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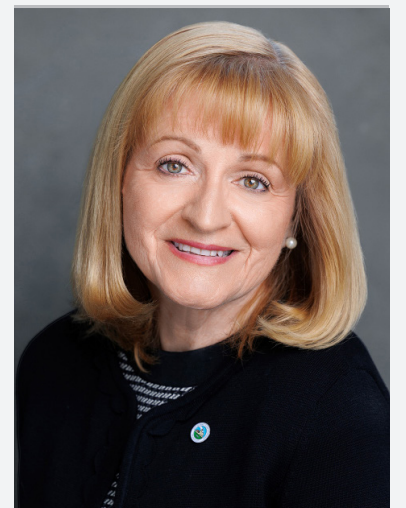
Summer is around the corner. Looking forward to a lot of fun in the sun, attending community events and celebrating Santa Clara! So what's on the agenda for June? Lots of good things!

Concerts in the Park!

Thanks to the Cultural Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission's hard work, there will be concerts in LIVE OAK PARK (behind the Northside Library, 695 Moreland Way) this summer! Here's the schedule:

- June 23 - The Fog City Swampers
- September 29 - The Megatones

Concerts are from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Bring your family and friends, blankets or chairs and dance the night away! Food trucks will be on-site offering some yummy options.



Northern California Special Olympics!

Join the fun of the 2023 Summer Games as a volunteer or just come out and support these wonderful athletes!

Summer Games is our largest local event and welcomes more than 1,000 athletes, coaches and fans from the Bay Area. We're excited that Northern California Special Olympics will be back at Santa Clara University from June 23 – 25! Stay tuned for more fun updates. For more information go to: [2023 Summer Games | Special Olympics Northern California \(sonc.org\)](https://2023summergames.org/special-olympics-northern-california).

There are volunteer opportunities now posted and multiple shifts, days & responsibilities are available. For more information, you can go to the Volunteer Calendar to sign up and learn more: bit.ly/3p1lr9.

Pride Month!

The City of Santa Clara will be hosting the 7th Annual Pride Flag Ceremony in City Hall Plaza on Friday, June 9, at 12 p.m. Please come join the Mayor and Council and special guests.

There will definitely be more events as the summer rolls out. Stay tuned!! In the meantime, here's some more updates from District 1:



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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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Mosquito Season is Coming!

The County of Santa Clara is letting Bay Area residents know that warmer weather is coming and that means mosquitoes are too. With all the rain we received this year, we are anticipating more mosquito activity. Follow the County of Santa Clara on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram to receive reminders and tips on vector prevention and protection. You can subscribe for mosquito treatment notifications to know when West Nile virus treatments are taking place. Subscribe to the County's monthly newsletter to receive additional resources. Visit linktr.ee/SCCVCD to follow the County on social media or to subscribe to their notifications and newsletter.



Mosquito Season Resources

Happy Hollow FREE Senior Safari 2023

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo will be hosting Senior Safari 2023 this summer for adults 50+ to receive free admission and parking to the park between 9 – 10 a.m.

The Senior Safari events this year are: June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28 and Oct. 26!

Magical Bridge Groundbreaking!

The City of Santa Clara hosted the groundbreaking of the long-awaited Magical Bridge Park on Friday, May 19! Anticipated project completion is Fall 2024! Magical Bridge is intentionally designed to be socially inclusive, providing a safe and accessible outdoor play space for all, including the 1-in-4 of us living with physical and cognitive disabilities, autism, visual and hearing impairments, as well as for the medically fragile and our aging population. If you would like more information or to make a donation, please visit:

[Magical Bridge | Santa Clara](#).



Magical Bridge Playground Groundbreaking

Bike to Wherever Days 2023!

Thank you to all who participated in the Bike to Wherever Days during the month of May or participated in Bike To Work Day on May 18. Cities in the Bay Area continue to provide bicycle friendly streets and safer routes including Santa Clara. If you would like to get involved and be a part of the solution, the City of Santa Clara's Bike Pedestrian Advisory Committee meets on the fourth Monday of the month - five times a year (January, March, June, August and October). For more information, you can go to: [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee | City of Santa Clara \(santaclaraca.gov\)](#).



