



City Hall News

From District 6 City Councilmember **Anthony Becker**

JUNE 2022 E-NEWSLETTER

City of Santa Clara Celebrates LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor, Vice-Mayor Sudhanshu “Suds” Jain, Councilmembers Kathy Watanabe, Raj Chahal, Karen Hardy, Anthony Becker and distinguished guests attended the 6th annual LGBTQIA+ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on **Friday, June 3, 2022**, at noon at City Hall. The event’s ceremonial speakers included Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor, Councilmember Anthony J. Becker, Santa Clara Police Chief Pat Nikolai, Assemblymember Alex Lee, Assemblymember Evan Low, Senator Bob Wieckowski, County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Ken Yeager of BAYMEC Community Foundation, Gabrielle Antolovich of the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+



Community Center, and Sera Fernando of Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs. To celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, the City of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara City Library is inviting the public to participate in multiple events throughout June 2022. Some of the events include inclusive family Storytime, Teen Pride Party, Gender Identity Workshop for Teens, Pronoun Workshop for Parents, Pride Craft for Adults, and Pride Crafternoons. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Pride for more information on the events throughout June. Also, during the June 7, 2022, City Council meeting, the Council will proclaim the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park Improvements Project Awarded “Project of the Year”

On May 18, 2022, the City of Santa Clara received a Project of the Year award for the Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park Improvements Project (Project) from the local chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Receiving this award is a major achievement for the Department of Public Works (DPW) and highlights both the partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as the high-quality projects DPW delivers that enhance the Santa Clara community.

“Be Strong, Live Long” Health & Wellness Fair” a Success!

Over 400 people of all ages visited 50 exhibitor booths on **Friday, May 20**, in celebration of Older Americans Month. This outdoor event in Fremont Park next to the Senior Center connected Santa Clarans to the many organizations in Santa Clara County helping to make our daily lives better. This annual event, sponsored by the Senior Advisory Commission and the Senior Center, is held on the third Friday in May – hope to see you next year!

40th Anniversary Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Get ready to celebrate 40 years of the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival on **Sept. 17-18** in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. Spend the weekend enjoying live entertainment, delicious food, fine wine, ice cold beer and a wide variety of art vendor booths to browse. **Call for Artists** - We are still seeking talented artists. Are you an artist or craftsperson who sells original handmade arts or crafts? Email FestivalArtists@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 or call 408-615-3188 for more information. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ArtandWine for more information.

Housing Element Update (2023-2031)

The City of Santa Clara is updating the City’s Housing Element, a set of goals and policies that guide long-term decision-making on the development and maintenance of housing in the City of Santa Clara. State Law requires Santa Clara’s General Plan Housing Element to accommodate the potential development of 11,632 housing units at various income levels over the next 8 years. Public input is a critical part of the Housing Element update process; your thoughts are important and will help the City set priorities for housing. Take a [5-minute survey](#) to share your views on housing in Santa Clara. For more information, visit the [Housing Element Update webpage](#).



Message from Anthony Becker City Councilmember District 6

Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

Summer is here! Schools out and it’s that time of year for fun in the sun. City of Santa Clara has a bunch of fun and exciting activities to do this summer starting with the 6th Annual LGBTQIA+ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on June 3rd, our traditional 4th of July All City Picnic, Sunset Cinema at our local parks, Summer Camps for the kids, Concerts in the Park, National Night Out, 3 Concerts at Levi’s Stadium, and the annual Arts and Wine Festival to close out the summer. There is plenty to do for the whole family. For a list of all these City Community Events please visit <https://www.santaclaraca.gov/recreation-community/events/events-calendar>. For a list of the City’s Pride events, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Pride.

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 and privilege to serve as your representative.

Anthony Becker,
District 6 Councilmember

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Accessing City Services

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

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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, June 22nd, 2022, 07:00 PM-8:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89190189791?pwd=MmUwQkNnWDFEeDAxZmNrVVZ3dFFhdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 9018 9791

Passcode: District6

Contact Councilmember Becker or the City Council

408-917-9434 - Direct Number

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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: **June 8** (Testing on **June 8** will take place at the Community Recreation Center (CRC) at 969 Kiely Blvd.) and **June 22 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.

Climate Action Plan Adoption

Following over two years of community engagement, the City has developed a [Draft Climate Action Plan \(CAP\)](#) to update the current CAP adopted in 2013. Adoption of the CAP Update would extend the City's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals through 2030, address new State requirements established since the 2013 CAP was adopted, and offer a Qualified CAP that would provide California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) streamlining benefits. The City Council Adoption Hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 2022**.

