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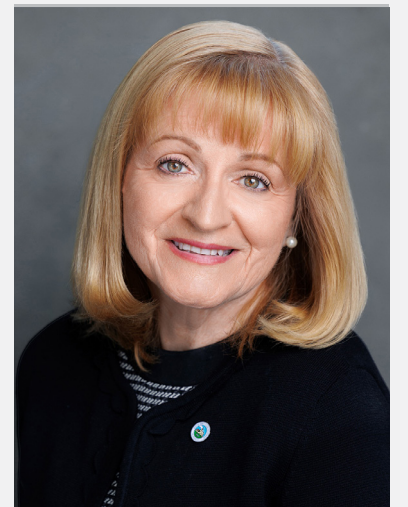
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Spread the holiday cheer and participate at [SantaClaraCA.gov/Contest](https://www.santacruzca.gov/Contest)



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Fall is definitely in the air which means the holidays aren't far behind. This is always an exciting time of year to see the Halloween decorations and Diwali lights starting to make neighborhoods look festive. I hope you will take time to walk your neighborhoods and see some of the incredible decorations that adorn many of the homes and brings smiles to many.



Senior Housing Celebrates 50 Years

The Santa Clara Methodist Retirement Foundation celebrated 50 years of affordable senior housing on October 6, 2023. The event featured representatives of the Retirement Foundation talking about the significance that Liberty Towers in Santa Clara and Wesley Manor in Campbell have played in providing affordable housing and services to over 1500 seniors and persons with disabilities. They are very appreciative of the support they receive from the City of Santa Clara, SCFD and SCPD as well as City of Campbell, CPD and the Santa Clara County Fire Department. The Retirement Foundation is currently in the process of building additional housing at 60 West Hamilton Street, Campbell that will continue their mission of expanding the availability of affordable housing for low-income seniors.



Senior Housing Celebrates 50 Years

Agnews Museum Docents Receive Community Award for District 1

At the State of the City event on September 27, 2023, it was an honor to recognize the docents who volunteer their time and historical knowledge of the historic Agnews Development Center at the Agnews Museum on Hope Drive in Santa Clara. The center cared for the mentally ill at the North Santa Clara facility until it closed in 2009. Thank you to docents Jeffrey James Mardesich, Jim Hills, Gretchen Hills, Angela Manning, and Kathleen Wilton Lee and docents who have passed away - the late Pat Hannum and the late Norm Holder and his wife Judy. Thank you for keeping our local history alive with your passion for storytelling, commitment to preserving a past that binds our community, and makes us stronger.



Docents Receive Community Award

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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://www.santacruzca.gov/Jobs).

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The Agnews Museum is located at 1250 Hope Drive, Santa Clara and opened on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the museum, please visit the [Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum](#) page.

5th Annual KidzRule Children's Business Fair

On Saturday, October 21, the 5th Annual Children's Business Fair was held in Live Oak Park. Thank you, Mayor Lisa Gillmor, for joining me this year in visiting with the young entrepreneurs and buying their creative products. This year there were 70 booths showcasing startup business ideas by students from elementary school all the way up to high school. This is a special opportunity for students to be an entrepreneur for a day! Students can create a produce/brand, design the marketing and pricing strategy and open for business at a one-day marketplace.

The City of Santa Clara has worked closely with event organizer, Mihhil Kiran, a 15-year old student and his parents, Kiran and Nisha Ganesh, in developing this event which has grown each year. Mihhil got the idea for bringing the Children's Business Fair to Santa Clara after participating in another local fair. We are so glad he did! For information on becoming a young entrepreneur, you can visit [KidzRule.net](#) or [Childrensbusinessfair.org](#).



Veterans' Day – November 11, 2023

Please join the City of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial Committee at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park on November 11, 2023 at 3 p.m. This is an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have fought for their country and given back in many ways. Some with their lives.

Diwali – November 12, 2023



The Festival of Lights returns all over the world across various religions and cultures as Diwali is set to begin in November. This year, Diwali will be on Nov. 12, and for most, it will consist of a five-day celebration. Diwali, or Deepavali, is a holiday celebrating the triumph of good over evil, according to [almanac.com](#).

