). Check out colorful bouquets of cut flowers for your home, or plants for your patio and garden. Baked goods and specialty dishes are also available to enjoy while listening to music and enjoying the winter air with friends and neighbors.

## Gymnastics Classes Jan. 6-March 1

Year-round gymnastics classes for children 18 months to 18 years of age are offered at the Santa Clara Gymnastics Center, 3445 Benton St. Spring classes start March 4 and run through April 30. Call 408-615-3140 for availability or registration information.

## Santa Clara's Got Talent Sat, Jan. 18

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission will host the 5th Annual City-wide talent show from 7-9 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Tickets cost \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Ticket can be purchased at the Community Recreation Center, Teen Center or online at [vendini.com](http://vendini.com). For additional information call the Teen Center at 408-615-3740.

## Friends of the Library Book Sales Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain and support the Santa Clara City Library. Book sales will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Central Park Library Margie Edinger Community Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Visit [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org) for more information about the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends or call 408-615-2936.

Did you know the Friends of the Santa Clara Public Library operate an online bookstore at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)? With more than a thousand titles offered for sale, this is a great place to buy books and support the Library at the same time! Go to [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org) and follow the link.

## Love Our Library Lollapalooza Sat, Feb. 8

Attend the Library's first LOLL – Love Our Library Lollapalooza – to support programs and collections at all Santa Clara City Libraries. The event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Central Park Library is presented by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends. Enjoy delicious appetizers provided by the wonderful culinary program at Mission College, beer or wine, live entertainment, a short live auction, and recognition of outstanding volunteers Kathy Watanabe and Estela and Roger Ramirez. Tickets are \$50 per person before Jan. 17 and \$60 per person afterward. Buy your tickets at [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org) or call the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends RSVP line at 408-615-2988.

## 73rd Annual Camellia Show Sat-Sun, Feb. 22-23



The 73rd Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, will be held at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. This free show is open for viewing on Saturday from 2:30-5 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hundreds of delicate blooms in different sizes and colors will delight your senses as you stroll through the Center. There is a camellia to fit any size garden or patio, and experts will be available at the show to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces.

Entries for the show will be accepted on Sat., Feb. 22 from 6:30-10 a.m. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place entries, and both novices and children are encouraged to enter their camellias. For more information, go to [scccamelliasociety.com](http://scccamelliasociety.com) or call 408-615-3080.

## "Arsenic and Old Lace" Feb. 28-March 22

Santa Clara Players begin its 52nd year of productions with the classic comedy by Joseph Kesselring about the Brewster sisters and their nephew Teddy and what happens in their basement. For schedule and ticket information, visit [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org) or call 408-248-7993.

## Family Art Day Sat, March 1

Family Art Days are special opportunities for families to create art and explore the galleries of the Triton Museum. They are fun, interactive events with hands-on art activities inspired by the current exhibitions. The spring Family Art Day is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will focus on the annual Santa Clara Unified School District art exhibition. Registration is not required. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. For further information, call 408-247-3754, or visit the Triton website at [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org).

## Showtime Melodrama 2014 Fri-Sun, March 7-9



The 32nd annual production of Showtime, an original melodrama by local talent, raises money to support the Senior Center's Health and Wellness program. This year's performance is titled "Oz, The Last Chapter or Wishes, Witches, and Wizards" and will be held at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Doors open 90 minutes before the show.

The first Showtime was produced in 1982 by long-time Santa Clara resident Cleo Stuckrath who championed this fundraiser of fun and entertainment. Audiences are encouraged to be part of the action by cheering for the hero and booing and hissing when the villain takes the stage. The evening also includes an olio of local talent, refreshments and raffle prizes.

Beginning Jan. 14, tickets can be purchased from the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St., and the Community Recreation Center during regular business hours. Tickets are \$7 for Saturday and Sunday performances, and \$5 for Friday's performance (the 1982 ticket price!). For more information, call 408-390-9544 or visit the website [santaclarawomensleague.org](http://santaclarawomensleague.org).

## "Agatha 'Crusty' and the Village Hall Murders" May 16-June 7

Santa Clara Players present this over-the-top British comedy about a famous mystery writer and the murders she gets involved with in a small English village. For schedule information or tickets, call 408-248-7993 or visit [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org).





## Take care to protect the environment with these programs



### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day Sat, Jan. 25 and Sat, April 26

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will conduct two household hazardous waste drop-off events for Santa Clara residents. Other drop-off events are scheduled throughout the County during the year. Call 408-299-7300 or go to [hhw.org](http://hhw.org) to make an appointment to attend any of the household hazardous waste drop-off events. Items that can be disposed of at the drop-off include household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, paint products, car and household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, solvents, waste oil, automotive products, household medications and Sharps containers. Ammunition, explosives, radioactive materials and containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted.

### Environmental Day Sat, March 1

Recology will hold an Environmental Day for Santa Clara residents from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its facility at 650 Martin Ave. This event will provide residents with the opportunity to recycle clothing, e-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.), u-waste (batteries, cell phone, CFLs and fluorescent light tubes), and children's plastic play structures and toys. In addition, residents can bring confidential documents for shredding. In order to participate in Environmental Day, bring your Santa Clara utility bill and photo I.D. For more information or to ask questions, call 408-615-3080 or 408-970-5100.



### Arbor Day/Earth Day Fri, April 25

An award to Santa Clara as a "Tree City, U.S.A." will highlight the annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at 10 a.m. at the Triton Museum grounds, 1505 Warburton Ave. The event will include guest speakers, information on tree care, and ideas on things everyone can do to help preserve earth's natural resources. VIPs on hand will include members of the City Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and children from local schools.

This will be the 26th year that the City of Santa Clara will be presented with a Tree City U.S.A award from the National Arbor Day Foundation, recognizing Santa Clara for its effective tree care program, which includes an integrated pest management system, increased tree plantings, continuing education for City tree crews, and computerized irrigation for all landscaping throughout the City in public rights-of-way and medians. For more information, call 408-615-3080.

### Composting Class Sat, May 9

Home composting is a great way to reduce organic household waste and improve your garden at the same time. Low-cost compost bins and a FREE class on how to make compost at home are available through Santa Clara County. Registration is required for the composting class that will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Machado Park. To register for the composting class, or for more information on the class or on low-cost compost bins, call the County "Rotline" at 408-918-4640, email [compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us](mailto:compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us) or visit the website [reducewaste.org](http://reducewaste.org).

## Art happenings at the Triton Museum



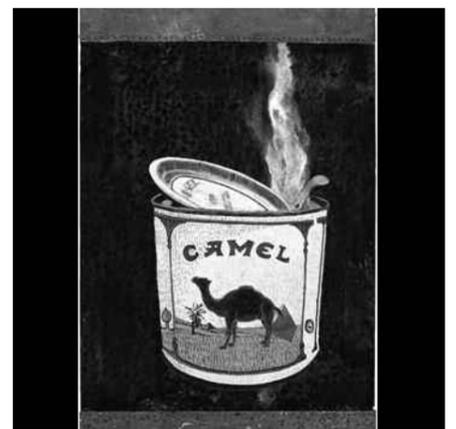
Work by instructor John Peck.

The Triton Museum of Art enhances Santa Clara's quality of life through art, education and community involvement. For nearly 50 years, it has provided a venue where local artists exhibit their work alongside regional and national artists, and where students of all ages learn about art and the creative process.

The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art and are located at 1505 Warburton Ave. The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.; and is open late every third Thursday of month, 5 to 8 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 408-247-3754, or visit the website at [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org).

### Events and exhibits in early 2014 include:

- Art School – The winter session begins Jan. 18 and includes classes for pre-K through high school weekdays after school and on weekends (drawing, painting, mixed media assemblage and collage) and courses for adults during days and evenings. All classes involve educational experiences in the museum galleries.
- Workshops and exhibit focused on "A Serving of Shapes: An Exploration in 3D Printing" — This program weaves together art, history, and technology to reflect on Silicon Valley's past identity as an agricultural hub and its present identity as a center of innovation. Workshops on Jan. 11 and Jan. 18, led by artist Corinne Takara, will demystify the innovative process of 3D printing. A selection of designs rendered by the public at the workshops will be printed in three dimensions and integrated into a related exhibition at the de Saisset.
- Watercolor exhibit "Kay Russell: Recollections" continues through Jan. 26 — Images of memory, artifacts of a familial past, and scenes of remembered nature color Russell's paintings. These are the recollections of an artist, but they suggest the types of memories everyone holds dear.
- 2013 Statewide Painting Competition & Exhibition through Feb. 2 — The jurors of the Statewide Painting Competition & Exhibition (Preston Metcalf, Chief Curator; Maria Ester Fernández, Curator of Education/Curator; and Stephanie Learmonth, Registrar/Curator) will award the Best of Show winner with a solo exhibition at the Triton Museum in Fall/Winter 2014. The exhibition will be diverse in styles, techniques, and ideas.



