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EARTH DAY AT
THE 2018 EARTH
ARBOR DAY
FESTIVAL IN
CENTRAL PARK
ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 28!



COME AND
CELEBRATE 25
YEARS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA
COWBOY FESTIVAL
AT HART PARK,
APRIL 19-22!



HEADS UP! THE
CITY'S HEADS UP
PROGRAM HAS BEEN A
WILD SUCCESS WITH A
SIGNIFICANT DROP IN
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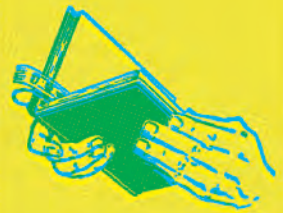
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CONCERTS IN THE
PARK ARE BACK!
ENJOY MUSIC UNDER
THE STARS EVERY
SATURDAY IN JULY
AND AUGUST.



*It's an exciting
time for your
Santa Clarita
Public Library!
Learn more
inside.*



ENJOY THE
WILDLY POPULAR
THURSDAYS AT
NEWHALL EVERY
THURSDAY NIGHT IN
OLD TOWN NEWHALL!



MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER
KEN STRIPLIN

BRINGING ART TO LIFE
IN OUR COMMUNITY

“Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt,
and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.”

- Leonardo da Vinci

Art allows us to bring our society together to share an experience, regardless of differing backgrounds and points of view. It also allows us to explore ideas, express emotions and better appreciate different cultures.

Since the formation of the **Arts and Events** office in 2003 and the **Arts Commission** in 2009, arts and cultural programming in Santa Clarita has blossomed. Thanks to popular events such as the **Cowboy Festival** and **Concerts in the Park**, and through embracing arts education, thought-provoking exhibitions, public art and art grants, Santa Clarita is gaining a reputation as a City of the Arts.

The Santa Clarita Arts Master Plan was created in 2016 as a long-term roadmap for cultural development in the community and addresses several areas of specific interests in public art, governance of the arts, providing support to artists and arts organizations, the **Old Town Newhall Arts and Entertainment District**, cultural facilities and the creative economy.

Last year, public art received a funding boost through the City Council's approval of a **Civic Art Policy**. The policy established a percent-for-art requirement on all new capital improvement projects, funds from which will go toward new public art projects.

Following **February's Arts and Entertainment Summit**, the community is buzzing about the possibility of an amphitheater in our City. During the Summit, residents had a chance to weigh in on the **Amphitheater Feasibility Study** and share their thoughts on the focus, location, size and operating structure of an amphitheater, should one be built in Santa Clarita. For several years now, residents have advocated for an amphitheater in the City to host large audiences and performances, and we're thrilled to start exploring this option.

New art is emerging in Santa Clarita every day, offering residents and visitors an abundance of installations to explore. Did you know that the City manages eight free art galleries throughout Santa Clarita, each with rotating exhibits? Also available to those interested in exploring art throughout the City is our **Public Art Tour App**, which allows you to go on a self-guided tour of our public art pieces.

To learn more about the Arts Master Plan, upcoming art events and the Public Art Tour App, please visit the Santa Clarita Arts website at SantaClaritaArts.com.



Sincerely,
Ken Striplin
City Manager

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**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
OF THE SANTA CLARITA**

★ ★ **COWBOY**

The **25th anniversary of the Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival**, presented by Heritage Sierra Medical Group, is set to take place April 19-22, 2018, at the historic William S. Hart Park! Experience the sights, sounds and swagger of cowboy life through western music, shows, merchandise, food and more. On Thursday, April 19, the western anniversary will commence with the ever-popular **SENSES “Cowboy Kickoff” Block Party**, followed by ticketed shows in and around Old Town Newhall. The festival will set up camp at William S. Hart Park on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, where guests can enjoy five stages of performances, quality western merchandise and delicious cowboy grub. To top it off, general admission is **FREE!**



APRIL 19-22

FESTIVAL ★ ★

Other events featured as part of the Cowboy Festival include the **SCV Film Tour**, which allows folks to visit several famous filming sites in the Santa Clarita Valley on Thursday, April 19. The **Hollywood Western Film Tour** departs from Hart Park on Friday, April 20, and takes participants south to Tinseltown to learn more about the history of early western films. The Cowboy Festival concert schedule begins later that night as Hart Mansion, Canyon Theatre Guild and The MAIN all host ticketed performances featuring popular western acts. You can also purchase tickets to the **25th Anniversary Gala**, which will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m. inside Hart Hall. Join us and honor legendary Walk of Western Stars inductees and Cowboy Festival performers from over the years!

MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN
ROBERT LEWIS

Santa Clarita enjoys the reputation of a safe community to move to and raise your children. At your Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station we are busy working proactively to ensure the community's ongoing safety. We are impacting crime through special operations, directed patrol tactics, targeted traffic enforcement, specialized deployments, the apprehension of suspects, public education and awareness efforts. We are constantly reassessing our approach to crime prevention to meet the public's needs. Public safety is our #1 priority and we are working hard every day to protect the Santa Clarita community.

Thanks to the City Council's approval of a contract for additional motor deputies, we were able to make a major impact on reckless and distracted drivers on Santa Clarita streets. In 2017, our motor deputies wrote 45% more citations than the previous year. This translated to drops of 8.5% in traffic collisions, 12.9% in injury collisions and 38.5% in fatal collisions. There were no pedestrian fatalities in Santa Clarita last year.

While all these numbers are positive, we are still stopping drivers going 102 miles per hour on Golden Valley Road, chatting on their cellphone on Bouquet Canyon or driving under the influence on McBean. These reckless actions have great potential to cause serious harm to these drivers who are making poor decisions and to other innocent people traveling on our roads. We ask all of you to take personal responsibility for your actions behind the wheel and make safe choices.

You can also help us reduce crime by making the choice not to be an easy target for would-be thieves. There are several simple steps you can take to make it much harder for criminals to commit crimes. The easiest target for a criminal is something they have easy access to, such as an unlocked car door or a garage door left open. An even easier target is a valuable left in plain sight. For instance, leaving your purse, laptop or cellphone on your car seat or keeping those beautiful new golf clubs just a step inside your garage. It only takes a few seconds for someone to help themselves to your valuables and then disappear.

We also ask that if you see something unusual, say something! Don't hesitate to call the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station at (661) 255-1121 to report suspicious persons wandering around parking lots or neighborhoods (particularly after hours) and/or looking into cars as they walk by. Our deputies count on our partnership with community members, and for you to be our "eyes" and "ears" and report suspicious activities.

Working together we can help keep Santa Clarita the safe City we all enjoy living in.





OLD TOWN NEWHALL UPDATES

Old Town Newhall, the City's premier **Arts and Entertainment District**, is an eclectic shopping, dining and entertainment destination that mixes rustic charm with cosmopolitan appeal. With boutique shopping, fine and casual dining and old western heritage, Old Town Newhall is the place to shop, gather with friends and family and enjoy a day or night out on the town.

Most recently, this unique area of our community has welcomed new specialty restaurants such as **Brewery Draconum** and **Newhall Press Room**. Wine lovers will enjoy the new **Double Trouble** wine tasting room, consisting of **Hoi Polloi** and **Pagter Brothers Wineries**. For those with a sweet tooth, **Cake Goodness** recently moved to Main Street, offering tasty retail and custom bakery items. Coming soon to the area is new restaurant, **The Old Town Junction**. Another popular Santa Clarita Valley winery, **Reyes Winery**, is also moving to Main Street.

A new, City-owned parking structure is wrapping up construction on the redevelopment block and is slated to open this summer. This parking structure will provide 372 parking stalls for visitors to the area, as well as a special rooftop event space with beautiful views of the Santa Clarita Valley. **Newhall Crossings** is also under construction! This exciting project will provide over 20,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 47 residential units and a public plaza. **Laemmlle Theatres** is expected to break ground later this year and will include a seven-screen art house movie theater and 2,300 square feet of retail and restaurant space. Both Newhall Crossings and Laemmlle Theatres are slated to open in summer of 2019.



