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Message from Vice Mayor Anthony Becker

Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

With summer coming to a close and fall just around the corner, our seasons will change but Santa Clara's commitment to excellence and delivering exceptional quality of life services will not.

September kicks off with the newly opened Magical Bridge Playground inside Central Park. On Aug. 28 I was in attendance to cut the ribbon on this historic and iconic new park in the center of our city. Make sure to check it out while you attend the Art & Wine Festival on the weekend of Sept. 14 and 15. The facelift to this playground I used to play in as a kid has delivered a high quality and exceptional park that is inclusive for all. From slides down a hillside, to fun swings and the signature playhouse with the community stage and amphitheater. What was done was combining the past traditions with the modern twists. This major park achievement continues to make Santa Clara the Center of What's Possible! I am so excited to share this with all of you and hope you can enjoy all the benefits it has to offer.

In addition, with the seasons changing it is that time again for the Santa Clara fall classic, the Parade of Champions. Make sure you join us and the community on Oct. 5!

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



Santa Clara Bond Measure Q & A with Councilmember Becker

The Santa Clara City Council voted to put an Infrastructure Bond measure known as Measure I on the November 2024 Ballot. With that it may come with lots of questions you might have. I wanted to make myself available to my District 6 constituents for any questions related to the bond measure. Please reach out to my email abecker@SantaClaraCA.gov or cell 408-312-1869 where we can schedule a time to discuss.

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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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Community Engagement Meetings with Santa Clara Police

During National Night Out this year residents asked me about neighborhood community engagement meetings with Santa Clara Police. Currently I have attended some of these community engagement meetings with Santa Clara Police at some of our local apartment complexes in which I might have met some of you out there. If your neighborhood association, your block, or apartment/condo community would like these type of neighborhood police relations meetings, please reach out to me at abecker@SantaClaraCA.gov or my cell 408-312-1869 or contact the Crime Prevention Unit at crimeprevention@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Stevens Creek Boulevard Corridor Steering Committee Meeting #5

On Sept. 6, 2024, the Stevens Creek Boulevard Steering Committee held its fifth meeting with a review of Community engagement and discussion and action on the recommended adoption of the Stevens Creek Boulevard Corridor Vision Study Implementation Plan by each city agency. Unfortunately, the meeting did not have a quorum and new meeting will be scheduled in November. Further input will be accepted. To learn more, visit the [project webpage](#)

Caltrain Local Policy Makes Group (LPMG)

The local policy making group is composed of Elected Officials from various cities along the Caltrain corridor from San Francisco to Gilroy. In these meetings are discussions about the Caltrain Electrification Project, High Speed Rail, and the Grade Separation project. The public is encouraged to attend these important meetings about Caltrain to get local input.



The next meeting is Sept. 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

To learn more, visit caltrain.com.

Proposed Starbucks with Drive-Thru at 3575 Stevens Creek Blvd

As previously mentioned in my prior newsletters that there is a proposed Starbucks project in southern District 6 at Stevens Creek Boulevard and Harold Avenue. The project has received lots of community feedback.



Proposed Starbucks on Stevens Creek Boulevard

Currently there is a tentative date of Oct. 9, 2024 for the project to be heard in front of the planning commission. In my next newsletter I will update accordingly.

For reference, there have been prior community meetings about the project on Nov. 13, 2023 and April 2 2024 seen in links below.

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

District 6 Eats - Eatery of the Month: Bloom Eatery & Spirits

"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 September, I selected Bloom: Eatery & Spirits located at 202 Saratoga Ave. Bloom first opened its doors in the middle of the pandemic in 2020. Looking back, Bloom became a beacon for to-go orders when in-dining was prohibited, since then in-person dining returned. Where most businesses struggled to rebound from the pandemic, Bloom thrived. I have watched this eating establishment grow in popularity and see lines to get a seat on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Their hours of operation are Wednesday through Sunday 8 a.m. till 2:30 p.m..



Eatery of the Month: Bloom Eatery & Spirits

Bloom specializes in breakfast and lunch options with fresh locally sourced ingredients. The menu at Bloom is unique with twists on traditional dishes like a 'croissant french toast' or a 'jumbo crab bene' a twist on the classic eggs benedict. Bloom's mission statement is "all about bringing families, friends, and members of the community together to celebrate life around a table".

