



# City Hall News

From District 6 Vice Mayor Anthony Becker

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## City Hall News Highlights

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#### 42nd Annual Art & Wine Festival

Enjoy artwork, music, and food, Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., Sept. 14 and 15. All ages welcome!

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#### Magical Bridge Playground

Come out to Central Park and experience the City's newest park amenity!

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#### Coastal Cleanup Day

Join volunteers across California on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Visit [CleanaCreek.org](http://CleanaCreek.org) to register

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#### Free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event

Saturday, Sept. 21. Call 408-299-7300 or visit [hhw.org](http://hhw.org) to schedule an appointment



## Message from Vice Mayor Anthony Becker

Greetings Santa Clarans and District 6 constituents,

Spooky season is upon us with ghouls, goblins, witches and pumpkin spice. It's Halloween time! Whether you are trick-or-treating, dressing up in your spookiest costumes or decorating, Santa Clara loves to be the center of what's petrifying. Every year I enjoy our community showing off their Halloween spirit.

October has plenty of frightening fun for the whole family, like the Parks & Recreation Department's "SpooktaClara Halloween Party" on Oct. 26, from 12–3 p.m., or California's Great America presents "Tricks and Treats" on select days from Sept. 20 – Oct. 26.

A reminder to everyone driving to be cautious of trick-or-treaters as well as making sure kids go door-to-door with an adult.

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

### Halloween Decorating Contest

I can't wait to see what District 6 has to offer in the decorating contest. I encourage all our D6 residents to show their Halloween spirit by showing that our district can have the best and the spookiest. I will be going around District 6 and checking out all the great decorates homes. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Halloween](http://SantaClaraCA.gov/Halloween) to enter your home in the 2024 contest. Submissions are due Oct. 28 at 5 p.m.

### 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](mailto:abecker@SantaClaraCA.gov) or cell 408-312-1869 where we can schedule a time to discuss.



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## Job Opportunities

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# Message From Councilmember Anthony Becker

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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 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](mailto:abecker@SantaClaraCA.gov) or my cell 408-312-1869 as well as [crimeprevention@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:crimeprevention@SantaClaraCA.gov).

## **Proposed Drive-Thru Starbucks at 3575 Stevens Creek Blvd. Planning Commission Meeting**

Attention District 6 constituents and South of Forest Neighborhood. As previously mentioned in my prior newsletters that there is a proposed Starbucks project in southern District 6 on Stevens Creek and Harold. Currently the project has a tentative date of Oct. 23, 2024 with the Planning Commission.

There have been prior community meetings about the project on Nov. 13, 2023 and April 2, 2024 seen in links below. Community members are encouraged to express their support or opposition.

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

## **District 6 Eats- Eatery of the Month: Omee J Fusion Sushi Bar & Grill**

"*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 October, I selected [Omee J Fusion Sushi Bar & Grill](#) located at 4477 Stevens Creek Blvd. I first visited [Omee J](#) when restaurants opened back up to the public in 2021 following the height of the pandemic.

The modern decor, moody lighting and the sushi artists craft an extensive list of local rolls that are exceptional. They have dine-in and to-go options. My favorites at [Omee J](#) are; "Salmon Teriyaki Bento" and "Moonlight" and "Bay Love". Santa Clarans should make an order at this great District 6 Eatery.

# CITY NEWS & UPDATES

Learn about the latest updates in Santa Clara

## Children's SpooktaClara Halloween Party

Join us at the Children's SpooktaClara Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 26, 12 – 3 p.m. at Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. This free event is for ages 10 and under. Activities will include Trick or Treat Row, Pumpkin Walk, carnival games, sponsor giveaways, arts & crafts, and more! Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Halloween](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Halloween) for more information.



## Public Power Week 2024

Public Power Week is just around the corner! This national celebration held Oct. 6 – 12, shines a spotlight on the benefits of community-owned, not-for-profit utilities like Silicon Valley Power. We take pride in delivering reliable, affordable energy to our residents, and we're excited to celebrate with you. Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Santa Clara City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave. for a fun afternoon! Enjoy lunch from the onsite food truck, explore some of SVP's large utility trucks, and don't miss the chance to check out our newly wrapped Ford F150 Lightning, a sneak peek into the future of electric vehicles. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with the SVP team and celebrate the value of public power. We can't wait to see you there!



## Halloween Home Decorating Contest 2024

The Cultural Commission encourages all City of Santa Clara residents to enter their apartments, homes, condos, and townhomes Halloween outdoor decorations in the Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Submissions for each council district, best group entry, and best of the best categories are accepted starting Oct. 3 through Oct. 28 and closing at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced Wednesday, Oct. 30. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/Contest](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/Contest) for more information.



