

END OF THE YEAR REPORT 2022

City of
SANTA CLARITA



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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It is my continued honor to serve as your City Manager. I am pleased to report that 2022 has proven to be yet another successful year for Santa Clarita’s residents and the business community. Through the leadership of the City Council and our organization’s commitment to excellence and hard work, we continue to uphold the City’s high quality of life.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Ranked in the top 5 percentile of over 430 California cities in the “2022 California State Auditor’s Fiscal Health Analysis” report.
- Received the “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), for the 33rd consecutive year, in recognition of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- Awarded the “Certificate of Excellence Award from the Association of Public Treasurers,” for the 28th consecutive year, in recognition of the FY 2022-23 Investment Policy.
- Named the “Most Business-Friendly City” award by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC).
- Received the Program Excellence in Governance Award for City Hall Ceremonies by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.
- Received the "Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award" from the National Institute for Public Procurement, for the 27th consecutive year.
- Ranked 3rd Safest City in America by SmartAsset.com.
- Ranked 3rd Safest City in California to Raise a Family by Safewise.com.
- Honored by the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) with a record seven EPIC Awards for the “Guard That Auto” campaign, Social Media (Best TikTok or Reel) for the Santa Clarita Public Library’s TikTok series, branding and videos created for The Cube – Ice and Entertainment Center, the 2021 State of the City Augmented Reality Experience, the City’s overall TikTok account, and the Library TikToks for Best Social Media Campaign.



- Received the Local Streets and Roads - Safety/Intelligent Transportation Projects award for “Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology,” by the City/County Engineers Association of California (CCEA) and League of California Cities (Cal Cities).
- Received the 2022 Building Excellence Shaping Tomorrow (BEST) Project of the Year Award for the Sheriff’s Station, Canyon Country Community Center, and Active Warning Signage for Channelized Right-Turn Lanes by the American Public Works Association (APWA).
- Received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification for the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station and Canyon Country Community Center projects from the U.S. Green Building Council & Green Business Certification, Inc.
- Honored by the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) with six awards for branding for The Cube’s logo design, Best Use of Social Media for the Santa Clarita Public Library TikTok series and additional recognition for The Cube’s grand opening event, the City’s overall TikTok series, the “Guard That Auto” public service announcements, and graphic design elements at The Cube.
- Received a California Library Association PR Excellence Award for the Trail Tails marketing campaign.
- Designated as a “Tree City USA Community” from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters for the 32nd consecutive year.
- Won first place in the American Public Transit Association’s AdWheel Award Program for the Holiday Light Tour.
- Received a Certificate of Recognition for Drainage Benefit Assessment Area (DBAA) 18, for complying with U.S. EPA and Los Angeles County Sanitation District Industrial Wastewater Discharge Limits and Requirements.



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GOOD FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

- The City affirmed its AAA credit rating by Standard & Poor’s – one of only 42 cities in California to receive this top-tier rating.
- General Fund operating reserves remained at a minimum of 20 percent and the City has continued to adopt an on-time and balanced budget every year since incorporation.
- Through proactive planning and strategic investments, the City continues to be fully funded for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities.
- Continued to pay down the CalPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL), reaching a 95.5 percent funded status as of June 30, 2021.
- Issued \$19.2 million in net project bond proceeds for the City’s Energy Infrastructure Modernization Program.

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SANTA CLARITA 2025

The City’s five-year strategic plan, Santa Clarita 2025, formalizes the priority goals and objectives of our organization. The following highlights progress made in year two of the plan within each of the seven themes.



