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Dear Santa Clarans,

Summer seems to be flying by too quickly and we will soon be transitioning into back-to-school and work preparations and activities. By the time this newsletter is published, many residents and their neighbors will have participated in our National Night Out (NNO). This annual event takes place the

first Tuesday of August throughout our nation. NNO is a Santa Clara-police awareness-raising event that promotes neighborhood camaraderie that help make our neighborhoods safer and helps bring back a greater sense of community and neighborhood spirit. This year we had over 40 neighborhoods sign up to participate.

I have participated in multiple NNO's with the Santa Clara Police department and have seen firsthand the benefits when neighbors connect for a common purpose. It's also important to check-in with elderly neighbors who may be living alone. For more information on this program please visit SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut.

Celebrating a Golden Santa Clara Resident

Wishing a Happy 100th Birthday to a special lady, Rose Kwalick who settled in Santa Clara in 1970. Her family moved to Santa Clara when her son, Ted Kwalick was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers. Ted, a tight end, played for the 49ers from 1969-1974 and Oakland Raiders from 1975-1977. He scored the very first touchdown in Candlestick Park in 1971 and is in the College Football Hall of Fame.

Rose's family celebrated her birthday at one of our newest hotels in Santa Clara, Element Hotel, and was surrounded by her family including her son and daughter Antonia, grandchildren, great grandchildren and close friends. Rose is a beautiful and accomplished woman full of energy! I was thrilled to be asked to honor her on behalf of our City.



National Night Out 2023



Rose Kwalick's 100th Birthday

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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Dance the Night Away in Franklin Square!

Many of our residents have been enjoying our Concert in the Park series presented by our very own City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission at the Central Park Pavillion and Live Oak Park. Santa Clarans of all ages have been enjoying the warm evenings, food and music...and many have enjoyed a bit of dancing, including myself!



On Friday, August 4th, our 2023 Street Dance will take place in Downtown Santa Clara. Come enjoy wonderful food from our restaurants and food trucks, purchase an adult beverage of beer or wine for a good cause from our Sister Cities non-profit organization, and sing and dance the night away with the ultimate band, **THE POP ROCKS**. Rest up for this fun filled, high energy evening and save a dance for me! See you then!

Santa Clara Swifty Fever Takes Over Our Police Department

Santa Clara resident Hillary Chang and her fellow "Swifties" worked diligently to create homemade Taylor Swift Friendship bracelets for our Santa Clara Police Officers. Our Santa Clara Swifties were impressed with how cool our police officers were when they proudly wore their bracelets and thanked the loyal Taylor Swift fans.



Friendship bracelets were given as a token of both friendship and thanks to our police department for keeping Taylor Swift and the Swifties safe during her Santa Clara Eras Tour.

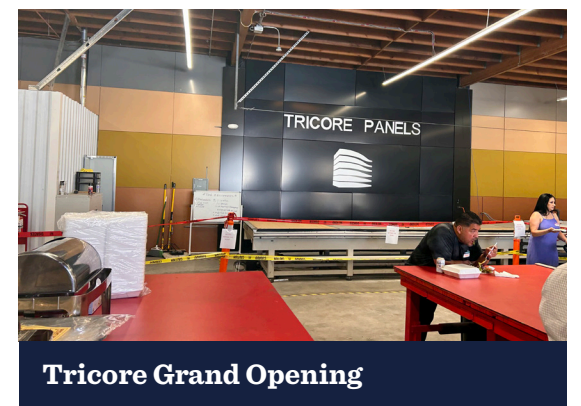
Thank you Santa Clara PD for being such good sports!

Santa Clara Loves Our New Business

Congratulation to our new businesses that recently opened in our City.



I was honored to preside over the grand opening of BUILDING KIDZ Santa Clara, Infant and Toddler Pre-School festivities. This business provides much needed childcare and enrichment programs for children in the area of dance, reading, language and art. Their impressive facility includes inviting outdoor play area and a professional staff. Congratulations on your Grand Opening BUILDING KIDZ!



