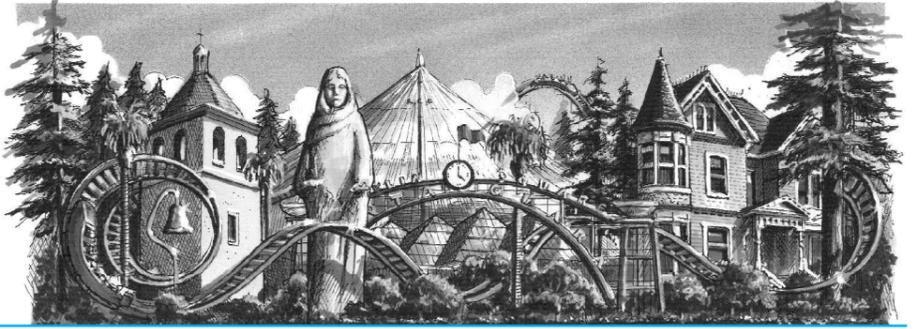




## INSIDE SANTA CLARA

NEWSPAPER FOR  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

FALL 2014



### Special Edition of *Inside Santa Clara*

This edition of *Inside Santa Clara* is packed with information! It contains three special inserts of importance to the community: a guide to the annual **Art & Wine Festival**, a special issue of **Holidays in Your Hometown** and the **Good Government Guide** to help residents prepare for Election Day. 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).

## Santa Clara has a new Sister City – Limerick, Ireland!



From left to right are: Lorraine Figueira, John Figueira, Loretta Beavers, Kathy Watanabe, Yuki Ikezi, Raj Chahal and Cathaoirleach Kevin Sheahan.

Santa Clara's new Sister Cities affiliation was announced in August at the Sister Cities International Conference held in San Jose. The relationship was formalized on Aug. 2, with a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Kevin Sheahan, the Cathaoirleach (presiding officer) of the Limerick City and County Council, and Santa Clara's Mayor Jamie Matthews.

Limerick is located in the Mid-West Region of Ireland and its metropolitan area has a population of 107,161. It is a main tourist destination and in 2014 was named Ireland's first National City of Culture.

The Santa Clara Sister Cities Association worked on establishing the agreement for seven years. It was complicated by past Sister Cities International policies regarding international cities having an affiliation with more than one city in another country. Limerick is also a Sister City to Spokane, Washington. Once the policy was changed, the new affiliation was able to move ahead.

Santa Clara also has Sister City relationships with Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. In October 2014, Santa Clara and Izumo will celebrate their 30th anniversary of their Sister City relationship. Sister City activities include student exchanges along with education, economic development and cultural events.

To learn more about the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, contact President Kathy Watanabe at [kathleenwatanabe@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenwatanabe@yahoo.com).

## Next step taken for monumental development project



This summer the City Council approved preliminary terms on a ground lease of 230 acres of City-owned land with Related, the next step in the development of a monumental retail, hotel, office, and residential complex just north of Levi's® Stadium.

When fully built out, "City Place Santa Clara" will include

## Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival



### Central Park, September 13-14

Bring the whole family to the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in scenic

Central Park at 969 Kiely Blvd., just off San Tomas Expressway between Homestead Rd. and Benton. Enjoy two fun-filled days of art, fine wine,

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## City budget moves in positive direction

Despite the possible loss of millions of dollars from the dissolved Redevelopment Agency, the City of Santa Clara has a balanced budget for fiscal year 2014-15 without the use of reserves. And the budget includes a \$3 million contribution to the Working Capital Reserve to help rebuild it to targeted levels.

This good news is due to the improved economy in Silicon Valley that is generating more sales tax, property tax and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues for the General Fund, coupled with years of tightly controlled expenditures.

A balanced budget was adopted by the City Council for the 2014-15 fiscal year that started July 1, an encouraging sign that the economy is continuing to improve and that actions to constrain expenditures have allowed the City to balance the budget without any of the monies in

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## Levi's® Stadium is open for business

After just 27 months of construction, the biggest capital project in the history of the City of Santa Clara – Levi's® Stadium – was completed in July and started its new busy schedule of sports, entertainment and corporate events in August. As operations get fine tuned, the facility is receiving national recognition for its environmental and technology features and for the details that provide an outstanding "game day" experience for 49er football fans.



An official ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 17 featured a standing ovation for hundreds of construction workers who brought the \$1.3 billion project in on time and on budget. The stadium, the first professional football stadium to open in California since the 1960s, is the first in the National Football League to be LEED Gold Certified for its environmentally friendly design.

Stadium tours for both individuals and private groups are now available, with discounted tickets available for Santa Clara residents who also can save \$5 off the admission fee to the new interactive 49er Museum presented by Sony. During the school year, the museum will be the site of a free education program for students of local school districts.

The calendar of events scheduled at Levi's® Stadium is posted on [LevisStadium.com](http://LevisStadium.com). Questions about stadium operations such as noise, parking and traffic can be sent to [neighbors@LevisStadium.com](mailto:neighbors@LevisStadium.com). More information about Levi's® Stadium and its impact on the future of the City of Santa Clara is contained in the "Santa Clara PROUD" newspaper insert that can be downloaded from [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov). Click on "City Publications" on the home page to find the PDF file.

The City has published a new feature on its website to provide near real-time traffic camera feeds from multiple cameras around Levi's Stadium. Traffic cameras provide an opportunity for drivers to make travel decisions based on road conditions. The feeds can be accessed at [SantaClaraCA.gov/TrafficCam](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/TrafficCam).

Levi's® Stadium is owned by the Santa Clara Stadium Authority, a public joint powers authority, and operated by the Stadium Management Company.

## Budget *(Continued from page 1)*

jeopardy due to Redevelopment Agency (RDA) dissolution.

The total City budget for fiscal year 2014-15 is \$660.5 million, a 3% increase over the previous year. This amount includes the General Fund Budget of \$164.8 million to fund City core services, a Capital Improvement Project Budget of \$62.8 million, and budgets for City-operated utilities.

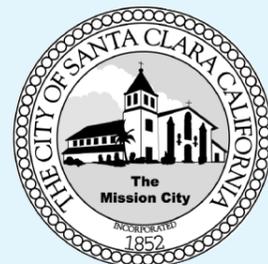
Capital Improvement Projects will include improvements to electric utility substations, the water utility system, sanitary sewer system, parks and streets.

Information about the budget can be found on the City's website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) and copies of the 2014-15 budget can be found online and at City Hall and the City Libraries.

## 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



### 2001 CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

Fall 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 2013-2015

- The City Council priority is to focus on:
- Promote and enhance economic and housing development
    - Ensure fiscal responsibility
    - Enhance community sports and recreational assets
  - Deliver and enhance high-quality, efficient services and infrastructure
  - Balance the emerging economic opportunities with the needs of our community

(The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2013-2015 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 p.m.
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7 p.m.
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7 p.m.
Cultural Commission	1st Monday	7 p.m.
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Planning Commission	One Wednesday per month	7 p.m.
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10 a.m.
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6 p.m.

*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, Northside, 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 City Libraries 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.



## Who will be the next Miss Santa Clara?



Pictured above (left) Madison Givens, Miss Santa Clara 2014, and (right) Tiah Esquibel, Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen 2014.

Your daughter, friend or next-door neighbor could be the next Miss America! The first step begins with the Miss Santa Clara Competition.

The Miss Santa Clara/Miss Silicon Valley and Miss Santa Clara's/Miss Silicon Valley's Outstanding Teen Competitions, official preliminaries of the Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Programs, will showcase the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school and junior high school students in our community.

Young women must live, work, or attend school in Santa Clara for the Santa Clara Competitions or in the County of Santa Clara for the Silicon Valley Competitions. The Teen Competitions (for girls ages 13-16) and the Miss Competitions (for women ages 17-24) will be held in January 2015 at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts in Santa Clara. Both sets of contestants will compete in Interview, On-Stage Question, Physical Fitness, Talent, and Evening Wear categories.

The deadline to enter is Saturday, Nov. 1. There is no fee to enter. Attendance at a contestant orientation is mandatory. They are scheduled for Oct. 18 and Nov. 1 at the Henry Schmidt Park Building on the corner of Los Padres Boulevard and Saratoga Avenue.

The Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award more than \$20,000 in educational scholarships. The funds will be distributed to the winners, runners-up, and other contestants who win special awards, including Top Interview and Miss Congeniality. ALL contestants are guaranteed a minimum scholarship regardless of their standing at the end of the competition.

This year's competition will once again feature Miss Santa Clara Princesses, for girls ages 4-10. The princess program is NOT a competition. Every princess will be invited to a princess tea party, receive a sash and tiara and will be the stars of a production number.

More information can be found at [facebook.com/MissSantaClara](https://www.facebook.com/MissSantaClara). To learn more about the Miss Santa Clara Princess Program or to sign up for a contestant orientation, contact Mary McCaman at (408) 858-9364 or by email at [mary.mccaman@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mccaman@gmail.com).

To schedule the current Miss Santa Clara Representatives for an appearance, contact the Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary Business Manager, Tricia Macadaeg, by email at [tmacadaeg22@yahoo.com](mailto:tmacadaeg22@yahoo.com).

## Watch government in action on two cable channels

News briefs, a government bulletin board, video segments on City events, programs and facilities, and other municipal announcements appear weekly on two City government access television stations. Tune in to Comcast 15 or AT&T Channel 99 to get the latest information on community events and news of Santa Clara.

Council meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 15 and AT&T Channel 99 and are held at least two Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m. Council meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 15 and AT&T Channel 99 on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. The meeting agenda appears on the channel the hour before each broadcast. If you don't have cable TV or missed a meeting, DVDs of the meetings are placed at City libraries for check out. In addition, the City streams video of Council meetings through the Internet live and through archived files. Residents can use this feature to view Council meetings anytime on the City's website at [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

## Two great publications are coming your way

During the month of December, Santa Clara's 2014 Annual Report/2015 City Calendar will be distributed to all residents by mail. If you do not receive one by Jan. 1, additional copies will be available at City Hall and the libraries.

The issue will focus on both significant accomplishments of the past year and the City Council's 2013-15 Principles and Priorities. A suggestion card on the back of the calendar allows residents and businesses a convenient opportunity to submit ideas on improving City services, or to forward a compliment about a particular municipal program or the response of City staff.

Also be on the look-out in December for the Winter/Spring *Recreation Activities Guide*, scheduled to be mailed to residents and available online and at City facilities beginning Dec. 18.

To access the guide online, go to [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) and click on "Activities and Classes." Pick up copies at the Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Senior Center, Teen Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, Mission Library Family Reading Center or the Northside Branch Library.

## Santa Clara is great for young adults

This summer *PublicCEO*, a local government news site, announced that Santa Clara ranks as the 4th best city in California for young adults. The study looked at 130 different communities and considered three factors: the median income for college graduates, percent of residents between 20 and 34, and safety.

The publication noted that Santa Clara is home to EMC and Intel, both rated by Forbes Magazine as the first and fourth "happiest companies for young professionals."

## Sign up to receive updates from School District



Santa Clara Unified School District is launching a new outreach communications program this fall to inform the community about student and staff achievements, facilities and school bond updates and budget information. Sign up at [eepurl.com/YxlCR](http://eepurl.com/YxlCR) or use the QR Code. The updates will also include information on how the community can become involved with the district's strategic and local control accountability planning scheduled for 2015.

## Register now for recreation programs

Online, mail-in and walk-in registration for fall recreation programs has been underway since August. Space is still available for classes and other activities described in the Fall 2014 *Recreation Activities Guide*. Programs begin the week of Sept. 21, with some starting in October and November. Pick up a copy of the *Guide* at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, Senior Center, Mission Library Family Reading Center, and Northside Branch Library, or view it online at [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov). If you have questions, call (408) 615-3140.

## Development project (Continued from page 1)

more than 1.3 million square feet of retail, restaurant and entertainment; 15 office buildings with 5.7 million square feet; a 350-room hotel; and a residential building. The mega-project would be built in multiple phases with the first phase including the hotel, much of the projected retail, and about 200,000 square feet of office.

The multi-billion dollar private investment will generate significant new revenue — \$22.5 million to \$27.7 million annually — to the City's General Fund from the ground lease and increased property, sales and transient occupancy taxes. An Environmental Impact Report will be prepared and reviewed in late 2015. Construction could start as early as the first quarter of 2016 with phase one opening in summer of 2019.

More information about "City Place Santa Clara" and other development projects in the works is available on the City's website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov). Click on the helpful link "Development Projects" on the home page.



# Get out and about this fall . . .

## Get out and about this fall ... there's so much to do!

### Farmers Market Every Saturday



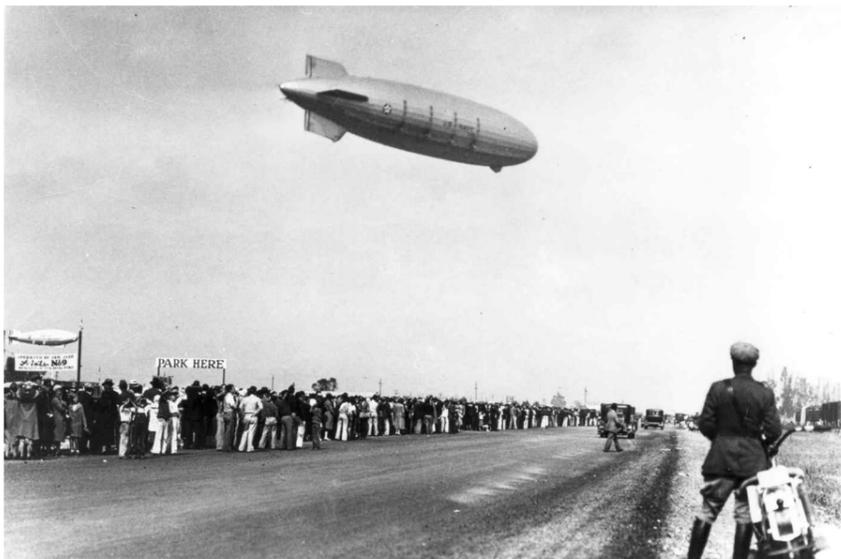
The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues its popular year-round engagement every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Benton and Homestead. Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables (look this fall for greens, winter squash

and late berries). Colorful bouquets of cut flowers for the home or plants for patio and garden are available. Baked goods and specialty dishes are yours to enjoy, while listening to live music and enjoying fresh air with friends and neighbors. Customers may bring their own reusable bags to the Farmers Market. Questions? Call 510-745-7100.

### Mission City 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk Saturday, Sept. 6

Be part of the first run through Levi's® Stadium and help make history. The 6th annual Mission City 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk starts in California's Great America at 8 a.m. and ends in the stadium. All entries include a complimentary pass to California's Great America (to be used the day of the race), t-shirt and victory medal. Register as an individual, or multiply the fun and register as a family team or corporate team. Proceeds benefit education, seniors and veterans within Santa Clara County through the Mission City Community Fund. The event is sponsored by California's Great America and KeyPoint Credit Union. Registration, prices and other information may be found at [kpcu.com/run](http://kpcu.com/run).

### Movie Night at Harris-Lass Museum Friday, Sept. 12



The 1867 era barn is converted into a theater for the annual Movie Night at the Harris-Lass Museum Preserve, 1889 Market St. This year's featured film is a 30-minute documentary titled "Mountain View: Moving Forward, Looking Into the Past." Learn about pioneers of Mountain View like Inigo, a Mission Santa Clara Indian, and the Castro, Rengstorff, Bubb and Dale families. See footage of the dirigible Akron (*pictured above*) and the early days of Moffett Field. Learn about the transformation of the "Valley of Heart's Delight" into Silicon Valley. The film was produced by KMVT in 2002. Scripting, historical research and photographs was provided by staff of the Mountain View History Center of the Mountain View Public Library.

Film showings will be held at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., and popcorn and cider will be served. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara.

Call the Harris-Lass Message Line at (408) 249-7905 or view the Museum's website at [harrislass.org](http://harrislass.org) for more information. RSVP to Leo at (408) 985-5384 with the time you would like to attend. Film is suitable for ages 12 and up.

### Book Sale Saturdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

The Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends holds a monthly sale of hundreds of books from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room

of the Santa Clara Central Library, 2635 Homestead Rd. Books are priced at 50 cents to \$1 before 11:45 a.m. and can be purchased at \$5 per grocery bag (we supply the bags) from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. for Friends Members.

