



City Hall News

News from City Manager Deanna J. Santana

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Message from the City Manager



Dear Santa Clarans,

This past week, the City Council returned from summer recess and kicked off into high gear with two Council and two Committee meetings. On top of a busy meeting week, the City responded to several emergency incidents which greatly impacted our region. I would like to take a moment to commend the response efforts of City staff during these local and regional emergencies in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last weekend, extreme heat combined with thunderstorms with more than 2,500 lightning strikes in the Bay Area led to widespread power outages in our city. At one point, approximately 7,500 customers were without power. Silicon Valley Power crews worked tirelessly day and night to make repairs. City employees handled hundreds of calls and staff did a tremendous job communicating on social media with residents. Public safety dispatchers

handled more than 400 calls about the storm and its impacts and our police officers continued to respond to many calls for service. After several days, the power was back on and done so safely, thanks to the work of City crews who braved high temperatures to get the job done.

In response to excessive heat and unhealthy air quality, the City activated its cooling center at the Santa Clara Senior Center and extended its hours. The Santa Clara Fire Department continues to provide mutual aid at several fires, fighting fires and protecting structures. I wish them a safe return as they provide much-needed resources to our fellow agencies. Water & Sewer Utilities staff are preparing for the potential deployment of the Tap Water Express to Davenport to provide drinking water for firefighters and residents.

The Annual Cleanup Campaign is in its third week. Our staff continue to meet the challenge while doing a phenomenal job during the cleanup campaign with enhanced safety protocols due to COVID-19.

The City has developed a webpage which includes helpful wildfire resources at SantaClaraCA.gov/wildfires. I encourage all of you to prepare yourselves and your loved ones, develop a fire [emergency plan](#) and sign up for AlertSCC.org to stay connected to emergency information. My thoughts are with all of those impacted by the multiple emergencies that we are dealing with at once in the region.

With community spirit,

Deanna J. Santana
City Manager



COVID-19 Updates: Stay informed on local developments, City services and programs at SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates

Smoke from Area Wildfires Impact City Programs and Services

Several fast-burning wildfires, combined with subtle winds, in the San Francisco Bay Area have sent smoke to Santa Clara, resulting in poor air quality. The cooling center, located at the Santa Clara Senior Center (1303 Fremont St.), expanded its hours of operation through Friday, Aug. 21 to offer the public relief from the heat and smoke. The Santa Clara City Library suspended curbside pickup service and Bookmobile services at both Central Park Library and Northside Branch Library for Thursday, Aug. 20 through Monday, Aug. 24, due to smoke-related air quality issues. Other outdoor activities at City facilities, such as lap swimming at the International Swimming Center and activities at athletic fields, were also canceled. For updates, along with wildfire-related resources, visit SantaClaraCa.gov/wildfires.



Santa Clara Fire Department Provides Mutual Aid

The Santa Clara Fire Department has provided personnel to assist at multiple fires throughout the state including the Lake Fire in the Angeles National Forest with support as the Incident Communications Manager. Engine 90 personnel were a part of the pre-positioned task force approved in advance of the lightning storm. The task force was very active the night of the lightning storm and responded to many different fires throughout the Bay Area. They eventually were assigned to the SCU Lightning Complex and are still assigned providing structure protection in the areas around Calaveras Reservoir above Milpitas. Engine 97 have been assigned to the River Fire outside of Salinas. They are actively fighting fire and providing structure protection.

With the number of fires burning throughout the state, the available resources have become scarce. All of Santa Clara's fire stations remain fully staffed with no reduction in service to our community.



Recent Power Outages Due to Heatwave and Lightning Storm

Over the past week, the City experienced a number of power outages due to an excessive heatwave throughout the state, with temperatures reaching over 100 degrees on several days in Santa Clara. With the high temperatures, some transformers became overloaded and failed, causing small outages in pockets throughout the city. This was followed by an unprecedented lightning storm that damaged equipment and caused numerous outages to over 7,000 customers. Silicon Valley Power staff and field crews worked around the clock throughout these outages to communicate with customers and to restore power as quickly as safely possible. Silicon Valley Power appreciates your patience and understanding. During widespread power outages, please follow [@SantaClaraPower](https://twitter.com/SantaClaraPower) on Twitter or [Facebook.com/SiliconValleyPower](https://www.facebook.com/SiliconValleyPower) for outage updates.

