



# City Hall News

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## Message from Vice Mayor Anthony Becker

Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

I often get asked questions about our own district, like when did our city go to districts? Where are its boundaries and what makes up District 6? On a map, some say our District resembles a lion.

District 6 was created in July 2018. District 6 is a unique district in the City of Santa Clara. We are the southernmost district in the city. We are the only district in Santa Clara that borders more than one city, both cities being San Jose and Cupertino. One side of our District is bordered by the Apple Campus in Cupertino while the other side of our district borders the Valley Fair Mall with Stevens Creek Boulevard and Pruneridge connecting it all. From Pruneridge Ave the district extends up Kiely Blvd to Homestead Rd then all the way to Scott Blvd/ Newhall down to Winchester and then back down to Stevens Creek.



District 6 has some key landmarks like Kaiser Hospital, Pruneridge Golf Course, Mission City Memorial Park, Auto Row, Stan's Donuts, Winchester Shopping Center.

District 6 has some key neighborhoods like Westwood Oaks, South of Forest, Mariposa Gardens, San Tomas Woods, Westclair, Cascade Park, Maywood, Claravale, Westwood.

District 6 has some excellent parks like, Henry Schmidt Park, Jenny Strand Park, Westwood Oaks Park, Maywood Park, Mary Gomez Park, Parkway Park.

Hopefully this gave you an idea of the composition of District 6.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your representative on the council and your input is utmost important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any community related issues. My lines of communication are open not only to District 6 residents, but all Santa Clarans,

Anthony Becker  
Vice Mayor & District 6 Councilmember

### Stevens Creek Corridor Bike Tour

On April 14, 2024 I participated in the Bike Tour of the Stevens Creek Corridor from Cupertino at Main St to Bascom Ave in San Jose. This tour was one of the many tours put together by the Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee.

On this specific tour we observed and learned all of the positives and negatives of biking along this major multimodal transportation corridor. What I took away from this biking tour was how to improve conditions on Stevens Creek like increasing bike safety and protection, utilizing AI technology for smart signal lights for both cyclists and vehicles, and looking into better storm drain grates and grading. I would love your input on Cycling conditions on Stevens Creek Blvd.

A big thanks to the Winter Consultants and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for pulling all of the tour together as well as resident and bicycle advocate Betsy Magas for reaching out to me to attend.

### Proposed Drive-Through Starbucks at 3575 Stevens Creek Blvd.

A proposed Starbucks project in southern District 6 has sparked lots of community feedback with major



Stevens Creek Corridor Bike Tour

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## Job Opportunities

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# Message From Councilmember Anthony Becker

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concerns surrounding the inclusion of a Drive Thru. There have been prior community meetings to this one on November 13, 2023 and April 2, 2024. The item will be heading to the planning commission soon so your input would be valuable especially for the South of Forest neighborhoods in close proximity and most impacted by this proposal.

- [Virtual Community Meeting 1: November 13, 2023](#)
- [Virtual Community Meeting 2: April 2, 2024](#)

## Henry Schmidt Park



My favorite park when I was a little kid growing up here in Santa Clara is about to get a face lift. This classic park featured the train, caboose and railroad crossing swings. This park brought children's imaginations alive including mine. Due to age and safety, the park will undergo renovations, resulting in the creation of a new train themed park that will inspire and fuel the imagination of the next generation of children and families.

On April 9, 2024 Council meeting City Council voted unanimously to pass Action on the Updated Park Master Plan with Preferred Playground Schematic Design for Henry Schmidt Park. Construction is set to begin in spring 2025.

For more on the item of Henry Schmidt Park, [visit here](#).

## “Swiftie Clara”: The Center of What’s Possible

Just as Taylor Swift's new album has been released a report came out that concluded that Santa Clara is the Swiftie Capital of the United States! It is very appropriate considering when she toured here in Santa Clara last summer at our Levi's Stadium she was named honorary Mayor for a day and our City was re-named “Swiftie Clara” that concert weekend. You are probably asking yourself how can Santa Clara be the Swiftie capital of the USA? I will let the news explain it: “So how exactly did it nab such a distinction? The online gambling and research website Casino.org recently analyzed the 20 cities Swift visited on the 2023 U.S. leg of her tour, looking at tour attendance, Google searches, TikTok posts and the number of Swift-themed events around the concerts, among other metrics. Santa Clara got the only perfect score.” [Mercury News](#)



Acts like Taylor Swift have an everlasting impact on our local economy and are the reasons behind utilizing our stadium as much as we can. We hope Taylor visits again soon.

Santa Clara: The Center of The Swiftie Empire!

## Caltrain Electric Train Tour- 160th Anniversary - Caltrain Grade Separation Project

I currently sit on the Caltrain Local Policy Maker Group as the City of Santa Clara's representative and I serve alongside other Mayors and Councilmembers from Cities along the peninsula to the City of Gilroy. Together we collaborate on how to make Caltrain better. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and all meetings are open to the public and virtual.

[Caltrain Local Policy Maker Group](#)



Currently the hot topics being discussed are about Caltrain electrification and grade separation.

