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Live music in your local parks. Join in the fun! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Concerts for full schedule



Message from Councilmember Kathy Watanabe

It's time to turn on the AC, keep some cool drinks on hand and fire up the BBQ! Summer is here and school is out. Here are a few activities coming up in the City of Santa Clara to kick off summer!

Library @ The Park

Join the Santa Clara City Library at the newly renovated Montague Park on Thursday, June 13, 20 and 27, 10 – 12 p.m. and enjoy free events including activities, art & culture, resources and more! Montague Park is located at 3595 MacGregor Lane.

June Bloom Is Back

The Santa Clara Convention Center will be hosting its 2nd Annual June Bloom on Friday, June 7, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Experience a day of summer joy at the Santa Clara Convention Center! Join us for a delightful evening to kick off the summer! Including crafts for kids, mouthwatering snacks provided by our in house catering team, Levy Restaurants, and exciting activities. Get your face painted, visit the petting zoo, bounce around in the bounce house, check out our community resources or unwind in the wine garden.

Secure your spot to take home a gorgeous spring bouquet by registering early for our limited 300-participant flower workshop. Visit SantaClaraConventionCenter.com for more information.

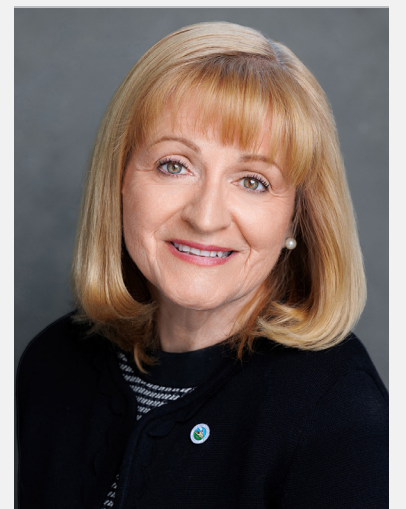
Santa Clara Library - Summer Adventure Summer Reading Program

Register for the program starting **June 1** Summer Adventure runs June 1 – July 31! Register for the program starting June 1 and pick up your activity log at any of our library branches, bookmobile, or online to begin the fun.

[Register for Summer Adventure now!](#)

Check out our [Family Fun Events](#) being hosted at all of our library branches and mark your calendars!

Summer Adventure is graciously supported by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends and the City of Santa Clara.



Job Opportunities

Join the Center of What's Possible! View all job opportunities and for information on how to apply, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Jobs.

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Concerts In The Park

Yeah! Concerts in the Park is back. Here are the 2 June concerts:

Friday, June 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Live Oak Park (beside Northside Library)

Everyone loves the Houserockers (Rock and Roll) Dance Party! Check out the food truck line-up:

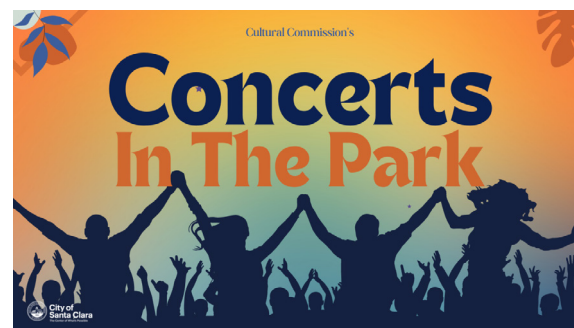
- Cruisin' Cafe (Howie the Hot Dog Dude)
- Kona Ice
- Cousins Maine Lobster
- 3 Hermanos Mexican Grill
- Lilly Mae's BBQ
- Luv's Brownies

The Santa Clara City Library Bookmobile will also be onsite for all the avid book readers to enjoy! Be sure to stop by for access to books and resources!

Friday, June 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m. - Central Park Amphitheatre

Give it up for The Peelers, Mash-ups and Medleys! How about this for food trucks:

- Cruisin' Cafe (Howie the Hot Dog Dude)
- Kona Ice
- BBQ Kalbi



Sweet Talkers Toastmasters

What's New Around Santa Clara?