Kay Russell: *Recollections: Camel Can*, 2013, Watercolor, gouache, thread, watercolor monotype background, n.d.  
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## Thank you for making automated utility payments

More than 50% of utility payments by Santa Clara residents and businesses are now made through automated payment channels, saving time and money for both customers and the City.

Automated payments help to ensure that utility bills are paid on time, enabling the City to maintain lower utility rates, improve customer service, and help our customers avoid late fees. The City has a number of convenient automated payment options, including Automated Credit Card, Pre-Authorized Checking Account, Homebanking, Web, and IVR payment channels.

Thank you, customers, for your support of automated payments! For more information about automated utility payment options, visit My Utilities Account on the City of Santa Clara website: [myaccount.santaclaraca.gov](http://myaccount.santaclaraca.gov) or call the utility billing customer service line at 408-615-2300.

## Santa Clara electricity rates rise on Jan. 1, 2014

After years of stable electric rates, Silicon Valley Power (SVP) electric rates are increasing by 5 percent starting Jan. 1, 2014.

"The electric rates in Santa Clara will remain the lowest in the state and 15 to 45 percent lower than the rates paid in neighboring communities," said Larry Owens, SVP Manager of Customer Service. "Advance planning, diversifying our power mix, and making prudent power purchase decisions have allowed us to keep rates steady for three years, even while expanding our renewable energy portfolio.

"We need to maintain and improve the local grid infrastructure, such as substations and power lines, that are critical for our nationally recognized reliability," Owens said. "As the City's not-for-profit municipal utility, we have a responsibility to meet that demand with efficient, reliable energy at the best possible rate."

Silicon Valley Power provides energy efficiency programs, free online or in-home energy audits and a variety of resources to help customers reduce energy use and minimize the impact of the rate increase. For more information, visit [siliconvalleypower.com](http://siliconvalleypower.com), or call the energy conservation hotline at 408-244-SAVE (7283).

*Silicon Valley Power's Santa Clara Green Power program provides a simple way for customers to buy regional renewable energy. Earlier this year, SVP provided this table to customers, but accidentally omitted reporting that a portion of the 2012 wind supply was sourced from Wyoming. Please see the corrected table below.*

SANTA CLARA GREEN POWER PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL <sup>1</sup>				
Santa Clara Green Power is a voluntary renewable energy program from Silicon Valley Power that matches 100% of your estimated monthly electricity usage with wind and solar for an additional 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. The product is made up of the following new renewable resources averaged annually.				
	Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>2</sup> Renewables in Santa Clara Green Power		Generation Location	
	2012	2013 (projected)	2012	2013 (projected)
Solar	5%	20%	California	California
Wind	95%	80%	Idaho, Washington and Wyoming	Western U.S.
Total	100%	100%		

1. These figures reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased during the preceding year.

2. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after 1/1/99.

For comparison, the 2011 average mix of resources supplying Silicon Valley Power includes: Coal (12.9%), Natural Gas (16.1%), Large Hydroelectric (22.8%), Unspecified (23.1%), and Eligible Renewables (25.1%).

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Silicon Valley Power at 408-244-SAVE (7283), email [green@siliconvalleypower.com](mailto:green@siliconvalleypower.com), or visit [www.siliconvalleypower.com/green](http://www.siliconvalleypower.com/green).

Green-e Energy certifies that Santa Clara Green Power meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).



## Santa Clara's free WiFi is a popular perk

Are you ready to join thousands of Internet users in Santa Clara who are enjoying free web access at the park, their backyard or walking around town? About 6,000 residents, workers and visitors to Santa Clara are taking advantage each day of the citywide free outdoor WiFi introduced in 2013.



A WiFi antennae attached to a City street light pole.

The WiFi service shows up as "SVPMeterConnectWiFi" when you look for a connection outdoors in Santa Clara. Outdoor WiFi service can be accessed throughout the City's 19 square miles, although trees, buildings or the low power signal of some personal mobile devices may impede the connection.

The free service is a byproduct of a secure wireless communications network designed for the 2014 upgrade to Silicon Valley Power (SVP) advanced meters in the City. SVP, the City's electric utility, added an open, separate and unsecured channel dedicated to providing WiFi to the public. It is the first time that a U.S. city provided widespread free access by piggybacking service on advanced wireless metering technology.

## Why utility bills are sometimes estimates

Water and electric meters are read every month. If you lock your gate and are not home when City staff comes to read your meter, your usage will be estimated. If you do not want estimates used for billing, provide the City with a copy of the key or combination to the lock. Contact customer service at 408-615-2300 to update your account. Please keep the area around your meters clear of debris and shrubs.

## New puppy or dog at your home?



If you are the proud owner of a new puppy or dog, help keep your new family member safe in the backyard. Since City meter readers may enter your yard to read your meter each month, be sure to inform the City if you have a dog in your yard. Contact customer service at 408-615-2300 to update your account.

## Recycle holiday trees

The holiday season's final tradition is putting the tree out for curbside recycling. This year, trees will be picked up on your regular solid waste collection day during the week of Jan. 6-10. Here's what to do:



- Remove all ornaments, tinsel, nails, and the stand.
- Place the stripped tree next to the garbage and Clean Green cart setouts at the curb on your regular collection day. Crews will pick up trees and chip them for recycling. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and will be collected and disposed of as garbage in the landfill.
- Holiday trees from small businesses and residents who miss the curbside collection may be dropped off at the Street Corporation Yard, located at 1700 Walsh Ave., during the week of Jan. 6-10 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. only.
- Residents of multi-family complexes can set out their holiday trees on the nearest public street for pickup on the assigned single family home garbage/recycling collection days. Call 408-615-3080 to find out assigned garbage/recycling days in particular areas.

Trees may also be recycled after Jan. 10 by cutting up the tree and placing the pieces in the Clean Green cart. For more information on holiday tree recycling, call 408-615-3080.



# Clean-Up Campaign – March 24 – April 18, 2014

Santa Clara’s 54th Annual Clean-Up Campaign will begin on March 24 and continue through April 18. This is your opportunity to set out bulky items not routinely collected by weekly garbage, Clean Green and recycling collection services. Please read the following information carefully to help make the 2014 Clean-Up Campaign a success.

## Collection Areas and Dates (see map)

Area #1 (March 24): Both sides of Monroe Street. Set out material beginning Sat., March 22, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., March 24.

Area #2 (March 31): Both sides of Homestead Road between San Tomas Expressway and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Sat., March 29, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., March 31.

Area #3 (April 7): Both sides of Newhall Street between Saratoga Avenue and Winchester Boulevard. Both sides of Saratoga Avenue between Scott Boulevard and Pruneridge Avenue. North side of Pruneridge Avenue between Saratoga Avenue and Lawrence Expressway. Set out material beginning Sat., April 5, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., April 7.

