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Dear Santa Clarans,

Goodbye Winter! We are so grateful that Spring is here, and the weather is warming. We are fortunate to have had an abundance of rainfall, which gives way to the blooming of beautiful trees and flowers.

Soon we will be enjoying the outdoor weather, even though slightly chilly, and reminding ourselves how fortunate we are to live in Santa Clara.

Thank you to Silicon Valley Power and all our city crews who helped us “weather the storms” through the intense and severe storms of the year. Our crews went above and beyond to keep us safe and restore our power during these challenging times.

As we spring forward into this season, there are programs, events and activities that our City has to offer, and I am delighted to share a few of them with you now.

April Is Earth Month, a Time to Celebrate, Educate and Foster a Sustainable Santa Clara

April is Earth Month and we want you to take part in our celebration. We are committed to supporting a Sustainable Santa Clara for all, and we are so fortunate that many residents are doing their part to help us reach our goals.

Please join me at our Earth Day-Arbor Day Celebration in the Central Park Pavilion Picnic Area, located at 909 Kiely Blvd., on Thursday, April 11th, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Bring the family!

We are always hoping to expand our environmental awareness efforts this month with a variety of events, workshops and children’s activities, as we continue to teach our kids the importance of, and how to **reduce, reuse and recycle!**

Let’s Start Our Spring Cleaning With the Citywide Garage Sale

The City of Santa Clara is here to help you Spring into-the-Clean. Please consider participating in our Citywide Garage Sale set for Saturday, April 13th.





It’s not too early to be thinking about our Clean-Up Campaign this year, which takes place in May. It’s another opportunity to go through the closets, garage, or shed, and get rid of unnecessary items.

If you are not able to “host” a garage sale this year, they are always fun to



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visit and view. Call a friend to join you or make it a family outing. A citywide map with yard sale locations will be displayed on an interactive map available for download on Friday April 12th. For more information and tips on hosting your own sale, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale.

Worker Business Cooperatives Gain Exposure in Santa Clara

Sharing his newly created bill, the *National Worker Cooperative Development and Support Act*, U.S. Congressional Representative Ro Khanna, (17th District), announced this visionary work at Santa Clara's first cooperative business, A SLICE OF NEW YORK pizza.

At the media conference, Congressman Khanna shared that this bill is good for our citizens and community and is designed to open the door for new opportunities to provide a better future, benefits and financial security for employee ownership.

It was my distinct honor to recognize our Congressman for initiating this bill, as well as thanking local cooperative business owner Kirk Vartan for all his work in helping educate others about how small business cooperative work. He has served as my Special Advisor on worker co-ops and small business for several years now and I appreciate how he shares his knowledge with small business owners who are interested in this business model. Supporting cooperative businesses makes good sense and can help preserve and maintain businesses in our city, especially legacy businesses.

Take Me Out to the Ballpark This Spring

I was fortunate to attend two baseball/softball opening day ceremonies in Santa Clara.

It was a "grand slam" opening day for Santa Clara Westside Little League. Thank you for all the residents, parents, coaches, managers, board of directors and players who made the ceremonies so special. Many of the coaches/managers of the teams were once players in the league and are now coaching their children. So wonderful to see all the generations of players through this league. Joining me at the opening ceremony were Councilmember Kathy Watanabe, Police Chief Pat Nikolai, and representing Assemblymember Evan Low, Patrick Aherns.

Under the lights of the Central Park Softball Complex, the Santa Clara Police Activities League (PAL) celebrated with the first pitch from Chief Pat Nikolai with his best pitching arm. Catching his first pitch to open the season was Rose, the great-granddaughter of Edna Mirrione, the trailblazing woman who served as Santa Clara's first female police officer.

After listening to an epic National Anthem electric guitar performance from one of the softball players, the teams paraded out with excitement and anticipation of the season ahead.

Good Luck for a successful baseball/softball season to all of our young athletes.

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's Production of the Spongebob Musical

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre delivered an incredible performance of *The Spongebob Musical*.

The vast cast of the performance delivered an entertaining, funny and beautifully choreographed show. This musical had it all! Singing, dancing, action, jokes, and an important story line. The audience was completely mesmerized by the performance. Kudos to the cast, creative & production team, artistic team, technical crew, and city support staff for this phenomenal show.

