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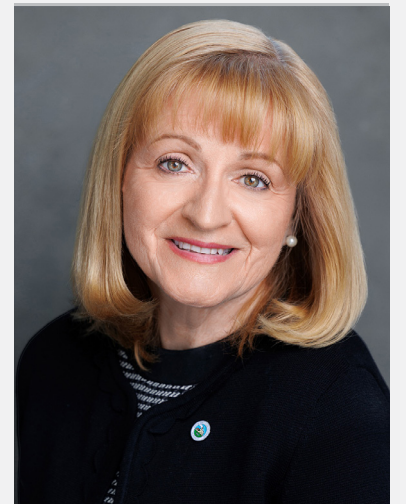
Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Many folks are taking to the roads and the skies making up for the lack of travel since 2020. Be safe and enjoy the ability to travel to many great places again!

A few things are happening that may interest some of the District 1/North Santa Clara residents:

2023 Charter Review Committee

At its June 6, 2023 meeting, the Council directed the creation of a 2023 Charter Review Committee (4-3 vote) to review and recommend to the City Council whether the provisions in the City Charter that provide for an elected Police Chief and/or City Clerk shall remain the same or whether an amendment to change the positions from elected to appointed positions and/or other changes to be placed on the March 2024 ballot. Each Councilmember is to nominate one individual from his/her district with the Mayor to nominate one individual at large. The deadline to submit names of nominees is Noon on July 12. It is anticipated that the first meeting of the Committee will take place in early August.

If you are interested in serving, please contact me via my City e-mail (kwatanabe@santaclaraca.gov) and I will be happy to follow-up and get your information. Thank you for considering.



Concerts in the Park

There has been one concert at Central Park and one in Live Oak Park. Both were well-attended - it was a little cold and windy at Live Oak Park - but it was a fun evening out. There was a nice variety of food trucks to choose from. The next concert is Friday, July 21 in Central Park. The band will be Neon Velvet! The concert starts at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM.



Concerts in the Park

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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](https://santaclaraca.gov/jobs).



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Santa Clara Sister Cities Youth Commission visits Japan

After a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, it is exciting that the SCSCYC were able to visit our sister city, Izumo, Japan. Four students and their chaperone, Sister City President Margaret Horoszko, left San Francisco on Thursday, June 8, and returned on Sunday, June 18. While there they visited Mayor Iitaka, Izumo High School, Kawahara Community School, Izumo Taisha Grand Shrine, Hinomisaki, made Japanese sweets (Sakaneya confectionary) and Syussai Pottery and much more. The students will be presenting about their visit on Tuesday, August 22. We look forward to hearing about their experiences. If you or your child are interested in getting involved with Santa Clara Sister Cities, please visit their website at santaclarasistercities.org.



Santa Clara Sister Cities Youth Commission

June is Pride Month

The City of Santa Clara hosted its 7th Annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, June 9, in City Hall Plaza. Thank you to all the speakers who shared their thoughts on the significance of Pride Month. Thank you to Woo Woo Monroe, a Bay Area drag performer, who shared her inspirational thoughts and sang the song, "I Am What I Am" from LaCage aux Folles. Woo Woo was also the "belle of the ball" as everyone wanted their picture taken with her. It was a time to appreciate the history of the LGBTQ+ communities and how everyone can work together and be allies.



7th Annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

Sign up for Summer Reading at Your Local Library

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Reading!

Get ready to embark on your Summer Adventure with the Santa Clara City Library and Find Your Voice. Read, learn, and express yourself over the summer to win prizes and participate in storytelling events, STEAM Labs, Let's Make Art sessions, Build It programs, live performances, and so much more!

The Central Park, Mission and Northside Libraries have many activities this summer for all ages. Make sure you check out the Library events using this link: [Summer Adventure | Santa Clara Public Library \(sclibrary.org\)](http://Summer Adventure | Santa Clara Public Library (sclibrary.org)).

Register for [Summer Adventure here](#) between June 1 - July 31 and pick up your activity log at any of our library branches or Bookmobile to begin the fun. [Summer Adventure 2023 Registration Inscripción de aventura de verano 2023 \(google.com\)](#).

