

legal-size self-addressed stamped envelope to: Historic Home Tour 2012, c/o Harris-Lass House Museum, P.O. Box 3311, Santa Clara, CA 95055-3311.

Beginning Nov. 1, ticket prices are \$30 general admission, \$25 seniors (60+) or children (6-12) and may be purchased at City Lights Espresso, 1171 Homestead Road. No children under the age of 6 will be admitted. If still available on the days of the tour, all tickets will be \$35 at the door of the St. Clare Rectory, 725 Washington St.

For more information, call the Harris-Lass House Museum message line at 1-408-249-7905, view the Home Tour website at sc-hometour.com, or email hometour@harrislass.org.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

Sunday, Nov. 11

A ceremony honoring veterans will be held at 3 p.m. at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. Handicap parking and wheelchair assistance are available in the employee parking lot at the Community Recreation Center. For more information contact James Lee at 1-408-296-2512. You can also arrange to have a brick installed at this lovely memorial to honor a veteran. The donation is \$125, and a form can be found online at santaclaraveteransmemorial.com.

HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECORATIONS CONTEST

Nominations for the annual Holiday Outdoor Decorations Contest will be accepted from Nov. 26 through Dec. 7. Decorate the exterior of your home or business in cheerful, colorful holiday décor and talk to your neighbors about doing the same. Nominate yourself, your neighbor, or one of the brightly lit homes or businesses you've seen around the City.

Nominations for best outdoor decorations in four categories (residential, business, neighborhood, and best tree) will be evaluated by a team of judges on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Winners will be announced Dec. 12. Then you can check the City's website at santaclaraca.gov for the list of winners along with the full list of entrants in convenient driving order. Winners will be acknowledged at a City Council meeting in early January 2013. For info, contact the City Manager's Office at 1-408-615-2210.

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Ethics in Government Begins at Ballot Box

Santa Clara is a national leader in incorporating community ethics and values into local government. But ethics in government really begins at the ballot box when voters compare candidates and choose who will best represent their interests. In prior surveys, Santa Clara residents told the City that they want to elect individuals who are honest, dependable, financially prudent, act with integrity, are responsible, impartial and accountable. Many people believe that the best predictor of a person's ethics tomorrow as an elected official may be the ethics displayed today while they are running for office. What does "doing the right thing" look like in a political campaign? Look for more information on this topic in a separate insert enclosed with your October utility bill, in the City's newspaper, "Inside Santa Clara," on the City's website, and on municipal Cable Channel 15.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parks & Recreation

Fall 2012 Youth Production: Roberta Jones Junior Theatre presents *Charlotte's Web - The Musical*. This exciting musical version of *Charlotte's Web* brings a new dimension to E.B. White's beloved classic book. With music and lyrics by Charles Strouse (*Annie* and *Bye, Bye Birdie*) and book by Joseph Robinette (national award-winning children's playwright), this musical tells the enchanting tale of the unusual friendship between Wilbur, the "Terrific" pig, and Charlotte, the spider who uses her web to save Wilbur's life. Performances will be held on November 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th at 7 p.m., and November 11th and 18th at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at www.RJJT.org.

NEW this year! 2012-2013 Season

Tickets: Purchase a season subscription to Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's 2012-2013 season and receive exclusive early seat selection. Individual seats for our musicals do not go on sale until much later, giving our season subscribers first priority for the best seats in the house! Tickets are available for purchase at www.RJJT.org. Contact the Community Recreation Center at 1-408-615-3140 for more information.

Library

Discover & Go! The *Discover & Go* network has been very popular with library users seeking Bay Area culture. Families and individuals have been taking advantage of this great service—see the link on the Library's home page

(library.santaclaraca.gov) under the Research/Resources drop down menu. The *Discover & Go* website may be searched by venue or date, then enter your last name and library card number. You will receive free admission or discounted passes to visit participating museums (art, science, technology, historical, etc.), zoos & aquariums, parks, theaters, and cultural events & institutions. More venues are being added regularly. As fall turns to winter and the weather changes, find exciting cultural and educational things for you and your family to do both indoors and out via the *Discover & Go* network!

MISSION CITY COMMUNITY FUND AUCTION/DINNER – Sat., November 3

Come celebrate with Mission City Community Fund (MCCF) at its annual fundraising dinner and auction in the Mission City Ballroom of the Santa Clara Convention Center. Proceeds from the evening are donated to local charities serving Santa Clara residents and the surrounding community. MCCF is pleased to announce that this year's Austen Warburton Community Service Award honoree is retired City Manager Jennifer Sparacino. The event includes a drawing for a brand new 2013 Infiniti automobile, the annual Christmas Tree Raffle for a fully decorated tree and dozens of gifts to put under it, and the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items that include unique travel destinations and one-of-a-kind experiences. Tickets for this fun-filled evening are \$125 per person, which

includes cocktail appetizers, dinner, wine, dessert and dancing to the music of Sage. Tickets for the Car Drawing, Christmas Tree Raffle and Dinner are available on the MCCF website at missioncityfund.org.

HISTORIC HOME TOUR

Tickets for the 34th annual Santa Clara Historic Home Tour go on sale beginning in October. This year's tour will be held Friday, December 7, 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, December 8, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Among the private homes on this year's tour is a California Craftsman bungalow designed by the architectural firm of Wolfe & McKenzie and built about 1912, and a circa 1901 Colonial style home containing a hipped roof. The public building on the tour will be the lovely St. Clare Parish Rectory that includes a chapel, reception area and library.

The Board of the Harris-Lass House Museum co-sponsors the tour with the Old Quad Residents Association. Proceeds benefit historic preservation projects and other nonprofit groups in Santa Clara. The nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium will hold an opportunity drawing at the St. Clare Rectory during the tour as a fundraiser for their organization.

Tickets are \$25 if ordered by mail or on the tour's website by Oct. 31. Mail order forms will be available during October at the Central Park and Mission Libraries. Tickets also may be ordered by sending a