On May 2, I had the pleasure of attending the Sweet Talkers Toastmasters Open House. They had their first in-person meeting after meeting via Zoom since the pandemic changed how many meetings now take place. I spoke about the "Important Role for Government in Creating a Better Society." Many of the members are the original members that started when the Oracle Campus opened. The group was started in 2001 and achieved **President's Distinguished Club** status 5 consecutive years from 2003 until 2009 and most recently in **2015 and 2016**. In 2013-2014, the club received the *Select Distinguished Club* award for attaining its educational goals. If you would like information about this Toastmasters Club, you can contact them at scsweettalkers.toastmastersclubs.org and click on Contact Us under the Main Menu!

Focus On Our Youth

This month I would like to highlight a wonderful young lady who has given back to her community in many ways over the last few years. I would like you to meet Shrivalli Adarapu, who attends Santa Clara HS. For the last few years, she has been making holiday cards with her calligraphy and artistic talent. She has many cards for our Santa Clara Fire Department, Santa Clara Police Department and this past Christmas she made holiday cards for the families at the JW House as well as Thank You cards for all of the volunteers who generously give their time to assist in many ways at the JW House. Shrivalli also taught her skillset to a group of students through an organization called InATalent that offers the opportunity for students to

share their special skills through teaching or performing at local senior housing developments. Thank you, Shrivalli, for sharing your talent to teach others and make beautiful holiday cards.



Shrivalli Adarapu



Kifer Senior Apartments Grand Opening

New Senior Housing Grand Opening

On May 9, the City of Santa Clara, the County of Santa Clara, Abode and the financiers of the new Kifer Senior Apartments held a grand opening with many speakers including one of the residents. It is a wonderful feeling to know that 81 units of permanent affordable housing is now available to seniors who have been unhoused or living in RVs. The building has many amenities and programs to make the new residents feel right at home.

Honoring Asian Heritage Month

There have been so many beautiful events honoring the Asian heritage of so many cultures in Santa Clara and all over the Bay Area. I have attended events celebrating Asian Heritage Stories, the 10th Anniversary of the Ha'A Hula, the Nepali New Year BBQ and the Asian Heritage Festival 2024. All honoring beautiful traditions of dance, music, food and clothing. Thank you to all for the invitation to celebrate so many special events!

You don't have any excuses to not get out of the house for the month of June! I hope to see many of you enjoying these summer programs throughout the Summer!

Stay Cool!

Kathy Watanabe
Councilmember, District 1
City of Santa Clara



Honoring Asian Heritage Month

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Santa Clara 4th of July

The City of Santa Clara is partnering with Mission College, Great America and Silicon Valley Power to celebrate the 4th of July from 4 – 10 p.m. at Mission College, 3000 Mission College Blvd. This free event will feature picnic games and activities for all ages, a wide choice of food trucks, and live entertainment featuring performances by David Martin’s House Party Band, Mustache Harbor, Yacht Rock, Santa Clara Elite Dance Team, Vanguard Music and Performing Arts. We will end our night with a patriotic musical experience synchronized with an expanded Great American Fireworks show! Both admission and parking will be free for this event. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/4thofJuly for more information.



Affordable Housing at Orlo Apartment

There are 32 affordable housing rental units available at Orlo in Santa Clara located at 1200 Rickabaugh Way. There are studios, 1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments available via lottery with applications being accepted May 20 to June 26. Preference will be given to those who live or work within the City of Santa Clara city limits. Information regarding eligibility requirements and application is available [online](#).



Affordable Housing at Orlo Apartment

Bikeway Planning Studies

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is scheduled to review the final draft bikeway planning studies and proposed concept designs at the June 17, 2024, BPAC meeting for the following four bikeway planning projects:

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

At the meeting, the BPAC will take action to recommend to Council whether to adopt each of the four studies and approve a preferred design alternative they selected for each corridor. BPAC meetings are open to the public and the public can provide comments to the BPAC. Information related to the June BPAC meeting can be found at santaclara.legistar.com.

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects to view the final draft reports and stay informed about upcoming public meetings for each study.

