



# City Hall News

From Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

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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).



## Message from Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

Dear Santa Clarans,

As you settle into the new year, it's now a time for a new and refreshing start to 2024. It's also a time for me to express my appreciation to everyone who has helped make our Santa Clara community safe throughout the year, especially our wonderful police and fire departments.

As the flu, cold and now covid continues to spread during these colder months, I want to give a special thanks to our local health providers for keeping us healthy during these tough flu seasons. And kudos to our senior center staff for always promoting safety and wellness to our long time Santa Clarans. Remember all the lessons that we learned during covid, to keep our families, friends and loved ones safe during these winter months.

Thanks to our public works staff who keep our roads maintained, and our park and recreation team for providing green spaces so we and our families, including our furry four-footed friends can recreate. Thanks to our librarians who keep our young and not so young imagining and for our electric utility SVP for keeping the lights on, especially through the storms. Together, All of you bring joy to our City!

### Year of the Dragon

We have now entered the Lunar New Year of the Dragon.

Santa Clara honors and celebrates our community diversity in many ways. The Chinese New Year holiday will be celebrated for eight days beginning on February 10th. About a quarter of the world, including much of East Asia will be celebrating the New Year. The Chinese zodiac gives each year an animal sign. Since 2024 is the year of the Dragon, most specifically, Wood Dragon, it will be associated with bringing growth, success, prosperity, happiness, and abundance for everyone.

May your wish for your friends, family and our community come true this Chinese New Year!

### Warm Welcome for the Exchange Students from Our Sister City in Izumo Japan

It was my honor to welcome a group of 16 Japanese high school students from our Sister City in Izumo, Japan, to City Hall to learn about our community and provide insight on city government. A visit to Mission College also enhanced the experience for the visiting students.



Sister City Exchange Students

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# Message From Mayor Lisa Gillmor

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The City of Santa Clara and Izumo have been Sister Cities since 1986 and have participated in student exchange programs ever since.

Great appreciation is extended to the International Exchange Association of Izumo, Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, Mission College, our City Staff and especially the Host families. This collaborative effort helped create an informative and memorable experience for the students, and one that will last a lifetime.

## U.S. Conference of Mayors, Washington D.C.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) held its 92nd Winter meeting in Washington D.C. late January where I had the honor to represent Santa Clara. The Conference is a nonpartisan forum where mayors engage directly with the President, their cabinet, Senate, and Congress on the most pressing issues of the day. It gives us an opportunity to advocate for the needs of our residents with the federal government. It's also a place where we can share ideas with other mayors and learn about the best practices and policies being implemented to help move our country forward.

Santa Clara has many unique benefits and services for our residents and businesses, we also face challenges and serious issues impacting our city like homelessness, affordable housing, transportation, public safety, infrastructure funding and sustainability. I attended sessions with national leaders, including administration officials and other experts from both the public and private sectors.

By attending sessions with President Biden's cabinet members and senior advisors, I received a good amount of information and insight into the current state of our national government. Many of the President's advisors were former Mayors. On the final day of the conference, our group discussed local solutions with national leaders including President Biden at the White House. The President commented that "Mayors are the people who get things done. I have enormous respect for the jobs you do". Of course, our crowd loved to hear that appreciation coming from the President. Many of the President's advisors are former Mayors, including Stephen Benjamin, Mitch Landrieu, Marty Walsh, and of course Mayor Pete (Buttigieg), Secretary of Transportation.

## World Class Santa Clara Geroge F. Haines International Swim Center Needs Major Repair/Replacement

The beloved and world-renowned swim center was closed by our city staff after receiving an inspection report that deemed parts of the facility to be unsafe for our swimmers. Most of those individuals and teams who use the pool regularly have been scrambling to find pools for the multitude of programs that were delivered at the swim center.

My goal was to make sure to get operations up and running, with a short-term solution very quickly. The Council directed staff to do the following at our January 30th:

- Help our swim community locate alternative pools nearby at reasonable rental rates.
- Work towards re-opening the lap and warm-up pool for use at the International Swim Center.
- Arrange for temporary ancillary facilities such as lockers, showers, and bathrooms near the International Swim Center.
- Immediately investigate the purchase of a temporary lap and diving pool from companies that produce these facilities.
- Work towards a long-term solution to a new or completely rebuilt International Swim Center.