Bike to Wherever Days 2023

Palestine Cultural Day

On Mothers Day, I attended the 22nd Annual County of Santa Clara Palestinian Cultural Day to honor the contributions made to our community. I was happy to see President Samer Darwish and his beautiful wife, Haneen, from the Muslim Community Association of Santa Clara as well as many electeds from the Bay Area. It was an opportunity to learn more about the Palestinian history as well as the deep respect there is for mothers. Thank you to #palestinianheritage and all the volunteers for hosting the event. It is always an honor to attend these events on behalf of our City and learn more about the cultural diversity of the Bay Area.

That's a wrap for now! I look forward to sharing more information and events in the next City Hall News issue! Until then, stay safe.

Sincerely,

Kathy Watanabe

Councilmember, District 1
City of Santa Clara



County of Santa Clara Palestinian Cultural Day

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Silicon Valley Power Honored with National Award for Outstanding Safety Practices

On May 2, 2023, Silicon Valley Power (SVP) was honored with the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2022. SVP earned first place in the category for utilities with over 265,000 worker-hours of annual worker exposure. Entrants were categorized by their number of worker-hours and ranked based on incident-free records and the overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2022. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). For more information, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/SVPNews.



Santa Clara Designated as Tree City USA and Receives Arbor Day Foundation's Growth Award

For its commitment to managing, expanding, and preserving our urban forest, the City of Santa Clara has been designated a Tree City USA community for the 36th time and was presented the Growth Award for the 23rd time by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Growth Award is presented to Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement that build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term. The benefits that trees bring to our urban environment are tremendous and the City of Santa Clara recognizes the importance of a robust and thriving urban forest. Tree City USA is a nationally recognized program that began in 1976 and is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters.



Water Conservation Now & Forever

Winter storms replenished parched reservoirs, so why is Santa Clara continuing the 15% voluntary water-use reduction? The City ended the proclamation of drought emergency on May 9, 2023 and kept water use restrictions unchanged to prepare for the inevitable drought we know will come. Valley Water is calling for a 15% voluntary water use reduction countywide. The State Water Resources Control Board prohibits wasteful water practices and requires level 2 drought water shortage contingency plans. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater for more information.



For commercial, industrial and institutional properties, including HOAs, no watering of decorative lawns (non-functional turf) with potable water is allowed.

For residential customers, outdoor watering is restricted to two days per week:

- Odd-numbered/no addresses may water Monday and Thursday
- Even-numbered addresses may water Tuesday and Friday
- No watering that causes runoff
- No watering between 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- No watering during or after rainfall

Department of Public Works Wins Two APWA Awards

In May, the local chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) awarded the Department of Public Works (DPW) with Project of the Year awards for two projects: the Laurelwood Stormwater Pump Station Rehabilitation Project and the Harris-Lass Museum Tank House Restoration & Porch Repair Project. The Harris Lass Project won the under the historical restoration and preservation category while the Laurelwood Stormwater Pump Station Project won under the structures between \$2 mil – \$5 mil category. For more, visit the City's [webpage](#).



Department of Public Works

Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study Update

The cities of Santa Clara, San Jose, and Cupertino, along with the County of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will be conducting an approximately two-year, community-based transportation study for the Stevens Creek Boulevard/West San Carlos corridor. The goal is to create a vision that focuses on complete streets, multi-modal transportation improvements, and possible high-capacity transit options to connect Diridon Station in San Jose through Santa Clara and to the De Anza College/Highway 85 area in Cupertino.

The project is currently at the planning level and does not include design, environmental review, or construction of any improvements. At the completion of the work effort, if the jurisdictions decide to move forward with specific plans or improvements, then additional funds would be required for design, bid and construction. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/StevensCreekVisionStudy.

