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MARCH CALENDAR

MAR. 2...City Council Work Mtg. 5:00 p.m.
MAR. 9...City Council Regular Mtg. 5:00 p.m.
MAR. 15...Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
MAR. 23...City Council Regular Mtg. 5:00 p.m.
Technical Review Committee Mtgs....
Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

CRACK SEALING OF CITY STREETS CONTINUES:

The Public Works Department continues crack sealing streets in various parts of the City. In order for the sealing process to be effective Public Works will be blowing debris from the cracks so the street repairs can be done. At the end of each work day they will be cleaning the sidewalks and streets of the debris. If you see Public Works working in your neighborhood it is advised that you move your vehicles off the street. Thank you for your patience during these street repairs.

Resident Email List

The city is trying to establish a resident email list to help notify residents in case of emergency or send out other city related notifications. If you would like to participate please email the City at custserv@sccity.org.

MARCH 2011 MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Someone said *"the only guarantees in this life are death and taxes"*. I'm starting to think you could add *"water and power costs will always increase"* as well. Simple economics would indicate when you live in the desert with limited water resources and you increase environmental regulations, the price consumers pay for water related services will always go up. Today it is hard to imagine a scenario where it would go down. The same can be said for power rates as well. The easy sources of power were utilized years ago, now with increasing pressure to go green and the higher costs of energy producing natural resources, combined with increasing government regulations, the price consumers pay for power is constantly increasing as well.

The City Council recently enacted a power rate increase which will impact every power connection within the City. The Council had delayed the increase for nearly a year, being sensitive to the many residents impacted by the weak economy and lost incomes. They chose instead to cut power department expenses (and employees) and use reserve funds to balance the electrical fund budget. In January, the City received notice from one of the bond holders on our electrical revenue bonds used to purchase and expand the City's power supply and distribution power system over the last 20 years, warning by not increasing rates last spring, the City was in technical default of the bond covenants and if reserves were not returned to mandated levels by June 30, 2011, potential legal action could be pending.

The City Council worked with the Power Department to reduce expenses even more but, unable to increase reserve balances to adequate levels, and not wanting to risk further legal action and damage to the City's credit rating, elected instead to pursue the rate increase which will soon start to show up on your power bills. Many of you came to the public hearing in February and commented about the increase. Many were concerned about the public notice process prior to the hearing which I have been assured by staff exceeded the legal requirements and even included public radio announcements. No one wants to increase any costs for services in this economy but in this case it was required to comply with previous commitments made by the community.

Let me extend my complements to the residents who attended the public hearing, for their patience and their behavior. I have come to expect no less from the residents of this community. The City staff will assist any resident who is concerned about their power usage and can provide some ideas to help reduce their power bills. Some tips are included in this newsletter. Look to future newsletters as well for more ideas. We will all have to be vigilant and smart about energy use as we move forward or be prepared to suffer the consequences.

DID YOU KNOW? FROM CITY COUNCILMAN JERRY AMUNDSEN

If a certain Santa Clara resident used 349,000 gallons of water over the course of one year the total amount paid for that year of water is \$599.76. That's an average of \$1.72 per thousand gallons. Suppose that same person followed popular fitness recommendations for a healthy lifestyle and drank eight 8-oz. glasses of water every day (the 8x8 rule). If he drank bottled water which he purchased from a convenience store, he would pay an average of \$4 per day (or \$1,460 per year). If he purchases his bottled water in bulk he would pay \$143 per year. However, if instead he filled his water bottle with Santa Clara water straight from the faucet, his total annual cost would be all of 31¢. Hmmm... Makes you think.

CURB AND GUTTER OBSTRUCTIONS: SANTA CLARA CITY CODE 12.08.020

Over the past year we have noticed residents placing obstructions in the gutter. In most cases we see them where residents are entering a side driveway to their home. We are seeing metal plates, concrete, pipes, wood beams, ramps and basketball standards blocking the curb.

These and other obstructions create problems with flooding and cleaning of gutters and streets properly. These obstructions can also become a safety hazard for pedestrians and vehicles.

Under the Santa Clara City Code Section 12.08.020 Sidewalk Regulations, it states that it is unlawful for any person owning, occupying, or having control of any premises to place or permit to be placed upon or in the sidewalk, parking area, gutter or on half of the street next to the premises anything which shall obstruct such public street, gutter, parking area or sidewalk or any part thereof.