The celebration has long been a cultural holiday where people get together for parties, gift giving, and pray for a prosperous future. However, it is

observed differently by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists, creating diverse traditions and customs. Some cities have already started celebrating Diwali with festivals which includes dancing and traditional foods. The City of Santa Clara is hopeful to have its own Diwali celebration next year.



A Season of Thanks

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. Many countries also celebrate Thanksgiving on various dates. These countries include: Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Liberia, and unofficially in countries like Brazil and the Philippines. It is also observed in the Dutch town of Leiden and the Australian territory of Norfolk Island. Thanksgiving is a cherished American holiday that brings families and friends together to express gratitude, share a festive meal, and reflect on the blessings of the past year. It's a time for giving thanks for the abundance in our lives and celebrating the spirit of togetherness. However, many use the holiday to volunteer their time to support people in need. If you are looking for an opportunity to do something different for Thanksgiving this year, here are some ideas:

1. Deliver meals to people in need;
2. Run in a Turkey Trot (usually this is a fundraising event);
3. Serve dinner in a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter;
4. Send care packages to troops;
5. Donate to your local food bank;
6. Visit local residents in need; or
7. Don't forget to help out within your own family, too.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season. There are so many to celebrate and create memories that last a lifetime. I am thankful to represent the culturally diverse and engaged residents of District 1.

Kathy Watanabe

Councilmember, District 1

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Veterans Memorial Ceremony

The Santa Clara Veterans Memorial Committee together with American Legion District 13, Posts 419 and 564 and Veterans of Foreign War Post 3982 invites the community in celebration and appreciation of veterans to the Veterans Memorial in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., on **Saturday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m.** This event will include a special ceremony honoring and recognizing all of those who have served and protected our nation.

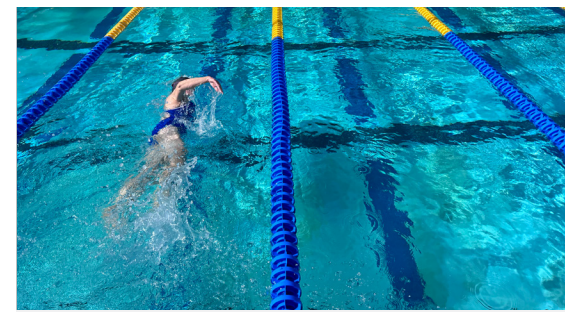


Expanded Public Service Hours at the Library!

The Santa Clara City Library has expanded its service hours. All three locations (Central Park, Mission, and Northside) are now open six days a week, with added morning, evening, and Saturday hours, for a total of 144 hours each week and schedules that are convenient and accessible for everyone. For the updated schedule, visit [SCLibrary.org](https://www.sclibrary.org).

New Lap Swim Hours – International Swim Center & Mary Gomez Swim Center

On October 30, the City of Santa Clara lap swim program rolled out new swim hours at the International Swim Center & Mary Gomez Swim Center. Please visit our swim page at SantaClaraCA.gov/Swimming for any updates and closures and to view our new lap swim schedule. For more information, please call 408-615-3140.



New Lap Swim Hours

RJJT Presents Tarzan The Stage Musical!

Tarzan is based on Disney's epic animated musical adventure, featuring heart-pumping music and high-flying adventure! Performances will be held the first two weekends of November at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. You don't want to miss this production! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to purchase tickets.



Holiday Tree Lighting

Save the date for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting in Central Park, 969 Kiely Blvd., **Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Join us for entertainment, yummy food, pictures with Santa, music, booths, activities for the kids and much more! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/TreeLighting for more information.



Holiday Tree Lighting

Reduce Landscape Irrigation Runtimes

Daylight savings time change means it's time to check your irrigation controller. Weather-based controllers may need manual tweaking to water most efficiently during the cool season. Consult your user manual to reduce watering frequency and runtimes. Established landscapes (planted for two years or more) typically don't require irrigation between the fall and spring time changes. Soil moisture is fine if your finger inserted knuckle deep into the soil feels coolness, or use a moisture meter to check, available free during regular business hours at the Water & Sewer Utilities office at City Hall (1500 Warburton Avenue). Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater or call Water & Sewer Utilities at 408-615-2000 for more conservation tips. Remember, our next drought is around the corner!



