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SANTA CLARITA

STATE OF THE CITY

**FALL 2026
NEWSLETTER**



**40
PARKS
AND COUNTING**



**3
COMMUNITY
CENTERS**

**13K
ACRES OF
OPEN
SPACE**



**ROLLING INTO
THE FUTURE**



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ROLLING INTO THE FUTURE

The Rink Sports Pavilion

Get ready to roll, Santa Clarita! **The Rink Sports Pavilion** is the latest example of the City's ongoing commitment to creating exceptional places where residents can gather, stay active and make lifelong memories.

Located at the **George A. Carvalho Sports Complex** (20860 Centre Pointe Parkway), The Rink was designed with families and community in mind. The **25,000-square-foot facility features a 12,000-square-foot skating surface** that can also be converted for basketball, pickleball and volleyball. This new amenity will give residents year-round opportunities for recreation, youth programs, birthday parties, themed skating nights and special events. With a state-of-the-art DJ booth, concessions and a lively atmosphere, The Rink offers a unique night out that combines recreation, entertainment and active fun in a way that's sure to become a favorite destination for families, friends and visitors alike. Whether you're reliving childhood memories on roller skates or introducing a new generation to the fun, The Rink is a place where people of all ages can connect through recreation.

The Rink also represents something much bigger. It reflects the City's long-standing commitment to investing in world-class amenities that

contribute to Santa Clarita's exceptional quality of life. Today, residents enjoy **40 beautiful parks**, more than **13,000 acres of preserved open space**, an **extensive network of trails and paseos**, the **Santa Clarita Skate Park**, **bike parks**, **The Cube Ice and Entertainment Center powered by Valencia by FivePoint**, **three community centers**, **sports fields** and **countless recreation programs** serving every age and interest.

These investments are intentional. They create opportunities for families to spend time together, encourage healthy and active lifestyles and provide spaces to come together. They are also one of the many reasons Santa Clarita continues to be recognized as one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

The Rink Sports Pavilion is the next chapter in that story—a place where community comes together, traditions are created and the City's commitment to providing outstanding recreational experiences continues to roll forward.





Santa Clarita Pathway Forward

The City of Santa Clarita is hard at work on **Santa Clarita Pathway Forward**, a new five-year strategic plan that will guide priorities, projects and investments through the end of the decade. The Plan was shaped by City staff, the Santa Clarita City Council, residents and community stakeholders, focusing on six key themes: Community Connections,

Economic Vitality, Environmental Conservation, Sustainable Infrastructure, Organizational Innovation and Public Safety. Each area includes measurable goals that will guide the City's continued efforts to deliver exceptional services, plan for future needs and protect the high quality of life that makes Santa Clarita a place we are proud to call home. To read the entire plan, please visit SantaClarita.gov/PathwayForward.

Shop and Eat Local

Shopping local is more than a purchase. It is an investment in Santa Clarita. Every meal, gift and service purchased from a local business helps support neighborhood jobs, strengthen our local economy and keep our community unique. From longtime favorites to hidden gems, local businesses bring character, convenience and connection to our City. Think local first, discover something new and help Santa Clarita businesses thrive. Learn more at ThinkSantaClarita.com/Shop-Local.



A MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER KEN STRIPLIN

Turning Feedback into Action

Santa Clarita has never been a community that stands still.

As our City continues to grow and evolve, the City Council and City organization remain focused on making strategic investments that protect our quality of life, strengthen public safety and enhance the amenities our residents enjoy every day.

One of the most important tools we use to guide those decisions is resident feedback. Through our recent Public Opinion Poll, feedback at meetings and social media engagement with residents, we gain valuable insight into the priorities that matter most to the people who call Santa Clarita home. That feedback helps shape everything from budget decisions and infrastructure projects to recreation opportunities and communication efforts.

Residents identified traffic, growth and public safety as key concerns for the future. In response, the City continues to invest in roadway improvements, traffic management strategies and transportation projects designed to improve mobility throughout the community. At the same time, we are maintaining strong partnerships with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department, ensuring critical public safety services remain well-funded and responsive to community needs.