### Fire Station Open Houses Saturday, Oct. 4

The Santa Clara Fire Department will host open houses at neighborhood fire stations throughout the City of Santa Clara from 1 to 5 p.m. as part of National Fire Prevention Week. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to tour a local fire station, meet firefighters and receive important fire safety information. Check out the fire engines and trucks at these locations:

- Station 1, 777 Benton St.
- Station 2, 1900 Walsh Ave.
- Station 3, 2821 Homestead Rd.
- Station 4, 2323 Pruneridge Ave.
- Station 5, 1912 Bowers Ave.
- Station 6, 888 Agnew Rd.
- Station 7, 3495 Benton St.
- Station 8, 2400 Agnew Rd.

### Santa Clara Players present "The Importance of Being Earnest" Oct. 17, Nov. 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2014 at 8 p.m. Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 9, at 2:30 p.m.

Oscar Wilde's classic is a delight from the first cucumber sandwich on, as Jack's double life catches up with him. The problems are resolved in an extremely charming and quite unexpected way as Jack and Algernon discover the importance of being earnest while answering to the name of Ernest. Performances are at the Triton Museum of Art Hall Pavilion. For more information and tickets visit [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org).

### Environmental Day Saturday, Oct. 18

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 phones, 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, residents must bring a Santa Clara utility bill and photo I.D. For more information, call (408) 615-3080 or (408) 970-5100.

### Children's Halloween Party Friday, Oct. 31



Happy Halloween! Children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to celebrate Halloween at the annual SPOOKTACULAR party, sponsored by the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. This free event is held at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, 2450 Cabrillo Ave., from 3 to 6 p.m. The party includes carnival games, tiny tots play area, bounce houses, arts and crafts, costume contest, and lots of treats! Also, come visit the Fire Department, Police Department, and Library booths. Refreshments will be sold by the Youth Commission. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. For more information, call (408) 615-3760.

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# ...there's so much to do!

## Mission City Community Fund Dinner Dance & Auction Saturday, Nov. 1

Come celebrate with Mission City Community Fund at the "Jeans and Jewels" fundraising dinner dance and auction to be held in the Mission City Ballroom of the Santa Clara Convention Center. Proceeds from the evening are donated to charities serving residents of Santa Clara and the surrounding community. The event includes a drawing for major prizes — a 2014 Infiniti Q50, two 2015 49ers season tickets, and decorated Christmas trees with gifts — as well as the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items that include unique travel destinations and exciting one-of-a-kind experiences. Top off the evening with the music of DJ's Denon & Doyle that will get you out of your chair and keep you dancing. Tickets are \$125 per person and include appetizers, dinner, wine and dessert. Tickets for the "Jeans and Jewels" dinner and the drawing are available on the website [missioncityfund.org](http://missioncityfund.org).

## Train Show Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 1-2



Model trains and railroad artifacts are the focus of the Fall Model Train Show at the historic 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 to 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. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

A donation of \$5 for adults will be collected at the entrance to the depot. Admission for persons under 18 is 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. Photographs, paintings and lithographic prints also are featured.

The organization's railroad library will reopen for this show. This is a good time to check out the new facility, which was closed for nearly a year during a project to renovate the room.

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization founded in 1985 to restore and maintain the historic former Southern Pacific Santa Clara Depot and to maintain a museum and a library of railroad-related information.

The Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History, also located at the Depot, includes a collection of railroad lanterns and many historic trackside and grade crossing signaling devices, as well as memorabilia that celebrate 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 1-4 p.m. each day, weather permitting. Also available for tours 1-4 p.m. is the historic business car No. 184 from the former Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co.

For more information, contact Joe Hoffmann at [johoff@ix.netcom.com](mailto:johoff@ix.netcom.com) or (408) 296-7779, or Robin Gilstrom at [robingilstrom@comcast.net](mailto:robingilstrom@comcast.net) or (408) 309-2594.

## The Roberta Jones Junior Theatre presents "A Year with Frog and Toad" Friday-Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9 and 14-16



The Roberta Jones Junior Theatre will perform a whimsical show about two great friends—Frog and Toad — who celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special. Based on the award-winning books by Arnold Lobel, the show is part vaudeville, part make believe, and all charm.

Curtain time for evening performances on Fridays and Saturdays is 7 p.m. with matinees on Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available to purchase online at [RJJT.org](http://RJJT.org).

Auditions for children 8-18 years will be held Sept. 2 and 3, 3:30-6:30 p.m., in the Mary Louise Mello Auditorium at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Required audition forms can be downloaded from [RJJT.org](http://RJJT.org) before the audition. All children who audition will be cast in the show. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8.

Aspiring actors, ages 4-8 can get started with Roberta Jones Junior Theatre in the magical Imagine Me classes. Offered on Wednesday afternoons at 3 p.m. for ages 4-5 and 3:50 p.m. for ages 6-8, beginning Sept. 3, these delightful 45-minute classes are taught by long-time RJJT choreographer Judi Thomas.

Audition, registration, and class fee information is available at [RJJT.org](http://RJJT.org). Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is a program of the City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. For more information, contact Kevin Cornelius, Recreation Supervisor, at [kcornelius@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:kcornelius@SantaClaraCA.gov) or call (408) 615-3161.

## Santa Clara Veterans Day Ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 11



A ceremony honoring veterans will be held at 3 p.m. at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. Handicap parking and wheelchair assistance are available in the employee parking lot at the Community Recreation Center. For more information contact James Lee at (408) 296-2512. You can also arrange to have a brick installed at this lovely memorial to honor a veteran. The donation is \$125, and a form can be found online at [SantaClaraVeteransMemorial.com](http://SantaClaraVeteransMemorial.com).

## Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need Thursday, Nov. 27

A free traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served to the homeless and families in need in our community, and military personnel in transit, on Thanksgiving Day at St. Clare's Parish Hall, corner of Lexington and Lafayette Streets. All adults and children are welcome between 12 noon and 3 p.m. This is the 8th annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community sponsored by the Marsalli Family Foundation (501c45-361365). For information, email [turkeydnr@gmail.com](mailto:turkeydnr@gmail.com).





## Flood Protection Information

### Floodplains

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates certain areas as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), also called "100-year floodplains," which is defined as a flood that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. Floodplains are the areas along rivers or streams that have been or may be expected to be covered by a "100-year flood." To find out if your property lies within a SFHA, or for information on flood-related questions, call the City Planning Department at (408) 615-2450.

### Flood Insurance

Most property insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, because the City of Santa Clara participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), residents can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to anyone who has property in the City, even if it is not in a SFHA. Property owners in the City located in the SFHA receive a 10% discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed. Homes and businesses located within SFHA are required to be covered by a flood insurance policy as a condition of federally funded financial assistance for purchase or construction of the building. Information about flood insurance can be obtained from your insurance agent, or by calling the NFIP customer service line at (800)-427-4661 or visiting the FEMA website, [fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program](http://fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program).

### Information Sources

The current flood maps, also called the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and flood protection references are available at the Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., (408) 615-2900. The maps are also available at the City's Permit Center, 1500 Warburton Ave. Any construction for flood-proofing a property requires a permit from the City's Building Inspection Division, (408) 615-2420. Forms for an Elevation Certificate are available at FEMA website, [fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1383](http://fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1383), and the City's Planning Department, (408) 615-2450. Copies of FEMA elevation certificates for all buildings constructed in the SFHA are available at the City Building Department, (408) 615-2427. Online flood information and FIRM maps can be viewed at the FEMA website, [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov). Online flood information can be also viewed at the City website, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov), by typing "Flood" in the search box.

### 24/7 Emergencies

To report life-threatening emergencies, call **9-1-1**. To report emergencies involving City electric, water and sewer utilities, storm drains, or flooding, call (408) 615-5640. For information on sandbags call the City Corporation Yard at (408) 615-3080. Up-to-date flood information during storms can be found on the Santa Clara Valley Water District website, [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org). For recorded information call 1-888-HEYNOAH (1-888-439-6624).

### Flood Warning Program



When a flood may occur, the City will warn citizens through distribution of advisory notices and emergency officials will visit each neighborhood that is threatened. For more information about the City's flood warning and emergency response plan, contact the City's Emergency Services Coordinator in the City's Fire Department at (408) 615-4900. Online information on how to prepare, respond, and recover from a flood can be viewed at [redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood](http://redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood).