I was fortunate to have a small cameo in the first performance. SpongeBob asked the Mayor to come on stage and I entered at the same time as the Mayor of Bikini Bottom...SpongeBob announced that they wanted the Mayor of Bikini Bottom not the Mayor of Santa Clara! It was great fun and I was able to take a photo with my sister Mayor of Bikini Bottom, Caylie Leiwes after the show.

RJJT has a 53-year history in the City of Santa Clara, providing youth with high-quality recreational experiences in Theatre Arts. All children are welcome to participate on stage and backstage in their productions. Please support this wonderful program and attend their performances. You'll be glad you did!

In closing, I hope you will take advantage of the programs and opportunities the City of Santa Clara has to offer, and I look forward to seeing you and your family this spring at our community events.

Happy Spring!

Mayor Lisa Gillmor



Rep. Ro Khanna Introduces the National Worker Cooperative Development and Support Act



Westside Little League



PAL Softball Opening Day



Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's *The Spongebob Musical*

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

Santa Clara's Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration returns to the **Central Park Pavilion, 909 Kiely Blvd. on Thursday, April 11 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Celebrate the environment and learn ways to preserve the earth's natural resources through everyday actions. This family-friendly event will feature a musical performance, tree climbing demonstration, booths promoting environmental education, and more! Join us as the City of Santa Clara will receive its Tree City USA recognition for the 37th time! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/EarthandArborDay for more information.



First Sunset Cinema of the Season

Bring the whole family to **Henry Schmidt Park, 555 Los Padres Blvd. on Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.** for a viewing of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem*. Pack your favorite movie snacks, lawn chairs or cozy blankets, and enjoy a fun night under the twinkling night sky. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema for all the details.



Save the Day to Plug-in & Play!

Join Silicon Valley Power on **Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Henry Schmidt Park, 555 Los Padres Blvd.**, for an exciting ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the installation of the 100th EV Charger in the City of Santa Clara at Henry Schmidt Park! Grab lunch, explore the new chargers, and enjoy a fun-filled day at the park while learning about the benefits of electric vehicles and Silicon Valley Power's clean transportation vision for Santa Clara. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a greener future and celebrate this significant milestone with us!

Spring Citywide Garage Sale

The Santa Clara Spring Citywide Garage Sale returns on Saturday, April 13! A list of garage sale locations will be available for download on April 12 at SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale. Registered locations are displayed on an interactive map to help plan your route! Use the list or interactive map to view the locations and details including the time, address and items for sale. Email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3080 for more information.



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

It's a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices you make when you're on the road – particularly, as it relates to distracted driving.

Whether it is texting or other risky actions like talking on the phone, setting your navigation, adjusting what you're listening to, drinking coffee, or applying makeup, driving distracted robs yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

Tips for a safe ride every time:

- Set up navigation and your playlist before you start your engine
- Need to send/read a text or make a call? Pull over and park your car in a safe location to do so or ask a passenger to do so on your behalf
- Do not scroll through apps, including social media, while driving

Coming Soon Magical Bridge All Inclusive Playground at Central Park

This exciting new all-inclusive playground will be a welcomed addition to Central Park. The design includes a child zone for ages 2-5, spin zone, swing zone, slide mound, a mission themed two story accessible play house, improvements to the existing amphitheater terrace seating, a donor entry plaza, improved picnic area, and rehabilitation of the adjacent Arbor Center restroom. We look forward to opening the playground this fall.

Bikeway Planning Studies

Draft Bikeway Planning Study Reports for the following four bikeway planning projects will be available on the City's website for public review and comment in April 2024. The study corridors include:

- **De La Cruz Boulevard** (Central Expressway to Lafayette Street) and **Coleman Avenue** (De La Cruz Boulevard to Brokaw Road)
- **Walsh Avenue** (Bowers Avenue to Lafayette Street) and **Martin Avenue** (Lafayette Street to De La Cruz Boulevard)
- **Monroe Street** (Lawrence Expressway to San Tomas Expressway)
- **Benton Street** (Dunford Way to Lincoln Street)



Bikeway Planning Studies

The draft reports include proposed concept designs for each corridor, traffic and parking study information, collision analysis, and feedback collected from the community. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects to view the draft reports and learn more about the studies.

Upgrade Your Home Appliances and Save

Save money with Silicon Valley Power's new electric residential rebates while boosting efficiency. Replace your old gas water heater, upgrade to an induction cooktop or swap your gas clothes dryer to an electric dryer and get money back with our rebates. Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to improve air quality in your home. There are many more rebates available including rebates for electrical upgrades. Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates today.