## Caltrain Electric Tour

On May 11, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. experience the future of Caltrain with a tour of their brand new Electric Trains as well as celebrate Caltrains 160th anniversary.

On this tour you will get to see all the completed electrification work that has been done recently on the Caltrain corridor from Santa Clara and up the peninsula.

[RSVP here](#)

When: Saturday May 11, 2024  
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Where: 599 El Camino Real San Carlos CA 94070

## Caltrain Grade Separation Study and Project

Our city of Santa Clara has plenty of Caltrain track grade separations via overpasses and underpasses. However this is not the case for other cities along the rail line from Sunnyvale to Burlingame and Morgan Hill to Gilroy. The purpose of the project is for overall safety, traffic, and the future of High Speed Rail along the corridor. Our neighboring cities to the north will need the support from our city and other cities along the line to accomplish the project by creating awareness and purpose. While stated that our neighboring cities at-grade issues are a priority, Santa Clara has an opportunity to tap grants for upgrades or additions. One addition I proposed in the past and advocated on at the policy maker group is the Benton-Brokaw vehicle/cycle/trolley connection underpass which was one of my priorities listed on my last newsletter. Lots of funding for this could be accomplished with grants and working with Caltrain.

To learn more about the entire grade separation project, visit [Caltrains' website](#).

## Stevens Creek Corridor Steering Committee Meeting #4 - Stevens Creek Blvd. Vision Study

This meeting was originally scheduled for May 17, 2024 however it has now been rescheduled to May 23, 2024 at San Jose City Hall Council Chambers. At this meeting the Steering Committee composed of the cities of Santa Clara, San Jose and Cupertino will review the updated draft vision statement and discuss implementation of alternatives.



This is your chance to provide input and be a part of a collaborative vision of what you would like to see the future of Stevens Creek look like.

For more, visit the [Stevens Creek Vision Study](#) website.

## District 6 Eats: Eatery of the Month

Starting in the June 2024 newsletter I will be naming a District 6 “Eatery of the Month” that will highlight the many good eats in our district. If you have suggestions or where I should go next please reach out and let me know where to grab a bite next.



# CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

## Save the Day to Plug-in & Play

Join Silicon Valley Power on Thursday, May 2, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a ribbon-cutting for the 100th EV Charger installed in the City of Santa Clara at Henry Schmidt Park, 555 Los Padres Blvd.

Plug-in and play with a game of tennis or cornhole. Purchase lunch from the onsite food truck, explore the new chargers, and enjoy a fun-filled day at the park while learning about the benefits of electric vehicles and sustainable energy solutions. No EV? No problem! Don't miss this opportunity to learn how easy it is to drive an EV in Santa Clara. Help be part of a greener future and celebrate this significant milestone with us!

Visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/EV](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/EV) for more information on electric vehicles, charging stations, and incentives.



## VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Construction Update

VTA BART Silicon Valley Extension Phase II Project will soon begin activities at VTA's Newhall Yard & Maintenance Facility (also known as the West Portal site) adjacent to the future Santa Clara Station. VTA and its contractors are planning to start construction activities beginning in early May 2024. Residents can find more details on the [project website](#). Check the VTA's [notice board](#) for the latest updates to the project. We encourage residents to sign up for community notifications on the project progress from VTA.



## 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. Collection crews will be picking up furniture, appliances, e-waste, tires, residential construction debris and yard waste.

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 heavy-duty material and made specifically for construction debris. Bags 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 starting April 15. 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](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Cleanup) for set-out instructions and a list of accepted and prohibited

**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 the south side 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](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Cleanup) Call 408-615-3080 Email [Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov)

## Water & Sewer Award Recipients

Water & Sewer Utilities recognizes two outstanding members of the team who received awards from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Silicon Valley Chapter.

Acting Senior Engineer, Roger Palacpac received the Merit Award, acknowledging his exceptional service leading the City's largest, most complex land development projects. Roger's wide-ranging knowledge includes City standards and policies outside of Water & Sewer, making him a vital contributor to the team.

Office Specialist III, John Biser received the Administrative Excellence Award. John exemplifies customer service at its finest, cheerfully doing his best to resolve every customer question and provide a positive outcome. He delivers the same exceptional level of service to all City teams and departments.

Thank you, Roger and John, for your contributions to the City!



Water & Sewer Award Recipients

## “Be Strong, Live Long” Health & Wellness Fair

On **Friday, May 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, the City will host the 8th Annual “Be Strong, Live Long” Health and Wellness Fair at Fremont Park, 1303 Fremont St. This event celebrates May's



“Be Strong, Live Long” Health & Wellness Fair



Older Americans Month's theme, Powered by Connection, and supports those working to improve their own health while caring for older family and friends. Sponsored by the Santa Clara Women's League and Kaiser Permanente, the Fair will feature over 60 booths specializing in health and wellness resources including free blood pressure checks, information about services for older adults and a barbeque lunch. Visit the [event webpage](#) for more information.

### Drinking Water Week, May 5-11

The American Water Works Association designated Drinking Water Week 40 years ago as a way for water professionals and the communities they serve to recognize the vital role that water plays in our daily lives.