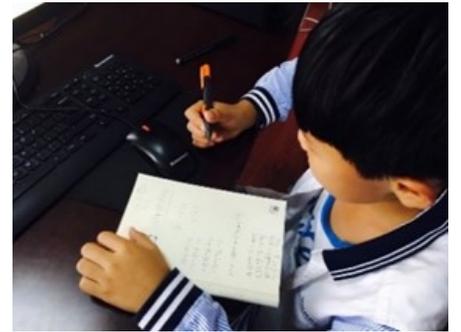
Free COVID-19 Testing in Santa Clara

In partnership with the County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health, the City of Santa Clara will host additional appointment-only COVID-19 testing at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road, on Aug. 26, Sept. 23 and Sept. 30. The testing site is for people without COVID-19 symptoms. Registration opened starting Sunday, Aug. 23 for Aug. 26 appointments and details are on the City website at SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates. View the [video message](#) from Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor and Councilmember Teresa O'Neill. Schedule an appointment for available slots for Aug. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at scl.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment.



Back to School Resources

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many public and private schools, including Santa Clara Unified School District schools, are back in session with distancing learning or hybrid options in Santa Clara this week. To help with the transition, the City developed a [Back to School Resources webpage](#) as many students are at home to attend their virtual classroom. The City offers a variety of resources, many of them free, that are tailored for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The Santa Clara Police Department offers helpful safety tips for parents to help make the transition easier for children and adults alike.



Fall 2020 Recreation Classes

Fall 2020 activities will be announced online. A variety of recreation classes will be offered in a safe and welcoming environment, all conforming with County Public Health Department protocols and social distancing requirements.

Registration is now open for Santa Clara residents and will open for non-residents on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Expanded online recreation class offerings include: dance, singing, piano, fitness, and sports. Classes will begin the week of Sept. 14, 2020. Visit [Active Registration](#) to register or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140.



Tips to Prepare for a Power Outage

Whether it is a winter storm, wildfire season that can bring Public Safety Power Shutoffs, or a situation like we had recently with an excessive heat-wave and an electrical storm, everyone should be prepared for a power outage. Have a cooler and keep frozen ice packs or frozen water bottles that can be used to protect your food. Keep a fully charged battery pack for mobile devices so you can get outage updates and communicate with others. Know how to operate your garage door opener manually, have flashlights and fresh batteries available, and have a backup plan for those with medical needs. More tips about food safety and how you can be prepared for an outage can be found at siliconvalleypower.com/prepare.



Two Suspects Arrested for Aug. 15 Homicide

On Saturday, Aug. 15, at approximately 4:40 p.m., Santa Clara police officers responded to the report of an injured adult male at the rear of a business in the 2900 block of El Camino Real in Santa Clara. When officers arrived, they determined the 41-year old male was the victim of an assault. He was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Patrol officers and detectives worked through the night and into the morning and determined that the victim was struck in the head multiple times with a metal object in an unprovoked attack. Detectives were able to quickly locate several witnesses based on patrol officers' past proactivity and familiarity with those who frequent the area where the assault occurred. During the course of the investigation, 37-year old Jesse Brito and 38-year old Stacy Segelin, both of Santa Clara, were identified as suspects in the assault.

On Aug. 16, at approximately 10:45 a.m., both Brito and Segelin were arrested without incident in Santa Clara. Later in the day, at approximately 1:20 p.m., the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The identity of the victim will be released by the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office after they confirm the victim's identity and notify next of kin. Brito and Segelin were both booked into Santa Clara County Jail on murder and robbery charges. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Alex Torke at 408-615-4806 (Case Number 20-815119).

International Swim Center (ISC) Reopens for Public Lap Swim

The ISC welcomed swimmers on Aug. 7. In the first week, over 475 individual reservations were made. For more information on reserving your time in the City's lap swim program, visit the [website](#) or call the Community Recreation Center at 408-615-3140. Also, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/wildfires for updated programming that may be temporarily suspended due to air quality.

Santa Clara Chalk Art Contest Voting Opens

Voting for the Santa Clara Chalk Art Contest is currently underway. Vote by 11:59 p.m., Aug. 30 (one vote per category) for your favorite chalk art entries on [Open City Hall](#).

Thank you to all that submitted an entry for the contest and showing your love for Santa Clara. For more information, contact Tyler Freitas at TFreitas@SantaClaraCA.gov or visit the website at SantaClaraCA.gov/VirtualParksandRec.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Visit the [Tentative Meeting Agenda Calendar](#) for dates of upcoming City Council meetings, Study Sessions, Joint Council/ Stadium Authority, Commission meetings.



Collect Your Prize for the Summer Reading Challenge

Did you participate in the 2020 Magic Summer Reading Challenge? If you completed 25 hours of reading, visit sclibrary.beanstack.org and log your reading time. Pick up your prize during [curbside pickup](#) at Central Park Library during August. If you have an appointment to pick up library holds at Mission Branch Library or Northside Branch Library, collect your prize at the same time. Great job reading!

