

GENERAL INFORMATION

Letter about Community Grant Policy: On Jan. 18, the City Manager issued a [letter](#) to the community to clarify the City Council-approved Community Grant Policy. The new policy, adopted in September 2018, makes it easier and faster for community groups to use City facilities at no-or-reduced costs. The letter shares facts due to inaccurate and misleading articles in the Silicon Valley Voice/Santa Clara Weekly, which give the impression that the City has intentionally done harm to our valued nonprofit organizations and community events. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210 or email communications@santaclaraca.gov.

Residential Curbside Recycling Services Update: On Jan. 29, the City Council will consider taking action on an amendment to an agreement with Recology South Bay, the company that currently provides residential curbside recycling services in Santa Clara. If the amended agreement is approved by Council, residential customers will likely see an estimated \$1.55 increase to monthly charges for this service. The new rate would take effect July 2019. The reasons behind the residential recycling rates potentially going up are due to: 1.) China's National Sword Policy has reduced the types of recycling materials that will be accepted and limits the markets where they can be resold, 2.) commodity values of recycling materials have decreased significantly since the original bid 11 years ago and 3.) the 2008 original bid by Recology South Bay was very low. The bid was 75 percent less than the next lowest bid and 138 percent less than the highest bid. The new proposed rate would still be among the lowest in comparison to 10 nearby cities.

As part of the proposal, Recology is requesting a tariff adjustment, which would amount to an increase of \$1.36/month in addition to the \$2.98/month tariff they are already receiving. The new tariff would take effect Feb. 1, 2019. To fund the additional unbudgeted tariff expenses while avoiding any immediate cost impacts to customers, the Council will consider authorizing the transfer of \$251,000 from the Solid Waste Fund balance. The City's current contract with Recology is due to expire January 2020. The proposed amendment would extend the contract under new terms to run through Dec. 31, 2021. For more information, visit the City's Residential Garbage & Recycling [webpage](#) or email Environment@santaclaraca.gov.

Council Goal and Priority Setting Session: The City Council will meet for a two-day goal and priority setting session on Thursday, Jan. 31 and Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. The sessions will take place at City Hall Council Chambers located at 1500 Warburton Ave. on Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Feb. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the sessions, the Mayor and City Council will meet to establish goals for the next two years. This is important work because it sets the policy framework for budget decisions and how City resources are aligned in support of these objectives. The public is invited to attend the sessions. The sessions will also be live streamed on the City's government channel on [Comcast cable channel 15](#), City's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.

Marsalli Park Off-Leash Dog Area Now Open: The City has reopened the Marsalli Park off-leash dog area as the weather conditions have improved. The off-leash dog area was closed due to the recent wet winter weather and saturated grass conditions, to ensure health and safety, as well as to

prevent undue deterioration. This temporary closure was similar to the City's park maintenance practices for natural grass turf facilities and fields. For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 408-615-2260 or email PRCustomerServe@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Drill to Take Place at DVR Power Plant: An emergency drill is tentatively scheduled for the morning of Feb. 7 at Santa Clara's DVR Power Plant. Staff from Silicon Valley Power and the Fire Department will participate in the exercise. The City will post signs along Duane Avenue, Lafayette Street and Comstock Street that a drill is taking place at the power plant, and City employees will notify surrounding businesses. Social media platforms will also be used to inform the public. For more information, please contact Silicon Valley Power at info@siliconvalleypower.com.

Parkland In-Lieu Fees Update: Since Sept. 13, 2014, the Santa Clara City Code includes Chapter 17.35 "Park and Recreational Land" that requires new residential developments to provide developed park and recreational land, and/or pay a fee in-lieu, pursuant to the California Quimby Act and/or the Mitigation Fee Act. The Administrative Draft of the Park and Recreation Facilities Development Impact Fee Study Update is now available for review and comment. The City is interested in comments through 5 p.m. Feb. 26, 2019. Comments should be directed to Gina Saporito by email at GSaporito@SantaClaraCA.gov. Additional information is available on the City Parks & Recreation Park Impact Fee. The item is tentatively expected to go before the City Council for consideration in the early April 2019 timeframe.

