

# Inside



**City of  
Santa Clara**  
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## 2015-16 City budget to be decided June 16

The City of Santa Clara 2015-16 Operating and Capital Budgets will be considered by the City Council in a public hearing on June 16. The budgets were presented in detail at the Council's May 19 meeting. The proposed budgets can be viewed on the City website [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov), at the City libraries and at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave. The public will have an opportunity to provide input at this meeting before any decisions are made.

The proposed budget reflects 12 budget principles adopted by the City Council in January, including a focus on funding projects and services that benefit the community as a whole and rebuilding the General Fund Working Capital Reserve for long-time fiscal health. Annual budgeting is also done within the context of the City's Five-Year Financial Plan, 2016-2017 through 2020-21 that provides both historical perspective on revenues and expenditures and a five-year financial outlook based on the latest developments in the economy.

## Two traditional family events launch summer season

It doesn't seem like summer until the barbecue grills are blazing and there are fireworks in the sky. Two popular events coming up in Santa Clara will get the community into the fun-filled days of the season.

### Silicon Valley BBQ Championship 2015

The Silicon Valley BBQ Championship is back for its fourth year on June 26-27! Bring the family to Central Park to enjoy live music, a Kid Zone, business and arts & crafts vendors while more than 50 professional barbecue teams compete in four categories: pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken thighs and brisket.

The event is from 4-10 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday. Pets and non-service animals are not permitted. Proceeds will help support various projects sponsored by the Rotary Club of Santa Clara, which sponsors this event along with the City of Santa Clara. For more information, visit [svbbq.com](http://svbbq.com) or call 408-615-3140.

### All City Picnic & Fireworks Celebration

Come celebrate Independence Day at the All City Picnic on Saturday, July 4, held in scenic Central Park from 12 noon - 5 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase all-American foods prepared by local community groups. Enjoy live entertainment at the Pavilion and activities for children including carnival games, face

painting and swimming at the International Swim Center.

In the evening, bring blankets and lawn chairs to the lawn area adjacent to the Community Recreation Center, where there will be music and a variety of food booths and food trucks, followed by a patriotic fireworks display at 9:30 pm. Call 408-615-3140 for additional information.



### Fireworks safety

The Santa Clara Fire Department reminds everyone that all fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks that may be legal in other cities, are illegal in the City of Santa Clara. Free, public displays, such as the one in Central Park, are the best way to enjoy fireworks – at a safe distance. Fireworks cause more than 24,000 fires and 9,000 injuries each year – stay safe by keeping your distance and leaving fireworks to the professionals.

## New look for Inside Santa Clara

Welcome to the new look of the Inside Santa Clara newspaper! The updated design and colors reflect the City's recently adopted brand identity that communicates its centrality and spirit of innovation. (Read more about the new brand in the enclosed insert.) What hasn't changed in the newspaper is the important information about City programs and services that are of value to residents and businesses. Enjoy!

## Streetlight replacement project nears completion

A project to replace more than 5,000 high pressure sodium and mercury vapor streetlights in the southern part of Santa Clara with energy efficient long-lasting Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights is nearing completion.

Funded by Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, the project will save more than three million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, preventing over 1,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere. It will also save \$300,000 a year in maintenance costs.

**"Maintenance costs are reduced since LED lights are expected to last an average of 100,000 hours, compared to 24,000 hours for the old lights."**

"The new lights offer a better quality light distribution even though they use 50 percent less electricity," said Mary Medeiros McEnroe, Silicon Valley Power public benefits program manager. "Maintenance costs are reduced since LED lights are expected to last an average of 100,000 hours, compared to 24,000 hours for the old lights."

Upgrading streetlights in the northern part of the city is proposed in the fiscal year 2015- 2016 budget that will be approved by the City Council in June.

## Register now for summer recreation programs, camps

Registration is now underway for summer recreation programs for everyone – children, teens, adults and seniors. In addition to a variety of sports, performing arts, specialty craft and day camps for different age groups, the summer schedule includes classes on fitness, arts and crafts, dance, tennis and more.

## Summer Holiday Schedule

All City offices including the library will be closed on Friday, July 3, in honor of Independence Day. There will be no change to the solid waste collection schedule that week.

# City mandates aim to reduce water use by 30% – outdoor irrigation times restricted

In response to the unprecedented drought conditions in California and the emergency regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board, the City of Santa Clara has implemented a Water Shortage Contingency Plan to reduce potable water use by 30%.



The biggest change for many residents will be the new restrictions on outdoor irrigation that limits it to two days a week, with no irrigation between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and no irrigation during or 48 hours after measurable precipitation. Odd/no address may water only on Mondays and Thursdays while even addresses may water on Tuesdays and Fridays. (See article below on how to effectively irrigate within these restrictions.)

The plan prohibits cleaning sidewalks, driveways, patios or other paved or hard-surfaced areas, or washing cars or other vehicles with a hose unless it is a hose fitted with an operating automatic shut-off valve.

Hose nozzles with automatic shut-off valves are available at no cost at the Water and Sewer Utilities office, 1500 Warburton Ave. Wasting water, such as flooding or runoff on sidewalks, gutters and streets is also prohibited.

Businesses are also required to participate in reducing water use. Restaurants will not be

allowed to serve water unless requested by a patron and hotels/motels must give guests the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily.

For more information on water restrictions, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterConservation](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterConservation) or sign up for eNotify for updates on drought conditions and water use restrictions.

## Outdoor Irrigation SCHEDULE

You may only water your lawn and outdoor plants on these days between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Odd/no addresses	Even addresses
Mondays & Thursdays	Tuesdays & Fridays

## How to irrigate AND save water

Watering a lawn can account for 50% of total water use in a home. Restricting irrigation to just two days a week is an effective way for the City of Santa Clara to meet its 30% reduction goal.

The best time to water is between 12 midnight and 6 a.m.

Using less water does not mean your lawn and other outdoor landscaping have to die. Here are a few ways to make the most of the potable water you use for irrigation:

- Replace old sprinkler nozzles and spray bodies with high-efficiency ones. This can slow runoff, improve coverage and reduce evaporation.
- If you are using an automatic irrigation controller make sure it has a rain shut-off option.
- If you water your lawn with a hose, make sure it is fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle. Hose nozzles are available for free. If you are in need of one pick one up at the Water & Sewer Utilities Office.

- Water your lawn between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. Watering when it's cooler and less windy can reduce evaporation.
- Let your grass grow. Taller grass blades promote deeper roots resulting in less evaporation.
- Repair broken sprinklers and adjust them so that they are not watering the pavement.

## Register now for summer recreation programs, camps

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The Robert Jones Junior Theatre offers creative dramatic classes for ages 4-8 and a workshop on technical theatre skills for ages 8-18. Budding performers are invited to be part of the summer musical production of "Disney's Mulan Jr." For more information, call Kevin Cornelius, Recreation Supervisor, at 408-615-3161.



