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City Hall News

From City of Santa Clara Mayor **Lisa M. Gillmor**

FEBRUARY 2022 E-NEWSLETTER

City Council Priority Setting Session

The City Council Priority Setting Session will be held virtually on Zoom, **Feb. 8**, at 2:30 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting. Learn more about the Budget Update and 10-Year Financial Forecast, progress of ongoing Council priorities and City accomplishments, and the State of the Organization. The City Council will discuss critical priorities and how to balance future priorities against the City's current resources. For ways to watch, provide public comment, and to view the meeting materials, visit SantaClaraCa.gov/CouncilPriorities.



Free COVID-19 Testing & Get Vaccinated

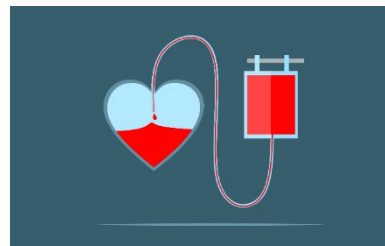
In partnership with the County of Santa Clara, the City hosts free COVID-19 testing at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Ave. The next testing dates are Feb. 9 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Typically, 3-7 days before the testing date, [schedule an appointment](https://SCCFreeTest.org) online. Visit SCCFreeTest.org for countywide testing locations. Make an appointment for COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters at SCCFreeVax.org or MyTurnCA.gov for all those eligible.

The County of Santa Clara is Providing Free At-Home COVID-19 Antigen Tests

Those who live, work, or attend school in Santa Clara County can sign up online, then pick up tests from one of four distribution sites. Schedule to pick up your at-home COVID-19 antigen tests within Santa Clara County by visiting SCCFreeTest.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. Donate blood today by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your blood or platelet donation appointment.



Residential and Business Alarm Permits

The City transitioned to a third party for management of the Residential and Business Alarm Permit program in January 2021. As a result, you may receive a letter on City of Santa Clara letterhead referencing establishing an online account at <https://www.crywolfservices.com/santaclaraca/>. This is legit! If you have received a letter, set up an account on the portal or call customer service at 877-665-2983. A summary of the City of Santa Clara's transition to a third-party vendor for management of this program is [available online](#).

How and Where to Report Emergency and Non-Emergency Situations

While the Santa Clara Police Department are actively using Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, Nixle, and Twitter, staff are NOT monitoring these sites for emergencies. Instead, Public Safety Dispatchers work 24/7, 365 and have the ability to deploy police, fire or medical resources as necessary. Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency or 408-615-5580 for non-emergency situations.

2022 Santa Clara County Homeless Point-in-Time Count

The 2022 Santa Clara Point-in-Time Count is a count of all populations of person's experiencing homelessness. The Count is a requirement for receiving federal homeless assistance funds and provides critical data used to understand homelessness locally. The count is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23 and Thursday, Feb. 24, 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/SantaClaraPIT2022>.



Message from Lisa M. Gillmor Mayor

Dear Santa Clarans,

2022 brings promise and opportunity to the City of Santa Clara, and as your Mayor it's important to me to keep you informed on what's happening throughout our city.

During the pandemic we launched Mayor@Noon through Facebook LIVE. Through each episode it's been a way to "stay connected" and keep residents up-to-date on available programs and services especially during this ever-challenging time of pandemic.

The response to the Mayor@Noon program (which is produced at City Hall and airs Fridays at noon) has been quite positive. Thank you to all who've been viewing the program as well as those who've taken the time to share your thoughts online as your input is vital. For those who've yet to view an episode of Mayor@Noon, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Mayor@Noon.

As part of our city's commitment to "staying connected" to our citizens, I'm proud to help unveil this inaugural column of City Hall News. This handy, e-newsletter will be a "go-to" resource on city services, programs, events, and more. I hope you enjoy it and find it helpful.

Keeping Our Community Informed and Connected,

Mayor Lisa Gillmor

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Accessing City Services

To stay informed about current City services and programs, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/AccessSantaClara.

Message from Lisa M. Gillmor, City of Santa Clara Mayor



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It's hard to believe that Spring is less than seven weeks away. Typically, it's the time of year when many of us are ready for fresh starts and new activities. But as we all know, nothing has been "typical" this past 24 months, that is, since the unexpected onslaught of the pandemic.

