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Message from Vice Mayor Anthony Becker

Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

On July 10, 2024 the Santa Clara City Council cut the ribbon to the remodeled Westwood Oaks Park in the westside of District 6. This park and neighborhood are often confused for Cupertino and has received a great upgrade that has fun playground amenities for all ages. I would love your feedback on the new look to the park and all of our City Parks.

The key to a great quality of life for Santa Clara families is parks. That is why I have put a focus on our City's parks. One by one the City of Santa Clara is upgrading these parks for a new generation of kids. In District 6 Henry Schmidt Park and Maywood Park are slated for rehabilitation in the coming year.

The revamped Central Park featuring Magical Bridge will have its ribbon cutting ceremony currently scheduled for Aug. 28, 2024.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your representative on the council and your input is of utmost importance 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



National Night Out 2024

District 6 residents, I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the evening of Aug. 6. This is my 3rd and I will bring my appetite and be ready for some great conversations.

If you are not familiar with our local National Night Out, it is an annual crime prevention event that is partnered with our very own Santa Clara Police Department. Each year the goal is to strengthen police community partnerships, neighborhood relations spirit.



- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in local crime prevention efforts
- Build connections within the community and get to know your neighbors

Proposed Drive Thru Starbucks at 3575 Stevens Creek Blvd. Heads to Planning Commission Meeting

As previously mentioned in my prior newsletter that there is a proposed Starbucks project in southern District 6 has sparked lots of community feedback. There have been prior community meetings about the project on Nov. 13, 2023 and April 2, 2024 seen in links below. The item will be heard at a future Santa Clara Planning Commission meeting, date to be determined. Community members are encouraged to express their support or opposition to the project at this meeting. South of Forest neighborhoods in close proximity and most impacted by this proposal.

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

District 6 Eats: Eatery of the Month

"*Eatery of the Month*" highlights an eatery for the Month in District 6. Times have been tough for all of us and with inflation our small businesses right here in our district are feeling the effects too. So highlighting a place to grub out in District 6 would not only help our small business community, but satisfy your appetite. There is a taste for everything here in Santa Clara's District 6.

For August I selected [China Delight](#) located at 2362 Pruneridge Ave. [China Delight](#) started in Santa Clara's District 6 back in the 1990's when the little restaurant was operating on the corner of Homestead and Layton near Stan's Donuts and Taco Bell. [China Delight](#) for over a generation serves up savory authentic chinese cuisine that will have you wanting a return visit. The menu at [China Delight](#) has diverse options from delicious appetizers to savory soups and plenty of main courses to choose from.

The hardworking owners and chefs make for a memorable meal. They have dine-in and to-go options. My favorites at China Delight are the "Sizzling Rice Soup", "Mongolian Beef" and the "Mu Shu Pork with extra pancakes and plum sauce". Santa Clarans should make an order at this great District 6 Eatery.



Eatery of the Month: China Delight

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

City of Santa Clara to Place \$400 Million Infrastructure Bond on the November 2024 Ballot

At the July 16, 2024 City Council meeting, Council voted unanimously to place a \$400 million general obligation bond on the November 2024 ballot to address the City's over \$600 million in unfunded infrastructure needs. In addition to the bond measure ordinance, a detailed Expenditure Plan with specific projects was adopted to ensure monies are committed to the following infrastructure project areas:

- Streets and Transportation (\$41,170,000)
- Fire Stations and Emergency Response (\$142,235,450)
- Police Facilities (\$43,987,500)
- Parks, Libraries, Senior Center, and Aquatics Facilities (\$115,258,750)
- Stormdrain System Improvements (\$46,000,000)
- Historic Buildings and Beautification (\$9,200,000)

If the measure is passed by voters, bonds would be issued in phases to address prioritized needs. At full issue, the estimated annual levy would be \$19 per \$100,000 of assessed property value applicable to residential and business property owners.

For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/LocalFunding.