Adults who want to get fit this summer can choose from a variety of classes ranging from 5K training to "Bollywood Fusion" and yoga. There are also drop in classes, such as kickboxing, pilates and Zumba®, available at a cost of \$5.50 per visit or a pass at a reduced price. Non-residents pay slightly higher.

Details on all can be found in the Summer Recreation Activity Guide, online at [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityGuide](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityGuide) or pick up a printed copy at the City Libraries, City Hall, Community Recreation Center, Mission Library Family Reading Center, Senior Center, Teen Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center.

# Summer fun under the Santa Clara sun

## Farmers Market

### Saturdays

The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market is in full swing every week from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead and Benton all year round. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market, this weekly event provides Santa Clara residents with fruits and vegetables fresh from local fields and orchards, as well as live music to enjoy while shopping. Baked goods and prepared foods are also available. Summer's bounty offers an appetizing way to get your five daily servings of fruits and veggies, including delectable fruits like peaches, plums, apricots, melons and a wide assortment of summer berries. Enjoy the summer season at the Farmers Market – and don't forget to bring your own bags! Questions? Call 510-745-7100.



## Afternoon Tea and Vintage Hat Show

### Sunday, June 14

The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum will be the setting for the annual "Afternoon Tea and Vintage Hat Show" from 1 to 4 p.m. Guests will enjoy refreshments plus a vintage hat show, presented by Trudy's Hats. Tickets for this museum fundraiser are \$30 in advance. For purchase, contact Jeannie at 408-296-1526. Tickets can be saved and used as a pass to return at a later date during regular museum open hours for a private tour of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House. For more information, leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass Museum at 408-249-7905 or visit [harrislass.org](http://harrislass.org).

## International Swim Meet

### Thursday-Sunday, June 18-21

Up to 600 competitive swimmers from around the world are expected to compete at the Arena Pro Swim Series at the George F. Haines International Aquatic Center. Timed finals begin Thursday at 4 p.m. Preliminary events start at 9 a.m. Friday-Sunday with finals on each day at 6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see world class swimming. Advance ticket and details of the event are available online at [santaclaraswimclub.org](http://santaclaraswimclub.org).

## Summer Solstice Art Festival

### Saturday, June 20

The seven-acre sculpture garden and redwood grove of the Triton Museum of Art will be filled with Silicon Valley artisans, music and refreshments for this free event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for jewelry, textiles, home accessories and quality crafts. Bring a picnic

blanket or beach chair. The event is supported by the City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission.

## Santa Clara Vanguard

### Monday, June 22

Join the world famous Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps for an evening of music, competition and visual spectacle at the 29th Pacific Procession from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Santa Clara High School Stadium. This family event features performances by the Vanguard, Vanguard Cadets and visiting corps from across the country. If you've never seen a drum and bugle corps show, you are in for a treat! Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. For more information, visit [scvanguard.org](http://scvanguard.org).

## Antiques Appraisal Luncheon

### Thursday, July 9

Do you have an antique or collectible that you think might be valuable? Bring them to the Harris-Lass Museum, 1889 Market St., between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for an appraisal by a team of local experts on antiques and collectibles. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a box lunch. Only 55 tickets will be sold. For more information, call Donna at 408-241-1572.



## Street Dance

### Friday, August 7

The free Franklin Square Street Dance will feature the funk, soul, disco and Latin dance music of The Hitmen. The dance will be held on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase, or start the evening by making reservations for an early dinner at a Franklin Square restaurant. Don't miss this enjoyable event, sponsored by the City's Cultural Commission. For more information, call 408-615-2210.

## Sister Cities Annual BBQ

### Saturday, August 15

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association will hold its annual Chicken BBQ at the Santa Clara Elks Lodge, 1680 Martin Ave., from 1-4 p.m. in Santa Clara. The menu includes a half slow-roasted BBQ Chicken prepared by Master Chefs Colin Boyles and Gary Potts, Portuguese beans prepared by Ray and Gerri Gamma, salad, lemonade, ice cream and Elise DeYoung's Famous Garlic Bread! Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$9 for students and \$7.50 for seniors over 65. For more information visit [santaclarasistercities.org](http://santaclarasistercities.org).

## PAL Golf Tournament

### Friday, August 21

The 38th annual tournament will be played for the last time at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club to benefit youth sports programs offered by the Police Athletic League (PAL). Cost for the four person scramble is \$195 per person and includes use of a golf cart, lunch and awards dinner at David's Restaurant. For registration information, call 408-615-4879 or visit [santaclarapal.org](http://santaclarapal.org).



## Ice Cream Social for Seniors

### Wednesday, August 26

Adults age 50+ are invited to the annual Ice Cream Social for ice cream and a variety of toppings. There will be entertainment and informational booths set up to showcase Senior Center programs and services. The fun begins at 1 p.m. at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. Cost for the event is \$1 for Santa Clara seniors, \$2 for seniors who live in other cities. Come learn more about the opportunities available at the Senior Center.

## Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

### Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20

Save the date for the last festival of the summer – the 2015 Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival featuring 175+ local and regional artists, 25 community groups serving international foods, four vintners pouring fine wines, micro-brewed beer, live entertainment on three stages and the ever-popular Kids Kingdom. The event in Central Park is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds benefit local charities. For additional information call 408-615-3140 or visit [santaclaraartandwine.com](http://santaclaraartandwine.com).

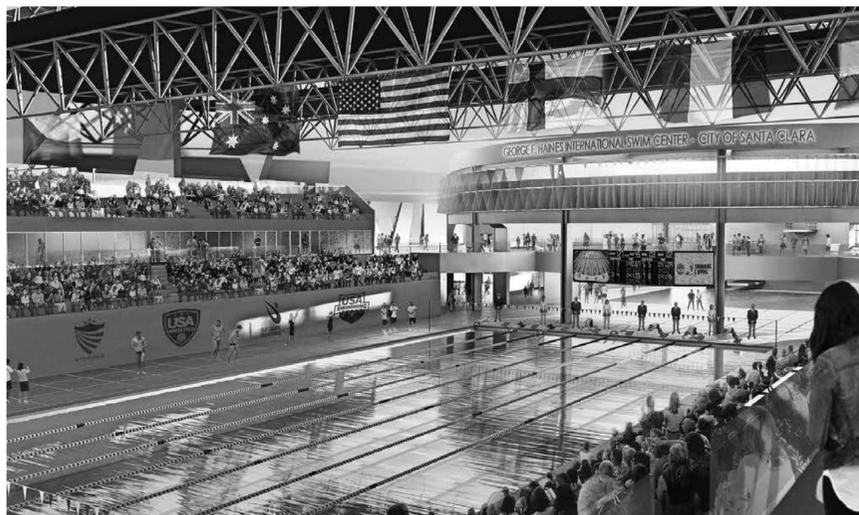


# International Swimming Hall of Fame on its way to Santa Clara

The City Council has signed an agreement with the International Swimming Hall of Fame to pursue moving the museum, currently located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to Santa Clara. A temporary location will be identified while funding and design plans are finalized for a new three-acre International Swim Center complex that would replace the aging George F. Haines International Swim Center and contain a new 7,500-square-foot museum.