BUILDING AND CREATING COMMUNITY

- Contributed an additional \$2,000,000 to Bridge to Home to assist with the construction of a permanent homeless services facility.
- The 32nd annual Concerts in the Park series was held at Central Park and included a total of eight concerts, drawing approximately 45,000 attendees.
- Hosted the SENSES Block Party series in Old Town Newhall offering eight free events, with a total attendance of approximately 11,000.
- Over 2,700 volunteers assisted with City events and programs, providing a total of over 14,500 hours of service, with a value estimated at \$425,000.
- Installed multiple public art pieces, including a bike rack at Newhall Library, 10 new sidewalk poems, 10 water-themed maintenance hole covers at the Canyon Country Community Center (C4), youth art in the Carl Boyer Room at City Hall, two temporary trailhead sculptures, and an installation art projection piece in Old Town Newhall.
- Introduced new program offerings including; Senior Softball; Bingo and Pokeno for teens and seniors at C4; new adult education classes offered by College of the Canyons at the Newhall Community Center; Adult and Teen Learn to Swim Classes; Adaptive Aquatics Swim Lessons; the new "I Can Craft" program for adults with special needs at C4; the Pop-Up N Play summer series that was geared for children and adults alike; outdoor Adventure Series for youth ages 7 to 12 years old; and 54 new Contract Classes.
- Partnered with Trek Bike to offer a new bike program for families, titled "Friday Night Lights."
- Introduced QR code signage at Canyon Country Park, Newhall Park, Santa Clarita Park, and Valencia Meadows Park, and on all Adult Sports, Youth Sports, Bike Park and Skate Park marketing materials, increasing access to information for park users to further enhance their experience.
- Completed construction of the West Creek Park Inclusive Playground, offering play experiences that promote integrated play for residents of all abilities and further develops physical, cognitive, sensory, communication, and social skills.



- Completed site improvements at the Trek Bike Park, which included a new entrance trail and kiosk, improved path to the park, a new domestic water line and an additional drinking fountain, improved shade structures, and additional benches and tables. The BMX track vertical berms and starting ramp were also paved to provide an enhanced ride for bikers.
- Completed construction of Vista Canyon Park, inclusive of the Mitchell River House, marking it as the 36th Santa Clarita park for residents and visitors to enjoy within our City. The new facility offers residents 11 acres of parkland inclusive of a playground, pickleball courts, tennis courts, a basketball court, shaded seating areas, unique bike racks and much more.
- Began construction of the Central Park Buildout project which consists of adding four multipurpose fields, field lighting, an exercise staircase, a new restroom, additional parking and enhancements to the Central Bark dog park.
- Completed the concept design of the Santa Clarita Roller Skating Rink, which will be the first of its kind in Santa Clarita and will offer the community a new intergenerational outdoor recreation amenity.

- Transit's Go! Santa Clarita ride-share service reached a record high of 2,669 passengers within the month of September.
- Improved approximately 6.5 miles of existing Class II bike lanes along Soledad Canyon Road and Bouquet Canyon Road, added approximately 0.75 miles of Class II bike lanes along Grandview Drive between Newhall Ranch Road and Fairview Drive, and installed approximately one mile of Class I bike paths within the Needham Ranch development.
- Constructed two additional segments of the Sand Canyon Trail project, which will result in a multi-use trail along the west side of Sand Canyon Road and continued negotiations with property owners to obtain all outstanding easements.
- Continued construction of the Vista Canyon Multi-Modal Center (Metrolink and Bus Station), which will help expand transit service to underserved communities. The Transit Center is complete, and the Metrolink Station is anticipated to open in spring 2023.
- Finalized the Via Princessa Park Master Plan and submitted the project for Measure W regional grant funding. The proposed improvements include the addition of four full-sized multipurpose fields, the installation of sports field lighting, a playground, a restroom building, landscaping and irrigation, additional parking, and an infiltration facility that will divert stormwater runoff.
- Completed the Tesoro Community annexation, including the transfer of the Tesoro Adobe and 770 acres of Tesoro Open Space to the City.
- Acquired an additional 430 acres of Open Space Property to preserve the greenbelt and undeveloped land within and outside the City, including Bee Canyon Open Space.
- Began to pursue the transfer of ownership of the 160-acre William S. Hart Park from Los Angeles County, inclusive of the William S. Hart Museum, Historic Heritage Junction, many native plants and animals, and a herd of American Bison.
- Completed the consultant-led Needs Assessment for Arts, Culture, and Veterans as a step towards identifying the eventual use of the former Senior Center.
- The Revised Master Plan for the Pioneer Oil Refinery was approved, with construction design and documents being developed. Rough grading on site has been completed.
- City Council approved a \$300,000 contribution to SCVTV to rebuild and upgrade SCVHistory.com, an online repository of local historical assets.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Launched the “You’ve Got a Friend at City Hall” campaign, featuring Information Services, Public Libraries, Building & Safety, Aquatics, Economic Development, and Human Resources.
- Launched the “Celebrate” Cultural Series at C4 with six events on the first Friday of each month from April to September. The series showcased cultures, customs, and culinary wonders from the Polynesian Islands, our Sister Cities in Ecuador and the Philippines, India, Greece, the Caribbean, and Mexico.
- Hosted the first “Free to Be Me” festival to celebrate our differently-abled residents and their families with inclusive and adaptive activities.