The atmosphere and dedicated chefs craft an exceptional meal whether it is breakfast or lunch. They have dine-in and to-go options. My favorites at Bloom are; for breakfast the "Churro Waffle" and "Croissant Breakfast Sandwich" and for lunch "Carbonara" and the "Chicken Pesto Sandwich". Santa Clarans should make an order at this great District 6 Eatery.

CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

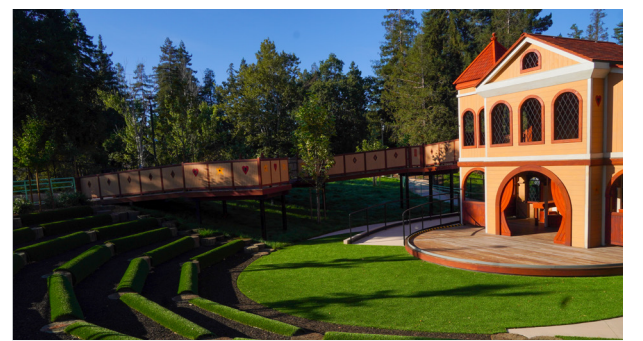
42nd Annual Art & Wine Festival

The Annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival presented by SVP and EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure, returns to Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. for an exciting weekend of fun on Sept. 14 and 15. Stroll the park and enjoy incredible artwork by talented vendors, groove to the music, and indulge in some delicious food selection. This family-friendly event offers a Kids Kingdom with fun activities for children of all ages. For the adults, the Santa Clara Rotary Foundation will be serving exceptional wine and frosty craft brews all weekend long! Check out SantaClaraArtandWine.com for all the details! Proceeds from the Festival support Santa Clara charitable organizations.



Magical Bridge Playground in Central Park is Now Open

Come out to Central Park and experience the City's newest park amenity – the Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground. This multi-generational space has been thoughtfully designed to ensure guests of all ages and abilities experience the magic of play, community connections, and belonging. Magical Bridge Playgrounds are universally designed to improve the physical, social, emotional, and mental health of everyone in a community, regardless of age or ability. The City of Santa Clara is proud to join cities across the Bay Area in promoting socially inclusive and physically accessible playgrounds in city parks. Playground parking is available in the Pavilion Parking Lot.



Magical Bridge Playground

Santa Clara Vision Zero Plan Efforts Begin

Do you have concerns about traffic safety in Santa Clara? The City wants to hear about the safety challenges you experience while driving, biking, walking, and/or using other transportation modes within Santa Clara. The City recently kicked off the Santa Clara Vision Zero Plan effort with a target to reduce and help eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries on city streets. The goal is to make Santa Clara streets safer for all roadway users. The City is developing a community survey and will host workshops to gather feedback. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/VisionZero to learn more about and sign up for project updates! This project is funded by a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant and City funds.

Permanent Changeable Message Signs Project

The City's Contractor, Tennyson Electric, has begun construction for the Permanent Changeable Message Signs Project (Project). The Project will install large overhead permanent Changeable Message Sign (CMS) structures at six different locations on Great America Parkway and Tasman Drive. The signs will provide real-time directional and traffic safety guidance and wayfinding information to support local events at destinations such as the Convention Center and Levi's Stadium. These signs can also provide messaging to the public in the case of an emergency. This project requires partial lane closures and pedestrian detours along Great America Parkway and Tasman Drive. Motorists should exercise caution, share the road, drive safely in this area, and expect delays. The project is expected to be substantially complete in Fall 2025. For more information on this project, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/NorthsideTrafficProjects.

Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project

Construction is underway for the Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project. The next phase of construction is set to begin in mid-September 2024 and will include various traffic controls such as the closure of the northwest corner of the intersection. During this phase, pedestrian traffic at this corner will be detoured through alternative routes and there will be modified right turn access from southbound Great America Parkway to Mission College Boulevard. Motorists should exercise caution, share the road, drive safely in this area, and expect delays. Due to continuous lane closures, it is highly recommended to avoid the intersection and use alternative routes where possible during the construction period. The project is expected to be substantially complete in Fall 2025. For more information on this project, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/NorthsideTrafficProjects.

