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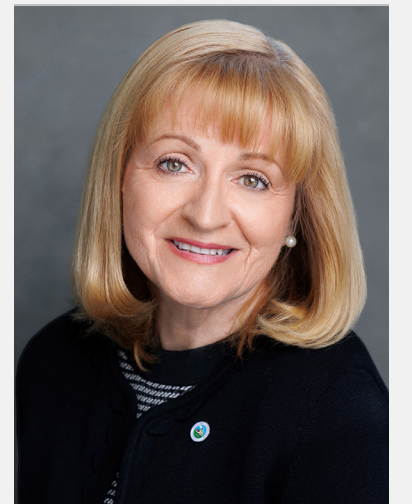
Saturday, April 27. Register online or call to attend



Message from Councilmember Kathy Watanabe



Thankful for Spring and celebrations and religious observances that come this time of year. There are so many festivals that are celebrated during the beginning of Spring that once again remind us of



what a diverse area we live in. Santa Clara is definitely of mecca of culture and tradition with people celebrating festivals and religious observances such as: Holi (India), Nowruz (Iran), Ramadan, Passover, Easter, Cherry Blossom and Carnival (Brazil) to name just a few.

This is also a time when many events take place. It has been a busy month but being out and about in the community is one of the most fulfilling aspects of serving the City of Santa Clara. So what are some things I've attended? Let's see:

Play Ball!

With Spring comes baseball, softball, t-ball, hot dogs, hamburgers and a competitive spirit! It was a lot of fun to attend the Opening Ceremonies of both Santa Clara PAL softball with so many young ladies ranging in age from 4-18 and the Santa Clara Westside Little League with 171 players ranging in age from 4-18. They were ready to batter up and get their seasons under way. Thank you to all the coaches, parents, grandparents and community that make these important and memorable seasons happen for our youth. It is also amazing how many generations of families are represented at these events. A great tradition of fun and memories.



Santa Clara PAL Softball

Worker Co-ops Make History in Santa Clara!

Rep. Ro Khanna recently used the backdrop of A Slice of New York (pizza shop) to announce the bill he will be introducing to Congress to garner support for worker co-ops as well securing funding to keep them economically sustainable and viable

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for owners and employees. A Slice of New York - located on Stevens Creek Boulevard in Santa Clara - is the only worker co-op in the South Bay that offers the ability of employees to buy into ownership. A worker cooperative is a cooperative owned and self-managed by its workers. This control may mean a firm where every worker-owner participates in decision-making in a democratic fashion, or it may refer to one in which management is elected by every worker-owner who each have one vote. We are looking forward to hearing updates about Rep. Khanna's bill and the hope it will bring for small businesses in keeping them viable and sustainable.

The YMCA - Project Cornerstone Celebrates 25 Years!

Congratulations on 25 wonderful years to Project Cornerstone - a non-profit that engages youth, parents/caring adults, schools and community organizations to share their programs and services that empower tens of thousands of youth to stand up against bullying while fostering empathy, inclusion and a sense of purpose and belonging. It was wonderful to see the Santa Clara Schools Foundation being honored in the Community Values Youth category. The mission of the SCSF since 1992 is to enhance the quality of education for all students in the Santa Clara Unified School District by providing a source of funds for educational projects, equipment, and programs which directly benefit the students. This is also an opportunity to thank the Santa Clara Fireman's Foundation for creating the annual Firehouse Run which has raised over \$200,000 to assist the SCSF in its efforts to enhance educational experiences for Santa Clara Unified School District students. Congratulations to SCSF!

Santa Clara's Free Disposal Day - April 13

The City of Santa Clara has a very popular Annual Clean-up Program that many residents take advantage of. Unfortunately, not all neighborhoods are able to take advantage of it due to living in apartments, condominiums or developments with narrow streets (i.e., Rivermark). Thankful that the Santa Clara Public Works Departments has created two extra days per year for residents to take advantage of a free disposal day in which they can dispose of appliances, e-waste items, mattresses, furniture and other bulky items. Appointments are required and availability is limited. Registration will open April 1 and close on April 12. Hazardous waste is NOT accepted. For more information, please call Mission Trails Waste Systems at (408) 727-5365 to make an appointment, etc. This event is for City of Santa Clara residents only. Proof of residency (utility bill or driver's license) is required.

Santa Clara Survey for Preparation of Council Priority Sessions!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the EMC Research survey conducted during the month of February. This survey was commissioned by the City of Santa Clara in preparation for the City Council Priority Sessions. The good news is that based on the input received by residents - guess which district's residents are the most happiest? THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 1!

Wishing all a very special writ of Spring and all the newness, brightness and hope that comes with it.

Sincerely,

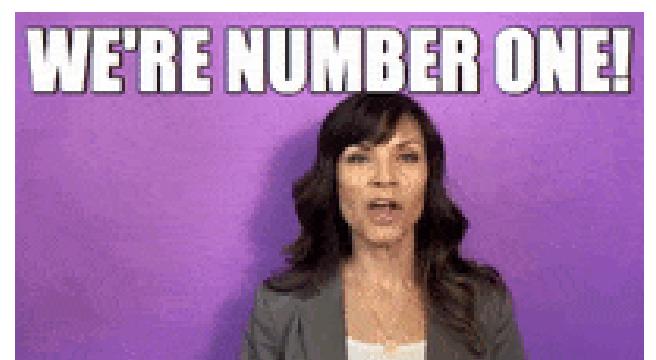
Kathy Watanabe
Councilmember, District 1



Rep. Ro Khanna Introduces His Worker Co-op Bill



Project Cornerstone Celebrates 25 Years



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

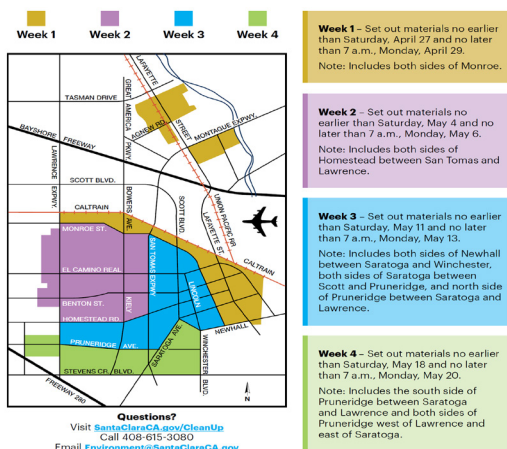


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Saturday, April 13



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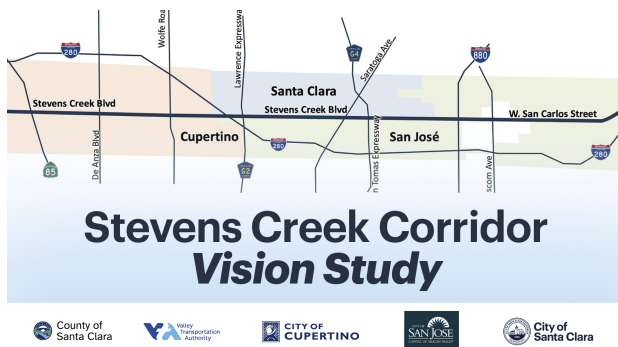


Annual Cleanup Campaign

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.