Since then, Drinking Water Week has been celebrated the first full week of May each year to acknowledge the efforts of the nearly 80 administrators, engineers, compliance and field staff who tirelessly work to ensure that Santa Clara has clean, high quality drinking water. The week also reinforces the importance of a safe and reliable supply of potable water to a region's economy and quality of life.

Our dependable source of drinking water is one of the factors that makes Santa Clara a great place to live and work. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterandSewer](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterandSewer) for more information.



### 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. At this free family-friendly community event you'll 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](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Fire) for more information.



### Bikeway Planning Studies

Draft Bikeway Planning Study Reports for the following four bikeway planning projects are now available on the City's website for public review and comments. 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)



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](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects) to view the draft reports and stay informed about the closing date of the public review and comment period for each study.

### \$5,000 Trade School Scholarships for Income-Qualified Customers

Silicon Valley Power offers a scholarship program designed to help qualified Santa Clara residents learn the skills to earn a livable wage while pursuing high demand careers in the energy industry. Scholarships are available up to \$5,000 for eligible customers currently enrolled in the Financial Rate Assistance Program who meet all program requirements.

Examples of eligible trade school programs include:

- HVAC technician
- Solar PV system installer
- Generation technician
- Lineworker
- Building controls technician
- And more!

Applications are accepted quarterly with deadlines on March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 annually. Visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/Scholarship](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/Scholarship) for more information.



# EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



## Enjoy a Movie in the Park

Join the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department for our second Sunset Cinema on May 10 at Montague Park, 3595 MacGregor Lane. The animated action-adventure film, *Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (2023)* will be on the big screen. Pack your favorite movie munchies, lawn chairs, and blankets to enjoy a free movie night under the stars. The movie will start at dusk. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema) for more information.



## National Bike Month and Bike to Wherever Days 2024

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give biking a try. Visit [bikeleague.org](https://bikeleague.org) for more information about National Bike Month.

Description automatically generated Locally, the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) is celebrating National Bike Month with the Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days 2024 on May 16, 17 and 18. On Thursday, May 16, the City will staff an Energizer Station along the San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail at Agnew Road to offer items to bicyclists and celebrate National Bike Month and Bike to Wherever Days 2024. Additionally, SVBC has invited cities across the Bay Area to participate in a friendly challenge called the Bay Area Bike Challenge to log a collective 30,000 miles using Ride with GPS. Visit [bikesiliconvalley.org](https://bikesiliconvalley.org) for more information about Bike to Wherever Days or to take the Bay Area Bike Challenge.



## National River Cleanup Day

Pollution prevention starts at our front doors. Trash can travel through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become bay pollution that is harmful to wildlife. Participate with other volunteers to help keep our ecosystems and waterways free from trash. The City of Santa Clara will host two cleanup sites on **Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Register for the cleanup and help be the solution to water pollution! Visit [cleanacreek.org](https://cleanacreek.org) for more information and to register.



## Hosting a National Night Out Event is as Easy as 1, 2, 3

Neighbors who know each other are better at looking out for one another. Take advantage of the long summer days and plan a get together with your neighbors! National Night Out is a great opportunity to bring people together to strengthen the sense of community in your neighborhood and meet City and School District administrators as well as the public safety personnel who work hard to keep Santa Clara safe. Register your event by July 26.

1. Determine a location (your front yard, local park)
2. Invite neighbors, friends and family to the event – August 6, 2024 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/NationalNightOut) for more information and to register.



## Special Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Partner with us! Take an active role in the community and sponsor City of Santa Clara special events throughout the year to build your brand awareness. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the annual Art & Wine Festival, Concerts in the Park, Children's Halloween Party, 4th of July All City Picnic and more. Complete the [Online Sponsor Application](#) or contact Kim Castro at [KCastro@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:KCastro@SantaClaraCA.gov) for more information.



# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages



## May is South Asian and Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Celebrate with the Cultural Commission by decorating the monthly coloring page. This activity offers a creative and interactive way to appreciate the diverse cultures and histories of these communities. Let the coloring fun begin! Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/CulturalCommission) for more information.

## Spend Your Summer in Santa Clara with Friends

Get ready to flip-flop into an epic summer with the Parks & Recreation Department! Our amazing staff has a sizzling summer lineup that isn't just about fun; it's about discovering hidden talents, making friends, and enjoying the outdoors. Whether you're an artsy soul, cartwheel enthusiast, drama queen in training, or want to refine

your swimming strokes, we have the perfect class or camp just for you. The Summer 2024 Activity Guide is available online and registration is underway. The adventures begin the week of June 3. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses) for more information.



# SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

## Keep Calm & Carry Yarn—Coming in May

If you love to crochet, knit, embroider, needlepoint or do other handiwork, join us on Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center for this drop-in social group. Bring your work in progress and socialize with others while you work. Studies have shown that creative activities like knitting and crocheting can improve overall brain health, help relieve depression, and reduce anxiety. Crafters of all skill levels are welcome to come build community and make new friends! Contact Jodi Bisely, RN, Health & Wellness Program with questions at [jbisely@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:jbisely@santaclaraca.gov) or 408- 615-3180.

## 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!

- 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

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).

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