Many of the greatest Olympic swimmers in the world have trained in this complex, including Donna de Varona and Mark Spitz. This has been part of the fabric of our community in the past 6 decades. From babies through seniors, and the Olympic athletes in-between, the ISC, has been home to many in our community. It's time to rebuild, remodel, modernize and invest into this Santa Clara treasure.

## Team 49ers Punch Their Ticket to the Super Bowl!

Congratulations to the 49er football team for fighting two intense playoff games to gain entry to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas, Nevada on Sunday, February 11th.

During my State of the City address last fall, I mentioned that I felt there might be a Super Bowl for the team in 2024. That wish came true. Good Luck Team 49ers and bring home the Lombardi trophy to Santa Clara.

I hope all you football fans have a fun and safe Super Bowl Sunday!

In closing, let's continue to embrace 2024 with, happiness, gratefulness, enthusiasm, and hope for our wonderful Santa Clara community,



Mayor Lisa Gillmor



Izumo High School Students Visit Santa Clara



U.S. Conference of Mayors



Swimmers Attending a City Council Meeting



49ers in the Super Bowl

# CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

## Make Santa Clara's Water Your Valentine

The City of Santa Clara has Valentine's gifts for you! Pick up your free low-volume, high-pressure showerhead, kitchen or bathroom faucet aerator and hose nozzle with automatic shutoff from Water & Sewer Utilities at City Hall (or order direct from [Valley Water](#) at no charge for items and shipping). Show your love of water by conserving this year!

The water you save can go straight back to your household. That water coming fresh from your tap meets stringent Federal and State water quality standards that meet or exceed those of bottled water, plus it's more rigorously monitored and safety tested than bottled water. Save money, save space, reduce plastic waste and quench your thirst with high-quality drinking water at turn-of-the-tap convenience—got to love that! Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/SaveOurWater) for more.



Free Water Saving Devices

## Apply to be a City of Santa Clara Youth Commissioner!

Youth Commission applications for the 2024/25 term will be available in February. Applicants must be City of Santa Clara residents and between the ages of 12–19. Applicants must complete the application and, if selected, an interview. Applications will be available at [SantaClaraCA.gov/YouthCommission](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/YouthCommission) on the "Application and FAQs" page. Applications will also be available at Parks & Recreation facilities and City Libraries.

## Electric Yard Care Rebates Available through our 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. 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. Get free shipping on orders of \$50 or more and just \$5 for all other orders. Visit [PoweredByEFL.org/SVP](https://PoweredByEFL.org/SVP) and use your Silicon Valley Power utility account number to take advantage of the instant rebates!



Quieter,  
Cleaner and  
More Efficient

Did you know?  
Electric leaf blowers are  
quieter and better for  
the environment than  
gas powered models.

## Rebates up to \$3500 for Income-Qualified Customers Purchasing a Pre-Owned Electric Vehicle

Are you thinking about upgrading to a **pre-owned** all-electric vehicle (EV) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle? Silicon Valley Power offers 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](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/EV).



Pre-Owned Electric Vehicle Rebate

## Extra Cardboard Curbside Collection Reminder

Cardboard should be broken down and folded before being placed inside the blue recycle cart with the lid closed. Extra cardboard that cannot fit inside the blue cart should be flattened & bundled with twine, string, or packaging tape into 4' by 4' sections. Place the bundled cardboard next to the recycling cart for collection on your service day. To learn more about materials accepted through weekly curbside recycling collection, check out the Recycling Guide at [SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanSC](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanSC).



Cardboard Collection

## Battery Disposal

Household batteries contain toxic materials and should never be placed in curbside collection carts or bins. If not properly disposed of, old batteries can pose a threat to the environment. Drop off your used household batteries for recycling at any of the following City facilities during open business hours: City Hall Municipal Service Counter, Senior Center, all Santa Clara libraries, and the Community Recreation Center. Batteries accepted include alkaline button cell, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and lithium-ion. For safety purposes tape the ends of the battery terminals before placing into the battery recycling receptacles. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at [Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov).



# EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



## Kids Rock! - Special Event

For K-5th Grade Participants  
from 6 - 8:30 p.m. on select  
Friday nights

Kids, get ready for a special night of activities that include music, bounce house fun, arts and crafts, recreation games, pizza, and fun!!

For all upcoming Kids Rock dates please visit our website.