Trying to Navigate

Many of our residents and their family members have been experiencing tough times as we continue to navigate through the unsettling times of Covid-19 and its variants. Just when we thought there was light at the end of the tunnel, then emerges the new variant Omicron. Many Santa Clarans are trying their best to adjust to all the changes that have emerged due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

From changes in one's work environment to adjustments in kid's and childcare schedules, most residents are trying to capture a sense of balance while attempting to meet basic household needs. And today, more than ever, I've noticed that family units are taking new shape and form, often including aging parents who have special caregiving needs or an extended family member who needs a place to stay and nourishing food to eat until they can get back on stable footing.

Now, on a Positive Note

In addition to our consummate first responders (Police, Fire, Paramedics, EMT, Medical) and dedicated City Staff, and Teachers too, during these unusual times our community has drawn from the generous support of organizations, educational institutions, non-profits, and local businesses large and small, who've stepped up in lending support when Santa Clarans have needed it the most. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has reached out to help a fellow resident, a neighbor, a student, a senior, a small business owner, or a community organization. You, are our city's heroes!



Sometimes We are Hungry



A few years back, when I first heard the two words "food insecurity" bundled together (which associates an individual with a shortage of food), for some reason the term did not settle well with me. Why? Because, in our community, Santa Clarans are not insecure in any way. They are kind, caring, and conscientious. However, due to this pervasive pandemic, and for the first time ever, many residents are experiencing economic challenges which translates into less funds for basic household needs, especially food.

Fortunately, in Santa Clara we've been blessed with organizations that have provided food, vegetables, and dairy products at no cost to our residents. In most locations, folks can pull up at a food distribution site or food pantry, and bags of nutritional food are readily available.

Thank You to our Community Food Heroes and Helpers

I would like to extend a special thanks to the following organizations, their staff and volunteers, who've been helping at (or donating to) the various food distribution centers throughout our city, which includes Mission College-Second Harvest Food Bank, Mission City Community Fund, Muslim Community Association, River of Life Christian Church

Foundation, Salvation Army, St. Justin's Community Ministry, Santa Clara Senior Food Program and Santa Clara Unified Nutrition Services. Special thanks are also extended to local restaurant owners who've donated meals (e.g., A Slice of New York, Fiorillo's, Holder's Mission City Grill, Tony & Alba's) along with other fine eateries.

Learn More about Community Resources



To learn more about local food distribution programs I would encourage you to visit our city's Mayor@Noon video library which is easily accessible at SantaClaraCA.gov/Mayor@Noon. It also airs live on Santa Clara City Television, Comcast Cable 15 or AT&T U-verse Channel.

You can easily view one-on-one interviews that provide insight on a variety of important topics and community resources including City Emergency Services, Mental Health & Wellness, Emergency Housing, Senior Advocacy, Education Opportunities, Youth Recreation, Small Business Development, Grant Fund

Opportunities, as well as Community Events and Hero Recognitions.

We are Always Learning

It is a rare occasion, and an enormous honor, to represent the City of Santa Clara. Last month I attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington D.C. and was able to take part in a series of educative meetings and panel discussions on topics that are extremely relevant to the [City of Santa Clara](https://www.santacleara.gov).

I was also fortunate to be able to listen to governmental leaders including President Joe Biden, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, and others, each providing updates on key matters including projected funding for infrastructure and community grant programs. It was a resource-based conference with multiple experts on each topic, along with other mayors who shared their solutions to the similar challenges that communities like ours, are facing today.

Topics on the agenda included the *Challenges of Pandemic, Public Safety including Reducing Gun Violence, Cybersecurity, Reducing Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Racial Equity, Metro Economies and Spurring Economic Growth, Micro-business Development, Water Conservation, American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Energy Efficiency, Transportation, and Veteran Services.*

Santa Clara Proud

While in D.C., Santa Clara was far from the largest city in attendance at the United States Conference of Mayors, I was taken back by how many other mayors and governmental representatives were asking about our city's successes— everything from our utility company (Silicon Valley Power) to our community partnerships for food distribution during the pandemic as well as our sports offerings from an NFL stadium to our local recreation programs for community youth. They also wanted to know how we are approaching transportation and infrastructure challenges, and more. There was plenty of collaboration and sharing of information.