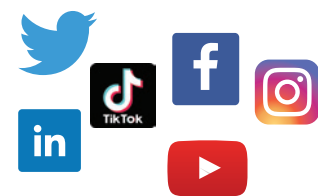
- The Main presented 14 theater productions, and offered monthly “10 by 10” variety nights, the “Through the Lens” global film series, art receptions, improv and stand-up comedy nights, and music events.

- The Human Relations Roundtable launched the Community Voices speaker series, hosting two sessions focused on sharing information on different resident beliefs and traditions and hosted the first annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Walk at Central Park.

- The Community Task Force on Homelessness adopted a new Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness building on existing efforts to prevent and combat homelessness in Santa Clarita and will guide the efforts of the Task Force over the next 24-months.



- Coordinated with the Elders Trail Building volunteers and the Weed Warrior volunteers to build new hiking trails and preserve native plant species in the Open Space.
- Partnered with the EcoHero Show to host a total of 23 classroom presentations and full school assemblies that reached 1,540 elementary school students.



- The City’s social media platforms continue to reach new consumers, with an overall increase of four percent from 2021: Facebook (34,839 followers), Twitter (44,824 followers), Instagram (32,032 followers), YouTube (3,512 subscribers), and TikTok (1,103 followers).

SUSTAINING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE



- Completed the 2021-22 Annual Overlay and Slurry Seal project, addressing nine residential areas, two arterials, utilizing a combination of funding sources for a total investment of \$22 million. A total of 90 lane miles of asphalt were reconstructed or treated this year.
- Completed the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Signalized Intersection Program, upgrading the traffic signal system at the intersection of Magic Mountain Parkway at Tourney Road, Wiley Canyon Road at Tournament Road, and Avenue Scott at Avenue Tibbitts.
- Completed the 2019-20 Highway Safety Improvement Program project, providing pedestrian crossing improvements at seven intersections.
- The final phase of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), Phase VII, was completed.



- Enhanced traffic safety and improved traffic circulation at the intersection of Valle Del Oro and Deputy Jake Drive through upgraded roadway striping, relocation of a crosswalk, and the installation of ADA compliant pedestrian ramps.
- Resurfaced the basketball courts at Fair Oaks Park and Valencia Summit Park, replaced playground surfacing at Newhall Park and resealed playground surfacing at five park sites, completed extensive renovations to the Plum Canyon Park ballfield, improved the park entrance at Creekview Park and created a new picnic area, and rehabilitated and improved the T-ball field at Bridgeport Park.
- Replaced the staircase carpeting at the Old Town Newhall library and plexiglass at the Newhall Metrolink Station.

