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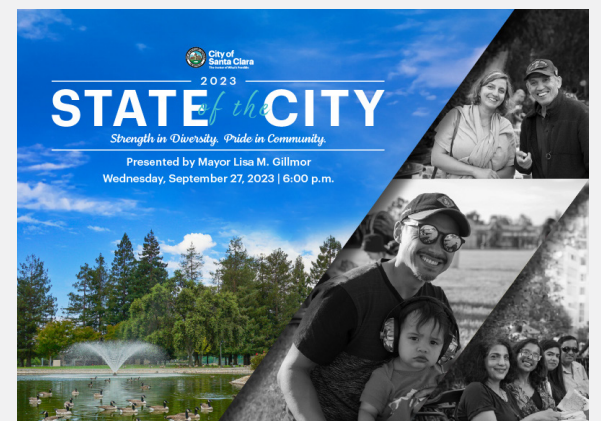
Dear Santa Clarans,

As the cool, crisp air of September rolls around, I am ready to leave the warmer temperatures of August behind! After our summer vacations and relaxing with family and friends, September is gearing up to be a Santa Clara community focused month. As I have witnessed from our very successful Franklin Square Street Dance, to our National Night Out and Concerts in the Park, we are all ready to have fun and celebrate as a community. I want to mention a few upcoming events as well as bring attention to other happenings in our City.



Please Join Us for the 2023 State of the City

Join us at the 2023 State of the City on September 27th, beginning at 5 p.m. with resource booths and refreshments, followed by the presentation at 6 p.m. I am so excited this year to be presenting the State of the City from the *Mission City Center for the Performing Arts*, the beautiful theatre located at Wilcox High School, 3250 Monroe Street, SC.



The theme for this year's State of the City will be *Strength in Diversity. Pride in Community.* I will be providing an informative and insightful overview of the city and our vision for the future. Additionally, in keeping with our theme, there will be performances by local community groups as well as the presentations of the Citywide and Council District Community Awards. The event is free to attend so please plan to join us! To let us know you are coming, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/StateoftheCity.

Recognizing a Local Business with Heart and Soul

Small businesses are at the heart & soul of our community. It was my honor to present a Mayoral Commendation to "Lillie Mae's House of Soul Food" which now includes a food truck that you'll see making its way around the Bay Area.

It was an honor to join Chef Rhonda, (Lillie Mae's granddaughter) as well as Councilmember Kathy Watanabe (District 1) and Fremont Mayor Lily Mei to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of this well-loved restaurant. Rhonda, by the way, was a student at Mission College's Hospitality Program and got her start in Santa Clara! Please watch out for the Food Truck and enjoy Rhonda's delicious food!



Chef Rhonda

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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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[@SantaClaraCity](https://twitter.com/SantaClaraCity)

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[@CityofSantaClara](https://www.youtube.com/CityofSantaClara)

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Respect the Harness: Guide Dog Etiquette

Many individuals in our community are accompanied by a guide dog, signal dog or service dog, especially trained to assist those who are blind or visually impaired. One of my constituents, Emily asked that I inform the public about proper etiquette when you encounter an individual with a guide dog. Like many of you, when I see a dog, I automatically want to talk to or pet the animal. I must admit that I wasn't aware of the proper etiquette, so hopefully this will help us all understand in the future.

1. **Don't** interact with a working dog by petting or calling out the dog's name or giving cues. A guide dog should only hear cues from its handler.
2. **Don't** allow children to interact with the dog. Do teach them the difference between a pet and a service dog.
3. **Don't** allow your pets to interact with a working guide dog.
4. **Don't** feed the dog anything without the handler's permission.
5. **Don't** attempt to guide, steer, or hold a person navigating a guide dog. Do let the dog work.
6. If the dog is out of harness, **Do** ask permission to pet the dog.
7. **Do** maintain a safe distance when encountering a guide dog and its handler. Guide dogs have the right of way.
8. **Don't** make sudden movements around the dog. **Do** move calmly in their presence.
9. **Don't** grab or hold the dog's harness. **Do** allow the handler to handle the harness.
10. **Don't** make loud noises, sudden gestures or call out to the guide dog which can divert its attention and distract from its responsibilities.