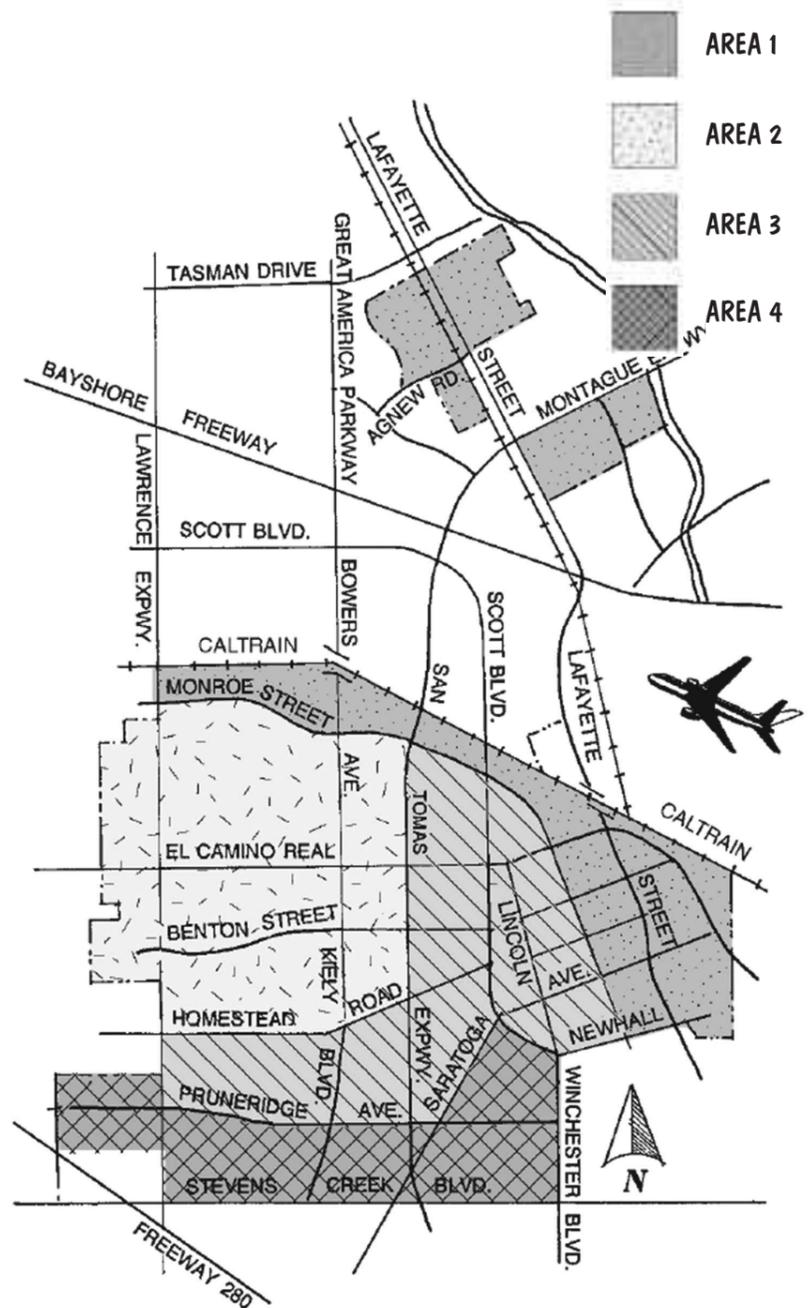
Area #4 (April 14): Entire south side of Pruneridge Avenue, and north side of Pruneridge Avenue west of Lawrence Expressway and east of Saratoga Avenue. Set out material beginning Sat., April 12, and not later than 7 a.m. on Mon., April 14.

## What will and won't be collected

Materials should be placed in the gutter in front of your home before 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated collection week.

- NO food or bathroom waste, garbage, automobiles, automobile parts containing fluids, medical waste, liquids, explosives, ammunition, or hazardous wastes (including paint, batteries or fluorescent bulbs or tubes) will be accepted. For information on the proper disposal of these items, contact the County Hazardous Waste Recycling and Disposal Program at 408-299-7300 or online at [hhw.org](http://hhw.org).
- **NOTE:** Concrete, asphalt, brick, rocks, stones, dirt, sod, interior insulation, gypsum drywall, and/or sawdust **must be placed in a bulk bag** no larger than one cubic yard (3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft.) to prevent stormwater run-off pollution potential. Bulk bags may be purchased online at [bagcorpstore.com/cleanup](http://bagcorpstore.com/cleanup). Bulk bags can also be purchased at Santa Clara City Hall, Finance Department Municipal Services Counter, 1500 Warburton Ave.
- A total of one (1) cubic yard of concrete, asphalt, brick, rocks, stones, dirt, or sod will be collected at no charge. Additional amounts are subject to a collection charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
- Contractor-generated landscaping debris and tree trimmings/removals are subject to a charge of \$25 per cubic yard.
- Appliances, tires and e-waste (i.e., electronic waste — anything requiring a plug or battery to operate) cannot go into the landfill and should be set out separately from the rest of your materials. Special crews will pick up these items. It is the owner’s responsibility to remove any appliance door with latch mechanisms prior to set out to prevent accidents.
- Brush, branches, and wood should be cut to 6-foot lengths, stacked separately from other materials and placed parallel to the curb. Green waste can also be disposed of through the weekly Clean Green collection program at no extra charge.
- Please park vehicles in your garage or driveway during your assigned collection week so it is easier for Clean-Up crews to maneuver. If you must park on the street, please park at least five feet away from piles.
- Use the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program to dispose of hazardous waste (paint, batteries, oil, antifreeze, household chemicals, Sharps containers, pesticides, solvents, thinners, chlorine, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, etc). These materials pose a health and safety risk to Clean-Up crews and the environment when placed in piles. A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event will be held in Santa Clara on Sat., April 26. You can make an appointment to attend the Santa Clara drop-off event, or any of the other scheduled drop-off events held throughout the County, by calling 408-299-7300 or online at [hhw.org](http://hhw.org). **Illegal set-out of hazardous materials is subject to a \$500 fine.**
- Do not set out materials in the street before the Saturday prior to your assigned collection week. Early set-outs alert people who do not live in Santa Clara that the Clean-Up Campaign is starting. **Illegal dumping and scavenging are more prevalent in areas with early set-outs. Early set-outs (prior to the Saturday preceding your collection week) are subject to a \$100 fine.**
- If you witness illegal dumping, get the driver and vehicle description, and vehicle license number and call 408-615-3080 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or 408-615-5580 (after 4 p.m. and weekends).
- Materials set out late will be collected for a fee of \$25 per cubic yard.

- Late set-outs are materials placed in the street after 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week.
- Do not place piles in front of curbs painted red for “No Parking,” as large piles can obstruct the view of motorists pulling out of driveways. Do not place piles in alleys or private streets, or against fences, retaining walls, hydrants, or landscaping.
- Materials must be placed in the street, by the curb, in front of the house where the materials are generated (if a private street, materials must be placed on nearest public street). Placing materials in front of a neighbor’s house will be deemed illegal dumping.
- **Do NOT trim or remove City street trees.** This is a violation of City Code and subject to a \$1,000 fine and all associated replacement costs. Call 408-615-3080 for information.
- Violation notices will be left at homes where materials have been improperly set out. If you have questions about what can be set out or need assistance in determining which collection area you live in, please contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080.
- **Reminder:** Many items that are placed out each year can be reused or recycled. For information, visit the website [recyclestuff.org](http://recyclestuff.org) or call 800-533-8414. For additional information on the Clean-Up Campaign, contact the City at 408-615-3080.



### Extra garbage bag collection

Holidays can produce more trash than your garbage cart will handle. Santa Clara residents may set out as many as four additional 30-gallon plastic garbage bags (limit two bags per week) on their regular solid waste collection day from Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 at no extra charge.

At any other time during the year, additional 30-gallon plastic bags of garbage tied with “extra bag” tags (\$4.00 each) may be placed at the curb for pickup on your regular solid waste collection day. Extra bag tags can be purchased at the Cashier’s counter in the Finance Department at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tags may be ordered by mail also. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check (payable to “City of Santa Clara”) to the Utility Services Division, Finance Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Indicate the number of tags to be purchased and make the check payable for the exact amount of \$4.00 per tag.

Residential customers with front-load dumpsters are eligible to get one additional collection per year free of charge. Just call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365 to make an appointment for the extra collection. For more information, please call the Street Department at 408-615-3080.



## Train Depot

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replacing support timbers, siding, exterior decking and interior flooring, scraping peeling paint, painting, and many other repairs.

### Jan. 18 Birthday Party

Two events will offer opportunities for the public to visit and appreciate the history of the Santa Clara Depot. Caltrain will hold a 150th birthday party Jan. 18, beginning at the San Francisco Caltrain Station with a plaque dedication ceremony conducted by the Native Sons of the Golden West. The Native sons are generously donating a plaque for each of Caltrain's seven historic stations listed on the National Register.

A special train will relive the inaugural trip to San Jose with stops along the Peninsula to drop off the commemorative plaques at the historic stations. The train ride will culminate with festivities at the Santa Clara station, including music, food vendors, and displays on the future of transportation and technology in the Bay Area.

### April Model Train Show

Then, on the weekend of April 5-6, the annual spring Model Train Show will be held at the Santa Clara Depot. Two museum-quality model railroad layouts are a strong attraction to young and old alike, and a collection of railroad artifacts – many provided by local families steeped in railroad history – will be on display. The HO and N-scale model train displays at the Santa Clara Depot are works in progress.

Both layouts operate in an era of the late 1960s, meaning that scenery (structures, industries and businesses) and vehicles are consistent with real railroad operations of that period. Both model train displays will be fully operational from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. A donation of \$5 for adults will be collected at the entrance to the depot. Under 18 admitted free.

Another focus of the train show is the organization's Company Store, which sells used model railroad trains and accessories, and railroad memorabilia, books, magazines, DVDs, and other videos.

The Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History at the Depot includes a collection of railroad lanterns and many historic trackside and grade crossing signaling devices, as well as memorabilia that celebrates the heritage of local railroad workers. The Santa Clara interlocking control tower, which for many years stood sentry over the adjacent rail yard, will be open for tours between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day, weather permitting. Also available for tours at the same time is the historic business car No. 184 from the former Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co.