(Please see City code for specifics)

If you are a resident with an obstruction in your curb at your home the city would ask you to remove it to be in compliance with the City Code.

The City will give residents until April 28, 2011 to remove all obstructions and then Santa Clara City will take proper action to have them removed.

Those with ramps can have their curb cut and lowered, but you must first receive an encroachment permit from the City before you begin. Information on regulations and standards can be picked up at the City Office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Public Service Director

Jack Taylor

STORM WATER PROTECTION INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2011: Let's talk about pet waste. Reducing pet waste reduces an important source of water pollution. When pet waste is improperly disposed of it can be picked up by storm water runoff and washed into storm drains or nearby water bodies. Since our storm drains do not connect to treatment facilities, untreated animal feces can cause significant pollution to our lakes, streams, and ground water. Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. So please, pick up after your pets. We can make a difference. Help protect our water quality. To report spills or dumping emergencies call the main city phone number at 435-673-6712. Thank you for your continued efforts in helping to protect storm water and the storm drain system.

SANTA CLARA CITY LOCAL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- * About Childcare by **Jennifer Hobson** at 628-4801
- * AKA Embroidery by **Angie Langston** at 674-7418
- * Anytime Fitness fitness facility at 673-9962
- * Avon Products Sales by **Danette Hunt** at 673-6315
- * Bale Electric by **Ryan Bale** at 680-5273
- * Bead-it & More by **Francine Workman** at 652-4394
- * Be Your Healthy Best by **Marlene Remington** at 628-8953
- * Brooks Window Design by **Benita Brooks** at 628-2768
- * Cameo Florist Floral Shop at 652-0262
- * Choppers Yard Care by **Brandon Pectol** at 862-2089
- * Clear View Eye Care by **Shaune Wallace** at 674-3502
- * Cut & Dried Home Hair Salon by **Madelyn Derrick** at 652-8491
- * Don's Remodeling Handyman by **Don Crothers** at 688-2709
- * Eagle Creek Landscapes by **Darrin Heinz** at 627-8058
- * Entre, Inc. Garage Door Repair by **Ed Gray** at 680-6699
- * Fisher Lawn & Yard Care by **Bart Fisher** at 862-7457
- * Funeral Pre-arrangement for Spilsbury and Metcalf Mortuary by **Ted Salmon** at 632-4310.
- * Garden Sprout by **Lance Allred** at 673-3839
- * Green Valley Martial Arts for kids & adults **Chris Barela** at 435-767-1703
- * Ivory Pet Care by **Mary Ellen Call** at 688-9615
- * Jack & Jill Preschool by **Alice Steel** at 673-6046
- * Jeri Sue Stewart Mobile Notary Service by **Jeri Sue Stewart** at 619-2262
- * JT Wills Travel by **Julie Williamson** at 435-817-6680
- * Kevin Lee Construction by **Kevin Lee** at 680-9858
- * Keystrokes Bookkeeping & Secretarial Services by **Julie Gubler** at 229-2218
- * Landscape Maintenance by **Belmont Gardening** at 628-2013
- * LP Windows & Doors by **Dell Pulley** at 272-2346
- * Maids of Honor Cleaning Service by **Kristine Romine** at 862-8417
- * Mr. Honey Do Service by **Marshall Dick** at 669-0870
- * Neilson Automotive by **Bruce Neilson** at 652-4401
- * Pest Control by **Viking Pest Control** at 435-272-4129
- * Photos by Richelle by **Richelle Nelson** at 632-5544
- * Piano Lessons by **Sheryl Snow** at 628-9110
- * Robert Austin Tile by **Robert Austin** at 801-201-8713
- * Rose Restoration by **Michael Rose** at 673-8006
- * RV/Business Storage by **Bruce Belmont** at 628-2013
- * Shining Star Preschool by **Trudy Carlson** at 669-6461
- * Smarty Pants Preschool by **Doree Sargent** at 674-2305
- * Solutions Hair & Body Salon by **Colleen KirkaInd** at 628-0215
- * Spotlight Performing Arts Center by **Teresa Putnam** at 628-8550
- * Strain Landscaping by **Craig Strain** at 668-9150
- * Super Star Preschool by **Debra Gourley** at 656-1647
- * Sweet Emma's Bistro Boutique by **the Wilkes Family** at 229-3151
- * Talent Sprouts Talent Studio & Preschool at 668-1515
- * The Clover Patch by **Doug Clove** at 986-9070
- * Uncle & Auntie's Gift Shop **Vicki Lasswell** 634-9416
- * V-Max Remodeling by **Craig Mangus** at 628-6000
- * Way Cool...Dirt Cheap Home Accents at 673-5504
- * Wedding Reception Connection by **Kris Feltwell** at 673-1942
- * West Ridge Financial by **Sylvia Bradshaw** at 673-5133
- * Word Pros Tax Preparation by **Constance Maynard** at 634-1884

