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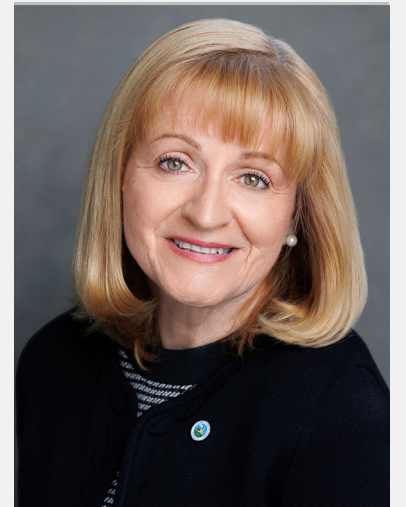


Message from Councilmember Kathy Watanabe

Welcome to 2024! The New Year certainly has been a whirlwind of activity and there doesn't seem to be any sign of things slowing down for awhile!

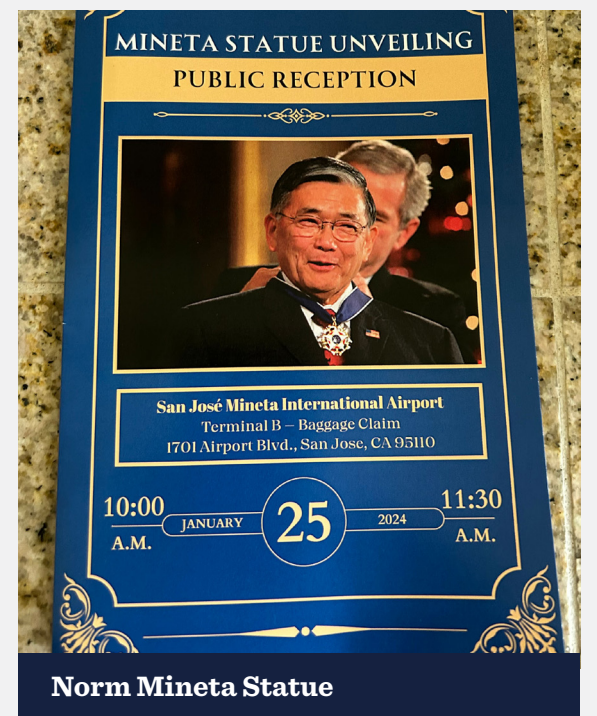
Meeting With Rivermark Plaza Management

I recently met with with the property manager of Rivermark Plaza which has had some vacancies for awhile. With the growth in North Santa Clara, I wanted to be sure the management company was aware of future plans and make sure they will be a part of it. The Hyatt Hotel is well-used during the week by business people visiting Silicon Valley and the weekends by people attending events in the area including Levi's Stadium. I was happy to learn that the former Piatti's Italian Restaurant is an attractive location for a new restaurant and that The Melt has received all of it's permitting. The buildout of that space will be happening shortly and the restaurant should be opened in 12-16 weeks. There are also plans to upgrade the property with café style seating and public art.



Unveiling of Norm Mineta Statue at San Jose Mineta International Airport

On January 25, I had the honor of attending the unveiling of the Norm Mineta statue in San Jose Mineta International Airport that will now greet passengers in the Baggage Claim of Terminal B when they arrive in San Jose. Norm Mineta, who passed away on May 3, 2022, left an incredible legacy. He was from San Jose and was the first Asian-American elected Mayor of San Jose. He served in Congress for 20 years before becoming Secretary of Transportation under President George W. Bush. A story many don't know about is how on 9/11 – it was Secretary Mineta who ordered planes flying to immediately land whether or not they had reached their destinations. As a result of that fateful day, he also oversaw the creation of the Transportation Security Administration. Interestingly enough, during one of the speeches on Wednesday, a TSA announcement could be heard in the airport. Norm Mineta was a friend to everyone. I am honored to have met him on several occasions involving Sister Cities as he was a great supporter of international relations especially that brought the youth together.



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Visit by Izumo High School Students to Santa Clara

Speaking of Sister Cities, on January 20, a delegation of 16 students and 3 chaperones from Izumo, Japan arrived in Santa Clara for the first time in four years. The last delegation visited in January 2020 just before COVID-19 caused travel to stop around the world. I am grateful to Santa Clara Sister Cities, President, Margaret Horoszko, and Vice President for Izumo, Chigusa Katoku, for arranging for host families to welcome the students and putting together a busy itinerary that introduced the Japanese students not just to the City but the local tech companies and schools. The host families had a day to take the students on trips around the Bay Area. Many traveled to San Francisco to visit The Pier, Golden Gate Bridge and many other attractions. If you or your child (9th grade and older) would like to get involved with the Sister Cities Youth Commission, please check out the website at SantaClaraSisterCities.org.



Izumo High School Students Visit Santa Clara



Sister City Program

Meeting with Cub Scouts

One of the joys of being an elected official is speaking to the youth of our community. I recently had the pleasure of speaking to 5th grade Cub Scouts in Santa Clara - Pack 32. They were very inquisitive about City politics and why our meetings run so long. I told them about other youth groups that they could get involved with through the City. The best response was when I told them about Sister Cities and they questioned why it wasn't Brother Cities? They definitely kept me on my toes!



Cub Scouts Pack 32

Welcome to PARTI

To honor Martin Luther King Day, I attended the PARTI (Positive Alternative Recreation Teambuilding Impact) program that focuses on engaging with youth and providing opportunities through internships, volunteer opportunities and focusing support on important issues like racial healing, depression, violent lifestyles, unhealthy relationships and unstable families. Youth are our community's greatest assets. PARTI works to change the lives of youth who suffer from depression, violent lifestyles, unhealthy relationships and unstable families. They believe leadership and service should be the common expectation and experience of all young people. However, many low-income and underrepresented youth never receive opportunities or placed in leadership roles in their school. The outcomes of these youth who do not reach their full potential are: joining gangs, failing grades, unhealthy eating, or suicide. PARTI provides a wide range of activities that connect youth in various communities to caring adults. Activities include leadership programs for youth, internship and mentor opportunities for college students and professional events for philanthropic adult engagement. Thank you to Winston Ashby who had the vision to work with youth to create PARTI and bring it to local schools in the Bay Area. For more information, visit PARTIprogram.com.



PARTI Program

San Francisco 49ers are Going to Super Bowl LVIII!

Congratulations to the San Francisco 49ers in an exciting win against the Detroit Lions that catapulted the team into the Super Bowl. No doubt it will be an exciting game. As the saying goes, may the best team win!

Wishing a Happy Valentine's Day to All!

Kathy Watanabe
Councilmember, District 1

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 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 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 and use your Silicon Valley Power utility account number to take advantage of the instant rebates!



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.



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.



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.



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](#).

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](#) or email [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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) 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 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 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. 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 or email 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
or visit our website at: SantaClaraCA.gov/CERT






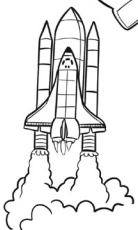
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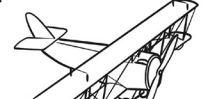
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FEBRUARY: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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.
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For more information visit:
SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet or
email: YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov



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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 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 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.

- 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.