Halloween Home Decorating Contest

## De La Cruz, Lick Mill, and Scott Boulevards Bicycle Improvements Project

The City is studying options for implementing new bikeway facilities along multiple corridors in Santa Clara. These studies are supported by Federal Community Project Funding and corridors include:

- **De La Cruz Boulevard:** Montague Expressway to Trimble Road
- **Lick Mill Boulevard:** Tasman Drive to Montague Expressway
- **Scott Boulevard:** Calabazas Creek to Saratoga Avenue

The proposed new bikeway facilities are based on recommendations from the City of Santa Clara Bicycle Plan and may include lane reductions and/or parking removal. There will be several opportunities for community input through multiple public outreach activities, including project meetings and online surveys. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/BikePedProjects) for more information.

## Imagine A Day Without Water: Oct. 17

Nearly a million Californians lack access to safe drinking water. This Oct. 17, commit to keeping our drinking water clean:

1. **Go organic in the garden.** Minimize synthetic fertilizers that contaminate soils, harming people, plants and wildlife. Organics support healthy ecosystems.
2. **Use plant-based products.** Petroleum-based soaps and cleansers damage aquatic ecosystems. Renewably resourced plant-based products biodegrade naturally, having minimal environmental impact.
3. **Avoid PFAS.** Toxic "forever chemicals" show up in water repellent and non-stick products, food packaging, cleaning products and most types of artificial turf. To date, Santa Clara has not detected PFAS in our water supply. Minimizing PFAS products decreases their potential to leach into our drinking water.
4. **Drink Santa Clara Water.** Reduce plastic pollution that contaminates our community and environment by switching to tap water.



Keep our Drinking Waters Clean

Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterQuality](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterQuality) for more information.

## **\$25,000 Energy Efficiency Grants Available for Homeowner's Association**

Silicon Valley Power offers a grant to help Homeowner's Associations (HOAs) improve energy efficiency in their community's common areas. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to eligible HOAs located within the city of Santa Clara. A 20% copayment is required. Typical projects include upgrading hardwired lighting fixtures, such as exterior building lights, bollards, and parking lot lights, as well as interior fixtures in common areas such as clubhouses or recreational rooms. More efficient pool pumps can save significant energy and may also qualify. Grant awards are made twice per year with an upcoming deadline of Dec. 31. For complete eligibility requirements and program details, visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/Rebates).



**\$25,000 Energy Efficiency Grants**

## **Financial Rate Assistance Program Provides Discount Up to 40%**

Silicon Valley Power understands the economic pressures on its customers due to inflation and rising energy costs. To help financially vulnerable customers, the utility offers a Financial Rate Assistance Program (FRAP) to provide a discount on the electric bill for all eligible customers. The program is tiered to provide the most help to customers who earn the least amount of money. Discounts range from 25–40%, depending on income eligibility. To apply for the Financial Rate Assistance Program, visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/Assist](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/Assist). For questions, call our Energy Conservation Hotline at 408-244-SAVE (7283).

## **Santa Clara Water - 130 Years Strong**

Santa Clara began delivering water to the community in 1894. In celebration of their 130th year, Water & Sewer Utilities branded their high-quality drinking water, showcasing the new look at the recent Art & Wine Festival. Their eye-catchingly oversized Water Quality Report Card detailed Federal and State standards that the City's water surpasses, while the new brand logo attracted desirable attention and questions. The Tap Water Express provided water to attendees, who were encouraged to continue hydrating locally by choosing Santa Clara's superb tap water over less frequently tested bottled water of unknown origins. The Department continually advocates for sustainability in multiple ways; switching from bottled to tap water tops their list in protecting our planet from plastic pollution. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterQuality](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/WaterQuality) for more information.



**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



## Sunset Cinema

Don't miss the last outdoor movie on Friday, Oct. 4. Visit Lick Mill Park, 4750 Lick Mill Blvd. for the movie, Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (2024). Admission is free. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/SunsetCinema) for more information



## Bike to the Future

Join the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for a day of activities, entertainment, food, and great biking routes to suit any rider, with SVBC's annual Bike to the Future Fundraising Ride on Oct. 6 in San Jose. Funds raised support SVBC's work for healthy, just communities and safe, accessible streets. Fundraise as an individual, create or join a team! Prize will be given for the highest individual fundraiser, the largest team, and the team with the highest average raised per member. The event welcomes people of all ages and interests with four routes of 39 (with a 10-mile family-friendly option), 56 and 100 miles - and mini-community festival with free bike repairs, contests, music, delicious food, and more! Register at [bikesiliconvalley.org/ride](https://bikesiliconvalley.org/ride).