### Test Drive an Electric Vehicle at the Silicon Valley Auto Show!

The [Silicon Valley Auto Show](#) is coming to the Santa Clara Convention Center **Friday, Feb. 16 – Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024**. The show will include Ride and Drive stations allowing drivers to get behind the wheel and test drive the latest in connective and electrification technologies in plug-in hybrids, all-electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. As a proud sponsor of the Silicon Valley Auto Show, Silicon Valley Power is offering Santa Clara residents up to two “Good-Any-Day” tickets to attend the show for free. Max two tickets per Silicon Valley Power residential account, first-come-first-serve, while supplies last. Get your free SV Auto Show tickets at [SiliconValleyPower.com/SVAutoShow](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/SVAutoShow).

### Special Event – Kids Rock, March 8 - Friday

Time: 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Ages: K-5th Grade  
Residents - \$17  
Non-Residents - \$20

For more information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) or email [YTC@SantaClaraCA.Gov](mailto:YTC@SantaClaraCA.Gov) or call 408-615-3760.

# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

### Winter Fruit Tree Care – Master Gardener Workshop

Discover the secrets of winter-time fruit tree care with our Master Gardener-led workshop. Learn essential techniques for pruning, protecting, and preparing your fruit trees for the colder months to ensure a bountiful harvest next season. This informative session is perfect for both novice and experienced gardeners looking to enhance the health and productivity of their fruit trees during winter. [Registration is required](#). The event is at the Everett N. “Eddie” Souza Community Garden, 2380 Monroe St., on **Feb. 10 from 9 – 10:30 a.m.** [Visit the event webpage](#) to sign up or [SantaClaraCA.gov/CommunityGarden](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/CommunityGarden) for additional information.

### Put your Activity Pass to work!

Get ready for an epic adventure packed with fun and fitness. With your Activity Pass, you will have the key to unlock an array of cool options, including swimming, group exercise at the Community Recreation Center and drop-in play at the Reed and Grant Sports Park. Whichever program you choose, splash into the new year with plenty of classes to fit your schedule. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass) for more information or call 408-615-3140.

### Drop into a Group Exercise Class at the Community Recreation Center

Get ready to sweat, laugh, and shimmy! These workouts are pure joy and open to everyone, no matter your fitness level. With classes in the morning, evening, and Saturday, you can easily squeeze a session into your busy schedule. From heart-pumping Zumba to muscle-carving Sculpting and inner-peace Yoga (new!), our rockstar instructors will guide you every step of the way. Plus, you will be surrounded by a crew of energetic fitness buds who will cheer you on and make every workout a party! Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass) for more information or call 408-615-3140.

### New Session of Winter Recreation Classes Starting Soon!

Get your game face on this February with a variety of classes that are sure to flex your skills, keep you engaged, and make you smile. Choose from gymnastics, horseback riding, soccer, basketball, ceramics, martial arts, flower arranging, drawing, and many others. For adults 50+, there are a variety of fitness and aquatics classes to help you stay active. Space is limited. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses) for more information or call 408-615-3140.

## Santa Clara Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 2024 Classes

For decades, the Santa Clara Fire Department has been providing citizen emergency preparedness training through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Throughout its history, our local program has trained over 1,000 Santa Clara residents to assist their neighbors in the event of a disaster or other emergency. After pausing during the pandemic, classes were restarted last year, and two more academies are being offered in 2024. The Santa Clara CERT Training Program consists of 21 hours of classroom and hands-on training taught by professional firefighters with extensive experience in emergency response. Residents may apply through the link on the City's [CERT webpage](#).

## Save the Date for Spring + Summer Camp/Swim Lesson Registration

The Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Dept. is kicking boredom to the curb with a smorgasbord of exciting classes, camps, and refreshing swim lessons that will tickle anyone's fancy! Spring is right around the corner, so mark your calendars now. To ensure your spot, we recommend you register as soon as possible. Classes begin at the end of March.

- Resident Registration: Feb. 27 at 7 a.m.
- Non-resident Registration: Feb 29 at 7 a.m.

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses) for more information or call 408-615-3140.

## Cultural Commission Commemorative Months Coloring Page

Did you know that February is African American History Month? It's the perfect time to honor and celebrate the amazing contributions made by African Americans to American culture, history, and society. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission) to learn more.

