

City Manager's Blog

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Community Letter about Communication about Concerts at Levi's® Stadium: The City Manager's Office issued a [community letter](#) providing context for a recent Santa Clara Weekly article, that included a statement by a concert promoter that he would never book a weeknight show at Levi's® Stadium due to the 'curfew.' For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210 or email manager@santaclaraca.gov.

Santa Clara Fire Chief Community Survey: After more than 34 years of service to the Santa Clara Fire Department and our community, Fire Chief Bill Kelly has announced his plans to retire at the end of June. Read more about Fire Chief Kelly's accomplishments in this [letter to the community](#). The City has initiated recruitment for a new Fire Chief. The City requests feedback from the community to guide our recruitment and selection strategies, as well as to inform the development of the job announcement. [Take the online survey](#) and let us know what qualities and attributes are important for the next Fire Chief. For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 408-615-2210.

Downtown Precise Plan Request for Qualifications: The City is seeking a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified consultants to provide professional services for the development of a Downtown Precise Plan for the Downtown Focus Area, which is located in the historic Old Quad neighborhood on approximately 25 acres, near Santa Clara University and the Santa Clara Transit Station. The City's 2010-2035 General Plan identifies focus areas throughout the city, including the Downtown Focus Area, to support and foster the City's diverse economic base and for meeting the demand for housing that addresses job growth in the City and region. The General Plan envisions the Downtown Focus Area being revitalized to include new commercial uses, public gathering places and civic venues, and new residential units. The RFQ was released on Feb. 8, 2019. Responses to the RFQ are due to the City of Santa Clara's Purchasing Manager on March 7, 2019 by 4:00 pm. The RFP can be found on the [BidSync e-Procurement website](#). Learn more about the project on the [City website](#).

New Smoking Regulations: On Feb. 5, 2019, the City Council adopted an Ordinance that expanded smoking restrictions in many public areas and multi-unit residences. Public areas where smoking is prohibited under the new ordinance include open air dining areas, public parks, around ATMs and transit stops, and public places being used for a public event. Smoking is also prohibited in all enclosed areas of residential structures with two or more units. To learn more about a smokefree Santa Clara, please visit the website SantaClaraCA.gov/smokefreesantaclara.

House Fire: At approximately 6:24 a.m. on Feb. 11, the Santa Clara Fire Department responded to a house fire on the 2300 block of Silveria Court. Firefighters located a structure with heavy smoke and flames coming from the rear of the two-story home and extinguished the flames which had spread to both the first and second floors. Three residents were transported to a local hospital for evaluation of non-life-threatening injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but is not suspicious in nature. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 408-615-4900.

Arson suspect arrested: The Santa Clara Police Department in collaboration with the Santa Clara Fire Department arrested an arson suspect after months of suspicious dumpster and trash can fires throughout Santa Clara. The quick action of an off-duty fire department chief officer who was in the area of a recent garbage fire resulted in the suspect's arrest.

Call All Youth: The Youth Commission is a great opportunity for youth to make a positive impact, while serving the community. Interested applicants must be residents of Santa Clara and between the ages of 12-19. Applications are available at Parks & Recreation facilities, City Hall and libraries. Completed applications must be submitted by 6 p.m., Monday, March 11. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 23. The Youth Commission has hosted events such as the Inclusive Makerspace, Run Santa Clara 5K, and Sunset Cinema outdoor movie nights. Details about the youth commission are available [online](#). For more information, contact Jon Kawada, Youth Commission Staff Liaison, at 408-615-3741 or JKawada@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rebates: Silicon Valley Power is now offering rebates for electric vehicle charging stations. Residential customers may receive up to \$750 for a Level 2 charger installed at their home. Multi-family housing complexes are eligible to receive up to \$3,000 per Level 2 charger installed, and schools and eligible non-profit facilities may receive incentives up to \$5,000 per charger installed. For more information, visit the [website](#) or call (408) 244-SAVE (7283).

