parking and wheelchair assistance are available in the employee parking lot at the Community Recreation Center. For more information contact James Lee at 408-296-2512. You can also arrange to have a brick installed at this lovely memorial to honor a veteran. The donation is $125, and a form can be found online at *santaclaraveteransmemorial.com.*

Dispose of Unused Prescription Drugs

Remove potentially dangerous old, unwanted or unused prescription drugs from your medicine cabinet and dispose of them safely. The safe disposal of prescription drugs, especially controlled substances, keeps drugs out of the hands of children, teens and adults who might abuse them, and also prevents them from entering the wastewater system.

Year round, Santa Clara residents (only) may dispose of unwanted prescription drugs at a secured drop off location in the Santa Clara Police Department lobby during normal business hours at 600 El Camino Real.

Sharps are household hazardous Waste

State law prohibits putting home-generated sharps (disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, or other medical devices used for self-injection or blood test, which may have a sharp tip or end) in trash or recycling containers. To safely dispose of home-generated sharps, place them in a biohazard sharps container and contact your personal physician, clinic administrator, or pharmacist to ask if they have a take-back program in place.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will accept home-generated sharps stored in biohazard sharps containers from residents at drop-off events. To make an appointment to attend an event, call 408-299-7300 or go to *HHW.org*. The website also contains a list of drop-off locations for Sharps waste. Kaiser Santa Clara (Kaiser members only) provides a drop-off at 700 Lawrence Expressway, and the Santa Clara Police Department provides a drop-off at 601 El Camino Real.

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Holiday Decorations Contest

Nomination for the annual Holiday Decorations Contest will be accepted from November 25 through December 6. Decorate the exterior of our 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 info, contact the City Manager's Office at 408-615-2210.

Library News

Sustainable U Grant: The Library's $50,000 *Sustainable U* grant from the Library Science and Technology Act is in full swing! The grant is educating the public about living a more environmentally friendly life, understanding where food comes from, and learning new skills for a flourishing and healthy existence. The Library also is creating a seed bank, which will allow patrons to "borrow" seeds for their home gardens. The seeds are free, and users will be encouraged to return their own harvested seeds to the Library to be used by a different patron. The classes taught by the Master Gardeners are scheduled, and other programming will include popular homesteading activities, as well as bicycle maintenance, up-cycling & recycling, and green energy. Another goal of the grant is for the Library to be a destination for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) by becoming a designated pick-up point for local produce. Sustainable U will focus on the Library as a hub for sustainable living in Santa Clara—see the Library's website: *library.santaclaraca.gov* for more information.

Affordable Care Act Assistance: The Library is an excellent resource for learning more about the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which was signed into law in March 2010 to increase the quality and affordability of health care insurance for Americans. Open enrollment began October 1, 2013, and coverage starts in 2014. Check the link on the Library's website for resources and information about the ACA. Staff at public service desks are available for assistance with websites, toll-free numbers (some with foreign language speakers), and applying for enrollment.

Library Fall and Holiday Programming: Join us at the Library for upcoming exciting and informative fall programs, which include storytelling, concerts, practice SAT tests for youth; Master Gardener, NASA, estate planning, local history, and more for adults. Programming is scheduled throughout the holiday season, starting with a special performance of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on December 2. A calendar with dates and times for all library events is located under the Events link on the website*:* *library.santaclaraca.gov*.

2013 Santa Clara Historic Home Tour

The 2013 Santa Clara Historic Home Tour will be held Dec. 6, 6-10 p.m. and Dec. 7, noon-5 p.m. Private homes of various architectural styles, including two 1905 Colonial Revivals, an 1868 Pioneer style with American Colonial, Greek Revival and Italianate details and a 1920s era Craftsman Bungalow, are on this year's tour. The newly opened Saint Clare's Hook & Ladder Fire Museum will also be on tour. Advance purchase tickets are now on sale. Buy early! Tickets have sold out in past years and there is a $10 discount on general admission tickets and a $5 discount on Senior and Youth tickets, if purchased by October 31st. For prices and purchase information, call the Harris-Lass Museum message line at 408-249-7905 or view the Home Tour website at *www.sc-hometour.com*. Mail order forms are available at the Central Park and Mission libraries and tickets will be available from City Lights Espresso, 1171 Homestead Road in Santa Clara across from the Post Office and at the Antiques Colony store, 1881 W. San Carlos Street, San Jose.

Mission City Community Fund Dinner Dance Auction

Saturday, November 2

Come celebrate with Mission City Community Fund at its annual fundraising dinner/dance/ auction, "Touchdown Santa Clara" at the Mission City Ballroom (Santa Clara Convention Center). Proceeds from the evening are donated to charities serving Santa Clara residents and the surrounding community. The event includes a drawing for two season tickets and parking pass to the 49ers' inaugural 2014 season at Levi's Stadium, a drawing for decorated Christmas tree and gifts, and the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items that include unique travel destinations and exciting one-of-a-kind experiences. Top off the evening with the music of DJ's Denon & Doyle that will get you out of your chair and keep you dancing. Tickets are $135 per person ($1,250 for table of ten) and include appetizers, dinner, wine and dessert, and dancing. Tickets for the dinner/dance/ auction, the 49ers 2014 season tickets drawing and the Christmas tree drawing are available on the MCCF website at *www.missioncityfund.org*.

Veterans Day Memorial

Monday, November 11

A ceremony honoring veterans will be held at 3 p.m. at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. Handicap