The 2019 public comment timeline is as follows:

- Jan. 14 - Public review and comment period on Nexus Study update administrative draft begins
- Jan. 22 - 3 p.m. - Community & Stakeholder Meeting, Santa Clara Senior Center - 1303 Fremont St., Rm. 232
- Feb. 26 - 3 p.m. - Community and Stakeholder Meeting, Santa Clara Senior Center - 1303 Fremont St., Rm. 232
- Feb. 26 - 5 p.m. - Community Input period ends

Santa Clara Recognized as Bicycle Friendly Community: On Dec. 6, 2018, the City was designated as a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). Bicycle Friendly Communities are recognized for four years and this is the third time that Santa Clara has been awarded this designation. The City was evaluated for its bicycling efforts in the areas of education, encouragement, evaluation, engineering and enforcement. Maintaining this designation by the LAB is important as the City continues to encourage cycling through ever expanding bike lanes and trail networks, educational programs for schools, and promotional events like "Bike to Work Day" and "Bike to School Day". The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) assisted staff with completing the lengthy application and the City appreciates all their hard work. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 408-615-3000.



El Camino Real Pavement Surface Project: El Camino Real (ECR) is a State of California (Caltrans) owned and maintained roadway. Caltrans has been coordinating with City staff on their upcoming paving project. On Nov. 29, 2018, Caltrans awarded the El Camino Real Pavement Surface Project to DeSilva Gates Construction who will be grinding the existing surface of ECR and placing a new asphalt concrete surface along the entire length of ECR within the city limits. Recently, the City

was informed by Caltrans that work will begin in mid-April 2019 instead of the original target start date of January 2019 due to concerns regarding wet weather conditions, which are not optimal for successful paving operations. The target completion date is January 2020. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 408-615-3000.

San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail Advisory: The San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail offers a paved route for pedestrians and bicyclists that extends south from the San Francisco Bay Trail to Pruneridge Ave. Undercrossings throughout the length of the trail provide users a continuous pathway which bypasses city streets. Signs advising users that the trail is subject to flooding are posted along the trail route undercrossing. From time to time, during rain events, certain portions of the trail may become inaccessible due to flooding and/or debris blocking the trail. A traffic camera is installed at Mission College Boulevard and is available for the public to view [online](#). City staff routinely inspect the trail following significant storm events to clear obstructions. Questions about the creek trail maintenance can be directed to the Department of Public Works at 408-615-3080 or by email Street@santaclaraca.gov.

Electronic Waste Banned from Landfills: E-waste is banned from the landfill and should not be placed in your garbage or recycling containers. It requires special disposal due to various toxic and hazardous chemicals that can be harmful to the environment. Common household electronics considered e-waste include cell phones, computers, laptops, printers, stereos and televisions. To extend the life of consumer electronics, consider downloading upgrades, repair or donating to others who may have a need for the item but, if the item is no longer functional, it is important to dispose of it properly. Santa Clara residents may safely recycle e-waste at two free Environmental Days, two free Disposal Days, and during the Clean-up Campaign. To learn more about these events, visit the [webpage](#) or email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Winter 2019 Recreation Programs: Interested in learning something new? The City's Parks & Recreation Department offers classes for infants, toddlers, youths and seniors. The [Activity Guide](#) features classes and activities for all ages including creative arts, dance, fitness, inclusive programming, sports, and special events. You can register [online](#), in person at the Community Recreation Center located at 969 Kiely Blvd., or call 408-615-3140.

Reserve Firefighter: Have you thought about volunteering to serve others in your community? Consider becoming a reserve firefighter in Santa Clara! Learn more about the requirements and the application/selection process on the [website](#). [Apply today!](#)

Santa Clara Police Department Receives Award: On Jan.23, the Santa Clara Police Department received the #1 Fundraising Agency Award for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Northern California. Officers and personnel from the Santa Clara Police Department (SCPD) fundraised over \$69,655 in 2018 for the intellectually disabled athletes of Special Olympics. The SCPD raised the funds by participating in the Torch Run, doing Tip-A-Cop events at local restaurants, holding a poker tournament, doing polar plunges, and conducting t-shirt sales. Great job, SCPD! For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.



New Police Officers: On Jan. 16, the Police Department welcomed four new employees. Officer Ryan Seto, Officer Jenna Huffstutler, Officer David Wasserman and Community Service Officer Sarita Vhora were officially welcomed at a badge ceremony. The three officers were lateral hires from other

police departments, allowing them to begin field training immediately. For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.