## Residential street sweeping

The City sweeps residential streets clean on a minimum schedule of every other week, but often weekly. Street sweeping is scheduled the day after the regularly scheduled single-family solid waste collection. If the solid waste collection day is on Friday, the street sweeping day is Monday.

Residents are requested to not park on the street of the assigned street sweeping day, so that sweepers can reach the curb. Leaves raked from your yard and other yard waste should not be piled on the street, swept into the gutter or block the storm drain. Sweepers are not designed to pick up large piles of leaves from the street or gutter. Instead, place all green waste into your wheeled Clean Green cart for weekly collection.

Residents in multi-family complexes without Clean Green services who are not sure of what day their streets are swept, or for questions regarding street sweeping, should contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080.

## City tree care

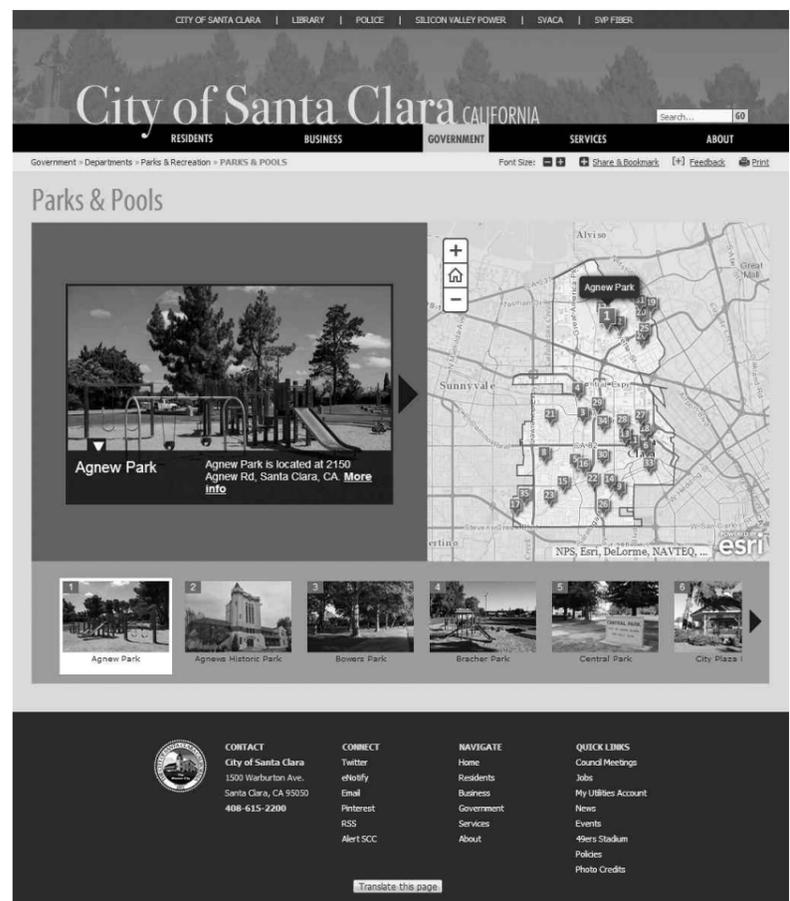


Trees provide neighborhoods with numerous advantages: beauty, oxygen, sound absorption, wind deflection, shade protection, air purification, increased real estate values, erosion control, and energy conservation. These are the reasons why Santa Clara has invested in planting street trees throughout the City.

The City takes responsibility for planting, maintaining, and removing (if necessary) City street trees, which are placed in the property frontage within the City's right-of-way easement — usually the front yard of a residence. The property owner is responsible only for watering and fertilizing the tree. If a City street tree needs to be trimmed or is suspected of having disease problems, call the Street Department at 408-615-3080. Having a City street tree trimmed or removed by anyone other than City personnel is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, plus the cost of replacing the tree and any associated administrative costs.

The City appreciates the help of all residents in providing for the watering and fertilizing of these valuable community assets planted in front of their homes. If you don't have a street tree and would like to be placed on a list to obtain one, call 408-615-3080.

## Take a virtual tour of public art, historic homes, parks

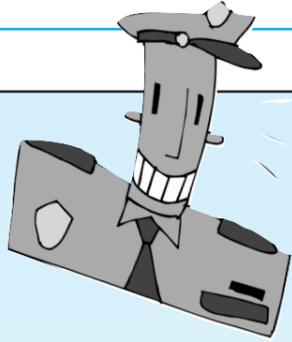


Virtual tours of some of Santa Clara's most unique features – its public art, historic homes and parks – are now available on the City's website.

Each of the three categories is presented in an online storyboard that includes photos, maps and descriptions. The three storyboards can be accessed through the following links: [santaclaraca.gov/parksandpools](http://santaclaraca.gov/parksandpools), [santaclaraca.gov/artinsantaclara](http://santaclaraca.gov/artinsantaclara) or [santaclaraca.gov/historicproperties](http://santaclaraca.gov/historicproperties).

Take some time soon to virtually visit a park, "stroll" around the Old Quad and view historic homes or discover one of the many pieces of public art. If you have comments about the new feature, contact [webmanager@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:webmanager@santaclaraca.gov).

# CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



## Company's coming! Let's spruce up Santa Clara

Thousands of new visitors will arrive in Santa Clara in 2014 for events at Levi's Stadium or the Convention Center, to visit Great America, as employees in new businesses, or for dozens of other reasons. Keeping Santa Clara neighborhoods clean, safe and clutter-free adds to property values and quality of life – and, in many cases, it's the law.

Here are a few of the most common questions about making neighborhoods more attractive and enjoyable.

### Q Can boats and cars be parked on front lawns?

**A** No. Vehicles and boats cannot be parked on landscape areas of residential properties. They can be parked on areas surfaced with all-weather materials such as concrete, asphalt, brick, stone or gravel.

### Q I think a car has been abandoned in my neighborhood. How do I have it removed?

**A** No vehicle or boat can be parked on a street or alley for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours. To report one that has been in one place for more than 72 consecutive hours or to report a vehicle that appears to be inoperable, call the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement hotline at 408-615-4778.

### Q Are signs posted on power poles or street lights legal?

**A** It is illegal to post signs on public property, including sidewalks, power poles or light standards. To have them removed, report them to the City's Street Department at 408-615-3080. Removed signs are held by the City for 10 days while attempts are made to inform the owner of their location.

### Q My neighbor's yard is full of weeds. Are they a fire hazard as well as ugly?

**A** Tall dry weeds can pose a fire hazard and the City requires that weeds and dry vegetation be removed when determined by the Fire Chief to be a fire hazard. For information on how to report a weed problem, call the Fire Department's Division of Fire Prevention at 408-615-4985.

### Q A house on our street has furniture and old appliances stored on the porch. It is unsightly. Can anything be done?

**A** It's possible this property could be classified as a "public nuisance" and regulated by the City Code in order to safeguard health, safety and welfare of the public. The Code prohibits the storage of most items on residential property that can be viewed from a public street or walkway. To report a possible "public nuisance" property, call Code Enforcement at 408-615-2460.

## Help prevent burglary

Don't make it easy for burglars to work in your neighborhood. Reduce your chance of becoming a victim by following some basic crime prevention tips.

### In your home or apartment

- Don't hide your spare key outside. Leave your key with a trusted friend or neighbor.
- Have locks on all doors and use them. Use auxiliary dead bolts on all exterior doors.
- Properly secure all windows and sliding doors. Use auxiliary locks or dowels for additional protection.
- Use anti-theft devices, alarms and video cameras. Register your alarm with the Santa Clara Police Department.
- Have ample outside lighting. Install motion sensor lights.
- Keep landscaping well manicured. Keep shrubs, trees, and bushes thinned out and below window height.
- Be alert for unusual activity. Call the Police if you see suspicious persons or activity.

### If you think your home has been entered

- Call the Police. Do NOT enter the house until the Police arrive.
- Don't touch anything at the point of entry.
- Don't attempt a personal investigation; let the Police handle it.

### Take a stand against crime...Join a Neighborhood Watch

- Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program, which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with the Police Department to reduce crime in the community.
- To establish a Neighborhood Watch group in your area contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 408-615-4859.

## Mission City Community Fund accepting grant applications

Mission City Community Fund is currently taking applications for the Spring 2014 grant funding cycle. Nonprofit organizations wishing to request a grant should download the grant application form from [missioncityfund.org](http://missioncityfund.org). Complete grant applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31. Questions may be emailed to [allocations@missioncityfund.org](mailto:allocations@missioncityfund.org).

## Santa Clara hotel supports hospitality education

Mission College's Hospitality and Culinary Arts building has been named after the Don and Lorraine Freeberg Foundation in honor of the founder of the Plaza Suites Hotel in Santa Clara and sister properties in Florida, and the Foundation's donation of \$250,000 to support hospitality and culinary arts instructional programs at the school.

