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Message from Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor

Dear Santa Clarans,

Welcome to summer! We are mid-way through the year, and our community is preparing to celebrate our nation's birthday, July 4th, this year on the beautiful Mission College campus in north Santa Clara.

Community is at the heart of everything we do in our city. From hosting events that bring people together, to providing resources for families in need, we strive to foster a sense of belonging and connection among our residents. One of the ways we achieve this is through our community programs, which offer a wide range of activities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

I recently proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Santa Clara. Our Parks and Recreation department is always bustling with events and activities for families to enjoy. From summer concerts in the park, to holiday festivals and craft fairs, there is always something fun happening in our community. We also offer sports for youth and adults, fitness classes and wellness workshops to promote health and well-being.



Portuguese National Heritage Month in Santa Clara

Living in a multi-cultural community has numerous benefits. We are so fortunate to be blessed with our Portuguese community in Santa Clara. The Portuguese community has played a significant role in the development and growth of our city since its creation. Their cultural influence can be seen in various aspects of our community, from food and festivals to architecture and traditions.



Portuguese National Heritage Month

Thank you to the Portuguese Historical Museum board for the well-attended annual celebration of the Dia de Portugal Festival. Our beloved Portuguese Band, led by John Dias marched in the parade, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces. On a bittersweet note, I had the chance to bid farewell to Consul General Pedro Pinto and his wife as they prepare to return to Portugal, where he will serve as the Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister. Congratulations Consul General and thank you Jerry Escobar and board for a wonderful community event!

All Aboard – BART to Santa Clara

It was an honor to represent the City of Santa Clara at the VTA groundbreaking of BART Silicon Valley Phase II West Portal. I was joined by fellow Mayor & colleague, Matt Mahan of San Jose, as well as other city officials, government and community leaders.

Thank you to all the transportation agencies, municipalities and their staffs, legislative leaders, and many others, who have contributed in some way over the years to help move this project forward.

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The thought of BART coming to nearby San Jose and to Santa Clara is incredible news for our city's residents and businesses.

Good public transportation is essential for a city to thrive, providing access to jobs, education, healthcare, and recreational opportunities for all residents.

Empower Santa Clara: Electric Ideas at the APPA Public Power Conference

The American Public Power Association, APPA, held its national conference in California in a highly informative fashion, spanning a variety of topics - from the most pressing challenges facing public power, to the greatest opportunities.

While in attendance, District 1 Councilmember Watanabe and I were able to meet one of the leading presenters, Dana Peterson, Chief Economist with The Conference Board, whose presentation from an economic perspective was quite enlightening. She focused on the U.S. economy and the GDP, labor markets, interest rates and other indicators and trends that impact power.

The highlight of the conference was the session, "Dealing with Data Centers," led by our very own Silicon Valley Power Director, Manuel Pineda. Director Pineda discussed the challenges and opportunities we are facing with SVP and managing demand for a very successful public utility. The overflow turnout and positive reception and engagement with the audience further solidified SVP's reputation as a respected and influential public utility across the nation.

From Local to State Royalty: Former Miss Santa Clara Crowned Miss California!

Congratulations to Santa Clara's Ms. Kimberly Vernon, the recently crowned Miss California for 2024. This is an extraordinary achievement and a testament to her hard work, dedication and grace. Her journey has inspired many, and we are confident that she will continue to shine and make a positive impact during her reign.

Kimberly was our Miss Santa Clara in 2023 and Miss Santa Clara County in 2024. The 27-year-old artist, educator and advocate for the arts triumphed over 40 other contestants to win the state title during the pageant's 100 anniversary celebration.

Kimberly graduated magna cum laude from California State University Fullerton where she double majored in Theatre and Cinema Television Arts and minored in American Studies.

So proud of our Santa Clara High School graduate - and we look forward to seeing all the incredible things she will accomplish and the lives she will touch as Miss California!

The Importance of Ethics, Honesty and Integrity in Public Service

Ethics, accountability, and integrity are essential qualities for public officials to build trust and maintain credibility with the community they serve. Public officials are tasked with making decisions that impact the lives of their constituents, and it is crucial that these decisions are made with honesty, fairness, and transparency. Upholding high ethical standards demonstrates a commitment to serving the public good and ensures that decisions are made in the best interest of the community.

Accountability holds public officials responsible for their actions and decisions, ensuring that they are held to a high standard of behavior and are accountable to those they serve. Integrity, in turn, is the foundation of trustworthiness and reliability in public office, demonstrating a commitment to truth, fairness, and ethical conduct.

Without ethics, accountability, and integrity, public officials risk eroding the trust of the community and compromising the integrity of the democratic process.