Santa Clara Celebrates National Night Out

On Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. the City of Santa Clara will join communities across the nation to celebrate National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Residents will have the opportunity to connect with their neighbors, Police and Fire Department personnel, City Council members, City administrators and Santa Clara Unified School District Trustees. Whether you decide to host an ice cream social, block party, themed cookout or night of games/contests, we would like to swing by! [Register online](#) by 5 p.m. on Aug. 2 - together, we can make our community a safer, more caring place to live.

Can't join us this year? Save the date to participate next year. National Night Out will be held on Aug. 5, 2025.

Citywide Garage Sale

Santa Clara's summer Citywide Garage Sale returns Saturday, August 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 now through Aug. 7 at SantaClaraCA.gov/GarageSale. Citywide Garage Sale registrations will be displayed on an interactive map and a finalized list of garage sale locations will be made available for download on Friday, Aug. 9. Contact Public Works at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov or call 408-615-3080 for more information.



2024/2025 Resident Youth Card Membership

The 2024/25 Resident Youth Card will be available online starting on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and in person at the Youth & Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave., starting on Monday, Aug. 12. The annual Resident Youth card membership includes free access to:

- After School Program (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. at 3 – 6 p.m. | Wed. at 1:30 – 6 p.m.)
- Skate Park
- Open Gym
- Recreational Swim Program

The annual membership fee for the Resident Youth Card is \$30. Financial assistance is available. Contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov for more information.

Upgrade Your Home and Get up to \$4,000 Back

Silicon Valley Power is offering rebates to help you replace your old, natural gas-powered appliances with new, energy-efficient electric appliances. Rebates are available for replacing gas water heaters, ranges and clothes dryers. More information is available at SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates.

To learn about the health, climate and safety benefits of switching from natural gas to electric appliances, download a copy of our [Electrification Guide](#). This guide will help you to identify electrification options in your home and identify things to consider when making the switch from natural gas to electric appliances.

The Silicon Valley Power Residential Electrification Estimator is a tool designed to assist homeowners in understanding how your energy use, utility bill and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) will change and provide an estimated payback period when electrifying appliances in your home. Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Electrification to watch the tutorial and download a copy of the estimator tool.

If you're ready to make the switch, consider a home electrification survey. Silicon Valley Power is offering a pilot program in partnership with CLEAResult to provide home electrification assessments for residents interested in implementing electrification opportunities. Assessments can be completed virtually or in your home. A \$50 copay to CLEAResult is required. For more information and to sign up, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Electrification.

Fall into Recreation

Believe it or not, fall classes and programs begin in August. Sign up now to ensure you don't miss your favorite class or take the opportunity to try something new. Check out the [Fall Activity Guide](#) for a full list of offerings with Parks & Recreation! For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses or call 408-615-3140.



Police Department Recipient of Grant Funding to Support Enforcement Efforts in Fiscal Year 2024/25

The Police Department has recently been awarded three grants to increase enforcement efforts – California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and a subrecipient of a County of Santa Clara award for a California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant (Tobacco).

The ABC Grant creates opportunities to ensure alcoholic beverage license holders meet their licensing requirements through regulatory inspections, Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap operations. This \$75,381 award also creates opportunities to conduct walking patrols around Santa Clara University and peddler inspections during events at Levi's Stadium.

The \$70,000 in OTS Grant will be utilized to conduct Driving Under the Influence and Driver's License checkpoints, pedestrian and bicycle enforcement operations as well as seat belt, distracted driving and impaired driving patrols.

The Tobacco Grant focuses on reducing youth access to tobacco products. This \$27,680 award will allow for compliance checks and Decoy Operations at stores selling tobacco products to ensure retailers are in compliance with local, state and federal laws.

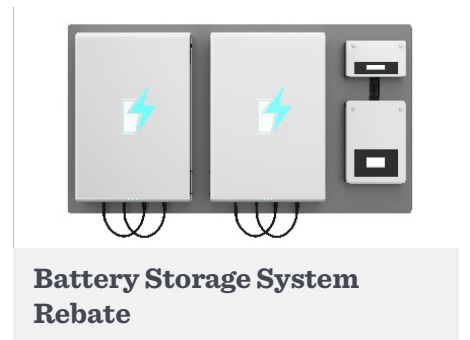
Over the coming year, we will utilize our website and social media platforms to share public awareness campaigns as well as information related with specific enforcement actions as required.