### Dumping Creates Flood Hazard

Dumping debris into storm drains can restrict water flow, creating a flood hazard, and results in additional expense to taxpayers. Furthermore, our Municipal Code prohibits the dumping of debris into the City's storm drain system.

See page 16 for information on the current water situation in the State of California. Visit [www.SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation](http://www.SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation) for more information.

## Clear leaves to prevent flooding, protect creeks from pollution

Falling leaves left in the gutter can clog storm drains and cause potential flooding of neighborhood streets. Thorough yard clean-ups once or twice this fall can improve the look of your property and neighborhood, reduce chances of flooding, prevent pollution to local creeks and increase public/environmental health.

Start by cleaning rain gutters and down spouts. Sweep or rake fallen leaves into piles on your property, and place the piles **into** your Clean Green cart for curbside collection and recycling. **Do not blow or rake leaves into the street.** If wet weather begins before all clean-up projects are complete, cover or contain piles of leaves, dirt, sand or other materials so that they are not washed into the street or gutter. All fertilizers and pesticides should be stored indoors or under cover.

Keep an eye on your neighborhood storm drain catch basin. If a catch basin is flooded and clogged with leaves, clear it with a broom or call the City of Santa Clara Street Department at (408) 615-3080.

For more information on leaf and green waste recycling, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at (408) 727-5365. For more information on ways to prevent storm drain pollution, call the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Control Program at (800) 794-2482.

## Prepare for residential street sweeping

The City sweeps residential streets on a minimum schedule of every other week, and 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 not to park on the street on 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 because 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 should contact the Street Department at (408) 615-3080. If you have other questions regarding street sweeping, call (408) 615-3080.

## Taking care of City street trees

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 trimming or is suspected of having disease, 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 to replace the tree as well as any associated administrative costs.**

The City appreciates the help of all residents in 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.

## Dispose of "sharps" safely – NOT in the trash

California law prohibits putting home-generated sharps (disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, or other medical devices used for self-injection or blood test, which may have a sharp tip or end) in trash or recycling containers. To safely dispose of home-generated sharps, place them in a biohazard sharps container and contact your personal physician, clinic administrator, or pharmacist and ask if they have a take-back program in place.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will accept home-generated sharps, stored in biohazard sharps containers, from residents at drop-off events. To see a list of drop-off locations or to make an appointment to attend an event, call (408) 299-7300 or go to [hhw.org](http://hhw.org). The next Santa Clara drop-off event is scheduled for Sept. 27. The Kaiser Santa Clara (Kaiser members only) provides a drop-off receptacle at 700 Lawrence Expressway.





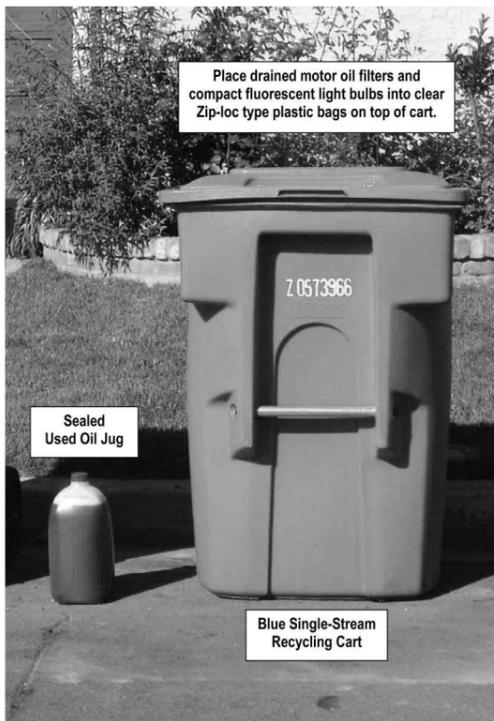
## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off is Sept. 27

Disposal of household hazardous waste is safe and easy for Santa Clara residents. A household hazardous waste drop-off event will take place at the City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 27. **Residents must register to attend this event** (or any of the drop-off events scheduled throughout the year) by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at (408) 299-7300 or going to [hhw.org](http://hhw.org) and clicking on the green "Make an appointment" button.

Residents can dispose of fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane and helium tanks, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, sharps containers, prescription medications, and other types of household hazardous wastes at any of the drop-off events. The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program also accepts electronic waste (e-waste) **at select drop-off events** throughout the county. E-waste is generally considered to be items requiring a battery or cord to operate, such as televisions, computers, telephones, handheld video games, printers, fax machines, etc.

**Items NOT accepted** include large household appliances, ammunition, explosives, reactives, or containers larger than five gallons. Contact the Police Department at (408) 615-4700 regarding disposal of ammunition or explosives.

## Single-Stream Curbside Recycling



Santa Clara's curbside recycling program provides single-family homes with a lidded, wheeled blue cart, similar to the garbage and Clean Green carts used for household garbage and yard waste. To request a different size cart, call Recology at (408) 970-5100. There is no additional charge for changing cart size. Multi-family residences use wheeled carts or front load bins.

On your regular solid waste collection day, simply put the wheeled recycling cart in the gutter line next to your garbage and Clean Green carts. Be sure to leave at least 3 feet of space between each cart. To prevent windblown litter, all recycling materials

must fit within the cart or bin. Carts and bins should always be stored with the lid closed.

Recyclable items to be placed in the blue cart include newspaper, cardboard (including aseptic cartons), mixed papers (place shredded paper into a paper bag before placing in recycling cart), glass bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans, discharged metal spray paint cans, and all plastics with or without symbols #1 through #7, including flower pots, bottles, buckets and party cups.

Single-family homes can recycle used motor oil and motor oil filters; place used motor oil in one-gallon or less plastic screw-top containers, and used motor oil filters in clear plastic Ziploc-type bags. Used motor oil should be placed next to the blue wheeled cart, and drained motor oil filters in Ziploc-type bags should be placed on top of the blue wheeled cart. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (**from single-family homes only**; no fluorescent tubes) should be placed in separate clear plastic Ziploc-type bags and set next to the wheeled blue cart for collection. Large cardboard containers that cannot fit in the blue wheeled cart should be broken down into 3' x 3' pieces, bundled with string or twine and stacked next to the cart.

Questions? Call (408) 970-5100 or go to [recologysouthbay.com/residentialSantaClaraRecycling.htm](http://recologysouthbay.com/residentialSantaClaraRecycling.htm).

## Learn about worm composting basics

Vermicomposting, or worm composting, is a fun and educational way to turn your food scraps into compost. Compost helps garden and house plants by improving the fertility and health of your soil, saves water by helping the soil hold moisture, and benefits the environment by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the life of our landfills.

Learn the step-by-step fundamentals of composting using red wiggler worms at a free workshop on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Machado Park. Discover how to create a worm habitat with a worm bin, troubleshoot your worm bin and use your valuable worm castings. Register by visiting [ReduceWaste.org/Classes](http://ReduceWaste.org/Classes) or by calling (408) 918-4640. Classes are sponsored by the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County and the City of Santa Clara.



## Polystyrene foam food containers restricted in new ordinance

The first phase of a new City of Santa Clara ordinance goes into effect on Sept. 1 when national (multi-state) food vendors are the first to be prohibited from providing prepared food in polystyrene foam disposable food service ware. All other food vendors including restaurants, bars, pubs, coffee shops, cafeterias, caterers, convenience stores, liquor stores, grocery stores, food kiosks, street food vendors, supermarket delis and mobile food trucks will be subject to the restriction beginning Jan. 1, 2015.

The goal is to reduce polystyrene foam litter from reaching creeks and the Bay via the storm drain system. The material poses an environmental concern because of its lightweight nature. It is easy for it to float through inland waterways and out to the ocean, where it breaks down into small pieces that are commonly mistaken for food by birds and other marine wildlife.

The phased-in approach of the new law allows smaller food vendors to liquidate their stock of polystyrene foam disposable service ware and identify alternatives that best suit their operations. Food vendors may seek an exemption to the ordinance due to a "unique packaging hardship" or "financial hardship" by demonstrating that there are no feasible alternatives to polystyrene foam disposable service ware.