An initial estimate of \$60 million supported by a public-private capital campaign and significant corporate sponsorships will be needed to fund the first phase of the project that includes community programs and local competitive clubs.

The City of Santa Clara's consultant, ELS Architecture and Urban Design, has developed a schematic design of the proposed Swim Center that shows a modern design, including two 50 meter pools, community water, and a state-of-the-art Aqua Arena that would offer spectators a closer, more exciting fan experience of competitive swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, water polo, special aquatic events and water shows.



Renderings of proposed new swim center

## Watch government in action on two cable channels

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).

## Book and bag donations needed

Donate gently used books, DVDs, VHS tapes, and CDs to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends to help generate funds to support library programs. Donations are tax deductible. The organization also requests paper and plastic bags for bagging books at its sales. Bring donations to the Santa Clara City Library Friends Bookstore at the Central Park Library during business hours.

## Stadium Authority budget update

A recent report to the Santa Clara Stadium Authority about the first months of operation of Levi's® Stadium had encouraging financial news – final construction cost of the stadium is expected to be more than \$80 million under budget and revenues from the sale of Seat Builder Licenses (SBLs) are \$29.2 million higher than estimated.

### Construction debt lower

The combination of these means that the construction debt of the Stadium Authority is significantly lower than projected – an estimated \$553.2 million at March 31, 2015 rather than \$628.8 million – which means less time needed to pay it off and less total interest.

The Stadium Authority, a public entity formed after the stadium project was approved by the voters in 2010, was responsible for building stadium infrastructure while tenant improvements were funded by private investment from the Forty Niners SC Stadium Company (StadCo). No General Funds from the City were used to pay for stadium construction.



The International Swimming Hall of Fame was started in 1964. It provides educational exhibits that illustrate the history of swimming and includes gold medals, historic photos, inspiring videos and other memorabilia.

The 2015 Induction ceremony into the International Swimming Hall of Fame of 13 athletes, coaches and contributors to four aquatic disciplines (swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo) will be held in Santa Clara on June 19. For information visit [ishof.org](http://ishof.org).



Santa Clara's George F. Haines International Swim Center has produced 71 Olympic medal winners

## Construction to begin on Santa Clara Station pedestrian tunnel

The Santa Clara Station is one of the busiest public transit hubs in the South Bay. It serves major VTA bus routes as well as Caltrain, Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) and Amtrak Capitol trains. It is designated as the final stop in the planned Phase II BART extension that will connect service from Milpitas through downtown San Jose.

Pedestrian safety has been a concern at the station since there has been no way to cross the railroad tracks to get to the San Jose side on the east where connections could more easily be made to the San Jose Mineta International Airport or the new Avaya Earthquakes Stadium. A \$13.7 million construction project by VTA, scheduled to start this summer, will extend an existing tunnel east under the Union Pacific tracks that parallel the station. It will connect Railroad Avenue to Brokaw Road, so that pedestrians and bicyclists can legally and safely get from one side to the other. Funding came from state grants, local transit measures and contributions from the developer of the soccer stadium.

## Summer Concerts in the Park Schedule

The Concerts in the Park series offers free performances this summer at Central Park Pavilion on Monday and Friday evenings. The series includes a variety of musical genres and concerts for different age groups. Monday concerts are sponsored by Santa Clara City Library Youth Services Program and Friday concerts are sponsored by the Cultural Commission. Below is the full schedule:

- Mon, June 8, 7-8 p.m.**  
PAMPA Indian Classical Dance (traditional dance & music)
- Mon, June 15, 7-8 p.m.**  
Alison Faith Levy & Big Time Tot Rock Band (kids concert)
- Mon, June 22, 7-8 p.m.**  
Alphabet Rockers (family hip hop concert)
- Fri, June 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
The Houserockers - R&B, Rock, Blues and Soul
- Mon, June 29, 7-8 p.m.**  
Prairie Rose Band (American cowboy sing-a-long)
- Mon, July 6, 7-8 p.m.**  
Owen Baker-Flynn (juggling, variety, comedy)
- Fri, July 10, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
Orquesta Latin Heat Salsa Band
- Mon, July 13, 7-8 p.m.**  
Traditional Korean Dance & Music (by Kim's Dance Studio)
- Fri, July 24, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
Bsides - 1960s Rock, R&B, Soul
- Fri, August 21, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
The Megatonnes - Rock & Roll of 1990s and 2000s, Funk

## Library Summer Reading programs for all ages begin in June

Summer Reading programs for all ages focused on the theme "Read To The Rhythm" begin June 1 at all three of the City Library branches. Kickoff parties with entertainment and arts & crafts are scheduled on Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Northside Library and 1-4 p.m. at the Central Park Library.

In the Summer Reading program for children, infants through 6th graders are encouraged to read books (or have books read to them), keep a reading log and earn a free paperback book! Teens (grades 7-12) can participate in TeenRead where, if they read five books and keep a reading log, can earn a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card! Adults who participate and read five books during Summer Reading time can be entered into a raffle for prizes like Amazon Kindles and gift cards! Special this year will be opportunities to meet San Jose Giants players and win tickets to a game.

For detailed information on the program and an exciting new Summer Reading App for smart phones and tablets, check the Library webpage, [library.SantaClaraCA.gov](http://library.SantaClaraCA.gov).

The 2015 Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored by KeyPoint Credit Union and the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends.

### Also coming this summer

#### Quick and healthy summer cooking on Saturday, June 27

Wondering how to use seasonal ingredients to cook up quick and delicious meals? Join Chef Laura Stec, author of Cool Cuisine - Taking the Bite Out of Global Warming and writer of "The Food Party!" blog, for a fun afternoon of tips about healthy cooking and quick summer dinners. The program is from 2-3 p.m. in the Redwood Room of Santa Clara Central Park Library. Space is limited – first come, first seated. For information, call 408-615-2900.

## 40 acres of South Bay open space permanently preserved

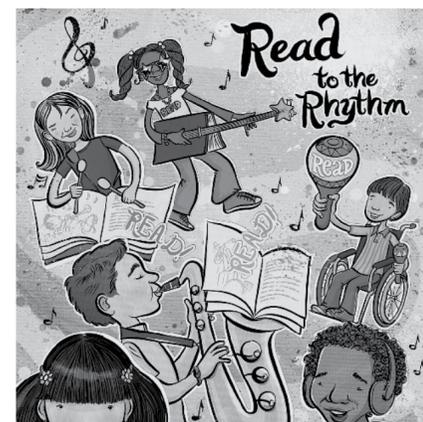
The beautiful Bay checkerspot butterfly and other endangered species are more secure in their home since the Santa Clara City Council voted in March to permanently preserve 40 acres on Coyote Ridge owned by the City and its municipal electric utility, Silicon Valley Power.