We are also continuing to invest in the amenities that make Santa Clarita one of the best places to live in California. Across the City, residents are seeing improvements to parks, trails, playgrounds, sports facilities and community gathering spaces. We look forward to opening the highly anticipated **The Rink Sports Pavilion**, a new recreational destination that will provide opportunities for roller skating, pickleball, basketball, youth programming and special events.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains unchanged: listen to residents, make thoughtful investments and continue delivering the high-quality services, amenities and public safety resources that help make Santa Clarita an exceptional place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Ken Striplin

City Manager

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LockItorLoseIt^{HE}

Did you know that **Criminal Exposure Sensitivity (CES)** affects nearly 78% of burglars? Many of those suffering from CES show a marked inability to approach well-lit, camera-equipped homes. Fortunately, there's help — for both them and you.

LockItorLoseItHome (LioLi^{HE}) is an effective, new program to help make your home as unappealing as possible to would-be intruders. By activating motion lights, reinforcing entry points and installing cameras, **LioLi^{HE}** provides a layered deterrent strategy proven to increase panic, reinforce boundaries and encourage immediate retreat — all while keeping your home safer, brighter and confidently secure. Experts say it's the perfect

combination of prevention and passive exposure therapy. The results? Homes stay safe, burglars feel seen (briefly) and neighborhoods win. Visit SantaClarita.gov/LioLi to begin your treatment plan. No prescription needed.

Helping socially anxious burglars feel seen...just enough to run away.

LioLi^{HE}

LockItorLoseItHome

Avoidant behavior. Aversion to light. Irrational fear of dogs. Approximately 78% of burglars exhibit an inability to approach illuminated entryways, particularly those equipped with motion-activated lighting and cameras — a pattern consistent with **Criminal Exposure Sensitivity (CES)**. But there's hope. Introducing **LockItorLoseIt — Home Edition (LioLi^{HE})** — the first line of defense for homes and the first step in exposure therapy for burglars.

LioLi^{HE} helps guide individuals with CES through key therapeutic breakthroughs:

- Motion-activated lights remind them: You exist.
- Security cameras offer validation: You are seen (and captured on video).
- Smart locks encourage behavioral redirection: Try another life choice.
- And when taken with dogs, LioLi^{HE} dramatically reduces the urge to finger, snarl or snarl.

To see if LioLi^{HE} is right for you, visit SantaClarita.gov/LockItorLoseIt

Brought to you by Mayor Bill Miranda, Mayor Pro Tem Laurene Wells, Councilmember Patty Ayala, Councilmember Juan Gibbs and Councilmember Marsha McLean.

Get relief now while it's available! For more information, visit SantaClarita.gov/LioLi. See your doctor for a prescription. See your doctor for a prescription. See your doctor for a prescription.

FALL AND WINTER EVENTS

Light up Main Street

It's the most wonderful time of the year! **Light Up Main Street**, presented by DrinkPak, returns on **Saturday, November 21, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Old Town Newhall.** This beloved tradition kicks off the holiday season with five blocks of holiday cheer and live performances for everyone to hear. Gather for the tree lighting ceremony around 5:30 p.m., then stroll down the block for photos and letters to Santa, Candy Cane Carnival games, arts and crafts, shopping and more festive fun. Make spirits bright with twinkling lights, joyful sights and memories to last all season long!



Celebrate Wrap Up

Don't let your sense of adventure or love for travel and culture fade; there's still one last **Celebrate** event ready to transport you to a new country. So, buckle up those seat belts and prepare for landing as we touch down in Mexico on **Thursday, September 10**, for the final Celebrate event of the season. Don't forget to bring your Celebrate Passport and collect a stamp when you arrive. Each stamp earns you an entry into the Celebrate Raffle happening after Celebrate Mexico.