NEW COMMUNITY CENTER, SHERIFF'S STATION AND LIBRARY COMING SOON!

There are several new and exciting projects that are about to break ground in the near future. The City hosted a demolition event in March at the site of the **new Canyon Country Community Center** at Soledad Canyon Road and Sierra Highway. Once this new landmark project is complete, residents will get to enjoy all it has to offer, including multi-sports spaces, a training kitchen, spacious event area, tot lot and more! The City, along with Los Angeles County and the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, plan to break ground on the **new Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station** this summer. The station will be located on Golden Valley Road and will replace the current station that has been in use since the 1970s. The Saugus community has much to look forward to as a **new library center** is in the works. Once complete around 2021, this new hub will not only house books, but also offer plenty of room for community events and fitness activities.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

TURF REMOVAL AND MEDIAN UPDATES

In order to meet state water reduction requirements, the City has discontinued watering median turf. Through this project, the City will remove turf and replace it with plants that require significantly less water, replace the aging irrigation system with a more durable and efficient one, make provisions to use recycled water when it becomes available and replace damaged and missing trees. The medians that will be refurbished are located on Magic Mountain Parkway, between Railroad Avenue and Avignon Drive. The median along Orchard Village Road is also getting updated and will be completed before this year's Fourth of July parade. These projects support the Santa Clarita 2020 theme of **Community Beautification**.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

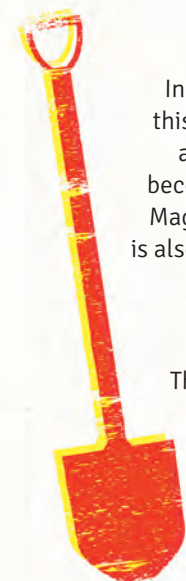
This Highway Safety Improvement Program grant-funded project constructed modifications to the intersections of Orchard Village Road at Wiley Canyon Road, Seco Canyon Road at Pamplico Drive and State Route 14 at the Sand Canyon Road on-ramp. The modifications included the implementation of protected left-turn signal phasing, the extension of left-turn pockets and other improvements. This project supports the Santa Clarita 2020 theme of **Sustaining Public Infrastructure**.

SIERRA HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

This project will construct a new steel truss pedestrian bridge over Sierra Highway north of Golden Valley Road. Multiple street improvements will be made on the west side of Sierra Highway, including a new bus turnout and right-turn lane from southbound Sierra Highway onto Golden Valley Road, as well as a new sidewalk, bus shelter pad, enhanced access ramps and crosswalks, parkway landscaping, street lights and more. This project supports the Santa Clarita 2020 theme of **Building and Creating Community**.

2020 UPDATES

Did you know that in 2017 the City of Santa Clarita made important advances towards completing projects laid out in the **Santa Clarita 2020 Plan**? Under the theme of **Sustaining Public Infrastructure**, the annual **Road Rehab** project administered 45.35 miles of slurry seal treatment and 43.35 miles of overlay. Within the theme of **Enhancing Economic Vitality**, both the **Old Town Newhall Parking Structure** and **Newhall Crossings** broke ground. As part of the **Public Safety** theme, **Drug Free Youth in Santa Clarita (DFYinSCV)**, previously Drug Free Youth in Town (DFYIT), launched an elementary school program and a revised high school program. To learn more about the Santa Clarita 2020 Plan and the City's progress, visit SantaClarita2020.com!



MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF
BY ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
ANDERSON MACKEY

Have you protected yourself and your family from “the invisible killer”? Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas you cannot see, taste or smell. It is created when fossil fuels, such as kerosene, gasoline, coal, natural gas, propane, methane or wood do not burn completely. Carbon monoxide gas can kill people and pets. This type of poisoning can result from malfunctioning or improperly vented furnaces or other heating appliances, portable generators, water heaters, clothes dryers or cars left running in an enclosed space.

State law requires that CO detectors be installed in all homes with fuel-burning appliances such as oil or gas furnaces and gas stoves. They are also required in all residential units with attached garages. Although this law went into effect on July 1, 2011, for single-family homes and on January 1, 2013, for apartments, hotels and other multi-unit dwellings, we are surprised by the number of people we encounter who remain unaware.