The recognition was proposed by Jean-Philippe Rollet, General Manager of the Plaza Suites in Santa Clara, who knew of the need for funding at Mission College through his participation in the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce.

"It's very exciting when local businesses see needs within the college and are able to support the great work that we do," said Daniel Peck, Interim President of Mission College, "We are extremely grateful for Mr. Rollet's thoughtfulness and the generosity of the Don and Lorraine Freeberg Foundation."

## Stadium

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Other major sporting events with confirmed dates at Levi's Stadium include the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl in December 2014 and a college football rivalry on October 24, 2014 between Cal and Oregon. And, of course, major league football will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl at Levi's Stadium in February of 2016. See related article on page 3.

The National Football League has not released the schedule for the 2014 season, but has announced that the 49ers will host home games against the Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, New York Giants, Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins.

Visitors to Levi's Stadium are expected to spend millions of dollars each year in Santa Clara for lodging, restaurants, shopping, entertainment and other purchases. Sales tax and Transient Occupancy Tax on hotel/motel rooms generate funds for the City's General Fund that pays for core City services including police, fire, library, parks, street repair and programs for youth and seniors.

Watch for the announcement of more events at Levi's Stadium on the City's website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

## Leadership

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volunteerism, health care and human/community services. Full days are devoted to public safety and education. Skill-building sessions focus on working with the media, public presentation skills, team building, meeting management, and ethics.

Tuition is \$750, and participants may have up to 90% of their tuition covered by their employer. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at 925-249-9320, email him at [smmrfl@aol.com](mailto:smmrfl@aol.com), or contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210. An application for the 2014 Leadership Santa Clara session is posted at [santaclaraca.gov/leadershipsc](http://santaclaraca.gov/leadershipsc).



## Teens encouraged to apply for summer leadership program

Applications for the Leaders in Training Experience (L.I.T.E) program for teens ages 14-16 will be available at the Teen Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Community Recreation Center and Libraries beginning Wed., Feb. 12. Deadline for applications is 5:30 p.m., Wed., April 16.

The program is designed to enhance planning and decision making skills, increase interpersonal competence and strengthen self esteem. Participants also develop friendships, earn community service hours, and learn what goes on "behind the scenes" of a Parks & Recreation program.

L.I.T.E volunteers will work at one of the summer day camps where they assist Recreation staff in leading activities, songs, arts and crafts projects, fieldtrips and more. Leaders In Training are required to commit to a week of in-service training during the beginning of June and two weeks volunteering at a day camp site between June 16 and August 8.

## Learn something new with fun recreation classes



Whether you are a lifelong learner or a busy parent with active children, programs from the Parks & Recreation Department will keep you and your entire family interested in learning and playing all year long. The *Winter/Spring Recreation Activities Guide* is currently available online and in City facilities. Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 26 and there is something for everyone!

A great selection of fitness, dance, art and sports programs for all ages is always on the schedule. Join the latest group fitness craze with a Zumba class or try yoga or abdominal fitness fusion to reach your fitness goals. Try a new activity such as golf or adult skateboarding, join a group on the Mission Peak hike, or take a trip to see Ring Mountain wildflowers. Expand your culinary skills in a workshop with Chef Suzanne, or improve your musical skills with guitar or piano/keyboard lessons.

Programs for children include a variety of art classes such as ceramics, drawing, and acrylic painting. Active indoor sports will challenge your child to get moving this winter with classes like Boot Camp for Kids, Zumba Kids, Gametime Basketball, Rock Climbing, Karate, and more! For young teens, we offer driver's education, Get Fit Stay Fit: Kids, piano/keyboard, guitar, beginning to drum, and Lego robotics. Preschoolers love fun art and craft classes such as Little Learners Club, Little Hands in the Kitchen, and A, B, C's & 1, 2, 3's.

See the *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide* for a complete listing of the programs. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or Mission Library Family Reading Center. The Guide is also available online at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) under the "Activities and Classes" tab.

You may sign up for Winter/Spring classes online, providing instant registration, beginning Jan. 2 for residents and Jan. 6 for non-residents. An account PIN and Client Barcode are required before using online registration. Call the Community Recreation Center to ask about setting up an account. You may also register for Winter/Spring classes in person during regular business hours at the Community Recreation Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, beginning Jan. 15. Call the Community Recreation Center, 408-615-3140, for more information.

## Early Bird summer camp registration starts March 10

Plan your child's summer before the mad rush! Early bird summer camp registration information is available March 3. Online registration for residents begins on March 10, and for non-residents on March 17. Call 408-615-3140 for more information.

The complete Summer 2014 *Recreation Activities Guide* will be mailed to residents and will be posted online at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) beginning April 16. The *Recreation Activities Guide* will be available for pick up at City facilities beginning April 17. Copies are made available at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, and Mission Library Family Reading Center.

Resident online and mail-in registration begins April 23. Non-resident online and mail-in registration begins April 28. Walk-in registration begins May 14. Call 408-615-3140 for "Guide" and registration information.

## Youth learn dramatic arts in Roberta Jones Jr. Theatre

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre offers opportunities for children of all ages to explore stage performance, including these productions:

"Peter Pan," the Tony-award-winning Broadway musical will be presented March 21-30. Auditions for children ages 8-18 will be held on Jan. 7 and 8, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and everyone who auditions will be cast in the show. Parents should be aware of the rehearsal time commitments as well as their responsibility in providing costumes, make-up and production assistance. A required informational meeting for parents will be held on Sat., Jan. 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center.

"Disney's 101 Dalmatians" will take to the stage June 13-15. Children ages 7-15 are invited to audition on April 8 and 9, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center.

Creative Dramatics classes for ages 4-5 and ages 6-8 will also be offered this spring. Children explore creativity through interactive storytelling and improvisational games in the *Imagine Me* (ages 4-5) and *Imagine Me, Too* (ages 6-8) classes. Children must be able to leave their parents with ease to attend this class.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the website [rjtt.org](http://rjtt.org) or call Kevin Cornelius, Junior Theatre Director, at 408-615-3161.



## Preschool programs begin Jan. 7

Registration is now open for two outstanding enrichment programs for preschool aged children. Classes meet Jan. 7 through May 23. The curriculum of each program is carefully designed to meet the developing needs of preschool aged children. Two qualified instructors per class provide a student-teacher ratio of 12:1. Parents work in the class at least three to four times during each session. Children must already be potty trained in order to participate.

Classes for 3-year-olds are held early morning and afternoon, Monday through Thursday, at Westwood Oaks Park, 460 La Herran Drive. The program for 4-year-olds is also early morning and afternoon, Monday through Friday, at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. For information on class availability, call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

## Single-use carryout bag and expanded polystyrene foam bans

Santa Clara is considering the possibility of joining several other cities in Santa Clara County to ban the use of single-use carryout bags and expanded polystyrene foam food ware. Over the next few months, City staff will conduct community outreach to educate the public and businesses about the potential bans and alternative products that would be allowed. Ordinances will be prepared for the City Council to review in 2014.

For more information, contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080. *Use your reusable bags!*





## SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

### Serve on a Commission to contribute to quality of life

Residents who would like to personally 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. Residents may place their names on a list to be contacted whenever an opening occurs. To be placed on the database maintained by the City Clerk's Office, call 408-615-2220 or email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov).

Commissions include the Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission and Youth Commission. There is also a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee, ADA Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee and other committee opportunities to serve.

If you are a registered or eligible voter (or in the case of the Youth Commission, a Santa Clara resident, age 12-19), and are interested in serving on any board/commissions/committees, or just want more information, contact the City Clerk's Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the Clerk's Office on weekdays at 408-615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) or visit the online website at [santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov).

### Apply now for 2014 -15 Santa Clara Youth Commission

Are you a Santa Clara resident age 12 to 19? Are you interested in making a difference? Do you want to have a voice in your community? Santa Clara residents ages 12 to 19 are invited to apply for the 2014 -15 Youth Commission. Applications will be available beginning Jan. 21 at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall, and Santa Clara Unified School District middle and high school Counseling and ASB offices. The application and letter of recommendation are to be returned to the Teen Center no later than Mon., March 24 at 7 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted in person on Sat., April 5. The interview date may not be rescheduled. Contact Jennifer Herb at 408-615-3740 or [jherb@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:jherb@santaclaraca.gov) with questions.

### Community Service Scholarship

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission offers community service scholarships to Santa Clara resident high school juniors and graduating seniors. Last year the Youth Commission gave away \$3,000 in scholarships.