SENSES Wrap Up

This year's **SENSES Block Parties** have been a hit, and if you haven't had a chance to experience one yet, it's not too late! The final SENSES of the season, Oktoberfest, is on **Thursday, September 17, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Old Town Newhall.** Whether you're coming dressed in lederhosen, gathering a group of friends or simply looking for a fun Thursday night out, we're raising a stein and closing out the SENSES season in true Oktoberfest fashion.



Veterans Day

Honor those who have served during the City's **Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m.** at Veterans Historical Plaza. In partnership with local veterans' organizations, this annual tradition features patriotic tributes, inspiring speakers, musical performances and the ceremonial changing of the flags. Attendees can also learn about resources and services available to veterans and their families. Join us as we come together to honor the sacrifices and service of our nation's veterans.



Scan the code for a full list of events!



Family Literacy Festival

Step into a world of knights, castles and storybook adventures at the **19th Annual Family Literacy Festival!** Join the Santa Clarita Public Library on Saturday, **December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the **Santa Clarita Public Library Old Town Newhall Branch** (24500 Main Street) for a medieval-themed morning of reading, creativity and family fun. Come and explore the magic of literacy through hands-on activities, live performances and exciting giveaways. Children and families can enjoy interactive experiences inspired by medieval and Renaissance stories while discovering how reading opens the door to imagination, learning and adventure. Gather your royal court, follow the storybook trail and celebrate the joy of reading with the Library. This free community event offers something for readers of all ages and encourages families to make literacy part of their happily ever after. For more information, please visit Library.SantaClarita.gov.



A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN BRANDON BARCLAY

This year marks an incredible milestone as the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station celebrates 100 years of serving our community. While Santa Clarita has grown tremendously over the past century, one thing has remained constant: our commitment to protecting the people who call this community home.

Every day, our deputies come to work with a shared mission—to keep residents safe through prevention, education and enforcement. Public safety is strongest when law enforcement and the community work together, and we are grateful for the partnership we share with the people of Santa Clarita.

As the new school year begins, one of our top priorities is keeping students, families and commuters safe. We ask drivers to slow down in school zones, keep an eye out for children crossing streets and follow all posted traffic laws. We also encourage parents to familiarize themselves with California's e-bike laws. While legal e-bikes are a great transportation option, riders must obey traffic signals, stop signs and speed limits. It is also important to remember that high-powered e-motorcycles are not permitted on City trails and require proper licensing, registration and insurance to operate legally on public roads.

Preparedness is another key part of public safety. As wildfire season continues, we encourage every family to have an emergency plan and become familiar with the Los Angeles County Fire Department's **Ready, Set, Go!** program. Knowing your evacuation zone, signing up for emergency alerts and preparing before an emergency occurs can make all the difference when every minute counts.

Finally, crime prevention often starts with simple habits. Lock your vehicles, secure your home, remove valuables from plain sight and stay aware of your surroundings. These small actions significantly reduce opportunities for crime.

As we celebrate a century of service, we remain committed to working alongside our residents to keep Santa Clarita one of the safest communities in California. Together, we can ensure the next 100 years are just as safe, strong and successful as the first.

Sincerely,

Brandon Barclay
Captain, Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station

Green Santa Clarita – River Rally

There's still time to sign up for the **31st Annual River Rally Clean-Up and Environmental Expo**, taking place on **Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Newhall Community Center** (22421 Market Street). This community-wide event brings together volunteers of all ages to help remove litter and debris from the Santa Clara River while learning about local environmental initiatives through the Environmental Expo. Registration is required by Friday, September 18, and all volunteers must pre-register online. Don't miss this opportunity to make a positive impact on our local environment. Visit GreenSantaClarita.com to sign up today.



AROUND THE CITY

RSC - Access City Services Online

Access City services without ever leaving your home. From reporting graffiti to applying for permits, it's 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.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES



SCVTV Citrus Building

SCVTV has a new home on Citrus Street! The approximately 5,100-square-foot broadcast facility features a 2,000-square-foot professional sound stage, a dedicated podcast studio, an advanced control room and green screen capabilities to support high-quality video and audio production. Located near Santa Clarita City Hall and significantly larger than SCVTV's previous facility, the new space will provide expanded opportunities for community programming, podcasts, live broadcasts and content creation. For a list of productions and more, please visit [SCVTV.com](https://www.scvttv.com).



