

Mission City Scenes

Abandoned Vehicles

Are there cars parked on your street that never get used? Do they sit there collecting cobwebs and debris? The Santa Clara Police Department offers an Abandoned Vehicle Hotline, available 24 hours a day, which allows citizens to report any vehicle(s) that they believe are abandoned. The hotline number is (408) 615-4778.

Santa Clara Municipal Code Section 10.05.470 prohibits parking or storage of any vehicle(s) on a public street for more than 72 consecutive hours. Excluded from the City's abatement program are: any vehicle(s) parking or stored on private streets, commercial properties and/or rental housing properties, including parking lots. Under California Vehicle Code Section 22658, it is the financial and legal responsibility of the private property owner to deal with abandoned vehicles on their property.

Santa Clara Municipal Code Section 10.10.010 prohibits the storage of any abandoned, disabled, dismantled or inoperative vehicle(s) or parts thereof on private single-family residential properties in a location where they would be visible from the public right-of-way. Such violations may be declared to constitute a public nuisance for criminal, civil and/or administrative abatement actions.

Non-compliance will result in the issuance of citations and/or towing of the vehicle. All costs for citations, towing, storage fees and city vehicle release fees must be paid by the vehicle owner before the vehicle will be released. Once reported, the Police Department Traffic Division will ensure that the problem is resolved. Please have the following information ready when you call the hotline: location, make, model, color and license plate.

City Hall Closures

City Office Closure in February

City Hall is closed on Monday, February 15 for President's Day. There will be no change in regular Garbage, Clean Green and Recycling schedule.

Triton Museum of Art News

Exhibitions

Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

January 18 - April 3

Education/Events

Classical Still Life Painting workshop with John Peck
Saturday & Sunday, February 20-21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Art History Winter 2016: Dark Curiosities of Art History

Thursday Evenings, February 25 - March 31, 7-8:30 p.m.

Coffee with the Curator: The Physical Ideal in Art History

Monday, February 29, 8 - 9:15 a.m.

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tritonmuseum.org

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January 2016



75th Annual Camellia Show

Community Recreation Center (969 Kiely Boulevard)

Saturday, February 20, 2-5 p.m.

Sunday, February 21, 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

Get ready for the 75th Annual Camellia Show! Co-sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, this free event is open to all and has long been a community favorite. Delight your senses as you stroll through the exhibits of hundreds of delicate blooms in different sizes and colors. Talk with experts about what camellia would be best for your yard, deck or terrace. Attend an educational lecture on how best to grow camellias. In honor of the 75th anniversary show, photographers of all levels are invited to enter photos of camellias in a contest for prizes. In addition, the Camellia society will be selling a variety of Camellia plants that are not found in local nurseries. Entries will be accepted on Saturday, February 20, from 6:30-10 a.m., and both

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novices and youth are encouraged to enter their camellias. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place entries. For more information or details regarding camellia entry or photography, visit cccamelliasociety.com or contact John Mendoza at (408) 203-0011.

STEM Innovation Bowl

Central Park Library

Saturday, January 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Imagine yourself in a space station, floating as you see the earth below. Attendees of the STEM Innovation Bowl will be able to don a virtual reality headset outfitted with a motion controller and for a few minutes become an astronaut. The motion controller senses hand movements and allows actual interaction with virtual objects—the buttons of the space station and tools—while weightless in a zero gravity environment. This is just one of the ten interactive exhibits at Santa Clara's STEM Innovation Bowl.

As part of the Countdown to Kick-off, the event celebrates Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) with the theme "Experience from Afar." Football games are watched by millions of people on TVs and laptops streaming content, but what's in store for future viewing? The STEM Innovation Bowl will demonstrate immersive technologies and highlight virtual reality, augmented reality, telepresence robots, computer vision, gaming and Santa Clara's interactive map tool, MapSantaClara. Six presentations will deep dive into the technologies. Recommended for grades 6 and up. Younger grades should be accompanied by an adult. The Santa Clara Library and Information Technology Departments have created this event through a partnership with innovative local tech companies. For more information, visit SantaClaraCa.gov/Innovation.

Sister Cities Annual Tea Social

Santa Clara Senior Center

Saturday, February 13, 1-4 p.m.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association is getting ready to host its 6th Annual Tea Social. Come and enjoy a lovely assortment of teas, sandwiches and scones and top it all off with a trip to the Chocolate Fountain. Music will be provided by Santa Clara's own Benjamin Akeala Belew on the piano. Tickets are \$30 each. Tables of 8 are available for \$240. For more information, please contact Debi Davis at debid56@comcast.net or (408) 687-0331.

Genealogy Program

Central Park Library Redwood Room,

Thursday, February 25, 1-2:30 p.m.

The National Library of Ireland has released digital images of all 1,091 Roman Catholic parish register microfilms. Ed Keelin, an experienced researcher of Irish records, will give a tour of the records and best practices for searching successfully. Then, on March 17th he will present information on the Irish Census and census substitutes.

3rd Annual Library Lollapalooza

Central Park Library

Saturday, February 27, 6:30-9 p.m.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Santa Clara City Library at the 3rd Annual Love Our Library Lollapalooza! This year's theme is "The Great Gatsby", and the event will have music, drinks, delicious food from the Mission College Culinary Arts Program, fun games and more. We'd love to see you there! Please visit lovethelibrary.org to buy tickets or for more information.

Making a Green City Greener

Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the City's municipal electric utility, is committed to giving customers the

lowest cost power available while also leaving a clean, healthy planet for future generations. In 2004, the City launched Santa Clara Green Power – a program that gives Santa Clarans the option to support a cleaner community by choosing 100% renewable energy on their electric bill. "Our main focus was, and still is, giving our customers a green power choice," says Larry Owens, SVP Division Manager of Customer Services. With the support of thousands of residents and businesses, Santa Clara Green Power celebrated its 10th anniversary as a nationally recognized award winning program. Most recently, Silicon Valley Power won the prestigious 2015 U.S. EPA Green Power Leadership Award for Supplier of the Year for this program.

...Choose Green Power!

For those who participate in Santa Clara Green Power, SVP will purchase Green-e Energy Certified® renewable energy certificates from 85% California solar and 15% Western wind facilities to match the electricity their home or business uses each month. These clean, zero emission-energy facilities do not emit harmful particulate matter or greenhouse gases and will leave future generations with a legacy of sustainable energy. The average Santa Clara Green Power participant will prevent over 7,300 pounds of CO₂ from discharging into the atmosphere each year. That's equivalent to the carbon removed from the atmosphere annually by 2.8 acres of pine forests or by not driving a car for eight months. Participants pay a slight premium (1.5 cents more per kWh) to offset 100% of their home's electricity use. For the typical household in Santa Clara, this costs on average \$7.50 more per month (actual cost varies each month based on usage) and participants can cancel at any time.

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