The ordinance does not apply to the retail sale of polystyrene foam products for non-commercial use, prepackaged foods or meat trays, or nonprofit organizations. Between now and December, City staff will start an outreach campaign to provide food vendors with resources that will allow for a smooth transition, including one-on-one technical assistance upon request.

For more information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/foam](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/foam) or call (408) 615-3080.

## Recycled water use is increasing

It's a drought year and water demand is going up! How can that be good news? It is when the water with growing popularity is recycled.

In the last decade the use of recycled water within the City of Santa Clara has increased nearly 65%. The total sales for recycled water in 2013 totaled 1.2 billion gallons — more than 15% of the total annual water sales for the City. During the summer months when water demand is the highest, more than 21% of all water sold by the City is recycled water.

The processes used to purify recycled water are similar to the way nature has recycled and

reused water on earth for billions of years. Wastewater from the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility undergoes additional treatment prior to entering the recycled water distribution system. Careful monitoring of the process and the final product ensures that the City of Santa Clara's recycled water meets all federal, state and local water quality standards.

Recycled water, currently used only for non-drinking uses, is distributed from South Bay Water Recycling to local community parks, golf courses, private landscaping and industries for irrigation, cooling towers, toilet flushing in dual plumbed buildings and other industrial uses. Recycled water is transported in bright purple pipes to distinguish them from the drinking water system.

Exciting new recycled water projects, such as Levi's® Stadium and Central Park Pond, demonstrate the City's commitment to ensuring a sustainable supply of water to the community. As a result, the City was recognized for its recycled water program with the Recycled Water Agency of the Year Award from California WaterReuse Association in 2014.

For more information about recycled water, call the Water and Sewer Utility at (408) 615-2000 or visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/waterandsewer](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/waterandsewer).





# SANTA CLARA MUSEUMS IN THE NEWS

## News from the Triton Museum of Art



Karim Alwali's "Iron Cloud"



Salma Arastu's "Creation of the Universe"



Ron Dell'Aquila's "Red Lantern Alley"

Three exhibitions are on display at the Triton Museum of Art through mid-November, including photography by Ron Dell'Aquila, paintings by Salma Arastu and paintings by Karim Alwali, one of the most celebrated contemporary artists in Iraq and Jordan who now lives in the Bay Area.

Education programs planned for the fall are a variety of classes for adults and children in K-9th grade, starting Sept. 23, and painting, drawing and sculpture classes for children Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10:30-12 noon and 12:30-2 p.m. for different age groups.

Special events on the calendar include a performance by the blues band Legally Blue on Oct. 5, and a Holiday Gift Fair/Family Art Day on Dec. 5-6.

To learn more about all of the programs plus information on volunteer opportunities and facility rentals, visit the website [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org), email [staff@tritonmuseum.org](mailto:staff@tritonmuseum.org), or call (408) 247-3754. The Triton Museum of Art is located at 1505 Warburton Avenue, across from City Hall.

## A new reason to say TGIF: Triton Free Fridays monthly performances at Santa Clara's Triton Museum.

Every seat is a front-row seat at *Triton Free Friday* monthly performances. One Friday every month from Sept. 2014 through June 2015, there are fresh and varied performances in the exquisite Triton Museum of Art. From Shakespeare to swing, ballet to Bharatanatyam, symphonies to soloists, and even a special mini-musical from the Lyric Theater.

Say hello again to old favorites and discover new ones. See friends, tour the Triton galleries, visit the gift shop, get coupons from local restaurants and enjoy refreshments provided by the Sister Cities Association to help sponsor their outstanding exchange programs. Everyone's welcome, so bring the kids. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. and run about an hour.

The season starts Friday Sept. 5, with Shri Krupa Dance. Besides being the oldest classical Indian dance company in the Bay Area, Shri Krupa's performances are a richly colorful treat for the eyes ([shrikrupa.org](http://shrikrupa.org)). On Oct. 3, see Dave Rocha Jazz ([daverochajazz.com](http://daverochajazz.com)), and on Nov. 7, Tezkatlipoka Aztec Dance & Drum ([tezkatlipoka.com/tezkatlipoka-aztec-dance-home](http://tezkatlipoka.com/tezkatlipoka-aztec-dance-home)) will present a very special Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. On Dec. 5, following the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, the Santa Clara Ballet will delight everyone with treats from its annual Nutcracker show.

*Triton Free Fridays* are sponsored by the City of Santa Clara, with volunteers from the Santa Clara Cultural Commission, Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, and the Santa Clara Performing Arts Foundation. Follow them at [facebook.com/tritonfridayperformances](https://facebook.com/tritonfridayperformances).

### TRITON FREE FRIDAYS SCHEDULE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Performer</u>
September 5, 2014	Shri Krupa Dance & Music Ensemble
October 3, 2014	Dave Rocha Jazz Band
November 7, 2014	Tezkatlipoka Aztec Dance & Drum
December 5, 2014	Santa Clara Ballet
January 9, 2015	Park Avenue Jazz
February 6, 2015	Festival Theatre Ensemble Jouissance
March 6, 2015	Traditional Irish Music
April 10, 2015	Lyric Theater
May 1, 2015	Pam Page electric and acoustic violin
June 5, 2015	TBD

## New exhibits coming this fall to de Saisset Museum

Three interesting exhibits are scheduled this fall for the de Saisset Museum on the Santa Clara University campus. For more information, visit [scu.edu/deSaisset](http://scu.edu/deSaisset). The exhibits are:

### Building Forward/Looking Back Sept. 26 - Oct. 12

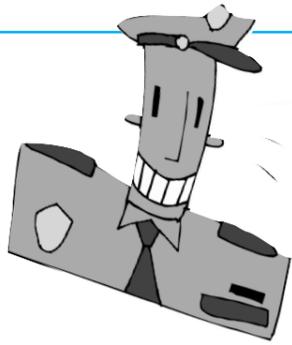
This exhibition acknowledges the generous 30-year support of Paula Z. Kirkeby through a selection of work that came into the collection with her assistance. She has been instrumental in building the museum's permanent collection through personal gifts, financial contributions, and introductions to collectors and artists.

### California Stories Opening Sept. 26

The exhibit is a new interactive addition to the museum's permanent California History that will give visitors an opportunity to engage, to share their stories, and to learn about the stories of others.

### Keep Calm and Collect On Nov. 1 - Dec. 5 and Jan. 16 - March 15, 2015

This exhibit highlights the broad range of artworks acquired by the de Saisset Museum in the last four years including works by Fletcher Benton, Sam Francis, Wayne Thiebaud, and Andy Warhol among others.



# CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

**Q Every weekend, a new bunch of signs are posted at the corner of my street. Some of the signs are for open houses and others are for garage sales. Are these signs legal?**

**A** Santa Clara City Code specifically restricts the posting of signs on public property, including any public right-of-way such as sidewalks, power poles or light standards. Stapling or nailing signs to power poles can present a hazard to workers who may be required to service the pole.

Signs that are illegally posted on public property can be reported to the Street Department at (408) 615-3080. Removed signs are held for at least 10 days while attempts are made to inform the owner of their location. The City may recover all the costs associated with the removal of the signs from the owner of the signs.

Keep in mind, however, that if the signs are posted and removed during the weekend, there may not be time for City staff to respond to complaints.

Be a good neighbor - - please don't post signs on public property.

**Q What can I legally and safely burn in my fireplace?**

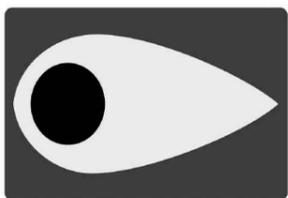
**A** The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is responsible for enforcing regulations regarding the air quality in the region, including the City of Santa Clara, in order to reduce air pollutants. According to the District, only dry seasoned wood or manufactured logs should be burned in your fireplace. Manufactured logs actually burn cleaner than wood logs and leave less ash to clean up afterwards. Newspaper may be used to help kindle the fire. Never burn garbage, glossy paper, or wood that has been painted or chemically treated. These materials increase the amount of pollutants produced by your fire.

During the winter months, November through February, the District will periodically issue "Spare the Air" Alerts prohibiting all burning in fireplaces and outdoor fire pits. This is done when meteorological conditions (typically on cold, still days with stagnant air) and the level of fine particulate air pollution are forecast to result in unhealthy air quality.

Complaints regarding smoke and other air pollutants should be directed the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at 1-800-334-ODOR (6367).