Santa Clara is definitely on the national map and serves as a model city for others. Our successes have been built on numerous years (actually decades) of forward-thinking leadership and well-thought-out planning, coupled with a community of caring and involved residents and business owners.

Thank you to all, who've helped "make a difference" in Santa Clara. Please continue to be involved or consider getting involved with a community project or initiative. We are an extremely inclusive community, and together, we can continue to make a difference. This year lets continue to expand our reach and create more reasons why: Santa Clara is truly, The Center of What's Possible.

Around the Town

News, events, and happenings in Santa Clara.

City of Santa Clara Tasman Garage Closure

The City of Santa Clara Tasman garage, located at 2525 Tasman Dr., will be closed for routine maintenance Feb. 14 through Feb. 22. There will be no access to public EV charging stations at the Tasman garage Feb. 1 to Feb. 22. For a complete list of alternative EV charging stations in Santa Clara, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/EV.



Shared Mobility Update (Bicycle and Scooter Share)

On Dec. 7, 2021, the City Council adopted an ordinance and draft regulations for a new Shared Mobility Program which will allow up to 1,000 bicycles and 2,000 scooters to be rented and used within the City. The period for prospective operators to submit applications to the City is from Feb. 1 to March 31. If selected, operators will be issued a permit to deploy bicycles and scooters throughout the City starting in July 2022. For more information, visit: SantaClaraCA.gov/SharedMobilityProgram.

New Composting Law

Beginning in 2022, a new recycling requirement for all Californians took effect. This new "composting law" requires every jurisdiction to provide organic waste collection services for all residents to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills. Organic waste includes food waste, vegetation, organic textiles, wood, and paper products. The decomposition of organic waste once it's in the landfill is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions. The goal of this new regulation aims to reduce landfill methane emissions which will reduce the impacts of climate change. City of Santa Clara residents are already compliant with the law and no sorting or additional containers are required. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanSC.



Extra Cardboard Curbside Collection Reminder

Cardboard should be broken down and folded before being placed inside the blue recycle cart with the lid closed. Extra cardboard that cannot fit inside the blue cart should be flattened & bundled with twine, string, or packaging tape into 4' by 4' sections. Place the bundled cardboard next to the recycling cart for collection on your service day. To learn more about materials accepted through weekly curbside recycling collection, check out the Recycling Guide at SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanSC.

Silicon Valley Power Sponsoring Induction Cooking Classes

Silicon Valley Power is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving the environment, and supporting energy efficient technologies. The utility recently upgraded Santa Clara Unified School District's Adult Education cooking classroom with induction cooktops. Silicon Valley Power is also sponsoring cooking classes throughout the year, starting [Feb. 10, 2022](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/AdultEd), through Santa Clara Adult Education so that students can try out the induction technology while learning to



New Business Electrification Programs Now Available from Silicon Valley Power

Rebates of \$1,000 are now available to replace an electric water heater with a heat pump water heater, and when switching from a natural gas water heater, a bonus rebate of an additional \$1,000 is available. For more information, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/HPWH. Bonus rebates are also available for a variety of food service equipment, including electric combination ovens, steam cookers, convection ovens, fryers, and more. Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/FoodService for more information.

cook new recipes. Santa Clara residents can register using our discount code "Induction" to receive \$50 off the regular cost of the class. Registration limited to one class per resident through this 12-class series. For more information and to register, visit SantaClaraAdultEd.org/Class.

Youth Commission

The application for the Youth Commission's upcoming 2022/23 term will be available on Monday, Feb. 14. Interested youth ages 12-19, who reside within the City of Santa Clara, are encouraged to apply. For more information and to download the application visit SantaClaraCA.gov/YouthCommission and click on the "Application and FAQs" link.

Adult Sports

The City of Santa Clara is excited to partner with ZOG Sports to offer Adult Soccer and Flag Football leagues. Whether you are an individual, or part of a team, you are welcome to join in on the fun. All games will take place at the Reed & Grant Sports Park, 750 Reed St. Visit zogsports.com/sj to register for the winter. Additional sports will be offered in summer! Contact Angelique Wilson at ANWilson@SantaClaraCA.gov if you have any questions.

Students of Service

Students of Service (S.O.S) is a high school volunteer program for students aged 14-18 years old who live in Santa Clara or attend a school within the Santa Clara Unified School District. Students will have the opportunity to earn community service hours to fulfill their graduation requirement and help beautify Santa Clara. The new session starts on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register.