Caltrans Bike Plan Update

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4 recently kicked off their Bike Plan Update project which will update the current Caltrans Bike Plan approved in 2018. The update will identify barriers to cycling, update the bike project list on the State Highway System, and identify any new actions to accelerate implementation of the plan over the next five years. Caltrans expects to complete their update in Spring of 2024. For more information and project updates, visit the [project website](#). Share your feedback by taking the [online public survey](#), available in English, Spanish and Chinese. For questions, contact D4BikePlan@dot.ca.gov.

New and Improved Montague Park

Check out the new playground, basketball court, picnic area, and adult fitness equipment at Montague Park! This updated park located at 3595 MacGregor Ln., has something for all ages and abilities. Please pardon our dust as we finish the building upgrades and rehabilitation. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ParkProjects for more information.



New and Improved Montague Park

Make Water Safety a Priority this Summer

Playing at the beach, water park, by a lake, or in a pool can be a real treat on a hot day. Water play can be a great source of fun and exercise. When splashing around this summer, consider several steps to keep you and your children safe from aquatics injuries:

- Install and use barriers (e.g., self-closing and/or latching gate, safety cover, pool alarm, etc.) around your home pool or hot tub
- Keep toys that are not in use away from the pool and out of sight. Toys can attract young children to the pool
- Supervise children around water (e.g., bucket of water, bathtub, inflatable pool, rivers, lakes, ocean shoreline, hot tub, swimming pool) even if they know how to swim
- Teach children not to run or mess around near the pool area
- Never swim alone. Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards; the City of Santa Clara operates several swimming pools staffed by certified lifeguards
- Keep a phone nearby in case you need to call 9-1-1 for an emergency
- Families may also be sure everyone learns to swim and enrolls in a First Aid/CPR/AED class

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Concerts in the Park

Attend the free Concert Series presented by the Cultural Commission on a variety of Friday evenings through September from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bring blankets or chairs for a night of dancing and fun with friends. Food will be available for purchase.

Central Park Concerts: 909 Kiely Blvd.

- Friday, June 9: David Martin House Party
- Friday, July 21: Neon Velvet
- Friday, Aug. 18: Orquesta Borinquen

Live Oak Park Concerts: 641 Moreland Way

- Friday, June 23: The Fog City Swampers
- Friday, Sept. 29: The Megatonnes



Street Dance

Dance the evening away at the popular Street Dance, **Friday, Aug. 4, 6 – 9:30 p.m.** at Franklin Square! Stroll through Franklin Square, 1100-1300 Franklin St., for a fun Friday night of dancing in the street, food, drinks and a live performance by the popular band, The Pop Rocks. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/StreetDance to learn more.



4th of July All City Picnic

Celebrate Independence Day on **Tuesday, July 4, from 12 – 5 p.m.** in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., with games, food, swimming, and live entertainment by the Santa Clara Elite Dance Team, Zinnia and The Peelers on the Pavilion Stage. There will be no fireworks show, so we encourage you to continue to celebrate safely by attending other professional fireworks shows in the Bay Area. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/4thofJuly or call 408-615-3140, for more information.



Sunset Cinema

There is no better way to watch a movie than under the stars on the big screen. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, snacks or a picnic dinner and enjoy a fun Friday night at a local park. Movies start at approximately 8 p.m. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema.

- **July 28:** Warburton Park, 2250 Royal Dr. "The Croods: A New Age"
- **Aug. 11:** Henry Schmidt Park, 555 Los Padres Blvd. "Minions: The Rise of Gru"
- **Oct. 6:** Reed & Grant Sports Park, 750 Reed St. "Remember the Titans"



41st Annual Art & Wine Festival at Central Park

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Join us for Santa Clara's biggest party, returning to Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., for two days of art, fine wine, beer, crafts, tasty food, fun for the kids at Kids Kingdom, and live entertainment on two stages. The festival supports local charities. For details, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ArtandWine.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Adventures in Learning

Enroll your child today for the 2023–24 school year. This program encourages social development through group activities and play. Teachers focus on building confidence, encouraging exploration, and creative learning each day through circle time, craft, songs, story time, indoor and outdoor play activities. All activities are designed to develop social, fine and gross motor skills, and much more. The 3 to 4-year-old program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The 4 to 5-year-old program is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Classes start the week of August 28. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register. For more information, contact the Community Recreation Center at PRCustomerServe@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3140.



