



City Manager's Weekly Update

September 20, 2024

Philharmonia Fantastique Features Three Composers This Weekend, Including Local Favorite Martin Gaskell



Live musical performance transforms our emotions. Feel that power this weekend with Philharmonia Fantastique at the Civic! Beyond the brilliance of the music, these concerts offer a connection with the technical and artistic excellence of three dynamic composers. Featured pieces include Johannes Brahms' Symphony no. 1, Mason Bates' Philharmonia Fantastique, and local composer Martin Gaskell's Ceremonial Music.

Saturday, September 21, 2024
7:30 PM, Civic Auditorium

Sunday, September 22, 2024
2:00 PM, Henry J Mello Center

A towering figure in 19th-century music, Johannes Brahms had a profound effect on the classical tradition — his music is celebrated for its emotional depth and thematic development. Featured composer Mason Bates significantly impacted the world of classical and electronic music through his unique fusion of acoustic and electronic elements. Local favorite Martin Gaskell is a composer and astronomer who brings a special blend of scientific inquiry and musical artistry to his craft.

Join Santa Cruz Symphony and Music Director Daniel Stewart as they celebrate the autumn equinox with the launch of their 67th concert season!

Get Tickets Now

City & Community Collaboration Improves Neary Lagoon with New Walkway, Signage, Balancing

Accessibility and Ecosystem Protection



This week, the City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments, in partnership with the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History (SCMNH), celebrated the completion of improvements to the Neary Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Interpretive Trail.

Councilmember Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, Miss Middour's 3rd-grade class from Del Mar Elementary, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jane Mio took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new floating walkway and interpretive signage, which enhances the visitor experience while supporting habitat conservation and environmental education.

We invite community members, nature enthusiasts, and families to explore and support Neary Lagoon, one of Santa Cruz's natural treasures. *Here's to enjoying our open space in a way that honors and protects its natural beauty.*



Santa Cruz Police Department Welcomes Six New Officers

We are thrilled to introduce Pedro Hernandez, Jacob Owings, Andrew Gutierrez, Morgan Sandoval, Carl Lopez, and Gretchen Fullmer as the newest additions to the Santa Cruz Police Department family!

It is our honor to officially swear in these outstanding individuals who have chosen to serve and protect the Santa Cruz community. Officers Hernandez, Owings, Gutierrez, Sandoval, Lopez, and Fullmer—thank you for your commitment to public safety. Please join us in congratulating these officers as they begin their journey in law enforcement!

The new officers will undergo a couple of weeks of orientation before being assigned to our 18-week Field Training program. During this program, rookie officers will be paired with a Field

Training Officer and evaluated daily on their performance. Upon completing the Field Training program, the new officers will be assigned to a patrol team to work as solo beat officers.

Santa Cruz PD is Hiring!

- Police Officer Trainee Signing Bonus
- Competitive Salary & Benefits
- Expedited Hiring Process
- Paid Training & Academy Tuition

Ready to take the next step in your career? Visit JoinSantaCruzPD.com to learn more, or call (831) 420-5874 or email jbush@santacruzca.gov.

Join SCPD

Provide Nourishment to Local People Through the Second Harvest Art Auction

The time has come for our annual Second Harvest Art Auction! The pieces up for auction have all been made by our extremely talented City staff. The auction starts at noon on September 18th and will close on September 26th at noon. Let's help raise money for a great cause in our community!

Click the link below to check out the [Second Harvest Art Auction page](#). Select the green "View All Items" button, then create an account to view and make offers. Learn more about other ways to [donate to Second Harvest](#).

Those interested in checking out the pieces before the end of the auction can do so on September 25th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The pieces will be displayed in the Public Works Annex Conference Room at 809 Center Street, Room 201.



Detail of art by Amanda Bird, entitled "Sunshine Yellow" in the Second Harvest Art Auction.



Detail of art by Laura Ramsey, entitled "Off-Duty" in the Second Harvest Art Auction.

Check Out the Second Harvest Art Auction

Support Second Harvest in Other Ways!

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Offers Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic

Registration will be in late September for a low-cost Spay and Neuter Clinic offered by Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter from November 15 – 17. Space is limited — contact the shelter to reserve your spot!

For cat spaying or neutering, the cost will be \$150 (\$75 for those on public assistance). Dog spaying or neutering will be \$300 (\$150 for those on public assistance). The clinic will also offer vaccinations and microchips.

The Santa Cruz Animal Shelter offers pet adoptions seven days a week from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. To meet and greet your potential four-legged family member, arrive before 4:45 PM. Adoptions are first-come, first-served! Please view available animals on the shelter website and then visit the shelter at 1001 Rodriguez St. in Santa Cruz to turn in your application.



Schedule November Clinic Visit



Building West Cliff Resilience and Community Vision

The City of Santa Cruz, with the support of Farallon Strategies, recently concluded a year-long project to develop the [50-year Community Vision for West Cliff](#). This document provides a comprehensive framework that will contribute to the long-term vision for West Cliff.

