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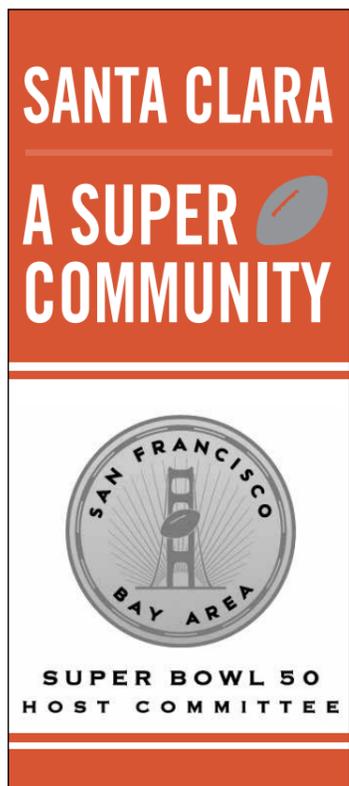
City of Santa Clara
The Center of What's Possible

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Super plans for Super Bowl community activities

Santa Clara's debut as a Super Bowl city in 2016 will be celebrated with a variety of community activities leading up to the Feb. 7 game at Levi's Stadium. It is the 50th anniversary of the biggest sporting event in the U.S. and more than 100 million eyes and ears are expected to be focused on Super Bowl 50 and the City of Santa Clara.

Long before the Sunday kick off, Santa Clara residents will have the opportunity to enjoy a super array of family fun starting with an exciting addition to the City's annual tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 4 – outdoor ice skating and fireworks. Read more about it in the "Home for the Holidays" pull-out section of this newspaper.



Gridiron Glory Exhibit

The Pro Football Hall of Fame's 50th anniversary edition of its traveling exhibit, Gridiron Glory, will be at the Triton Museum of Art from mid January through mid February.

The 5,000 square-foot exhibition includes hundreds of artifacts from the Hall of Fame's collection including the Vince Lombardi Trophy, Knute Rockne's 1919 Massillon Tigers helmet and Jerry Rice's career touchdown receptions record football. The interactive multimedia exhibit also includes NFL films and immersive fan experiences.

Super Community Celebration

A gigantic community event for all ages will take place at Santa Clara University on Saturday, Feb. 6, including a food festival, entertainment, visits with NFL greats, sport activities for children and a Celebrity Sweat Flag Football game. The event will culminate with a concert and fireworks show.

Other community events being planned in conjunction with the Super Bowl include an Innovation Showcase demonstrating cutting edge technology in virtual reality, augmented reality and telepresence tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9, a Black & Gold Ball on Jan. 8 at the Santa Clara Convention Center, a 5K/10K/Fun run on

Jan. 31 as well as a concert and fireworks display at Mission College on Jan. 31. A commemorative sculpture has also been commissioned by the City. See article on page 2.

For more information on Santa Clara's Super Community events, visit the City's website SantaClaraCA.gov, or look for details in the January issue of Inside Santa Clara.

Bracher Park renovation near completion

One of the most heavily used neighborhood parks in Santa Clara, Bracher Park, 2560 Alhambra Dr., is being rehabilitated with extensive input from residents on what changes should be made.

The \$125,000 renovation includes an upgraded playground and picnic area, a new outdoor fitness area and replacement of the basketball court. The 3.5 acre park was originally built in 1969.



The park was selected by the National Recreation and Park Association to be one of 10 projects in the U.S. showcased in a "Fund Your Park" campaign where residents could contribute towards the cost of improvements. Dozens of residents made donations and even more participated in outreach community meetings held during the planning stage.

Improvement projects are also underway at Steve Carli Park and Montague Park. This summer, 11 tennis courts at five park sites were resurfaced and other projects are being planned. To learn more about park projects, visit the Parks & Recreation Department page on the City website, SantaClaraCA.gov.

Thousands expected for Sept. 19-20 Art & Wine Festival

Santa Clara's biggest community event, the annual Art & Wine Festival, returns to Central Park on Sept. 19-20 for a weekend of family fun and entertainment.

Enjoy art, fine wines, micro-brewed beer, international food and crafts at 175 booths.

There's live entertainment on three stages and a Kids Kingdom with face painting, rides, carnival games and more. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

See the special Art & Wine Festival program in this newspaper or visit SantaClaraArtAndWine.com.



Restrictions continue for outdoor irrigation times

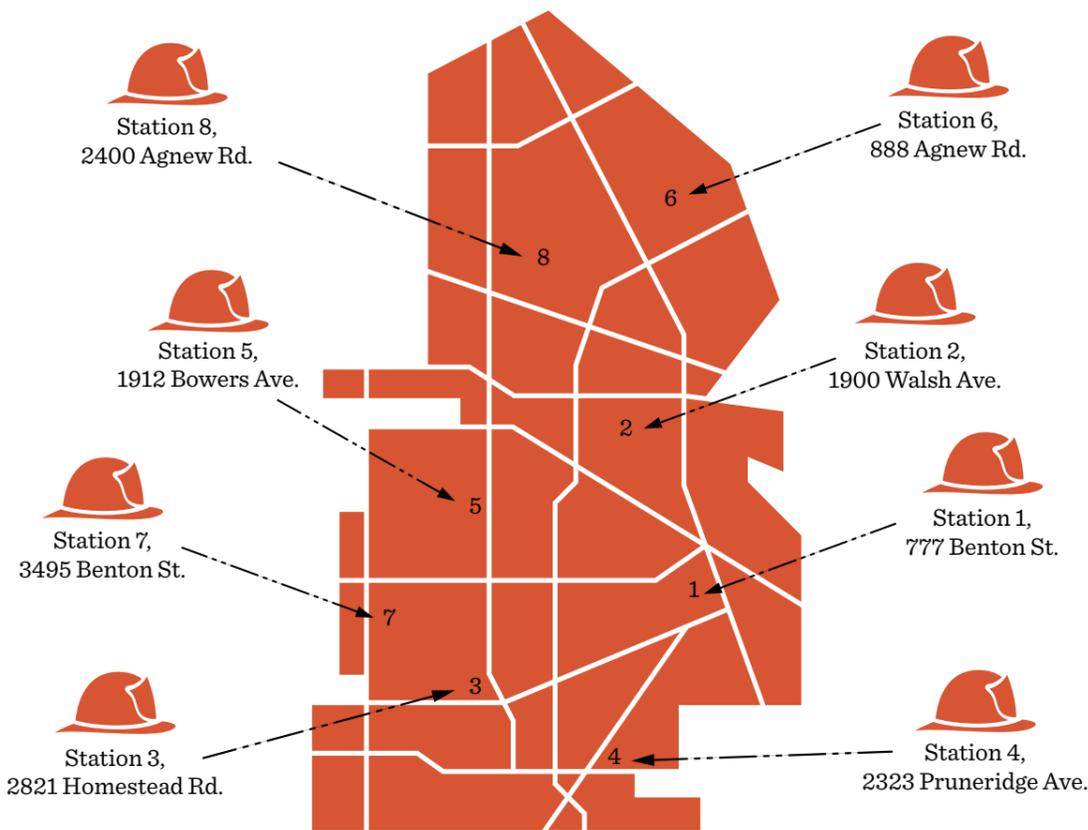
Everyone is hoping for a rainy winter, but right now there is still a severe drought situation in California. The goal is to reduce potable water use by 30% over previous years and several emergency regulations have been adopted by the City of Santa Clara, including restricting the hours of outdoor irrigation to between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. on these days: odd/no addresses Mondays and Thursdays and even addresses on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information on saving water, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterConservation.