Coyote Ridge is the easterly ridge that parallels Highway 101 between San Jose and Morgan Hill. According to the Silicon Valley Land Conservancy it is one of the most diverse



ecosystems in California and contains more than 400 species of native plants and wildflowers.

The open space was purchased by Silicon Valley Power and transferred to the Silicon



### Friends of the Library Book Sales on June 20, July 18, August 15

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain and support the Santa Clara City Library. Book sales will be held 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Central Park Library Margie Edinger Community Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Visit [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org) for more information about the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends or call 408-615-2936. You can also purchase used books and support the library at any time through the Friends of the Santa Clara City Library online bookstore at Amazon.com. Go to [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org) and follow the link.



"Santa Clara's action is a lifeline for the beautiful butterfly as well as native animals and wildflowers"

Valley Land Conservancy in 2004 to offset any unmitigated nitrogen emissions related to the operation of the Donald Von Raesfeld Power Plant in Santa Clara. Temporary protection was mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. With the Council's action, the Donald Von Raesfeld Ecological Preserve is protected in perpetuity.

"The City of Santa Clara's action is a lifeline for the beautiful butterfly as well as the native animals and wildflowers that thrive in the hills above Coyote Valley," said Craig Edgerton, director of the Silicon Valley Land Conservancy. He added that livestock grazing at the Donald Von Raesfeld Ecological Preserve help the native vegetation, as cattle prefer to eat non-native plants.

## June 19 is deadline for online survey about Clean-Up Campaign

Residents are encouraged to participate in an online survey that is gathering community input about potential changes to the format of the current Clean-Up Campaign. To access the questionnaire go to [SantaClaraCA.gov/CUCsurvey](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/CUCsurvey) before June 19.

The City is exploring alternatives to the current Clean-Up Campaign format in order to minimize the potential for storm water pollution and increase customer convenience. In addition to the online survey, printed surveys were sent to randomly selected addresses throughout the City. Results from both research tools and comments at four community outreach events held earlier will be presented to the City Council later this summer.

The purpose of the Clean-Up Campaign is to provide residents with the opportunity to dispose of unwanted bulky items and yard waste that are too large to set out through the weekly garbage, recycling, and Clean Green collection programs. The City is evaluating different options to provide bulky item and large-scale yard waste collection services to residents, including two versions of an on-call bulky item collection program, an on-street compostable green waste collection program for single-family homes, and special debris bin collection service for multi-family homes that share dumpster service with neighbors.

### Evaluating options

Under the on-call bulky item collection program, residents would be able to make an appointment with Mission Trail Waste Systems to schedule a bulky item collection appointment one time per year at the resident's convenience. Customers would receive a two cubic yard bulk bag to hold small loose items. The bag and up to three large items (furniture, appliances, mattresses etc.) would be picked up on the appointment day. A second option provides for the collection of two bulk bags and up to three large items. Either of the bulk bags could be designated for green waste only at the resident's request. All of the material collected would be processed at the Mission Trails Waste System transfer station to pull out recyclables.

The on-street compostable green waste collection program option is similar to the current Clean-Up Campaign format. The City would be divided into four or five collection areas with each collection area serviced once per year. Residents would be able to place unlimited amounts of compostable green waste on the street for collection. This program would be available to all residents that subscribe to Clean Green services.

The special debris bin collection service would be made available to all multi-family home customers that share dumpster service with neighbors. On a rotational basis, City staff would contact multi-family complexes and offer to place debris bins on the property for their residents to use. Each complex would be offered the special debris bin service once every three to four years.

For more information about the survey or the Clean-Up Campaign program, contact the Public Works Department at 408-615-3086 or [environment@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:environment@santaclaraca.gov).

## Enjoy the arts with these summer musical offerings

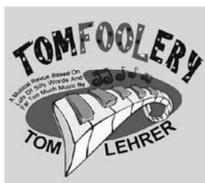
### Triton Free Fridays Season Finale June 5

The City of Santa Clara's Triton Free Fridays performance series celebrates its first season with "A New Exhibition," featuring Santa Clara-based composer, pianist and visual artist Sakaguchi Benjamin Akeala Belew performing Modest Mussorgsky's captivating bravura piano suite, "Pictures at an Exhibition" (1874). In addition to displaying the pictures that inspired Mussorgsky's music, the show will include the premiere of new movements inspired by Mussorgsky's classic, composed by Belew exclusively for this performance. The show is Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Ave. For more information, visit [tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org).



### "Tomfoolery" musical review of novelty songs June 13-28

"Tomfoolery," based on The Tom Lehrer Songbook, will be presented by the Santa Clara Players June 13-28 at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion, 1511 Warburton Ave. Written by Cameron Mackintosh and Robin Ray, with music and lyrics by Tom Lehrer, this hysterical revue featuring such Lehrer favorites as "Poisoning Pigeons In The Park," "When You Are Old And Grey," "The Masochism Tango," "The Old Dope Peddler," "The Vatican Rag" and an unforgettable Gilbert and Sullivan-esque recitation of the table of elements, linked together with his own inimitable concert patter. Tickets are \$20 each or \$16 for seniors. Information is available at [scplayers.org](http://scplayers.org).



## Sign up for fall PAL soccer

Registration is now underway for children ages 4-17 to participate in Santa Clara Police Athletic League's (PAL) fall soccer season. Although the final registration deadline is July 31, to ensure team placement registration must be complete by June 26.

There will be special registration events on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at

the PAL office, 601 El Camino Real, and on Thursday, June 18, at Chili's Restaurant, 3591 El Camino Real, from 6-9 p.m. Children may also be registered Monday-Friday, from 1-5 p.m. at the PAL office.

For further information, contact the PAL office at 408-615-4880.

## New antenna system will improve mobile device service

An outdoor Distributed Antenna System will be installed in Santa Clara north of Highway 101, one of the most electronically congested parts of the City, to provide faster downloads and fewer dropped calls or service interruptions on cell phones and other mobile devices.

Instead of unsightly cell phone towers, the system uses low-profile equipment mounted on existing City structures such as streetlights.



The project is a partnership between Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, and Das Group Professionals (DGP), which will build, maintain and operate the system. Initial costs for building the antenna system will be shared by the two organizations. DGP will repay Silicon Valley Power over the first two years of operation and then continue to pay for access to the City's infrastructure and fiber optic network from fees paid by mobile providers such as AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile and Sprint.

The initial installation, expected to be complete by 2016, will cover the vicinity around Santa Clara Convention Center, California's Great America theme park, Levi's® Stadium and surrounding businesses and residences. The system can be expanded to other parts of Santa Clara where overwhelming demand for mobile services is determined to undermine user experiences.