- Repaired 946 displaced sections of sidewalk, equaling more than 45,000 square feet of concrete work, along the City's 29-mile Paseo System.
- Repaired and replaced various facility equipment at the Transit Maintenance Facility (TMF), including the bus wash and lift systems, and completed design of the entrance gate.
- Installed new real-time bus arrival display units at 57 bus stops.
- Replaced HVAC units at the Santa Clarita and Newhall Metrolink Station, TMF, and Canyon Country Jo Ann Darcy Library.
- Remodeled the second and third floor restrooms at City Hall. Which included energy efficient plumbing fixtures, privacy partitions, new paint, LED light fixtures, and new floor and wall tile.
- Completed the retrofit of all perimeter lighting at the McBean Transit Center, upgrading the older fluorescent fixtures to new, energy-efficient LED lights.
- Successfully transitioned administrative and field operational responsibilities from a third-party contractor for the City's 18,000 poles and fixtures encompassing the City's Streetlight System.
- Issued a Request for Proposal for the design and construction of hydrogen production and fueling infrastructure at the City's TMF.



ENHANCING ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Obligated \$20.5 million in eligible expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- Issued 495 film permits, which resulted in 1,392 film days, generating an estimated economic impact of nearly \$32.5 million, between January and October 2022.
- The number of businesses in our community grew to 8,333 in the first quarter of 2022, an increase of 2.9 percent compared to the first quarter of 2021. New or expanded businesses include LA North, Hart & Main, Hello Subaru, Valencia Technologies, Pacific Industrial, Harley Davidson, and various food locations.
- Over the past year, the number of jobs in Santa Clarita has increased 9.1 percent, from 80,857 to 88,258 jobs.
- The Santa Clarita Business Sponsorship Program partnered with over 70 local businesses, including Logix Federal Credit Union and Kaiser Permanente, who each signed multi-year agreements that will add a total of \$463,000 to the General Fund over the next five years. The City also secured FivePoint Valencia as the presenting level sponsor of The Cube – Ice and Entertainment Center, generating an additional \$350,000 over the next seven years.





- In Fiscal Year 2021-22, tourism advertising campaigns and targeted event attraction helped Santa Clarita hotels generate a historic amount of Transient Occupancy Tax, totaling nearly \$5 million.
- Construction has begun on the Hampton Inn, adjacent to Homewood Suites on Newhall Ranch Road. Once complete, the Hampton Inn will bring 78 additional hotel rooms to the City and be one of five new hotels opened since 2021.
- Between January and October 2022, 1,373 trackable room nights were generated from 17 events, which included tournaments (hockey, basketball, soccer, swim), conferences, figure skating, ice dancing, a bike race, a concert, and a sports festival.

- Co-hosted the Santa Clarita Job Fair in partnership with College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita Economic Development Corporation, and America’s Job Center. The event helped connect 100 employers across a diverse set of industries, with 236 job-seekers in attendance.
- Adopted and began implementation of a comprehensive update to the Old Town Newhall Specific Plan and hired a consultant and commenced work on the Town Center Specific Plan.
- Entitlements for The Center at Needham Ranch are finalized, with construction completed on approximately one million square feet of industrial buildings. An additional one million square feet is under construction and is scheduled to open in the next year. Significant tenants include Illumination Dynamics, DrinkPAK, LA North Studios, Amazon, and Tires Warehouse.
- The Santa Clarita Aquatic Center hosted the 2022 USA Swimming Sectionals Championship Swim meet in July, which brought over 1,000 athletes and their families from across California, Nevada, and Arizona to Santa Clarita for the four-day event.
- The Cube was home to season two of The Mighty Ducks: Game Changers on Disney+, and hosted the United States Figure Skating National Qualifying Series, the ISI Inaugural Open Competition, and the United States Figure Skating’s 2022 National Solo Dance Final, which brought nearly 200 skaters to Santa Clarita from across the United States.