2016 City Calendar

Watch the mail for the 2016 City of Santa Clara Calendar/2015 Annual Report that will be mailed to all households and businesses in Santa Clara at the end of December.

Fire stations open their doors to community on Oct. 3

Fire stations located in neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara will be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 3, 1-5 p.m. so that residents can tour the facilities, check out fire engines and trucks and meet the firefighters that are on call 24/7 to respond to emergencies. The annual event is part of National Fire Prevention Week. Visit one – or see them all! It’s a great family activity that also provides fire safety information everyone should know.



Minimum wage ordinance under consideration

At press time, the City Council was scheduled to consider a minimum wage ordinance at its Aug. 18 meeting. If the draft ordinance – which sets \$11 as a minimum wage as of Jan. 1, 2016 – received the go-ahead from Council, it will be placed on a Council meeting agenda in September for adoption. The current minimum wage in Santa Clara is \$9.

The ordinance will apply to employers that maintain a place of business in Santa Clara and/or provide goods/services within City limits. Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, and every Jan. 1 thereafter, the rate will adjust by an amount corresponding to the increase, if any, of the prior year’s Consumer Price Index (CPI).

For the latest information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/MinimumWage. If you have any questions or comments, submit them to minimumwage@santaclaraca.gov.

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City Goals and Priorities 2015-2017

The City Council priorities are to:

- 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 Goals and Priorities 2015-2017 can be found on the City website. Visit 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

Commemorative bronze sculpture will be new addition to City’s public art

Bay Area artist Linda Serrao has been commissioned by the City of Santa Clara to create a life size Super Bowl 50 commemorative sculpture after her proposed “Anything Is Possible” design was selected in a competitive judging. The bronze artwork will be a larger than life depiction of a quarterback throwing a pass and a young fan reaching up to catch it, and will be installed across from Levi’s Stadium.

Serrao specializes in site-specific bronze sculpture and her artwork is on display in both indoor and outdoor settings throughout the western states. An unveiling and dedication ceremony is scheduled for early Jan. 2016.

Proposals were solicited from several experienced sculptors and reviewed by the Santa Clara Cultural Commission, directors of the Triton and de Saisset art museums and the City Librarian. Their recommendation of Serrao’s work was confirmed by the City Council this summer.

The bronze sculpture will join 17 other public art installations in Santa Clara. For information and locations of them all, visit the City’s website, SantaClaraCA.gov.



Life size bronze sculptures of a quarterback and young football fan will be installed across from Levi’s Stadium.

New development fee brings funding for parks

An ordinance adopted by the City Council in July now requires most new residential development projects to either provide land for park and recreational uses or pay a fee that can be used to expand or improve parks in Santa Clara.

The City’s General Plan has identified a need for 97-115 acres of new parkland over the next two decades, including 30 acres devoted to youth sports. As the new park fee fund grows,

the City will look for opportunities to purchase land adjacent to existing parks so they can be expanded and/or land in other areas of the City for new parks and facilities. The fund may also be used to improve current parks, such as replacing worn playground equipment, resurfacing tennis courts or other capital projects.

The Parks & Recreation Department administers the park fee program and will now evaluate all new housing development applications for compliance with the new ordinance.

Learn to be a leader in Santa Clara

Applications are now being accepted for the 19th year of Leadership Santa Clara, a seven-session course that runs January through June to prepare individuals interested in becoming leaders in government, neighborhoods or other community organizations.

Students become more knowledgeable about the City of Santa Clara and how community systems function, while also receiving leadership skills training on public speaking, effective meeting management, ethics, working with the media and more. There are interactive sessions, such as mock Planning Commission and City Council meetings, and presentations by a variety of professionals from different fields.

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



Graduates of the 2015 Leadership program.

students an opportunity to visit a range of local organizations. Class sessions are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 smmrfd@aol.com, or contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.

National River Clean-up Day



More than 50 volunteers gathered on May 16 to take part in Santa Clara's version of National River Clean-Up Day. They removed 1,035 pounds of trash from 7.7 miles of waterway in the City of Santa Clara.

City holidays coming up this fall

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7

City offices closed. Regular refuse pickup schedule.

Admission Day, Wednesday, Sept. 9

City offices closed. Regular refuse pickup schedule.

Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12

City offices closed. Regular refuse pickup schedule.

Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11

City offices closed. Regular refuse pickup schedule.

Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday-Friday, Nov. 26-27

City offices closed. Refuse pickup one day late for those normally serviced on Thursday or Friday.

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25

City offices closed. Refuse pickup one day late for those normally serviced on Friday.