Emily with her guide dog

Santa Clara Parade of Champions

Please join me on Saturday, October 7 for the annual *Santa Clara Parade of Champions* in Downtown Santa Clara. The festivities start at 9 a.m. with community village booths, food trucks, farmer's market, and a multitude of vendors. The Parade begins at 11 a.m. and the day continues with "Salsa on the Street" sponsored by Volare Studios. We all know how much Santa Clarans love to dance! So bring your family and friends to enjoy this treasured tradition!



Parade of Champions

The Wine Has It! And Our Art & Wine Festival Has It All!

Santa Clara will be celebrating our 41st Art & Wine Festival at beautiful Central Park September 16 and 17. I have volunteered at 40 of the festivals since I started as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner back in the 1980's. As my favorite community event, I am so excited to be involved again this year.

The sales from Beer & Wine will benefit many of our local charities including the SC Schools Foundation, Santa Clara Police Activities League (PAL), Santa Clara Rotary Foundation, and Wilcox High School and Santa Clara High School's Grad Nights. There are booths filled with arts and crafts, international food booths, live entertainment, and a multitude of activities for kids. So mark your calendar and join me as we celebrate together at the best Art & Wine Festival in Northern California!



Art and Wine Festival

Santa Clara Community Honors the Life of Myles Anthony Smith

I was humbled and honored to speak at the Celebration of Life and park bench dedication for Myles Anthony Smith. Myles was a popular and brave young man of 8 years old when he was diagnosed with stage 4 sarcoma cancer and given 3 months to live. He ultimately made it to 6 months when he lost his battle.

The Santa Clara community immediately showed love and support for the Smith family by leaving flowers and candles on the bridge overpass by Bracher Park. Ultimately the community raised money to buy a permanent bench in Bracher Park, Myles favorite place to play basketball, ride his bike, and spend time with his family and friends. Myles's parents, family and friends were on hand to honor this remarkable young man. So when you see this beautiful bench under a tree at Bracher park, have a seat and remember this beautiful young boy, who left this world too soon, and will be missed by many but never forgotten.



Myles Anthony Smith



Park bench memorial

Staying connected for a better and safer community. Hope to see you all at the many upcoming events in Santa Clara this month!

Respectfully,

Mayor Lisa Gillmor

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Beyoncé Proclaimed Honorary Mayor and Awarded Key to the City

At the Aug. 29 City Council meeting, Beyoncé Knowles-Carter was named honorary Mayor for the day of her Aug. 30 performance at Levi's® Stadium and given the Key to the City. Beyoncé's long-time publicist, Dr. Yvette Noel-Schure, graciously accepted the proclamation on the star's behalf. The gesture celebrates Beyoncé's contributions as a world-renowned artist and philanthropist, as well as recognizes the positive economic impact of Levi's® Stadium as the premier sports and entertainment venue in the region.



54th Santa Clara Parade of Champions

Don't miss the annual Santa Clara Parade of Champions happening **Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m.** Festivities continue from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in downtown Santa Clara at Franklin Square. Since 1945, the Santa Clara Parade of Champions has always been a celebration of community and frontline heroes, non-profits, businesses, organizations, and traditions; bridging communities in Santa Clara and beyond for over half a century. Join us for this year's festivities, featuring Community Village, food trucks, shops, street dance, and more! Visit SCParadeofChampions.org for all the latest.



Parade of Champions

41st Annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Get ready for the Art & Wine Festival sponsored by Silicon Valley Power, in Central Park (909 Kiely Blvd.) **Sept. 16 – 17**. This popular festival will feature over 160 craft vendors, live entertainment on two stages, a Kids Kingdom, delicious food, fine wine, ice-cold beer and so much more. Proceeds benefit local charities. Come and join us! Visit SantaClaraArtandWine.com for more information.



Art & Wine Festival

Take the Santa Clara City Library Community Survey

Help shape the future of the Santa Clara City Library by taking a short survey! Let us know what is important to you and help us set goals for achievement to ensure our City libraries continue to meet the community's needs. Your opinion matters! The survey will be open from **Aug. 23 - Sept. 23** and is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Paper copies of the surveys are also available at any Santa Clara City Library location. Thank you for taking the time to participate! Take the survey: SCLibrary.org/LibSurvey



Construction Storytime at Northside

Northside hosted a wonderful Construction Storytime on August 4 with special guests from the Department of Public Works (DPW), including a dump truck operator and a backhoe operator, who visited the branch and read "Construction Countdown" by K.C. Olson. The special event was attended by 260 people who listened to storytime and took photos with City vehicles.