Via Princessa Park

Work is underway on **Via Princessa Park**, which is set to become a dynamic new hub for recreation, connection and outdoor fun for residents of all ages. It is 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 (19201 Via Princessa). 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](https://www.santaclearita.gov/Parks).



David March Park

David March Park (28310 North Via Joyce Drive) is now open and ready to welcome residents to experience its exciting new amenities. The expanded park features a new baseball field, shaded terraced spectator seating, a picnic pavilion, a lighted basketball court, enhanced playground shade and new exercise equipment. Visitors can also take on the City's second exercise staircase, featuring 116 steps and scenic views. Learn more at [SantaClarita.gov/Parks](https://www.santaclearita.gov/Parks).



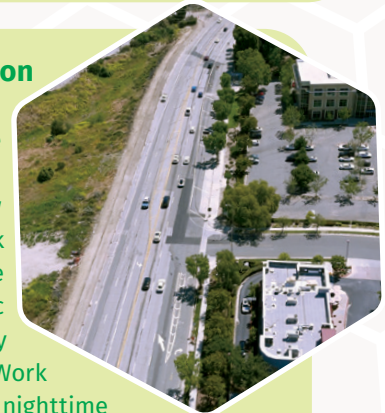
Main Street Parking Structure

The **Main Street Parking Structure Project** will provide more than 300 new parking spaces in the heart of Old Town Newhall while supporting continued growth and accessibility in the area. Located at the corner of Main Street and 6th Street, the six-level structure will include ground-floor retail space and architecture designed to complement the existing Old Town Newhall parking structure. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2029. For more information, please visit [SantaClarita.gov](https://www.santaclearita.gov).



Magic Mountain Parkway Beautification

Construction is underway on the **Magic Mountain Parkway Beautification Project**, which will enhance the corridor from Tourney Road to Avignon Drive with refreshed medians, upgraded curb and gutter and new roadway surfacing. The project also includes sidewalk improvements between Tourney Road and the Iron Horse Trailhead, as well as pavement resurfacing along Magic Mountain Parkway to McBean Parkway, improving safety and accessibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Work is expected to continue through June 2027. While some nighttime lane closures may occur, access in both directions will be maintained throughout construction. Learn more at [SantaClarita.gov/CIP](https://www.santaclearita.gov/CIP).





Newhall Park Improvements

Exciting improvements are on the horizon for **Newhall Park** (24923 Newhall Avenue)! Funded by the Safe, Clean Water Program, the Newhall Park Improvements Project will enhance both recreation and environmental sustainability by constructing an underground stormwater infiltration system designed to capture runoff, improve water quality and support groundwater recharge. The project will also bring new recreational amenities and park enhancements for residents to enjoy, creating more opportunities for outdoor activity, play and community gathering. Design work is scheduled to begin in Fall 2026. For more information, please visit [SantaClarita.gov/CIP](https://www.santaclarita.gov/CIP).



Santa Clarita Transit Hydrogen Station

Santa Clarita Transit is advancing toward a cleaner, more sustainable future through the introduction of hydrogen-powered public transportation. In March, **seven new hydrogen fuel cell buses** were added to the City's transit fleet, marking the first step toward the goal of achieving a **100% zero-emission fleet by 2040**. To support this transition, construction of a new hydrogen fueling station is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed this upcoming Winter. For more information, please visit [SantaClaritaTransit.com](https://www.santaclaritainit.com).



Scan the code for a full list of ongoing projects!



AROUND THE CITY



Creating Memories at The Cube!

The Cube Ice and Entertainment Center has become one of Santa Clarita's premier recreation destinations, offering year-round opportunities for ice skating, hockey, curling and family fun. Located at 27745 Smyth Drive and powered by Valencia by FivePoint, The Cube welcomes residents of all ages and skill levels with programs beginning as early as age three.