New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, 2016

City offices closed. Refuse pickup one day late for those normally serviced on Friday.

Show off Santa Clara pride in a selfie

The Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau is sponsoring a #SantaClara49 Selfie Contest that asks residents and visitors to take photos of themselves at one of the "awesome" things to do in Santa Clara that are listed on the website VisitSantaClara.org.

Residents can take pride in attractions identified as top spots to show off Santa Clara to visitors, including museums, parks, shopping, entertainment, public art, sports and recreation facilities, historic sites, performing arts and special events. The list shows that the City of Santa Clara is the Center of "What's Happening."

Entries posted on "Visit Santa Clara" on Instagram will be eligible for great prizes, including Target gift cards.



Take a selfie on the San Tomas Aquino Trail or one of the other 50 "awesome" things to do in Santa Clara to enter contest.

\$50 and a cleaner garage – what a deal!



To help reduce the number of energy hungry refrigerators or freezers that many homeowners have as a back-up in their garage, Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility, will pay \$50 per appliance to have them permanently removed. And Silicon Valley Power will take it away for recycling at no cost!

Old, inefficient refrigerators or freezers can cost up to \$200 or more a year to run. Many families hardly use these second units and don't realize how much the extra capacity for holidays and special events is costing them year-round.

Certain size limits apply, but most common refrigerators and freezers should qualify. Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/refrigerator for more information, or call Jaco Environmental at 877-577-0510 for more information and to schedule a pick-up. Residents may recycle up to two working units per household and must own the appliances.

Apply for City Board or Commission

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.

The City Clerk's Office 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, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov, or call 408-615-2220.

Library's fall programs have something for everyone

A wide range of programs for all ages will be offered this fall at Santa Clara City Library's three locations: Central Park Library, Northside Branch Library and Mission Library Family Reading Center. To get information on all of the opportunities for learning and fun, visit the Library in person or online at SCLibrary.org or follow the Library on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Pinterest.

Author Francisco Jimenez introduces new book

Francisco Jimenez will talk about his newest book "Taking Hold" on Monday, Oct. 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Central Park Library. Jimenez, who recently retired from the Department of Modern Languages and Literature at Santa Clara University, has written three books about how his life evolved from a Mexican immigrant, who as a child worked in the fields, to an esteemed college professor. His earlier books include "Breaking Through", which was the first book ever selected for Silicon Valley Reads, and "Reaching Out". His newest book tells about his years pursuing his Ph.D. at Columbia University. He will have books for sale and sign them after the presentation.



Author Francisco Jimenez

Artists welcome at Central Studio

Central Studio at the Central Park Library is a second floor space for artists supplied with free paper, colored pencils, drawing pencils and other art supplies. Libraries are great places for inspiration and creativity, and artists are welcome to sit down and draw whenever the mood strikes. Watch for occasional grant-funded art classes and exhibits of artwork created by Library patrons.

Learn how to research your family roots

Several genealogy classes and talks will be offered this fall at Central Park Library in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society. All are free and registration information is posted at scchgs.org. Programs include:

- Friday, Sept. 11, 1-4:30 p.m. – "Getting Started in Genealogy"
- Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6-7:30 p.m. – "Scanning and Photo Recovery"
- Friday, Oct. 9, 1-3:30 p.m. – "Census 101"
- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6-7:30 p.m. – Adam Henig talks about Alex Haley's book "Roots"
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1-3 p.m. – "Using DNA To Trace Modern and Ancient Roots"
- Thursday, Nov. 12 and Tuesday, Nov. 17, 10:15-11:45 a.m. – Two-part, hands-on class "Introduction to Ancestry"
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6-7:30 p.m. – Jonna Baker talks about the Society of California Pioneers of Santa Clara County

Helping teens get ready for college

Practice college admission exams are planned at the Central Park Library for high school students who want to improve their scores. A practice PSAT is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5, at 12 noon with a follow-up Results and Strategies Seminar on Monday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a practice SAT, the current version before a switch to the new test in 2016, on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 12 noon. The follow-up Results and Strategies Seminar for that test will be on Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Register at SCLibrary.org.



Children's storytimes are back

The fall session of storytimes for young children and infants will begin the week of Sept. 13. These popular sessions introduce youngsters to the joys of reading and learning. Multi-generational family members are welcome. For a complete list of days, times and locations, check the Library's website calendar at SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-2964.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Getting a Santa Clara City Library card is free and easy. Visit SCLibrary.org for details.

Working smoke detectors save lives



Every year, about 1,400 people die in the U.S. from a fire that occurred in a house without a working smoke alarm. Smoke and toxic fumes spread through a house faster than flames and, if you are sound asleep, can be fatal before you are even aware there is a fire emergency.

The blaring sound of a working smoke detector will wake you up and alert everyone in the home that you need to get out – now!

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, in the hallways leading to the bedrooms, and on each floor level of the home. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms.

If your battery-operated smoke detectors were purchased before July 1, 2014, their batteries should be changed twice a year. A good way to remember is to do it when you change your clocks in the spring and fall. Daylight Savings Time ends this year on Sunday, Nov. 1, so mark your calendar now to tackle the potentially life-saving chore of installing new batteries.

Since July 1, 2014, state law requires that all battery-powered smoke alarms sold within California contain a non-replaceable, non-removable battery that is capable of powering the smoke alarm for at least 10 years. Be sure you mark the date of installation on the unit so you will remember when it needs replacing.

No matter what type of smoke detectors you have, test them once a month by holding down the "test" button until you hear the alarm. Talk with your family about a home fire escape plan. There should be two ways out of each sleeping room. Designate a safe meeting place outside of the home where everyone can meet once they escape. If the smoke alarm activates, crawl low to the ground under the smoke and exit your home quickly. Once you are out, stay out!

For further information, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department at 408-615-4970.

Families may have as little as two minutes to get safely out of their home once a fire starts.

Residents, City take care of street trees

City street trees are those planted in the property frontage within the City's right-of-way easement. They provide beauty, sound absorption, shade, air purification and other benefits that add to the neighborhood quality of life.