## Start a Neighborhood Watch group

**NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH**



**WE IMMEDIATELY REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch groups take a proactive approach to fighting crime by becoming an extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement.

The Neighborhood Watch program involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance. The program also teaches residents how to recognize and report suspicious activity or persons, and how to implement crime prevention techniques such as home security (locks, security hardware, lighting, and landscaping) and Operation Identification (the marking of valuable property with an identifying number).

Residents working together in cooperation with Santa Clara Police Department can fight crime in their neighborhoods the most effective way – before it begins!

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, contact the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 615-4876 or send an email to [rthomas@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:rthomas@SantaClaraCA.gov).

## Partner with police by registering video surveillance cameras

Residents and businesses with surveillance cameras on their property are invited to partner with the Santa Clara Police Department to help capture and convict criminals by registering their equipment with the department.

When crimes occur, SCPD will use the database to find residents and/or businesses in the area whose system may have captured vital information that could help solve the crime. There is no fee to participate and all information will be kept confidential and viewed only by SCPD personnel. Participation is completely voluntary.

If you are interested in participating in this community-police partnership, register online at [SantaClaraCA.gov/surveillancecamera](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/surveillancecamera).

If you are installing a video surveillance system, the Police Department offers these suggestions:

- The higher the resolution of the video the better results that will be yielded.
- A minimum of 30-days storage of information is recommended.
- Camera(s) should face entrance and exit points.
- Camera(s) should be located on private property only.

For more information, contact Community Services Officer Rachel Thomas at (408) 615-4876 or [rthomas@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:rthomas@SantaClaraCA.gov)

## October is Crime Prevention Month



October is National Crime Prevention Month, a time for everyone to think about how they can best protect their property. Here are a few suggestions from the Santa Clara Police Department:

- Keep your residence or business neat and clean, landscaping trimmed and thinned, pathways and walkways well lit, and give the appearance that someone is home even when they are not, or that the business has a vigilant owner.
- Make sure locks and locking devices work properly and are used properly.
- Mark valuable personal or business property with a designated serial number. If would-be burglars know property is marked, chances are they will not take it. It will be hard to get rid of and they will face felony charges if caught with stolen property. Security engravers can be borrowed from the Central Park Library at no cost.
- Get to know your neighbors by starting a Neighborhood Watch group. Learn each other's habits. A watchful neighbor is an excellent crime deterrent.
- Call the Police Department if you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner such as loitering, going door-to-door without any purpose, or removing property from a neighbor's residence or business in an odd way.

In order to "target harden your home" you have to "think like a burglar." Consider how a criminal might gain access to your home and then eliminate as many vulnerable points as you can.

## Art & Wine (continued from page 1)

micro-brewed beer, delicious international food, music and crafts. Enjoy live entertainment on three stages including The Spazmatics on Saturday afternoon and The Joe Sharino Band on Sunday, playing all-time favorite cover tunes and dance music. Browse among a variety of 175 arts and crafts booths, a Kids Kingdom with face painting, rides, carnival games, and more!

For details, visit [santaclaraartandwine.com](http://santaclaraartandwine.com) or call (408) 615-3140.

See special insert on the Art & Wine Festival in this newspaper.





## Silicon Valley Power awards two scholarships



From L to R: Voula Brown (Staff Aide II), Carrie Gong, Kawal Preet, John Roukema (Director of Electric Utility), and Larry Owens (Division Manager-Customer Service & Marketing)

Two outstanding Santa Clara students heading for promising careers related to electric power and energy resources have been awarded \$5,000 scholarships by Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara’s municipal electric utility.

**Carrie Gong** recently graduated from Santa Clara High School and plans to pursue a degree in computer engineering and computer science from San Jose State University. She is an active volunteer who is inspired by the special needs of a family member to help others who are also learning to deal with special challenges.

**Kawal Preet** just completed her first year at Santa Clara University and plans a career overseeing programs that promote efficiency products and cost-effective energy use. She was chosen to participate in an internship with the SCU women’s soccer team and has been invited to take part in a leadership program for the 25 outstanding students at SCU.

Since 2007, the Silicon Valley Power Scholarship Award Program has provided 26 college scholarships and six technical grants worth a total of \$142,000 to outstanding Santa Clara students heading for careers in the energy industry.

## Santa Clara Green Power celebrates 10th anniversary



Santa Clara Green Power is 10 years old! For the past decade, Santa Clarans have had the chance to support a cleaner community by choosing 100% renewable energy on their electric bill.

At this milestone, *Santa Clara Green Power* continues to be at the forefront of giving customers a green power choice. The program was recently retooled to better reflect local renewable trends and further support the community. Now, the program is made up of 85% solar generated exclusively in California and 15% wind from western states, with a portion coming from solar on schools.

Santa Clara is one of only 10 California cities recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Green Power Community. Any Silicon Valley Power customer can become part of this legacy. To learn more about this nationally recognized and award-winning program, visit [siliconvalleypower.com/green](http://siliconvalleypower.com/green).

## Electricity rates may rise because of drought

The lack of rain and snow over the past year is expected to increase the cost of electricity because of the drought’s impact on the hydroelectric power supply.

Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara’s municipal electric utility, obtains electricity from numerous sources, including wind and solar projects, so that it is not overly reliant on one source.

“We continually work to pick and choose the lowest-cost power resource to minimize the financial impact on our customers,” said Larry Owens, Manager of Customer Services. “Unfortunately the serious lack of stored water is going to have an impact on the hydroelectric power supply for quite a while.”

The City Council will consider in the next few months the need for rate increases that would go into effect with the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2015. A rate increase is not expected to be higher than 5 percent, and the City’s residential rates are anticipated to remain the lowest in the state. The City Council will also study how the rising prices of maintaining the electrical grid and bringing power into the City may impact rates over the next five years.

“We are very aware of the inconvenience and even hardship that a rise in the price of electricity brings to our customers, and we do everything in our power to limit these types of unavoidable cost increases,” said Owens, who added that Silicon Valley Power maintains a rate stabilization reserve fund to soften the blow of a low rainfall year but that reserves can only go so far.

Silicon Valley Power offers a Rate Assistance Program for low-income customers and for customers with certain medical conditions who qualify for a discount.

Useful tips on saving energy and reducing electricity bills as well as information on the Rate Assistance Program are available at [siliconvalleypower.com](http://siliconvalleypower.com), or by calling Silicon Valley Power at (408) 244-SAVE (7283).

Projected Silicon Valley Power 2013 POWER CONTENT LABEL		
ENERGY RESOURCES	2013 SVP POWER MIX	2012 POWER MIX** (for comparison)
<b>Eligible Renewable</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
-- Biomass & waste	1.2%	2.3%
-- Geothermal	2.1%	4.4%
-- Eligible Hydro	1.3%	1.5%
-- Solar	1.5%	0.9%
-- Wind	18.1%	6.3%
<b>Coal</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Large Hydro</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>43.4%</b>
<b>Nuclear</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Unspecified sources of power*</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<p>* "Unspecified sources of power" means electricity from transactions that are not traceable to specific generation sources.</p> <p>** based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.</p> <p>*** These values do not reflect renewable generation determined to be in excess of the RPS target in the first compliance period (2011-2013) that requires 20% of retail sales be procured from renewable sources, and will be applied to future compliance periods.</p>		
<p>For specific information about this electricity product, contact Silicon Valley Power. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at 1-800-555-7794 or <a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1305/index.html">http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1305/index.html</a></p>		



## 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).

## Donations requested to help local animals in need



Lily was found wandering the streets of Santa Clara and luckily found her way into the loving arms of the kind staff at the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA).

SVACA staff immediately noticed she had a large mass on her chest. After no one came to look for her, Lily was readied for adoption and at that time additional smaller masses were found. She underwent three surgeries to remove the masses and recovered in the luxury of a foster home. Her foster family fell in love with her and decided to make her a part of their family.

"Lily is just one of the animals who received a second chance at life in 2014 thanks to the community's support of sick or injured animals through the Animal Assistance Fund," said Michael Limper, SVACA Shelter Manager.

The fund is used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals in SVACA's cageless Animal Care Center located in Santa Clara. Tax-deductible donations can be processed at [SVACA.com](http://SVACA.com) or sent by mail to: SVACA's Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054.

