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Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer. Take this time to connect with friends, family and loved ones. Enjoy the beautiful weather and everything that Santa Clara has to offer from our parks, summer concerts, Great America, youth activities, and our upcoming Arts and Wine Festival in September. Also remember to stay hydrated during hot days and make sure you are getting plenty of mental wellness. 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

Councilmember, District 6



Queer Silicon Valley Documentary

The BAYMEC Community Foundation proudly presents the documentary "Queer Silicon Valley." The film skillfully memorializes the work of a generation of activists who were all part of the LGBTQ+ movement in San Jose and Silicon Valley, from the 1970s to now.

Spanning almost 50 years, this groundbreaking documentary showcases 22 history-making activists, as they recount the struggles and discrimination they endured to ultimately build a local society that was accepting and inclusive. The film features many of the people who helped shape the vibrant and cohesive queer culture that exists today.

From its bar and Imperial Courts, to fighting the Religious Right, to forming ethnic clubs, to battling HIV/AIDS, to fighting for marriage equality, to enacting groundbreaking non-discrimination policies at High-Tech companies, Silicon Valley's rich history informs the greater LGBTQ+ movement in the United States. This is the story of a movement set in a traditional, heteronormative suburb. Even without a central gathering place like Castro Street of Greenwich Village, progress still happened. The archival documents, personal narratives, photographs, and videos shown in the film tell that story.

The film is directed and co-produced by award-winning documentarian and SJSU professor Bob Gliner, for the BAYMEC Community Foundation (BCF). No such documentary has previously been produced that focuses exclusively on the queer community in Silicon Valley. Co-Producer and BCF Executive Director Ken Yeager – also in the film as the first openly gay elected official in the county – says this: "Each of these 22 inspirational people interviewed deserve their own documentary. Their impact on queer culture has been that profound."

Please be sure to share the [YouTube link](#) to friends. Any questions or comments about the film can be emailed to info@BAYMECFoundation.org.

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City of Santa Clara Job Opportunities

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

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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.

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EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Avenidas Rainbow Collective LGBTQ Seniors Initiative

The understanding of gender has moved beyond the binary. The use of pronouns and gender-neutral language respects the identities of all. Join Thomas Kingery from Avenidas Rainbow Collective at the Senior Center on **Thursday, Aug. 4, 10 - 11 a.m.** for a conversation about the basic terms and concepts related to gender identity and sexual orientation to enhance communication and respect within our older adult community and beyond. The in-person workshop is free, registration is required. Sign up at SantaClaraCA.gov or call the Senior Center at 408-615-3170.



Street Dance

We will be dancing in the streets on **Friday, Aug. 5**. Spend your Friday evening in Franklin Square with the Cultural Commission! Enjoy a live performance by Pop Fiction from 7 - 9 p.m. Food and drinks available to purchase. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission for more information.



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. The final product can be added to potting soil for house plants or used in the garden. On **August 6**, join a Master Composter to learn how to build, maintain, and troubleshoot a worm bin, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park located at 2380 Monroe St. Registration is required. Register online at ucanr.edu/compost or call the "Rot Line" at 408-918-4640.



Community Meeting on Homelessness

The City Homelessness Taskforce is made up of community members and local service providers to help create a plan to reduce homelessness and its impact. Join a community meeting on **Aug. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** to learn about homelessness in Santa Clara and provide input on the services and resources needed. This event will be held over Zoom. [Register for the meeting online](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/HTF) and visit SantaClaraCA.gov/HTF for more information.



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: **Aug. 10, Aug. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Visit SCCFreeTest.org to [schedule an appointment](https://SCCFreeTest.org) online.



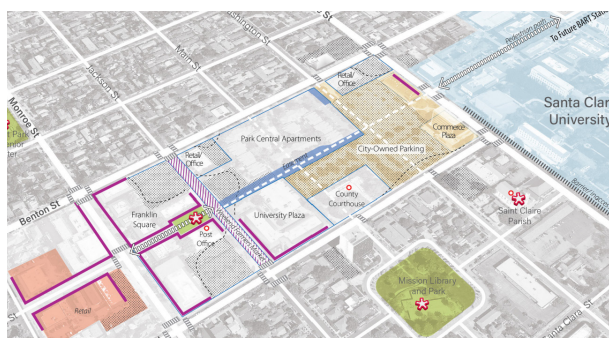
The Megatonnes at Central Park Pavilion

The Santa Clara Cultural Commission continues the Concerts in the Park series on **Friday, Aug. 12** with The Megatonnes performing at Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, picnic and get ready to move and groove the evening away! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission for the full line up of concerts.