Virtual Storytime at the Library

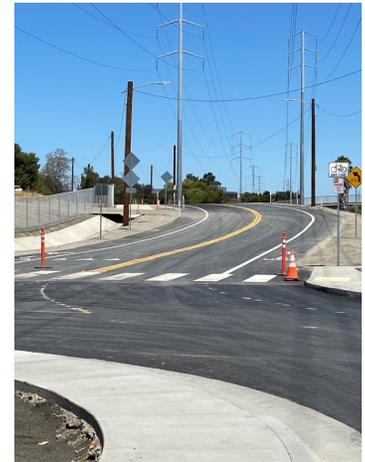
Do you miss storytime at the Santa Clara City Library? We are still providing ways for families to enjoy storytime. Follow the Santa Clara City Library [YouTube channel](#) or the Library's [Facebook](#) page to view live storytime videos and on demand. For more information, email librarians@santaclaraca.gov.

San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail Use in Connection with Events at Levi's Stadium

The community has inquired about access to the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail during the 2020 event season at Levi's Stadium. These questions arise from the possibility of no (or limited) fans in attendance.

The San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail will be closed on the following home game days:

- Sunday, Sept. 13 at 1:25 p.m. vs Arizona Cardinals
- Sunday, Oct. 4 at 5:20 p.m. vs Philadelphia Eagles
- Sunday, Oct. 11 at 1:05 p.m. vs Miami Dolphins
- Sunday, Oct. 18 at 5:20 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Rams
- Thursday, Nov. 5 at 5:20 p.m. vs Green Bay Packers
- Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:15 p.m. vs Buffalo Bills
- Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1:25 p.m. vs Washington Redskins
- Sunday, Jan.3 at 1:25 p.m. vs Seattle Seahawks



If a game(s) is played without fans, the duration of the closure will be more limited than compared with the existing public safety model; more details to follow in the Police Department's Traffic Advisories. The recommended detour has been determined the best resource to continue to allow trail users to safely use the creek trail on event days with minimal inconvenience. [View the flyer](#) regarding road changes for additional details.

**For More Information on
City News, Events & Meetings**
View the City Manager Biweekly Report
for more details at SantaClaraCA.gov/CMReport.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Composting Basic Workshop

Did you know that compost improves soil structure, increases the absorption of moisture, supplies soil with nutrients for plants and reduces erosion? It does all this while minimizing water use, reducing pollution and diverting waste from landfills. In partnership with the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County and University of California Cooperative Extension's Master Composters, the City is hosting an in-person composting workshop on Saturday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park located at 2380 Monroe St. A master composter will teach residents how to build and maintain a home compost bin. Registration is required and limited to 12 attendees. Register at ucanr.edu/compost or call 408-918-4640. In accordance with County COVID-19 protocols, face coverings are required to attend this outdoor workshop. Please do not attend if you are ill or have cough or cold symptoms. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov.



Downtown Precise Plan/Downtown Community Task Force (DCTF) Meeting #7

The DCTF will meet on Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m. and last met in March 2020. At this meeting, the DCTF will review their draft meeting schedule and the Precise Plan schedule moving forward. They will also present their research and ideas for Downtown for the DCTF to discuss. Details for the meeting will be posted on the City's website and distributed by email. To be added to the email list, email Planning@santaclaraca.gov or by phone at 408-615-2450. Zoom meeting login information will be emailed to those on list, as well as available on the Downtown Precise Plan [website](#).

Santa Clara Parade of Champions Goes Virtual on Oct. 10

This year, the Santa Clara Parade of Champions will celebrate virtually with America's Heroes as the theme. The pandemic has shined a light on some outstanding acts of community strength, kindness and heroism. Also, the Santa Parade of Champions nonprofit is organizing a citywide porch and front yard decorating contest. Residents, neighborhoods, organizations and businesses may enter the contest. The winners in each of the five categories will win prizes and earn a spot in the virtual Parade of Champions video and website. Content must be received by Saturday, Sept. 26. For more info. visit sctparadeofchampions.org to sign up. The live parade will be streamed on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, starting at 11 a.m. at sctparadeofchampions.org.



Mission City Community Fund Online Auction Fundraiser

Save the date on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. for the first virtual auction fundraiser, "Greater Giving, Local Focus" hosted by the Mission City Community Fund. All donations and proceeds from the auction will go directly to assist those in need in the community. Visit the Mission City Community Fund website at missioncityfund.org to learn more.

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View job opportunities and for information on how to apply, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/jobs.

