

SANTA CLARA SUN



“ Santa Clara City Mayor & Council Message

Dear Santa Clara Friends and Neighbors,

As the fall season settles in and cooler temperatures invite us outdoors, we're reminded once again of just how fortunate we are to live in Santa Clara. The golden light of autumn, the changing leaves, and the peaceful pace of this season offer the perfect chance to slow down, get outside, and connect with what makes our community so special.

For outdoor lovers, this is prime time. Whether you're walking your favorite neighborhood path or exploring the incredible network of nearly 50 miles of mountain biking trails right next to our city, there's no shortage of adventure. And with Snow Canyon State Park just minutes away, residents and visitors alike can experience some of Utah's most stunning landscapes without ever straying far from home.



This week, we also celebrated a meaningful addition to our community—a beautiful new mural at the pedestrian crossing on Pioneer Parkway, created by Snow Canyon High School art students under the guidance of Rachelle Sherman. This project is a true labor of love, with students donating hundreds of hours toward the concept, design, and painting. The mural reflects elements of Santa Clara's rich heritage and tells a visual story of the community we're all proud to be part of. If you haven't seen it yet, I encourage you to stop by and take a look. It's a vibrant and lasting example of the creativity, dedication, and pride our young residents bring to this city.





This season also brings an opportunity to reflect on what supports and sustains our town—not just in spirit, but in service. Our local businesses play a vital role in the day-to-day life of Santa Clara. With nearly 40 brick-and-mortar small businesses in our city, they provide essential goods, services, jobs, and gathering places that bring character and convenience to our community.

They're also a critical piece of our city's financial health. Sales tax revenue from local businesses contributes over \$2 million annually, making up more than 20% of our general fund—significantly more than the \$1.2 million (12%) we receive from property tax. When you shop local, you're not only supporting friends and neighbors—you're helping fund the services, spaces, and quality of life we all value. It's one of the most direct and positive ways to give back to the community we love.



As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to not only show gratitude but to practice neighborly mindfulness. This season can be joyful for many, but challenging for others. A kind word, a shared meal, or simply checking in on someone nearby can make all the difference. In a town like ours, it's those small gestures that truly define community.

Thank you for all you do to make Santa Clara such a welcoming and resilient place. Wishing you and your family a safe, happy, and meaningful Thanksgiving season.

Councilman Shakespeare ”

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 3-7

Fall Cemetery Clean-up

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day (Office Closed)

NOVEMBER 12

City Council Work Meeting @ 4:00 pm

City Council Regular Meeting @ 6:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING - SEE WEBSITE FOR INFO

NOVEMBER 13

Planning Commission Meeting @ 5:30 pm

NOVEMBER 27 & 28

Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)

DECEMBER 1-24

Adventsfenster Countdown to Christmas

DECEMBER 6

Samichlaus Swiss Santa Night @ 6:30 pm

DECEMBER 13

Wreaths Across America @ 10 am



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Santa Clara City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, Utah 84765.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the following items:

1. Public hearing, consideration and possible action on the City's updated General Plan.

Citizens of Santa Clara are encouraged to attend the meeting where they will be given the opportunity to express their opinion on the matter.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary Communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify the City Recorder, Selena Nez at 673-6712, ext. 203 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

Selena Nez, City Recorder

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

**Election Day Notice for:
Municipal General Election
Washington County, Utah
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Polling: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

In accordance with UCA 20a-5-101(4), notice is hereby given that the Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

A polling location/vote center for ALL Municipalities holding General Elections will be held at the following locations:

Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive, St George UT

Hurricane Community Center, 63 South 100 West, Hurricane, UT

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for voters to return their ballots or vote in person on Election Day.

Please note:

Only active voters who are currently registered in the municipalities that are having a general election and have not selected to vote in person will receive a ballot by mail.

Electronic marking devices will be available at each vote center to assist voters with sight and mobility issues. Individuals with disabilities who are not able to vote a manual ballot by mail, may obtain information on voting in an accessible manner from the County Clerk's office.

Voters must be a citizen of the United States; residents of the voting precinct in which they are voting; and 18 years of age or older by the General Election in order to participate. Voter identification will be required.

Registration by provisional ballot will be available.