Construction Storytime

Safe Routes to School Program Phase III Update

The third phase of the Santa Clara Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) kicked off in April 2023 and will run through 2025. This phase will include the following activities: Safe Routes to School Maps, Bicycle & Pedestrian Rodeos, Walk & Bike to School Days, Traffic Safety Equipment Giveaways, Safety Education Curriculum, and Parent and School District staff workshops. 17 schools within the Santa Clara Unified School District are scheduled to participate in the program. Additionally, the City was recently awarded a \$45,000 Office of Traffic Safety Grant from the State to provide additional funding for the program. For more information contact [Carol Shariat](mailto:Carol.Shariat@santaclearca.gov) or visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SafeRoutestoSchool.

Bookmobile Returns to City Hall

The bookmobile has returned to City Hall Plaza! We bring the library to the civic center community every other Wednesday 1 – 2 p.m. Visit sclibrary.org for detailed schedule information, or contact Cody at 408-615-2907 or email bookmobile@santaclearca.gov.



Bookmobile Returns to City

September is Community Preparedness Month

Does your family have a household communication plan? Make an emergency plan today and practice it! During a local emergency, receive alerts to your mobile, landline or email for fire, earthquake, severe weather, crime activity and instructions during a disaster. Alert SCC is the Santa Clara County's emergency alert and warning system. Sign up today for free at alertSCC.org. For emergency preparedness tips, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/EmergencyPreparedness.



Community Preparedness Month

Bikeway Planning Studies

Draft roadway concept plans have been developed for three ongoing bikeway planning studies - Walsh Avenue/Martin Avenue, Monroe Street, and Benton Street and will be shared with the public for feedback at the second round of community workshops this month. The draft concepts have also been shared with the Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in August 2023 for their feedback. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects to view the first round of community meeting recordings, take our online surveys, and find more information on how to participate in the second round of community workshops.

Temporary Closure of Portion of San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail

A section of the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail (between Highway 101 and Mission College Blvd.) will be temporarily closed **Sept. 1 – 25, 2023**, for the removal of a private pedestrian/bicycle bridge (Freedom Bridge) which spans a portion of the San Tomas Aquino Creek Levee. For trail detour and contact information, read more at SantaClaraCA.gov.

Conserve in Color this Fall!

Considering a major garden overhaul? Fall planting is best and it saves water.

Prepare soil now to increase water-holding capacity. Dig fruit and vegetable scraps 12-inches deep into soil to yield nutrient-rich humus in a month.

Shop plants and organic fertilizers at nurseries' fall sales. Get plants acclimated by maintaining them in sheltered spots near their future homes.

Plant mid- to late-October. Dig holes as deep as the pots the plants came in, but twice as wide. Backfill with soil from the holes mixed with compost.

Utilize the [Landscape Conversion Rebate](#)! Replace your lawn with gorgeous waterwise plants. City residents can receive up to \$5,000! \$4/square foot(sf) for the first 1,000sf and \$2/sf thereafter.

Visit [Landscaping & Garden](#), [Save Our Water](#) or call Water & Sewer Utilities: 408-615-2000.

Resource for Northside Residents on Levi's Stadium Event Days

There are several ways to reach the Santa Clara Police Department depending on the situation.

On Levi's Stadium event days, this includes a non-emergency phone line created to better serve Northside residents and businesses. During event hours, a staff member will answer the phone line to provide immediate service.

Emergency	9-1-1
Non-emergency	408-615-5580
General business	408-615-4700
Stadium	408-615-2280

The Levi's Stadium event schedule is available at LevisStadium.com.

Law Enforcement Safety and Wellness

Employees in law enforcement have demanding, stressful careers. While individual health and wellness is critical, the lifestyle and culture of a law enforcement agency affects more than just its employees. Spouses, partners, parents, children, friends and colleagues of law enforcement are integral sources of support, as is the partnership our community has with our department.

The Santa Clara Police Department (SCPD) is committed to supporting law enforcement family wellness. SCPD offers its employees resources in physical fitness and nutrition, resiliency and stress management, mental and emotional wellness, injury reduction, fatigue and healthy sleep habits, financial literacy, substance use and abuse, spiritual well-being, helping your child understand your job and suicide prevention for healthier and safer employees and communities.

In addition, our agency prides itself on providing a cutting edge training program and duty gear designed with health in mind for success at the job. This is not just an opportunity to instill proper behavior, it mitigates risk and equips employees with the tools to lead happier, healthier lives at work and home.