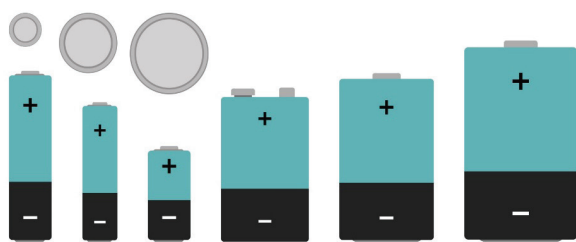
Golden Eagle Exercise

In support of the 2022 Golden Eagle Exercise, the City of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Golden Eagle Exercise Center hosted the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative's Simulation Cell on **May 19, 2022**. The Golden Eagle Exercise is an annual regional disaster preparedness exercise. This year, Santa Clara County's focus was on critical wildfire operations as one of the cascading effects of an earthquake. The Simulation Cell helps drive exercise play by providing exercise participants throughout the Bay Area with situational awareness they need to practice responding to incidents that could realistically occur in a real emergency.



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Household Battery Collection



Household batteries contain toxic materials and should never be placed in curbside collection carts or bins. If not properly disposed of,

old batteries can pose a threat to the environment. Drop off your used household batteries for recycling at any of the following City facilities during open business hours: City Hall Municipal Service Counter, all Santa Clara libraries, Senior Center and Community Recreation Center. Batteries accepted include alkaline button cell, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and lithium-ion. For safety purposes please tape the ends of the battery terminals before placing into the battery recycling receptacles. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Adult Group Exercise Classes

Join us at the CRC for fun workouts in a positive environment. We offer a variety of drop-in fitness classes to meet your busy schedule. Classes are taught by certified instructors and include: Zumba®, U Jam Fitness™, Boot Camp, and Hatha Yoga. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for the June schedule or call 408-615-3140 for more information.



READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH!

Santa Clara City Library 2022 Summer Reading Program



Read Beyond the Beaten Path

This year's Summer Reading Program will encourage you to Read Beyond the Beaten Path! Start your adventure at the Santa Clara City Library to enjoy many different experiences such as exploration, outdoor games, musical performances, campfire stories & songs, animal identification, crafts, and STEAM activities. The Library will challenge everyone to read and learn beyond their comfort zone. Maybe you'll pick up a nonfiction animal book or delve into a mystery adventure. The possibilities are endless! Grab a Summer Reading Game Card at your nearest Library and register at SCLibrary.org/SummerReading to begin your adventure. Prizes can be picked up any time in August.

2022 National Football League Schedule Released

San Francisco 49ers Home Games at Levi's Stadium

The 2022 schedule includes ten (10) home games, including two (2) in prime time, at Levi's Stadium.

Day / Date	Time	Opponent
Friday, Aug. 12	5:30 p.m.	Green Bay Packers (pre-season)
Sunday, Sept. 18	1:05 p.m.	Seattle Seahawks
Monday, Oct. 3	5:15 p.m.	Los Angeles Rams
Sunday, Oct. 23	1:25 p.m.	Kansas City Chiefs
Sunday, Nov. 13	5:20 p.m.	Los Angeles Chargers
Sunday, Nov. 27	1:25 p.m.	New Orleans Saints
Sunday, Dec. 4	1:05 p.m.	Miami Dolphins
Sunday, Dec. 11	1:25 p.m.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Saturday, Dec. 24	1:05 p.m.	Washington Commanders
TBD, Jan. 7 - 8	TBD	Arizona Cardinals

SCPD will continue to distribute a Traffic Advisory approximately 48 hours prior to each event. Sign up to receive the traffic advisories via Nixle or at SCPD.org.

Call If You Can. Text If You Can't

Text to 9-1-1 provides another layer of service that has greatly enhanced public safety. It should be used in situations when you cannot safely and effectively call 9-1-1, such as:

- Caller with a hearing and/or speech impairment in need of emergency assistance
- In a situation where it is not safe to place a phone call (e.g. home intruder, domestic violence, etc.)
- Medical issue where you are unable to speak

In 2021, Public Safety Dispatcher's received 196 texts for police, fire, and medical related emergencies. Despite text messaging being one of the primary ways that people communicate today, dialing 9-1-1 in an emergency is still the preferred way to request police, fire, or medical assistance. Remember, "Call if you can, text if you can't."

Affordable Housing Units Available Now

The Benton is a new complex in Santa Clara that has 1 and 2 bedroom low-income and moderate-income apartments available for lease. For moderate-income apartments, the first six weeks are free. For more information and how to apply, visit the City's [Housekeys webpage](#).