Composting with Worms Workshop

Join a Master Composter on **Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** to learn how to build, maintain, and troubleshoot a worm bin at the Everett N. “Eddie” Souza Park located at 2380 Monroe St. 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. 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.

Swim Lessons

The City of Santa Clara will be offering group & private swim lessons for children ages 1–17 this summer at the Warburton Swim Center located at 2250 Royal Dr. For more information regarding dates and times, view the [Summer 2023 Activity Guide](#). For questions, contact SantaClaraAquatics@santaclaraca.gov or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

Recreation Swim

Recreation Swim is back this Summer at the Warburton Swim Center at 2250 Royal Dr. and the International Swim Center located at 2625 Patricia Dr. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase a Seasonal Rec Swim Pass online for themselves and family members! For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.Gov/Swimming, email SantaClaraAquatics@santaclaraca.gov, or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

Lap Swim

Lap swim will continue to be held at the Warburton Swim Center located at 2250 Royal Dr. Participants must have a valid Activity Pass or a Premium Senior Center membership card to participate. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Swimming for the tentative schedule and closure dates. For more information, call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

Put Your 3-in-1 Activity Pass to Use This Summer!

If you don’t already have a pass or need to add funds to your current pass, June is the perfect time! The Activity Pass can be used to take a Group Exercise class, swim laps or practice soccer with friends at the Reed & Grant Sports Park. These drop-in programs are affordable, convenient, and flexible. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for specific schedules and more information.

Picnics in the Park

Summer is the perfect time for a BBQ in the park. Reservations can be made for Central Park Pavilion and Homeridge Park. Please note, construction of Magical Bridge Playground adjacent to the Arbor Center is ongoing. Spaces fill up fast, so start planning your parties now. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksandRec for more information or call 408-615-3140.

LEGO Robotics Workshops at the Youth & Teen Center

The Youth & Teen Center is partnered with the Santa Clara High S.T.E.M students to hold a weekly LEGO Robotics Workshop, “Inspire Robotics League”, sponsored by LEGO. Students are provided different weekly builds and challenges that assist the novice to the most experienced builders. For more information, call the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3740.

Resident Youth Card Membership

A Resident Youth Card Membership is required to participate in the Youth & Teen Center after school program, skate park, summer open gym, and summer recreation swim program. The annual Resident Youth Card Membership renewal is \$30.00 and can be purchased online at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet or at the Youth & Teen Center at 2446 Cabrillo Avenue.



3-in-1 Activity Pass



LEGO Robotics Workshops

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

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Spend Your Summer in Santa Clara!

Make new friends, learn new skills, and have a blast this summer with Parks & Recreation. We have the perfect half or full day camp, recreation class or swim lesson just for you! From gymnastics, public speaking, theater, and skateboarding to art, dance, gymnastics and programming, the options are endless. The [Summer 2023 Activity Guide](#) is available online and registration is underway. The adventures begin the week of June 5, and continue all summer long. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.

Special Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Be our partner at one or all our upcoming special events! City of Santa Clara special events each draw between 1,000 and 40,000 participants, providing an excellent opportunity for businesses and non-profit groups to reach the community and expand their brand. A variety of packages are available to suit any budget. Fill out the [Online Sponsor Application](#) or contact Tyler Freitas at TFreitas@SantaClaraCA.gov for more information.

Get Ready for Singing and Dancing: Grease and Little Mermaid Tickets Now Available!

Come see the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's live productions of "The Little Mermaid" and "Grease" this summer! Watch these talented young performers as they bring these beloved stories to life on stage. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for a fun and memorable afternoon or evening with friends and family. Purchase your tickets today at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

Get Ready to Rock 'n' Roll: Teen Production of Grease is Here!