I was also fortunate to represent our City at the opening of TRICORE PANELS, a family owned second generation woman owned business! This thriving entrepreneurial business specializes in fabricating and installing top-notch architectural paneling systems for both commercial and residential projects. Congratulations to my friend Misha Homara, Chief Executive Officer for opening your successful and thriving business in our community!

Rangapravesha Bharathanatya Solo Dance Debut

Santa Clara is a very diverse community and with that I was fortunate to be invited to a cultural dance performance by our very own, Laasya Pandravada, a rising Sophomore at Santa Clara High School. Laasya was performing a series of traditional dances in a beautiful art form that showcased her skill, talent and hard work since the age of 6. This extremely gifted Santa Claran has been recognized for both her performance and story-telling skills, but she has a keen interest in STEM related activities. She was recognized as a top 300 finalist at Broadcom Masters and a winner of the 2022 Synopsys Science Fair. She has also received 2 Mayoral Recognitions for her work. Congratulations Laasya of on your tremendous accomplishments!

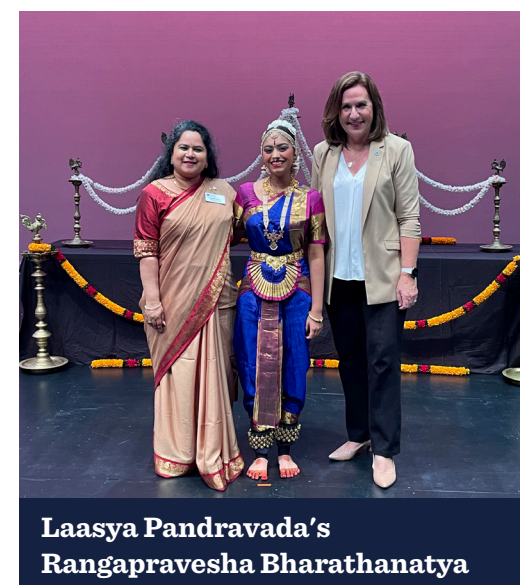


In closing, enjoy what's left of your summer and don't forget to take advantage of the abundant programs and event offerings listed in our Fall 2023 Activity Guide. I hope to see you all out at the Street Dance at Franklin Square, a Concert in the Park or another community event.

Fortunate to be your Mayor,



Mayor Lisa Gillmor



CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Santa Clara Neighborhoods Celebrated National Night Out

On August 1, our residents joined thousands of communities nationwide for National Night Out.

National Night Out is an 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. Each gathering was unique, with games, contests, music, food, and more, yet there were two things consistent from location to location – laughter and a sense of pride in our community.

Members of the Police Department, Fire Department, City Council, City administrators and Santa Clara Unified School District Trustees mingled with residents, discussed ways to strengthen neighborhood spirit and deter crime. 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 – National Night Out will be held on August 6, 2024.



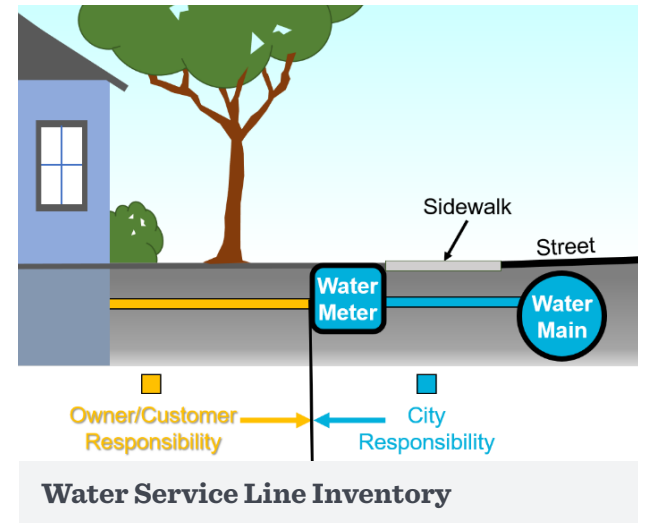
Water Service Line Inventory

The City of Santa Clara's Water & Sewer Utilities' Compliance Division will complete a water service line study and inventory. Customers served by a lead service line will be notified within 30 days of inventory completion.