Happy Water-Wise Earth Day

Water & Sewer Utilities celebrated Earth Day early, planting California Natives at three well and tank sites.

- Dwarf Coyote Brush and Verbena De La Mina now live at Well 18-02 by Bowers Park.
- Pomeroy Elementary's community enjoys a beautiful Austin Griffiths Manzanita popping above large boulders, plus dwarf Coyote Brush at Well 22-02.
- Soon neighbors will relish expanding canopies of three Coast Live Oaks (and accompanying wildlife) to screen the Serra Tanks that each store over 4 million gallons of water near Lawrence Expressway and Stevens Creek Boulevard. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterRebates for more information.

Most of the native plants originate in Santa Clara County. They began establishing late January to maximize seasonal rains and need no supplemental irrigation. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/GardenGuide to learn more about Native Plants.

Call If You Can, Text If You Can't

While dialing 9-1-1 in an emergency is still the preferred way to request help, Text to 9-1-1 is an alternative way to send a message from your mobile phone or handheld device. Appropriate scenarios for texting 9-1-1 could include:

- Deaf, hard of hearing callers or individuals with a speech disability
- The caller is unable to speak due to a medical issue or other condition
- When speaking out loud would put the caller in danger, such as a home invasion, an abduction, a domestic violence incident or an active-shooter scenario

How to Use Text to 9-1-1 in an emergency:

- Enter the numbers "911" in the "To" or "Recipient" field
- The first text to 9-1-1 should be short, include the location of the emergency, and ask for police, fire or ambulance
- Push the "Send" button
- Answer questions and follow instructions from the Public Safety Dispatcher
- Text in simple words – do not use abbreviations, emoticons or emoji or send videos or photos
- Don't forget to silence your phone if you don't want to be heard
- You cannot include 9-1-1 in a group text or while roaming
- Stay on the line until the dispatcher closes the dialog, if it is safe to do so



**Dwarf Coyote Brush/
Verbena De La Min**



Austin Griffiths Manzanita



Coast Live Oaks

Job Opportunities

Join the Center of What's Possible!

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

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EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Free Disposal Day
Saturday, April 13



Free Disposal Day

Santa Clara's next Free Disposal Day will be held on **Saturday, April 13 from 6 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Mission Trail Waste Systems (MTWS) Transfer Station.** Free Disposal Day provides residents with an opportunity to dispose of appliances and e-waste items, as well as mattresses, furniture, and other bulky items. Appointment required, and availability is limited. Hazardous waste (e.g. paints, fluorescent bulbs, chemical cleaners, and pesticides, etc.), automotive parts, and pressure treated wood **are prohibited.** To participate in our "Free Disposal Day" call MTWS at 408-727-5365 between April 1 - 12 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.

Week 1 - Set out materials no earlier than Saturday, April 27 and no later than 7 a.m., Monday, April 29. Note: Includes both sides of Monroe.

Week 2 - Set out materials no earlier than Saturday, May 4 and no later than 7 a.m., Monday, May 6. Note: Includes both sides of Homestead between San Tomas and Lawrence.

Week 3 - Set out materials no earlier than Saturday, May 11 and no later than 7 a.m., Monday, May 13. Note: Includes both sides of Newhall between Saratoga and Winchester, both sides of Saratoga between Scott and Pruneridge, and north side of Pruneridge between Saratoga and Lawrence.

Week 4 - Set out materials no earlier than Saturday, May 18 and no later than 7 a.m., Monday, May 20. Note: Includes the south side of Pruneridge between Saratoga and Lawrence and both sides of Pruneridge west of Lawrence and east of Saratoga.

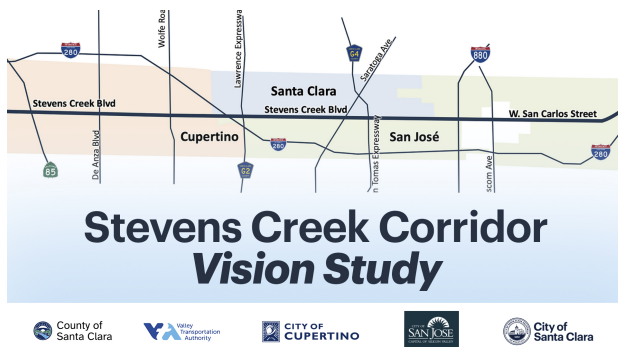
Questions?
Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanUp
Call 408-615-3080
Email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov

Annual Cleanup Campaign

Santa Clara's Annual Cleanup Campaign will take place April 29 – May 24. On designated weekends, **eligible** residences may set out bulky items that are not routinely collected by weekly solid waste services.

