



City Hall News

From District 6 City Councilmember **Anthony Becker**

MAY 2022 E-NEWSLETTER

Message from New City Manager Rajeev Batra



Dear Santa Clarans!

Greetings from Rajeev Batra. I started my new role as City Manager for Santa Clara on April 6. You may remember me as I previously served as City Manager from April 2016 through September 2017. While the City searches for a permanent City

Manager, I am sincerely honored and excited to accept this role and help lead Santa Clara through this transitional period with a talented team of City employees. I want to thank the Mayor and City Council for placing their trust in me.

In addition to serving as your City Manager previously, I also served as your City Engineer and Director of Public Works for almost 15 years. In my role as Director of Public Works, I had the honor of working alongside a superb team of Department Directors and City staff, overseeing vital City infrastructure improvements, shaping our environmental programs, and reviewing many of the development projects that make up our cityscape today. I was also part of the team that oversaw the construction of Levi's Stadium that put Santa Clara on the US map.

Now, as we confront the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is yet more work to do. It is a unique privilege to lead this organization not once but twice. As City Manager, I am focused on guiding the City of Santa Clara back to a better fiscal footing, maintaining our exceptional City services, maintaining and building critical infrastructure such as streets and parks, continuing our mission of sustainable development, and looking to a brighter, positive future in Santa Clara.

Santa Clara is an incredible community, and City staff take great pride in providing essential and exceptional service. The City of Santa Clara is truly the Center of What's Possible.

Rajeev Batra

Santa Clara Watering Restricted to 2 Days Per Week

Due to the ongoing severe drought in Santa Clara County and most of California, City Council passed Resolution 22-9077 on April 19, 2022, restricting outdoor watering to 2 days per week.



- Odd numbered addresses and sites with no addresses may water Monday and Thursday.
- Even numbered addresses may water Tuesday and Friday.

Please report water waste via the MySantaClara mobile app or the City's website: [Report Water Waste Form](#). Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater](#) for home and business water conservation strategies.

What's Working Water-Wise

Share your water-saving success with us so that we can spread the word through our community, moving us together toward a drought resilient future. Whether small-scale or large, targeted for kids or just kids at heart: whatever your conservation method, please email your water saving story to Water@SantaClaraCA.gov, subject: "Water Savings." Please keep submissions to 200 words or fewer; photos welcome. Throughout the spring, we will publish select stories in our newsletters (with author permission) to unite our community in striving to save our water for a better tomorrow.



Message from Anthony Becker City Councilmember District 6

Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

On April 5th, 2022 the Santa Clara City Council took action to appoint the interim City Manager and interim City Attorney roles. I would like to introduce Rajeev Batra who will be serving as our interim City Manager as well as James Sanchez, Steve Ngo and their firm Lozano Smith that will be filling the interim City Attorney position. Rajeev brings lots of experience to our city. Rajeev worked as our interim City Manager before in 2016 till 2017. I am grateful we were able to bring Rajeev on board and he has quickly gotten to work. Our interim City Attorney James Sanchez and his associates come with outstanding legal expertise that will greatly benefit our city. I look forward to Rajeev Batra's leadership and James Sanchez solid advice as we navigate our city's current challenges.

As always, my lines of communication are open not only to District 6 residents, but all Santa Clarans, so please do not hesitate to contact me. It's an honor & privilege to serve as your representative.

Anthony Becker,
District 6 Councilmember

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City of Santa Clara receives Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City Recognition and Growth Award

For its commitment to managing, expanding, and preserving our urban forest, the City of Santa Clara has been designated by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community 35 times in a row! In addition, Santa Clara was one of 15 California cities recently recognized with the prestigious Growth Award. This marks the 22-time Santa Clara has received this distinguished award. The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities that build sustainable community forestry programs. Santa Clara recognizes that a thriving urban forest offers many advantages to the community and that the trees we plant now show our commitment to the environment and future generations.

Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan

On **Thursday, May 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**, the City will host an additional virtual community meeting for the Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan (Plan) project. The goal of the Plan is to study and identify potential bicycle and pedestrian improvements on a 2.2-mile segment of Pruneridge Avenue from Pomeroy Avenue to Winchester Boulevard. The City will present an additional draft concept developed to minimize congestion impacts and improve walking and bicycling along the corridor. The Plan's four draft concepts include options for parking removal or lane reductions. For more information on the project and the upcoming community meeting, please visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/PruneridgeAvePlan](#) or contact Carol Shariat, Project Manager, at PruneridgeAvePlan@AltaGO.com or at 408-320-7060.

Accessing City Services

To stay informed about current City services and programs, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/AccessSantaClara](#).

Message from Anthony Becker, City Councilmember District 6



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Stay up to date with Councilmember Becker and City of Santa Clara happenings by attending District 6 Community Meetings and following on social media.

Join Councilmember Becker for his District 6 Community Meeting on Zoom.

Details are below for pre-registration.

Time: Wednesday, May 18th, 2022, 07:00 PM-8:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85026235575?pwd=RHpZaTlwTORWcVhMWXVlcUdYS3Rsdz09>

Meeting ID: 489 363 2974

Passcode: District6

Contact Councilmember Becker or the City Council

408-917-9434 - Direct Number

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mayorandcouncil@santaclaraca.gov

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Twitter:

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Around the Town

News, events, and happenings in Santa Clara.

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. Upcoming testing dates include: **May 11 and May 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Typically, 3-7 days before the testing date, [schedule an appointment](#) online. Visit [SCCFreeTest.org](#) for countywide testing locations.

Design Help for Lucky Landscape Rebate Participants

Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utility has an Earth Day Contest to help *Invest in Our Planet!* If you're a Santa Clara resident considering Valley Water's Landscape Conversion Rebate, enter to win professional design assistance with your project! Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater](#) for eligibility and enter to win by the end of the day, **Friday, May 6, 2022.**

SB 9: California HOME Act

Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021 and became effective on January 1, 2022. For projects that meet specific eligibility criteria, SB 9 requires ministerial review and approval of a housing development with no more than two primary dwelling units on a single-family (R1) zoned property, the subdivision of an R1 zoned parcel, or both. Ministerial review of an SB 9 application means a process without discretionary review or hearing, where City staff is limited to ensuring that the proposed development meets all eligibility criteria and applicable objective zoning, subdivision, and design review standards. The Planning Commission and City Council will be considering an amendment to Title 18 of the Santa Clara City Code (Zoning) to add a new chapter implementing the provisions of SB 9 with additional objective zoning and design standards to address parking, urban lot split standards, privacy, and neighborhood compatibility. For additional background on where SB 9 applies, what SB 9 allows, and the ways in which jurisdictions may and may not regulate SB 9 proposals, and for updates on the City's SB 9 implementing ordinance, please visit the [Planning Division's SB 9 page](#).

City of Santa Clara Zoning Code Update

The City's existing code was developed in March 1969 and does not reflect the recently adopted Santa Clara 2010-2035 General Plan. This update will make the code consistent with state and federal law and the direction provided in the 2010-2035 General Plan. A public review [draft of the Zoning Code](#) is available now through June 6, 2022. Study sessions will be held with the City Council in late Spring 2022 and adoption hearings will be held in late Summer 2022.

Lafayette Bike Lane Project and Pedestrian Enhancement Community Meeting

The City is working on two projects on Lafayette Street. The first project is grant funded and is looking at options to install new protected bicycle lanes on Lafayette Street between Laurelwood Road and Reed Street. As part of this project, the City is considering the removal of parking on Lafayette Street between Memorex Drive and Parker Court. There will be a community meeting on **Wednesday, May 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m.** to present the project scope, discuss possible parking removals on Lafayette Street, and gather community input. The second project is related to potential pedestrian improvements at the existing crosswalk on Lafayette Street at Parker Court. The City will also present information about potential improvements at this crosswalk. The public is invited to attend this online community meeting and provide feedback. To participate in the meeting, and for more information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/LafayetteProtectedBikeway](#). Questions? Contact Carol Shariat at [CShariat@SantaClaraCA.gov](#) or at 408-615-3024.