## Environmental Day at Recology

Recology South Bay is hosting an Environmental Day for Santa Clara residents on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1675 Rogers Ave. in San Jose from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Environmental Day is designed to promote recycling, reuse, and diversion of usable materials from the landfill. Residents are invited to bring the following accepted materials:

- Documents for confidential shredding (limited to twobanker-sized boxes)
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.)
- Universal waste (batteries, cell phones, CFLs and fluorescent tubes)
- Clothing, including shoes (in good condition for donation)

Residents must provide a current utility bill and personal identification to verify eligibility. No appointment required. Contact Recology South Bay at 408-970-5100 for questions.



## Free Disposal Day

The next Free Disposal Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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, call MTWS at 408-727-5365 between Oct. 7-18 to make an appointment. 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 please visit [HHW.org](https://HHW.org).



## Enjoy the Musical, Oliver

Roberta Jones Junior Theater brings to life, "Oliver!", the story of a child who dares to trust in others, search for love, and ask for more in London's seedy underworld. Consider yourself at home with Lionel Bart's classic musical based on the Charles Dickens novel, Oliver Twist. Performances will be held the weekends of Nov. 1-3 and 8-10. Purchase general admission tickets at \$15 each. Performances will be held at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) for more information and to purchase tickets.



## Worm Composting Workshop

Help your plants and veggies thrive during the Fall and Winter seasons and beyond! Learn how to build, maintain, and troubleshoot a worm bin that you can use for vermicomposting. Register to attend the Worm Composting Basics Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Community Garden at 2380 Monroe St. Registration is required and limited to 12 attendees. Register at [ucanr.edu/compost](https://ucanr.edu/compost) or by calling the "Rot Line" at 408-918-4640.

# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Participate in year-round classes and activities for all ages

## National Drive Electric Week

Celebrate National Drive Electric Week from now until Oct. 5 and explore the many benefits of going electric! Electric vehicles help reduce emissions, save on fuel costs, and require less maintenance than traditional gas-powered cars. Whether you're a homeowner, manage multifamily housing, or run a business, Silicon Valley Power offers rebates for EV chargers to make your switch even easier. We also provide rebates for pre-owned EVs, so you can enjoy the perks of electric driving at a lower cost. Visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/EV](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/EV) for more details and take advantage of these great offers today!



## Magical Bridge Playground in Central Park is Now Open

The City of Santa Clara and Magical Bridge Foundation welcomes you to visit the 9th Magical Bridge Playground. Come slide, spin, swing, and play on this incredible new public playground designed for all ages and abilities. Playground parking is available in the Pavilion Parking Lot.

## Resident Youth Card Membership

The 2024-25 Resident Youth Card is available for purchase at the Youth & Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Ave. or [online](#) for \$30. Membership is valid through July 2025. The annual Resident Youth card membership includes free access to:

- Youth and Teen Center
- After School Program weekdays until 6 p.m.
- Skate Park afterschool and Saturdays
- Summer Open Gym/After Camp Care
- Summer Recreation Swim at Warburton Park and Mary Gomez Park

Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact the Youth & Teen Center at 408-615-3760 or [YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov](mailto:YTC@SantaClaraCA.gov).

## Community Service Opportunity at Children's SpooktaClara Halloween Party

Middle school and high school students, are you looking for community service hours? Come help us set up, lead carnival games, manage inflatables and distribute treats in Trick or Treat Row. To register, visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet).

## Volunteer Magical Bridge Kindness Ambassadors are Needed

Kindness Ambassadors facilitate events, crafts, and activities for all ages and abilities and promote kindness at the playground. Looking for a way to add a meaningful experience to college/work applications? Your work as a Kindness Ambassador will help make the Magical Bridge Playground a welcoming place for all. Kindness Ambassadors will receive training to promote kindness and inclusion both on, and off, the playground. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) to sign up and for more information.

## Total Body HIIT Class

This fitness class combines maximum effort intervals with short rest periods. Work your body with a combination of body weight, free weights, and running for an efficient and fun workout. Classes will be held at the Reed and Grant Sports Park on Thursdays from Oct. 17 – Dec. 19 at 4:45 p.m. or 6 p.m. Visit [SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet](https://SantaClaraCA.gov/ActiveNet) to register.

## 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).

## 55th Annual Santa Clara Parade of Champions

The 55th Annual Santa Clara Parade of Champions will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, 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](https://SCParadeofChampions.org).