Taking care of City street trees is a shared responsibility. Residents are asked to water and fertilize them, and City staff handles tree trimming, removal or hazards from downed trees or branches. To schedule a tree trim, call Public Works at 408-615-3080. Only City personnel are allowed to trim or remove City street trees. For emergencies after hours, call Police Dispatch at 408-615-5580.



Check out updated City website

The City of Santa Clara's website, SantaClaraCA.gov, has been updated to reflect the new brand identity – The Center of What's Possible. City departments worked closely with web designers and the IT team to improve not just the look, but the site's usability and convenience. The goal is to make it easy for residents, businesses and visitors to get an overview of Santa Clara and to quickly find information about its services, policies and future.



Draft EIR to be released for City Place Santa Clara

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for City Place Santa Clara, a 215 acre project located across from Levi's Stadium, is scheduled to be released for public review and comment later this summer. It will be available online on the City's website, SantaClaraCA.gov, or at City Hall.

The proposed \$3.5 billion mixed use, transit-oriented development would include more than 5.2 million square feet of retail, entertainment, restaurant, hotel and office space.

Public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council before any final decisions are made.



Proposed City Place Santa Clara mixed use project

Walk-in registration begins for recreation programs

The fall Recreation Activity Guide was mailed to residents in August and online and mail-in registration began Aug. 25. Walk-in registration for both residents and non-residents begins Sept. 2.

Fall recreation programs include a wide variety of classes for all ages. View the Activity Guide online at SantaClaraCA.gov/guide or call 408-615-3140 for more information.

Come together to build a safe, strong community

One of the best ways to strengthen neighborhoods and keep them safe is through a Neighborhood Watch group. Neighborhood Watch offers interesting learning opportunities and a more cohesive connection between you, your neighbors and law enforcement.

Neighborhood Watch groups take a proactive approach to fighting crime by becoming the extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement. Participants learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and recognize and report suspicious activity to the police.

Neighborhood Watch groups are about more than just crime prevention. They also provide a resource for emergency preparedness and serve as a springboard for efforts to address community concerns.



Register the surveillance cameras on your private property with the Police Department as another way to deter crime.

Joining or creating a Neighborhood Watch group does not take a lot of time. The voluntary commitment is roughly one training session per year, with Police Department community liaisons providing the framework and structure for your involvement.

To be clear, Neighborhood Watch groups are not vigilantes and participants are never to take personal risk to prevent crime. There are no guarantees that crime will not occur in a Neighborhood Watch area, but neighbor-to-neighbor connections are an effective way to keep Santa Clara a great place to live, work and play.

If you would like to join a Neighborhood Watch or schedule a presentation in your neighborhood, contact the Santa Clara Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 408-615-4876 or CrimePrevention@santaclaraca.gov.

City honored for engaging community

The City of Santa Clara received the 2015 Program Excellence in Governance Award from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks – the third time that Santa Clara has been honored for its innovative programs. No other city has ever won the award more than once.

The award recognized the efforts by Santa Clara in 2014 to increase community participation and engagement in City government, such as campaigns to increase voter registration, expand recruitment for City Board and Commissions, and enhance multilingual outreach to its diverse residential population.



Traffic web map is popular with residents, commuters

Like many inventions, Santa Clara's innovative web traffic map was created in response to a problem. Complaints about traffic at the inaugural event at Levi's Stadium in August, 2014, prompted the City to look for a solution.



Click on real-time views of 15 intersections to check traffic.

The result is SantaClaraCA.gov/TrafficCam, now the third most visited page on the City's website, that provides real-time visuals of 15 busy sections of Santa Clara roadways. The City's IT Department Geographic Information System (GIS) team partners with the Department of Public Works Traffic Division to gather video feeds from cameras positioned over the northern part of the City. Users can click on the streets of interest to them and get

a birds eye view of the traffic situation at any given time. Traffic views are refreshed every few minutes.

SantaClaraCA.gov/TrafficCam can also be accessed on mobile devices and tablets via the City's mobile app MySantaClara which can be downloaded for free on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Scholarships, grants available for pursuing energy industry careers

Applications are due Monday, Nov. 2, for scholarships and grants available from Silicon Valley Power, the City's electric utility, for students who want to pursue a career in the energy industry. Winners of the \$5,000 college scholarships and \$2,000 technical school grants will be announced in December.

Applicants must reside in the City of Santa Clara and college students must demonstrate a commitment to a field such as electrical engineering, energy efficiency, technology for power management or energy consumer behavior analytics. Technical grant applicants need to show acceptance to a technical school or training program related to the electric utility industry or to a trade such as electrician or solar power technician.

"Workers in the electric utility field are in great demand these days," said John Roukema, Director of Electric Utilities. "There is a nationwide shortage of qualified utility workers including line workers, electricians and power engineers, and the electric utility job market appears ready to grow even more in the near future as the 'smart' electrical grid becomes more sophisticated.

Applications and a sampling of eligible courses of study and training are available at SiliconValleyPower.com/Scholarship or by calling 408-615-6604.

"It is a wise investment for our community to offer financial support to some of our most promising students and trainees."



Three Santa Clara students received \$5,000 Silicon Valley Power scholarships at a June City Council meeting: Shrayan Sundaram, Michelle Vo, and Manpreet Kaur.

Modest rate changes approved, one more may be coming

New rates went into effect on July 1 for water, sewer service and garbage/Clean Green/recycling collection. Even with these modest changes, Santa Clara residents still enjoy the lowest combined utility rates in the Bay Area.

The rate for potable water increased 9.5% from \$3.80 to \$4.16 per hundred cubic feet. The rate change was needed to cover the increased cost of water and capital projects to replace aging infrastructure. The cost of recycled water also went up 10.8%.

Residential monthly sewer charges increased from \$34.65 to \$37.94 per month. Almost three-quarters of the sewer rate goes towards the cost of treating sewage and capital projects at the wastewater treatment plant. The remainder is used to pay for equipment and personnel to operate and maintain the City's sewer collection system.