City staff will survey water service lines from the water meter to the building inlet by:

- Physical visual inspection
- Water system records
- Pipe diameter
- Using known service lines of an area to determine the status of adjacent service lines based on similar criteria

Service line inventories will be submitted to the State [Division of Drinking Water \(DDW\)](#), which enforces the [California Lead and Copper Rule](#) to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's [Lead and Copper Rule](#). For more information call Water and Sewer Utilities at (408) 615-2000.



Water Shortage Contingency? Back to Normal

Santa Clara officially returned to its water "normal" on July 18. The City Council adopted a Resolution to rescind Stage 2 of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, in effect since July of 2021. With its Permanent Water Use Prohibitions, the City complies with emergency regulations set by the State Water Resources Control Board that expire in December. The City Council approved Water & Sewer Utilities' requirement continuing use of recycled water for construction and dust control, if available. Additionally, the utility will maintain a 15% voluntary water use reduction, consistent with Valley Water, also approved by Council. As Santa Clarans, we must permanently adopt a conservation mindset to sustain us regardless of California's weather fluctuations. For more, visit: SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater.

Silicon Valley Power Launches Income-Qualified Pre-Owned Electric Vehicle Rebate Up to \$3500

Are you thinking about upgrading to a pre-owned electric vehicle (EV) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle? Silicon Valley Power is now offering incentives to income-qualified customers for the purchase of a **pre-owned** EV or plug-in hybrid vehicle. Receive \$1,500 for a fully electric vehicle or \$1,000 for a plug-in hybrid vehicle. Customers who meet LIHEAP income eligibility requirements may be eligible for a bonus rebate of \$1,000. To promote energy efficiency, vehicles with a miles per gallon of gasoline equivalent (MPGe) of 117 or greater may be eligible for a bonus rebate of \$1,000. This rebate can be combined with other programs, such as Federal tax credits, but all incentives may not exceed the vehicle purchase price. To learn more about electric vehicles and a variety of incentives available, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/EV.



Financial Rate Assistance Program Provides Discount Up to 40%:

Silicon Valley Power understands the economic pressures on its customers due to inflation and rising energy costs. To help financially vulnerable customers, the utility offers a Financial Rate Assistance Program (FRAP) to provide a discount on the electric bill for all eligible customers. The program is tiered to provide the most help to customers who earn the least amount of money. Discounts range from 25-40%, depending on income eligibility. To apply for the Financial Rate Assistance Program, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Assist. For questions, please call our Energy Conservation Hotline at 408-244-SAVE (7283).

2023 Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project

Construction for the 2023 Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project by the City's contractor O'Grady Paving, Inc. will begin in mid-July and continue through November, with final project completion anticipated in December 2023. The project consists of removing and replacing failed pavement areas, constructing new ADA-compliant curb ramps, installing hot mix asphalt, applying slurry seal surface treatments, and replacing pavement markings on various City streets. For a detailed list and location map of the project streets and regular construction updates, visit the [project webpage](#). For questions or comments, contact [Faranak Mahdavi](#) with the Department of Public Works or call 408-615-3061.

Bikeway Planning Studies

In May 2023, the City hosted the first round of community workshops for four ongoing bikeway studies: De La Cruz Blvd./Coleman Ave., Walsh Ave./Martin Ave., Monroe St., and Benton St. Thank you to all who attended and provided valuable feedback! Draft concept plans are being developed and will be shared with the public at upcoming Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meetings and at the second round of community workshops. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects to find the first round of community meeting recordings and PowerPoint presentations, along with more information on how to participate at the upcoming meetings.