More than just an ice rink, The Cube is a place where families celebrate birthdays, friends gather and the community comes together for tournaments, special events and public skating sessions. Visitors can also enjoy food and drinks at **Top Shelf Bar & Grill** while taking in the action on the ice.

As part of the City's commitment to providing exceptional recreational amenities, The Cube continues to be a place where residents stay active, connect with others and create lasting memories. For more information, visit [TheCubeSantaClarita.com](https://www.TheCubeSantaClarita.com).



A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF PAT SPRENGEL

They're all around us. We use them every day. In fact, many of us depend on them more than we can possibly imagine. And, as with many other things, when used improperly, they can pose dangers. What are they? Lithium-ion batteries.

Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space and are used to supply power to various devices, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, e-scooters, e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys and even cars. If not used correctly or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

Please follow these safety tips to ensure that you are using your devices in the safest possible way:

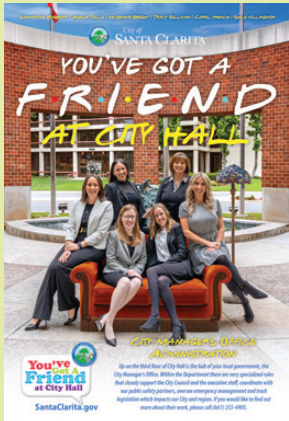
- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or the device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible, and do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Do not charge your phone, tablet, laptop, etc. under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- When charging an e-bike, charge the battery on a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Stop using the battery immediately if you notice any odors, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking or odd noises. If safe to do so, also move the device away from any combustibles.

Finally, do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins. Please recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Local recycling locations include Santa Clarita City Hall, Santa Clarita Public Library Branches and Community Centers.

Sincerely,

Assistant Fire Chief Pat Sprengel
Los Angeles County Fire Department



The First Friendly Voice You'll Hear - You've Got a Friend at City Hall

Behind every City service is a team of dedicated employees working to serve our community. This month, we're spotlighting the **City Manager's Office Administrative Team**—the first friendly voice many residents hear when they contact City Hall. From answering questions and assisting residents to coordinating meetings, managing records and supporting City leadership, this team helps keep City operations running smoothly behind the scenes. Follow the City on social media this month to meet the team and learn more about the people who help keep Santa Clarita connected.



Connecting With Our Community en Español

Did you know Santa Clarita is one of the only cities in the nation with dedicated Spanish-language social media channels? Through **@CiudadDeSantaClarita** on Instagram and Facebook, Spanish-speaking residents can access important City news, emergency updates, programs, services and community events entirely in

Spanish. The initiative was created to help ensure more residents can stay informed, connected and engaged with their local government in the language they are most comfortable using. Follow **@CiudadDeSantaClarita** on Instagram and Facebook to receive the latest City news, updates, emergency information, programs and events in Spanish.



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. Join us in keeping Santa Clarita safe, aware and moving in the right direction. Learn more at SantaClarita.gov/HeadsUp.



City Store

Show your Santa Clarita pride year-round with the official **City Store!** From tees and hoodies to hats,

totes and more! The City Store features trendy designs inspired by the places and local IYKYK phrases that make Santa Clarita home. Whether you're repping "661" or picking up a gift for your SCV neighbor, there is something for every resident and every season. Stop by the Permit Center at City Hall or shop online anytime at SantaClarita.gov/Store to get your Santa Clarita swag today!



Hometown Heroes

Every November, the City of Santa Clarita proudly recognizes the sacrifices and service of our active duty and veteran community members on **Veterans Day**. The City is proud to offer two programs that highlight our local heroes throughout the year: the **Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program** and the **Commemorative Brick Program**.

Open to active-duty military personnel, military banners are proudly displayed three times a year on streetlight poles lining City streets. The Veteran's Historical Plaza offers a serene setting to reflect upon the service of our veteran community through engraved bricks that line the plaza's ellipse. For more information on these two programs, please visit SantaClarita.gov/Heroes or SantaClaritaVeterans.com.