Activity Pass

Stay moving this winter with drop-in activities. Purchase your Activity Pass now for access to three amazing programs: Group Exercise at the Community Center, Lap Swim at the International Swim Center and Drop-in Play at the Reed & Grant Sports Park. Learn more at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass.

Holiday Lunch at the Senior Center

The Senior Center thanks the Santa Clara Women's League for their gracious hosting of the annual December Senior Nutrition Holiday Meal at the Senior Center. 125 Senior Nutrition patrons received a hot turkey lunch with stuffing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. Patrons enjoyed listening to live music provided by members from the Golden Tones.

EVENTS, MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Neighborhood University Relations Committee

Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m. The Neighborhood-University Relations Committee (NURC) was established in 1990 and created a forum for on-going communication and problem solving among City officials, neighborhoods, property owners and Santa Clara University officials and students. NURC meetings are held three (3) times annually on Monday evenings. Meetings are open to the public. The upcoming agenda will be posted [online](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan

The City of Santa Clara will host the final round of community meetings for the Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan project in February. The goal of the Plan is to study and identify potential bicycle and pedestrian improvements on a 2.2-mile segment of Pruneridge Ave. from Pomeroy Ave. to Winchester Blvd. The City will present results of traffic and parking analyses for draft concepts developed to improve walking and bicycling along the corridor which include the potential for parking removal or lane reductions. The public is invited to attend the following upcoming online community meetings.

- Feb. 9, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. ([Register](#))
- Feb. 12, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ([Register](#))

For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/PruneridgeAvePlan or contact Carol Shariat, Project Manager, at PruneridgeAvePlan@AltaGO.com or at 408-320-7060.



Independent Redistricting Commission

Redistricting occurs every 10 years after each U.S. Census. Santa Clara is required to consider an update to the boundaries of its six districts based on the 2020 U.S. Census data. The City's Independent Redistricting Commission is responsible for conducting the redistricting process. The Commission will adopt a new City Council District map no later than April 17, 2022 based on Census 2020. Upcoming Commission meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, at 6 p.m.** and **Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at 6 p.m.** At the meetings, the public may propose draft plans and provide input. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Redistricting for details on how to participate in the meetings.



Virtual Community Meeting on Assembly Bill 481 Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use

The Santa Clara Police Department will be facilitating a Virtual Community Meeting to discuss AB 481: Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use on **Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m.** The meeting topics will include:

- Purpose of the new legislation
- Definition of military equipment
- SCPD's military equipment inventory
- SCPD's proposed equipment funding, acquisition and use policy
- Pending annual report requirement
- Community engagement and public access to materials

The draft AB 481 policy, Santa Clara Police Department equipment inventory, concern and complaint process, virtual community meeting details, including Zoom log-in information, are available at <https://bit.ly/3JS5Bnj>.

Kids Rock

Join us for the next Kids Rock event on **Friday, Feb. 11!** K-5th grade kids get ready to hang out with your best buds with a special night of activities that include recreation games, arts and crafts, music, inflatable slide, and more! Kids Rock will be held at the Santa Clara Youth Activity Center, 2450 Cabrillo Ave. from 6-8:30 p.m. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register.



Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) Meeting #26

The next DCTF meeting will be held via Zoom on [Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at 6 p.m.](#) DCTF is an advisory, non-voting appointed body that is meeting over the course of the Downtown Precise Plan planning process to provide input on the vision, land use, circulation, and urban design aspects of the Plan, as well as key policy issues. To view past DCTF meetings, including meeting materials and video recordings, please see the [DCTF webpage](#).

Seussical Tickets Available!

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre production of Seussical, a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza, bringing all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters to life. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. Seussical is fun for the whole family! Visit RJJT.org for performance dates and to purchase tickets.



February Recreation Classes

Looking to stay connected with others, be active or learn something new this winter? The Parks & Recreation Department has you covered with a variety of recreation classes and activities for all ages. Choose from art, dance, piano, soccer, theatre and more. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses](https://www.santacruzca.gov/RecClasses) for the Winter 2022 Activity Guide.