Share Your Input on the Rehabilitation of Warburton Park and Henry Schmidt Park by Participating in an Online Survey

Warburton Park Rehabilitation

- [Online Survey](#) (July 19 – Aug. 14, 2023)

Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation

- [Online Survey](#) (July 19 – Aug. 14, 2023)

Back to School - Traffic and Safety Tips for Getting to and From School

Approximately 15,000 Santa Clara Unified School District students and associated staff will begin school on August 10.

Going back to school 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.

- Budget extra travel time. School areas are congested. Allow more time than is needed to get where you are going
- Be aware of your speed in school zones. The posted speed limit in school zones is 25 mph
- 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
- Watch out for hot spots - crosswalks, bike lanes, bus stops and parking lot entrances and exits
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Don't do anything that will distract you from the road – period!

Meanwhile, this is also a great time to talk with your kids about getting to and from school safely.

- Cross streets only at crosswalks, stoplights or intersections and to always look both ways before crossing
- Use the buddy system and plan your route
- Wear the proper safety equipment and bright clothing if you plan to scooter or ride a bike
- Be aware of your surroundings!

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Citywide Garage Sale

Get ready for the Citywide Garage Sale on **Saturday, August 12!** Register online for individual, multi-family, or block garage sales through August 9 at SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale. A list of garage sale locations will be made available for download on August 11. Registered locations and details including times, addresses and items for sale will be displayed on an interactive map to help plan your route! For more information, email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.



Residential Compost Giveaway

Enrich your summer garden with nutrient-dense compost and improve the soil's ability to conserve water and nourish your crops. The City of Santa Clara is hosting a self-service compost giveaway event for Santa Clara residents on **Sunday, August 13, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at the City's Corporation Yard, located at 1700 Walsh Ave. Residents must provide a current utility bill and/or personal identification to verify eligibility. Compost will be self-served and residents must bring their own shovel and sturdy container (i.e. 5-gallon bucket), fill their container, and load their container into their vehicle (maximum of 40 gallons per household). Compost will be available while supplies last. Questions? Call the Department of Public Works at 408-615-3080 or email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.



Composting with Worms Workshop

Composting is nature's way of recycling! Worm composting is a fantastic way to turn fruit and vegetable waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment that has many benefits, including improving the health of your house plants or garden. On **Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, join a Master Composter to learn how to build, maintain, and troubleshoot a worm bin at the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park located at 2380 Monroe St. Registration is required. Register online at ucanr.edu/compost or call the "Rot Line" at 408-918-4640.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Street Dance

Join us **Friday, August 4, 6 - 9:30 p.m.** and stroll through Franklin Square (1100 Franklin St.) for a fun evening of dancing on Jackson Street to live music from the high energy local band, "Pop Fiction," with food trucks and vendors, drinks and much more. Don't miss it! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/StreetDance for more information.



Don't Miss the Next Sunset Cinema

Bring the entire family to Henry Schmidt Park, 555 Los Padres Dr., on **Friday, August 11 at 8:15 p.m.** to watch the animated comedy movie, "Minions: The Rise of Gru" on our inflatable screen under the stars. The free movie will begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.). Bring your lawn chair or blanket, favorite movie snacks, or picnic dinner and enjoy a fun movie with your favorite Minion. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema for more information.

RJJT's Auditions for Tarzan this Fall

Come join us on stage as we bring Disney's Tarzan swinging into Santa Clara! Based on Disney's epic animated musical adventure, Tarzan features heart-pumping music by rock legend, Phil Collins, and a book by Tony Award-winning playwright, David Henry Hwang. High-flying excitement and hits, like "You'll Be in My Heart," as well as "Son of Man" and "Two Worlds," make Tarzan a powerhouse of a musical and an unforgettable theatrical experience. Auditions take place **Aug. 15 or 16**, with performances the first two weekends of November. Visit RJJT.org for more information.



