



City Hall News

From District 1 City Councilmember **Kathy Watanabe**

JULY 2022 E-NEWSLETTER

June Pride Recap

The Santa Clara City Library celebrated Pride across the City this year. 167 families enjoyed and participated in our Library outdoor spaces for our interactive storytimes and rainbow craftnoons! One of our attendees expressed “I just wanted to send love and gratitude your way. Our family attended the Pride storytime today at Central Park Library and it was such a sweet event! We were feeling nervous after what happened at the San Lorenzo library, but it felt so affirming for my kids and me to be surrounded by our neighbors celebrating LGBTQ families like ours. It meant a lot to us that the library hosted this event. Thank you!”



Juneteenth

For Juneteenth, Santa Clara City Library hosted an interactive scavenger hunt and staff made book displays at Central and each of the branches.



Surviving COVID Virtual Exhibition



The Santa Clara Cultural Commission, in partnership with The Triton Museum, is pleased to share a compilation video of all the semi-finalists in the “Surviving COVID” Exhibition. Watch the [video](#). The winning entries will be displayed in the lobby of The Triton Museum between **July 23 - Aug. 14**. Drop by to check out this meaningful artwork. Thank you to all the artists who participated in this exhibition. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission for more information.

[CulturalCommission](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission) for more information.

Tickets on Sale for Into the Woods and Disney's Frozen Jr.

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is excited to produce two amazing productions this summer! Purchase your tickets now for Disney's Frozen Jr. and Into the Woods! Frozen Jr., with a cast aged 8-15 years old, is based on the 2018 Broadway musical and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, on stage. The show features all the beloved characters and memorable songs from the animated film. Performances are **July 19 - 21**. Into the Woods, with a cast aged 13-19 years old, brings everyone's favorite storybook characters together for a timeless, yet relevant, modern classic. Performances are the **weekend of July 29**. Tickets are \$15 each. All performances are held at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe St. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to purchase.



Silicon Valley Power Sustainable Futures Program to Support Future Leaders in Clean Energy

On June 7, 2021, the Santa Clara City Council unanimously approved the new Silicon Valley Power Sustainable Futures Program, which will provide scholarships and fellowships to up to 35 future leaders in sustainability, clean energy and related fields. The goal of the program is to develop a pipeline of strong, diverse future leaders in sustainability and clean energy sectors. The innovative, five-year program is funded by a \$375,000 grant from Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara's not-for-profit municipal electric utility. Selected students - especially those transferring from local community colleges - will use the funds to attend and receive advanced opportunities at Santa Clara University and its award-winning environmental and sustainability curriculum. For more information, visit SiliconValleyPower.com.



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: **July 13 and 27 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.



Message from Kathy Watanabe
City Councilmember
District 1

I hope the residents of District 1 are enjoying a good summer so far. With more and more people having received the COVID vaccination and boosters and mask mandates being lifted or optional, it has given us the ability to enjoy many activities again with families and friends.

Speaking of enjoying activities again, the City of Santa Clara was host to some international dignitaries in June. First, the City welcomed representatives from 12 universities in Portugal who were promoting the benefits of studying abroad along with the programs. Representatives from local schools along with high school and college students attended to hear about the opportunities and meet the Portuguese professors and teachers. The Portuguese Consul General of San Francisco, Pedro Pinto, and Secretary of State for Internationalization, Bernardo Ivo Cruz, were also present to talk about the benefits of studying abroad and answer questions. A big “Thank You” to Marie Ricardo and the members of the S.E.S. Hall who prepared a delicious welcome lunch.

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Accessing City Services

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

Message from Kathy Watanabe, City Councilmember District 1



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Santa Clara Sister Cities Presidents (past and present) Margaret Horoszko and Tedra Nikolai, Mayor Gillmor, City Manager Rajeev Batra and I welcomed the



Economic Development Director of Limerick, Ireland, Vincent Murray, to Santa Clara City Hall and discussed the revitalization of our Sister City relationship. Many Sister Cities plan to start traveling abroad in 2023. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Santa Clara Sister Cities program, either as a student or board member, please feel free to contact me or Margaret Horoszko (horoszko@sbcglobal.net). Santa Clara had three Sister Cities relationships - Izumo, Japan; Coimbra, Portugal; and Limerick Ireland as well as a Friendship City relationship with Icheon, South Korea.