If you have a minimum 2.5 GPA and have contributed to the Santa Clara community, apply for the Youth Commission Community Service Scholarship. Beginning Jan. 21 applications may be obtained at City of Santa Clara facilities as well as Santa Clara Unified High School counseling and ASB Offices. Interviews will be conducted in person on Saturday, April 5. Contact Jennifer Herb at 408-615-3740 or email [jherb@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:jherb@santaclaraca.gov) with questions.

### H.E.A.T. Program in place



The Santa Clara Home Emergency Assistance Team program is designed to help the citizens of Santa Clara to be self-sufficient after a major disaster, when the scope of incidents can be overwhelming, and the need for a well-trained civilian workforce can be invaluable. A major earthquake in the City of Santa Clara will cause damage to homes, roads, and other structures. Electricity, gas, water and phone service may be interrupted. Local resources will be overwhelmed with hundreds

of emergency calls. You can help your family, your neighborhood, your business, and your community to recover by becoming part of or leading a Home Emergency Assistance Team.

As a community service, firefighters from the City's Fire Department train participants in neighborhoods and workplaces to be part of the Home Emergency Assistance Teams (H.E.A.T.). Through H.E.A.T., organizations and trained volunteers can serve as first responders until professional forces arrive. The motto of H.E.A.T. is "To do the most good for the most people" in the event of a disaster. Consider becoming part of the team. Free Disaster Preparedness Courses begin in February 2014. To register for H.E.A.T. training, or for more information on the Santa Clara H.E.A.T. program, call the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Division at 408-615-4940 or visit [santaclaraca.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4626](http://santaclaraca.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4626).

### Youth sports offered by Police Activities League



A variety of youth sports such as bowling, PAL-GAL softball, wrestling and soccer are offered seasonally and judo and bicycle motocross racing are offered year-round to young people in Santa Clara through the Police Activities League.

Activities may have limited enrollment. Sign-up as early as Jan. 2. Bowling begins Jan. 18. For more information and to register, contact the PAL office at 408-615-4880, come by the office at 601 El Camino Real weekdays from 1-5 p.m. or visit [santaclarapal.org](http://santaclarapal.org) for details and updates.

### Apply now for Citizens Police Academy



Applications are now being accepted for the Santa Clara Police Department Citizens Police Academy, a 12-week program intended to provide participants with an overview of the Police Department's functions and operational procedures.

The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to those of the regular Police Academy, with a mix of lecture format and scenario/hands-on training. The classes are taught by officers and civilian employees from throughout the department. Participants will have ample opportunity to speak with various instructors as well as the Command Staff. The weekly sessions are not intended to train participants to be Police Officers but are designed to help create a citizenry that is both familiar and comfortable with the local Police Department.

Members of the Academy are selected by the Chief of Police through an application process. Potential candidates must meet the following requirements:

- At least 21 years of age
- A resident of Santa Clara (or have strong ties to the city)
- Willing to undergo a modified background check
- Not convicted of any felonies
- Not convicted of any misdemeanors within one year of application
- All contacts (such as a speeding ticket or an arrest) with any law enforcement agency during the course of the class must be reported to the class coordinator as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Carolyn McDowell at [cmcdowell@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:cmcdowell@santaclaraca.gov) or call 408-615-4892.



# Library Update



## Book and bag donations needed

Donate gently used books, DVDs, VHS tapes, and CDs to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends so that their sale can generate funds to support library programs. Donations are tax deductible. We could also use paper and plastic bags for bagging books at our sales. Please bring donations to the Santa Clara City Library Friends Bookstore at the Central Park Library during business hours.

## California Public Library Advocates Award

The Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends Board was one of four recipients of the California Public Library Advocates Award for 2013 that recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the library community.

This prestigious award was presented to the winners at the California Library Association Conference in November. The Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends Board was nominated by City Librarian Julie Passalacqua for its work in support of the Northside Branch Library. In addition to its usual fundraising and advocacy work, the Board was asked to take on the fiduciary responsibilities for the construction project. When the project was halted in July 2013 due to legal disagreements between government entities, the Board launched a massive fundraising and advocacy campaign for the new library.

Congratulations to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends Board members: Emily Adorable, Sabiha Chunawala, Barbara Hounslow, Jim Lyons, Martha Hull, Dr. Mohammed Nadeem, Carly Sherman, Keith Stattenfield, Dave Stringer-Calvert, Nancy Toledo, Kirthi Vani, Kathy Watanabe, and Ken Young. This group of dedicated members has tackled challenges effectively and with passion.

## Silicon Valley Reads 2014 authors come to Santa Clara

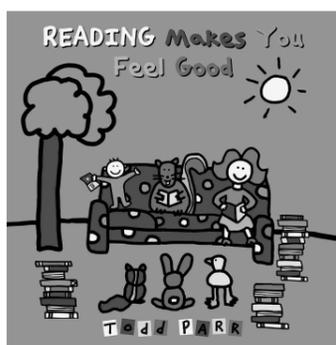
Two of the authors featured in Silicon Valley Reads 2014 will make appearances at the Santa Clara City Library. Robin Sloan, author of *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore*, will speak on Tue., Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m. and popular children's author Todd Parr, author of *Reading Makes You Feel Good*, will do a presentation for families with preschoolers on Sat., Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Both events will be held at the Central Park Library and are free. The first 40 families attending the Todd Parr event will receive a free copy of his book, compliments of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County.

Both books reflect the 2014 theme of "Books & Technology: Friends or Foes?" Other books selected for Silicon Valley Reads are *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing To Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr, *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein (for ages 8 and up), and *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* by William Joyce (for ages 4-8).

More than 100 public events will be held throughout Santa Clara County between Jan. 22 and March 30 as part of this annual community engagement program presented by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Santa Clara County Library District, and the San Jose Public Library Foundation. Santa Clara's events are co-sponsored by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends. For more information on Silicon Valley Reads, visit the website [siliconvalleyreads.org](http://siliconvalleyreads.org).

Mr. Penumbra's  
24-Hour  
Bookstore  
A Novel  
Robin Sloan



## Genealogy programs at the Library

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society is sponsoring the following winter programs at Central Park Library.

**Case Study: Genealogy of Renee Kaufman** – Tue., Jan. 21, 6 p.m. – Steve Morse, renowned genealogist and creator of the popular genealogy website, One-Step Webpages, will present a case study using websites to develop a family history, even if there is a minimal amount of initial information. Morse also will show how to obtain records in spite of name misspellings, and how to avoid accepting wrong information.

**American Treasures: The United States Presidential Library System** – Tue., Feb. 18, 6 p.m. – Reese Foster, a former partner in the investment advisory firm of Sand Hill Advisors in Menlo Park and a Stanford graduate with a degree in American history, will present a program on the libraries and museums of the United States Presidents. Illustrated with numerous photographs, this introductory presentation will cover the background of how Presidential Libraries came into existence and their connection to the National Archives and Records Administration.

## Seminar series offered for beginning genealogy

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society is sponsoring a three-part seminar this spring on how to get started researching your family history. All are scheduled from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Central Park Library Redwood Room. Advance registration is required.

Part 1 – "Getting Started in Genealogy" – will be offered twice, on Wed., March 12 or Wed., March 19. This class will discuss what information is available from vital records and how this is useful, and will get participants started in completing Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts.

Part 2 – "Organization and Internet Genealogy" – on Wed., April 2 will review ways to file information and use forms and charts. The class will also introduce different genealogy websites and talk about how to evaluate the accuracy of each, and how to connect to other genealogists using message boards.

Part 3 – "U.S. Census and Genealogy Software" – on Sat., April 19 will walk through various U.S. Censuses through 1940 and show how to find clues about the lives of your ancestors and where they lived. Participants will receive a checklist of what to note when choosing a software program.

To register, call 408-615-2986 to leave your name and phone number or email address, or register online at [scchgs.org/main/classes.htm](http://scchgs.org/main/classes.htm). For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by email: [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov) or by phone: 408-615-2909.

## Library offers new resources

New materials are continually added to the Library's collection, including four new online resources:

**Safari Books Online** is an e-book collection with more than 8,000 titles that can be read on an Internet browser with no need to download. Titles are listed in the Library catalog.

**Worldcrunch**, from Recorded Books Digital is a new electronic newspaper resource offering a global perspective on world affairs from North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Thousands of up-to-date news stories from around the world are available translated into English or in the original language. Worldcrunch can be accessed from the Library's Electronic Resources web page.

**Enki Library** ("Enki"—a Sumerian deity of mischief, intelligence, and creativity) is a shared open source e-book network that includes more than 10,500 titles available from popular publishers. The e-books are offered in PDF and ePub formats for online browsing or downloading.