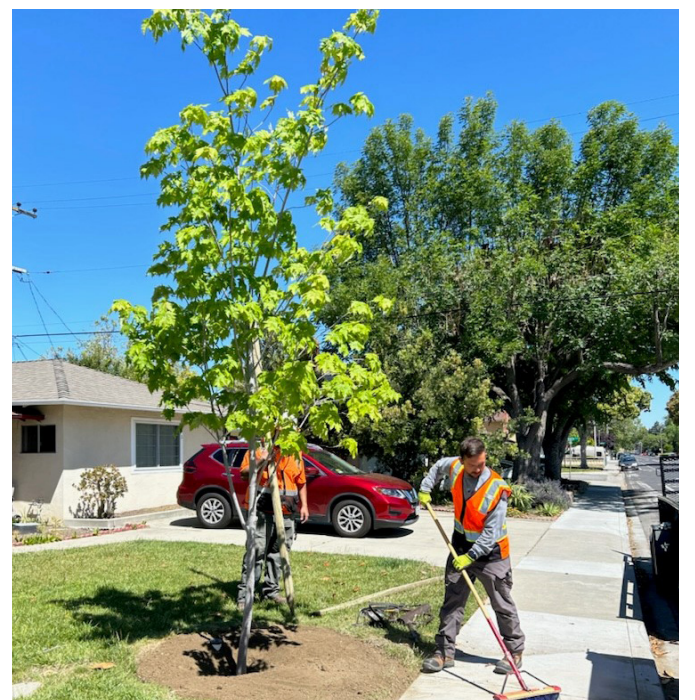
Street Tree Planting Program

Urban trees are heroes when it comes to improving the quality of life in Santa Clara. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, trees provide environmental and economic benefits, including carbon sequestration, reduced air pollution, reduced stormwater runoff, and cost savings associated with providing shade which cools buildings. Street trees play an important role in creating healthy and thriving neighborhoods. Help beautify your community by having a City street tree planted within the public right-of-way in front of your home.

To request a tree: call 408-615-3080, email Street@SantaClaraCA.gov; or complete an [online request form](#).

Tree City USA Recognition

The benefits that trees bring to our urban environment are tremendous and we recognize the importance of a robust and thriving urban forest. Tree City USA is a nationally recognized program that began in 1976 and is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters. Towns and cities that have received their Tree City USA recognition take pride in this distinction and the people who live there enjoy the valuable benefits of having a greener, healthier community. For its commitment to managing, expanding, and preserving our urban forest, the City of Santa Clara has been designated a Tree City USA community for the 37th time by the Arbor Day Foundation.



Tree City USA Recognition

Rebates Up to \$3,500 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.

Rebates:

- \$1,500 for a fully electric vehicle
- \$1,000 for a plug-in hybrid vehicle

Bonus Rebates:

- Additional \$1,000 for residents who meet the California LIHEAP program income requirements
- Additional \$1,000 for efficient vehicles with a miles per gallon of gasoline equivalent (MPGe) of 117 or greater

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.

Electric Yard Care Rebates Available Through Our Online Marketplace

Check out through Silicon Valley's online [Marketplace for instant rebates](#) on electric yard care equipment where you can save up to 25% off the purchase price. Residents can also shop for a variety of energy-saving devices, such as 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. Smart thermostats will be on sale June 26-July 11, 2024. Residents can receive \$20-\$70 off during this promotional period. Shipping is free for orders of \$50 or more and just \$5 for all other orders. Visit PoweredByEFI.org/SVP to sign up for an account using your Silicon Valley Power utility account number to take advantage of the instant rebates and special promotions.

Bassett Street Recycled Water APWA Award

Water & Sewer Utilities is excited to share that the American Public Works Association's Silicon Valley Chapter recognized the Bassett Street Project as 2024 Project of the Year for Emergency Repair.

At a May 15 luncheon, Water & Sewer Utilities received a plaque for its skilled management of an emergency repair to a 24-inch, steel recycled water main, damaged by a contractor last summer.

Not only did City crews stop the leak and repair the main without any service interruptions, but they used the time waiting for the replacement 40-foot pipe section to install a recycled water fill station for cleaning and construction use by the City and construction contractors, helping to further the City's sustainability goals: lemonade from lemons!