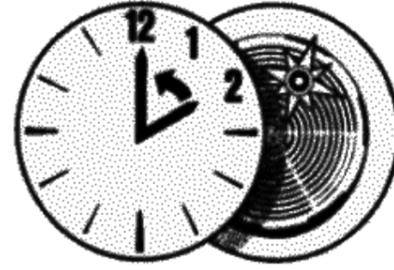
The public can also help out animals in need through the Animal Care Center Sponsorship Program which provides a terrific opportunity for families, community groups and companies to support and help care for animals. Each donor in this program is recognized on an engraved plaque placed in a room of the Animal Care Center selected by the sponsor. To learn more, visit [SVACA.com](http://SVACA.com) or call (408) 764-0344.

SVACA is also in need of donated items such as cat play structures and rabbit food. A complete wish list can be found on the website [SVACA.com](http://SVACA.com).

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.

## Change your clocks, change your batteries

### CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



### CHANGE YOUR BATTERY Sunday, November 2, 2014

The Santa Clara Fire Department reminds you to "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries" on Sunday, Nov. 2, when Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. When you change your clocks to one hour earlier, also replace the batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Most home fires occur at night when people are sleeping. Rather than awakening you, as many people believe, the smoke and toxic gases generated by a fire actually cause you to sleep more deeply. Working smoke detectors double the chance a person has of surviving a fire by providing the extra time that is critical for a safe escape.

October is Fire Prevention Month and the Santa Clara Fire Department will host several educational, family-oriented activities during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, focused on the theme "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" More information about events will be posted on the website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov) this fall.

"In a fire, seconds count," said Fire Chief William Kelly. "Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out." Chief Kelly offered these recommendations:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- Replace the batteries at least once a year. Replacing them twice a year when the time changes in the spring and the fall will help to ensure the devices are always in working order.

For further information regarding fire and life safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Marshal's Office at (408) 615-4970. To learn more about smoke alarms and "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives," visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

## Help prevent West Nile Virus

Transmitted by mosquito bites, West Nile Virus causes mild to severe flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, and, in severe cases, significant neurological damage or even death. The elderly and those with compromised immune systems are most susceptible. According to the Santa Clara County Vector Control District, the virus arrived in the County in 2004 and there have been 16 human West Nile Virus cases here with no fatalities.

The best protection against West Nile Virus is to reduce the risk of mosquito bites by taking these simple actions:

- Drain or dump standing water weekly since this is where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check items such as flowerpots and planter bases, toys, cans, leaky water faucets and sprinklers, rain gutters, buckets, pools, ponds, and old tires.
- Make sure your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.
- Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn to prevent mosquito bites. These periods are when mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus are most active.



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# Library Update



A new set of programs for children, teens and adults will be offered this fall at the Santa Clara City Library. For complete schedule information, visit [library.SantaClaraCA.gov](http://library.SantaClaraCA.gov). Here are a few highlights of what is available.

- Storytimes for children of all ages are held every week, beginning Sept. 10. Different times are set aside for different age groups.
- Students in grades 9-12 will get help preparing for college with a practice PSAT on Sept. 6, a practice SAT on Nov. 8, and an SAT essay workshop on Sept. 29. There will also be a workshop for teens and parents on "College Finance" on Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. presented by KeyPoint Credit Union.
- On Monday, Nov. 10, Kate Kaplan, Ph.D., a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Stanford School of Medicine, will discuss factors that may be interfering with sleep in teens and how their sleep can be improved. The talk begins at 7 p.m.
- A physician from Kaiser Permanente will discuss "Cosmetic Dermatology for Women" on Tuesday, Sept. 23, starting at 6 p.m.
- The Chinese Book Group will meet on Thursdays, Oct. 9 and Dec. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Jenny Hsiao at (408) 615-2906.
- Free computer classes are scheduled for several Wednesday and Thursday mornings this fall, covering such topics as beginning with email, finding free e-books, how to use research databases, and more. There are also Drop In Help Labs twice a month for one-on-one to help.

## New programs for new immigrants

"Getting Started: The tools you need to succeed in your new community" is a new program offered this fall at the Central Park Library to help new immigrants integrate into Santa Clara. A speaker series on topics such as finance, education and transportation is scheduled for Thursday evenings, 6-8 p.m., starting in September. The program also includes an evening Conversation Club to work on basic English skills and a Family Fun night.

The program is funded by a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), a federal program for innovative library programs. It is the fourth grant the City of Santa Clara has received from LSTA and brings the total to more than \$200,000 in additional funds secured for community services.

## Three-part genealogy program offered this fall

A three-part program designed to help beginners start to research their family history will be held this fall at Central Park Library. Pre-registration is required for each. The three courses are:

### Part I: Getting Started in Genealogy Friday, Sept. 19, and Monday, Oct. 6, 1-4:30 p.m.

The class will cover the basics of starting a family research project. You will learn what information is available from vital records, and will get started in completing Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts.

### Part II: U.S. Census/Internet Genealogy Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1-4:30 p.m.

This class will walk you through the various U.S. Censuses through 1940 and show you how to find clues about the lives of your ancestors and where they lived. Different free and paid genealogy websites, such as Ancestry, RootsWeb and Family Search, will be described along with how to evaluate the accuracy of what you find. You will also learn how to connect to other genealogists using Message Boards.

### Part III: Organization/Software Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1-4:30 p.m.

This class will explore organization of your genealogy materials. Learn the different methods of filing your information and the forms and charts to use. Also provided is a checklist to use when purchasing a genealogy software program.

For more information contact Mary Boyle [mboyle@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:mboyle@SantaClaraCA.gov) or check the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society's website under seminars: [sccghs.org](http://sccghs.org)

## Northside Branch Library now open



After much anticipation, The Northside Branch Library opened in August to offer convenient library services to those who live and work north of Bayshore. It contains more than 50,000 items in its collection and features teen and children's areas, a technology center, and a community room. A variety of programs is planned for the fall including gaming and parenting classes, storytimes, crafts, technology workshops and programs featuring the library's new 3-D printer.

The new Branch Manager for the Northside Branch Library is Cheryl Lee who comes to Santa Clara from the Palo Alto City Library where she was the Community Engagement/Outreach Librarian. Cheryl has implemented many creative programs for children and teens and was recognized by the American Library Association as one of 2014's Movers and Shakers.

Northside Branch Library is located at 695 Moreland Way and is open Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## West Nile

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- If you need to go outside at dusk or dawn, or are in an area where mosquitoes are active, dress in long sleeve shirts and long pants, preferably of light colors, and apply insect repellent following label instructions.

Dead birds may indicate the presence of West Nile Virus in an area. The Vector Control District has recently completed its new laboratory, which allows in-house testing for this virus and other vector-borne diseases throughout the year. The District asks Santa Clara County residents to report crows, jays, or birds of prey that have been dead for less than 48 hours and do not appear to have died because of an injury. People who find those birds should call the State of California West Nile Virus hotline at 877-WNV-BIRD (2473) or at [WestNile.CA.gov](http://WestNile.CA.gov).

For information or to report mosquito-breeding sources, call Vector Control at (408) 918-4770 or fill out a service request online at [SCCVector.org](http://SCCVector.org).



# 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  Free groceries, available weekly Free hot meal site listing  Frozen meal delivery Available to homebound seniors, age 60+	St. Justin's Food Pantry (408) 243-1462 <a href="http://www.st-justin.org">www.st-justin.org</a> Second Harvest Food Bank 800-984-3663 <a href="http://www.shfb.org">www.shfb.org</a> 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  Escorted Transportation for seniors residing in West Santa Clara County Age 59+	Outreach and Escort (408) 436-2865 <a href="http://www.outreach1.org">www.outreach1.org</a> 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>

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

## Nonprofit partner agencies available to help residents

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of local nonprofit agencies for community services that help low income individuals and families. These agencies are funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Santa Clara Housing Authority Affordable Housing Fund program.

Here are a few of the agencies and the services that they provide for Santa Clara:

- Project Sentinel (fair housing services, information and referral, investigation); (408) 720-9888
- Project Sentinel (housing counseling services on mortgage problems); (408) 720-9888
- Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (information and referral services for housing needs for persons with disabilities); (408) 894-9041
- Outreach (special needs transportation services); (408) 436-2865
- Live Oak Senior Day Services (senior daycare services); (408) 971-9363
- Catholic Charities Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (monitor conditions at residential care and skilled care facilities); (408) 944-0567.