**OneClick Digital** adds more than 1,000 children and young adult digital audiobooks to the Library's existing collection of juvenile audiobooks in CD and Playaway formats. High quality and popular titles are available to download and listen to on a computer or laptop or to download and transfer to an iPod or other compatible device. Patrons can also use the OneClick mobile app to download directly to iOS or Android-powered mobile devices.



# SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

## SERVICES AT THE SENIOR CENTER PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

<b>Care Management Services</b> Free appointment based services: in-home assessment, connection to community resources, service coordination Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 60+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation 408-615-3170 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Health and Wellness</b> Free appointment based services: health education, healthcare coaching, social engagement, home visits, blood pressure and diabetic screening Services available on drop in basis: blood pressure clinic Thursday 9:30-11:30am Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation 408-615-3170 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Health Insurance &amp; Medicare Counseling (HICAP)</b> Free information & assistance on Medicare related issues; Tuesdays by appointment Services available to anyone on Medicare	Sourcewise 408-350-3200 <a href="http://www.mysourcewise.com">www.mysourcewise.com</a>
<b>Senior Peer Advocates (SPA)</b> Free information, resources, and referral to senior programs and services Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+ and their families by appointment	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation and The Health Trust 408-615-3170 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Legal Assistance</b> Free legal assistance available two Wednesdays per month, by appointment Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+	Senior Adult Legal Assistance (SALA) 408-615-3170 <a href="http://www.sala.org">www.sala.org</a>
<b>Notary</b> Free service by appointment. Signer must be present and provide government issued identification Services available to all seniors age 50+	Volunteer 408-615-3170 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Dining Out</b> Nutritionally balanced lunch served at the Santa Clara Senior Center Monday-Friday 11:30 am. Call one day ahead for reservations, \$3.00 donation Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+	Santa Clara Parks & Recreation & Santa Clara County 408-615-3174 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Tax Assistance</b> Offered throughout the year. Services available to all	AARP volunteer 408-615-3170

## SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND OTHERS THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

<b>Electric Utility Assistance</b> Electric rate assistance programs offering 25% discount on electricity, available to those meeting program requirements Assistance available for attic insulation Free home energy audits, appliance rebates, and tool lending	City Electric Utility-Silicon Valley Power 408-244-7283 <a href="http://www.siliconvalleypower.com">www.siliconvalleypower.com</a>
<b>Grab Bars/Ramps/Accessibility</b> Grants available, based on income, for accessible modifications Services available to those meeting program requirements	City Housing & Community Services Division 408-615-2490 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Home Repairs</b> Low interest rate loans to homeowners for repairs, roof & window replacement, insulation, and exterior house painting. Grants available for emergency home repairs Services available to those meeting program requirements	City Housing & Community Services Division 408-615-2490 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Library Home Delivery</b> Home delivery of library materials (books, CDs, books on tape) Services available to those meeting program requirements	Santa Clara City Library 408-615-2904 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>
<b>Medication Disposal</b> Dispose of expired or unused prescription or over-the-counter medication Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents	Santa Clara Police Department 408-615-4700 <a href="http://www.santaclaraca.gov">www.santaclaraca.gov</a>

## SERVICES FOR SENIORS & OTHERS FROM SANTA CLARA'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

<b>Emergency housing</b> Shelter, housing, and support programs to help people rebuild their lives	Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC Lifebuilders) 800-743-5837 or 408-539-2100 <a href="http://www.ehclifebuilders.org">www.ehclifebuilders.org</a>
<b>Domestic Violence</b> Emergency shelter for women and children, crisis intervention, education For women age 18+ and mothers with children	Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence 408-501-7550 Hotline 408-279-2962 <a href="http://www.nextdoor.org">www.nextdoor.org</a>
<b>Domestic Violence</b> Emergency shelter, counseling, support	YWCA Support Network 800-572-2782 <a href="http://www.ywca-sv.org">www.ywca-sv.org</a>
<b>Food</b> Free groceries	St. Justin's Food Pantry 408-243-1462 <a href="http://www.st-justin.org">www.st-justin.org</a>
Free groceries, available weekly Free hot meal site listing	Second Harvest Food Bank 800-984-3663 <a href="http://www.shfb.org">www.shfb.org</a>
Frozen meal delivery Available to homebound seniors, age 60+	Sourcewise Meals on Wheels 408-350-3200 or 800-510-2020 <a href="http://www.mysourcewise.com">www.mysourcewise.com</a>
<b>Grief Counseling</b> Counseling, emotional support, support groups	Centre for Living With Dying Bill Wilson Center 408-243-0222 <a href="http://www.billwilsoncenter.org">www.billwilsoncenter.org</a>
<b>Shared Housing Assistance</b> Assistance and referrals for those seeing an affordable room to rent. Available to single adults. Sunnyvale and San Jose residents are not eligible.	Catholic Charities 408-325-5277 <a href="http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org">www.catholiccharitiesscc.org</a>
<b>Housing Issues</b> Tenant/landlord disputes, mortgage foreclosure counseling, fair housing counseling and investigation	Project Sentinel 408-720-9888 <a href="http://www.housing.org">www.housing.org</a>
<b>Transportation</b> Subsidized door-to-door transportation for ADA eligible people	Outreach and Escort 408-436-2865 <a href="http://www.outreach1.org">www.outreach1.org</a>
Escorted Transportation for seniors residing in West Santa Clara County Age 59+	Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors 408-241-1571 <a href="http://www.servicesforseniors.org">www.servicesforseniors.org</a>
<b>Volunteer Services</b> Available for socialization, house projects, grocery shopping & more Age 59+ residing in West Santa Clara County	Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors 408-241-1571 <a href="http://www.servicesforseniors.org">www.servicesforseniors.org</a>

## San Tomas Aquino Spur Trail nears completion



The San Tomas Aquino Spur Trail project is nearing completion. The Spur Trail will ultimately connect the San Tomas Aquino Trail from Cabrillo Avenue to Central Park. The current phase extends it from Cabrillo Avenue to El Camino Real.

The Spur Trail is located on the west side of San Tomas Expressway and includes a 10-foot-wide asphalt bike and walking pathway protected by a concrete barrier between the Expressway and the Trail. The project also provides a 10-foot high community wall at the back of residences adjacent to the trail on the west side.

The Spur Trail will be extended southerly in the future as funding becomes available through state and federal sources. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned in early 2014. Call 408-615-3000 for details.

## Registration begins for Santa Clara Unified School District 2014-2015 school year

Student registration for the 2014-2015 school year opens on Jan. 6. This includes incoming kindergarten students, students new to the school district, AND students new to a school for the 2014-2015 school year (e.g. incoming 6th or 9th grade).

Register your child at your school of residence (neighborhood school). If you do not know your school of residence, please refer to the District's online Street Directory file at [santaclarausd.org/stretdirectory](http://santaclarausd.org/stretdirectory). Computers are available for free public use at the Santa Clara Public Library and at the Santa Clara Unified School District office, 1889 Lawrence Rd.

**Kindergarten students:** Parents will register their kindergarten student at their school of residence. As the potential for new kindergarten enrollments in some of the District's elementary schools may exceed the school's capacity, parents are encouraged to register their incoming kindergarten student as early as possible, as students are placed based on their registration date. Registration is ongoing for new students entering the District any time after the initial enrollment period.

**Middle and high school students:** Please check with your school of residence for registration dates and information.

For detailed information about required forms and the registration process, please visit our registration webpage at [santaclarausd.org/registration](http://santaclarausd.org/registration).

Santa Clara Senior Center • 1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050 • 408-615-3170  
Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sat 9 a.m.-12 noon  
[santaclaraca.gov](http://santaclaraca.gov) • Office closes 30 minutes prior to building



# SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

## Santa Clara Museums

### Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum



The Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum is located at 1250 Hope Dr. The State of California closed the Agnews State Hospital West Campus in 1995. When Sun Microsystems bought the property, the brick Visitors Center building was moved to the

cemetery site to be restored and turned into a Visitors Center for the cemetery, which was renamed the Agnews Historic Cemetery. A viewing gazebo was built overlooking the cemetery and a wrought iron fence now surrounds the burial area. There are no burials from the 1906 earthquake at this cemetery. The Agnews Museum remembers the people who worked and lived at the Agnews State Hospital and later Agnews Developmental Center from 1888 to 2009. Artifacts and photos of the past are displayed for the public to view. The museum and the viewing gazebo are open by appointment on Fridays only between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please call 408-615-3790 for more information and details on tours and hours of operation. Admission is free.

### Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 2 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 408-615-2488 or email: [berryessaadobe@santacalaraca.gov](mailto:berryessaadobe@santacalaraca.gov). Admission is free.