PG&E Gas Construction on Lafayette Street and Montague Expressway

Beginning **April 25, 2022 through June 2022**, PG&E will begin work to replace infrastructure and equipment associated with their natural gas line facilities on Lafayette Street and Montague Expressway in Santa Clara. PG&E has indicated that this work should not interrupt gas service. However, residents may occasionally hear some noise and smell natural gas as PG&E empties pipelines in a safe and controlled manner. To facilitate this project, temporary lane closures will occur nightly on southbound Lafayette Street during the coming weeks and into June. During these closure periods, residents may encounter detours along Lafayette Street and will be directed to alternate routes. Hours of work will be Sunday-Friday, 8 p.m. - 6 a.m. For more

Welcome to the Silicon Valley Power Marketplace

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Community Garden Programs Thrive!

Silicon Valley Power has launched a new online [Marketplace](#) where residential customers can shop for a variety of energy-saving devices. Here you can find smart thermostats, lighting, electric vehicle chargers, connected home devices and more! We are excited to announce that we have launched new electric yard care equipment rebates through the Marketplace where you can receive an instant rebate up to 25% off the purchase price. Incentives for income-qualified customers are even higher and are automatically applied in your shopping cart. Prices in the Marketplace are comparable to other retail outlets, and special promotions and rebates are available periodically throughout the year. Shipping is free for orders of \$50 or more and just \$5 for all other orders. Visit [poweredbyefi.org/svp/](#) to sign up for an account using your Silicon Valley Power utility account number to take advantage of the instant rebates and special promotions.

information, contact Jake Day, PG&E Customer Outreach Specialist at 408-725-3366 or via email at [gasprojectinfo@pge.com](#). For any other concerns, please call PG&E's general number at 1-800-743-5000.

Drop-In Programs-Stay Active this Spring

May is the perfect month to try a new drop-in activity. Purchase your Activity Pass now for access to three different drop-in programs: Group Exercise at the Community Center, Lap Swim at the International Swim Center and Drop-in Play at the Reed & Grant Sports Park. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass](#) for more information.

40th Anniversary Art & Wine Festival Sept. 17-18 Call for Artists and Event Sponsors

Celebrate the City of Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival 40th Anniversary with us! This year's free festival will feature regional and local artists, live entertainment on two stages, Kids Kingdom, international food, beer, fine wine and more! Visit the [Art & Wine website](#) for details.

- **Call for Artists:** Are you an artist or craftsperson who sells original handmade arts or crafts? We are searching for vendors in a variety of mediums including ceramics, photography, clothing, jewelry, wood and more! Email [Festivals@SantaClaraCA.gov](#) for more information.
- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** Businesses and organizations can reach over 30,000 festival attendees over the weekend. A variety of sponsorship packages are available for purchase. Email [TFreitas@SantaClaraCA.gov](#) for more information.

Make this Your Best Summer Ever in Santa Clara

We have all the exciting summer camps and classes you need to plan the perfect summer! Choose from specialty and hands on creative day camps to swim lessons, theater, gymnastics, art and more! The Parks & Recreation Department is offering a variety of options for any age, all summer long. The Summer 2022 Activity Guide is available online and registration is underway. The adventures begin the week of June 6. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses](#) for more information.

Cultural Commission Commemorative Months Coloring Book

Celebrate Santa Clara's diversity with the Cultural Commission's commemorative months coloring book. Enjoy monthly coloring pages and activities as we celebrate the diversity of our City. Print out the May coloring page and share your unique artwork on the Cultural Commission [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for a chance to be featured on their page. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission](#) to download the coloring book.