## Introduction to Tangle Art

Discover a new drawing technique and celebrate the beauty of nature! This class invites you to represent the natural world in a new and unexpected way, through an engaging, easy, and relaxing art activity that will bring your inspired designs to life. Craft your own artwork with a method of drawing repetitive lines, shapes, and other designs that when combined create a "tangle." Participants of all levels are welcome; no artistic skill is required. Materials are provided. Register online at [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet). For more information, call 408-615-3140.

## Ceramics Open Studio at the Community Recreation Center

New Year, new hours! Join the Ceramics Open Studio every Tuesday & Wednesday at the Community Recreation Center (CRC) and turn your creative ideas into works of art! For beginners and those who prefer a more structured approach, check out the Winter Activity Guide for pottery and hand-built ceramic classes! Tuesdays, 5 – 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 – 5 p.m. Register in-person at the CRC, 969 Kiely Blvd. For more information, call 408-615-3140.

## Register for Youth Basketball Program

Youth Basketball Program is designed to introduce your child to the basic fundamentals and rules of basketball. This three-week coed instructional program will emphasize skill acquisition, teamwork, sportsmanship, and drills through recreational games and activities.

- Session 2: Saturday Feb. 3, 10, & 17
- Location: Santa Clara Youth Activity Center
- Ages: 5-10 years / Grades K-5th
- Residents: \$43 Non-Residents: \$53

For more information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) or email [YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov) or call 408-615-3760.

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Citizens' Academy

#### 2024 CERT Classes

Cost is \$35 per person  
All classes will be held at the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Center at  
1900 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara 95050

**January/February 2024 Academy**

CLASS	DATES / TIMES	SUBJECT
Class 1	Monday, January 22: 6 - 9 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness
Class 2	Wednesday, January 24: 6 - 9 p.m.	Fire Extinguishers, Utilities, Hazmat
Class 3	Monday, January 29: 6 - 9 p.m.	Disaster Medicine Part 1
Class 4	Wednesday, January 31: 6 - 9 p.m.	Disaster Medicine Part 2
Class 5	Monday, February 5: 6 - 9 p.m.	Search and Rescue
Class 6	Saturday, February 10: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Disaster Simulation Exercise

**April/May 2024 Academy**

CLASS	DATES / TIMES	SUBJECT
Class 1	Saturday, April 20: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness & Fire Control
Class 2	Saturday, April 27: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Disaster Medicine Parts 1 & 2
Class 3	Saturday, May 4: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Search and Rescue & Emergency Simulation Exercises




For more information or to sign up call 408-615-4942, email [FDcert@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:FDcert@SantaClaraCA.gov)  
or visit our website at: [SantaClaraCA.gov/CERT](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/CERT)






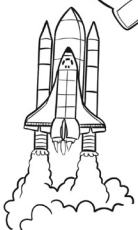
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## FEBRUARY: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

SANTA CLARA PARKS & RECREATION

YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Saturday Mornings at the Santa Clara Youth & Teen Center  
 2450 Cabrillo Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95051

Session 1: Jan. 13-27 | Rec: \$43 Non-Res: \$53

Ages: 5-7 yrs.  
Grades: K-2 | Class #28290  
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 8-10 yrs.  
Grades: 3-5 | Class #28292  
10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.


Session 2: Feb. 3-17 | Rec: \$43 Non-Res: \$53

Ages: 5-7 yrs.  
Grades: K-2 | Class #28291  
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 8-10 yrs.  
Grades: 3-5 | Class #28293  
10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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For more information visit:  
[SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) or  
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# SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

## Creative Arts at the Senior Center

The Senior Center offers a range of Creative Arts opportunities for older adults. Whether your interest is woodworking, pottery, stonework, drawing, or silk and fabrique painting, there are classes and Open Studio hours available to hone your skills. To view the full list of February class offerings or to register for classes, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) or call 408-615-3170.

## Open Studio Hours

Ceramics, Lapidary, and Woodshop Open Studio Hours are open to individuals interested in completing small projects with minimal supervision. No formal instruction is given, and an attendant is available to provide basic information and assistance, as needed. Individuals are encouraged to stop by and say hello and see what the Open Studio has to offer. View the [Senior Center Newsletter](#) for the Open Studio schedule, or visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SeniorCenter](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/SeniorCenter) for more information, or call 408-615-3170.



## PICTURE YOURSELF MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

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!



## 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:

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

- 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

## 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](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/mysantaclara).