For the next phase of this project, the City will work with the community and stakeholders to develop a [5-year Roadmap for West Cliff](#), aligning it with the 50-year Community Vision and current City work. The final roadmap will be presented to the Council by January 2025.

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Website**

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Session**

GET INVOLVED!

Community Conversations: West Cliff 5-year Roadmap

**SEPT
26**

5-YEAR ROADMAP KICK OFF!

5:30-7pm | Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Launch the 5-Year Roadmap Project and gather feedback on the prioritization criteria.

**OCT
21**

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

5:30-7pm | In-Person

London Nelson Community Center

**NOV
19**

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

5:30-7pm | Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Save the Date for a Santa Cruz Fire Open House Fundraiser on September 28!

Come meet your local firefighters and enjoy free fun with the entire family!

The event will include:

- Opportunities to meet our firefighters
- BBQ fundraiser
- Music
- Jump House
- Dunk Tank
- Raffle
- Live Demos

Saturday, September 28, 2024
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Station 1
711 Center Street, Santa Cruz

LOCAL NO. 1716
SANTA CRUZ CITY
FIREFIGHTERS
OPEN HOUSE
BBQ FUNDRAISER



Sept. 28th 11-3pm

*Come meet your local Firefighters
and enjoy FREE fun with the whole family
at Fire Station One; 711 Center Street!*

RAFFLE-MUSIC-JUMP HOUSE
DUNK TANK-LIVE DEMOS

You're Invited!

PLEASE JOIN SANTA CRUZ SISTER CITIES IN
CELEBRATING A 50 YEAR RELATIONSHIP WITH
SHINGU, JAPAN AT THE
SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM OF ART HISTORY!

A Sister Cities Celebration

OCTOBER 5, 2024



Join Us on October 5 to Celebrate our 50-Year Sister City Relationship with Shingu Japan!

On October 5, 2024, the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee will host a 50-year celebration of the Santa Cruz and Shingu, Japan, sister city relationship. The event includes music, entertainment, a pop-up market, access to the Museum of Art & History exhibits, speeches by members of the Shingu mayoral delegation, and remarks by state & local representatives.

Tickets and cocktail attire are required for this event. The ticket includes entry to the Museum of Art & History and entertainment, drinks, food, and refreshments throughout the celebration.

Ticket Prices

- Early-bird price — \$55 through September 21
- Regular price — \$75 starting September 22
- Under 21 price — \$35

[**Learn More**](#)[**Get Tickets**](#)

How to Report Abandoned Vehicles and Parking Violations

Is your neighborhood impacted by abandoned or nuisance vehicles, illegal dumping, or parking violations? Santa Cruz Police and City Parking Enforcement are here to help with enhanced services!

Email us at abandonedvehicles@santacruzca.gov to connect with our dedicated SCPD Community Service Officers, who are ready to address your concerns.

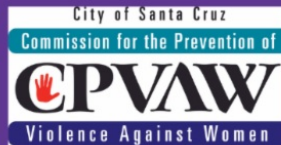
Prefer to call? **Contact Vehicle Abatement** at **831-420-5863**.
When reporting a vehicle, please provide the following details:

- Vehicle Location
- Color
- Make and model
- License plate number (if available)

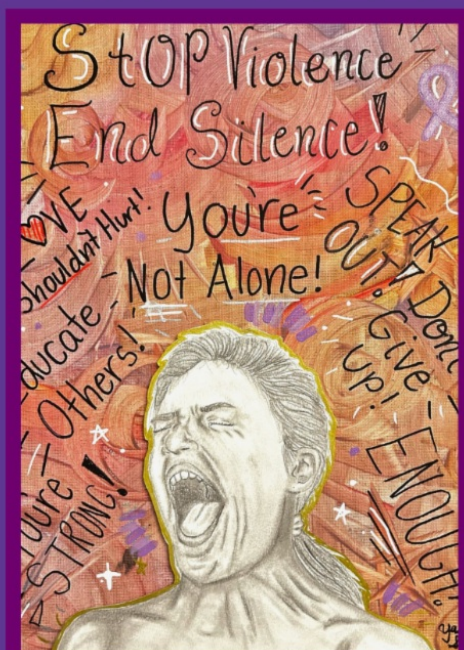


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2024 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ART EXHIBITION AND RECEPTION

PRESENTED BY:
MONARCH SERVICES AND THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ COMMISSION TO
END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



ENJOY YOUTH AND ADULT ART SUBMISSIONS A GUEST SPEAKER AND
COMPLEMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRE AND BEVERAGES



ART SUBMISSION BY YASMIN SALAS, PVUSD STUDENT

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
WRIGLEY BUILDING
2857 MISSION STREET, SANTA CRUZ, CA, 95060

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