Citywide Garage Sale

Check out the Citywide Garage Sale on **Saturday, Aug. 13**. A list of garage sale locations will be made available for download on Aug. 12. Registered locations are displayed on an interactive map with details including the time and items for sale to help plan your route. Register online through Aug. 10 at SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale.



Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) Meeting

The DCTF will meet on **Thursday, Aug. 18, 6 p.m.** Participation in the meetings are limited to appointees and members of the public have an opportunity to provide input. Join meeting by Zoom: <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/91975789377> or by phone: 1(669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 919 7578 9377. To view past meeting materials and recordings, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Downtown.



Stop the Bleed

Learn basic emergency bleeding control techniques in this free first aid training. Santa Clara Valley Medical Center staff will provide simulated hands-on-training for older adults age 50+ at the Senior Center on **Tuesday, Aug. 23, 9:45-11:45 a.m.** The top cause of preventable death in trauma is bleeding, especially serious for older adults on anti-coagulant therapy or blood thinners like warfarin. Reserve your spot online at SantaClaraCA.gov or call the Senior Center at 408-615-3170.



Senior Center Ice Cream Social and Open House

Join us on **Wednesday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** on the patio for a cold treat. Enjoy music, meet new friends, and learn about programs at the Senior Center. Delicious ice cream and a toppings bar for \$3 for Santa Clara adults 50+, \$4 for other ice cream enthusiasts. For more information, call the Senior Center at 408-615-3170.



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!



Homelessness Taskforce Meeting

The City Homelessness Taskforce will meet on **Thursday, Aug. 25, 6 to 8 p.m.** The Taskforce includes stakeholders with perspectives and experience to help identify priorities and provide recommendations for the development of a City Plan to End Homelessness. Attend a meeting or contact Homebase, the City's facilitator for the Taskforce to submit comments or suggestions at cityofsantaclara@homebaseccc.org or call 415-788-7961. Register for the virtual meeting at SantaClaraCA.gov/HTF.



Santa Clara Parade of Champions

The 53rd Santa Clara Parade of Champions returns on **Saturday, Oct. 1** to the historic downtown. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. with a full day of festivities until 5 p.m. Become a parade sponsor, donate, volunteer or be a part of the event to celebrate the community! Visit SCParadeofChampions.org for more information. This event is supported in part by a City of Santa Clara community grant.



Comic Con

The Santa Clara City Library is proud to announce the in-person return of the Santa Clara City Library Comic Con on **Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The 6th Santa Clara City Library Comic Con celebrates reading and imagination via the comic book medium by bringing together Bay Area artists, comic book shops, cosplayers, makers, and authors. Come enjoy a day of panels, workshops, crafts, vendors, and be prepared to get inspired by creators of art, comics, and films!

Visit SCLibrary.org/Comic-Con for more info.

2022 State of the City

The Santa Clara community is invited to State of the City on Saturday, **Sept. 10 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. The City Council will recognize members of the community at the event for community awards.

Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor will present her 2022 State of the City address. Residents, community leaders, and businesses from the community are all invited to join the event! Light refreshments will be provided.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/StateoftheCity for more information.



CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre Summer Production

RJTT finished the summer production of Disney's Frozen Jr. 52 campers spent their summer singing, dancing, and staging. The culmination of the six-week camp ended with an amazing production entertaining over 1,100 audience members in their five-performance run.



Roberta Jones Junior Theatre

Finance Department Recognized with Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of Santa Clara for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The award represents a significant achievement by the City and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The City of Santa Clara reached nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation for this prestigious award.

Chief's Advisory Committee Final Call for Applications

The Santa Clara Police Department understands the importance of community collaboration to serve our residents and business community. The Chief's Advisory Committee is a tool to provide community members with direct access to the Chief of Police about perceived issues related to the department, the formation of strategies and concepts around community policing, increase public awareness and provide neutral, third-party insight that supports a productive and inclusive exchange of ideas to be considered in the department's decision-making process. Future topics include: Resident Permit Parking program return, UAS program launch, NFL Season kick-off, Art & Wine, eScooters, eBicycles. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Aug. 19. To learn more, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ChiefAdvisoryCommittee.

Safety Precautions for Planting/Trimming Trees Near Power Lines

Trees are an important part of the environment but can grow into and around power lines causing power outages. With proper care from property owners, minimize the risk of power outages and safety hazards. If planting a new tree, **call 8-1-1 before you dig** to have any underground utilities located. The service is free and will help avoid digging into underground utilities. 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 information, visit the [Tree Trimming Safety Guidelines on Silicon Valley Power's website](#).