All concrete, asphalt, dirt, brick, rocks, drywall and/or sawdust must be set out in a construction debris bulk bag to prevent it from entering the storm drains. Acceptable bags are made of a heavy-duty plastic material specifically for construction debris and can be no larger than one cubic yard in size. Debris bulk bags can be purchased at a retailer of your choice or at the Municipal Utility Services counter located at 1500 Warburton Ave. Failure to use debris bags to contain residential construction/demolition debris is subject to a \$150 fine. A total of 1 cubic yard of bagged debris will be picked up at no charge. Any additional bagged material will be collected for a fee of \$25/ cubic yard. Household hazardous material is **not** accepted.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CleanUp for set-out instructions and a list of accepted and prohibited materials.



Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study Update

The cities of Santa Clara, San Jose, Cupertino, the County of Santa Clara and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) are conducting an approximately two-year, community-based transportation study for the Stevens Creek Boulevard/West San Carlos corridor. The goal is to create a vision that focuses on complete streets, multi-modal transportation improvements, and possible high-capacity transit options to connect Diridon Station in San Jose through Santa Clara to the De Anza College/Highway 85 area in Cupertino. This is only at a planning level and does not include design, environmental review, or construction of any improvements. Visit StevensCreekVision.com to register and to view recorded videos for past public meetings.

Upcoming Community Meetings:

Community Advisory Group Meeting #3 (In-person)

Cypress Community Center, 403 Cypress Ave., San José
Thursday, April 25, 2024, 5 - 6:30 p.m. (4:30 p.m. open house)

Steering Committee Meeting #4 (Hybrid)

San José City Hall - Council Chambers, 200 East Santa Clara St., San José
Friday, May 17, 2024, 9 - 11 a.m.

Firehouse Community Fair

You are invited! The Santa Clara Fire Department is hosting its **Firehouse Community Fair** on **Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** featuring live demonstrations, informational booths, and activity stations. This family friendly community event is for everyone, where you are invited to learn about fire safety, fire prevention, and the many services the SCFD provides. We'll have a kid's water squirting station, a fire engine to check out, the fire museum to peruse, food vendors and more! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Fire for more information.

got household hazardous waste?



FREE drop off disposal event
Saturday, April 27, 2024



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

Santa Clara residents can safely dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) at the free HHW drop-off event that will take place on Saturday, April 27 in Santa Clara or any of the HHW events located countywide throughout the year. Residents must [register online](https://registeronline.org) or call the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 408-299-7300. Visit hhw.org for more information on the types of household hazardous waste that are accepted during this event. Contact the Police Department at 408-615-4700 regarding the disposal of ammunition or explosives.

NOTE: For medication disposal, remember to remove patient's information on the package and place the drugs in a separate container before arrival. We also accept unwanted medication for pets.



Summer Concert Series

The 2024 Summer Concert Series is upon us. Mark your calendar to meet your neighbors, dance and picnic with friends and groove in the park setting this summer.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Concerts for the full line up.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Mark Your Calendars for Summer Recreation

The Summer Activity Guide will be available online Friday, April 19. Resident registration begins Tuesday, April 23 at 7 a.m. and non-residents can register Thursday, April 25. All your favorite classes and workshops are back with some new ones mixed in for a summer filled with fun, friendships, and new skills. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.



Spring Recreation, Swim Lessons and Summer Camp Registration

Spring classes are in full swing, with more exciting classes and workshops for all ages just around the corner this April. From artsy vibes to fitness, sports and dance, there's a class waiting for you. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet to register.

Group Exercise Classes Expand

Parks & Recreation offers dynamic Group Exercise classes such as, Yoga, Sculpting or Power Hour for strength and flexibility, or Bolly X® and Zumba®. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned fitness enthusiast, these classes are designed to cater to all levels of experience. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActivityPass or call 408-615-3140 for more information.

Celebrate Jazz and Poetry Month with the Cultural Commission

April is bursting with jazz and poetry vibes. Why not jazz up the themed April coloring page designed for this special occasion. It's a great way to relax and express your creativity while immersing yourself in the spirit of Jazz and Poetry. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission to learn more.



Jazz and Poetry Month Coloring Page

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.