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AND SUSTAINABILITY



- Hosted the City’s first ever Graffiti Removal Day event with 42 volunteers completing a large-scale beautification project in the Saugus community.
- Hosted Preserving Newhall Community Day with over 90 volunteers completing 12 visual enhancements, 10 tree-trimming projects, and removing over 115 bulky items from the public right-of-way.
- Hosted the 27th Annual River Rally and Environmental Expo event, with 1,220 volunteers removing 11,320 pounds of trash from the Santa Clara River.
- Hosted three Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection Events throughout the year. A total of more than 6,000 households participated.
- In celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, a Neighborhood Cleanup event was hosted where residents could pick up gloves and bags to clean up litter in the community and a free bag of mulch to use in their gardening and landscaping projects at home.
- The annual Bike to Work Challenge took place with the participation of 15 business teams with 153 reported riders.



- Removed 13,736 graffiti tags, completed 278 beautifications, and removed 1,330 illegal signs from the public right-of-way between January and October 2022.
- Conducted two educational presentations at a local school and completed 52 surveillance operations to deter graffiti vandalism.
- Installed 296 new trees along major thoroughfares, residential areas, and within parks as part of the Citywide Reforestation program.
- Cleared 82 large-scale encampment sites between January to October 2022 from various locations Citywide.
- Acquired two new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered commuter buses and four new CNG powered local transit buses, with the goal of transitioning to all zero emission vehicles by 2040.
- Installed new ultraviolet sanitation systems on all 119 buses in the City fleet.
- Following a competitive process, the City awarded a new Franchise Agreement to Burrtec Waste Industries, effective July 1, 2023, to provide residential and commercial garbage, recyclable materials, and organic waste collection services.
- Awarded a contract to Climatec Inc., to install energy efficient projects that will reduce energy cost and meet growing demand.
- Reduced water usage in City parks and trails in response to drought conditions saving over 6.1 million gallons of water compared to 2021 usage to date.
- Planted over 600 new plants throughout City parks and trails.
- Held three rain barrel purchase events, with a total of 201 rain barrels distributed to 128 City households.
- Conducted 386 commercial site visits pertaining to organic waste services exemption applications, with 216 exemptions approved to date. Combined with those receiving organics services, this brings the City's SB1383, the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Strategy, compliance to 21 percent.
- Conducted more than 520 commercial inspections at automotive businesses, restaurants, retail gas outlets, and nurseries to ensure controls are in place to minimize pollutants leaving the site.
- Charging sessions at City-owned Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations have seen record-breaking activity. Through October, there were 12,172 charging sessions compared to 7,635 for all of 2021. The lifetime EV charging sessions equal 27,047 which equates to 131,433kg of greenhouse gas emissions saved.
- Retrofitted 181 catch basins with connector-pipe screens that prevent trash and debris greater than the size of a dime from entering the Santa Clara River.
- The City held a drive-through, on-site document shredding and tire collection event. Both events were open to City residents at no charge.





ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Completed a comprehensive organization-wide succession plan.
- Conducted the 2022 Public Opinion Poll to gauge resident satisfaction with City services.
- Hosted several recognition events for approximately 460 individuals who work with one of several City contract partners.
- Designed and began delivering a training program for contract partner groups to ensure high-quality service levels across the City.
- Incorporated microlearning opportunities into existing staff training programs in support of core and leadership competencies.
- Expanded wellness programming for staff with a focus on mental health, including weekly Wellness Wednesday emails, StayWell newsletters highlighting national observances, and hosted numerous wellness programs such as Lunch n' Trivia, Fitness Challenge, and guided meditations.
- Human Resources introduced an online Learning Management System with comprehensive course offerings for staff use and incorporation into current training initiatives.
- Continued the implementation of the City's migration to the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, launching the Human Resources and Payroll modules of the system.
- Completed the migration of the City's physical records inventory moving 2,638 boxes from Iron Mountain to File Keepers.
- Fifteen state bills were presented to the City Council for adoption of positions in 2022.
- Staff continued efforts to ensure an acceptable alignment of the California High Speed Rail project, including reviewing and providing comment on the Environmental Impact Report.
- For the 23rd consecutive year the City has continued its efforts to prevent the operation of a mega-mine in Soledad Canyon. Staff continues to work with the City's special counsel on updating ecological and habitat surveys and tracking any activity between the Bureau of Land Management and CEMEX on this issue.
- Completed a successful 2022 General Municipal Election for three Councilmember seats.



