



2019 AWARDS AND ACCOLADES (January – November)

January

Police Department #1 Fundraiser for Special Olympics

Officers and personnel from the Santa Clara Police Department (SCPD) fundraised over \$69,655 in 2018 for the intellectually disabled athletes of Special Olympics.

March

Officer Wicht Wins ASIS Award

On March 14, Officer Zachary Wicht of the Santa Clara Police Department received an award from the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security (NADASIS) for his outstanding productivity as a police officer. Officer Wicht led the department in the number of arrests in 2018 and was able to remove illegal narcotics and handguns from the streets.

April

Officer Savage Wins Community Safety Award

The San Jose Pioneer Lions Club recognized Officer Scott Savage of the Santa Clara Police Department at their 17th Annual Community Safety Award Ceremony. Officer Savage was recognized for his outstanding and productive police work, and his ability to help train members of the department on how to respond to tactical situations.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year Award - Adam Wilson

The Santa Clara County Mental Health Board recognized police officers throughout the county at the 8th Annual Community Heroes Award Ceremony with the CIT Officers of the Year Award. Santa Clara Police Officer Adam Wilson was one of those honored with this award.

Silicon Valley Power Awarded Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃) Gold Designation

Silicon Valley Power was awarded the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃) Gold designation by the American Public Power Association. The three-year designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

Silicon Valley Power Recognized with Safety Award

The Northwest Public Power Association recognized Silicon Valley Power at its annual conference. This is the second year the utility has received this award for outstanding achievement in workplace safety.



May

Retired Chief Electric Utility Officer Bestowed with Life Member Award

John Roukema, who retired as the Chief Electric Utility Officer after 38 years with Silicon Valley Power, was honored with a Life Member Award from the Northwest Public Power Association. This recognition is awarded to retiring policymakers and managers who have made notable contributions to public power, their utilities and their communities.

Optimist Club Recognizes Public Safety

At the Optimist Club Respect for Law and Fire Awards Ceremony, eight individuals were honored in Santa Clara Council Chambers: Police Officer of the Year - Brian Lee; Reserve Police Officer of the Year - Jeff Orlando; Volunteer of the Year, Police - William Dempsey; Police Detectives of the Year - Kenia Pilger and John Terry; Lifetime Achievement Award, Fire - Chief William Kelly; Volunteer Reserve Firefighter of the Year - Bryan Landaverde; and Distinguished Service Award, Fire - Tamra Francis.

Santa Clara University Baseball Recognizes Santa Clara Police

The Santa Clara University Men's Baseball Team recognized the Santa Clara Police Department in honor of National Police Week. National Police Week recognizes the sacrifice made by officers who have been killed in the line of duty nationwide. Officer Brian Lee was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch at Stephen Schott Stadium.

Public Works Corporation Yard Office Certified as Green Business

In May, through the Santa Clara County Green Business Program, the City's Department of Public Works was recognized as a Green Business at the Corporation Yard office for incorporating environmentally sound practices into its business operations. To be certified, participants must comply with environmental regulations and meet program standards for conserving resources, preventing pollution and minimizing waste.

American Public Works Association Recognizes City of Santa Clara Projects

The City received three Public Works Project of the Year Awards from the American Public Works Association (APWA). Projects that received awards included: the San Tomas Expressway & Monroe Street Park and Community Garden Project, the Mission Branch Library Remodel Project, and the Santa Clara High and Adrian Wilcox High Crosswalk Improvements Project.

Agrihood Project Awarded for Innovation in Green Community Planning

The Agrihood project was selected to receive an American Planning Association Northern California Chapter award for "Innovation in Green Community Planning". The award honors efforts to create greener communities that reduce the impact of development on the natural environment and improve environmental quality. The Agrihood project is a partnership among the City of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing, and The Core Companies to construct 165 affordable senior apartments, 160 mixed-income apartments, 36 townhomes, 10,000 square feet of commercial space and approximately 1.5 acres of open space at 90 North Winchester.