Electrify Your Drive



Silicon Valley Power offers [rebates](#) up to \$1,500 for income-qualified customers to purchase a new or used electric vehicle (EV) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV). Customers installing an EV charging station may be eligible for a rebate up to \$550. If you require an electric panel upgrade when

installing the EV charging station, add a circuit for an electric heat pump water heater to make your home "electrification ready", and you may be eligible for a rebate on the electric panel upgrade as well! Electric panel upgrade incentives range from \$1,000 - \$3,000. For more information on these programs, visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates](#). There is a variety of incentive and assistance programs available, as well as federal tax credits, making the upfront cost of an EV more affordable than you may think! For more information on maximizing your incentives, visit [Silicon Valley Power's website](#).

Make the Switch from a Gas Water Heater to an Efficient Heat Pump Water Heater

Many homes have outdated natural gas water heaters that burn fossil fuels, damaging air quality and the environment. Consider upgrading to an electric heat pump water heater, which is up to three times more energy efficient. Because it does not burn natural gas, it will improve



the air quality in and around your home. Silicon Valley Power has partnered with BayREN to provide financial incentives to participating contractors, which results in discounts up to \$1,000 off the installation of a heat pump water heater for our customers. Ensure you are working with a contractor enrolled in the program to receive discounted pricing. To learn more about converting your natural gas water heater to an efficient electric heat pump water heater or to find a participating contractor, visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/Residents/Electrification-Programs](#). If you need to upgrade your panel when adding the heat pump water heater, visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/PanelUpgrade](#) for information on rebates available to help cover the cost.

Activity Pass - Purchase Yours Today!

Have you purchased an Activity Pass yet? The Activity Pass provides access to three drop-in programs: Lap Swim at the International Swim Center, Drop-in Play at the Reed & Grant Sports Park and Group Exercise at the CRC. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass](#) or call 408-615-3140 for more information.



Cultural Commission Commemorative Months Coloring Book

Celebrate Santa Clara's diversity with the Cultural Commission's commemorative months coloring book. Print out the June coloring page and share your artwork on the Cultural Commission [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for a chance to be featured on their page. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission](#) to download the entire coloring book and unleash your creativity.

Spend your Summer in Santa Clara

The Parks & Recreation Department has loads of classes, swim lessons and camps to keep you occupied this summer. Registration is underway. The adventures begin on **Monday, June 6**, with many camps and programs starting at various times throughout the summer. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses](#) or call 408-615-3140 for more information.

Career Online High School

Are you an adult who didn't graduate from high school? It's not too late to learn. The Santa Clara City Library offers scholarships to Career Online High School for those who live or work in Santa Clara. You can earn a high school diploma and a career certificate in a high-demand field in 18 months or less. If you have completed some high school coursework, you can transfer credits. Visit [SCLibrary.org/COHS](#) or call (408) 615-2956 to learn more!



EVENTS, MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Save the Date! 4th of July: All City Picnic, 12 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate on **Monday, 4th of July**, in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. with games, food, swimming and live entertainment on the Pavilion Stage. There will be no fireworks show in the evening this year. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/4thofJuly](#) or call 408-615-3140 for more information.

City of Santa Clara BMR Rental and BMP Ownership Orientation Webinar: June 7, 2022, 6 - 7:15 p.m.

([Link to Register](#)). 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.

Going Native in the Garden

The Parks & Recreation Department invites you to a workshop presented by Water Conservation Specialist, Viktoria Gleason from City of Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities. The workshop is at Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park, Saturday, **June 11, 9:30 – 11 a.m.** You will learn the benefits and water-saving value of native plants, how to source, plant, prune and maintain CA natives, and more! [Register for the event](#). Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/CommunityGarden](#) for the event calendar or call Derek Bryant at 408-615-3743 for more information.

Free Emergency First Aid Training - Stop the Bleed Workshop

Presented by the Trauma Center at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Tuesday, **June 14, 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.** — In Person; Activity #25109. Learn basic emergency bleeding control techniques presented by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Trauma Center staff. You will participate in simulated hands-on training and will receive a certificate of course completion. This workshop is free, but seating is limited. [Enroll online](#) to reserve your spot or call 408-615-3170 for enrollment assistance. For questions, contact Mallory von Kugelgen, Health & Wellness Coordinator, Santa Clara Senior Center 408-615-3180.

Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) Meeting #29: Thursday, June 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

([Meeting Link](#); Meeting ID: 919 7578 9377; Phone: 1(669) 900-6833). The DCTF will review and discuss the draft content for the Form Based Zoning Code for the Downtown Precise Plan area. To view past DCTF meetings, and meeting materials, visit the [DCTF webpage](#). While participation in the DCTF meetings will be limited to appointees, the meetings will be public and members of the community will have an opportunity to provide input at the meetings.

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Composting with Worms Workshop

Composting is nature's way of recycling! Worm composting is a fantastic way to turn fruit and vegetable waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment that has many benefits, including improving the health of your soil. The final product can be added to potting soil for house plants or used in the garden. On **Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – noon**, join a Master Composter to learn how to build, maintain, and troubleshoot a worm bin at the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park located at 2380 Monroe St. Registration is required and limited to 12 attendees. Register [online](#) or call the "Rot Line" at 408-918-4640. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Memories & Hugs Workshop - Kick Off Meeting: Monday, June 20, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

In-person Activity # 25651. Can you sew a straight line, hand stitch, or stuff batting? We could use your talents! Sometimes when a loved one passes, we wish we could give them just one more hug. Help give those hugs to families by sewing pillows or bears from a favorite garment of their family member who is gone. In partnership with Kaiser Hospice, we will meet monthly to receive materials, sew items, and deliver our pillows or bears to our drivers. You may bring your portable machine to sew with others or use the day's workshop to check in and pick up materials to work from home. We will meet monthly on the third Monday of each month unless there is a holiday. Guidelines, patterns, and materials will be provided and we are happy to have your help in whatever way that is. Our first meeting will be an orientation. [Register online](#) or by calling Mallory von Kugelgen, Health & Wellness Coordinator, Santa Clara Senior Center. 408-615-3180. Masks are strongly recommended and we will have a box at the door, in case you need one.

Homelessness Taskforce Meeting #3: June 23, 2022, 6 – 8 p.m.

([Link to Register](#)). 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.

Senior Center BBQ - It's Back! Join

Join us on **Thursday, June 23 at noon**, on the Senior Center Patio for good eats with good friends! The menu includes your choice of a hamburger, hot dog, black bean burger or a superfood veggie burger, along with chips, salad, and dessert. Tickets can be purchased at the Snack Bar for \$6.00 the day of the event, or at the BBQ. Hope to see you there!

Law Enforcement Torch Run

Each year, the Santa Clara Police Department (SCPD) raises funds and awareness for Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) by participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. This year, the Torch Run will take place on **Friday, June 24**. The Torch Run features more than 3,000 law enforcement personnel from hundreds of local agencies carrying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope throughout Northern California. The Torch Run culminates with the SONC Summer Games which will take place at Santa Clara University, **June 24 - 26, 2022**. The SONC Summer Games is the premier sporting event of the year where athletes compete against their peers in bocce, swimming, tennis, and track & field. SCPD is [collecting donations](#) for SONC. In addition, a limited number of Law Enforcement Torch Run challenge coins are available for purchase for \$20. Contact the Police Department at (408) 615-4752 or amorales@santaclaraca.gov to coordinate the purchase of a challenge coin.

Concerts in the Park

The Santa Clara Cultural Commission is excited to announce the return of the Concerts in the Park series. Join us for kick-off concert with the Hitmen at Live Oak Park, 640 Moreland Way, on **Friday, July 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission for the full line-up.

National Night Out is Back

Join us for a night out against crime on **Tuesday, Aug. 2**. National Night Out is about individual neighborhoods coming together. This year, it is also about rediscovering your community and strengthening partnerships with the Police Department, Fire Department, Mayor and City Council, City administrators and Santa Clara Unified School District School Board members. Registration is open through **July 22**, and is being accepted online at SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut. Neighborhoods are encouraged to be creative (e.g. BBQ, potluck, ice cream social, games, contest, etc.) and have fun while strengthening the bond between neighbors in an effort to make our City safer. For more information, contact the Santa Clara Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at crimeprevention@santaclaraca.gov.

Street Dance

Dance the evening away on **Friday, Aug. 5, 6 - 9 p.m.** at the Street Dance. Stroll through Franklin Square, 1100-1300 Franklin St., for a fun Friday night out! Dancing, interactive art, food and drinks and a live performance by local Party Band, Pop Fiction. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to learn more.

Family Camping in the City: Aug. 5 – 6

Spend the night in Central Park! Enjoy the comforts of local camping while participating in a variety of activities for all ages. Campers will enjoy the Disney Pixar animated movie, "UP" under the stars on a big screen. Advanced registration required at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet.

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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