Attend the Orquesta Borinquen Concert

Join us at the upcoming Concerts in the Park on **Friday, August 18 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Central Park (909 Kiely Blvd.)**. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and all your favorite people and enjoy an evening of creating memories with live music, dancing, and tasty food from local food trucks and vendors. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Concerts for more information.



Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz

Help the Parks & Recreation Department save the pollinators! Participate in the annual Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz on **Saturday, Sept. 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** to learn about pollinators at Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park & Community Garden, 2380 Monroe St. Guest speakers and children's activities are part of the agenda at this fun event for the whole family! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CommunityGarden, call Derek Bryant at 408-615-3743 or email CommunityGarden@santaclaraca.gov for more information.

41st Annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Join in the fun with your family and friends at the Art & Wine Festival in Central Park (909 Kiely Blvd.), **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17**. The Festival will feature over 160 art vendors to browse for unique gifts, toys, décor and more, fine wine, two stages of live entertainment, ice cold beer, delicious food, Kids Kingdom and more. A true Santa Clara tradition! Visit SantaClaraArtandWine.com for sponsorship opportunities and more information.



Splish Splash on the Patio

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to Mission Branch Library **every Thursday in August at 3:30 p.m.** for water fun! Join us on the patio for a hands-on exploration of all things splishy splashy! We'll have bubbles, boats and water tables. Bring a towel or change of clothes in case your kids get wet!

Sign up for Fall Recreation!

The fall guide is currently available, and registration has begun. The Activity Guide includes all your favorite recreation classes for all ages, upcoming special events, facility information, and so much more! Classes begin the week of Aug. 14. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.

Celebrate Diversity in August!

The Cultural Commission's new August coloring pages are available online! August is Muslim Awareness & Appreciation Month and August 26 is Women's Equality Day. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to download the pages and color away!

Adventures in Learning for 3 - 5-year-olds

Enroll your child today for the 2023-24 school year at the Community Recreation Center (CRC)! This year-round program for 3-4 and 4-5-year-olds, encourages physical and psycho-social development through group activities and play. Experienced teachers focus on building confidence, encouraging exploration and creative learning each day through circle time, craft, songs, story time, indoor and outdoor play activities which are essential in the development of social, fine and gross motor skills, and much

more. The 3-year-old program will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The 4-year-old program will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/AIL or contact the Community Recreation Center [969 Kiely Blvd.] at PRCustomerServe@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3140.

Resident Youth Card – Become a Member Today!

The 2023/24 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.), and
- 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 2024). 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 YTC@santaclaraca.gov.

Purchase Your Affordable Activity Pass Today!

Did you know that one pass provides access to three quality drop-in programs? Attend Group Exercise, Lap Swim or Drop-in Play. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for all the details.



Adventures in Learning

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Santa Clara Senior Center facility hours:

Facility* & Fitness Center Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Note- Front Desk transactions close 30 minutes prior to the facility closing.

Natorium* Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Monday & Wednesday: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Check the current [Natatorium Schedule](#) for Open Swim hours and class times.

SALA (Senior Adult Legal Assistance)

Free appointments for legal services to Santa Clara County residents 60 or older. Half-hour appointments are available the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Appointments can be made through the Front Desk.

Monthly BBQ

Join us on **Thursday, Aug. 17, 12 – 1 p.m.**, at the Senior Center Patio for good eats with good friends! The menu includes your choice of hamburger, hotdog, or veggie burger, along with chips, salad, and dessert. Tickets can be purchased at the Front Desk the day of the event, or at the BBQ. \$6.00 for those with a Senior Center Card and \$7.00 for all others. Hope to see you there!



Monthly BBQ

Ice Cream Social and Open House

Join us on **Wednesday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, for a cold treat on the patio. Enjoy music, meet new friends, and learn about programs and activities taking place at the Senior Center. Delicious ice cream and a toppings bar awaits! \$3.00 for those with a Senior Center Card and \$4.00 for all others. Stop on by and get your ice cream fix.



Ice Cream Social and Open House

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.