Any changes to the location of polling places/vote centers will be noticed in accordance with Utah code, including on the County Election Office website. For additional information, please visit or contact the following offices:

Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website: vote.utah.gov

County Election Office; (435)301-7248; www.elections.washco.utah.gov

City's Election Office; (435)673-6712; santaclarautah.gov/elections

Selena Nez
City Recorder

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

2025 General Election
Sample Ballot & Candidate Profiles

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT VOTE.UTAH.GOV & SANTACLARAUTAH.GOV/ELECTIONS

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OFFICIAL GENERAL BALLOT
FOR SANTA CLARA CITY, UTAH
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Selena Neg
City Recorder

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval ● next to the candidate's name. Use a black or blue ballpoint pen. If a mistake was made on your ballot, or if it becomes damaged, contact Washington County Elections for a replacement ballot at 435.301.7248.

Completely fill in the oval. ●

Municipal Offices

Santa Clara City Mayor

Vote for One

☐ JARETT WAITE

☐ BEN SHAKESPEARE

Santa Clara City Council

Vote for up to Two

☐ JIMI KESTIN

☐ MARK W HENDRICKSON

☐ CHRISTA HINTON

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Jarett Waite

Candidate for Santa Clara City Mayor

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Santa Clara

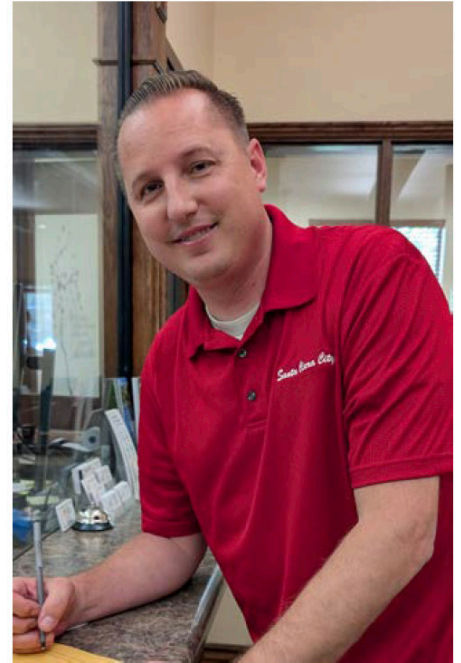
YEARS OF RESIDENCE 19

AGE 45

OCCUPATION Entrepreneur

Santa Clara is a special place, and I truly feel that I have made a positive difference serving as your city councilman the last ten years. My experience, track record, and willingness to listen to residents make me uniquely qualified to serve as your mayor. I will have an open door policy whenever a resident wants to meet with me, and I will always ensure our community values are part of every decision I make.

I graduated from BYU in 2005 with a degree in business management. Soon after, I married my wife, Jenna, and we moved back to her hometown of Santa Clara. We're the parents of five wonderful children, and have owned and operated Laser Mania Family Fun Center for almost 20 years. I have chaired boards for the Kite Festival, Community Education Channel, St. George Chamber of Commerce "Sunshiners," and Southwest Mosquito Abatement District. I completed the Leadership Dixie program in 2022 and served on the board for three years. I love spending time with my family and gardening.



Ben Shakespeare

Candidate for Santa Clara City Mayor

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WEBSITE

CITY OF RESIDENCE Santa Clara

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 27

AGE 51

OCCUPATION Business owner, Commercial plumbing/Mechanical. Contractor/Development

Ben Shakespeare is a 27-year resident of Santa Clara, Utah, and is currently serving his second term on the Santa Clara City Council. He attended Dixie High School (Class of '92) and Dixie College.

Ben is a master plumber and co-owner of Tom's Mechanical, a family-founded business he operates with his brother, Connor. He is also a partner in Shakespeare Development, a local construction and development company that reflects his passion for building lasting infrastructure and improving the community. Ben is an active member of the Southern Utah Home Builders Association (SUHBA)

Ben's commitment to Santa Clara extends beyond business. He dedicated 12 years to the local Little League board—five as president

Ben is married to Tawni Tuttle Shakespeare. Together, they have four children and recently welcomed their first grandchild, with another on the way. As the third of nine children, Ben understands the importance of faith, family, and working together for a common good.