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Continued efforts to reduce Part 1 crime in the City, which has been impacted due to policy and prosecutorial changes primarily by the District Attorney's Office. Despite setbacks, Part 1 crime is still 15 percent down in comparison to five years ago.
- Continued to conduct bimonthly Crime Prevention Unit meetings to identify crime trends and address accordingly. Operations targeted toward the theft of catalytic converters and grand theft auto were conducted over the course of the year.
- Launched an education campaign, in partnership with the Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce, and Valley Industrial Association to deter vehicle theft in the City and reduce this Part 1 crime rate.
- Bolstered the City's cybersecurity measures by enabling encryption on all City-issued laptops, introducing mandatory cybersecurity awareness training programs, and implementing a next-generation anti-virus solution that employs behavioral analysis to detect vulnerabilities and threats.
- Completed the Local Roadway Safety Plan, which identifies countermeasures through the 5 E's (Engineering, Enforcement, Encouragement, Education and Emergency services) to maintain record low collision rates in the City.
- Continued implementation of the Traffic Safety Plan, which was designed to significantly reduce collisions throughout the City. Since implementing the Plan in 2016, the collision rate is down 32 percent.
- Continued to conduct quarterly Traffic Safety Committee meetings to identify and mitigate factors leading to severe injury and fatal vehicle collisions, which have decreased by 50 percent compared to 2021.
- Partnered with Southern California Edison to identify critical City facilities to receive additional hardening measures to prevent a Public Safety Power Shutoff event such as circuit-switching or segmentation.
- Installed Anchorman Locks and viewfinders across all City facilities and designated 70 saferoom locations.
- Facilitated an internal Emergency Operations Center drill to assess and harden the City's response capabilities in an emergency situation.
- Coordinated evacuation drills in recognition of the Great Shakeout, which included updated procedures for staff in the event of an emergency.
- Partnered with Los Angeles County Fire Department to facilitate resident specific training for the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) course. The course is designed to educate volunteers about disaster preparedness related to hazards that may impact our community and train participants in basic disaster response skills.
- Participated in the annual Emergency Expo held at Central Park by providing information on emergency preparedness and the C.E.R.T. program.
- Facilitated quarterly meetings with the local Emergency Response Stakeholder Team to maximize the response to large scale emergency events.



BEHIND THE SCENES

- City staff processed 25,884 Resident Service Center (RSC) requests from residents and continued our tradition of providing a high level of customer service. This year:
 - 86 percent of residents have rated Employee Effectiveness either “good” or “superior”
 - 86 percent of residents have rated Response Time either “good” or “superior”
 - 88 percent of residents have rated Employee Courtesy either “good” or “superior”
 - 85 percent of residents have rated Expectations Met either “met” or “exceeded”
- The City’s Purchasing team solicited bids for over 82 various projects, equipment replacements, and services to be completed.
- The City’s Clerk and Contract Services team processed over 1,380 contracts and completed 1,553 public records requests.
- The City’s Finance division processed over 35,000 invoices and issued over 9,000 receipts totaling over \$295 million.
- The Technology Services team within the Information Services division closed 5,385 Helpdesk tickets.
- The City’s Special Districts Division responded to 2,051 tree-related and 1,898 Landscape Maintenance District service requests, and pruned 9,000 trees.
- Transit staff completed the federal triennial audit with no findings, which indicates sound fiscal management, purchasing, safety, and service performance.
- Santa Clarita Transit was awarded a \$300,000 competitive planning grant from the Federal Transit Administration to perform an update to the City’s Transit Development Plan.
- The Building & Safety Division issued 6,920 permits and performed over 43,650 building inspections for over \$302 million of new construction.
- The Community Preservation Division addressed 2,775 Code Enforcement cases between January and October 2022.
- The Planning Division opened 201 new master cases for entitlement projects and issued 1,106 over-the-counter approvals between January and October 2022.
- The City’s Traffic Division responded to over 400 traffic-related requests, ranging from improvements to signal timing or synchronization, modifying speed limits, on-street parking, and improving traffic signage.