Affordable Housing Units Available Now

The Benton and Prado are two new complexes in the City of Santa Clara that have low income and moderate income units available for lease. Santana Terrace also has moderate income units available. For additional information, visit the [Renters Resources webpage](#).

EVENTS, MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Visit the Preschool Program

Adventures in Learning! returns to the CRC with programs specifically designed for both 3 and 4 year old children. Three qualified instructors per class provide an 8:1 ratio. Children must be the correct age on or before Sept. 1, potty trained, and capable of attending class independently. Parent-only class visits are by appointment only, May 2-19. This is a great opportunity to see the class in session and meet the teachers. Email Derek Bryant at DBryant@SantaClaraCa.gov for additional information or to make an appointment.

Kids Rock: Youth Activity Center (YAC), 2450 Cabrillo Ave.

K-5th grade kids, get ready and join us for a special night of activities **Friday, May 6, 6 to 8:30 p.m.** that include recreation games, arts and crafts, music, inflatable slide, and more! Register your child by visiting SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet.

Community Meeting for Proposed Project at 2855 El Camino Real

The developer team will host a [virtual community meeting](#) on **Thursday, May 12, 2022, 6 to 7:30 p.m.** The proposal is for 23 new townhomes and 65 affordable senior apartment units and 3,912 square feet of ground floor commercial in a five-story building. The developer from Warmington Residential will provide a presentation and facilitate the discussion with community members. City staff will be attending to garner community feedback. For questions on the project, contact Steve Le, Associate Planner SLe@santaclaraca.gov. [Register for the meeting](#). Meeting ID: 846 1951 5734; Passcode: 525180; Dial-in #: +1 (346) 248-7799.

“Making the Best of the End” with Phil Orr of Santa Clara’s Mission City Memorial Park (MCMP)

Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. **Friday on May 13, 10 to 11 a.m.** There is one life event we will all experience that we may have time to contemplate. It’s not fun to think about funeral options and costs but planning ahead can provide peace of mind and spare your family the burden of making these decisions for you. Phil Orr, Operations Manager for MCMP will explain the many aspects of what happens at “The End,” from funeral home to cemetery, obituaries, paperwork, and what all this can cost. Learning how the industry works might just save you money, perhaps thousands. This is a free, in-person presentation and seating is limited. Register for the presentation at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet or call the Senior Center front desk for assistance at 408-615-3170.

City of Santa Clara BMR Rental and BMP Ownership

The City of Santa Clara has contracted with HouseKeys to facilitate the Below-Market Rental Program and the Below-Market Purchase Program. HouseKeys conducts monthly webinars to explain their process and how their website works throughout the process. Anyone interested in participating in either program should register to attend this or other upcoming webinars. [Register for the next webinar](#) on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 6 to 7:15 p.m.**

Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) Meeting

DCTF meeting #28 will be held via Zoom on **Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** The topic of the meeting will be on the draft Form Based zoning code for the Downtown Precise Plan area. [Register for the meeting](#). Meeting ID: 919 7578 9377; Phone: +1 (669) 900-6833.

Sunset Cinema

Come join The Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department for Sunset Cinema on **Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.** to “Scoob!” at Machado Park, 3360 Cabrillo Ave. Along with the movie, the City

of Santa Clara Library Book Mobile will be there to check out your favorite books. Registration on [Eventbrite](#) is recommended. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema for more information.

“BE STRONG, LIVE LONG” Health & Wellness Fair, In-Person

Join us for the 6th Annual Health Fair on **Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in Fremont Park, 1303 Fremont to celebrate and support older adults who are working to improve their own health and who are also caring for their older family members. With 50 Exhibitor booths specializing in health issues, attendees can:

- Tap into community resources
- Discover baseline health information with preventative biometric screenings
- Gather information on how to age in place
- Discover a safety net of services and supports for older adults

This special event will be full of helpful information, healthy living tips, food, music and fun. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SeniorCenter for more information.