## Water conservation award goes to stadium

The Silicon Valley Water Conservation Awards Coalition recognized Levi's® Stadium as one of its 2015 winners for its use of recycled water that, in its first six months of operation, saved nearly 10 million gallons of potable water.

The stadium uses recycled water for all onsite irrigation, including the playing field and a 27,000 square-foot green roof landscaped with drought-tolerant native vegetation, cooling tower make-up water, and toilet and urinal flushing. Average per-attendee water use is approximately eight gallons, with five gallons being recycled water for flushing more than 1,000 high-efficiency toilets and urinals.

In February 2015, Levi's® Stadium became the first outdoor stadium to use recycled water for a National Hockey League ice rink. Fans and spectators are exposed to concepts of water conservation through messaging and recycled water signage throughout the stadium.

## Many ways to stay connected with the City of Santa Clara

### The City of Santa Clara Website

The city website is the gateway to all the services, activities and news that are part of living, working and playing in Santa Clara. The city is currently redesigning its website and will launch this summer. The new site is being "re-architected" across all experiences, content and design to reflect the brand promise that Santa Clara is the Center of What's Possible. Go to [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

### eNotify

eNotify is a way to get email from the City about upcoming events, news and employment opportunities. Individuals can tailor their subscription so that you will only receive information related to topics you are interested in. To subscribe, go to [SantaClaraCA.gov/enotify](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/enotify).

### Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a neighborhood networking tool that allows you to privately engage with your neighbors. The City can share information with some or all neighborhoods on crime prevention, safety, public events and emergency notifications. Go to [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com) and create your account.

### Santa Clara Police Department Website

The SCPD website offers a myriad of resources regarding programs provided by the Department, services offered to the community as well as crime statistics and prevention, organizational structure and resources, employment opportunities, online reporting, Megan's Law, FAQs and contact information. Go to [scpd.org](http://scpd.org).

### Social Media

Social media is a great way to stay connected with what's happening at the City on a daily basis. Log on to the City's Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Pinterest accounts from the Connect list at the bottom of the City Web Page. Go to [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov).

The Police Department's social media engagement provides a valuable means of assisting SCPD with community outreach, problem-solving, investigations, crime prevention and other related objectives. Currently, SCPD utilizes Facebook, Pinterest, YouTube and Twitter as its medium for communicating its messages. You can log on to any of these accounts from the SCPD homepage at [scpd.org](http://scpd.org). (bottom left corner).

For Library, Parks and Recreation or Silicon Valley Power specific posts, visit their sites and join their Facebook pages. On Twitter, follow @SantaClaraPower for SVP news, @SantaClaraLib for Library news, and @SantaClaraJobs for job opportunities in Santa Clara.



### SANTA CLARA GREEN POWER PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL'

Santa Clara Green Power is a voluntary renewable energy program from Silicon Valley Power that matches 100% of your estimated monthly electricity usage with wind and solar for an additional 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. The product is made up of the following new renewable resources averaged annually.

	Green-e Energy Certified New2 Renewables in Santa Clara Green Power		Generation Location	
	2014	2015 (projected)	2014	2015 (projected)
Solar	85%	85%	California	California
Wind	15%	15%	Washington	Western U.S.
Total	100%	100%		

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

2. 2015 New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after 1/1/01.

For comparison, the 2013 average mix of resources supplying Silicon Valley Power includes: Coal (8.4%), Natural Gas (43.7%), Large Hydroelectric (17.7%), Unspecified (6.0%), and Eligible Renewables (24.2%).

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



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

### Santa Clara Green Power

Join thousands of Santa Clarans and purchase 100% renewable energy

[siliconvalleypower.com/green](http://siliconvalleypower.com/green)

408-244-SAVE (7283)

## New mobile app, MySantaClara, now available for free download

A new mobile app to help the public engage with the City is now available for free download to a smart phone or access online. "MySantaClara" will be implemented in phases.



Its first service request function will be for reporting graffiti. Future features will include other service requests to City departments and information about events, public facilities, Council meeting dates and public announcements.

To report graffiti using MySantaClara, the user just snaps a photo of the graffiti, adds the location and send the report directly to the City. Real-time status updates about the report can be accessed by logging into the app or the user can enable push notifications that allows them to receive alerts about requests.

MySantaClara can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play. For those without smartphone, service requests may be made online at [SantaClaraCA.gov/mysantaclara](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/mysantaclara) or by calling the appropriate City department.

## Library Foundation leadership changes

Maria Daane, who served as Executive Director of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends for seven years, has resigned to accept a new position at West Valley College. Associate Executive Director Tracy Wingrove will serve as Interim Executive Director.

Under Maria's visionary leadership, the organization grew its fundraising base and took on new challenges, including advocacy for construction of the Northside Branch Library.



The Library Foundation and Friends is an independent nonprofit that supports the city libraries in its mission. It holds fundraisers and holds book sales to provide major funding for educational, multicultural and musical programs and materials at the Santa Clara City libraries. For more information visit [lovethelibrary.org](http://lovethelibrary.org).

## City-Wide Garage Sale

The 2015 City-Wide Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, Aug. 8, and residents throughout Santa Clara are encouraged to hold garage sales on this date. Online registration of garage sales (individual, multi-family or block) will be accepted beginning July 6 and will be taken until 12 noon on Friday, Aug. 7.

A City-Wide Garage Sale map will include a list of addresses holding garage sales as well as a brief list of the items for sale at each address. The map will be available for downloading beginning Aug. 3 and will be updated regularly until 12 noon on Aug. 7. The event will be advertised this summer in the Mission City Scenes, on Cable Channel 15, and on the City and various other websites.

Here are some tips to make your garage sale successful:

- Gather many items to sell – Look in every corner of your home, garage and attic for items no longer wanted or needed which can be set out for sale.



- Create an inventory – Make a master list of your sale items and their prices. It's helpful in case a price tag is lost.
- Price items – Use brightly colored tags or large stickers and write clearly.

- Post signs in your neighborhood – Place signs on private property only. No signs may be posted on utility or street sign poles. Use A-frame signs, mount signs on stakes in your yard, or put a sign on your car or van. Use bright colors and bold lettering when making signs.
- Prepare for your sale – Have plenty of change and petty cash available. Display sale items attractively (furniture clean and polished, clothing on hangers or folded neatly, books and knick-knacks dusted, etc.). Use newspaper to wrap breakables, and have plenty of bags and boxes available.
- Donate usable items not sold – Gently used books, CDs and DVDs can be donated to the City library. Clothing, appliances and furniture can go to charitable organizations.

Detailed information on holding a successful garage sale, places to donate unsold usable items, rules for garage sale signs and their placement, etc. can be found at [SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale) or call 408-615-3080.