- The City's Engineering Services Division issued over 1,172 right-of-way permits and completed 4,407 inspections. Additionally, 480 plan check reviews were completed for residential and commercial developments. Over 1,268 customers visited the Engineering Services Permit Center in 2022.
- The City's local historic preservation efforts continue to partner with divisions Citywide to archive records, including over 3,080 Engineering Services records.
- The City's General Services Division:
 - Fabricated 450 street signs, striped 40 painted lane miles, refurbished and painted 2 miles of red curbs, refurbished 100 crosswalks, filled 2,264 potholes, and installed 130 tons of asphalt at various locations throughout the City;
 - Grinded sidewalk concrete at 416 locations, repaired 120 patches, installed 132 ramps and re-ramps, and removed and repaired 42 sidewalk displacements (a total of 7,987 feet), which removed 710 potential tripping hazards; and
 - Worked with the court-appointed Community Service public program to oversee 1,754 community service workers, completing a total of 13,664 hours on projects such as litter abatement and the removal of abandoned shopping carts.
 - The City's Environmental Services Division inspected and cleaned all City-owned catch basins four times, equaling 805 inspections and cleanings; maintained all City drainage benefit assessment areas including 14 retention basins, 22 outfalls, and 7 continuous deflection separation units.
 - Staff collected and replaced over 50,000 bags of trash, and over 1 million dog waste bags were utilized and stocked.
- The City's Parks Division completed 396 playground safety inspections, resulting in the replacement of 75 playground components and over 82 safety sticker replacements. Additionally, 540 cubic yards of engineered wood fiber was replaced, 20 tons of sand was replenished, and 80 square feet of rubberized surfacing was repaired.
- Staff installed 15 new bricks and the permanent Bill Reynolds memorial plaque at Veteran's Plaza.
- Staff completed nearly 1,000 requests for irrigation repairs replacing over 960 sprinkler heads and repairing or replacing over 160 valves.
- Improved field quality and playability in Parks by applying:
 - 20,000 pounds of infield conditioner to softball and baseball fields;
 - 27 new bases for softball and baseball field inclusive of 5 pitching rubber installations, 4 home plate installations, and multiple concrete anchor replacements for the field bases;
 - 2,000 pounds of Bermuda Grass seed, 18,000 pounds of Rye Grass seed, and 2,000 pounds of Fescue Grass seed;
 - Weekly striping of over 2 1/2 miles of field lines using over 40 gallons of paint per week;
 - Reel mowed 33 acres of sports turf bi-weekly and rotary mowed 75 acres of recreational turf weekly; and
 - Over 500 cubic yards of soil amendments and 136,000 pounds of nutrients and fertilizers.
- Completed preventative maintenance and repairs to all exhaust fans and evaporative coolers in the bay at the Corporate Yard to ensure that air movement and temperatures are comfortable for staff.



