



# City Hall News

From District 1 City Councilmember Kathy Watanabe

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## City Hall News Highlights

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Join the Center of What's Possible! View all job opportunities and for information on how to apply, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Jobs](https://www.santacruz.ca.gov/Jobs).

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## Message from Councilmember Kathy Watanabe

The skies around Santa Clara are going to be lighting up in the next week with fantastic fireworks on the 4th of July by Great America and our own Silicon Valley Power. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mission College starting at 4 p.m. enjoying food at the wide variety of food trucks and the day culminating with the fireworks show at 9:40 p.m.! For more information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/4thofJuly](https://www.santacruz.ca.gov/4thofJuly).



### Events Around Town

The Concerts in the Park Summer Series got off to a great start on Friday, June 14, with the House Rockers in Live Oak Park! For the month of July, there will be more opportunities for fun in the Central Park Pavilion. Get your dancing shoes out on Friday, July 12 for the Megatones and Friday, July 26 for Orquesta Borinquen Salsa! Bring your appetite too as there will be food vendors including Kona Ice, Cruising Cafe (hot dogs), BBQ Kalbi and Luv's Brownies (7/26 only). Thank you to Edgecore Digital Infrastructure for the sponsorship of these events and also the Main Stage Entertainment at the 4th of July celebration!



Concerts in the Park Summer Series

BART is coming to Santa Clara! On Friday, June 14, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) held a historic groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction of its West Portal facility. This is the site where the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) will be assembled and launched to bore the five-mile underground tunnel for the BART Silicon Valley



BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project

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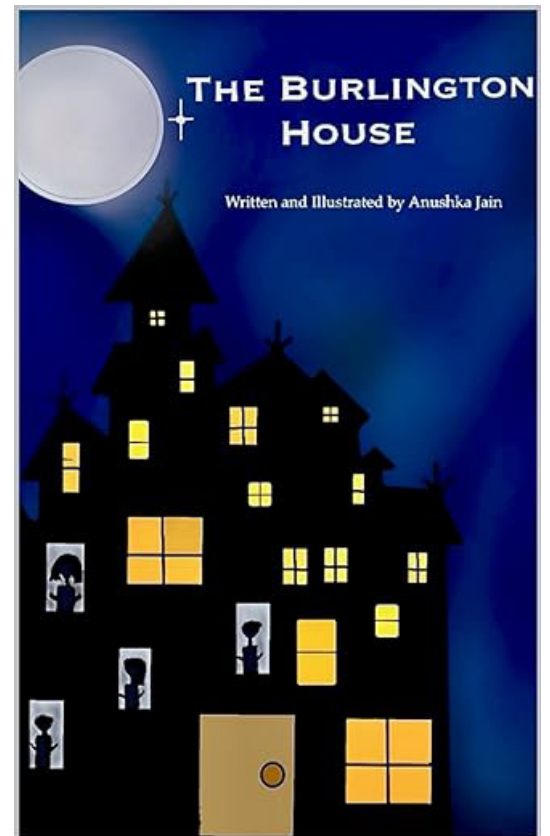
Phase II Extension Project (Phase II Project). This milestone event was held at the future Santa Clara Station and Newhall Yard & Maintenance Facility located in San José and Santa Clara, CA. Approximately 240 guests attended the event including state and local elected officials, community leaders, project stakeholders, and union representatives from Laborers Local 270.

VTA's extension of the regional BART system is the largest transportation infrastructure project in the history of Santa Clara County. It will integrate Santa Clara County with the greater Bay Area BART system, enhancing regional connectivity and providing numerous economic, environmental, and social benefits.

The event commenced with speeches by elected officials and major stakeholders that highlighted the benefits of this transformative infrastructure project, which was followed by the traditional "Golden Shovel" ceremony.