Get a Rebate Up To \$6,700 on Residential Battery Storage Systems

If you're looking to add battery backup to your existing solar photovoltaic (PV) system or add a new PV system with battery backup, Silicon Valley Power now offers a rebate for residential battery storage systems. Battery backup systems can provide power to critical appliances or medical devices during a power outage and can be charged by your PV system.

Batteries must be integrated with a PV system and must be purchased and installed after July 1, 2024 to be eligible.

Incentives are \$0.15 per Watt-hour up to \$2,700. Income-qualified customers may receive an additional \$2,000 in bonus incentives if enrolled in the [Financial Rate Assistance Program](#). An additional \$2,000 is available for income-qualified customers who meet [LIHEAP](#) income requirements.



[Federal Tax Credits](#) may also be available up to 30% of the cost of the batteries and for the installation of a new PV system. Batteries must have a capacity of at least 3 kilowatt hours to qualify. Consult your tax advisor for more information and any limitations that may apply.

Visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates for more information and complete program rules.

Community Engagement Meetings

The Police Department is interested in collaborating with residents to host Community Engagement Meetings (CEM), formerly known as Neighborhood Watch.

This crime prevention program enlists the participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in neighborhoods. CEM groups take a proactive approach to fighting crime by becoming the extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement.

As we bring back this program, the Police Department also plans to invite the Mayor and Councilmember that represents your district so they can hear directly from you and your neighbors on law enforcement related issues.

To schedule a CEM, call 408-615-4872 or CrimePrevention@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Chief's Advisory Committee Application Deadline Approaching

The Chief's Advisory Committee is a resource to the Chief of Police and provides community members with direct access to the Chief about perceived issues related to the department, the formation of strategies and concepts around community policing, increase public awareness and provide neutral, third-party insight that supports a productive and inclusive exchange of ideas to be considered in the department's decision-making process.

Apply by 5 p.m. on Aug. 16, 2024 to be considered for the Chief's Advisory Committee. To learn more about the CAC, member's roles, and the applications process, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ChiefAdvisoryCommittee.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Street Dance Featuring Neon Velvet

Come rock out with us at the [Street Dance](#) on Friday, August 2, with Neon Velvet in a new location, 1300-1400 blocks of Franklin Street, event is from 6 – 9:30 p.m. Then the last [Concert in the Park](#) on Friday, August 16, at 909 Kiely Blvd., with Pop Fiction from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Food trucks and vendors will be at both events.



Santa Clara Skate Park – National Night Out

The Santa Clara Skate Park is offering free 20-minute skateboarding clinics for ages 5 years and up on National Night Out. Pre-registration is required, limited spaces are available. To register, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](#). For more information, contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760.



Sunset Cinema

Don't miss the upcoming outdoor summer movie. Join us at Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., on Friday, Aug. 9, for the movie, "Wish!" Admission is free. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema](#) for more information.



Free Residential Compost Giveaway

Enrich your summer garden with nutrient-dense compost and improve the soil's ability to conserve water and nourish your crops. The City of Santa Clara is hosting a self-service compost giveaway event for Santa Clara residents on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the City's Corporation Yard, located at 1700 Walsh Ave. Residents must provide a current utility bill and/or personal identification to verify eligibility.

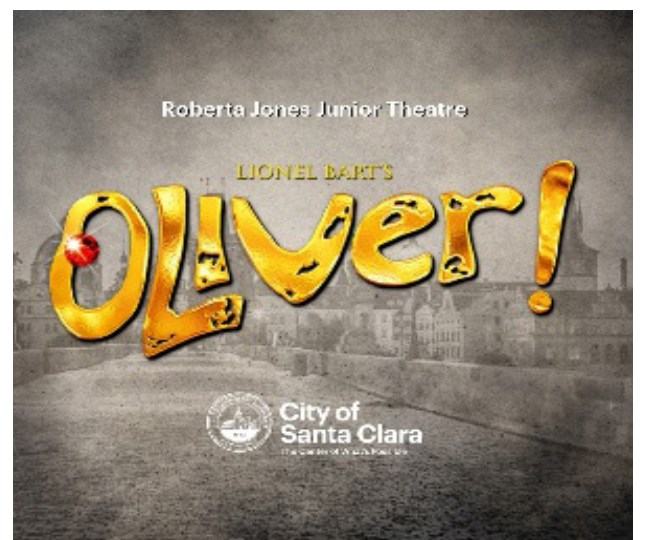
Please note, compost will not be pre-bagged or contained. Residents must bring their own sturdy containers for transport (such as 5-gallon buckets). City staff will assist in filling containers and loading them into vehicles, with a maximum limit of 40 gallons per household. Compost will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Contact Public Works at [Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov](#) or call 408-615-3080 for more information.