Silicon Valley Power Launches AirCare Plus Program: The Silicon Valley Power AirCare Plus program is targeted at optimizing performance of existing HVAC systems in small and mid-size commercial buildings. Through the program, customers receive incentives covering 50-70% of the cost of a full tune-up of their HVAC equipment through one of the program trade allies. For more information please visit the [website](#) or call 408-615-6650.

Office of Emergency Services: During the Flash Flood and High Wind Watch the week of Feb. 11, the City's Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinated situational awareness information with City departments, the National Weather Service and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. City staff were vigilant in monitoring Santa Clara's creeks and the lower Guadalupe which included police and fire personnel conducting overnight monitoring. Public Works staff replenished sandbags to assure they would be available for the public at the Corporation Yard. The storm had minimal impact in Santa Clara. The Fire Department experiences an increase in calls due to car accidents during the rainy weather. Please use caution and slow down when driving in wet conditions. For more information about sandbag distribution and how to prevent localized flooding, visit the [Public Works website](#). For more information about OES, contact the Fire Department at 408-615-4900.

Parkland In-Lieu Fees Update: Since Sep. 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 thereof 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, GSaporito@SantaClaraCA.gov. Additional information is available on the City Parks & Recreation [Park Impact Fees webpage](#).

The 2019 public comment timeline is as follows:

- Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. - Community and Stakeholder Meeting, Santa Clara Senior Center - 1303 Fremont St., Rm 232
- Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. - Community Input period ends

The item is tentatively expected to go to Council in the early April 2019 timeframe.



Participant Remodels Storage for Roberta Jones Junior Theatre (RJTT): Santa Clara resident and RJTT participant, Nicky Caldwell, recently designed and remodeled the area for the scene shop area at the Community Recreation Center. As part of an Eagle Scout Project, Nicky's team of fellow Boy Scouts created a new storage area increasing the capacity for RJTT and a portable miter saw table that will make set construction easier. We are honored Nicky chose RJTT for his service project. Nicky will be appearing as the Ugly Duckling in the RJTT production of "Honk," which will be performed at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts on March 22-31. Information and ticket sales are available at www.RJJT.org.

Santa Clara City Library Partners with Santa Clara University: Did you know residents can benefit from Santa Clara University's (SCU) resources through partnerships with the Library? The SCU Head of the Archives and Special Collections, Nadia Nasr helped volunteers streamline the process of digitizing and sharing historic photographs, which were added to Silicon Valley History Online [website](#) for public viewing. Recently, SCU provided free programs at the Library for community members including a poetry reading by English lecturer Tim J. Myers and a standing-room-only event with author and Professor Francisco Jimenez. If you want to access to SCU Library's resources, patrons can use their library card! View the [event calendar](#) online to learn about more free SCU programs in the future.

Tabia at Central Park Library: Santa Clara City Library hosted Tabia, an African-American theater ensemble on Feb. 15, in collaboration with the Santa Clara Cultural Commission Friday Night Live series. With more than 70 community members in attendance, the audience witnessed a dramatic presentation of historical figures, poetry, song and dance that conveyed the cultural contributions of African-Americans over the past century. Interested in attending future cultural programs? Stay up to date by checking our events calendar [online](#).



Kids Rock at the Youth Activity Center: On Feb. 8, the Youth Activity Center (YAC) took a trip to the Medieval era by hosting a sold out Kids Rock event for K-5 students. All 75 kids were treated to pizza and enjoyed a night of recreation games, arts and crafts, and an endless amount fun on the inflatable slide! Kids Rock was full of energy from start to finish as participants went home with their own Medieval Shield and were all smiles! The YAC always looks forward to our Kids Rock events and we can't wait for the next one on April 5! For more information, call the YAC at 408-615-3760.

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
- As-Needed Office Specialist II
- As-Needed Recreation Leader – Jr. Giants
- Laborer
- Per Diem Police Officer Special Events
- Police Officer

- Building Maintenance Worker
- Electrician
- Human Resources Division Manager
- Journey Lineworker
- 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](#) is currently available. For more information, visit the [NOVA webpage](#).