## Focus on Youth

Congratulations to Anushka Jain, a 6th grader at Don Callejon School, on the publication of her first book, *The Burlington House*, which is a story about twins, John and Julia, who are planning a trip to the famous Burlington House. However, they notice strange things start happening to them and they decide to uncover the mysterious happenings. Anushka got her inspiration to write after the many mystery and adventure stories her grandparents would tell her on travels to India. Anushka's book can be found in ebook and is available on Amazon Kindle! Good job, Anushka!!



## Did You Know....

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, Hall of Fame baseball player, Willie Mays passed away after an incredible career in baseball and making history with being the first player to reach both 300 home runs and 300 stolen bases. What a lot of folks don't know is that in 1964 the San Francisco Giants started a tradition of playing an exhibition game against the Santa Clara University Broncos at Buck Shaw Stadium each Spring. For the next 15 years the games were a major Mission City event with crowds sometimes overflowing the stadium requiring temporary stands. Willie Mays and Willie McCovey would spend time signing autographs for the fans. What a wonderful legacy to leave in our own City of Santa Clara. I wonder if anyone out there still has those autographs?



Willie Mays, San Francisco Giants Center Fielder

## Miss California is from Santa Clara!

Congratulations to Santa Clara's own Kimberly Vernon for winning the title, Miss California 2024 on June 15, 2024! Although Kimberly was representing the County of Santa Clara in the pageant, she is definitely from the City of Santa Clara. This was also the 100th Anniversary of the Miss California pageant. Kimberly attended Santa Clara High School and graduated in 2015. Kimberly will be competing for the title of Miss America. I have known Kimberly for about 3 years now and she is truly a delight to know, attending many public events - maybe she could be a future City Councilmember? I know many will be watching the Miss America pageant wishing Kimberly well this year!

It's back to the work of the City. Wishing everyone a safe 4th of July and enjoy the fireworks in and around the City of Santa Clara!

Sincerely,

Kathy Watanabe  
Councilmember, District 1  
City of Santa Clara



Miss California 2024 and Former Miss Santa Clara Kimberly Vernon



# 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](https://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](https://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.

## 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.

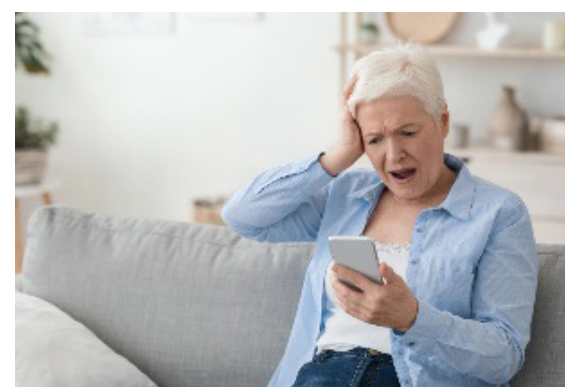
If you receive such a call, hang up immediately. To report a scam, contact the Santa Clara Police Department at [scpd.org](https://scpd.org).

## Smart Thermostats On Sale Through Our Online Marketplace

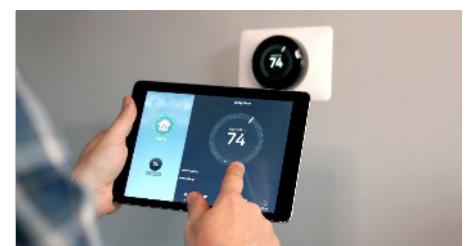
Check out [Silicon Valley Power's online Marketplace](https://PoweredByEFI.org/SVP) for discounts on smart thermostats June 26 – July 11, 2024. Qualifying models are discounted \$20–70 off the retail price and shipping is free on orders of \$50 or more and just \$5 for all other orders. Smart thermostats 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](https://PoweredByEFI.org/SVP) to sign up for an account using your Silicon Valley Power utility account number.



Westwood Oaks Playground Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



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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](http://HHW.org).

## 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](http://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](mailto:Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov) or call 408-615-3080.



## 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](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) for a summer of entertainment like no other!



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