Rates were also increased for solid waste services including garbage, green waste and recycling collection and the annual Clean-Up campaign. Costs vary depending on the level of service for each household. A complete rate sheet can be downloaded from the City's website at SantaClaraCA.gov/index.aspx?page=2622.

Potential electricity rate change

This fall, the City Council is expected to consider an electricity rate increase of up to 5 percent for customers of Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal electric utility. If approved, it will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016. Even with the increase, the average rates of Silicon Valley Power are 19-44% lower than the rates in neighboring communities. Check the City website SantaClaraCA.gov for information on the date of the City Council public hearing on this matter.

Donations requested to help local animals in need

Jingle was only about three months old when he was found wandering the streets of Santa Clara and brought to the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) Animal Care Center.

Jingle was not using his front left leg and a veterinarian determined he had suffered some type of trauma that was never treated. Even with his injury, Jingle was a very sweet little guy who showered love on anyone he met. Surgery was performed and within a few days he was trotting around with ease. Soon, the right forever family adopted him.

"Thanks to the community's support and generosity, Jingle is just one of the animals who received a second chance at life because of our services," said Michael Limper, SVACA Shelter Manager.

Donations to the Animal Assistance Fund are used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals while they are at the cageless Animal Care Center. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at

SVACA.com or sent by mail to SVACA 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 an opportunity for families, community groups and companies to support and help care for animals. To learn more, visit 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.

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.

Join the City team

If you are interested in jobs with the City of Santa Clara, sign up for "Job Interest Card" on eNotify on the City's website, SantaClaraCA.gov, to receive email notifications of current openings that match your areas of interest. Prospective candidates may also follow SantaClaraJobs on Twitter or LinkedIn.

Call the Santa Clara Job Employment Hotline at 408-615-JOBS, or visit the City's website at SantaClaraCA.gov to learn about current City of Santa Clara recruitments.

Keep fall leaves out of storm drains

Fall means falling leaves and an increased potential for flooding along City streets if leaves are allowed to clog storm drains.

Santa Clara residents can help prevent flooding by keeping fallen leaves under control. Never blow or rake leaves into the street! Sweep or rake fallen leaves into piles, and place the piles into your Clean Green cart along with grass clippings, weeds, palm fronds, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small tree branches and flowers for weekly curbside collection and recycling. Extra Clean Green containers can be obtained free of charge by contacting Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365.



Leaves clogging storm drains can cause flooded streets

It is also a good idea to keep an eye on your neighborhood storm drain catch basin. If a catch basin is clogged with leaves and can be accessed safely, clear it with a broom or rake or call the City of Santa Clara Public Works Department at 408-615-3080 for assistance.

Do not dump

It is illegal to dump anything into a creek or storm drain. Dumping debris into creeks or storm drains can obstruct the flow of water and causes flooding, and results in additional expense to residents and businesses. Help keep the storm drain and flood management systems operating by reporting illegal dumping to the City at 408-615-3080 or 408-615-5580 (24 hours). You can also call the Santa Clara Valley Water District's illegal Dumping Hotline (24 hours) 1-888-510-5151.

A few days of heavy rain can bring flooding – be prepared

Weather forecasters are hopefully predicting an El Nino autumn/winter – welcome news for drought-weary Californians. But even if big time storms do not arrive, just a few days of heavy rain can saturate the ground and cause flooding.

Is your home in a floodplain?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates certain areas along rivers or streams as Special Flood Hazard Areas, also called 100-year floodplains. To find out if your property lies within a floodplain, or for information on flood-related questions, call the City Planning Department at 408-615-2450.

Never drive through standing water on roads or flooded underpasses. It may be deeper than you think!

Do you need flood insurance?

Basic homeowner's insurance does not cover losses from flooding. The City of Santa Clara participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which means residents and businesses can purchase flood insurance to protect their property from the hazards of

flooding. This insurance is available to anyone who has property in the City, even if the property is not in a flood hazard area. Property owners in an identified flood hazard area in the City of Santa Clara receive a 10% discount in the premium costs for the federal insurance policy. Information about flood insurance can be obtained from your insurance agent, by calling 1-800-427-4661 or visiting the FEMA website, fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

If a flood occurs

If you are concerned about potential flooding during a heavy storm, monitor media reports for emergency information and check for real-time data on stream, reservoir and precipitation gauge information at ValleyWater.org or call 1-888-HEYNOAH. The City of Santa Clara will make every effort to warn residents if a neighborhood is threatened by flood. For information about sandbags, call the City Corporation Yard 408-615-3080. To report emergencies involving City electric, water and sewer utilities, storm drains or flooding, call 408-615-5640. To report life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1.



Safely dispose of hazardous waste on Sept. 16

Disposal of household hazardous waste is safe and easy for Santa Clara residents by taking advantage of a free drop-off event on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the City Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave.

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 by going to 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.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program also accepts electronic waste (e-waste) which is defined as 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.

Sharps also collected

State 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 ask your personal physician, clinic administrator or pharmacist if they have a take-back program in place. You can also bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event for Santa Clara residents on Sept. 26.



Clean-Up Campaign survey results coming

Thank you to all who participated in the survey on the Annual Clean-up Campaign that was distributed at informational meetings, by mail and through the City's website and social media. A total of 2,193 Santa Clara residents responded and included a mix of single-family and multi-family residents. Results are being compiled and will be presented at a City Council meeting this fall.

So many places to go, things to do this fall

Farmers Market Saturdays

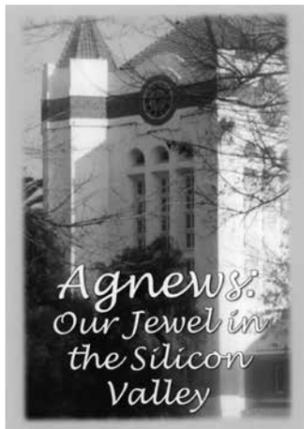


The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market operates year-round from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead and Benton. The weekly event, sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market, offers fresh-picked fruits and vegetables, baked

goods and prepared foods. Don't forget to bring your own bags! For information call 510-745-7100.