## Have a National Night Out event in your neighborhood

Every August, neighborhoods throughout America come out of their homes to attend neighborhood events designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen positive police and community partnerships.

This year, National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 6-8:30 p.m. and neighborhoods in Santa Clara are invited to participate. Neighborhoods that register by July 29 to officially be part of National Night Out can schedule a visit from a City official or representative of the Police or Fire Departments.

Neighborhood events vary with some of the most popular being potlucks, barbecues, ice cream social, children's activities and theme parties. Some neighborhoods organize block parties with street closures and amplified music. Street closures require a petition signed by all affected neighbors turned into



the City's Business License Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., at least three weeks in advance. Information on an amplified music permit may be obtained at [SantaClaraCA.gov/amplifiedmusic](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/amplifiedmusic).

Participants are reminded to be sure to lock their doors while they are outside and to turn on outdoor lights.

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

### National Night Out Registration Form

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 • 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Organizer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organizer Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Address/ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Participants: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Kids \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Type: (circle one) BBQ Potluck Ice Cream Social  
 Invitation Flyers (if needed, circle one) email or hardcopy (50 max.)  
 Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_  
(Requests cannot be guaranteed, but we will try our best)

Fax: (408) 296-1346 or mail:  
 Email: [rthomas@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:rthomas@santaclaraca.gov) Santa Clara Police Department  
 601 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050  
 Attn: CSO Thomas



The officers and City officials that come to your event do not give prepared speeches or talks on issues in your neighborhood. They can answer some general questions for you, but the intent for National Night Out is for the citizens of Santa Clara and the Police and Fire departments to connect on a more social level.

## Helping animals find a new home

The Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (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. SVACA handles licensing, investigates reports of animal abuse or neglect, and offers low cost spay and neuter clinics.



Residents may support the work of SVACA in a number of ways including volunteering to be a foster parents or making a donation to the Animal Assistance Fund that is used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals. Tax deductible donations can be processed online at [svaca.com](http://svaca.com) or

sent by mail to: SVACA's Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054. For more information contact SVACA at 408-764-0344 or visit [svaca.com](http://svaca.com).

SVACA also cares for aggressive, sick, injured and feral animals at its Animal Care Center, located at 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara. It is successful in achieving a positive outcome for more than 90% of the animals that come to the Center, with many finding a new, loving home through its Adoption Services.

## Reduce risk of West Nile Virus with mosquito control

Standing water warmed by the sun is an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes – and mosquitoes bring with them an increased risk of diseases such as the West Nile Virus which has killed 174 individuals in California since 2004.

In late March three birds that tested positive for West Nile Virus were found in San Jose and Cupertino, most likely infected by a mosquito bite. The Santa Clara County Vector Control District has asked all residents in the region to report dead birds for testing (online at [westnile.ca.gov](http://westnile.ca.gov)) and to take steps to eliminate mosquitoes.

To reduce mosquitoes and protect yourself, your family and your pets from mosquito bites, follow these guidelines:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water including flowerpots, old car tires, rain gutters, buckets, garbage cans, etc. Flip, dump, or drain and cover so that mosquitoes cannot enter.
- Ponds should have mosquito fish or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.
- Change the water in outdoor pet water bowls daily.
- Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week.
- Chlorinate and filter swimming pools and spas. Cover tightly when not in use and keep water off the cover.
- Remove debris from roof gutters.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, especially in the early morning and evening when mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus are more likely to bite.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes.

For further information about West Nile prevention, visit [scvector.org](http://scvector.org).

**“It is important to remain vigilant by taking practical steps to eliminate mosquito breeding areas.”**

Denise Bonilla, manager of the Santa Clara County Vector Control District

## Register video surveillance cameras to help solve crimes

Residents and businesses with surveillance cameras on their property are invited to register with the Santa Clara Police Department so that, if a crime is committed in the neighborhood, the Police Department will know who to ask when looking for systems that may have captured vital information.

Participation is completely voluntary and there is no fee to register for the database. All information will be kept confidential and only Police Department personnel will view relevant footage.

Video surveillance is one of the best methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects who are caught committing a crime. If you are interested in participating in this community-police partnership, register your camera at [scpd.org](http://scpd.org) under the crime prevention tab. For more information, contact Community Services Officer Rachel Thomas at 408-615-4876 or [rthomas@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:rthomas@santaclaraca.gov)

## Composting Classes

Home composting is a great way to reduce organic household waste and improve your garden at the same time. Low-cost compost bins and FREE classes on how to make compost at home will be offered this summer by Santa Clara County. For schedule and registration information, visit [ReduceWaste.org](http://ReduceWaste.org) or call 408-918-4640.



## Is your toilet running?

One of the most common causes of indoor water waste is a toilet that continues to run water after flushing. In an average home, toilet flushing alone accounts for 30% of indoor water use. A leaking toilet can waste more than 200 gallons per day.

Save water and save money by checking your toilet for leaks in these easy steps: 1) remove the lid from the back of the toilet; 2) place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank and 3) wait 10 minutes. Do not flush. If the food coloring appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

Toilet leaks are often caused by old, worn-out toilet flappers. Toilet flappers are available at no cost to Santa Clara residents at the Water & Sewer Utilities Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., and are easy to replace.

Old toilets may need to be replaced entirely. In a home with older toilets that use 3.6 gallons per flush or more, approximately 26,000 gallons of water may be used per year for a family. By replacing an old toilet with a high-efficiency model using 1.6 gallons per flush, more than 13,000 gallons of water can be saved per year. This is great for the environment and the pocketbook!

The City of Santa Clara, in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, offers a rebate of up to \$125 for installing qualifying PREMIUM model High Efficiency Toilets that save water, energy and money. For more information on this rebate and others, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation) or call the water conservation rebate hotline at 1-877-874- 8479.

## Keep prescription drugs out of local waterways

Billions of dollars in prescription drugs are sold throughout the U.S. annually, and estimates are that 10-33 percent of prescription drugs go unused. How are patients disposing of this leftover medicine? Unfortunately, some are flushing the drugs down the toilet where they can pollute the water supply and harm fish and wildlife.

The “Don’t Rush To Flush” website, [dontrushstoflush.org](http://dontrushstoflush.org), allows consumers to find the closest drop-off bins for non-controlled prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, medicated ointments and lotions in their original containers and pet medications. Follow the instructions on the website on how to prepare the drugs for drop off.

The Santa Clara Police Department also schedules Prescription Drug Take-Back Days at police headquarters. Check the website [scpd.org](http://scpd.org) for dates and information.

Legislation that would require drug manufacturers to manage their products’ waste has been discussed, but it is not approved yet. In the meantime, it is up to each individual to be sure that unused prescription drugs are disposed of safely.

## Hold on tight! Loose helium balloons pose threat to power lines

Helium-filled balloons are a fun and colorful way to celebrate special events – but not if they are let loose into the sky. Then they can become entangled in power lines and cause a power outage.