If you are considering a sworn or civilian career in law enforcement, explore opportunities with SCPD at lamSCPD.org.

If You See Something, Say Something

Homeland security begins with hometown security. Reporting suspicious activity has the potential to prevent a crime, reduce violence, minimize victimization, save a life, and improve quality of life. Suspicious activities may include:

- A stranger loitering in your neighborhood
- A vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly
- Peering into cars or windows, or pulling on door handles
- A high volume of traffic going to and coming from a residence daily
- Loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas
- Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence
- Tampering with electrical, gas or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle or uniform
- Sounds of breaking glass, gunshots, screaming or fighting
- Strangers removing license plates or loading valuables into vehicles from a residence
- A briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left behind

To report suspicious activity, contact the non-emergency phone line at (408) 615-5580. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.



Bored with BROWN?

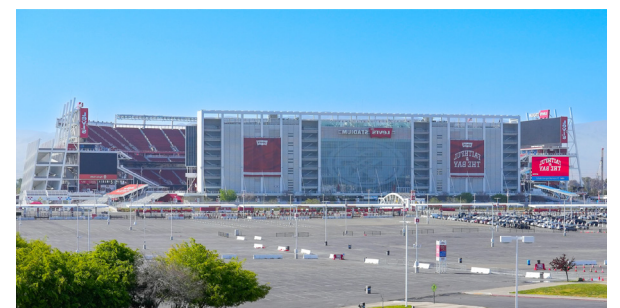
Conserve in

COLOUR

with water wise & California native plants!

FALL PLANTING BENEFITS:

- Warm soil + cool air = less plant stress
- Nature waters for you!
- Winter dormancy → Spring flourish
- Established roots → less Summer water



Event Day Resource

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Share your Input with the 2023 Charter Review Committee

The City of Santa Clara 2023 Charter Review Committee will be hosting a community forum to solicit input from the community on what, if any, changes should be made to the Charter provisions providing for an elected Chief of Police and/or an elected City Clerk.

Changes under consideration include but are not limited to: 1) a review of qualifications and eligibility requirements for the two elected positions; 2) converting the positions from elected to appointed; and 3) if appointed, discussion of the appropriate appointing authority for the positions.

Members of the public are invited to attend upcoming meetings of the Charter Review Committee at Central Park Library's Redwood Room (2635 Homestead Rd.) or via Zoom on:

Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. Input from the community will be heard by the Committee to help inform their recommendations to the City Council.

Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. The Committee will discuss and draft preliminary recommendations to the City Council.

For more: SantaClaraCA.gov/2023CharterReview



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) at the free HHW drop-off event on **Saturday, Sept. 23** in Santa Clara or any of the HHW events located countywide throughout the year. Residents **must register** to attend this event by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 408-299-7300 or by visiting hhw.org. Accepted items include fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent lightbulbs, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane and helium tanks, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, sharps containers, prescription medications, electronic waste (e-waste), and other types of household hazardous wastes. For more information on the types of accepted items and event details, visit hhw.org. Contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700 regarding the disposal of ammunition or explosives.



Free Disposal Day

Santa Clara's next Free Disposal Day will be on **Sunday, Sept. 17, 6 a.m. – 12 p.m.** at the Mission Trail Waste Systems (MTWS) Transfer Station. Dispose of appliances and e-waste items, as well as mattresses, furniture, and other bulky items. Hazardous waste (e.g. paints, fluorescent bulbs, chemical cleaners, and pesticides, etc.), automotive parts, and pressure treated wood **are prohibited**. To dispose of household hazardous waste, our next drop-off event is on September 23. To participate, call MTWS at 408-727-5365 between Sept. 4 - 15 to make an appointment and for details on location, load size limits and accepted/non-accepted materials. Proof of residency (utility bill or driver's license) is required. Residents are responsible for unloading their vehicles.



Kids Rock

K-5th grade kids get ready and join us at the Youth and Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave., **Friday, Sept. 29, 6 - 8:30 p.m.** for a special night of activities that include recreation games, arts and crafts, music, inflatable slide, and more! Space is limited, pre-register your child by visiting SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet. For more information, contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or email YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov.