Prize Pickup

You can pick up your Summer Adventure completion prize from the Youth, Adult, or branch reference desks between August 1-31.

- Children (Ages 12 & under) will receive a book.
- Teens & Adults (Ages 13+) will receive a coupon redeemable for one (1) item at our Foundation and Friends bookstores.

That's it for now. Stay safe and cool!

Your District 1 Councilmember,

Kathy Watanabe

Councilmember, District 1
City of Santa Clara



CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

July 4th All City Picnic

Celebrate Independence Day at the City of Santa Clara's Fourth of July All City Picnic, presented by Silicon Valley Power! Join friends and neighbors at Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. on **Tuesday, July 4, from 12 - 5 p.m.** This family-friendly event features delicious food, live music in the Pavilion, fun activities for kids, and more. Don't miss out on this exciting annual event and experience the patriotic spirit of Santa Clara. Visit SantaClaraCA.Gov/4thofJuly for more information.



Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Adoption

On June 27, the Santa Clara City Council reviewed and approved the FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Biennial Operating Budget and amendments to the FY 2023/24 Adopted Capital Budget. This budget continues the biennial budget process that alternates between an operating and capital budget each year. The Adopted Budget focuses on the day-to-day City operations and the services provided to our residents and community.

Over the past year, the City has emerged from the impacts of the pandemic and continues to strengthen the City's financial position. This budget stabilizes the City services that residents access on a regular basis as the City continues to recover from the pandemic service disruptions. The City continues to recruit and fill vacant positions to continue the commitment to provide exceptional services to our residents, businesses and community.

Visit the City website at SantaClaraCA.gov/Finance to view the approved FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Biennial Operating Budget and amended FY 2023/24 Adopted Capital Budget. For questions, email finance@santaclaraca.gov.

Attend the Summer Concert Series!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend the next Concert in the Park, featuring Neon Velvet at Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., on **Friday, July 21, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an unforgettable evening of live music, dancing, and delicious food provided by local food trucks and vendors. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Concerts for more information.



Concerts in the Park

Attend the Next Sunset Cinema on Friday, July 28th

Bring the entire family to Warburton Park, 2250 Royal Dr. for a showing of "The Croods: A New Age" on our big inflatable screen. The movie will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Pack blankets or lawn chairs, jackets, and your favorite movie snacks or picnic dinner and head to the park for the perfect summer night under the stars. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema for more information.



Sunset Cinema

Creek Trail Network Expansion Master Plan

The City is currently developing a master plan for the development of public trail corridors along Calabazas Creek, Saratoga Creek, and the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way. This masterplan builds upon the efforts of the 2013 City of Santa Clara Creek Trail Network Expansion Feasibility Study. The goal of the master plan is to coordinate with public agencies, private landowners, residents, and future trail users to develop conceptual trail options that help serve the entire community. The first online community meeting scheduled for summer 2023 will include details of the project with an opportunity for public input. Visit the project website at SantaClaraCA.gov/CreekTrailPlan for information about the masterplan and upcoming community meetings.

Police Storytime at Northside Branch Library

The Northside Branch Library had an incredible turnout for Police Storytime in June. The event was attended by 250 enthusiastic community members, and more than 350 visitors participated in games and photos afterwards. Santa Clara City Library would like to thank Captain Richard Fitting, Lieutenant Cuong Phan, Sergeant John Terry, Officer Jaime Ellis, Reserve Officer Ed Karl, and Community Service Officer Alexis Morales for their participation in this much-enjoyed community event!



Police Storytime

Chief's Advisory Committee Application Deadline Approaching

Apply now to the Chief's Advisory Committee (CAC)! Help advise Police Chief Nikolai on issues and public policies which influence or impact the ongoing relationship between SCPD and the community it serves. To learn more about the CAC, member roles, and the applications process, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ChiefAdvisoryCommittee.

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 August 1 event
3. Register your event by July 27 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 is about building your community, getting to know your neighbors, promoting 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.

Looking for ideas?