National River Cleanup Day

Pollution prevention starts at our front doors. Trash can travel through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become bay pollution that is harmful to wildlife. Participate with volunteers to help keep our waterways free from trash at one of two cleanup sites hosted by the City of Santa Clara on **Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Register for a cleanup and help be the solution to water pollution! For detailed information and to register, visit CleanaCreek.org. For questions, contact Environmental Programs at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3080. National River Cleanup 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.



Learn How to Cook with Induction Technology

As a part of our efforts to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve the environment, and support energy efficient technologies, Silicon Valley power upgraded Santa Clara Unified School District’s Adult Education cooking



classroom with induction cooktops so that students can experience cooking on this new technology. Induction cooktops are faster and more efficient than cooking with a gas or traditional electric stove. They only heat the cookware, not the surrounding area, and there is no exposed flame, so they’re safer too. You can learn more about induction cooktops and try cooking with the technology yourself at one of several cooking classes offered throughout the year through Santa Clara Adult Education. Silicon Valley Power customers can use the discount code “Induction” to receive \$50 off the regular cost of the class. The [next class](#) will be held on **May 21, 2022** and will teach participants how to make dishes from Northern India. For more information and to register for a class, please visit SantaClaraAdultEd.org/Class. For questions, please call Santa Clara Adult Education at (408) 423-3500.

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Homelessness Taskforce Virtual Community Meetings

The City of Santa Clara, having endorsed the Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness, has convened a Homelessness Taskforce. The Taskforce includes stakeholders with a range of perspectives and experience who will help identify priorities and provide recommendations related to the development of a City Plan to End Homelessness. Attend a virtual meeting or contact Homebase, the City's facilitator for the Taskforce to submit comments, suggestions, or ideas at cityofsantaclara@homebaseccc.org or (415) 788-7961.

- Homelessness Taskforce Meeting #2: **Thursday, May 26, 2022, 6 to 8 p.m.** ([Register](#))
- Homelessness Taskforce Meeting #3: **Thursday, June 23, 2022, 6 to 8 p.m.** ([Register](#))