Reduce Landscape Irrigation

Keep FOG Out of Drains

With cold weather and big holiday meals approaching, remember to keep your pipes clear and flowing smoothly; keep **F**at, **O**il and **G**rease out of your kitchen drain. Liquid fats and oils harden in cold underground pipes, collecting until murky sewer goo backs up into your home or adjacent buildings and streets, and always at the most inconvenient time. By scraping cooled grease from plates, pots and pans into the trash, you'll avoid expensive plumber visits. Also be sure to throw away oily and greasy products like expired dairy products, sunscreen, lotion and cosmetics in the trash, never down the drain. For more information, visit the City's [FOG program webpage](#) or call Water & Sewer Utilities at 408-615-2000.



Keep FOG Out of Drains

Bikeway Planning Study (De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue)

The second Virtual Community Meeting was held on October 19, 2023 for the De La Cruz Boulevard (Central Expressway to Lewis/Alviso St.) and Coleman Avenue (De La Cruz Boulevard to Brokaw Road). Bikeway Planning Study and draft bikeway concept plans were shared with the public. An [online survey](#) has been posted to gather public feedback on the plans and the survey will close on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects to access the online survey, as well as the recordings of the last two community meetings.

Shared Mobility Program Update

The City of Santa Clara Shared Mobility Program (Program) is in the second year of operation. For FY 2023-24 the City has selected Bird and Lime to participate in the Program. Recently, the City issued an operating permit to Lime to deploy 300 e-scooters throughout Santa Clara for public rental. Bird is also preparing to deploy 150 e-scooters once the City issues the operating permit. The goal of the Program is to provide an alternative travel option for Santa Clara residents and visitors to access transit, shopping and entertainment areas. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SharedMobilityProgram](https://www.santacruz.ca.gov/SharedMobilityProgram) for more information about the program and customer service contact information.

Discover the Do's and Don'ts of Leaf Season in Santa Clara!

During leaf season the Department of Public Works (DPW) removes fallen leaves so that storm drains remain clean and clear of leaf litter that might clog or pollute water ways. Typically, your street is swept bi-weekly the day after your trash is picked up. If you have a Friday pickup your street is swept the following Monday. How can you help? Our residents play a critical role in ensuring a smooth and seamless cleanup process during leaf season. Take a moment to review the Do's and Don'ts for residents during leaf season:

- ✓ Do park your vehicle in your garage or on your driveway
- ✓ Do place all yard waste in your green cart
- ✓ Do request an additional FREE green cart from Mission Trails Waste System at 408-727-5368 if needed
- ✓ Do share this information with your landscaper
- ✗ Don't Park your car on the street on street sweeping days
- ✗ Don't blow your leaves from your yard on to the street or into storm drains
- ✗ Don't place your uncontained yard waste in the street

Note: Additional free green waste bins are only available to residents who currently have green waste collection service. To report a clogged drain, or for more information, email street@santacruz.ca.gov or call 408-615-3080.

Thanksgiving Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no garbage, recycling or yard trimmings collection on Thursday, Nov. 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. For customers with collection on Thursday and Friday, service will occur one day later. Customers with Thursday collection will receive service on Friday, Nov. 24 and customers with Friday collection will receive service on Saturday, Nov. 25. For questions regarding garbage and yard trimmings service, contact Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365; for recycling service, contact Recology South Bay at 408-970-5100.

Remember Your Reusables!

The holiday season is upon us and that means celebrating with family, friends, and food! Holiday gatherings create fun memories but can also create extra waste. Follow these tips for planning an eco-friendly celebration this holiday season.

