

**Watch for *Inside Santa Clara*, your City Newspaper**

*Inside Santa Clara*, the municipal newspaper, is mailed to all residents and businesses in the city. The newspaper contains information about municipal programs and services, special events, public meeting schedules, opportunities to serve on city commissions, code enforcement tips for maintaining a clean and healthy community and much more.

The Winter/Spring 2015 issue includes a removable "City Services" Insert intended to help residents become more familiar with city services and encourage them to explore and take advantage of living in a full service community. Read *Inside Santa Clara*!

**Soroptimist International of Santa Clara Silicon Valley – Auction and Luncheon**

*February 28, 2015*

Soroptimist International of Santa Clara Silicon Valley is proud to announce its annual fundraising event for 2015, the "Old Bag Auction & Luncheon" to be held on Saturday, February 28, from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at David's Restaurant and Banquet Facility, located at 5151 Stars & Stripes Drive, in Santa Clara. The Old Bag (handbag) Auction and Luncheon includes a wide variety of handbags filled with goodies for opportunity prize drawings, door prizes and a live auction. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

This wonderful event allows the community to give a helping hand to a very worthy cause – supporting women who are head of households and working to better their lives for themselves and their children. For more information, please contact Marilee Dunn at (408) 243-3575 or email [eureka5255@aol.com](mailto:eureka5255@aol.com).

**Triton Museum of Art Exhibition News**

February 8:

Salon Statewide Competition & Exhibition closes

February 14:

Ron Guzman solo exhibition opens

February 15:

Holly Van Hart's *Possibilities Abound* closes

February 21:

Charles Eckhart and Kathy Arnold solo shows open

**Book your next event at one of our wonderful venues today!**

Triton Museum of Art - the Jamison Brown House - Sculpture Garden

Santa Clara residents, Triton Museum members, Santa Clara Chamber member discounts available. Contact: [facilityrentalmanager@tritonmuseum.org](mailto:facilityrentalmanager@tritonmuseum.org)

**Triton Museum of Art  
1505 Warburton Ave. Santa Clara**

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**74th Annual Camellia Show**



The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, will be held at the Community Recreation Center (969 Kiely Blvd) on February 21 and 22. This free show is open for viewing on Saturday, February 21, from 2-5 p.m., and on Sunday, February 22, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Entries for the show will be accepted on Saturday, February 21 from 6:30 - 10 a.m. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place entries. Both novices and children are encouraged to enter their camellias. For more information, call (408) 615-3081 or visit [scccammellasociety.com](http://scccammellasociety.com).

### **Making a Green City Greener**

Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the city's municipal electric utility, is committed to giving customers the lowest cost power available while also leaving a clean, healthy planet for future generations. In 2004, the city launched **Santa Clara Green Power** – a program that gives Santa Clarans the option to support a cleaner community by choosing 100% renewable energy on their electric bill. “Our main focus was, and still is, giving our customers a green power choice,” says Larry Owens, SVP Division Manager of Customer Services. With the support of thousands of residents and businesses, **Santa Clara Green Power** just celebrated its 10th anniversary as a nationally recognized award winning program.

### **...Choose Green Power!**

For those who participate in **Santa Clara Green Power**, SVP will purchase Green-e Energy Certified® renewable energy certificates from 85% California solar and 15% Western wind facilities to match the electricity their home or business uses each month. These clean, zero emission-energy facilities do not emit harmful particulate matter or greenhouse gases and will leave future generations with a legacy of sustainable energy. The average **Santa Clara Green Power** participant will prevent over 7,300 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> from discharging into the atmosphere each year. That's equivalent to the

carbon removed from the atmosphere annually by 2.8 acres of pine forests or by not driving a car for eight months.

Participants pay a slight premium (1.5 cents more per kWh) to offset 100% of their home's electricity use. For the typical household in Santa Clara, this costs on average \$7.50 more per month (actual cost varies each month based on usage) and participants can cancel at any time.

Any SVP customer can join and be part of this legacy. To learn more and sign up for 100% Green Power, call (408) 244-SAVE (7283) or visit [siliconvalleypower.com/green](http://siliconvalleypower.com/green).

### **Vehicle Abatement Program**

Did you know that the Santa Clara Police Department has an Abandoned Vehicle Hotline to report vehicles considered abandoned within city limits? The 24-hour hotline phone number is (408) 615-4778. An abandoned vehicle is one that is parked in violation of Santa Clara Municipal Code Section 10.05.470, which prohibits parking or storing any vehicle on a public street for more than 72 consecutive hours.

In addition, Santa Clara Municipal Code Section 10.10.010 prohibits the storage of any abandoned, disabled, dismantled, or inoperative vehicle, or parts thereof, on private single-family residential properties where visible from the public right-of-way. These types of vehicles may also be reported to the hotline for further assessment. Vehicles parked or stored on private streets, commercial properties and/or rental housing properties (including parking lots),

are not covered by the city's abatement program. California Vehicle Code Section 22658 makes it the financial and legal responsibility of the private property owner to resolve these types of problems.

For parking violations not related to abandoned vehicles, such as limited time zone areas, designated handicapped spaces, painted curbs, signs, commercial vehicles parked within 300 feet of residential property or someone living inside of a vehicle, please call the Santa Clara Police non-emergency Dispatch line at (408) 615-5580 for a prompt response.

### **Volunteer to Serve Your Community**

Volunteering for the city is one of the best examples of government and people working together for the good of the community. This is a great way to get an insider's look of how local government works. Interested in sharing your talents, skills and feedback on how to better serve our residents and businesses? Check out our volunteer opportunities. There are many ways to help make a positive difference in someone's life and in the community you live. Whether you volunteer for a short-term service activity or are able to make a long-term commitment, every effort makes a difference.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, visit [santaclaraca.gov/volunteer](http://santaclaraca.gov/volunteer), or call the Human Resources Department at (408) 615-2080. Still don't see anything to your liking? Visit [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org) for even more volunteer opportunities that are available throughout the Bay Area.