Movie Night at Harris-Lass Friday, Sept. 11

The 1867 era barn on the Harris-Lass Museum Preserve, 1889 Market St., becomes a movie theater for free showings of 30 minutes of the documentary "Agnews: Our Jewel in the Silicon Valley" at 6:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. Popcorn and cider will be served. Learn about the early history of Agnews and how the California State Hospital for the mentally ill operated as a city of its own. The film was produced by Lawrence DeJanvier, former City Cemetery Operations Superintendent, with scripting and directorial assistance by Kathleen Lee and other retirees from the staff of the Agnews Developmental Center. The film is suitable for ages 13 and up. RSVP to Leo at 408-985-5384 with preferred time. Harris-Lass will be open for tours on selected weekend dates through October. For information, visit HarrisLass.org or call the Museum's message line at 408-249-7905.



Friends of the Library Book Sales Saturdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 21

Choose from hundreds of donated books at the monthly Saturday sale at the Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Proceeds support the Santa Clara City Library. Books may also be purchased from an online bookstore that is operated by Friends of the Santa Clara City Library. Go to LoveTheLibrary.org and follow the link to its virtual store on Amazon.com.

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.

Harvest Moon Festival Saturday, Sept. 12

Performances, music, crafts and entertainment are planned at the Northside Branch Library, 695 Moreland Way, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Test your chopstick skills by picking up everything from a marshmallow to a grain of rice at the "Chopstick Challenge." Sample unusual treats at the Asian Snack Bar. For more information, visit SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-5500.

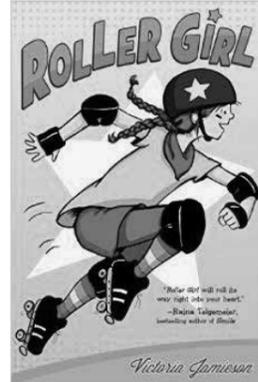
New Exhibits at de Saisset Museum Opening Sept. 18

Three exhibits will be on display at the de Saisset Museum on the Santa Clara University campus this fall. "Closer by the Minute" is a two-part video installation by artists David and Hi-Jin Hodge. One documentary describes the rapid decline of the City of Niagara Falls and the second, "Life on Wheels," explores the impact of car culture on contemporary society. A reception with the artists is scheduled for Sept. 24, 7-8:30 p.m.



Ernest de Saisset, Self-Portrait, late 19th century, oil on canvas, Gift of the Estate of Isabel de Saisset, 1.52

The other two exhibits celebrate the museum's 60th anniversary. "Keep, Care and Collect On" highlights the permanent collection, including pieces by Wynn Bullock, Wayne Thiebaud, Andy Warhol and Jo Whaley. "de Saisset: From Family Name to Artistic Legacy" uses photographs, correspondence and archival records to tell the story of how de Saisset grew from the surname of an ambitious young painter to an accredited university museum. For more information, visit scu.edu/deSaisset.



Rock 'n Roller Derby Saturday, Sept. 19

Meet Roller Derby author Victoria Jamieson at Northside Branch Library and have fun on a roller derby skate park in the library parking lot 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Silicon Valley Roller Girls, California's premier roller derby team, will be on site to show off their roller girl spirit and skills. For information, visit SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-5500.

Oktoberfest Throughout October

Celebrate the world's largest funfair with programs on home brewing, global beers and German cuisine at both Central Park Library and Northside Branch Library. Check the Library's website SCLibrary.org in September and for specific dates, times and locations.

Family Day Festival Saturday, Oct. 10

Bring the family to this annual free event 1-3 p.m. at the de Saisset Museum on the Santa Clara University campus that includes hands-on-art activities, a photo booth, an art scavenger hunt, performances and a birthday celebration in honor of the museum's 60th anniversary. For information, visit scu.edu/deSaisset.



Families enjoying hands-on-art at Family Day, photo courtesy Santa Clara University.

Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle Saturday, Oct. 16

The Santa Clara Chorale seeks to capture both the spirituality of a Latin Mass and the light-hearted musicality of a comic opera with its performance of this well-known choral work at 8 p.m. in Mission Santa Clara. The 90-member community chorus is under the artistic leadership of Dr. Scot Hanna-Weir. For information, visit scc.org.

Environmental Day Saturday, Oct. 17

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 at this annual event for Santa Clara residents at Recology, 650 Martin Ave. Confidential documents may be shredded at no cost. In order to participate, bring your Santa Clara utility bill and photo I.D. For more information contact Recology at 408-970-5100.

Mission Library Family Reading Center Anniversary Saturday, Oct. 17

Santa Clara's oldest library is celebrating its 60th Diamond Anniversary with a party from 12 noon - 4 p.m. for the whole family. The theme "The American Dream Continues..." refers to the role of the library in helping everyone in the community achieve their dreams. Activities include programs, entertainment and refreshments. For more information, visit SCLibrary.org.



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“Agatha Crusty and The Murder Mystery Dinner”

Opens Oct. 23

A murder mystery dinner with well-known crime novelist Agatha Crusty becomes the real thing when a guest is murdered. It may sound gruesome, but there are plenty of laughs in this comedy production by the Santa Clara Players. For dates, times and ticket location, visit SCPlayers.org or call 408-248-7993.

Spooktacular Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 31

A free Halloween party for preschool children through 5th grade will be held at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center from 12 noon-4 p.m. Activities include a costume contest, carnival games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, entertainment and lots of treats, including refreshments sold by the Youth Commission. For information, call 408-615-3760.



Monopoly Tournament

Friday, Nov. 6

Participate in the entry rounds of City of Santa Clara's first Monopoly Tournament, from 6-8 p.m. at either the Teen Center or the Northside Branch Library. Winners at each

site will go on to a final round on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Central Park Library. Prior to the tournament, the documentary “Under the Boardwalk: The Monopoly Story” will be shown at each location. For information, visit SCLibrary.org.

Mission City Community Fund Casino Night

Saturday, Nov. 7

“Get Your Game On” is the theme of this annual event that raises money for charities serving the Santa Clara community. It will be held at the Great America Pavilion and the \$125 ticket price includes gaming, dinner, and entertainment. For more information, visit cagreatamerica.com/missioncity, or contact Patty Mahan at 408-410-1420.