Low Key Suggestions: Great for last minute parties, new parties, or ones that just want to relax

- Ice cream social
- Hot dogs and lemonade
- Potluck

Ideas for the Seasoned Veterans of National Night Out

- Host a movie or band
- Contest (e.g. sidewalk art, costume, talent show, scavenger hunt, etc.)
- Driveway dance party

Moderately Organized: For those who have hosted before but don't want to take on too much

- Block Party with a theme
- Games / activities (e.g. face painting, pinata, corn hole, basketball, bicycle parade, etc.)
- Selfie photo booth

No matter the type of event, it is about having fun, being creative and most importantly sharing this experience with your neighbors. For questions, contact the Santa Clara Police Department at (408)615-4872 or crimeprevention@santaclaraca.gov.

Recycled Water: Driving Santa Clara Forward!

Pruneridge Golf Club's driving range has transitioned to recycled water irrigation of over 175,000 square feet of turf within the netted training ground! The milestone recycled water project reduces strain on local potable water systems without any interruption to the club's avid golfers. This was the result of strategic planning and partnership with Pruneridge Golf Club staff and Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities to bring recycled water to the site. This is just the first step towards the ultimate goal of irrigating the entire golf course using recycled water throughout the greens and grounds. Connections are in place and ready to make that goal a reality!



Recycled Water Irrigation

Park Rehabilitation Projects

The Parks & Recreation Commission will initiate a public input process to assist in rehabilitating:

- **Henry Schmidt Park** (built in 1977) located at 555 Los Padres Blvd. with a focus on the playground, pathways, tennis courts and accessibility.
- **Warburton Park & Pool** (built in 1954) located at 2250 Royal Dr. with a focus on the playground, basketball court & picnic area plus study pool conversion from gas to electric.

Outreach and online survey information will be available at the July Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting.

Bikeway Planning Studies

In January 2023, the City kicked off four bikeway planning studies for implementing new bikeway facilities along multiple corridors in Santa Clara. The studies are being funded with the support of Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Measure B Program and contributions from private development. The new bikeway facilities are based on recommendations from the City of Santa Clara Bicycle Plan and may include lane reductions and/or parking removal. The study corridors are grouped by geographic location and include:

- **Study Corridor 1:** De La Cruz Boulevard (Central Expressway to Lafayette Street) and Coleman Avenue (De La Cruz Boulevard to Brokaw Road)
- **Study Corridor 2:** Martin Avenue (Lafayette Street to De La Cruz Boulevard) and Walsh Avenue (Bowers Avenue to Lafayette Street)
- **Study Corridor 3:** Monroe Street (Lawrence Expressway to San Tomas Expressway)
- **Study Corridor 4:** Benton Street (Dunford Way to Lincoln Street)

Currently, the project teams are evaluating traffic and parking data, collision history and community feedback to develop draft conceptual plans showing options for the installation of the preferred bikeway facility. For more up to date information about the projects visit SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects.

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.

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. Ensure you are working with a contractor enrolled in the program to receive discounted pricing. Income-qualified customers may receive an additional rebate up to \$500. To learn more, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Residents/Electrification-Programs.

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 PoweredByEFI.org/SVP to sign up for an account using your Silicon Valley Power utility account number to take advantage of the instant rebates and special promotions.

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."

One Year Milestone for 988 Crisis Lifeline

One year ago, a new universal three-digit number was implemented across the United States to improve our nation's response to mental health and suicide crises. To date, more than 4 million contacts have been routed to 988.

Call, text, or chat 988 to connect with trained counselors that are part of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. The counselors will listen, provide support and connect contacts 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.

988 is intended to be an alternative to 9-1-1, however if the risk to someone's life cannot be reduced during a Lifeline call, a crisis counselor may contact a local public safety answer point for emergency first responder assistance. For additional information, visit 988lifeline.org.



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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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Women Veterans Program

Women Veterans have served in every major U.S. conflict and in peacetime since the Revolutionary War. Nearly 163,000 women in California are military veterans. If you or a family member are a veteran, join VA social worker Yamel Medina on **Tuesday, July 11 from 10 – 11 a.m.** to learn about the benefits, programs, and services available to you. This presentation is free. Advance registration is required. To register, visit the [activity listing](#). If you need assistance to sign up, please contact the Senior Center Front Desk for help 408-615-3170.