Do you like to dance and hang with your friends? The Santa Clara Cultural Commission is excited to be having Concerts in the Park again. The first one will be Friday, July 22, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Live Oak Park by the Northside Library, 695 Moreland Way.



REMINDER! Fire agencies throughout Santa Clara County have partners to remind residents that fireworks are illegal, dangerous and can result in fires and injuries. Fines will be issued to anyone using, possessing, storing or selling illegal fireworks. SCFD is also promoting Popsicles not Sparklers! Please do your part to keep our City safe.

Stay safe!

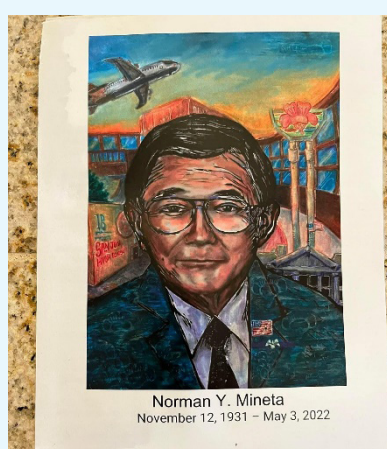
Kathy Watanabe
Councilmember, District 1
City of Santa Clara



The City of Santa Clara and Silicon Valley Power are members of a consortium of locally owned electric utilities called NCPA (Northern California Power Agency) located in Roseville, California. Serving as the alternate on this commission, I travelled to the American Public

Power Association national conference in Nashville, TN to represent the City and get updates on current issues including supply chain issues, labor workforce issues and most importantly continuing to keep our national electric grid safe, reliable, efficient, affordable and resilient. The conference was attended by 1300 people from around the United States and was a wonderful opportunity to connect with vendors as well as women in local government who work on public power issues.

The country lost a great hero when former Transportation Secretary, Norm Mineta, passed away on May 3, 2022. I had the honor of meeting Secretary Mineta at several Sister Cities events as he was a big supporter of the program. It was an honor to attend his memorial service on June 16, 2022 at the Civic Center in San Jose and say goodbye to a great man who represented his hometown of San Jose with such pride. He never forgot his roots. Rest In Peace, Secretary Mineta.



Around the Town

News, events, and happenings in Santa Clara.

City of Santa Clara's Business Tax and License Webpage Upgrade

City of Santa Clara's Business Tax and License website portal is being upgraded! In addition to making your online payment by credit card, customers will also have the option to pay their business license fees via e-check, an online version of a handwritten check.

Hosting a National Night Out Event is as Easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Determine a location (e.g. your front yard, driveway, neighborhood park)
2. Reach out to invite neighbors, friends and family to the **Aug. 2** event
3. Register your event by **July 22** at SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut

If you plan to have amplified music at your event, add step #4 – obtain an Outdoor Amplified Music Permit at SantaClaraCA.gov/AmplifiedMusic or by calling 408-615-2310.



National Night Out, happening **Tuesday, Aug. 2**, is about

building your community, getting to know your neighbors, promotes neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The events can be big or small, simple or elaborate. It depends on how much time and help you have and the resources around you. No matter the type of event, it's about having fun, being creative and most importantly, sharing this experience with your neighbors. For National Night Out event ideas and contact information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut.

2022 Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project

Construction will begin in July on the 2022 Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project by the City's contractor O'Grady Paving, Inc. The project consists of removal and replacement of failed pavement areas, construction of new ADA-compliant curb ramps, installation of asphalt or application of slurry seal surface treatments, and replacement of pavement markings. This work will take place throughout the City. Replacement of failed pavement areas will begin in early July and will continue through October, with final project completion anticipated in late 2022. Some major streets to receive slurry seal and/or new asphalt paving include Lafayette Street, Mission College Boulevard, Great America Way, Di Giulio Avenue, Ronald Avenue, The Alameda, Memorex Drive, Avila Avenue, Norman Avenue, Dunford Way, and Scott Boulevard. For a detailed location map of the project streets and regular construction updates, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/PavementMaintenance. Direct questions or comments to Faranak Mahdavi with the Department of Public Works at fmahdavi@santaclaraca.gov or by phone at 408-615-3061.