Any balloon bouquet, whether Mylar or latex, can wrap around electricity lines and lead to a short circuit. Power outages are dangerous, costly and inconvenient to everyone, so here are a few simple safety tips about balloons from Silicon Valley Power, the City's electric utility:



- Keep helium balloons tied to a weight at all times.
- Avoid buying clusters of balloons that are tied together since these are more likely to get tangled and wrap around power lines if they break loose.
- When finished with a balloon, puncture it to release lingering helium.
- Always assume a power line is live and keep helium balloons away from all power lines.
- If a balloon gets caught in a power line, DO NOT attempt to retrieve it yourself. Keep yourself and others at least 10 feet away. Call Silicon Valley Power at 408-615-5640 to report balloons caught in power lines.

## Get ready for 90+ degrees

During most summers, there are always a few days when temperatures soar to over 90 degrees. Even though Santa Clara is blessed with cooler temperatures every evening thanks to cooling breezes off the Bay, it can get hot enough to cause health issues, especially in young children, older adults and those with chronic diseases such as diabetes. To avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke, follow these suggestions from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention when the thermometer zooms:



- Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic beverages.
- Wear loose, light-colored clothing made from natural materials like cotton.
- Check if your prescription medications reduce your tolerance to heat or sunlight.
- Avoid going outside during the hottest part of the day. If you do go out in the sun, wear a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen of SPF15 or higher.
- Keep an eye on family and friends who are at risk of heat exhaustion. They may not even know they are in trouble.
- Never leave infants, children or pets in a parked car. Interior temperatures can rise 20 degrees in just 10 minutes.

Throughout the warm months, you can keep your house as cool as possible and reduce your electric bill with these ideas:

- When it's cooler outside than inside, such as in the evening and early morning, open the windows and doors to ventilate the house.
- During the day, close drapes and blinds to keep out the heat, especially on the south and west sides of the house that get the most sun.
- Turn off incandescent lights and heat-generating appliances.
- Install and use an attic fan to reduce heat build-up in the attic that will radiate into rooms below.
- Use a ceiling or portable fan to cool the rooms you use the most. Fans use less energy than air conditioners.

## Summer safety tips

### Barbecue Safety

- Keep grills away from anything that can burn including your home, vehicles, dry vegetation and other combustibles.
- Don't leave your grill unattended. Keep children and pets away from the grill.
- Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills; never use gasoline.
- Once the coals have been lit, never add lighter fluid to the fire. Flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. If the fire is slow, add more kindling or more coals, not lighter fluid.
- Soak the coals with water before you discard them and keep the grill away from the house or other combustibles until completely cool.
- For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside, away from structures, and turn off valves when not in use.
- Never use any type of grill inside the home or in an enclosed area. In addition to a fire hazard, use of the grill indoors can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Teach your children that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys. Keep them out of your child's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet, so they are not accessible to them.

### Pool Safety

- Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for American infants and children under the age of five.
- With a swimming pool, there is no substitute for adequate supervision. Do not leave children unattended, in or around the pool, even for a second.
- Do not allow anyone of any age to swim without supervision. Even experienced swimmers can drown if they bump their head, become entrapped, or have medical emergencies in the water such as seizures or blackouts.
- Make sure you have adequate adult supervision for children. Children have drowned in pools even when they were surrounded by people. Do not rely on the idea that a drowning person will splash loudly or call out for help. Drowning is usually silent.
- A fence, wall, or natural/artificial barrier should completely enclose your pool or spa. All gates or doors leading from the house to the pool area should have self-closing and self-latching mechanisms that protects against unauthorized entry and use.
- Do not place objects such as chairs or tables near the pool or spa fence that could allow a child to climb over.
- Always completely remove the pool and/or spa cover before using the pool or spa, to avoid the possibility of anyone becoming trapped and drowning under the cover.
- Keep pool and spa chemicals separate from each other, and from other chemicals. Violent reactions such as explosion, fire, or noxious gas production can occur when incompatible chemicals come in contact with each other.
- Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Always store them outside the home and away from any heat source or flame.

### Safety on Wheels

- When you are on wheels, wear a helmet. This includes bicycles, scooters, skateboards and skates. Other safety equipment for scooters, skateboards and skates includes kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards and gloves.
- Set a "no helmet, no wheels" rule with your children. Teach your children how to be safe by being a good example and wearing safety gear yourself. You will not only enforce these good habits with your children, but you will keep yourself safe as well.

By following these quick and simple tips, we can all have a safe and fun summer. For more information about fire and life safety, contact Santa Clara Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal at 408-615-4970.

## Santa Clara Senior Center Services

### Care Management Services – Free

City of Santa Clara seniors Age 60+  
Santa Clara Parks & Recreation  
(408) 615-3170, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Health and Wellness- Free

City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+  
Santa Clara Parks & Recreation  
(408) 615-3170, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Health Insurance & Medicare Counseling (HICAP) – Free

Services available to anyone on Medicare  
Sourcewise  
(408) 350-3200, [Mysourcewise.com](http://Mysourcewise.com)

### Senior Peer Advocates (SPA) – Free

City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+  
Santa Clara Parks & Recreation and The Health Trust  
(408) 615-3170, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Legal Assistance – Free

Santa Clara County seniors age 60+  
Senior Adult Legal Assistance (SALA)  
(408) 615-3170, [sala.org](http://sala.org)

### Notary – Free

Seniors age 50+  
(408) 615-3170

### Dining Out - \$3.00 donation

Santa Clara County seniors age 60+  
Santa Clara Parks & Recreation & Santa Clara County  
(408) 615-3174, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Tax Assistance – Free

Services available to all  
AARP volunteer  
(408) 615-3170

### Electric Utility Assistance

City Electric Utility-Silicon Valley Power  
25% discount on electricity available to those meeting program requirements  
(408) 244-7283, [siliconvalleypower.com](http://siliconvalleypower.com)

### Grab Bars/Ramps/Accessibility

City Housing & Community Services Division  
Services available to those meeting program requirements  
(408) 615-2490, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Home Repairs

City Housing & Community Services Division  
Services available to those meeting program requirements  
(408) 615-2490, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Library Home Delivery

Santa Clara Library  
Services available to those meeting program requirements  
(408) 615-2904, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Medication Disposal

Santa Clara Police Department  
Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents  
(408) 615-4700, [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)

### Emergency housing

EHC Lifebuilders  
800-743-5837 or  
(408) 539-2100, [ehclifebuilders.org](http://ehclifebuilders.org)

### Domestic Violence

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence  
For women age 18+ and mothers with children  
(408) 501-7550  
Hotline: (408) 279-2962, [Nextdoor.org](http://Nextdoor.org)

### Domestic Violence

YWCA Support Network  
800-572-2782, [ywca-sv.org](http://ywca-sv.org)

### Food

St. Justin's Food Pantry  
(408) 243-1462, [st-justin.org](http://st-justin.org)

