



July 11, 2025

**SUMMER BLOCK PARTY**

**EVENT**  
**SANTA CRUZ**  
**MIDTOWN**  
**FRIDAYS**

**EVERY FRIDAY** | **5:00 to 9:00**  
**1111 SOQUEL AVE**

### Midtown Fridays Summer Block Party is back

The Event Santa Cruz Midtown Fridays Summer Block Party is back for its 5th year, and it's bigger and better than ever!

Every Friday night from May 30 through August 29, they're hosting the ultimate summer block party right in the heart of Midtown at 1111 Soquel Ave. It's free, family-friendly, featuring over 16 of the most popular bands in Santa Cruz hitting the stage all summer long, plus a rotating lineup of great local food trucks!

[View the full line-up](#)

### Quick Work on Seabright Valve Repair

Water staff recently performed work on the 1600 block of Seabright Avenue to replace a broken 4" fire service valve serving Lilian's and the U.S. Postal Service buildings. The team efficiently sectioned in a new 6" tee and 4" valve, completing the repair quickly and minimizing water interruption to nearby businesses. Great work, team!



### Pavement Rehabilitation Project

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1705 Escalona Dr  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
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The 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Project has been underway and will enhance safety for all roadway users, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The proposed improvements in the project area include the removal of non-ADA-compliant curb ramps and the installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, the removal and replacement of asphalt pavement, the installation of missing sidewalks in specific areas, and the installation of new striping to help reduce potential conflicts between motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Paving is being completed on Escalona Drive (between Walnut Avenue and Peyton Street). Paving of Highland Avenue (between Mission and High Streets / between Spring Street and Hillcrest Terrace) will start soon!

## Vegetation Management

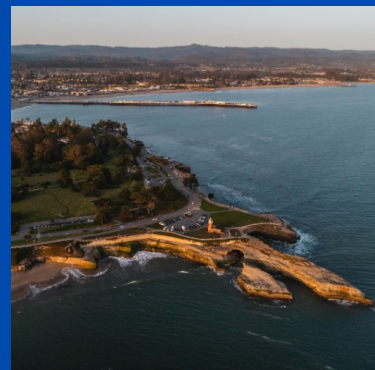
The Wastewater Collections team coordinated vegetation management at 620 Water Street, along the Branciforte Creek channel. Routine vegetation management near waterways supports maintenance activities and prevents debris from blocking the channel throughout the year.



## Provide Your Feedback on the City's Local Coastal Program by July 14

The City's Advance Planning Division has released the public review draft of a new Local Coastal Program (LCP) Beaches and Bluffs Chapter and is accepting public feedback through July 14 before bringing it to City Council public hearings for adoption, tentatively slated for Fall 2025.

California's commitment to protecting its coast began with Proposition 20 in 1972 and the Coastal Act of 1976, which ensures public access and environmental protection. Coastal cities are required to adopt Local Coastal Programs (LCPs) to guide development in the Coastal Zone. Our current LCP, adopted in 1992, is now being updated to align with the City's 2013 General Plan and to address today's critical issues, like climate change and sea level rise. This is an exciting step toward a more resilient and sustainable coastal future.



[VIEW THE LCP PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT](#)

**It's Plastic Free July**



Waste Free Santa Cruz and partners are launching the Plastic Free July Challenge!

You can take part by:  
Downloading a BINGO card on the [WFSC website!](#)

## Reminder: Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Ordinance Begins July 1



Gas-powered leaf blowers are a major source of carbon emissions and air pollution, posing risks to both the environment and public health. To address this, the City Council has adopted an ordinance that **bans the use of gas-powered leaf blowers citywide starting July 1, 2025**. This regulation will help the City meet local and state goals of reducing carbon emissions to 40% of 1990 levels by 2030.

Residents and businesses may be eligible for rebates and incentive programs to help transition from gas-powered landscaping tools to zero-emission equipment.

**Using a leaf blower for the first time or need a refresher? Follow these safety tips:**

- **Gear Up:** Always wear protective equipment, including safety goggles, earplugs, and a dust mask to shield yourself from debris, noise, and dust.
- **Use Responsibly:** Keep the nozzle pointed away from people and pets. Never operate a leaf blower on unstable surfaces like ladders or rooftops.
- **Protect Your Home:** Make sure all nearby doors and windows are closed to prevent dust and debris from blowing inside.
- **Report a Concern:** Please use [CRSP](#). Please, do not call 911 or Santa Cruz Police.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORDINANCE](#)

## Upcoming Tuesday Night Live Concerts

Join us for live music on the Wharf! The 3rd Annual Tuesday Night Live series features free shows on the second Tuesdays of each month through September, plus bonus concerts on the fourth Tuesdays of June, July, and August. Presented by the Wharf Tenants, Parks & Recreation, Friends of Parks & Recreation, and Economic Development, all shows are free and start at 6 p.m. on the Wharf Common Stage.