MARCH CLEAN UP DUMPSTERS

Clean up dumpsters will be available March 5, 2011. There will be 3 dumpsters at the Little League parking lot and 1 dumpster at the SW corner of the Town Hall parking lot. Please do not leave trash on the ground before the dumpsters arrive or after they have been removed. As always—a reminder that these dumpsters are to aid residential clean up efforts; they not for construction site waste and not for disposal of paint, batteries, tires or large items such as furniture and appliances. The Washington County Landfill can advise you on disposal of these items and disposal of hazardous materials, such as paint, pesticides and other chemical products. The landfill phone # is 674-7623. Allied Waste can be contacted to schedule a special pick up of large, bulky items—their phone # is 628-2821. Also the St. George Reuse Center located at 575 E. Brigham Rd. accepts tree limbs, shrubs or other vegetation you may have removed from your yard and need to haul away—they can be contacted at 634-5996.

SWISS BELL RINGERS TO PERFORM AT 2011 SANTA CLARA SWISS DAYS

Authentic Swiss bells will ring in our sesquicentennial celebration on Thursday evening September 22nd . Yes, on Thursday evening. Because of the special sesquicentennial celebration, we are having the opening ceremonies and community dinner on Thursday evening. Access will be much improved because the regular vending will not be open until Friday. We hope that you will all come to hear this special presentation, see the heritage quilt designed specifically for Santa Clara and enjoy the beautiful music .

Of special note: To have the bell ringers come to Santa Clara, we must provide housing for them. Because of this cost, we are asking for any volunteers who might be willing to invite at least two bell ringers (12 all together) to be guests in their homes for Thursday and Friday night during Swiss Days. Please call Ditzie at the City if this is possible—435-673-6712 ext. 201.

2011-2012 School Registration Information

Kindergarten registration at Santa Clara Elementary and Arrowhead Elementary Schools will be held from 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on March 24 through March 31, 2011 When registering, you will need your child's birth certificate and immunization records . Please bring your child with you to complete a simple pre-assessment and see the school. We look forward to meeting our new kindergarten students for the 2011-2012 school year.

Lava Ridge Intermediate School is currently in the process of registering for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have a student that is not currently attending a school in the Washington County School District and you plan for your 6th or 7th grader to attend Lava Ridge, please stop by the office and complete a registration packet. For questions call Lava Ridge Intermediate School at 435-652-4742 or stop by the school at 2425 Rachel Drive, Santa Clara, UT.

SANTA CLARA CITY PARKS & TRAILS NEWS: ARBOR DAY MARCH 12, 2011

Santa Clara City will be hosting our annual Arbor Day Festival on Saturday March 12, 2011 at the Santa Clara Arboretum located at 2600 Little League Drive in Santa Clara.

We encourage the public to celebrate Arbor Day by volunteering to help us restore the Arboretum to its former beauty. We will be planting trees and improving trails from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A free lunch will be provided for all who participate. In addition, the first 100 participants will receive a free tree compliments of Santa Clara City.

We will be planting in the northeastern area of the Arboretum, so it is suggested that you park on Lava Cove Drive. If you are in doubt as to how to get to the Arboretum or Lava Cove Drive just follow the signs from Santa Clara Drive that will be posted for the event.

If you would like to work with the Santa Clara City Shade Tree Committee on future projects or would like to make a donation for Arbor Day, please call Parks Director Brad Hays at 656-4690.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT RECYCLING PROGRAM

In 2008, the **Washington County Solid Waste District** (WCSWD) incorporated a recycling program to extend the life of the landfill. That year, 93,878 pounds were collected. By 2010, the program was expanded to include 40 sites in Washington County, 3 sites in Zion and 1 at Kolob and 5 sites in Cedar City. The total collected for 2010 was **2.6 million pounds**. This is a significant increase. The District also now has a pilot program at 2 sites for cardboard recycling, offers free recycling of electronic items and twice annual free recycling of hazardous waste at the landfill. Big Brothers Big Sisters has also partnered with WCSWD to have clothing and small appliance collection bins at all of the WCSWD sites to benefit that program in Washington County.

