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**City of Santa Clara Celebrates Independence Day
4th of July All-City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza Show**

What: All-City Picnic & Fireworks Extravaganza
When: Wednesday, July 4, 2018
12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Where: Central Park, 909 Kiely Boulevard, Santa Clara CA 95051

The City of Santa Clara invites the community to stay safe this 4th of July and attend a free All-City Picnic and public fireworks display performed by licensed professionals in Central Park. Enjoy live entertainment on the Main stage and visit City Department resource booths. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food prepared by local community groups and food trucks. Kids' activities include carnival games, hands-on crafts, face painting and free swimming at the International Swim Center.

Join Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor and the Santa Clara City Council for the official welcome and flag dedication ceremony starting at 2:00 p.m. The Mayor's Address and National Anthem will begin at 9:15 p.m. The day's finale will conclude with a fantastic Fireworks Extravaganza at 9:30 p.m., with patriotic music and a sky ablaze with colors performed by licensed professionals under supervision of the Santa Clara Fire Department.

Kiely Blvd and Patricia Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. On-street parking is limited, ADA Parking is available in the Pavilion Parking Lot, and managed parking is available at St. Justin's School and Santa Clara High School. The City encourages walking, biking (Free Bike Watch will be available), and/or carpooling. Passenger drop-off is designated in front of the Central Park Library.

Fireworks, drones, pets, portable barbecues, propane, alcohol and open flames are prohibited in the event venue. Central Park group picnic areas is open, first come first served.

The event is sponsored by Silicon Valley Power, with support from the County of Santa Clara 2018 Fireworks Grant, and produced by City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation. Portions of the event will be live streamed on the City of Santa Clara's Facebook and YouTube channels.

For more information, visit <http://santaclaraca.gov/4thofjuly>

Schedule of Events:

Picnic Activities - Central Park Meadow

12:00-4:30 pm Ticket Sales Booth: Next to Carnival Games, tickets are \$0.50 cents each
12:00-5:00 pm Carnival Games-1 ticket each; Bounce Houses-2 tickets; Face Painting-4 tickets
12:00-5:00 pm Visit City Department Booths
12:30-4:30 pm Free Public Swimming at International Swim Center; Limited capacity, first come, first served



Main Stage Entertainment - Basketball Courts at Central Park with sound throughout the Park

2:00 pm	Welcome-Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor & Flag Dedication Ceremony
2:15-3:00 pm	Deja vu Jazz Band
3:30-4:00 pm	Vanguard Cadets
4:30-6:15pm	Houserockers- Rock and Soul Review
7:15-9:15 pm	Pop Fiction- High Energy Dance Party
9:15 pm	Mayor's Address & National Anthem
9:30 pm	Fireworks Extravaganza

Community Food Groups - Central Park Meadow

12:00-8:30 pm	Santa Clara Elks Lodge #2347-Polish Dogs, Taquitos & Salsa, French Fries, Soda & Water Santa Clara PAL- TBD Teen Challenge – BBQ Chicken Plate, Teriyaki Rice Bowl, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Shaved Ice & Frozen Drinks Boy Scouts- Kettle Korn, Cotton Candy, Ice Cream, Lemonade & Cold Drinks
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Food Trucks – Community Recreation Center Parking Lot & Patricia Drive

3:00-9:30 pm	Rice Rocket, Chutney Mary's, BBQ Kalbi, 3 Brothers Kitchen, Sarah's Latin Taste, Kona Ice, Lalo's Tacos, Meating Spot, Akita Sushi and more!
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Attractions- Community Recreation Center Parking Lot

4:30-9:00 pm	Carnival Games & Face Painting
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Fireworks Advisory:

The laws governing fireworks in Santa Clara are clear – fireworks are illegal. Yet, on July 4, 2017, the City of Santa Clara's Communications Center received 150+ calls related to illegal fireworks. Please do not engage in fireworks – it's inconsiderate to your neighbors, needlessly scares children and pets, creates an unsafe situation and as a result ties up emergency phone lines.

Santa Clara Municipal Code section 15.60.280 states, "The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling, and use of fireworks, including those fireworks classified as Safe and Sane by the California State Fire Marshal, are prohibited." This includes, but is not limited to, popular bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers and sparklers. Illegal fireworks are dangerous, should not be used, and pose a hazard to you and our community.

Residents are asked to report noise complaints and/or illegal fireworks to Public Safety Dispatchers the following circumstances:

- Injury - call 9-1-1
- Fire - call 9-1-1
- Property damage - call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580
- Sale of fireworks - call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580
- Knowledge of an exact location where fireworks are being set off - call the non-emergency number 408-615-5580

Administrative citations can be issued to violators as staffing allows. The fine for the first infraction is \$300 and/or by imprisonment of up to six months. The penalty is more severe if the discharge of fireworks results in a personal injury or property damage.