Calling all actors, 13 to 19! Get ready to rock 'n' roll with Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's production of Grease! Join us for a night of music, dancing, and high school shenanigans in the 1950's. Auditions will take place on Tuesday, June 13 and callbacks will be held Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15. Bring an audition song and be prepared to dance. All teens that audition will be cast in the production. Sign up today at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.



Spend Your Summer in Santa Clara



Special Event Sponsors



Roberta Jones Junior Theatre Live Productions

Job Opportunities

Join the Center of What's Possible! View all job opportunities at SantaClaraCA.gov/Jobs.

NOW HIRING – Crossing Guards: The Santa Clara Police Department is seeking dependable individuals to safeguard the children of our community. If you like being outdoors and helping the community, this may be the perfect part-time job for you! Crossing Guards generally work 10 – 20 hours per week in an as-needed, non-benefitted capacity. Applicants must have a valid California driver's license and be at least 21 years of age. Hours and locations vary. The rate of pay is \$16.40 – \$24 per hour. [View the job description and apply](#). For more information, contact Community Service Officer Taylor Carpenter at 408-615-4875 or tcarpenter@santaclaraca.gov.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Events below are held at Santa Clara Senior Center located at 1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara.

Caregiver Support Group

If you are caring for a parent, spouse, or adult child who is elderly or ill, join us for a free, peer-to-peer, family caregiver support group, facilitated by Katy Gaty-Delia, LCSW. This will be a safe, confidential space to share, learn, heal and be supported by other family caregivers. This group will meet every other Thursday, 12:30 – 1:45 pm, for ten (10) weeks beginning June 8. Registration is required and this will be a closed group. New members can join until June 22. See [Activity #27391](#) or call the Senior Center Front Desk at 408-615-3170, for assistance.

Grief Support Group

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, join us for a free, peer-to-peer grief support group. This will be a safe, confidential space that will give you an opportunity to meet others who are grieving, share experiences, and support each other in coping. This group will meet starting June 15, every other Thursday, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., over the course of 20 weeks, for a total of 10 sessions. Registration is required and this will be a closed group. New members can join until June 29. See [Activity #27392](#) or contact the Senior Center Front Desk for assistance at 408-615-3170.



Caregiver Support Group

Stop the Bleed Workshop Returns!

Stop the bleed and save a life! The top cause of preventable death in trauma is bleeding. Learn basic emergency bleeding control techniques in this first aid training by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Trauma Center staff on **Tuesday, June 7, 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.** You will participate in simulated hands-on-training and earn a certificate of course completion. This workshop is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your spot online by registering at [Activity #27439](#) or call the Senior Center Front Desk at 408-615-3170 for enrollment assistance.

Table Talk: FACTR (Family Alliance for Counseling Tools and Resolution)

Stop by the Senior Center Lobby on **Thursday, June 15, between 10 – 11 a.m.** to hear more about FACTR. FACTR is a local non-profit that offers counseling services along with any CalHope services through FACTR to those who may be seeking assistance. Some of the resources and referrals include information about:

- Low-income Housing
- Food Pantries
- Low-cost Car Maintenance
- Mental Health Counseling Services
- Behavioral Health Crisis Care
- COVID Testing

Access to Technology (ATT)

Join us on **Tuesday, June 20 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** where you'll hear Thomas Kingery, from Avenidas, talk about the new Access to Technology program which aims to connect older adults with free devices, free WiFi and free digital literacy classes through contracted vendors. The SCC Department of Aging and Adult Services, via a state-funded grant program, intends to connect 2000 older adults by the end of the year. SJoin us and get connected to the digital world. Registration is required. See [Activity #27464](#) or contact the Front Desk for assistance at 408-615-3170.

Senior Center BBQ Season Is Here!

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month, June through October for a BBQ on the Senior Center Patio. Enjoy good eats with good friends from 12 – 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Snack Bar the day of the event, or at the BBQ. See the Senior Center Monthly Newsletter for the updated menu.

- \$6.00 - with Senior Center Card
- \$7.00 - without Senior Center Card



Senior Center BBQ Season

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.