Congratulations on a well-handled emergency situation.

Firehouse Community Fair

On May 11, Santa Clara Fire Department welcomed approximately 1000 guests to the SCFD Training Center/Drill Grounds for the Firehouse Community Fair! Visitors were treated to live demonstrations including auto extrication, aerial ladder rescue, live fire extinguisher, and search dog demos. Children were invited to explore different kids' agility courses, flow water through fire hose, practice CPR and Stop/Drop/Roll, and learn about fire safety. Several First Responder Therapy Dogs were on hand for furry cuddles; and the SCFD Museum offered a journey through firefighting history. Mission College students from the Fire Academy, EMT, and Fire Science programs volunteered their time and energy to assist the Santa Clara Fire Department team, making this community event a fun, informative and successful time for all!



Income-qualified rebates on pre-owned electric vehicles



Bassett Street recycled water APWA award



Firehouse Community Fair

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara

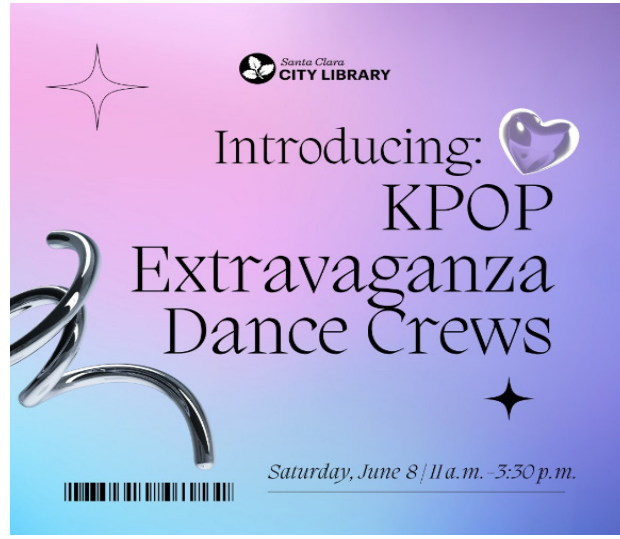


Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

To celebrate Pride Month, the City of Santa Clara is hosting the 8th Annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony outside at Santa Clara City Hall. The City invites the community to join the ceremony together with the Santa Clara City Council. Free shaved ice available while supplies last.

Friday, June 7, 2024, 12 p.m.
Santa Clara City Hall Quad Area
1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara

Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Pride for more information.



Library K-pop Extravaganza

Join us for a day of fun and K-pop at the **Central Park Library on June 8 from 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** [K-pop Extravaganza](#) will feature performances and workshops by local dance crews Eclipse, KDC DE ANZA and Synkronize Dance. Come meet other local fans while showing off your dance moves during random play dance, and decorating photocards. You can learn iconic dances, play Korean cultural games, and show off your knowledge in K-pop Jeopardy. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!



June Concerts in the Park

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, and dance to live music in your local parks. Join in the fun! Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Concerts for more information. Delicious food available for purchase.

- Houserockers | Friday, June 14 | Live Oak Park, 641 Moreland Way
- The Peelers | Friday, June 28 | Central Park, 969 Kiely Blvd.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Recreational Swim and Swim Lessons

Join us and cool off at the pool this Summer!

- **Recreational swim** will be offered from June 10 – Sept. 1 at the following locations:
 - Warburton Swim Center, 2250 Royal Drive
 - Mary Gomez Swim Center, 651 Bucher Ave.
- **Group and private swim lessons** for children 3 – 17 years old will be offered starting on Saturday, June 8. Morning, evening, and weekend classes are available.

Registration is open [online](#) or by calling 408-615-3140.

Total Body HIIT

Come join a new adult fitness class that combines maximum effort intervals with short rest periods. Work the whole body with a combination of body weight, free weights, running and more to make for an efficient and fun workout. Classes will begin on Thursday, June 6 at Reed & Grant Sports Park, 750 Reed St. Class times will be 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m. [Register online](#) or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.

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.