Lafayette Street Crosswalk Removal

In conjunction with the City's 2022 Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, the City plans to remove eight existing crosswalks at seven intersections along Lafayette Street. These crosswalks do not provide a connection between existing sidewalks as there is no existing sidewalk along the west side of Lafayette Street and parking is not allowed. Furthermore, the Union Pacific Railroad tracks block any connection from Lafayette Street to Bassett Street at these locations. The intersections affected are Lafayette Street at Aldo Avenue, Clyde Avenue, Eisenhower Drive, Hogan Drive, Laurie



Safety Precautions for Planting or Trimming Trees Near Power Lines

Trees are an important part of our landscape and our environment, but they can grow into and around power lines, causing power outages. With proper care from property owners, we can minimize the risk of power outages and safety hazards. If planting a new tree, be sure to call **8-1-1 before you dig** to have any underground utilities located. The service is free and will help you avoid digging into underground utilities, which could be hazardous and costly. Avoid planting new trees near or under power lines. If an existing tree has grown into the power lines, don't attempt to trim it yourself. Contact Silicon Valley Power at 408-615-5640 to have a high voltage tree trimmer remove the branches from the power lines so that the property owner can continue to prune and maintain the tree safely. For more safety tips and information on planting the right tree in the right place, visit the [Tree Trimming Safety Guidelines](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/TreeTrimmingSafetyGuidelines) on Silicon Valley Power's website.

Avenue, Montague Expressway West, and Palm Drive. Pedestrians that need to cross Lafayette Street to access Bassett Street should use the existing crosswalks on Agnew Road, Norman Avenue, and Laurelwood Road. For more information and to submit a public comment by **Aug. 8, 2022** regarding these crosswalk removals, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/LafayetteCrosswalkRemoval.

July Events at Levi's Stadium

July 2: Grupo Firme

July 29: Red Hot Chili Peppers

The Santa Clara Police Department distributes a Traffic Advisory approximately 48-hours prior to major events at the stadium. Subscribe to receive the advisories on [Nixle](https://Nixle.com).

Chief's Advisory Committee Application Deadline Approaching

Assist Police Chief Nikolai regarding our community's needs and concerns. Apply now to the Chief's Advisory Committee (CAC). To learn more about the CAC, member's roles, and the applications process, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ChiefAdvisoryCommittee. The deadline to apply is **Aug. 19, by 5 p.m.**

Cultural Commission Commemorative Months Coloring Book

July is American Independence month! Celebrate Santa Clara's diversity with the Cultural Commission's commemorative months coloring book. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to download the entire coloring book and unleash your inner artist.

Shared Mobility Update (Bicycle and Scooter Share)

On December 7, 2021, the City Council approved the City's Shared Mobility Program (Program), which allows private operators to deploy shared mobility devices (bicycles and scooters) in Santa Clara. The City has selected two operators, Bird and Veo, to begin operation in Santa Clara this summer. The operators plan to provide up to 2,000 devices total with a mix of bicycles and scooters. For more information, visit: SantaClaraCA.gov/SharedMobilityProgram.

Special Needs Awareness Program

The Special Needs Awareness Program (SNAP) is designed to improve police interactions with members of our community. SNAP provides First Responders with important information when responding to calls for service that involve individuals with special needs. Candidates for the SNAP program include those with any of the following relevant medical conditions/behaviors: Speech impaired, visually impaired, hearing impaired, non-verbal, mood disorder, cognitive impairment, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's/dementia, Autism, Asperger's. Learn more about SNAP or register at SantaClaraCA.gov/SNAP.

3-in-1 Activity Pass

Are you looking to stay active on your own schedule? We've got a 3-in-1 pass that can help you do that. The Activity Pass provides access to three drop-in programs: Group Exercise at the CRC, Lap Swim at the International Swim Center, and Drop-in Play at the Reed & Grant Sports Park. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for more information and to purchase a pass today.



Summer Recreation Programs



Parks & Recreation Department staff have been busy this summer with a variety of classes, camps and swim lessons. We hope you are enjoying your summer in Santa Clara. Although activities are underway, there is still space in summer camps for ages 3.5 - 14, adult and teen classes, and much more starting in July. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses to view the Activity Guide and register.

Fall Recreation Activity Guide

Parks & Recreation has you covered from August to December with classes during our Fall Session. Classes range from dance to coding to theatre, sports and more. The fall guide will be available online **Friday, July 22**. Registration will begin **Tuesday, July 26** for Santa Clara residents. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.

Electric Yard Care Rebates Available through our New Online Marketplace!

Electric yard care equipment instant rebates up to 25% off the purchase price are available through Silicon Valley's online Marketplace. Incentives for income-qualified customers are even higher and are automatically applied in your shopping cart.