The Santa Clara County Grand Jury released 2 reports entitled, "Irreconcilable Differences: Santa Clara City Council," and "Outplayed: Measure J, the City of Santa Clara and the San Francisco 49ers." You can access these through the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury website for review - santaclara.courts.ca.gov/CGJ.

As Mayor, I am dedicated to prioritizing ethics, accountability and integrity in public service.

In closing, stay safe and healthy this summer, explore the great outdoors, try new activities and spend quality time with your loved ones. Take care of yourself both physically and mentally, and don't forget to relax and unwind as much as possible!

Committed to Serving Santa Clara,

Mayor Lisa Gillmor



BART Silicon Valley Phase II West Portal Groundbreaking



APPA Public Power Conference



Miss California 2024 and Former Miss Santa Clara Kimberly Vernon



Ethics, Accountability, and Integrity

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

Santa Clara 4th of July Celebration

Join us for the ultimate 4th of July community celebration at Mission College. This family-friendly event has everything you need to celebrate America's Independence Day in style. Enjoy a fun afternoon of lawn games, activities and a fantastic lineup of food trucks offering a variety of delicious eats - from classic American fare to international delights. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a relaxing picnic with friends and family. As the sun sets, prepare for a dazzling firework display from Great America that will light up the night sky. It's the perfect way to celebrate our nation's birthday with the Santa Clara community.

Event gates open at 3 p.m. to allow for a smooth entrance through security. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the event. Free parking and bike parking will be available.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners Silicon Valley Power, EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure, Mission College Santa Clara, California's Great America, Enamor Dental, Open Doors to Future Possibilities. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/4thofJuly for more information.



Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project – Construction Update

O'Grady Paving Inc. has begun construction on the Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project (Project). The Project will widen the intersection at Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard to include additional left-turn and through vehicle lanes, traffic signal and streetlight replacements, pavement rehabilitation, bicycle lane improvements, and modifications to existing utilities including storm drain and Silicon Valley Power electrical and fiber optic facilities. The pavement rehabilitation on Great America Parkway will extend from the intersection south to Highway 101.

This project requires partial 24-hour lane closures and pedestrian detours at the intersection of Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard. Motorists should exercise caution and drive safely in this area. Due to continuous lane closures, it is highly recommended to avoid the intersection and use alternative routes during the construction period. The project is expected to be substantially complete by Fall 2025. For more information on this project including construction updates, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/NorthsideTrafficProjects.

Westwood Oaks Ribbon Cutting Event

The Westwood Oaks Playground has undergone a fantastic transformation. Join the Mayor, City Council, Parks & Recreation Commissioners and the community in a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the reopening of Westwood Oaks Park. The event will take place on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. at 460 La Herran Drive. Light refreshments will be provided.



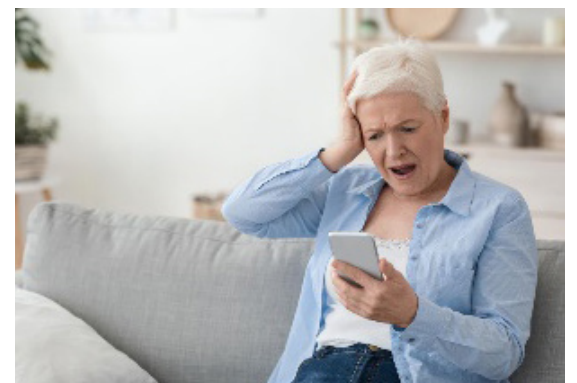
Westwood Oaks Playground Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Be Alert to Utility Scams and Fraud

Know How to Spot a Scam

- We will never ask you to pay your utility bill with a prepaid credit card, gift card or a third party payment app.
- We will never ask you to make your utility payment at a grocery or convenience store.
- Caller ID can be falsified. Scam callers may fake a Silicon Valley Power or City of Santa Clara phone number.
- If a caller asks for personal information or a payment, do not provide it. Hang up and call the City of Santa Clara Municipal Services Division at (408) 615-2300 if you are concerned about your account status.

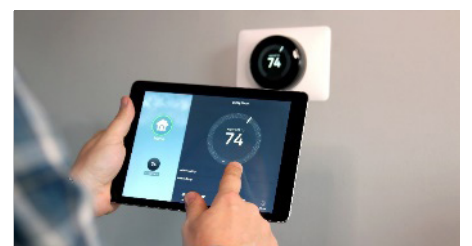
If you receive such a call, hang up immediately. To report a scam, contact the Santa Clara Police Department at scpd.org.