Jimi Kestin

Candidate for Santa Clara City Council

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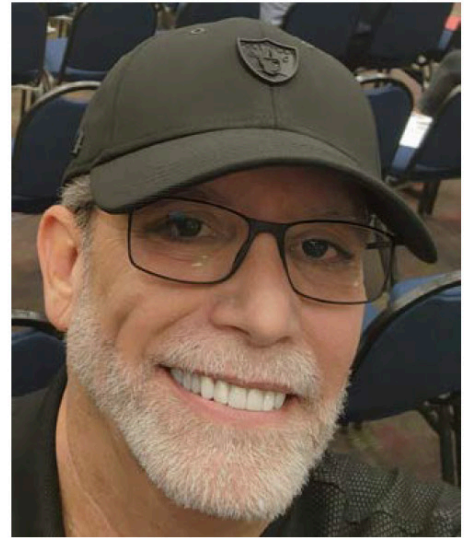
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CITY OF RESIDENCE SANTA CLARA

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 20

AGE 68

OCCUPATION Hospice Chaplain



Santa Clara needs a steady hand, a principled heart, and a wise decision maker — not just someone who has been around politics or development. We need someone who listens, understands, and leads with conviction. My wife Rickine and I have lived here for over twenty years, raised our family, and we cherish this community are dedicated to preserving the lifestyle that has made Santa Clara the best place to live and raise a family in the Nation. From healthcare decisions to land use, I believe that protecting individual liberty and limiting government interference in our lives is the essential role of every elected official. My commitment is to a consistent, values-based approach to decision making rooted in faith, the Constitution, and community service and if given the honor to serve, we will put the 'servant' back in public servant. And since you should be able to get hold of your City Council member when needed, my cell is (435)669-9070. Call or text anytime.

Mark Hendrickson

Candidate for Santa Clara City Council

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Santa Clara

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 32

AGE 59

OCCUPATION Office Furniture Sales



Infrastructure for All Generations

Investing in our roads, parks, and public services to meet the needs of today's families and future residents.

Collaborative Leadership

Working with everyone to find practical solutions, not create division. My focus is on results for Santa Clara.

Preserving Community & Smart Growth

Balancing progress with the preservation of our neighborhoods and the unique character that makes Santa Clara special.

This city doesn't need more noise. It needs leadership that listens, plans, and gets to work. That's the kind of leader I've always been—and that's the kind of councilmember I'll be.

Christa Hinton

Candidate for Santa Clara City Council

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CITY OF RESIDENCE Santa Clara

YEARS OF RESIDENCE 30

AGE 51

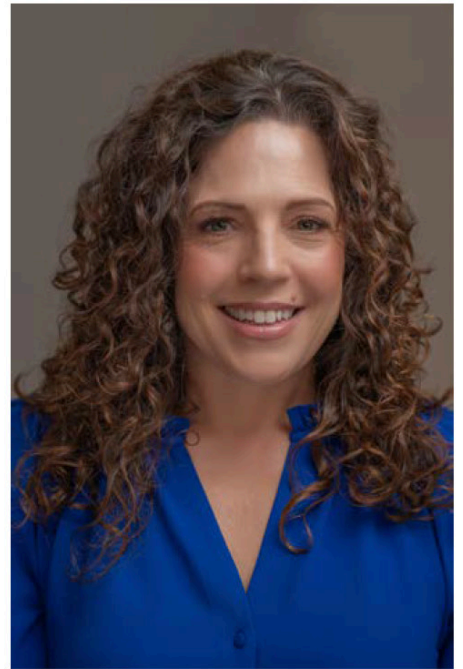
OCCUPATION Communications Manager for St. George Regional Hospital

Christa Hinton has been a proud Santa Clara resident for over 30 years. Currently serving her first term on Santa Clara's City Council, she focuses on maintaining the city's exceptional quality of life, emphasizing transparency, planning thoughtfully for growth, engaging citizens in the process, and preserving and honoring Santa Clara's rich heritage.

Professionally, Christa is the Communications Manager at St. George Regional Hospital, where she helps keep caregivers and the community informed and connected. She holds a master's degree in Professional Communications from Southern Utah University.

Her dedication to public service extends statewide. She currently serves as 2nd Vice President of the Utah League of Cities and Towns and as a member of the Utah Outdoor Adventure Commission and the Fifth Judicial District Nominating Commission. She also serves on the boards of Utah Women Run and the Southwest Symphony.