Driving Under the Influence and Driver's License Checkpoint

The Santa Clara Police Department, in partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety, will be conducting a Driving Under the Influence and Driver's License Checkpoint on **Friday, Aug. 19, approximately 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.** in the south east part of the city. The goal is to educate motorists about the dangers of impaired driving, and to ensure the safety of our community by removing unlicensed and impaired drivers off our city's streets. During the stop, officers look for signs of alcohol or drug impairment such as the smell of alcohol in the car, bloodshot eyes, smelling marijuana in the car, slurred speech, or even the driver admitting to drinking alcohol. Checkpoints result in citations for issues with vehicle registration, driver's licenses, car insurance, etc. Announcement of the upcoming checkpoint is required to comply with state law requirements. Prior announcement, and the visibility of a sobriety checkpoint taking place, also serve as a powerful deterrent to motorists.

New Landscape at Mission City Memorial Park

Nearly 38,000 square feet of former turf area now displays drought-tolerant landscaping along Mission City Memorial Park's northwest edge. Amidst new and mature trees, California native and other drought-tolerant plants take root, thanks to a volunteer effort coordinated by Cemetery Operations Manager Phil Orr, Cemetery Worker John Souza, aspiring Eagle Scout Steven Schroeder and his Scout Troop 390, with the help of his Scoutmaster and father, also Steven Schroeder, and their all-female sister Scout Troup 2390. The old section has few headstones. During the cemetery's early years, those who couldn't afford monuments were buried in unmarked graves at a reduced price. Steven chose the large-scale project over others: "It stood out and seemed the most impactful and meaningful." Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department has applied for a Landscape Conversion Rebate. With 37,790 square feet of irrigated turf approved for the conversion, Parks & Recreation anticipates a Valley Water rebate of about \$75,000, which it plans to put towards additional water conservation projects.



New landscape being installed at Mission City Memorial Park.

The Landscape Conversion Rebate is also available to Santa Clara residents. With cost sharing from the City, residents can receive a rebate of \$3 per square foot, up to \$4,000, to replace irrigated lawn with qualifying, low-water landscapes. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater for rebates and water conservation tips during this severe drought.

Learn About Electric Vehicles with the New "Choose Your EV" Tool!

Electric vehicles (EV) are becoming a standard choice for new and used car buyers. Nearly every major vehicle manufacturer is offering electric options. Silicon Valley Power has tools to understand how much it costs to charge an EV, what models are available and incentives. Find a directory of EV and PHEV models, price, range-per-charge, efficiency, available incentives, and public charging information. Learn about benefits of EV ownership and to calculate savings based on local gas and electric rates. Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/ChooseYourEV to learn more!

New Landscape at City Hall

The City announces its pilot City Hall Landscape Conversion Rebate project. Nearly 4,200 square feet of turf has become a drought-tolerant landscape of California native plants. Groundcover Manzanita with accents of Wild Lilac and Giant Wild Rye replace thirsty lawn, providing water-sipping greenery to showcase existing tree roses that flank the entrance walkway from Warburton Avenue. A collaboration of between the City of Santa Clara and Valley Water, this first landscape conversion at City Hall reflects necessary permanent shifts to water conservation.



New landscape installed at City Hall. Before (left) and after (right).

Montague Park Rehabilitation Project

The Montague Park rehabilitation project is underway. The anticipated completion is Summer 2023. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ParkProjects for more information.

August is Muslim Awareness and Appreciation Month

Celebrate Santa Clara's diversity with the Cultural Commission's commemorative months coloring book as we celebrate the diversity of our City. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to download the coloring book.

Peripatetic Players at Mission Library

The Santa Clara City Library was delighted to have the Peripatetic Players back at the Mission Branch Library for their two-part production, "A Lord of a Ring in a Suitcase." Almost 100 Library patrons of all ages enjoyed this fun filled adaptation of Tolkien's trilogy. Thank you to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends for their support for this event.



Library patrons gathered to watch the Peripatetic Players.

Office of Traffic Safety Grant

The City was awarded a \$25,000 Office of Traffic Safety Grant from the State. The grant will be used for safe driving, bicycling, and walking behavior education, bicycle trainings and walking courses, and providing bicycle helmets to school age children. The City will initiate these activities in early 2023 as part of the upcoming Safe Routes to School Program. For more information, contact Carol Shariat at CShariat@SantaClaraCA.gov or at 408-615-3024.

Back to School Tips for Getting to and From School Safely

School supply lists include plenty of items that help set students up for success. Going back to school also means families will have different travel patterns and there will be increased traffic. In preparation for the new school year, be sure to keep traffic safety in mind.

