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SANTA CLARITA

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2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER

OF THE CITY

FEATURING THE RETURN
OF THE 30TH ANNUAL

**SANTA CLARITA
COWBOY FESTIVAL!**

APRIL 18-19

AT WILLIAM S. HART PARK



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30TH ANNIVERSARY COWBOY FESTIVAL

Howdy Howdy Let's Get Rowdy! The community-favorite Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival rides back into town for its landmark 30th Anniversary celebration on April 18–19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at William S. Hart Park. This milestone year is especially meaningful, marking the first Cowboy Festival held at the historic Park since the City assumed ownership — celebrating on the very grounds that shaped our Western legacy.

For one unforgettable weekend, the spirit of the Old West comes alive with musical performances, hands-on experiences and family-friendly fun. Festivalgoers can **enjoy three stages of Country, Folk and Bluegrass performances**, **shop Sutler's Row for unique Western finds** and **savor some down-home eats**. Step right into cowboy culture, from line dance lessons inside the **Horseshoe Honky Tonk** to archery and axe throwing at The Range. Families can try their luck at **Gold Rush games**, watch skilled blacksmiths during **Living History demonstrations**, explore the **Wildwood Outpost** and even test their grit on a **mechanical bull!**

The celebration starts before the weekend hits high noon. On **Thursday, April 16**, Main Street sets the stage with the **On the Ranch SENSES Block Party**. **Friday, April 17**, brings special ticketed events that add even more Western charm. Step back in time at **Rancho Camulos** for a screening of Katie Ryan's documentary, *Ghosts of California*, paired with live Western music and docent-led tours. Or gather the whole posse for **Cowboy Family Night** at the **Newhall Family Theatre for the Performing Arts**, featuring campfire stories, prairie tales and sing-alongs for all ages.



New this year, get ready to tap your toes as the Cowboy Festival introduces its inaugural **Line Dance Competition**, featuring line dancing and country swing. Preliminary rounds kick off on **April 11 at Lucky Luke Brewing Santa Clarita**. Finalists will two-step their way to the finals at **William S. Hart Park on Friday, April 17**. The boot-scootin' fun continues **Saturday night at Dancing into the Dusk**, which will keep those boots stomping under the evening sky.

While **general admission is FREE**, guests looking to upgrade their experience can purchase a **VIP Cowboy Cantina two-day pass**, featuring savory BBQ, snacks and libations, an exclusive festival T-shirt, complimentary admission to Saturday night's dance and front-of-the-line shuttle service via Santa Clarita Transit.

Thirty years strong, the Cowboy Festival remains a beloved City tradition where community, culture and a little Western swagger come together for a rootin'-tootin' good time. Get all the details at CowboyFestival.org.



A MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER KEN STRIPLIN



In 2020, the City wrapped up its five-year **Strategic Plan, Santa Clarita 2020**, followed by **Santa Clarita 2025**, which concluded last year. Over the past decade, these two plans delivered critical infrastructure, engaging programs and new facilities that are now community staples. It is hard to believe projects like the **Old Town Newhall Parking Structure**, the **Arts Master Plan**, the **Canyon Country Community Center**, the **Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station**, **new parks, transitional homeless shelters** and so much more were once simply action items on a planning document. Today, they are complete and enhancing quality of life throughout Santa Clarita. Through strategic planning, the City has **completed 140 action items over the past decade**, adding **11 new parks, over 5,000 acres of open space and much more**.

Through the **leadership of the City Council**, we have built a reputation as a forward-thinking organization that plans strategically, adapts to change and delivers the high-quality services and amenities our community expects. **Santa Clarita Pathway Forward** is the City's new five-year Strategic Plan, designed to guide the next chapter of progress through 2030. Developed through a collaborative process that included City Council direction, staff planning sessions and community feedback, including results from the biennial Public Opinion Poll, the plan aligns resources and investments around what matters most to residents.