Coffee with a Cop Success: The Police Department held a “Coffee with a Cop” event on Jan. 18 at the Big Mug Coffee Roaster on El Camino Real. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together – over coffee – to discuss issues and learn about policing. Many community members attended the event and discussions about community policing were held. For more information, contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700.

Office of Emergency Services: During the week of Jan. 14, the City’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinated situational awareness information with City departments during the severe weather and Flash Flood Watch. This included sharing information received during county-wide conference calls with the National Weather Service and Santa Clara Valley Water District. City staff were vigilant in monitoring Santa Clara’s creeks and water ways. Approximately 500 Santa Clarans who completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training were contacted via email with information on how to report problems with clogged storm drains in their neighborhoods. The severe weather did not have a major impact on the city. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 408-615-4900.



Sewer Line Assessment Training: Water & Sewer Utilities staff hosted a three-day training for the Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP), with representatives from the City of San José, City of Palo Alto, West Bay Sanitation District and Cupertino Sanitary District. PACP is a standardized pipeline defect identification system used by sewer agencies all over North America. Santa Clara deploys a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) truck that sends a camera into sewer mains. PACP ratings provide a basis for targeted investments in the sewer conveyance system. Water & Sewer Utilities has vehicles dedicated to cleaning sewer mains, utilizing IT Pipes to transfer PACP ratings to a central database as part of the asset management program for the sewer collection and conveyance system. For more information, contact Water & Sewer Utilities at 408-615-2000.

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

Join the Center of What’s Possible! The City is currently hiring for the following positions; to view job descriptions and for information on how to apply, visit santaclaraca.gov/jobs.

- As-Needed Instructor/Lifeguard
- Chief Electric Utility Officer
- Construction Engineering Intern
- Electrician
- Inspection Manager
- Journey Lineworker
- Laborer
- Office Specialist III
- Per Diem Police Officer Special Events
- Police Officer
- Police Records Specialist II
- Recreation Leader III
- Recruit Police Officer
- Traffic Control Special Events

NOVA Job Center Workforce Review: NOVA is a nonprofit, federally funded employment and training agency that provides customer-focused workforce development services. NOVA works

closely with the City to provide opportunities that address the workforce needs of Silicon Valley. NOVA provides a monthly publication called *Workforce Review*. The January 2019 edition of *Workforce Review* will be available later this month. For more information, visit the [NOVA webpage](#).

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL INQUIRIES/FOLLOW-UP

Sidewalk Vendors: At the Jan.15, 2019 City Council meeting, a resident, who operates a hot dog cart, complained about illegal sidewalk vendors. He specifically expressed displeasure with a new sidewalk vendor law that was signed by Governor Jerry Brown (Senate Bill 946). The provisions of this legislation limit the Police Department's ability to enforce the existing municipal code as it relates to sidewalk vendors. The Police Department will work with the City Attorney's Office to revise the municipal code so that it is in compliance with Senate Bill 946.

LEVI'S STADIUM RELATED UPDATES

There were no major stadium events during this time period.

Upcoming Stadium Events

March 26	2019 Mexico National Team vs. Paraguay
April 19	Monster Jam
May 12	U.S. Women's National Team vs. South Africa
May 18	Rolling Stones No Filter Tour

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Agrihood Project: The City Council is scheduled to consider the Agrihood project located at 1834 Worthington Circle/ 90 North Winchester Blvd. at the Council meeting on Jan. 29. The project application consists of a Rezoning to Planned Development (PD), approval of a Vesting Tentative Map, and adoption of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as well as a Deposition and Development Agreement to allow the development of 361 residential units including 165 affordable senior apartments, ancillary retail and 1.5 acres of urban agricultural open space. For more information, contact Community Development at 408-615-2450.

Silicon Valley Power Sustainability Workshop: On Jan. 31, Silicon Valley Power will present a workshop to help residents improve the comfort of their homes and reduce energy costs through simple, inexpensive or free do-it-yourself projects. Silicon Valley Power customers may receive a free weatherization kit valued at \$25. The workshop will be held at the Central Park Library, Redwood Room. Registration is free but is required. Please visit the [website](#) to register online. For questions, please call 408-244-SAVE (7283) or email cutcosts@svpower.com.