Diwali Festival of Lights

Saturday, Nov. 7

Enjoy free performances, music, crafts and entertainment throughout the afternoon at the Northside Branch Library. For information, visit SCLibrary.org or call 408-615-5500. Dhamaka Diwali!

Model Train Show and Open House

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8



Two museum-quality model railroad layouts will run historical era trains from the 1950s and 1960s at the Santa Clara Depot 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. The Edward Peterman Museum of Railroad History at the Depot includes a collection of railroad lanterns and historic trackside and grade crossing

signaling devices, as well as memorabilia of local railroad workers. Entrance fee of \$5 for adults; under 18 admitted free. The Company Store will be open so visitors can purchase used model railroad trains and accessories, railroad memorabilia, books, magazines, DVDs and railroad videos.

The Santa Clara Depot is the oldest operating railroad passenger depot in California. It was originally constructed in 1863 as one of two “way stations” between San Francisco and San Jose. The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit 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. Find out more at www.sbhrs.org.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Join City leaders in honoring veterans at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park. Program begins at 3 p.m.



Oliver!

Nov. 13-22

The classic Broadway musical will be presented by the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre with six performances in the Communication Recreation Center. Curtain time is 7 p.m. on Nov. 13, 14, 20 and 21, with 2 p.m. matinees on Nov. 15 and 22. Enjoy talented youngsters acting, dancing and singing popular songs like “Food, Glorious Food,” “Consider Yourself,” “Where is Love” and “As Long as He Needs Me.” Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 18 and under and can be purchased online at RJJT.org, or in person at the Community Recreation Center. Upcoming productions include The Wizard of Oz, Disney's Aladdin Kids and Shrek The Musical Jr. For more information, contact Kevin Cornelius at 408-615-3161, or kcornelius@santaclaraca.gov.

December Holiday Events At A Glance

See pull-out Home for the Holiday insert for more information on these activities

Friday, Dec. 4

Holiday Tree Lighting, 5-9 p.m., Central Park
Holiday Historic Home Tour

Saturday, Dec. 5

Holiday Craft Faire, 10 a.m.-4p.m., Central Park Library
Holiday Gift Fair, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Triton Museum of Art
Holiday Historic Home Tour
Caltrain Holiday Train, 8 p.m., Santa Clara Depot
“The Christmas Mouse,” 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Santa Clara Players Theater

Sunday, Dec. 6

“The Christmas Mouse,” 3 p.m., Santa Clara Players Theater

Friday, Dec. 11

Deadline for entering Holiday Outdoor Decorations Contest
Chorale Concert, 8 p.m., Mission Santa Clara

Saturday, Dec. 12

“The Christmas Mouse,” 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Santa Clara Players Theater
“The Nutcracker” Ballet, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Santa Clara Convention Center

Sunday, Dec. 13

“The Nutcracker” Ballet, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Santa Clara Convention Center
“The Christmas Mouse,” 3 p.m., Santa Clara Players Theater
Chorale Concert, 4 p.m., Mission Santa Clara

Thursday, Dec. 17

Evening with Santa, 6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m. Community Recreation Center

Saturday, Dec. 19

Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., Santa Clara Senior Center

Fall is busy season for Triton Museum of Art

New exhibits, monthly “Free Friday” performances, art classes for children and adults and several special events are coming up this fall at the Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Ave. For more complete information, visit TritonMuseum.org.

Four exhibits start in September and will be on display through Jan. 3, 2016, starting with an exhibition of selections from the Triton’s permanent collection and a solo exhibit by noted Monterey abstractionist Chris Winfield. These shows will be joined by an exhibit of photographs by Santa Clara resident Yao-Pi Hsu, winner of the Triton’s 2014 statewide 2D competition, and “What the Triton Means to Me” featuring paintings and sculptures by six artists whose careers have been influenced by their relationship with the museum.

Free Friday performances

Bring the family to the Triton for free monthly performance by a variety of music, dance and theatrical groups. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and refreshments are available to purchase from the Sister Cities Association. Fall performances are: Tabia African-American Theatre Ensemble on Sept. 11; Cantonese Opera Association Silicon Valley on Oct. 2; and Santa Clara Players with musical interludes from the South Bay Guitar Society on Nov. 6.

Art classes

Adult artists are invited to register for Open Studio time to work directly from a live model in long-term poses or learn about acrylic abstract and landscapes in a 10-week class starting in September. Classes for children begin Sept. 22 and include programs for all ages. For course information, visit TritonMuseum.org or call 408-247-0731.

Special events

“Shakespeare, Michelangelo and More: Changing the Way We See the World,” six-week course on Thursdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

Reception with artists Chris Winfield and Yao-Pi Hsu on Friday, Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m. Free for museum members, \$5 for non-members.

“Night@tritonmuseum” on Friday, Sept. 3, 7-11 p.m. includes retro video games, snacks and art demonstrations tailored to a 21+ crowd.

“Halloween Community Night” on Thursday, Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m. invites families to wear costumes for art projects and tasty treats. Free admission.



Coffee with the Curator is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 28, and Monday, Nov. 16, 8-9:15 a.m. Free for Museum members, \$5 for non-members.

Enjoy a warm fire – if air quality allows

Cool fall weather makes a crackling wood fire sound appealing, but air pollution concerns in the Bay Area can limit days when you are allowed to use a wood-burning device, including fireplaces, wood stoves or pellet stoves.

When air quality in the region reaches “unhealthy” status, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will issue a Spare the Air Alert and wood-burning devices cannot be used. Spare the Air days are heavily publicized in the news media or visit sparetheair.org to find if a Spare the Air Alert is in effect. You can also sign up to receive an automatic alert by phone or email.

Small particles and toxic chemicals from wood smoke can cause serious health problems, especially in children, older adults and those with heart or respiratory problems.