Upcoming Shows

- July 22 — Fish Hook
- August 12 — The Joint Chiefs
- August 26 — Sweet VooDoo
- September 9 — Jive Machine

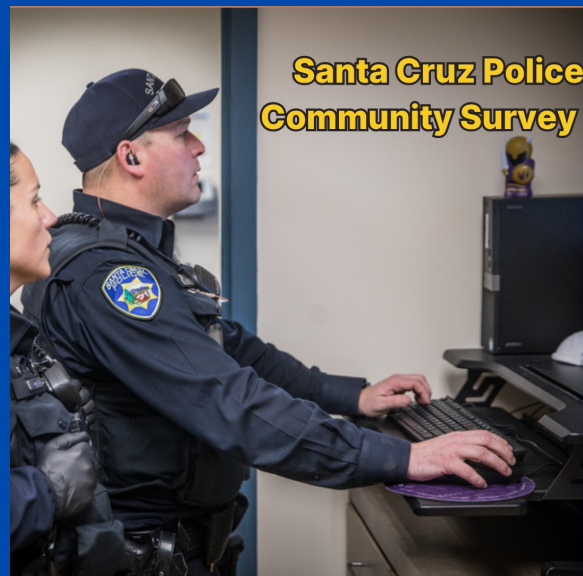


[VIEW THE FULL LINEUP](#)

## **Santa Cruz Police Department Community Survey – Open Now through July 31, 2025**

As part of a staffing study by Citygate Associates, the Santa Cruz Police Department is seeking community feedback through a short, confidential survey. Your input will help identify opportunities for improvement and guide future planning.

The survey is open through July 31, 2025, and all responses are completely anonymous.



[Take the Survey](#)

## **Upcoming Free Santa Cruz Recycling Center Tours**

Ever wonder where your recycling and food scraps go? Join us for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the City's Resource Recovery Facility to learn what happens to the 30 to 50 tons of recyclables Santa Cruz residents toss into their blue bins every day. Whether you're a recycling rookie or waste warrior, you'll leave empowered to make smarter, greener choices.

**Sign up for a tour today to:**

- Discover why “recycling right” matters.
- Learn how to avoid common mistakes like “wish-cycling.”

- Get up close to a mountain of scrap metal.
- Explore the Household Hazardous Waste Program.
- Watch the amazing Food Scrap Pre-Processor in action.

Tours are 90 minutes long and take place every Friday through August 15 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Spots are limited. Register today!



**REGISTER FOR A FREE  
TOUR**

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>TUESDAY(S)</b> JULY 1 ALL DAY	<b>LOCAL TUESDAY AT THE SANTA CRUZ WHARF</b> 2 hours of FREE parking w/ validation! Sales and Specials available every Tuesday (Year-Round)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> JULY 2 6PM	<b>BACKSTAGE TOUR AT THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM</b> Discover hidden spaces, production secrets, historic stories, and get a unique glimpse behind the curtain on this engaging tour experience.
<b>TUESDAY</b> JULY 8 6PM - 8PM	<b>TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERT</b> Join us for Concert #4 at the Santa Cruz Wharf from 6:00-8:00PM. The Lost Boys Featuring James Durbin will be rocking the Wharf Stage!
<b>SATURDAY</b> JULY 12 10AM - 1PM	<b>SANTA CRUZ ARCHERS DAY</b> Join the Santa Cruz Archers for two group lessons! First one is from 10:00AM - 11:30AM and the second is from 11:30AM -1:00PM
<b>SATURDAY</b> JULY 12 TIME VARIES	<b>SWINGOUT SANTA CRUZ &amp; DAY ON THE BEACH</b> Free Swing Dancing on the Santa Cruz Wharf and Celebrate Day on the Beach with Shared Adventures
<b>TUES. &amp; THURS.</b> JULY 15 & 17 9:30AM - 11:30AM	<b>COASTAL WATERSHED GUIDED RIVERWALK</b> Join the Coastal Watershed for a guided walk along the San Lorenzo Riverwalk. Meet at the Mimi De Marta Dog Park at 119 Broadway
<b>SATURDAY</b> JULY 19 10AM - 3PM	<b>FAMILY FUN DAY</b> Join us Park and Recreation agencies across Santa Cruz County at Scotts Valley Skypark for free family fun!
<b>SATURDAY</b> JULY 19 9AM - 12PM	<b>DOWNTOWN SIGNIFICANT TREE WALK</b> Register for the annual favorite tree walk with Urban Forester, Leslie Keedy!
<b>SATURDAY</b> JULY 21-24 ALL WEEK	<b>LONDON NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE</b> Behind the scenes tour, history of LNCC art exhibit, drop-in classes, Q&A with instructors, ping pong tournament and more!
<b>TUESDAY</b> JULY 22 6PM	<b>TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERT</b> Join us for Concert #5 at the Santa Cruz Wharf from 6:00PM - 8:00PM! Fish Hook will be rocking the Wharf Stage!
<b>FRI. &amp; SAT.</b> JULY 25 & 26 7PM, 2PM & 7PM	<b>PARKS AND REC CHILDREN'S THEATER</b> "The Horror at Party Beach" At the London Nelson Community Center. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.
<b>SUNDAY</b> JULY 27 12:30PM	<b>FREE LAWN BOWLING LESSONS</b> Join the Santa Cruz Bowls Club for Free Lawn Bowling Lessons at San Lorenzo Park, 137 Dakota Ave

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALL MONTH !

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