Christa and her husband, Michael, have four children and two spirited mini schnauzers—Rocco and Scout. In her free time, she enjoys reading, hiking the Southern Utah trails, exercising, and traveling. Whether it's representing local voices or shaping policy for Utah's future, she leads with integrity, transparency, and a deep love for the city she calls home.



A SWISS CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Samichlaus Abend

SANTA NIGHT

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Tree Lighting Begins at 7:00 PM

2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara Utah 84765



How many times a week should I water?



Sprinklers



Drip Irrigation

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WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

FUNDING ADDED TO FURTHER INCENTIVE GRASS REPLACEMENT

Residents of Santa Clara City now have an added reason to replace their lawns with water-wise landscaping. Through a new partnership with the Washington County Water Conservancy District (district), the city is offering an additional \$1 per square foot—up to 500 square feet—on top of the district's existing \$2 per square foot incentive available through the Water Efficient Landscape Program.

The city committed \$82,000 for the added incentive. When combined with matching state funds, the \$164,000 in supplemental funds will support more than 320 conversion projects in the city. Each new applicant from Santa Clara will be guaranteed the supplemental payment until the funds are exhausted.

"By contributing funding to the grass replacement program, we're investing in long-term water security," said Santa Clara City Mayor Rick Rosenberg. "This commitment of city resources reflects our determination to save water today and ensure a reliable supply for generations to come."

"Santa Clara's leadership sets an example worth following," said Doug Bennett, district conservation manager. "This kind of support from the region's cities is what's driving the success of the program." Since 2023, the district's program has helped the region's property owners replace nearly 3 million square feet of grass making it one of the nation's top performing programs on a per capita basis.

The Washington County Water Conservancy District is a not-for-profit public agency that oversees water resources in Washington County, UT. Visit wcwcd.gov for more information.

Holiday Shopping

The holiday shopping season has arrived, making it a wonderful opportunity to support Santa Clara's local businesses. The city offers an expanding array of shopping and dining options, ensuring you can find the perfect gifts for everyone on your list. Stroll through the charming downtown and explore the many businesses in the growing commercial district around the intersection of Pioneer Parkway and Rachel Drive. Whether you're looking to shop, dine, or enjoy the festive atmosphere, Santa Clara has it all. Join us in supporting our local merchants this holiday season as they provide everything you need for gift-giving, decorating, and celebrating!



WREATHS — *across* — AMERICA

Santa Clara City is participating in the Wreath's Across America program at the Santa Clara City Cemetery on Saturday December 13, 2025, at 10:00 am. This special event is held annually across the country with a mission to honor, remember, and teach about the service and sacrifices of our veteran's. Wreaths Across America brings us together for a time of remembrance, reflection, and a reminder to let us never forget our veterans and all they have done for our country to provide the freedoms and way of life we know and enjoy. There will be a short program at the cemetery, featuring a special veteran speaker. Wreaths will be provided to families to place on their veteran's graves in our cemetery during the program. Light refreshments will be served following placement of the wreaths.

To learn more or donate please visit:
<https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/>

Fall Cemetery Clean-Up Reminder

The fall cemetery clean-up begins on Monday November 3, 2025. Please remove all cemetery flowers and decorations of any kind before that date. Remaining flowers and decorations will be removed and disposed of, except for new burials. Flowers and decorations can be returned to the cemetery on Friday November 7, 2025. We appreciate your help with this clean up in preparation for Veteran's Day remembrances.

Home Energy Assistance Target Program

The H.E.A.T. program accepts applications to assist eligible households in need of help paying their home heating bills. This federally funded program is administered by the State of Utah. Payment amounts are based on income, energy use, and at-risk groups in the household. Residents who wish to apply for assistance call 435-652-9643 to schedule an appointment. The H.E.A.T. office is located at 1506 S Silicon Way Suite 3B, St. George, UT 84770.

Community Safety Update: Staying Safe This Season

As the days grow shorter and the weather becomes cooler, it's a great time to review a few safety tips to keep our homes, families, and neighborhoods secure. Whether it's adjusting to the time change, staying warm safely, or preparing for the holidays, a little prevention can go a long way.