A complete list of the City's community service nonprofit partners is posted on the City's website at [SantaClaraCA.gov/nonprofitpartners](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/nonprofitpartners), or call the Housing & Community Services Division at (408) 615-2490.

## Picturing the Past at Santa Clara Senior Center

In the lobby, opposite the registration desk, a single historic photograph graces the Santa Clara Senior Center. It is a charming photograph of the former Fremont Elementary School – the old Santa Clara grammar school that stood for years on land now occupied by the Senior Center. The photograph is a conversation starter because Seniors who once attended the grammar school pause in front of the image to tell friends new to the community about what Santa Clara was like when they attended the school in that different era.

Senior Center staff believes that a more extensive exhibit, up to 30 framed photographs from various decades of Santa Clara's past, would enhance the facility in a unique way and elicit interest and conversation among the Senior Center's clientele. Volunteers helping on the project include retired Local History Librarian Mary Hanel and retired Assistant City Manager Carol McCarthy. Mary has extensive knowledge of where photographs are located in the City's various historical collections and Carol was a key member of the team that oversaw the installation of the still popular exhibit of 150+ historic photographs at City Hall in honor of the City's 140th anniversary in 1992: [www.examiner.com/article/picture-the-past-at-the-santa-clara-city-hall](http://www.examiner.com/article/picture-the-past-at-the-santa-clara-city-hall).

The volunteers may be contacting residents and long-time local businesses if need arises to locate historic photographs on a particular topic not covered in the City's collections. Information about the project's progress and potential ways to contribute will be included in future issues of *Inside Santa Clara* or the *Santa Clara Senior Center News*. For more information, contact, Phil Orr, [porr@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:porr@SantaClaraCA.gov).



# 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 appointment. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call (408) 615-2488 or email: [berryessaadobe@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:berryessaadobe@SantaClaraCA.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. 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. Admission is free.



### 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 is open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and also by appointment. For further info, please see [santaclarafiremuseum.org](http://santaclarafiremuseum.org).

### 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 (SBHRS) 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 generally 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).

### Harris-Lass House Volunteer Days Restoration of Harris-Lass Museum's Heritage Orchard

The Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara (HPSSC) is partnering with the City of Santa Clara to refurbish the Heritage Orchard surrounding the off-street parking lot at the Harris-Lass House Museum. Plans have been underway the last two years, and details are now being finalized for a renovated orchard the City of Santa Clara can be proud to show during public tours and museum sponsored events. The first phase of the project is the clearing of weeds and unwanted shrubs and plants, followed by an assessment of donated machinery and farm equipment stored on the site, but not original to the property. Other plans call for rototilling of the ground by a cultivator, and a new irrigation watering system.

Three of the existing but aging fruit trees will be removed and replaced by 14 healthy new trees which will be representative of the vast fruit orchards that once covered the Santa Clara Valley when it was known as the "Valley of Heart's Delight." These will include: Blenheim Apricots, Bartlett Pears, Red Haven Peaches, O'Henry Peaches, and Tartarian Cherries and will join the existing trees (fig, lemon, apple, grapefruit, and orange) on other parts of the one-and-a-half acre museum preserve.

Beginning August 23rd, the Museum will sponsor occasional "Orchard Work Days." Volunteers who bring their own garden tools and gloves may be needed in the fall to clear weeds and unwanted debris. If you are interested in helping with this project to preserve the museum's grounds for future generations, please view updates on the Museum's website at: [harrislass.org](http://harrislass.org) or leave your contact information on the Museum's message line at: (408) 249-7905.

### 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 three sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal; Izumo, Japan; and Limerick, Ireland. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior 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:

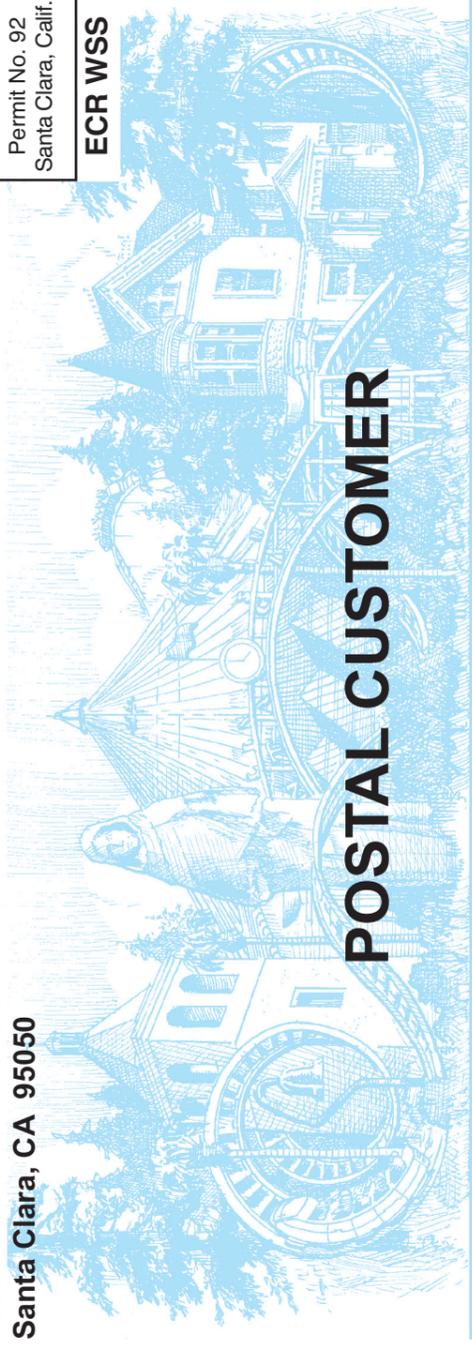
- City of Santa Clara\* – Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum, Berryessa Adobe, and Santa Clara Fire Museum
- de Saisset Museum\*
- Garden City Doll Club
- Goldentones\*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara\*
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission Trail 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 & Silicon Valley\*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society\*
- Spanish Heritage Society
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Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Santa Clara 2015, a course beginning in January that prepares individuals 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 mid-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 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, 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 students 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 [smmrfld@aol.com](mailto:smmrfld@aol.com), or contact the City Manager's Office at (408) 615-2210.

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## Drought in the news!

Following a record-setting dry year in 2013, Governor Jerry Brown issued a drought declaration, urging all Californians to reduce water usage by 20%. In response to the current situation, the City of Santa Clara's water providers, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), have set water use reduction targets of 20% and 10% respectively. In addition to these reduction targets, the State Water Resources Control Board recently passed emergency water conservation regulations to further respond to this year's drought. As a result, the City of Santa Clara implemented a Water Conservation Action Plan with the goal of reducing city-wide potable water demand by 20% and will bring forth more conservation actions to meet compliance with new State regulations.

For up-to-date information on the City's drought response, check the drought update webpage at [www.SantaClaraCA.gov/droughtupdate](http://www.SantaClaraCA.gov/droughtupdate). The City encourages residents and businesses to do their part to conserve. For more information and water conservation tips visit [www.SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation](http://www.SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation).

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CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES  
FALL 2014



## City Office Holiday and Refuse Schedule Changes

### Monday, Sept. 1 – Labor Day

City offices closed. Regularly scheduled refuse pick up

### Tuesday, Sept. 9 – Admission Day

City offices closed. Regularly scheduled refuse pick up

### Monday, Oct. 13 – Columbus Day

City offices closed. Regularly scheduled refuse pick up

### Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

City offices closed. Regularly scheduled refuse pick up

### Thursday-Friday, Nov. 27-28 – Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices closed. No refuse pick up on Thanksgiving. Those who regularly receive service on Thursday will have pick up on Friday. Those who regularly receive on Friday will have pick up on Saturday.

### Thursday, Dec. 25 – Christmas

City offices closed. No refuse pick up on Christmas Day. Those who regularly receive service on Thursday will have pick up on Friday. Those who regularly receive on Friday will have pick up on Saturday.

### Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 – New Year's Day

City offices closed. No refuse pick up on New Year's Day. Those who regularly receive service on Thursday will have pick up on Friday. Those who regularly receive on Friday will have pick up on Saturday. If you have questions on refuse pick up, call (408) 615-3080.