### de Saisset Museum

The de Saisset Museum is the South Bay's free museum of art and history. The museum was founded adjacent to Mission Santa Clara de Asís on the Santa Clara University campus in 1955 and is one of only three museums in the South Bay accredited by the American Association of Museums. The de Saisset presents a diverse and accessible range of exhibitions and educational programs that highlight the art and history of the San Francisco Bay Area and the local Santa Clara Valley. The Museum's collection focuses on six main areas including California history, Mission-era liturgical vestments, decorative arts, works on paper, painting and sculpture, and new media. Admission to the de Saisset Museum is free. Galleries are open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. To confirm hours and obtain more information visit [scu.edu/desaisset](http://scu.edu/desaisset) or call 408-554-4528.



### Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely

by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 408-249-7905 or see [harrislass.org](http://harrislass.org).



### Headen-Inman House



The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and

Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 408-248-ARTS.

### Saint Clare Hook & Ladder Fire Museum

The museum building is located at 1900 Walsh Avenue, behind Santa Clara Fire Station #2 in the old Training Center. The museum showcases memorabilia that has been in the Fire Department since its founding in the mid-19th century, as well as modern firefighting equipment and photographs.

The Fire Museum will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and also by appointment. For further info, please see [santaclearafiremuseum.org](http://santaclearafiremuseum.org). For more details, see the outside cover of this issue.



### Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its



origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 408-246-8000 for more information.

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# SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

## Santa Clara Museums (continued)

### South Bay Historical Railroad Society



The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its

history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 408-243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at [sbhrs.org](http://sbhrs.org).

### Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement.

Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. Native Americans



Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 408-247-3754, or visit the Triton website at [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org).

## Entries sought for "Breaking out of the Box" Art Exhibition



Bay Area artists are invited to compete for cash awards in the "Breaking Out of the Box" Art Exhibition, sponsored by the City of Santa Clara and its Cultural Commission. Deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

A box show is open to a wide variety of interpretations, fantastic for artists. The boxes can be very small, medium or large, even free standing made of any material. As you know, anything can be packed in a box. The possibilities are endless in the mind of an artist. It is

expected to be a very diverse show.

Winning entries in this juried competition will be on display at Santa Clara City Hall, April through September and will be featured in a "virtual" exhibition on the City's website and cable television channel.

For information on how to enter, contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.

## Other Consortium Member Groups

### Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 408-926-1165.

### Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 408-248-7993 for more information or visit [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org).

### Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Lynn Hoang at 408-828-2885 or see the website at [santaclarasistercities.org](http://santaclarasistercities.org).

### Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

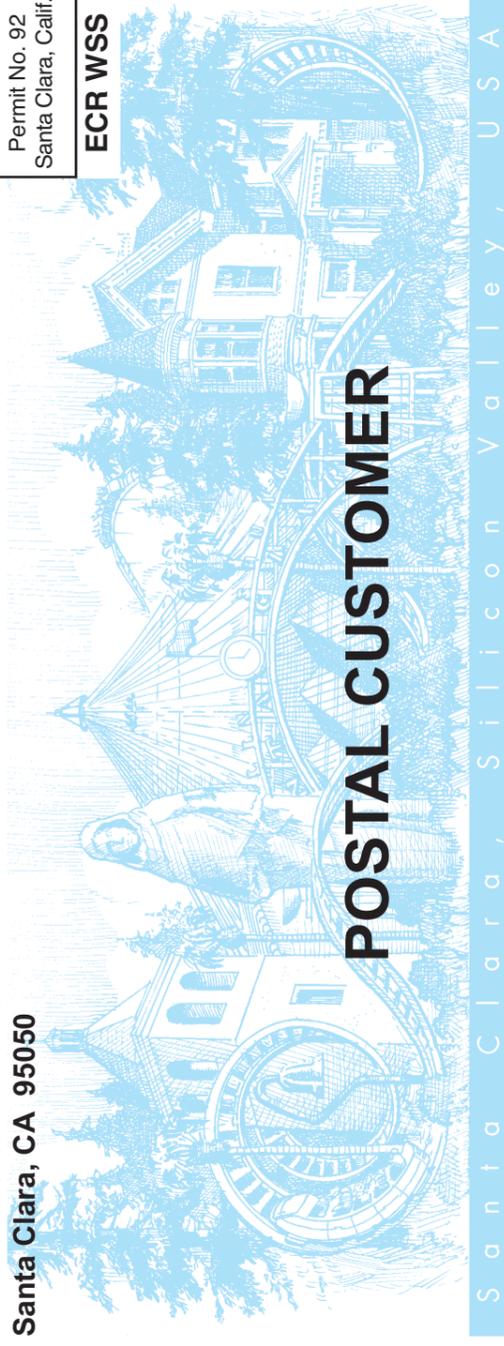
Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 408-296-8319.

### Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara\* – Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum, and Berryessa Adobe
- de Saisset Museum\*
- Garden City Doll Club
- Goldentones\*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara\*
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Orchard Valley Fine Arts Foundation
- Santa Clara Art Association\*
- Santa Clara City Library\*
- Santa Clara County Democratic Club
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society\*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association\*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club\*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara\*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society\*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Triton Museum of Art\*

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## New Santa Clara Fire Museum now open



A new museum that showcases firefighting artifacts and memorabilia that firefighters have used since 1855 opened in December. The Santa Clara Fire Museum is located at 1900 Walsh Ave. and operated by volunteers from the Saint Clare Hook & Ladder Historical Society.

One exhibit is a restored Model T Ford truck originally purchased by the City in 1920 and put into service as a hose wagon by the City volunteers in 1921. The Model T was used on the line until 1944. It was loaned to the Burbank Fire District in San Jose for two years where it was used as a hose wagon. In 1946, the T was given back to the City of Santa Clara and the Street Department used it to patch streets. In 1952, it was put in storage behind Fire Station #2 on Walsh Avenue. In 1967, it was rebuilt and used for parades

and social occasions. In 1973, the Model T was used in muster competitions by the Saint Clare Hook & Ladder Society. For the past 30 years, the Model T was stored at Fire Station #9, until its restoration in 2013 by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club.

The restoration project took more than a year and required the expertise of many volunteers. The truck was rebuilt from the ground up, with many original parts restored, including the wooden wheels and the 20 horsepower engine.

For more details on the museum and the Model T restoration project, visit the fire museum website [santaclearafiremuseum.org](http://santaclearafiremuseum.org).

## Leadership Santa Clara gets underway

Leadership Santa Clara 2014 begins in January and there may still be openings for a few more individuals who are interested in becoming community leaders.

Sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of each month from February through June, with two additional sessions in January and an evening graduation ceremony/reception in June. Classes are held at a variety of Santa Clara business locations, offering students an opportunity to visit a range of local organizations. Class sessions typically begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Top-notch speakers cover a wide range of topics including governance, business climate, transportation, media, diversity, arts and culture, environment,

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## Collection schedule change in January

There will be no solid waste collection on New Year's Day, Wed, Jan. 1. The remainder of the week's pickup will be one day late through Sat., Jan. 4. If you have questions, call 408-615-3080.

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## Santa Clara nonprofits benefit from solar power

The Neighborhood Solar Program helps to place solar electric systems on nonprofit facilities in the City of Santa Clara. Funds are raised through donations by residents and businesses, and are matched by Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara's municipal electric utility.

In November 2013, two new installations were completed at the Parishes of St. Justin's and Our Lady of Peace. St. Justin's Parish received a 22.95 kW system that will produce approximately 37,000 kWh annually and Our Lady of Peace Parish received a 27.54 kW system that will produce approximately 39,000 kWh annually. Both systems were installed by Vista Solar, which is located here in Santa Clara.

Hope Services is receiving a 5kW system for a residential group home, which will cover approximately 80% of the electric usage each year. That system will be installed by Solar City in January 2014 and will provide a significant reduction in the electric costs for the group home. The Muslim Community Association will also be receiving a solar electric system that is anticipated to be around 25 kW, and will be installed in time for Earth Day in April.

Previous installations include Haman Elementary School, Valley Village Retirement Center, and the Bill Wilson Center.

Customers can make a contribution of as little as \$5 per month to help fund solar power for local nonprofit organizations. Those who participate are able to nominate nonprofits for the program.

For more information or to sign up, visit [siliconvalleypower.com/nsp](http://siliconvalleypower.com/nsp) or call 408- 244-SAVE (7283).

## Central Park pond refurbishment underway

The pond in Central Park is one of its most attractive features, and it will soon get even better. A major refurbishment project is about to get underway that will connect it to recycled water piping and install a pond water treatment system. These changes will improve water quality, enhance the pond as an aquatic habitat, and be simple and cost effective to operate and maintain.

At the same time, a natural wetlands filtration area will be incorporated into the peninsula that includes a combination of semi-aquatic plants and flowers, incorporating various heights and colors.

The refurbishment project is expected to begin in March and be completed in June.