Be Alert to Utility Scams & Fraud

Smart Thermostats On Sale Through Our Online Marketplace

Check out [Silicon Valley Power's online Marketplace](https://PoweredByEFI.org/SVP) for discounts on smart thermostats June 26 – July 11, 2024. Qualifying models are discounted \$20–70 off the retail price and shipping is free on orders of \$50 or more and just \$5 for all other orders. Smart thermostats offer convenience, energy savings and personalized comfort control for your home. Residents can also shop for a variety of other energy-saving devices, such as lighting, electric vehicle chargers, connected home devices and more! Prices in the SVP Marketplace are comparable to other retail outlets, and special promotions and rebates are available periodically throughout the year. Visit PoweredByEFI.org/SVP to sign up for an account using your Silicon Valley Power utility account number.



Smart Thermostats On Sale

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Free Disposal Day

The next Free Disposal Day in Santa Clara will be held on Saturday, July 13 from 6 a.m. to noon 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. Appointments are required, and availability is limited. To participate in Free Disposal Day call MTWS at 408-727-5365 between July 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.

Hazardous waste (e.g. paints, fluorescent bulbs, chemical cleaners, pesticides, etc.), automotive parts, and pressure treated wood are prohibited. For more resources on where and how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste, visit HHW.org.



Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's Disney Descendants and Chicago

Get ready to dive into the magical world of Disney Descendants and groove to the jazzy tunes of Chicago with RJJT this Summer!

We are bringing you double the fun this summer with two thrilling productions. Brace yourself for Disney Descendants: The Musical, a riot of comedy, adventure, beloved Disney characters, and catchy tunes from the movies. Watch as the teenage offspring of Disney's most notorious villains navigate life at a prep school, torn between following their wicked parents' footsteps or choosing the path of goodness.

Get ready to be dazzled by the longest-running American musical, Chicago. Set in the roaring 1920's, this teen version tells the tale of Roxie Hart, who spins her crimes into a media frenzy with the help of Chicago's slickest lawyer. It's a whirlwind of fame, fortune, and toe-tapping tunes that you won't want to miss!

Snag your tickets now at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet for a summer of entertainment like no other!



Sign up for the Summer Citywide Garage Sale

Santa Clara's Citywide Garage Sale returns this summer on Saturday, Aug. 10! Hosting a garage sale is a great opportunity for residents to turn unwanted items into cash, while preventing usable items from ending up in the landfill. Register online for individual, multi-family, or block garage sales from July 10 – Aug. 7 at SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale. Citywide Garage Sale registrations will be displayed on an interactive map, and a list of garage sale locations will be available on Friday, Aug. 9. If you have questions, email Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3080.



CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

July is Parks & Recreation Month

At the June 25, 2024 City Council meeting, the Mayor and Council proclaimed July as Parks & Recreation Month in Santa Clara. Residents are encouraged to celebrate Parks & Recreation Month by visiting a park or participating in one of the exciting programs and events the Parks & Recreation Department is showcasing during the month. A calendar of events and activities is located at SantaClaraCA.gov/ParksRecMonth.

Santa Clara Skate Park

We are excited to offer skateboarding camps for ages 4–9 years and 7–15 years old throughout the month of July. SKATEKAMP skateboarding camps are for first-time, beginner and current skaters alike. Participants will safely learn to skateboard at their own pace, make new friends during fun group activities, and build self-confidence. To register, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet.



Skateboarding Camps in July

Stay Active with Group Exercise

Join the excitement while having fun! Participate in Group Exercise classes available from Monday to Saturday at different Santa Clara locations. Stay updated on the schedule by visiting the City's Calendar.

Current Class Offerings:

- Bolly-X®: Experience a Bollywood-inspired fitness session and unleash your inner Rockstar!
- Body Sculpting: Tone your entire body in a fun-filled class.
- Cardio Dance: Sweat it out with a dance-filled workout.
- Power Yoga: Practice movement meditation that combines breath and motion to achieve mental and physical balance, while enhancing endurance, strength, and flexibility. Open to all levels.
- Power Hour: Engage in a high-intensity workout utilizing various equipment to improve strength and endurance.
- Zumba®: Enjoy a dynamic dance session blending Latin and international rhythms with cardiovascular exercise.

For more details, reach out to Jessica Carter at 408-615-3179.

Coming Soon - Fall Recreation

Registration for Parks & Recreation Programs and Classes opens on Tuesday, July 23 at 7 a.m. This is a great opportunity to take a fitness class, explore a new hobby with ceramics, silk painting and swimming or enroll the kiddos in a fall recreation class like dance, arts & crafts or theater. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for more information.



Fall Recreation Coming Soon

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:

- 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

Join the Center of What's Possible! To view all job opportunities and for information on how to apply, visit 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/mysantaclara.