Senior Tour: On Jan. 31, seniors can enjoy a walking tour of Año Nuevo State Park to see the native elephant seals in their natural habitat. Afterwards, lunch will be held at Duarte's Tavern in Pescadero. The tour leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:00 p.m. Times are subject to change. The fee is \$100 per person. To register, visit the Senior Center located at 1303 Fremont St. or call 408-615-3170.

Santa Clara City Library Presents an Evening with Author Dr. Francisco Jimenez: On Feb. 1, Mexican-American author and educator Dr. Francisco Jimenez, who wrote *The Circuit, Breaking Through, Reaching Out and Taking Hold*, will share his personal experiences growing up in a family of migrant farm workers and how these experiences have shaped his writing. The event will start at 6 p.m. on Feb. 1 at Central Park Library, Redwood Room. The evening will kick-off the monthly Library's Creative Writing Workshops. Beginning on Feb. 6, Mission Branch Library will hold monthly workshops focusing on the fundamentals of creative writing tailored for novice writers or individuals interested in learning the craft! For more information, contact the Library at 408-615-2900.

Neighborhood University Relations Committee (NURC): The next NURC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. Agenda items include reports to the neighborhood by Community Development, Police Department, Department of Public Works, and Santa Clara University. The meeting will take place at Santa Clara University, Schott Admissions and Enrollment Bldg. 406 (500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053).

Talk and Tour: On Thursday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m., the Santa Clara Police Department will host its next Talk and Tour at the station. An overview of the Police Department (topics include budget, staffing summary, responsibilities by division and more) will be given, followed by a tour of the Records Unit, Communications Dispatch Center and Temporary Holding Facility. This program is for adults only. Due to space, RSVP is required by calling 408-615-4892 or emailing cmcdowell@santaclaraca.gov.

Gateway Crossings Community Meeting: As a follow-up to the community meeting held on Jan. 16, the applicants will host another meeting to receive additional feedback. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. Santa Clara University, Locatelli Student Activity Center (Bldg. 710) located at 500 El Camino Real. The Gateway Crossings project is located within the Santa Clara Station Focus Area at the southwest corner of Coleman Ave. and Brokaw Road (1205 Coleman Ave.) The item was initially heard at the Dec. 4, 2018 City Council meeting. At the meeting, the Council took action to postpone a decision on the project so that the applicants, Hunter Storm LLC, could hold community outreach with mailed notices to the Old Quad neighborhood. The applicants propose to construct 1,650 residential units, a full-service hotel, and ancillary retail. The project also includes the dedication and development of a new 2.1 acre public park, new infrastructure including new streets, and the improvement of adjacent roadways and sidewalks. For more information on the project, visit the [website](#).

Friday Night Live: The Santa Clara Cultural Commission is excited to invite you to the next Friday Night Live on Feb. 15, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Central Park Library (Redwood Room) located at 2635 Homestead Road. For more information, contact the Cultural Commission Staff Liaison at 408-615-3192.

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's (RJJT) 50th Anniversary: RJJT recently completed auditions and casting for the next production in its 50th Anniversary Season—"Honk!" "Honk" is the marvelous musical re-telling of the classic children's story "The Ugly Duckling." Performances will be on March 22-31, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe St. For more information, contact Kevin Cornelius at 408-615-3161 or email kcornelius@santaclaraca.gov. For ticket information, visit the [RJJT webpage](#).

Alley-Oop! Basketball Program at the Youth Activity Center (YAC): Is your child interested in learning how to play basketball? Youth in grades K-5 may register for the program held from January through February. The three-week co-ed instructional program will emphasize skill acquisition,

teamwork, sportsmanship, drills and games. Register early, space is limited! [Register online](#) or at the YAC. For more information, call 408-615-3760.

UPCOMING COUNCIL CALENDAR/AGENDA ITEMS

Visit the [Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar](#) for dates of upcoming Council Study Sessions, Joint Council/Commission meetings, as well as Council Public Hearing and General Business agenda items online at [Legislative Public Meetings](#) on the City's website. As you can see, while tentative and subject to change, it provides key policy items that the Council/Board will need to dedicate time to deliberate and that may take considerable time during the upcoming meetings.



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