Backyard Composting Workshop

Reduce your carbon footprint and recycle your organic waste by composting at home. Register for a composting basics workshop on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park, 2380 Monroe St. Learn how to build and maintain a home compost bin and apply the finished compost. This workshop will focus on backyard composting of yard trimmings and food scraps. Registration is required and in-person attendance is limited to 12 attendees. Register at [ucanr.edu/compost](#) or call the "Rot Line" at 408-918-4640. Contact Public Works at [Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov](#) or call 408-615-3080 for more information.



Auditions for Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's, "Oliver!"

Be a part of a true theatrical masterpiece, filled with the memorable characters and songs! RJJT will bring to life the story of an orphaned child who dares to trust in others and searches for the true love of a family in London. Youth ages 8-18 years old are invited to audition on Aug. 20 or 21, with performances being held the first two weekends of November. For more information, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](#) or call 408-615-3140.



Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Join us on Sept. 14 and 15 at Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., for two days of fun at the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival presented by EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure and Silicon Valley Power. Come ready to quench your thirst with exceptional wine and frosty craft brews all weekend long! Stroll the park and enjoy incredible artwork by talented art vendors, groove to music, and indulge in some delicious food selection. This family-friendly event offers fun activities for all ages. Check out SantaClaraArtandWine.com for all the details!

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Summer Recreation Programs for All

The Parks & Recreation Department team has planned a summer filled with unique classes, camps, and swim lessons. While programs are in full swing, there's still space available in some of your favorite classes and activities. Classes include gymnastics, ceramics, dance, swim lessons, soccer and more. Over 50? We have your fitness journey covered, with many new classes starting in August. For more information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses or call 408-615-3140.

Adventures in Learning

New classes are forming for this play-based program encourages social development through group activities and play. Teachers focus on building confidence, encouraging exploration and creative learning each day through circle time, craft, songs, story time, indoor and outdoor play activities which are essential in the development of social, fine and gross motor skills, and much more. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/AIL or call 408-615-3140 for more information.



Adventures in Learning

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Senior Center Activities: Senior Travel – Adventures to Go

The Senior Center is excited to announce the relaunch of the Adventures to Go Senior Travel Program for ages 50+. The day trip to Carmel-by-the-Sea on Thursday, July 25 sold out in less than a week.

Travelers experienced California's coastal gem and spent the day exploring the fairytale village full of inspired restaurants, wine tasting, boutique shops, art galleries, a white-sand beach, and stunning scenery - all within walking distance.

For future trips, contact Jon Kawada at 408-615-3741 for more information.

Senior Center BBQ

Don't miss out. Come enjoy good eats with an opportunity to hear about new and upcoming programs at the Senior Center, 1300 Fremont St on Thursday, Aug. 15, 12-1 p.m. Choose from a delicious menu of a hamburger, veggie burger, or hot dog, chips, deli salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$7 with Senior Center Membership Card and \$8 without. A limited number of meals will be served, so get your tickets at the Front Desk! For more information, call 408-615-3170.

For future trips, contact Jon Kawada at 408-615-3741 for more information.

Senior Center Ice Cream Social

Delicious ice cream and a toppings bar awaits! Join us Wednesday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center patio for music, opportunity to visit with old and new friends, and learn about programs and activities. Tickets are \$3 with Senior Center Membership Card and \$4 without and are available at the front desk. For more information, call 408-615-3170.

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.