Community Meeting for 275 Saratoga Avenue Senior/Assisted Living/Memory Care Project

The applicant, Swenson Builders, will be hosting a virtual community meeting on **Wednesday, March 2, 6 p.m.** to share their proposed rezoning at 275 Saratoga Avenue to construct a 166,892 square foot 4-story senior assisted living / memory care facility over a sub-grade parking garage with 73 parking spaces and site improvements. The Project includes demolition of the existing 30,050 square foot 2-story office building. City Staff will be in attendance to receive feedback provided on the proposal. Visit the [project's webpage](#) closer to the community meeting for virtual participation information.

Recology South Bay Hosting an Environmental Day for Santa Clara Residents

Saturday, March 5 at 1675 Rogers Ave. in San Jose from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Environmental Day is designed to promote recycling, reuse, and diversion of usable materials from the landfill. Residents are invited to bring the following accepted materials:

- Documents for confidential shredding (two box limit)
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.)
- Universal waste (batteries, cell phones, CFLs and fluorescent tubes)
- Clothing (in good condition for donation)



Residents must provide a current utility bill and personal identification to verify eligibility. No appointment is required. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed by staff, and all residents must wear a face covering when entering the property. To maintain physical distancing, residents will be required to remove materials from their vehicles. Environmental Day is subject to all California Department of Public Health and Santa Clara County Public Health orders and guidelines. Should such guidelines or orders change, the event shall be modified to remain in compliance. For questions, contact Recology South Bay at 408-970-5100.

Stevens Creek Boulevard and Winchester Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation and Bike Lanes Project

The City of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose are working on a joint project to rehabilitate pavement on Stevens Creek Boulevard between Stern Avenue and Interstate 880 and Winchester Boulevard between Newhall Street and Stevens Creek Boulevard. It is anticipated that the project will take place during summer of 2022. In addition to pavement work, both cities are considering the installation of new bike lanes on Stevens Creek Boulevard and Winchester Boulevard. Adding bike lanes on Winchester Boulevard would require the removal of on-street parking. In March 2022, the City of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose will host two community meetings to present the options for bike lanes along Winchester Boulevard, discuss parking removal and gather community input. For meeting information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/WinchesterBikeLane](https://www.santacruzca.gov/WinchesterBikeLane) or contact Ralph Garcia, Senior Civil Engineer, at RGarcia1@santaclaraca.gov or at 408-615-3026.

Save the Date for National Night Out

August 2, 2022. Registration will open in May 2022. For details, log onto [SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut](https://www.santacruzca.gov/NationalNightOut).

Current Job Openings

Join the Center of What's Possible! View job opportunities and for information on how to apply, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs](https://www.santacruzca.gov/jobs).

Employment Services

NOVA Works job centers are open for in-person services. Visit the website at [NovaWorks.org](https://www.novaworks.org) for more information on free services available for job training and assistance Santa Clara residents and businesses.

Apply to Be a Crossing Guard

Crossing Guards play a vital role in community safety! Crossing Guards help children safely cross the street on their way to and from school. However, our well-trained colleagues are also present to:

- Discourage children from behaving in an unsafe manner near traffic, such as darting into the street without looking or crossing against a traffic signal;
- Encourage children to walk their bicycle or scooter in crosswalks;
- Use existing gaps in traffic to help students cross safely. When the natural traffic flow does not allow enough time for children to safely cross a street, a Crossing Guard may create gaps by stopping traffic temporarily;
- Alert motorists that pedestrians of unsafe traffic safety behaviors; and,
- Observe and report any incidents or conditions that present a potential safety hazard.

Crossing Guards generally work approximately 10-15 hours per week in an as-needed, non-benefitted capacity. Applicants must have a valid California driver's license and be at least 21 years of age. Hours and locations vary. The rate of pay is \$16.40 - \$17.21 per hour. An application is available at [www.SantaClaraCA.gov/HR](https://www.santacruzca.gov/HR). For more information, contact Community Service Officer Taylor Carpenter at (408) 615-4875 or tcarpenter@santaclaraca.gov.

Parks & Recreation Currently Hiring for Part-Time Positions

Do you like working within your community and making a difference? If yes, we have positions available for Lifeguards/Instructors, Recreation Instructors, Recreation Leaders, Recreation Office Assistants and Recreation Specialists. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Jobs](https://www.santacruzca.gov/Jobs) to view job descriptions and learn how to apply.

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