Get a Rebates up to \$300 on an Electric Bicycle

If you're thinking of upgrading to an electric bicycle (e-bike), Silicon Valley Power is offering a rebate of 10% of the purchase price, up to \$300. Income-qualified customers can receive an additional rebate up to \$200.

E-bikes are great for those who want to commute or run errands on a bicycle but want to travel faster or need extra assistance. There are many options to choose from so everyone can find the right e-bike for their needs. For complete program details, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates.



Electric Bicycle Rebates Available

\$5,000 Trade School Scholarships Available

Silicon Valley Power offers a scholarship program designed to help income-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
- Plumber
- And more!

Applications are accepted quarterly with deadlines on March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 annually. For more information, visit SiliconValleyPower.com/Scholarship.

Fall into Recreation

Dance, Gymnastics, Performing Arts, Chess, Yoga or Jujitsu – we have it all here in the City of Santa Clara! While some of our Fall classes are already underway, we have many classes starting in September/October. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses for a full selection of activities to participate in. Don't forget to check out our Fall Special Events, and our production of Lionel Bart's Oliver! Nov. 1-3 & Nov. 8-10. Come out and play today!

Santa Clara Water: Better than Bottled

Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities reminds you that our City tap water beats bottled water hands down. More frequently and rigorously tested than bottled water, our clean, convenient California-sourced drinking water meets Federal and State standards. Plus, drinking tap priced 1¢ per gallon means freedom from lugging and storing bulky plastic bottles that pollute our environment and life on our planet.

Find Tap Water Express at the Annual Art & Wine Festival. Fill your wine glass or reusable water bottle with Santa Clara's finest—ice cold and thirst quenching. For more on Santa Clara's high-quality drinking water, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterQualityReport.

September is National Preparedness Month

Does your family have a household communication plan? Make an emergency plan today and practice it! During a local emergency, receive alerts to your mobile, landline or email for fire, earthquake, severe weather, crime activity, and instructions during a disaster. Alert SCC is Santa Clara County's emergency alert and warning system. Sign up today for free at AlertSCC.org. For emergency preparedness tips, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/EmergencyPreparedness.



Trade School Scholarships Available



Santa Clara Tap Water Express



Visit the Magical Bridge Playground!

Now open at Central Park!

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Find out what's happening in Santa Clara



Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon is California Coastal Cleanup Day! Volunteers throughout California will work together to help protect our oceans, watersheds, and wildlife from trash and debris. During last year's event, over 600 pounds of trash was collected in Santa Clara. The City will be hosting a cleanup site. Register to be part of the cleanup effort and start being the solution to water pollution! For detailed information and to register, visit CleanaCreek.org. For questions, contact Environmental Programs at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.

got household hazardous waste?



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) at a free drop-off event on Saturday, Sept. 21 in Santa Clara. Hazardous materials should NEVER be placed in any of the curbside collection carts. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of old paint, chemical cleaners, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent lamps, medications, sharps, and other hazardous waste materials. Appointments required, to schedule an appointment, contact the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 408-299-7300 or visit hhw.org. NOTE: For medication disposal, please remember to remove any patient information on the package and place the medicine in a separate container before arrival.



Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz at Everett N. Eddie Souza Park

Join us on Sept. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the "Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz" – an event where community members take photos of the wildlife in Everett N. Eddie Souza Park. These photos will be collected and used to inform educational programs about our biodiversity. Your participation in this event will help us understand how to protect pollinators and other important wildlife in our community. Students may receive community service hours for their participation. Sign-up online to participate. For more information, email CommunityGarden@SantaClaraCA.gov or 408-615-3140.



Fall Garden Classes on Zoom

Autumn is California's best planting time! Check out timely topics on three Wednesday evenings this fall, 6:30–8 p.m.