Camp YAC

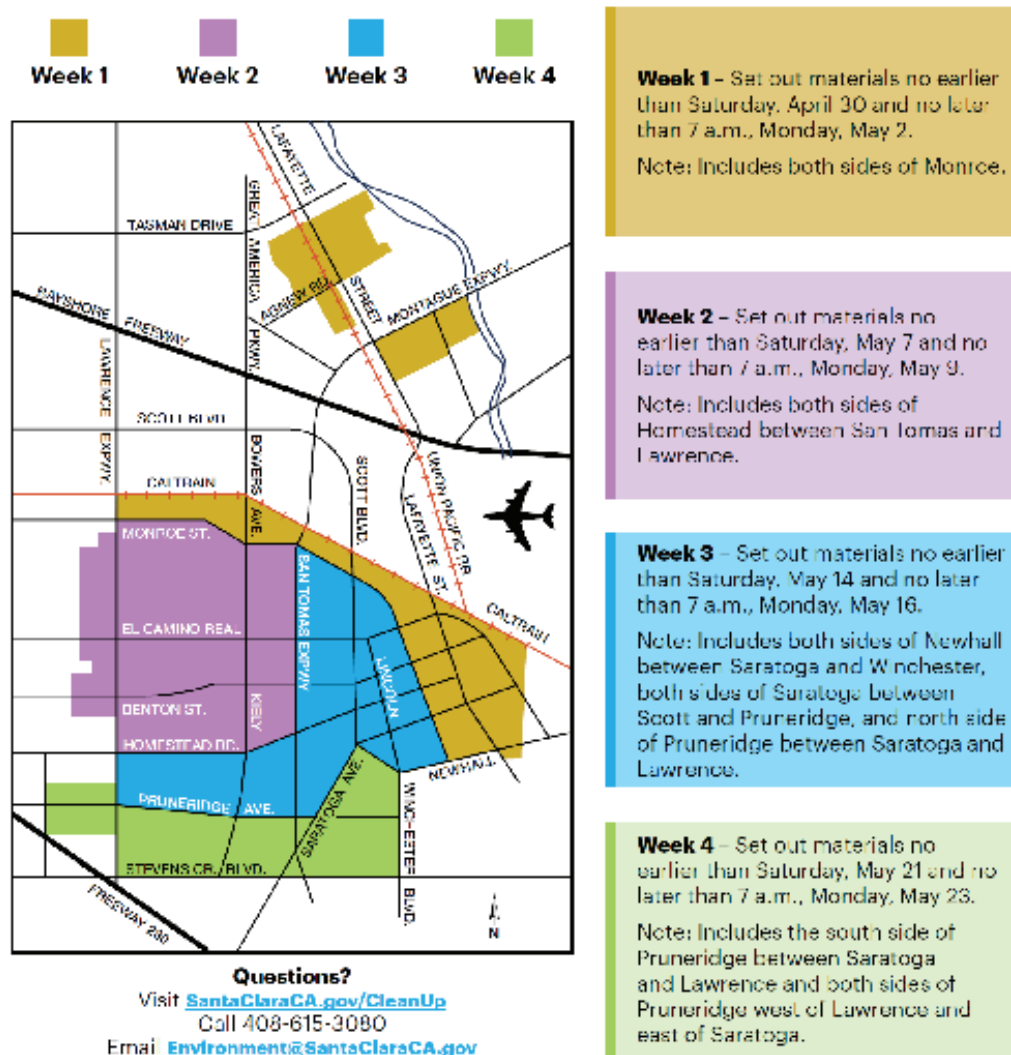
Summertime is almost here! Camp YAC is returning with another action-packed summer, filled with recreation games, outdoor activities, arts and crafts projects and more! The City's Park & Recreation Department will be hosting seven weeks of summer camp **Monday, June 13 - Friday, July 29** at the Teen Center and YAC facilities for participants ages 7-12. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register.

Machado Day Camp

Join us at Machado Park **Monday, June 13 - Friday, July 29** for a half-day camp based on outdoor play, hands-on learning and organized games. It is a great opportunity to introduce your child to the recreation camp experience. Each week is unique with different themes, songs, activities and play. Machado Day Camp is scheduled for June 13 through Friday, July 29 for ages 5 – 7 years old. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register.

Annual Cleanup Campaign

Santa Clara's Annual Cleanup Campaign will take place **May 2 to May 27**. On designated weekends, **eligible** residences may set out bulky items that are not routinely collected by weekly solid waste services. Collection crews will be picking up furniture, appliances, e-waste, tires, residential construction debris and yard waste. All concrete, asphalt, dirt, brick, rocks, drywall and/or sawdust **MUST** be set out in a construction debris bulk bag to prevent it from entering the storm drains. Acceptable bags are made of heavy-duty tarp or plastic material made specifically for construction debris and can be no larger than one cubic yard in size. Debris bulk bags can be purchased at a retailer of your choice or at the Municipal Utility Services counter located at 1500 Warburton Ave for \$22.26 each starting **Monday, April 4**. Due to modified hours of operation, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/AccessSantaClara for the most up-to-date counter hours. Failure to use debris bags to contain residential construction/demolition debris is subject to a \$150 fine. A total of one cubic yard of bagged debris will be picked up at no charge. Any additional bagged material will be collected for a fee of \$25 per cubic yard. Household hazardous material is not accepted. To see if you are an eligible residence, set-out instructions and a list of accepted and prohibited materials, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanUp. Questions? Call 408-615-3080 or email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.



Current Job Openings

Join the Center of What's Possible! View job opportunities and for information on how to apply, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Jobs.

Employment Services

NOVA Works job centers are open for in-person services. Visit the website at NovaWorks.org for more information on free services available for job training and assistance Santa Clara residents and businesses.

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