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL INQUIRIES/FOLLOW-UP

No items to report during this period.

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 13	Monster Jam
May 12	U.S. Women's National Team vs. South Africa
May 18	Rolling Stones No Filter Tour

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Free Income Tax Help at the Library: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers provide free income tax preparation assistance to low-income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking people. Volunteers will be available at the Central Park Library on Thursdays and Saturdays from Feb. 2 through April 13. Thursday sessions will be held in the Heritage Pavilion (second floor) from 5 - 8 p.m. Saturday session times will vary. Tax help is offered on a walk-in basis only. Check the [website](#) for specific times. For more information about VITA, please contact the IRS at 1-800- 829-1040, or visit the IRS [website](#).

Zoning Code Update Workshop: The City of Santa Clara Zoning Code has not been updated since it came into effect in 1969. The City hosted the first workshop on Feb. 13 and the next workshop will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Northside Branch Library (695 Moreland Way). Attendees will be provided an overview of the Zoning Code and will be asked to provide input on: single family design standards, parking, short-term and long term residential rental regulations, and new potential zoning districts. For more information on the Zoning Code Update, visit the [website](#).

City North Vision Workshop: The City is preparing the Freedom Circle and Patrick Henry Drive Specific Plans in North Santa Clara to plan the future of Santa Clara's emerging urban district, City North. The City will host a workshop on Feb. 25 at the City Council Chambers from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for community members to provide input on the process and identify key issues. Community participation is a key part of the Specific Plans creation process. In addition to

providing the community with an overview of the Specific Plans, attendees will be asked to provide input and feedback on the Specific Plans. There is also an opportunity to learn about other proposed projects in the area including the proposed Kylli project, located at 3005 Democracy Way. For more information on the Freedom Circle and Patrick Henry Specific Plans, visit the [webpage](#).

Friday Night Live: The Santa Clara Cultural Commission invites you to the next Friday Night Live featuring Broceliande on Mar. 1, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Triton Museum located at 1505 Warburton Ave. For more information, contact the Cultural Commission Staff Liaison at 408-615-3192.

Santa Clara Women's League Showtime 2019: On March 1-3, the Santa Clara Women's League presents "Silver Fox Detective Agency, Tic Tac Toe - Tag" at the Community Recreation Center located at 969 Kiely Blvd. This event is a fundraiser for the Santa Clara Senior Center Health & Wellness Program. For show times and ticket information, please visit the Santa Clara Women's League [website](#).

Open Space Workshop for Kylli Mixed-Use Development Project: The applicant, Kylli, will conduct a workshop to receive input on the design of the open space associated with their pending general plan amendment and planned development rezoning applications, which would allow up to 3.5 million square feet of office, 6,000 residential units, and various retail and residential amenities. The workshop will take place on Monday, March 4, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Central Park Library, Margie Edinger Room, located at 2635 Homestead Road. For more information on the proposed project, visit the [website](#).

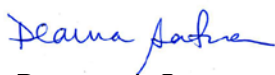
Muslim Community Association (MCA) School and Facility Expansion Project: The applicant, MCA, will conduct a community meeting to provide information and receive input on a use permit application to allow for expansion of the existing pre-K through 8th grade school from 400 students to 900 students (including up to 150 high school students), and MCA support services on the current property at 3003 Scott Blvd. and the adjoining expansion property at 3080 Alfred Street. The community meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Maryam Banquet Hall at 3003 Scott Boulevard.

Save the Date for Egg-Stravaganza: On April 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Central Park will be a fun-filled spring celebration complete with activities, carnival games, photos with bunny and so much more! The event will be held at the Central Park Ball Fields located at 969 Kiely Blvd. For more information, call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.



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. The following is a snapshot of calendar items for councilmembers over the next two weeks.


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