1. Create a meal plan based on the number of people attending your celebration. Visit [SaveTheFood.com](https://www.savethefood.com) to use the dinner party calculator to estimate how much food is needed based on the number of guests and the type of meal provided.
2. Check the pantry, refrigerator, and freezer before grocery shopping for your planned feast. Doing so prevents overbuying and additional food waste.
3. Make a shopping list and only buy what is needed. Shopping with a list will keep you from overbuying and on budget!
4. Ditch the plastic utensils, cups, and paper napkins! Using reusable glass and cloth counterparts makes for a beautiful tablescape and keeps unnecessary items out of the landfill.
5. Encourage your guests to bring their own reusable containers for those yummy leftovers.

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, resulting 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](https://www.siliconvalleypower.com/Residents/Electrification-Programs).



Switch to an Efficient Heat Pump Water Heater

Make Your Home All-Electric with the Help of the Silicon Valley Power Residential Electrification Guide and Estimator Tool!

Silicon Valley Power’s Residential Electrification Guide and online Electrification Estimator tool can assist Santa Clara residents interested in switching from natural gas appliances to 100% carbon-free electricity.

The guide provides information on the following:

- Areas where residents can make the switch from natural gas to electric appliances
- Switching from gasoline vehicles and yard care equipment to electric options
- Benefits of electrifying each type of equipment
- Things to consider before making the switch from gas to electric

The Electrification Estimator is a downloadable Excel-based tool that allows residents to enter estimates for the cost of upgrade projects and information from their electric and natural gas utility bills. The tool will calculate the overall bill impacts a resident can expect to see. Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Electrification for electrification program information and to download copies of the Electrification Guide and Electrification Estimator. Instant rebates are available on electric yard care equipment through the Silicon Valley Power Marketplace at PoweredByEFI.org/SVP.

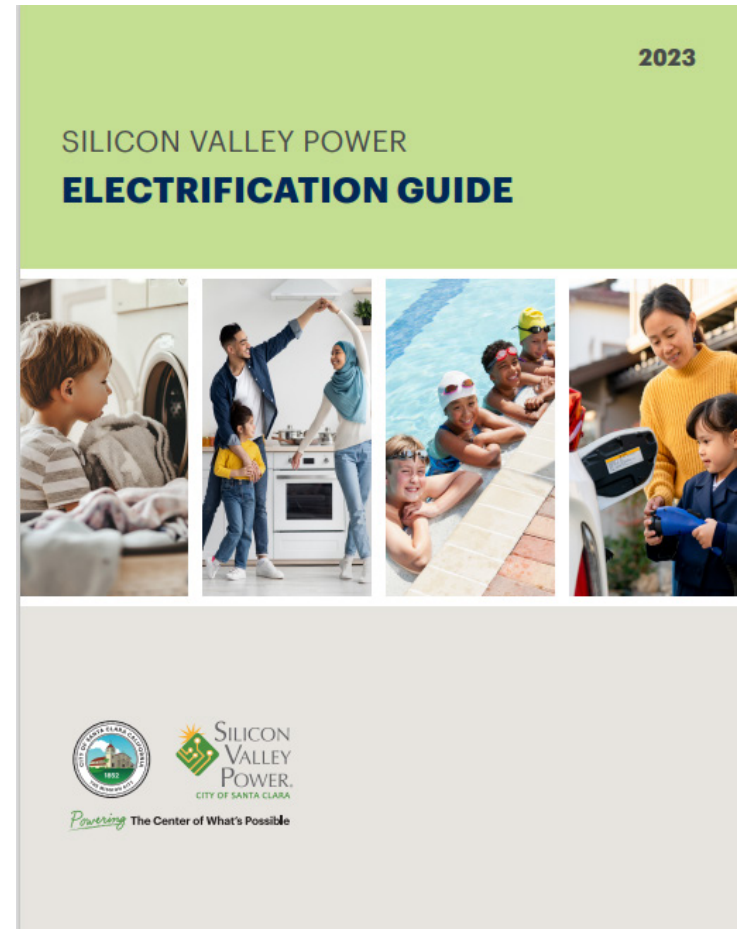
Resource for Northside Residents on Levi’s Stadium Event Days

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.



EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Project

The City of Santa Clara is now seeking public comment on the Public Review Draft of the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (Plan) through November 17, 2023. A [virtual community outreach event](#) is also scheduled for **November 1, 2023 at 6 p.m.** At the meeting, staff will present the Draft Plan and take questions and input from the public. This citywide Plan will help to identify barriers to accessibility, methods for improving access, and establish an approach for removing ADA barriers. For more information regarding the Plan and meeting, please visit our website at SantaClaraCA.gov/ADATransitionPlan.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

The Mechanical Horse, Life-Sized, Interactive Art Exhibit by Adrian Landon

The City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission and Santa Clara University present: The Art Exhibition of The Mechanical Horse by Adrian Landon. This life-sized free exhibit is located on the Santa Clara University campus (500 El Camino Real) in the Sobrato Campus for Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) main lobby through **Jan. 21, 2024**. The Exhibit is activated through participation by the community. The exhibit will be open to the public on the Santa Clara campus, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., 7 days a week, except holidays. Bring your friends and family to see this incredible exhibit come to life! Visit [SCUpresents.org](https://scupresents.org) for more information.



Kids Rock

K-5th grade kids, join us for Kids Rock happening **Friday, Nov. 3, 6 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Youth and Teen Center (2446 Cabrillo Ave.). Get ready and join us for a special night of activities that include recreation games, arts and crafts, music, an 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.

Spread the Holiday Cheer for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest

It's almost time to start thinking about the holidays! Haul out the inflatables, lights, tinsel, and holly! The Cultural Commission invites the community to participate in this year's Holiday Home Decorating Contest starting early December. Make your house merry and bright for all to see! A map of decorated homes will be available so you can show off your festive decorations and maybe even win a sign to display in your yard. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Contest for additional information starting in December or call 408-615-3140.



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Winter Recreation Registration Information - Mark Your Calendar!

The Winter 2023 Activity Guide will be available online Dec.1. Registration begins Dec. 5 for Santa Clara residents and Dec. 7 for non-residents. In the Activity Guide, you will find all your favorite Recreation classes, facility information, events and more! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more or call 408-615-3140.

November is American Indian Heritage Month!

Get creative and help the Cultural Commission celebrate diversity with a new coloring page each month. We hope you enjoy Artist Giada Conte's characters as much as we do. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to download the pages and unleash your creativity!



Adults, Stay Active with the Activity Pass

The 3-in-1 Activity Pass allows access to Group Exercise, Lap Swim or Drop-in Play. Already have a pass and need to reload it? Now is the perfect time! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for more information or call 408-615-3140.

Quality Group Exercise Classes at the Community Recreation Center (CRC)!

Choose between a variety of 12 fitness classes per week to accommodate any schedule. Morning, evening, and Saturday classes are available. Boot Camp, Zumba®, Power Hour, Butz n Gutz and more, with quality instructors. Put your Activity Pass to work! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass for more information or call 408-615-3140. The CRC is located at 969 Kiely Blvd.



Group Exercise Classes

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, Tue, Thu, 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.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Senior Center Natatorium Updated Hours

The Senior Center Natatorium is now open Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. for Senior Center Premium Members. This is an increase of 4 hours per week, totaling 28 hours per week of additional drop-in pool hours. As the weather begins to cool down, these added hours will be a welcome offering to the public.



The graphic features the City of Santa Clara logo at the top left. The main text reads "PICTURE YOURSELF MAKING A DIFFERENCE." in large, bold letters. Below this, it says "Be a part of our dynamic team at the City of Santa Clara. Apply for various openings today to serve and enrich our diverse community!". The background is a collage of nine photos showing diverse city employees in various roles, including a woman at a desk, a man in a hard hat, a firefighter, and others in professional and field settings.

Job Opportunities

The City of Santa Clara is looking for passionate team members in various fields to serve and enrich our diverse community. We have an opening for YOU on our team!

Openings in various fields such as:

- Administration
- Building Development
- Electric Utility
- Engineering
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Library Administration
- Maintenance
- Planning & Development
- Public Safety – Police & Fire
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Water & Sewer Utility

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

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.