Burn Prevention and First Aid

Presented by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Burn Center

As we get older, our risk of injury increases due to slower reaction time, less awareness of our environment, medication side effects, decreased coordination, and more. About 20% of all burn injuries affect older adults and it can take us longer to recover. Join Silicon Valley Medical Center's Burn Center staff on **Tuesday, July 18 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.** to learn how to prevent burn injuries, how to respond in an emergency and how to provide basic first aid. This is a free presentation. Advance registration is required. To register, visit the [activity listing](#). Don't delay - seating is limited. Contact the Front Desk staff at 408-615-3170, if you need assistance signing up.

Table Talk: Clear Captions

If you have hearing loss that makes it difficult to use the phone, you may qualify to receive a ClearCaptions phone and captioning service at no cost to you. Outreach Specialist Elli Tehrani will be in the Senior Center lobby on **Thursday, July 20 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** to provide more information. Contact Mallory von Kugelgen, RN, Health & Wellness Coordinator with questions, call 408-615-3180 or mvonkugelgen@santaclaraca.gov.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Youth & Teen Center Summer Programs Available!

The Youth and Teen Center (YTC) continue offering a variety of camps and classes throughout the summer. A wide array of programs for different interests and ages are available for registration including our weekly Sports Camps at the Youth and Teen Center, skateboarding at our Santa Clara Skate Park, soccer at a variety of City of Santa Clara parks, computer coding (virtual), and horseback riding at Chaparral Ranch. Join us for basketball in the open gym drop-in program, Monday – Friday at the YTC. For more information, call the Youth and Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses.



Celebrate American Independence!

The Cultural Commission's new coloring page for July is available! Continue celebrating Santa Clara's cultural diversity by visiting SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to download the page and unleash your inner artist.

3-in-1 Activity Pass - Purchase Yours Today!

Summer is the perfect time to purchase an Activity Pass or add funds to your current pass. The 3-in-1 pass provides access to three amazing drop-in programs: Group Exercise at the CRC, Lap Swim currently at Warburton Pool, and Drop-in Play at the Reed & Grant Sports Park. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for details.

Summer Recreation Programs for All!

The Parks & Recreation Department team has planned a summer filled with unique classes, camps and swim lessons. While programs are in full swing, there's still space available in some of your favorite classes and activities. Classes include gymnastics, ceramics, dance, swim lessons, soccer and more. Over 50 +? We have you covered on your fitness journey, with many new classes starting in July. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.

Fall Recreation Important Dates

Believe it or not, fall classes and programs begin in August. Mark your calendars now and have a ball this fall with Parks & Recreation!

- Activity Guide available online - July 21
- Resident Registration - July 25
- Non-resident Registration - July 27

Visit SantaClaraCA.Gov/RecClasses for more information.

Lap Swim

The City of Santa Clara will continue to host lap swim at Warburton Swim Center, 2250 Royal Dr. Visit Santaclaraca.gov/Swimming for lap swim times and facility updates until current repairs on the International Swim Center are complete.

Recreation Swim Schedule.

Warburton Swim Center: 2250 Royal Dr.

June 12 – Sept. 3: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 1 - 4 p.m.

Weekends only starting 8/5.

Daily Rates (Cash Only)