Residents can also shop for a variety of energy-saving devices. Here you can find smart thermostats, lighting, electric vehicle chargers, connected home devices and more! 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 PoweredByEFL.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.



Purchase an electric lawnmower and receive a \$60 rebate

Receive an instant rebate on a qualifying electric lawnmower when purchased through the Silicon Valley Power Marketplace.

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Career Online High School

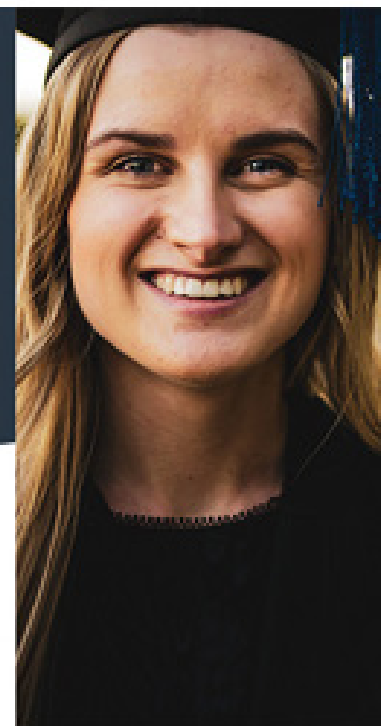
Are you an adult who didn't graduate from high school? It's not too late to learn. The Santa Clara City Library offers scholarships to Career Online High School for those who live or work in Santa Clara. You can earn a high school diploma and a career certificate in a high-demand field in 18 months or 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!



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EVENTS, MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Introduction to Keeping Backyard Chickens

July 12, 6 – 7 p.m. Thinking of having pet chickens? Don't know if they are right for you? This talk will give you an overview of what is involved in keeping them in your backyard, and teach you the basic requirements like housing, food and maintenance. This one-hour online introductory class will help you get ready for the arrival of these new pets in your family! [Register for the class.](#)



Registration for the August Citywide Garage Sale

The Santa Clara Citywide Garage Sale returns Saturday, August 13! Hosting a garage sale is a great opportunity for residents to turn unwanted items into cash, while preventing usable items from ending up in the landfill. Register online for individual, multi-family, or block garage sales starting **July 13 – Aug. 10** at SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale. Citywide Garage Sale registrations will be displayed on an interactive map, and a finalized list of garage sale locations will be made available to download on **Friday, Aug. 12**. The Citywide Garage Sale 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. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale for more information. Questions? Email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3080.



Kick-off the 2022 Concerts in the Park Series at Live Oak Park

The Santa Clara Cultural Commission is excited to announce the return of Concerts in the Park. Join us for the first concert, featuring The Hitmen at Live Oak Park, 641 Moreland Way, on **Friday, July 22, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission for the full line-up.

Lafayette Bike Lane Project Community Meeting #2

The City is working on a grant funded project to install new protected bicycle lanes on Lafayette Street between Laurelwood Road and Reed Street. On May 4, 2022, the City held a virtual community meeting to provide information on the project. The City will host a second virtual community meeting at the end of July to present the project, discuss possible parking removals between Memorex Drive and Parker Court, and gather community input. Translators will be present at the meeting upon request. For more information regarding the project and upcoming meeting, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/LafayetteProtectedBikeway or contact Ralph Garcia at Rgarcia1@SantaClaraCA.gov or at 408-615-3026.

Homelessness Taskforce Meeting #4

Thursday, July 28, 6 – 8 p.m. [Register for the meeting.](#) 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.

City of Santa Clara BMR Rental and BMP Ownership Orientation Webinar

Thursday, July 28, 6 - 7:15 p.m. [Register for the webinar.](#) 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.

Street Dance with Live Band Pop Fiction

Dance your Friday evening away on **Aug. 5** at the Street Dance in Franklin Square! Experience a fun night including food, drinks, a live performance by local party band, Pop Fiction and more. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to learn more.

Family Camping in the City

Spend the night in Central Park, **Aug. 5 – 6**, and enjoy the comforts of camping local 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. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet for more information.

40th Anniversary Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

The Art & Wine Festival returns to Central Park **Sept. 17 - 18** to celebrate its 40th Anniversary. This year's Festival will include over 150 arts and crafts booths to browse, live entertainment on two stages, Kids Kingdom, delicious food, fine wine, ice-cold beer and so much more – it's a true Santa Clara tradition! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ArtandWine for sponsor and artist booth opportunities and more information!







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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