1. Budget extra travel time. School areas are congested. Allow more time than is needed to get where you are going
2. Be aware of your speed in school zones. The posted speed limit in school zones is 25 mph
3. Yield to crossing guards and 5th grade safety patrol members. Both are an integral party to a school's traffic plan. Be aware of their presence, listen to instructions and follow traffic safety laws
4. Watch out for hot spots - crosswalks, bike lanes, bus stops and parking lot entrances and exits
5. Don't do anything that will distract you from the road - period!
6. Yield to school buses, and if a bus has a flashing red light, you are legally required to stop and wait for the light to turn off
7. Expect the unexpected. Children can be unpredictable walking, riding a bicycle, crossing streets and "horsing around" a bit on their way to and from school
8. Do not drop off your kids in traffic. For everyone's safety, always pull over or proceed through your schools designated drop off zone and exit on the right side of the vehicle
9. Talk with your kids about getting to and from school safely.
10. Cross streets only at crosswalks, stoplights or intersections, and always look both ways before crossing
11. Use the buddy system and plan your route
12. Wear the proper safety equipment and bright clothing if you plan to scooter or ride a bike

988 Crisis Lifeline Launched Nationally

To broaden access to care, a new universal three-digit number has been implemented across the United States. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. The 988 Lifeline is operational 24/7 and accepts calls, texts and chats from anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health and/or substance use crisis.

The current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) remains available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis. 988 is intended to be an alternative to 9-1-1, however if there is an individual in imminent risk to someone's life that cannot be reduced during a Lifeline call, a crisis counselor may contact a local public safety answer point for emergency first responder assistance. For information, log onto <https://988lifeline.org>.



National Night Out 2022

On Aug. 2, residents gathered at 43 locations throughout Santa Clara for National Night Out, the annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Neighbors knowing neighbors is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime, and this year (more than ever) this event served as a catalyst to connect new and long-time residents. Each gathering was unique, with games, contests, music, food, and more, but two things were consistent – the feeling of being part of an amazing community and lots of giant smiles! Members of the Police Department, Fire Department, City Council, City administrators and Santa Clara Unified School District Trustees enjoyed meeting residents and building connections. Thank you to everyone who made this annual event a success! Together, we can make our community a safer, more caring place to live. Save the date to participate next year on August 1, 2023.



Key

1. Hillebrandt Pl.
2. Chapel Dr.
3. Blossom Dr.
4. SC Fire Dept.
5. Santa Clara Skate Park
6. SC Police Dept.
7. Rancho McCormick Blvd.
8. Bohannon Dr.
9. Monroe St.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Fall Gymnastics Classes

Parks & Recreation Department is offering recreational gymnastics classes and camps. Kids will learn new skills, climb the rope, utilize the tumble track, balance beam, bars and rings. Classes are planned and supervised by the City's partner, Peninsula Gymnastics. Summer camps are still available. Don't miss out! To view classes/camps and register, visit Active Registration. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/recclasses or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

Senior Center Ceramics Studio

The Ceramics Studio is open Thursdays, 12 - 2 p.m. for adults (ages 50+) interested in completing hand-building projects with minimal supervision. No formal instruction is given, but an attendant is available to provide assistance. Studio passes are available in multiples of 4, up to 20 classes. Cost is \$10.00 per session for Santa Clara residents, and fees are slightly higher for non-residents. Passes are valid only for Studio time only, do not expire and non-transferable. There is an additional \$25 clay fee, which includes glazing and firing. Bring your own tools or purchase a basic toolkit for \$12. For information, contact the Senior Center at CustServSrCenter@SantaClaraCA.gov or 408-615-3170.

Senior Center Summer Classes

Summer classes at the Senior Center, including new Aquatic Classes, are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents and include options such as: mind & body, fitness, and individuals with limited mobility. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov to view or register for classes. For information, contact the Senior Center at CustServSrCenter@SantaClaraCA.gov or 408-615-3170.

Adventures in Learning Program

This year-round program (ages 3-4) returns to the Community Recreation Center with enriching activities that build confidence, encourage exploration and creative learning that boost kindergarten readiness. The 3-year-old program will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The 4-year-old program will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Classes start the week of Aug. 29. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register. For more information, call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140 or email PRCustomerServe@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Keep Active with the Activity Pass

Are you looking to stay active on your own schedule? We have the perfect 3-in-1 pass designed just for you! The Activity Pass provides access to three quality 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 to purchase your pass today.

RJTT Presents Shrek the Musical

Everyone's favorite ogre is back in this hilarious stage spectacle, based on the Oscar-winning smash-hit film! Performers ages 8-18 are invited to audition for this production! Auditions will be held on Aug. 23 and 24, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Performances will be held the first two weekends in November. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register.



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Register for recreation classes for all ages and special events. Classes begin the week of Aug. 22. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses.



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Shrek the Musical

Report Concerns via Mobile App

Did you know you can report concerns with **MySantaClara** app? Download the free app to your smartphone to access options for service requests or information. Find it in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

To submit requests via the City website, submit issues online at SantaClaraCA.gov/mysantaclara.