Pathway Forward includes **79 action items** organized into six strategic themes: **Community Connections, Planning and Economic Vitality, Environmental Conservation and Beautification, Sustainable Public Infrastructure, Organizational Excellence and Innovation, and Public Safety and Resiliency**. Some of those action items include completing **The Rink Sports Pavilion**, expanding recreational programming at **William S. Hart Park** and **strengthening community services**. The plan also supports economic vitality through efforts like exploring a public/private partnership to **increase parking on Main Street** in Old Town Newhall and advancing the **City's Film Office**. Additional highlights include **expanding organics programs, developing an Open Space Acquisition Plan**, completing the **David March Park expansion**, improving accessibility through inclusive playground upgrades and enhancing traffic safety and fire prevention education.

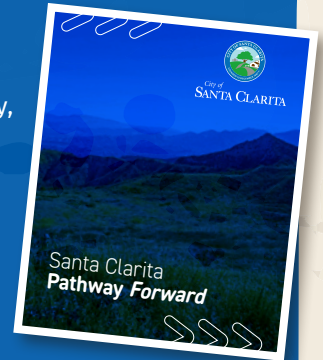
Santa Clarita Pathway Forward ensures the City continues moving forward with purpose, guided by a clear plan and a shared vision for the future. You can review the entire plan and explore all 79 action items on our website, SantaClarita.gov.

Sincerely,

Ken Striplin

City Manager

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SCAN THE CODE
FOR A FULL
LIST OF ONGOING
PROJECTS!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES



DAVID MARCH PARK

The **David March Park expansion**, located at 28310 North Via Joyce Drive, is bringing exciting new energy and amenities to this popular neighborhood destination. The upgraded park will feature a brand-new baseball field, shaded terraced spectator seating and a picnic pavilion perfect for game days and family gatherings. A lighted basketball court will extend play into the evening, while enhanced playground shade and new exercise equipment create more opportunities for all ages to stay active. The City's second exercise staircase, with 116 steps and scenic views, adds a unique fitness challenge. Two new parking lots and a vibrant Dalle de Verre public art installation complete the transformation. The grand reopening is scheduled for late spring. For more information, please visit SantaClarita.gov/Parks.

VIA PRINCESSA PARK

Work is underway on **Via Princessa Park**, located at 19201 Via Princessa, which is set to become a dynamic new hub for recreation, connection and outdoor fun for residents of all ages, anticipated to open in Summer 2029. The Park will be conveniently located just beyond the railroad tracks and accessed by a new pedestrian tunnel from the Via Princessa Metrolink Station. It will feature four lighted multi-sport fields and four pickleball courts, creating year-round opportunities for play.

A welcoming entry plaza with shaded seating and a nature-themed playground will offer inviting spaces for families to gather and relax. An innovative on-site stormwater infiltration system will also protect the Santa Clara River while supporting sustainability. For more information, please visit SantaClarita.gov/Parks.



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Via Princessa Park - Renderings



THE RINK SPORTS PAVILION

Excitement is building at the George A. Carvalho Santa Clarita Sports Complex, located at 20870 Centre Pointe Parkway, as **The Rink Sports Pavilion** continues to take shape next to the Gymnasium. This state-of-the-art, 23,000-square-foot multi-use facility is already showing major progress, with spectator seating being installed and crews working daily on plumbing, electrical and exterior framing. Roofing, insulation and waterproofing are moving full speed ahead, and soon the windows and exterior skin will bring the building's bold design to life. Opening at the end of summer, The Rink Sports Pavilion will provide a premier space for athletes, families and spectators to gather, compete and celebrate. For more information, please visit SantaClarita.gov/CIP.



MEDITATION GARDEN

The **Meditation Garden at Duane R. Harte Park** is now open to the public, offering a peaceful retreat designed to promote mindfulness and relaxation. Thoughtfully crafted with natural stone elements, granite pathways, shaded seating and a subtle rock fountain, the garden creates a calming atmosphere for quiet reflection. Drought-tolerant landscaping enhances the space while supporting sustainability. As a wellness-focused amenity within the City's park system, the Meditation Garden provides residents with a tranquil setting to unwind, practice yoga or meditation and reconnect with nature in a serene and welcoming environment. For more information, please visit SantaClarita.gov/Parks.



MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY BEAUTIFICATION

The **Magic Mountain Parkway Beautification Project** will transform the corridor from Tourney Road to Avignon Drive with refreshed medians, upgraded curb and gutter and new, smooth roadway surfacing. Sidewalk improvements from Tourney Road to the Iron Horse Trailhead and resurfacing along Magic Mountain Parkway to McBean Parkway will enhance safety and accessibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike. Construction is anticipated to last through June 2027. While some nighttime lane closures will be required, access in both directions will be maintained as the City of Santa Clarita invests in a more attractive, well-maintained roadway. For more information, please visit SantaClarita.gov/CIP.



CITY HALL CEREMONIES – WHERE FOREVER BEGINS

Dreaming of a simple and meaningful place to say “I do”? The City Clerk's Office proudly offers award-winning wedding services, including marriage licenses and civil ceremonies by appointment at City Hall. Ceremonies are held on the first and second Friday of each month, making it easy for couples to celebrate close to home. The City has also brought love to the Cowboy Festival, where couples will tie the knot in a uniquely Santa Clarita celebration blending romance with Western charm. Learn more and schedule an appointment at SantaClarita.gov/Weddings.



A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN BRANDON BARCLAY

As your Captain at the Santa

Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station, my primary commitment is the safety and preservation of life within our community. Recent traffic collisions are a serious reminder that we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe on the road.

First, I urge all motorists to exercise patience and vigilance on our roads – and a key aspect of that is to **not run red lights**. The physics of a high-speed intersection collision can result in catastrophic kinetic energy transfer, where even a slight increase in velocity significantly raises the probability of a fatal outcome. Meaning even going just a little faster can dramatically increase the chances that someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Furthermore, there is **zero tolerance for impaired driving**. If you choose to drink, do not drive. Alcohol slows your brain down and affects your ability to react, make decisions and stay in control. When you drive after drinking, a car can quickly become a deadly weapon.

Finally, a specific appeal to parents: **please do not allow your children to ride e-motorcycles**. These vehicles are prohibited throughout the City of Santa Clarita and often lack the safety specifications required by the California Vehicle Code for roadway use and place young riders at extreme risk.

While we always prefer education over citation, we will enforce these laws through citations, impoundments and fines when necessary to prevent further tragedies. The safest outcome is one we achieve together. Thank you for looking out for one another and for doing your part to keep Santa Clarita safe.

Sincerely,

Brandon Barclay
Captain, SCV Sheriff's Station

RSC – ACCESS CITY SERVICES ONLINE

Access City services without ever leaving your home. From reporting graffiti to applying for permits, the City has made it easier than ever to get things done online. Whether you're submitting requests through the **Resident Service Center (RSC)** or navigating the **Virtual Planning Counter** for your next construction project, the convenience of digital access is just a click away. Visit SantaClarita.gov/RSC.





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OF EVENTS!

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS



SENSES BLOCK PARTIES

SENSES Block Parties transform Main Street into an immersive, all-encompassing themed experience where every detail — from the music and flavors to the sights, textures and surprises around every corner — is designed to spark all five senses. Each month delivers a completely new vibe, bold theme and fresh energy, so no two nights are ever the same. **Every third Thursday from April through September**, you can grab a drink from the on-street bar, dance the night away to high-energy performers and order a bite from the food trucks or local restaurants. Don't miss this fun and festive adult lineup. Visit OldTownNewhall.com for a full list of dates and themes.



FOURTH OF JULY

In Santa Clarita, the **Fourth of July** is more than a holiday — it's a day when our community comes together to celebrate freedom, honor our nation and enjoy time with family, friends and neighbors.