Santa Clara City has partnered with the WCSWD to provide recycling services for residents of the City. This program has double benefits for the City; residents can recycle their items right here (bins at Canyon View Park and at Gubler Park) & money from sale of those recycled items comes back to Santa Clara for use in City programs. In past years, Santa Clara has used the funds from recycling to benefit the Swiss Days celebration: in 2009, the check was for \$1,083.73; in 2010, the check was for \$3,490.38.

Allied Waste also offers curbside recycling in the City and we appreciate that service and the residents who take advantage of it. Thank you to all who show concern for and appreciation of the environment and take steps to preserve it.

SANTA CLARA CITY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

SANTA CLARA CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE: Phone 673-6712, Fax 628-7338 (City Manager, Finance Officer, Recorder, Treasurer/Utilities, Court Clerk/Deputy Recorder, Business Licenses, Dog Licenses, Cemetery, General Information)

SANTA CLARA CITY PUBLIC SERVICES: Phone 656-4690, Fax 879-5298 (Public Services including Streets, Sidewalks, Water, Sewer, Power)

SANTA CLARA CITY PARKS & TRAILS: Phone 656-4690, Fax 879-5298

SANTA CLARA CITY BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING & ZONING-LAND USE AUTHORITY: Phone 656-4690, Fax 879-5298

SANTA CLARA CITY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE: 652-1122

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH: 634-5730 (for any non-emergency call)

EMERGENCY CALL: 911

SANTA CLARA CITY ANIMAL CONTROL: 652-1122 ext. 222

SANTA CLARA CITY AFTER HOURS: 673-6712 (CITY OFFICE OPEN MON-THURS 8AM—5PM)

SANTA CLARA CITY MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS @ 5:00 P.M.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

2ND TUESDAY @ 4:30 P.M. QUARTERLY

PLANNING COMMISSION

3RD TUESDAY @ 7:30 P.M.

ECONOMIC DEV. COMMISSION

QUARTERLY OR AS NEEDED

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

EVERY THURSDAY @ 7:30 A.M.

CHANGES TO THESE MEETING DATES AND TIMES WILL BE POSTED AS NECESSARY

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Please know the location of your water and electric meters and keep them clear to allow for easier access to read your meters. Public Services appreciates your help.

2011 DOG LICENSES DUE

City ordinance requires all dogs to be licensed annually and current on rabies vaccinations. The City dog license and rabies tag should be worn on your dogs collar—on your dog at all times. Dog License fees are as follows:

1st dog fixed:	\$10.00	Not fixed:	\$20.00
2nd dog fixed:	\$12.00	Not fixed:	\$22.00

2011 dog licenses are now available at the City Office so you can license your dog for 2011 at this time. You will need to bring a current rabies vaccination certificate from your vet that shows your dog is current on its rabies vaccine. For more information call 673-6712 ext. 201.

A \$15 late fee becomes applicable to licensing your dog after February 28, 2011.

H.E.A.T. PROGRAM

The H.E.A.T. (Home Energy Assistance Target) Program is now accepting applications to assist eligible low-income households who need help paying their home heating bills. H.E.A.T. is a federally funded program that is administered by the State of Utah. The amount of payment is based on income, energy use, and at-risk groups in the household. Applications for the program will be taken once during the period between November 1, 2010—September 30, 2011 or until federal funds are exhausted. Each household can receive H.E.A.T. assistance once during this period. Residents who wish to apply for assistance may call to schedule an appointment at 435-652-9643. The H.E.A.T. office is located at 168 N. 100 E. Ste. 255, St. George, UT. 84770. Find applications and information at <http://www.housing.utah.gov/seal/heat>.

Please use the request form at the right to let our Public Service Department know if you have any service needs the City can take care of, such as street lights that may be out, sidewalks in need of repair, trees in power lines, or any other problems regarding streets, sidewalks, water or power issues. You can also call the City Office at 673-6712 to report any such problems.

Santa Clara City Service Request

Date: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Request for Service: _____

**Mail, drop off, or call 656-4690 for Public Services.
Or include service request with your utility payment.**