Silicon Valley Power 2014 POWER CONTENT LABEL

ENERGY RESOURCES	2014 SVP POWER MIX	2013 CA POWER MIX** (for comparison)
Eligible Renewable	36.3%	18.8%
– Biomass & waste	2.1%	2.7%
– Geothermal	10.0%	4.5%
– Eligible Hydro	4.2%	1.3%
– Solar	2.1%	1.8%
– Wind	17.9%	8.6%
Coal	11.4%	7.8%
Large Hydro	15.1%	7.8%
Natural Gas	42.1%	44.3%
Nuclear	0.0%	8.8%
Other	0.0%	0.0%
Unspecified sources of power*	4.9%	12.5%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%

* Unspecified sources of power” means electricity from transactions that are not traceable to specific generation sources.

** Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.

*** 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.

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 <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1305/index.html>

Santa Clara Senior Center Services

The City of Santa Clara Senior Center provides a safe, positive and welcoming environment for adults ages 50 plus. The goal is to make available facilities, programs and services that meet the widely varying needs of older adults in our community as they age – from active senior to the frail elderly.

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



Programs and services at the Senior Center include:

- Newcomers Social
- Care Management
- Dining Out - Senior Nutrition Program
- Health Insurance and Medicare Counseling (HICAP)
- Health and Wellness
- Legal Assistance (SALA)
- Lunch Meet Presentations
- Support Groups
- Senior Peer Advocate (SPA)
- Fitness Center and Natatorium
- Ballroom Dances
- Classes
- Adventures to Go & Let's Talk Travel

Public Viewer simplifies access to property information

Printing a map or property report required for a building permit or other planning needs is now easier for Santa Clara residents and businesses thanks to a new Public Viewer feature on the City's website that taps into the same database referenced by City staff for planning decisions.

Map.SantaClaraCA.gov is a multimodal data portal that allows easier access to viewing zoning areas, building permit information and property background. Property reports and maps can be generated for printing. The California Public Records Act requires the City to share property data, excluding confidential information.

School's back in session – look out for cyclists and pedestrians

The school year is underway and that means more traffic, especially during the morning commute time. Traffic safety is a priority in Santa Clara, and the Police Department offers these recommendations to help keep pedestrians and cyclists safe.



The City of Santa Clara is hiring adult (21 or older) crossing guards. Hours and locations vary. Call 408-615-4875 for information.

Stay within speed limits in school zones and be extra alert and cautious when driving near schools when students are arriving or leaving. Children may sometimes dart out between cars.

Pull as close as possible to the curb to drop off children. Avoid double-parking to let the child off in the middle of the street. Don't let your child get out on the driver's side as this heightens the risk of them getting hit by passing motorists.

Every school is equipped with loading and unloading zones and they should be used for that purpose – not for parking and waiting for school to let out or begin. Do not park or leave your car unattended in these areas -- you may be cited.

When anyone, be it a student, parent or a crossing guard, steps into the crosswalk (marked or unmarked), vehicles should come to a complete stop and wait for the pedestrians to completely cross. Keep a safe distance away from the crosswalk and stay behind limit lines if they are in place.

Miss America quest begins Nov. 14

Every Miss America starts at the local level, and in Santa Clara that is with the Miss Santa Clara competitions in January. Saturday, Nov. 14, is the deadline for young women to enter either the Miss Santa Clara (for ages 17-24) or Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen (for ages 13-16) competitions. Both are official preliminaries of the nationwide Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen programs.



Jessa Carmack
MISS SANTA CLARA 2015



Caroline Monahan
Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen 2015

All girls ages 4-10 are invited to be a Miss Santa Clara Princess. Each will receive a sash and tiara and be invited to a princess party.

Contestants must live, work or attend school in Santa Clara. They will compete in interview, on-stage question, physical fitness, talent and evening wear categories during the Miss Competitions on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts.

Anyone interested in competing must attend one of the mandatory contestant orientations scheduled for Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 at the Henry Schmidt Park Building on the corner of Los Padres Boulevard and Saratoga Avenue. Register for one of the orientations by emailing MissSantaClaraOrg@yahoo.com.

The Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award more than \$15,000 in educational scholarships 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. There is no fee to enter the competition.

Learn more about Miss Santa Clara on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Residential Street Sweeping

The City sweeps residential streets at least every other week, sometimes weekly, on the day after refuse collection (Monday if pick-up is Friday). Do not park on the street that day. Leaves should be put into the Clean Green cart, not piled on the street or in the gutter. Questions? Call Public Works at 408-615-3080.

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City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees* 1st Mon., 6:30 p.m.
City Council Two Tue. per month, 7 p.m.
Civil Service Commission 2nd Mon., 7 p.m.
Cultural Commission 1st Mon., 7 p.m.
Historical & Landmarks Commission 1st Thurs., 7 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Commission 3rd Tue., 7 p.m.
Planning Commission One Wed. per month, 7 p.m.
Senior Advisory Commission** 4th Mon., 10 a.m.
Youth Commission (during the school year)** 2nd Tue., 6 p.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 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
Dates and times may vary. Call 408-615-2220 for information.

City Council meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 15 and AT&T Channel 99. There are also live and archived streams of City Council meetings on the City's website SantaClaraCA.gov.

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City budget moves to restore library, recreation services

A balanced budget was adopted by the City Council for the 2015-16 fiscal year that started July 1, an encouraging sign that the City's fiscal health is on the right track.

The improved Santa Clara economy 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, has helped the City rebuild the Working Capital Reserve close to targeted levels.

Services to residents are being restored with increased operating hours and programs at parks, recreation facilities and libraries. Public safety staffing needs are being evaluated while additional funded positions in both police and fire have been approved.

The total City budget for fiscal year 2015-16 is \$720.2 million, a 9.0% increase over the previous year. This amount includes a combined City Operating Budget of \$647.3 million to fund core services, of which \$182.5 million is in the General Fund. A Capital Improvement Project Budget of \$72.9 million was also adopted.

Information about the budget can be found on the City's website SantaClaraCA.gov and copies of the 2015-16 budget can be found online and at City Hall and the City Libraries.



Additional hours of operation and more funds to purchase materials for the City Libraries are among services included in the 2015-16 budget.