



## February 2026

### City Council Now Complete, Welcoming Justin Caplin as Newest Member



As shared in last month's newsletter, Santa Clara City held its inauguration ceremony during a special City Council meeting on the evening of January 5th, officially swearing in Mayor Jarett Waite, re-elected Council Member Christa Hinton, and newly elected Council Member Mark Hendrickson, who joined Council Members Janene Burton and David Pond. Since that time, a vacancy on the City Council has been filled. On January 28th, interviews were conducted during a City Council meeting, and following a selection process that included eight candidates, the Council voted, selecting Justin Caplin by a 3–2 vote. We are pleased to welcome Justin Caplin as Santa Clara's newest Council Member and thank all who participated in the process.

### Cemetery Cleanup Reminder – February 2-6, 2026

Santa Clara's cemetery cleanup will take place from Monday, February 2nd through Friday, February 6th, 2026. All flowers and decorations must be removed before February 2nd — any remaining items will be disposed of during cleanup (except at new burial sites). Decorations may be returned beginning Friday, February 6th. The City performs three regular cemetery cleanups each year on the first Monday of February, May, and November to help maintain the cemetery as a beautiful place of remembrance. Thank you for your cooperation. For questions, contact Santa Clara City at 435-673-6712.

### Santa Clara Celebrates America250

On July 4, 2026, Santa Clara will join the rest of the nation to commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Throughout 2026, Santa Clara will host monthly lectures and activities to celebrate this historic event. These events are planned to help Educate, Engage and Unite our community, state and nation. For more information watch for signs at the Santa Clara Town Hall or in local businesses. Please visit [santaclarautah.gov/america250](https://santaclarautah.gov/america250) or [america250.utah.gov](https://america250.utah.gov) for updated and complete information.



## America250 Lecture – Feb 4 Interview with George Washington

Santa Clara's America250 Lecture Series continues Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 PM at the Santa Clara Town Hall with "An Interview with George Washington." Award-winning SUU History Professor Ryan Paul interviews President George Washington, portrayed by first-person interpreter Lawrence Howard, in this engaging, free event.

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## America250 Activity – Feb 12 Blood Drive

Give back this February as part of Santa Clara's America250 celebration by participating in our community Blood Drive, held from 1:30–7:00 PM at the Santa Clara LDS Stake Center. Your donation can make a life-saving difference.

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## Santa Clara Youth Council Visits Utah State Capitol

Last month, the Santa Clara City Youth Council visited the Utah State Capitol for Local Officials Day! The students had the opportunity to meet with state and city officials, participate in engaging activities, and explore the Capitol. It was an incredible experience for our future leaders!



## Notice of City Council Public Hearing – February 11, 2026

The Santa Clara City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, in the City Council Chambers at 2603 Santa Clara Drive. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on several items, including consideration of an On-Premise Alcoholic Beverage License (Class D) for Brody's Mexican Restaurant, approval of a Single Event Liquor License and Special Event Permit for the True Grit Epic Bike Race, a sewer easement vacation for the Cole West Subdivision as per Section 10-20-208 of State Code, and adoption of the Santa Clara City Traffic and Transportation Impact Fee Facilities Plan and Impact Fee Analysis. Citizens are encouraged to attend and share any concerns regarding these proposals. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations, including auxiliary communicative aids and services, should notify City Recorder Selena Nez at 673-6712, ext. 203, at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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## Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing – February 12, 2026

The Santa Clara Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 2603 Santa Clara Drive. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on proposed text amendments to the city sign regulations. The Commission will discuss and take action on a text amendment to Chapter 17.44.130, Temporary Signs, which would update language related to City-Sponsored Events, and a text amendment to Chapter 17.44.110, Monument Signs, which would allow for Planned Center Monument Signs. Citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide comments or express any concerns regarding the proposed amendments. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring special accommodations, including auxiliary communicative aids and services, should contact City Recorder Selena Nez at 673-6712, ext. 203 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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## Scholarship Opportunity for High School Students

The Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship program, and Santa Clara high school students are eligible to apply. Current sophomores and juniors can attend a free week-long summer camp (July 6–10, 2026) and receive a \$500 scholarship, with opportunities to earn additional funds during camp. High school seniors may apply for a \$2,500 educational scholarship for continuing education after graduation (3.0+ GPA required). Essay deadlines are February 28, 2026 for seniors and April 3, 2026 for sophomores and juniors. All application details, essay prompts, and requirements are available on the UAMPS website at [uamps.com/scholarship](http://uamps.com/scholarship). These scholarships are made possible through Santa Clara City's membership in UAMPS, which supports the education and future of students in member communities.

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## Upcoming Events

- February 4 @ 7:00 pm - America250 Lecture: Interview with George Washington
- February 11 @ 4:00 pm - City Council Work Meeting
- February 11 @ 6:00 pm - City Council Regular Meeting (Public Hearing)
- February 12 @ 1:30 - 7:00 pm - Blood Drive @ Santa Clara LDS Stake Center
- February 12 @ 5:30 pm - Planning Commission Meeting (Public Hearing)
- February 16 - Presidents Day (Office Closed)
- February 25 @ 4:00 pm - City Council Work Meeting
- February 25 @ 6:00 pm - City Council Regular Meeting
- February 26 @ 5:30 pm - Planning Commission Meeting

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