- **Sept. 11, Fall Planting for a Surprising Spring & Summer:** Plant now for a resilient landscape with pops of color you'll forget about by spring!
- **Oct. 2, Rain Gardens Made Easy:** Divert rainwater from the gutter to your garden with simple techniques.
- **Nov. 6, Help your Garden Hibernate for Winter:** Restore planting beds with easy methods that boost soil, plant and wildlife health.

Brought to you by Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities, partnered with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. For details and to register, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/GardenGuide.

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

Adventures in Learning

Enroll your child today for the 2024-2025 school year! This fantastic program designed for children ages 3-5, offers a blend of entertainment and development of social and motor skills through interactive play, crafty activities, and educational components. From circle time to creative arts, lively music, storytelling, and plenty of playtime – each day is full of new experiences that will allow your child to flourish in a nurturing and joyful environment. Visit SantaClaraCA.gov/AIL for more information or to schedule a tour today!



Adventures in Learning

2024/25 Resident Youth Card Membership

The 2024/25 Resident Youth Card is now available for purchase online and in person at the Youth & Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave. The annual Resident Youth card membership includes access to:

- After School Program afterschool until 6pm weekdays
- Skate Park open afterschool and some weekends
- Summer access to Open Gym and Recreation Swim

The annual membership fee for the Resident Youth Card is \$30, valid through July 2025. To purchase a Resident Youth Card online, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Activenet. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Kids Rock

Grades K-5, get ready to join us for a special night of activities that include recreation games, arts and crafts, music, an inflatable slide, and more! Kids Rock will be Friday, Sept. 27, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the Youth Activity Center, 2450 Cabrillo Ave. Space is limited, pre-register your child by visiting SantaClaraCA.gov/Activenet. For more information, contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov.

Help us Spread Kindness in Santa Clara

Are you looking for an opportunity to spread joy and kindness? The City of Santa Clara is now recruiting for Kindness Ambassadors to work at the new Magical Bridge Playground at Central Park. As a Kindness Ambassador, you will facilitate events, crafts, and activities for all ages and abilities, meet new friends and promote kindness so that guests to the playground discover the joy of play. No experience is needed – just a commitment to service and a spirit of joy. All Kindness Ambassadors will receive training to help them excel in this work. To register, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet.

Santa Clara Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Fall 2024 Classes

Originally launched in 1995 in Santa Clara, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) teaches residents how to be self-sufficient after a major disaster by developing a core of citizen responders trained in basic emergency skills. The 21-hour academy includes classroom and hands-on training on topics such as earthquake awareness, utilities shut-off, fire extinguisher use, disaster medicine, triage, assessment of minor injuries and burns, and light search and rescue techniques. The next CERT academy begins on Oct. 28 and is open for registration at SantaClaraCA.gov.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Learn How to Identify and Report Scams

Have you or someone you know been a victim of a scam? Join the Santa Clara Senior Center and the Santa Clara Police Department in an interactive workshop on how to identify scams on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 9 – 10 a.m. During this in-person, fraud seminar presented by the Santa Clara Police Department, individuals will learn how to identify and report scams to the appropriate authorities and be given resources to help minimize the impact of falling victim to a scam. For questions, call the front desk at 408-615-3170.

Bean Bag Toss Tournament

The Senior Center is excited to be hosting a Bean Bag Toss Tournament for adults ages 50+ (aka Cornhole) for adults ages 50+ on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. All levels are welcome. Deadline to sign up is Friday, Sept. 20. Want to get in some practice? Bean bags can be checked out at the Front Desk. Contact Dino Medar for questions at 408-615-3190 or Dmedar@SantaClaraCA.gov.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's (Mandarin)

The Senior Center will host an informative meeting on the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimers on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Alzheimer's disease and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking and behavior that affect daily life. Join us to learn about 10 common warning signs and signs to look out for in yourself or others. This hour-long talk covers typical age-related changes, warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, how to talk to others about memory concerns, early detection, the benefits of getting a diagnosis and the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources. Register online at SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet.

55th Annual Santa Clara Parade of Champions

Save the Date! The 55th Annual Santa Clara Parade of Champions will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2024 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Franklin Square in Santa Clara. Opening ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. For more information, visit SCParadeofChampions.org.