### Food

Second Harvest Food Bank  
800-984-3663, [shfb.org](http://shfb.org)

### Food

Sourcewise Meals on Wheels  
Available to homebound seniors, age 60+  
(408) 350-3200 or 800-510-2020  
[mysourcewise.com](http://mysourcewise.com)

### Grief Counseling

Centre for Living With Dying  
Bill Wilson Center  
(408) 243-0222, [billwilsoncenter.org](http://billwilsoncenter.org)

### Shared Housing Assistance

Catholic Charities  
Available to single adults (Sunnyvale and San Jose residents are not eligible)  
(408) 325-5277, [catholiccharitiessccc.org](http://catholiccharitiessccc.org)

### Housing Issues

Project Sentinel  
(408) 720-9888, [housing.org](http://housing.org)

### Transportation

Outreach and Escort  
ADA eligible people  
(408) 436-2865, [outreach1.org](http://outreach1.org)

### Transportation

Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors  
Age 59 + residing in West Santa Clara County  
(408) 241-1571, [servicesforseniors.org](http://servicesforseniors.org)

### Volunteer Services

Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors  
Age 59+ residing in West Santa Clara County  
(408) 241-1571, [servicesforseniors.org](http://servicesforseniors.org)

## Serve on a Board or 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 including the Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission and Youth Commission.

Santa Clara residents who are registered voters or are eligible to register to vote may apply to be a commissioner. For the Youth Commission, applicants must be Santa Clara residents and of the ages 12 to 19. If you meet the qualifications and are interested in serving on any of the City's Board or Commissions, please view current/upcoming vacancies by visiting the City's website at [SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions), emailing [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov), calling 408-615-2220, or visiting the City Clerk's Office at 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA, 95050.

The City Clerk's Office also maintains a contact list for residents interested in being notified when an opening occurs. To be added, please submit an Interest Form on the City's website at [SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/commissions), email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov), or call 408-615-2220.

## 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 individuals and families. 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); 650-321-6291
- Project Sentinel (counseling on mortgage problems and tenant/landlord dispute resolution services); 408-720-9888
- Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (counseling and training services, independent living skills training for physically disabled); 408-894-9041
- Outreach (transportation services) 408-436-2865
- Family Health Foundation (medical insurance for children); 408-874-1999
- Live Oak Senior Day Services (senior day services); 408-971-9363
- Catholic Charities Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (monitor conditions at residential care and skilled care facilities); 408-944-0567
- Council on Aging (individual counseling for seniors on independent living needs); 408-296-8290.

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.

## Arts & Historical Consortium

The consortium is comprised of local organizations whose purpose is educating the public of the cultural and historical heritage of the City of Santa Clara.

de Saisset Museum	Santa Clara Art Association	Santa Clara Players
Garden City Doll Club	Santa Clara County Camellia Society	Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
Goldentones Historic Preservation Society	Santa Clara City Library	Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
KKUP Radio	Santa Clara County Democratic Club	Santa Clara Women's Club
Los Fundadores	Santa Clara City Museums: Agnews Historic Cemetery and Museum, Berryessa Adobe and Santa Clara Fire Museum	Skills Plus
Mission Trails Early Ford V-8 Club	Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society	Soroptimists of Santa Clara-Silicon Valley
Neuvo Mundo		South Bay Historical Railroad Society
Orchard Valley Fine Arts Foundation		Triton Museum of Art

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

**City of Santa Clara  
City Hall  
1500 Warburton  
Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050**

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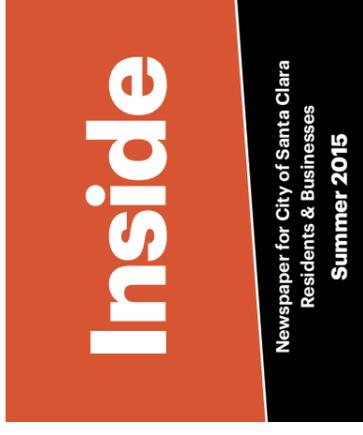
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#### **Inside Santa Clara Inquiries:**

City Manager's Office  
City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave.,  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
408-615-2210  
manager@SantaClaraCA.gov

### **City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values**

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Fiscally Responsible  
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Progressive  
Ethics Every Day:  
Making Ethical Values a  
Good Habit



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## **Make water conservation an everyday way of life**

The average household uses about 320 gallons of water per day – and you pay for every drop! Cutting back on water use not only helps conserve a precious resource in a major drought year, it saves you money.

It is easy to make water conservation a way of life. Start with a free Water Wise House Call, provided by the City of Santa Clara in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District. A trained water surveyor will come to your home or apartment complex, review your water use and suggest water-wise recommendations tailored specifically to your home. On average, residents are able to lower water usage by 30 gallons per day through this program. (See related article on page 2).



A free Water Wise House Call will help you save water

During the house call the water surveyors will:

- Replace leaking toilet flapper valves if needed and requested.
- Measure showerhead flow rates and install free showerheads if needed and requested.
- Measure faucet flow rates and provide faucet aerators for kitchens and bathrooms.
- Evaluate the efficiency of irrigation system.
- Provide a personalized irrigation schedule.
- Provide water conservation program materials and water-wise landscaping tips.
- Identify irrigation leaks, broken or mismatched sprinkler heads, high water pressure and other common irrigation problems.
- Develop a prioritized list of how to use water as efficiently as possible.

The City of Santa Clara offers its residents other water efficiency assistance, including water conservation literature and free water conservation devices such as low flow showerheads and faucet aerators, toilet flappers and hose nozzles.

In partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, rebates are available for replacing high use water fixtures with water efficiency models. Rebates are available for high efficiency toilets, high efficiency clothes washer, landscape and gray water (laundry to landscape).

For more information on these resources or about water conservation, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/waterconservation) or call the Water & Sewer Utilities office at 408-615-2000. Water conservation materials may be picked up at the Water & Sewer Department located at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## **City Public Meeting Schedule**

- Board of Library Trustees\* ..... 1st Mon., 6:30 p.m.
- City Council .....
- Civil Service Commission .....
- Cultural Commission .....
- Historical & Landmarks Commission.....
- Parks & Recreation Commission .....
- Planning Commission .....
- Senior Advisory Commission\*\* .....
- Youth Commission (during the school year)\*\*\* 2nd Tue., 6 p.m.

Two Tue. per month, 7 p.m.  
2nd Mon., 7 p.m.  
1st Mon., 7 p.m.  
1st Thurs., 7 p.m.  
3rd Tue., 7 p.m.  
One Wed. per month, 7 p.m.  
4th Mon., 10 a.m.

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.  
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 three 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 Rd.
- \*\* Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St.
- \*\*\* Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave.

**Online schedule: [SantaClaraCA.gov](http://SantaClaraCA.gov)  
Dates and times may vary. Call 408-615-2220 for information.**