

Santa Clara Green Power participant will prevent 7,491 pounds of CO2 and harmful particulates from discharging into the atmosphere each year. The environmental and air quality benefits are equivalent to the carbon removed from the atmosphere annually by 2.8 acres of pine or fir forests, or not driving your car for half a year.

For more information and sign up for 100% Green Power, call 408-244-SAVE (7283).

Soroptimist International of Santa Clara Silicon Valley – Auction and Luncheon

February 22, 2014

Soroptimist International of Santa Clara Silicon Valley is proud to announce its annual fundraising event for 2014, the Old Bag (handbag) Auction and Luncheon to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at David's Restaurant and Banquet Facility, 5151 Stars & Stripes Drive, in Santa Clara. The "Old Bag Auction & Luncheon" includes a wide variety of baskets for raffle prizes, door prizes and the adventure of participating in a live auction. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

This wonderful event allows the community to give a helping hand to a very worthy cause – supporting women who are head of households and working to better their lives for themselves and their children. For more information, please call Old Bag Hot Line at 408-241-7643 or email SISCSVLuncheon@aol.com.

Single-use carryout bag and expanded polystyrene foam bans

Santa Clara is considering the possibility of joining several other cities in Santa Clara County to ban the use of single-use carryout bags and expanded polystyrene foam food ware. Over the next few months, City staff will conduct community outreach to educate the public and businesses about the potential bans and alternative products that would be allowed. Ordinances will be prepared for the City Council to review in 2014.

For more information, contact the Street Department at 408-615-3080.

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73rd Annual Camellia Show Sat-Sun, Feb. 22-23

The 73rd Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, will be held at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. This free show is open for viewing on Saturday from 2:30-5 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Hundreds of delicate blooms in different sizes and colors will delight your senses. There is a camellia to fit any size garden or patio, and experts will be available at the show to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces.

Entries for the show will be accepted on Sat., Feb. 22 from 6:30-10 a.m. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place entries, and both novices and children are encouraged to enter their camellias. For more info, visit SCCCamelliaSociety.com or call 408-615-3080.

Volunteer to Serve Your Community

Volunteering for the City is one of the best examples of government and people working together for the good of the community. It will give you an insider's look at how local government works, and an opportunity to share your talents, skills, and feedback on how to better serve our residents and businesses. In addition, nothing can compare with the feeling you'll get from making a positive difference in someone's life, including your own. Whether you volunteer for a short-term service activity or a long-term commitment, every effort makes a difference to our community. You're invited to connect with the City of Santa Clara's volunteer team.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, call the Human Resources Department at 408-615-2080, or visit the City's website at santaclaraca.gov/volunteer. Still don't see anything to your liking? Visit volunteermatch.org for even more volunteer opportunities available throughout the Bay Area.

Watch for *Inside Santa Clara*, your City Newspaper

Inside Santa Clara, the municipal newspaper, is mailed to all residents and businesses in the City. The newspaper contains information about municipal programs and services, special events, opportunities to serve on City commissions, public meeting schedules, Code Enforcement tips for maintaining a clean and healthy community, and much more.

All City departments participate by providing timely articles about services and activities that businesses and residents may find valuable. Watch for this newspaper, which comes out in January, June, and September. Keep in touch with what is going on in your community. Read Inside Santa Clara!

Vehicle Abatement Program

Did you know that the Santa Clara Police Department offers an Abandoned Vehicle Hotline to report vehicle(s) considered abandoned within our City limits? The 24-hour hotline phone number is 408-615-4778. An abandoned vehicle is one that is parked in violation of Santa Clara Municipal Code Section 10.05.470, which prohibits parking or storing any vehicle on a public street for more than 72 consecutive hours.

In addition, Santa Clara Municipal Code Section 10.10.010 prohibits the storage of any abandoned, disabled, dismantled, or inoperative vehicle, or parts thereof, on private single-family residential properties where visible from the public right-of-way. These types of vehicles may also be reported to the hotline for further assessment. Vehicle(s) parked or stored on private streets, commercial properties, and/or rental housing properties (including parking lots), are not covered by the City's abatement program. California Vehicle Code Section 22658 makes it the financial and legal responsibility of the private property owner to resolve these types of problems.

For parking violations not related to abandoned vehicles, such as limited time

zone areas, designated handicapped spaces, painted curbs, signs, commercial vehicles parked within 300 feet of residential property, or someone living inside of a vehicle, please call the Santa Clara Police non-emergency Dispatch line at 408-615-5580 for a prompt response.

Making a Green City Greener

Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the City's municipal Electric Utility, is committed to giving customers the lowest cost power available, but also leave a clean, healthy planet for future generations. The City has created a program that gives you the option to purchase 100% renewable energy for your home or business.

Green Power is clean power. By choosing Santa Clara Green Power, you are choosing two of the cleanest and most renewable energy sources—wind and solar. Wind turbines and solar energy facilities do not emit harmful particulate matter (the leading cause of asthma) or greenhouse gases (the main cause of global warming), and they leave future generations with a legacy of sustainable energy.

...Choose Green Power!

Sign up for Santa Clara Green Power today to receive 100% renewable energy at some of the lowest rates in the nation. For just a penny and a half extra per kilowatt-hour (1.5 cents), you can choose Green-e Energy Certified clean energy for one hundred percent of your usage. The additional monthly cost is only about \$7.50 for the average Santa Clara household; about the cost of two gourmet coffees per month. The average