- The City hosted a total of 2,530 youth sports participants in programs and over 117,000 spectators during games and practices, 66,000 individuals for adult sports programs and events, 50,100 attendees at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex Gymnasium, 165,000 visitors to the City's Aquatic facilities, 2,829 Camp Clarita campers, 297 preschoolers for the 2021-22 school year in the Primetime Preschool program, 3,881 participants in Outdoor Recreation Programs, and approximately 30,700 visitors to the Trek Bike Park and Skate Park.
- The Community Centers offered numerous community-wide special events to over 4,000 residents, as well as an After-School Program to over 500 participants at each site.
- Thirty-four children were accommodated through Inclusion Services for participation in Camp Clarita, Contract Classes, Youth Sports, Aquatics, Child Development, and at both Santa Clarita Community Centers.
- Through the City's S.C.O.R.E. (Santa Clarita's Opportunity for a Recreational Experience) program, 376 youth were awarded scholarships, for a total of \$42,863, which allowed them to participate in any class or program offered in the Season's brochure.
- Through the Drug Free Youth in SCV (DFY) Program, 2,800 junior high and high school students signed banners that were displayed on their school's campus, pledging to live a drug-free lifestyle and to make responsible decisions. The DFY Program also hosted 207 junior high and high school club leaders and students from across 15 schools during the spring Youth Summits. Good Choices presentations were given at 26 elementary schools in the Newhall and Saugus Union School Districts, reaching over 4,100 fourth and fifth grade students.
- Through the Community Services and Arts Grants Program, the City awarded a total of \$180,000 in grants funds to nonprofits serving the local Santa Clarita community. Of the 37 grants applications funded, 19 were for Community Services grants and 18 were for Arts grants.
- The Cube saw a monthly average foot traffic of nearly 34,000 visitors, hosted over 71,230 participants in programs, and held 179 private events and parties in the first 10 months of the year.
- Santa Clarita Public Library staff processed over 4,500 passport applications, circulated 1,003,832 items between January and October 2022, served over 2,000 free lunches to children over the summer, established a Homeschool Parent group, and developed Home at the Library programming series.
- A total of 2,409 children, teens, and adults participated in the Santa Clarita Public Library's 2022 Summer Reading Program. The participants read for a cumulative 26,317 days during the seven-week-long program.
- The Santa Clarita Public Library successfully competed for a number of grants this year which funded the Youth Arts Initiative, Lunch at the Library, and a Library Innovations program.
- The Santa Clarita Public Library has refreshed and relaunched the Yawáyro Kits, in partnership with the Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, and have been supplemented with items loaned from the Los Angeles Natural History Museum.



ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYEES

- Over 90 in-person training and development sessions were coordinated and facilitated for employees in 2022, and over 20 on-demand, virtual trainings were offered.
- The City hosted six Information Sessions to increase employees' organizational awareness on topics including Budget 101, Graffiti Removal, Enforcing the City's Code, Career Pathways, Local Economic Insights and a Peek at New Santa Clarita Businesses, and West Creek Inclusive Play Area.
- The City's Supervisor Series, designed to equip new and current supervisors with essential skills on how to manage effectively, continued focusing on both technical and behavioral courses on communication, effective feedback, employee engagement, safety on the job, and leadership brand. Over 25 supervisors completed the series in 2022.
- WorkWell, the City's employee wellness program, offered over 100 wellness events and activities in 2022, including informational seminars, staff challenges like the hydration challenge, and a Citywide Fitness Challenge, the Golf Tournament, and the Kickball Tournament.
- Through voluntary participation in wellness programming, City staff raised over \$6,000 for direct donations to Finally Family Homes as part of the City's Charitable Giving Campaign.
- The City continued the formal Internship Program with the goal of providing high-caliber students with meaningful work-based learning opportunities that expand students' understanding of public service, integrate and diversify the organization, and support succession planning efforts.
- The City has welcomed over 55 new employees since January. While 47 percent of City employees have been with the City for fewer than five years, employee tenure continues to remain high, representing strong employee commitment and satisfaction. Of the current 451 full-time employees, 19 percent have worked for the City for 5 - 9 years; 9 percent for 10 - 15 years; 14 percent for 16 - 20 years; and 11 percent for more than 20 years. Employee turnover remains low at 6.7 percent, which is a decrease from 11.6 percent in 2021.



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