Silicon Valley Power Receives Commendation

Silicon Valley Power received recognition for its mutual aid efforts in the northern California Carr Fire last year by the American Public Power Association. The City's electric utility sent 10 crew members and several vehicles to assist Redding Electric Utility in its infrastructure rebuilding efforts.

June

City Honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The City of Santa Clara was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment by the City of Santa Clara.

Santa Clara Ranked #1 Best Place to Live in California

Santa Clara received the top spot on chamberofcommerce.org's list of best cities to live in 2019. Cities were ranked by five factors: employment (number of establishments, median earnings); housing (owner-occupied housing with a mortgage, monthly housing costs); quality of life (work commute, poverty levels); education (percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher); and health (obesity ratios).

August

City Receives Emergency Communications Award

The City of Santa Clara received the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Technology Leadership Award at APCO International's Annual Conference & Expo in Baltimore, Maryland. The award recognizes 9-1-1 Communications Centers that use technological advancements to provide demonstrated benefits to their center, employees and customers.

September

Silicon Valley Power Wins Four Excellence in Communication Awards

Silicon Valley Power was honored with four Excellence in Communication awards from the Northwest Public Power Association at its annual Northwest Communications & Energy Innovations Conference. The utility received second place for its quarterly "Outlet" newsletter, which is mailed to all business customers in Santa Clara, second place for its "Delivering Possibilities" digital campaign, and second place for its "Get to Know Silicon Valley Power" social media campaign. Silicon Valley Power also received a People's Choice Award for best photo of an employee, for its photo of four lineworkers at the end of their mutual aid assignment last year assisting Redding Electric Utility rebuild a transmission line that was destroyed in the Carr Fire.

Public Works Wins Green Business Program Award

The Department of Public Works staff received a commendation from the County of Santa Clara in recognition of their efforts in attaining Green Business Certification at the corporation yard. The Green Business Program is part of a statewide Green Business network that recognizes organizations that have incorporated environmentally sound practices into their business operations.



October

Santa Clara County Supervisors Recognize Library Summer Lunch Bunch

City Librarian Hilary Keith and Mission Branch Coordinator Justin Wasterlain were among those the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors recognized for partnering with the Santa Clara Unified School District in running this past summer's Lunch at the Library program. The program helps fill the gap during summer break when some children might otherwise go hungry because food is hard to come by in their homes – a gap filled by free and reduced-price meals when school is in session. Keith and Wasterlain were presented with a proclamation naming September "Hunger Action Month."

One for the Books: Library Wins Statewide Award for PR Excellence

The Santa Clara City Library drove away with statewide honors in late October when the California Library Association bestowed its PR Excellence Award for the Library's promotion of its revitalized bookmobile program. The association especially appreciated the bookmobile's eye-catching design and the popular Bookmobile Karaoke. The bookmobile was recognized for innovating service to the community; expanding beyond the typical bookmobile models; and showcasing the diversity of our services and our community. In the \$10 million-plus budget wildcard category, Santa Clara City Library bested big library systems with 20, 50 or even 70 libraries with full marketing departments. "Brilliant!" the judges gushed. "Love all the ways and ideas to make this revitalized bookmobile something new, clever, fresh and fun."

Silicon Valley Power Earns Smart Energy Provider Designation

Silicon Valley Power, the city-owned electric utility, was honored in late October to receive a Smart Energy Provider designation from the American Public Power Association. This designation is given to public power utilities that demonstrate expertise in and a commitment to energy efficiency, distributed generation and environmental initiatives.

November

Santa Clara Named 6th Safest City in America

SmartAsset looked at several public safety metrics to determine what areas are the safest, and Santa Clara rose to the top. Other California cities include Sunnyvale and Orange. SmartAsset also ranked the affordability and livability of mid-sized cities in the U.S. and Santa Clara was 13th!

December

City Receives "Exemplary City" Award from County Public Health Department

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department presented the City with an "Exemplary City" award on behalf of its Healthy Cities Program. This award was in recognition of the City's efforts over the past year to limit exposure to secondhand smoke and to increase access of residents and visitors alike to smoke-free air in multiunit housing, parks, outdoor dining areas, entryways and service areas, and at public events.