- **Santa Clarita Runners Club Independence Day Classic Race** in Newhall Park. Register at SCRrunners.org.
- **Fourth of July Parade** in the City's Arts and Entertainment District in Old Town Newhall. Get full parade route information at SCVParade.com.
- The City of Santa Clarita **Fireworks Show** starts at **9:15 p.m. at the Valencia Town Center**. For more information, visit SantaClarita.gov/Events.

Whether you want to start the day off with a workout, watch the parade or enjoy the fireworks show, there's something for everyone.



CELEBRATE SERIES

Get ready to travel the world without the hassle of ever going to the airport. **Celebrate** is a free, family-friendly cultural event series held on the **second Friday of each month, April through September, at the Canyon Country Community Center**. Each evening spotlights a different country through live music, dance, crafts, food and cultural activities that bring global traditions to life. For a full list of dates and cultures being celebrated, visit SantaClarita.gov/Celebrate.



FESTABILITY

FestAbility is a celebration where everyone belongs! This free community event will take place on **Sunday, May 3, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at West Creek Park** and celebrates individuals with special needs and their families through inclusive activities, sensory-friendly entertainment, adaptive sports and creative play. From therapy animals and arts and crafts to movement stations and calming spaces, FestAbility creates joyful moments of connection for all abilities. For more information, visit SantaClarita.gov/FestAbility.



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

presented by Logix Federal Credit Union

Summer in Santa Clarita isn't complete without **Concerts in the Park**. **Saturday nights at Central Park** hit different when the sun sets, the field fills with blankets and lawn chairs and thousands of neighbors gather for one of the community's most beloved traditions. Presented by Logix Federal Credit Union, Concerts in the Park returns with high-energy performances, crowd favorites and the kind of summer night atmosphere that brings everyone together. From **July 11 to August 29**, dance, sing and sway to live tribute bands starting at 7:00 p.m. Come early for food trucks, spread out your blankets, kick back in lawn chairs and enjoy a summer soundtrack under the stars. Visit SantaClarita.gov/Concerts for the full performance lineup.

CITY CINEMAS

presented by The Rodriguez Agency at State Farm City Cinemas takes place on the **fourth Friday of the month, from June through September.** Join us at different City parks and make sure to bring your chairs and blankets and arrive early to enjoy food truck favorites before settling in for a relaxing evening of family-friendly films and community vibes. For more information and location details, visit SantaClarita.gov/Events.



MAY THE 4TH

Star Wars fans, get ready to celebrate May 4 with a brand-new City event on **Monday, May 4, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** Central Park's River of Lights sets the scene for **May the 4th Be With You!** Food trucks, field games including lightsaber battles and a special screening of *Star Wars: A New Hope* will bring the community together for a night full of family fun from a galaxy far, far away.



AROUND THE CITY...



EXPLORE LOCAL. EXPERIENCE MORE.

Looking to try something new without leaving town? Santa Clarita is home to more than 10,000 businesses, offering everything from family-run cafés and boutique shops to creative studios and unique dining experiences. Exploring local businesses isn't just convenient — it's a chance to discover hidden gems and support the neighbors who help shape our community. Whether you're grabbing coffee at a new spot, browsing a local market or booking a service close to home, choosing local keeps our economy strong and our City thriving. Step out, explore and discover something new right here in Santa Clarita. Explore ways to shop and eat local at ThinkSantaClarita.com/Shop-Local.



PARENTING FOR PREVENTION - DFY IN SCV

When was the last time you checked in with your child about the pressures they face? **Parenting for Prevention** is a City-wide initiative empowering parents and caregivers to guide their children toward healthy, drug-free lives. Through expert insights, relatable community voices and practical prevention strategies, families gain the tools to foster open dialogue at home. Resources include a bilingual podcast, in-person parent meetings and Thoughtful Third Thursday video messages designed to spark meaningful conversations. Learn more at DFY.SantaClarita.gov/Parents and follow [@DFYinSCV](https://www.instagram.com/DFYinSCV) and [@CiudadDeSantaClarita](https://www.instagram.com/CiudadDeSantaClarita) en Español for updates on Instagram and Facebook.

