Holiday Decorations Contest

Nominations for the annual Holiday Outdoor Decorations Contest will be accepted from November 25 through December 6. Decorate the exterior of your home or business in cheerful, colorful holiday décor and talk to your neighbors about doing the same. Nominate yourself, your neighbor, or one of the brightly lit homes or businesses you've seen around the City.

Nominations for best outdoor decorations in four categories (residential, business, neighborhood, and best tree) will be evaluated by a team of judges on Tuesday, December 10. Winners will be announced December 11. Then you can check the City's website at *santaclaraca.gov* for the winners along with the full list of entrants in convenient driving order. Winners will be acknowledged at a City Council meeting in early January 2014. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.

Extra Refuse Setouts for Residents

Holidays brings friends, parties and get-togethers—and sometimes more trash than your garbage cart can handle. Santa Clara residents may set out as many as four additional 30-gallon plastic garbage bags (limit two bags per week) on their regular solid waste collection day from December 26 through January 9, 2014 at no extra charge.

At any other time during the year, for a nominal cost, additional 30-gallon plastic bags of garbage tied with "extra bag" tags may be placed at the curb for pickup on your regular solid waste collection day.

Extra bag tags can be purchased for $4.00 each at the Cashier's counter in the Finance Department at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tags may be ordered by mail also. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check (payable to "City of Santa Clara") to the Finance Department/Utility Services Division, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Indicate the number of tags to be purchased and make the check payable for the exact amount of $4.00 per tag.

Residential customers with front-load dumpsters are eligible to get one additional collection per year free of charge. Call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 408-727-5365 to make an appointment for the extra collection. For more information, call 408-615-3080.

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Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 6

Feel the spirit of an old fashioned small town Christmas! The City of Santa Clara will celebrate its annual "Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony" at 6 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6 at City Hall, 1541 Civic Center Drive. Enjoy live music and entertainment, holiday safety displays, refreshments and more. This is a community event the whole family can enjoy. Donations of canned goods for those in need are appreciated. For more information, check the City website in November at *santaclaraca.gov* or call the Santa Clara Senior Center office at 408-615-3170.

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2013 Annual Report/2014 City Calendar

During the month of December, Santa Clara's 2013 Annual Report/2014 City Calendar will be distributed to all residents by mail. If you do not receive one by January 1, additional copies will be available at City Hall and the Library.

The issue will focus on both accomplishments of the past year and the City Council's 2013-2015 Principles and Priorities. A suggestion card on the back of the calendar allows residents and businesses a convenient opportunity to submit ideas on improving City services, or to forward a compliment about a particular municipal program or the response of City staff.

Historic Home Tour

Friday, December 6 (6 to 10 p.m.) and Saturday, December 7(12 noon to 5 p.m.)

The 35-year tradition of the Santa Clara Historic Home Tour continues with tours of four private residences in the Old Quad area of the City. Special this year will be a visit to the Saint Clare Hook & Ladder Fire Museum, 1900 Walsh Avenue, a new museum that opened in October to showcase the history of firefighting in Santa Clara from 1855 to the present.

Homes of the tour include: Franck Mansion, a 1905 Colonial Revival designed by Louis T. Lenzen and built by the son of a State Senator; the Peebles/Hichborn House, an 1868 Pioneer style with American Colonial, Greek Revival and Italianate details built by the man who introduced strawberry cultivation to Santa Clara County and later owned by a crusading journalist; the Hanna/Harmon House, a 1920s era Craftsman Bungalow built for a local realtor and later modified with a second story addition, and the Merrell/Eaton/Keir House, a circa 1905 Colonial Revival home whose third owner ran a local candy store for many years on old downtown Franklin Street.

Ticket prices are $30 general admission, $25 seniors (60+) or youths (5-21) and may be purchased at City Lights Espresso, 1171 Homestead Rd. No children under the age of 5 will be admitted. If still available on the days of the tour, tickets will be sold at the door of 1179 Washington Street for $35 per person.

For more information, call the Harris-Lass House Museum message line at 408-249-7905, view the Home Tour website at *sc-hometour.com*, or email *hometour@harrislass.org*. The Board of the Harris-Lass House Museum co-sponsors the tour with the Old Quad Residents Association. Proceeds benefit historic preservation projects and other nonprofit groups in Santa Clara.

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 14

Find one-of-a-kind gifts at the Holiday Craft Fair scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. Local vendors will offer all types of hand-crafted items, holiday jewelry, cards and other great gifts. Craftspeople who would like to have a table can pick up an application at the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends office on the second floor of the Library, 2635 Homestead Road. Cost is $25 per table, space is limited and vendors will be juried. Proceeds benefit Library programs. For information, call 408-615-2988.

Santa Clara Ballet Presents "Nutcracker"

December 14 & 15

The Santa Clara Ballet will present its 40th annual full-length ballet production of "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, December 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 15, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The company engages professional guest artists in lead roles, while providing opportunities for semi- and pre-professional dancers, children and adults to perform in a professional environment. The City's Cultural Commission sponsors this event. For info contact *info@santaclaraballet.com*, call 408-865-9780 or visit *SantaClaraBallet.org*.

Breakfast with Santa

December 14

Santa Claus and his elves will take a break during their busy time of getting ready for Christmas to come and have breakfast with Santa Clara children at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street. Following a tasty breakfast provided by the Santa Clara High School Booster Club, children will have the opportunity to pose for a photograph with Santa and create unique holiday crafts. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Bring the entire family from 9 to 11 a.m. to get into the holiday spirit! Children must be accompanied by an adult, minimum one adult per family. Pre-registration is required, and each family member, including children under 1 year old, must register. Call 408-615-3140 for more information or register online at *santaclaraca.gov*.