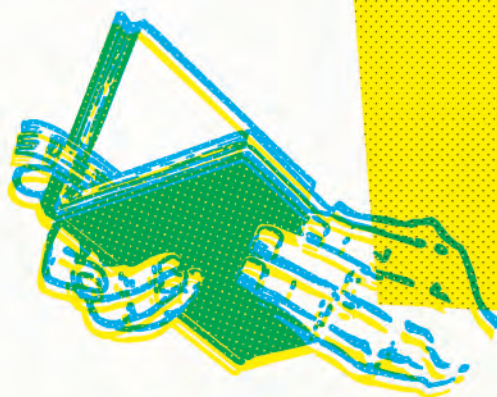
Carbon monoxide detectors can be individual units or hard-wired into your home, much like smoke alarms. There are also combination smoke alarm/CO detector units available. These detectors should be placed outside each separate sleeping area (or a common area serving nearby sleeping areas), and there should be at least one on every level of the home. If you opt for a combination unit, follow the instructions for proper installation for that particular unit. Finally, as with smoke alarms, it is important to test these units periodically to ensure they are in working order.

Please take a few moments today to ensure you and your family are protected from “the invisible killer” by checking that your home contains the appropriate number of properly installed CO detectors.



LIBRARY TRANSITION

A new chapter is being written for the Santa Clarita Public Library. The City Library is in the process of transitioning from operations under a private company to an in-house City-managed service. The official switch-over will not occur until July 1, 2018, but the groundwork is already being laid. With the transition comes an exciting opportunity for new library professionals to become City staff. The transition will also allow the City to be more involved in selecting quality books and increasing the library collection. In the meantime, the libraries are still open and available for you to stop by and explore something new! For more information, please visit SantaClaritaLibrary.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Come enjoy music under the stars in Central Park! The summer's popular **Concerts in the Park** series, presented by Logix Federal Credit Union, takes place every Saturday evening in July and August and is free for all attendees. Be sure to arrive early to stake out your seat in the park! This year's lineup includes some old favorites and entertaining newcomers. Set your summer schedule by visiting santa-clarita.com/Concerts.



THURSDAYS@NEWHALL

Thursdays@Newhall brings ample energy and excitement to the **Arts and Entertainment District** at events on Main Street. Learn new dance styles at **JAM Sessions**, enjoy a unique variety show at **10 by 10**, listen to local musical talent at **Note by Note** or catch an interesting speaker at the **ARTree Speaker Series**. Be sure to save the third Thursday of every month for the popular **SENSES** event, where Main Street is transformed into a themed block party! New to the lineup is a **Variety Night** on the second Thursday of each month with rotating events such as **Movies on Main**, **Revved Up**, the **Art Walk** and **Game Night**. Explore the entire 2018 Thursdays@Newhall lineup at ThursdaysAtNewhall.com.



EARTH DAY

The **2018 Earth Arbor Day Festival**, presented by SCV Water, will be combined with the **KHTS Santa Clarita Home and Garden Show**, the **Emergency Expo**, and the **KHTS Arts and Crafts Fair at Central Park**. The Earth Arbor Day Festival takes place on April 28, while other events will continue on April 29. The Earth Day celebration brings together thousands of residents to learn about sustainable and eco-friendly resources, hear from educators and visit with local sustainable vendors. To learn more, visit GreenSantaClarita.com.



2017 TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRESS

In 2017, the **City of Santa Clarita's Traffic Safety Committee** introduced the **Heads Up** campaign to educate drivers and pedestrians about the dangers of distractions on our roadways. Through a partnership with the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station, the committee aimed to reduce the City's traffic collision rate by 5 percent and the number of pedestrian-involved incidents by 20 percent by the end of the year. The City of Santa Clarita is proud to report that numbers show a drop of 8.5 percent in the yearly collision rate compared to 2016 and the number of pedestrian-involved incidents is down 42 percent over the same time period, with no pedestrian fatalities! To learn more about Heads Up and the **City's Traffic Safety Plan**, please visit Santa-Clarita.com/HeadsUp.



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