- Youth 1-17 yrs. \$5 Res/\$6 Non-Res
- Adult 18 + \$6 Res/\$8 Non-Res

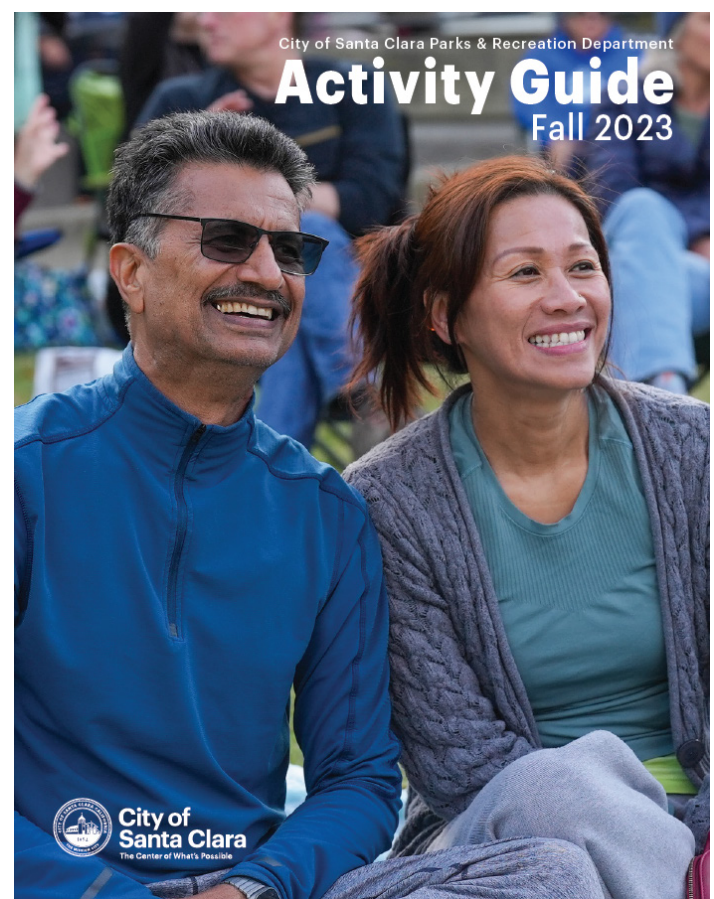
Season Pass (Recreation Swim Only)

- Youth 1 - 17 yrs. \$77 Res/\$96 Non-Res
- Adult 18+ \$84 Res/\$105 Non-Res
- Family (5+) \$160 Res/\$200 Non-Res

Season passes can be purchased at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Swimming



American Independence Coloring Book



Lap Swim at Warburton Swim Center

Resident Youth Card – Become a Member today!

The 2022/2023 Resident Youth Card is available for purchase online or in person at the Youth & Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave. The annual Resident Youth membership includes access to:

- Summer Open Gym (Mon. – Fri., 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)
- Skate Park (Mon. – Sat., 1 – 8:30 p.m.)
- Recreational Swim Program at Warburton Pool (Tue. – Sat., 1 – 4 p.m.)

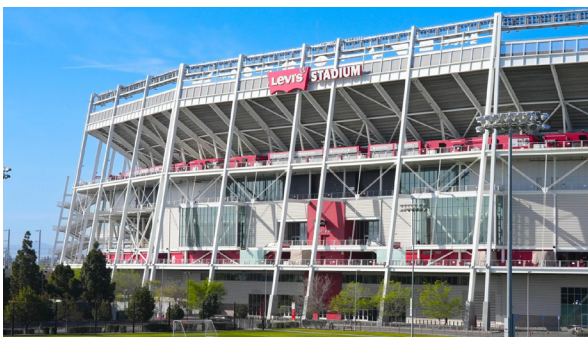
The annual membership fee for the Resident Youth Card is \$30 (valid through July 2023). To purchase a Resident Youth Card online, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Activenet. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or email YAC@santaclaraca.gov.

Live Theatre!

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre (RJJT) is back this summer with two productions, full of entertainment for the whole family. Join us under the sea with Disney's Little Mermaid Jr., or step back in time with the Pink Ladies for the school version of GREASE. Tickets are on sale now! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet for more information and to purchase tickets.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



July Events at Levi's Stadium

A handful of events are planned in July at Levi's Stadium:

- July 2: 2023 CONCACAF Gold Cup
- July 22: FC Barcelona vs Juventus
- July 28: Taylor Swift
- July 29: Taylor Swift

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://www.nixle.com).



Register for the Summer Citywide Garage Sale

Santa Clara's summer Citywide Garage Sale returns **August 12!** 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 12 – Aug. 9 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 for download on Friday, August 11. Questions? Email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3080.



Get Ready! Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

The popular Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival at Central Park celebrates its 41st year **Sept. 16 - 17**. This year's Festival will feature entertainment for the whole family, including over 150 arts and crafts booths to browse, live entertainment on two stages, Kids Kingdom, delicious food, fine wine, ice-cold beer. It's a true Santa Clara tradition! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ArtandWine for more information, as well as sponsor and artist booth opportunities.



Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival, Sept. 16 - 17

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.