Safety on the Roads – Day and Night

Taking a few extra precautions can enhance safety on the road:

- Slow down and stay alert, watch for pedestrians and cyclists, especially during dawn and dusk hours.
- As the temperatures drop, please take a few extra minutes to clear all frost from your windows before driving.
- Avoid distractions and stay focused, phones and multitasking can wait until you're safely parked.
- Plan for rest and make sure you get enough sleep, especially in the days right after the time change.

Time Change Safety – "Fall Back" Smartly

When it's time to set clocks back an hour, take a few extra minutes for safety checks:

- Update your emergency plan. Review evacuation routes and family contact information.
- Check outdoor lighting. With darker evenings, ensure pathways and entryways are well lit to prevent trips and deter unwanted visitors.



Neighborhood Safety – Watch Out for Each Other

Our community stays safest when we stay connected:

- Report suspicious activity promptly to local authorities
- Join or start a neighborhood watch to strengthen communication within your community.
- Keep yards and sidewalks clear of debris and well-lit to reduce hiding spots.
- Check in on elderly or vulnerable neighbors, especially during cold snaps or power outages.

Holiday Safety – Celebrate with Care

The holidays are a time of joy, but also a time for extra caution:

- Inspect holiday lights for frayed cords and use only indoor-rated or outdoor-rated strands as appropriate.
- Be cautious with candles, use battery-operated versions when possible.
- Package deliveries can attract thieves; consider using delivery lockers or asking a neighbor to collect your packages if you'll be away.
- If traveling, set timers on lights and ask someone to check your home periodically.



Together, We Create a Safer Community

Safety starts at home but thrives when we look out for one another. Let's make this season safe, warm, and welcoming for everyone. Contact our Dispatch at 435-634-5730 for non-emergencies or 911 for urgent situations.



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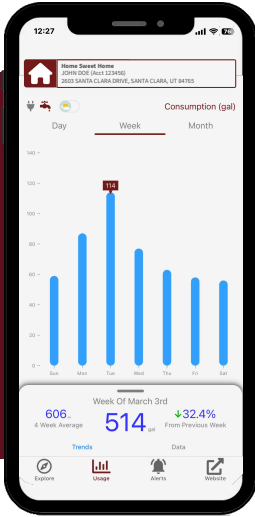
ANIMAL CONTROL/ SHELTER MANAGER:

MACKENZIE PETERSON

Our last two kittens this year!

Ella and Kami are 23 weeks old and have spent 149 days in the shelter. (Just about their whole lives!) These sweet girls have grown up in the shelter, hoping for families of their own, and they are still waiting for someone to see just how special they are. Ella and Kami are both a little shy at first, but once they feel safe, their sweet and gentle sides shine through. They love cozy naps, soft scratches, and are content to do their own thing, but will happily come to you when they're ready for affection. They don't demand constant attention, making them ideal for someone who appreciates a balance of independence and affection. For anyone willing to be patient and loving, the reward of earning their trust is truly special. They need homes to blossom in. They are both spayed, vaccinated, and litter trained. They have waited long enough. If you are interested in adopting, help us give them the forever homes they've been dreaming of, please contact the Washington City Shelter to schedule an appointment to meet them as they have been transferred to their shelter





MyMeter Mobile App

NEW USER SET UP

Welcome to the MyMeter Mobile App!

Welcome to the 'MyMeter' mobile app! Our goal is to make tracking your water and power usage simpler and more convenient than ever before. With our cutting-edge Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system, water readings are taken daily, and power readings are taken every fifteen minutes, all securely stored in the cloud for easy access. With the 'MyMeter' mobile app, you can effortlessly monitor your consumption, compare trends, set alerts, and more. Get ready to take control of your utility usage and make informed, cost-saving decisions every day!



Easy New User Set Up

Step 1: Download the 'MyMeter' Mobile App

Apple/iOS Users

Search for 'MyMeter' in the App Store or use [this link](#) or QR Code to download the app.



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Android Users

Search for 'MyMeter' in the Google Play Store or use [this link](#) or QR Code to download the app.



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Step 2: Select Your Utility

Open the app and scroll down to select 'Santa Clara City'.

Step 3: Register User

Select 'Register User' and fill in the registration information using your utility account information. You can now start exploring the MyMeter mobile app! As a new app, your feedback is invaluable to us. If you encounter any issues or have suggestions for improvement, please do not hesitate to let us know. Your input will help us enhance the app and provide a better experience for all users!