Join SCPD for National Coffee with a Cop Day

On **Wednesday, Oct. 4**, National Coffee with a Cop Day brings men and women in uniform together with their respective communities. This event is community policing at its core. Residents casually connect at a local coffee shop, communicate with law enforcement professionals on issues in their neighborhood and learn a bit about one another. There are no speeches or agendas. This is an opportunity to enhance cooperation and trust between our department and residents. Don't miss the opportunity to connect, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know your Santa Clara Police Officers. Read more about [National Coffee with a Cop Day](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalCoffee).



California Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 23 is California Coastal Cleanup Day! Volunteers throughout California will work together to collect trash and debris to help protect our oceans, watersheds and wildlife. Last year's cleanup removed over 480 pounds of trash in Santa Clara and the City will be hosting two cleanup sites this year. Volunteer on **Sept. 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** to take part in the cleanup effort and help be the solution to water pollution! For detailed information and to register, visit CleanaCreek.org. For questions, contact Environmental Programs at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.



Last Concert in the Park of the Season featuring The Megatones

Join us at Live Oak Park (641 Moreland Way), on **Friday, Sept. 29 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.** for the last Concert in the Park presented by Silicon Valley Power. Bring your dancing shoes, blanket or folding lawn chair and delight in music and community. A variety of food and treats will be available for purchase. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Concerts for more information.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Adventures in Learning for 3 – 5-year-olds

Enroll your child today for the 2023–24 school year at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. 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 skills, fine and gross motor skills and much more.

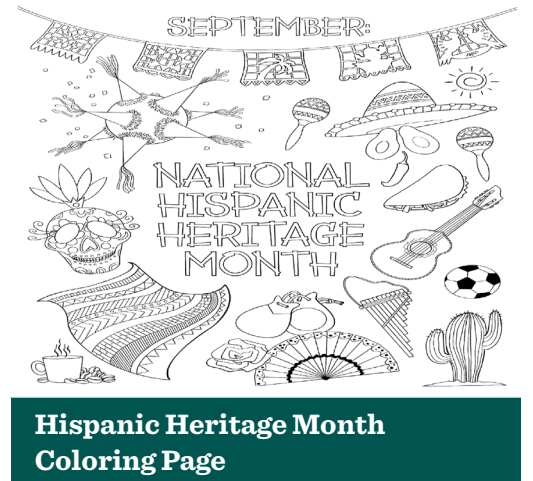


Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month in September

Celebrate Santa Clara's diversity with the Cultural Commission's commemorative months coloring pages. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission and get creative each month and show your support.

Sign up for Fall Recreation!

There is still time to register for recreation classes for all ages. Although select classes are underway, there are still many classes starting in Sept./Oct. Choose from dance, music, sports, ceramics, martial arts and so much more. Make sure to check out the Community Events page of the Activity Guide for all the upcoming Fall Special Events. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.



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:

- After School Program (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 3 – 6 p.m. & Wed. 1:30 – 6 p.m.)
- Skate Park
- Recreational Swim Program

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.

Stay Fit this Fall with the Flexible Activity Pass

The 3-in-1 Activity Pass provides access to Group Exercise, Lap Swim and Drop-in Play. We make it easy for you to stay active on your own schedule. Do you already have a pass? Consider reloading it today! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for more information.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

SALA (Senior Adult Legal Assistance)

Free appointments are available 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 at 408-615-3170.

Plants on the Patio – Herb Garden Edition

Join us on the Senior Center patio for a few hours of fun exploring the world of herbs. Get your hands dirty, let your creativity shine and enjoy this relaxing activity with friends new and old. Materials, instruction and light refreshments provided. This activity will be offered on **Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 5 – 7 p.m. or Thursday, Sept. 14, from 1 – 3 p.m.** Pre-registration is required. Register for the [Wednesday](#) and/or [Thursday](#) class.

Keys Bags Names Words

Don't miss the screening of the quirky, informative documentary about hope and dementia on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meet young scientists and artists from around the world as they harness every aspect of knowledge, creativity, humor, and compassion to lead the way towards hope and resilience. Discover how we can better connect with our loved ones, and as a society, transform to lessen stigma and be more inclusive. Doors at 4:30 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. This screening is free and registration is required. [Register online](#) (Activity #28051) or contact the Front Desk for assistance at 408-615-3170.



Monthly Senior Center BBQ

Join us on **Thursday, Sept. 21, 12 – 1 p.m.**, at the Senior Center Patio, 1303 Fremont St., 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 for those with a Senior Center Card and \$7 for all others.