A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF PAT SPRENGEL



Although "fire season" is now largely considered year-round, there are still certain times of the year when the Santa Clarita Valley is more vulnerable. We are fast approaching that time. While the significant rainfall we received earlier this year has helped in some respects, it has also resulted in greener hillsides and new vegetation growth.

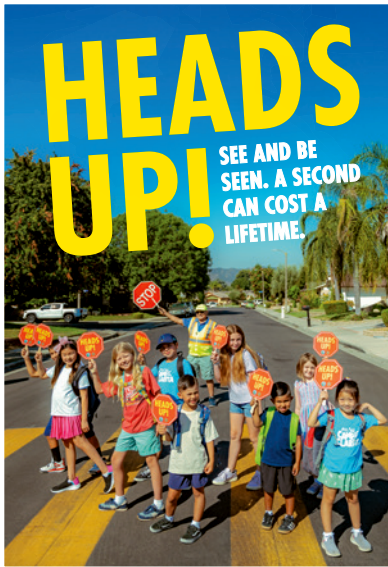
Many residents of Santa Clarita will be subject to brush inspections for the first time this year, and we are striving to provide as much guidance as possible to make this process run smoothly for you. As you begin to prepare for your annual brush inspection in May, we also encourage you to begin planning now for a wildland fire incident that could affect Santa Clarita and its surrounding communities. We continuously update our very successful **Ready! Set! Go!** program, which includes step-by-step planning for various ways in which residents can "harden" their homes in order to prevent ember intrusion during a brush fire, and comprehensive checklists to ensure proper preparations in the unfortunate event we call for evacuations.

Please visit fire.lacounty.gov/rsg to download a copy of the **Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan** to ensure you have the latest edition. You can also obtain copies of this booklet by visiting your local Fire Station. Once you have this booklet, please sit down with your entire family to review the program and complete the action plan.

Following the guidelines set forth in the **Ready! Set! Go!** program will give your home the best chances of surviving a wildland fire, and will give you and your family some comfort and peace of mind knowing that you have planned ahead and will be prepared to evacuate safely, if necessary.

Sincerely,

Assistant Fire Chief Pat Sprengel
Los Angeles County Fire Department



HEADS UP! SANTA CLARITA

Stay alert, Santa Clarita! Through the City's **Heads Up!** program, we're reminding everyone that traffic safety starts with you. Whether you're driving, walking or biking, a few simple habits – slowing down, putting the phone away and making eye contact at crosswalks – can prevent serious crashes. Our streets are shared spaces, and every smart choice helps protect families, neighbors and friends. Join us in keeping Santa Clarita safe, aware and moving in the right direction. Learn more at SantaClarita.gov/HeadsUp.



NOW HIRING – JOIN TEAM SANTA CLARITA!

Ready to make a difference? The City of Santa Clarita is hiring talented, passionate individuals who want to serve their community and grow professionally. With diverse career paths, competitive benefits and meaningful work, there's never been a better time to join Team Santa Clarita. View open positions and apply today at SantaClarita.gov/Jobs.



CITY STORE – SHOW YOUR SANTA CLARITA PRIDE

Ready to represent your City? The City of Santa Clarita now offers official merchandise through the **City Store**, featuring apparel, accessories and more in a variety of colors and styles. Residents can shop select items in person at the Permit Center at City Hall, with additional merchandise available online. Visit SantaClarita.gov/Store to explore the collection and show your Santa Clarita pride.



COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROGRAM

In honor of our local veterans who selflessly fought to preserve the freedoms we cherish today, the City of Santa Clarita offers the **Commemorative Brick Program**. As a display of gratitude and respect, community members can highlight a local hero through an engraved brick placed in the pathway that encircles the serene, idyllic Veterans Historical Plaza in Old Town Newhall, permanently integrating their service into our City. To commemorate a veteran with an engraved brick at the Veterans Historical Plaza, please visit SantaClarita.gov/Veterans.

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