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STATE OF THE ART

Art can help illuminate inner thoughts, explore different cultures, and bring new meaning to the things we are familiar with. For many, enjoying art often means traveling many miles. Luckily for Saratoga residents, they don't have to go very far to appreciate art in all its forms. Saratoga packs a lot of creativity in its 12-square miles.

There are musicals, plays, concerts, author and poet laureate lectures, art shows, exhibits, and cultural events to please all tastes and interests in Saratoga. For those looking to better their craft and express their own inner creativity, there are classes, workshops, and meetings.

Turn to Page 2 to read about just a few places where art can be found and appreciated, whether it be through nature, paintings, or writing. Also learn about all the programs offered by Saratoga's Recreation Department.

On Page 3, find out how art has found a "PLACE" in Saratoga. Also, take a look at a calendar of upcoming events.

There's no need to go anywhere when art is right in your backyard.

Be There!

Register or renew your Neighborhood Watch and learn about crime prevention at the

City Council/Neighborhood Watch Joint Meeting

on October 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Senior Center

Visit:

www.saratoga.ca.us/stayingsafe

Quick Tip from Captain Rich



Have you been a victim of a phone scam? Contact the Sheriff's Office immediately at (408) 299-2311.

Keep track of crime in your area.

Visit www.crimereports.com

Be notified when emergencies happen in your area. Sign up at www.sccgov.org/sites/alertsc.



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Art is All Around

Art takes many forms: paintings, sculptures, writing, photography, music, dancing, acting ... and the list goes on. No matter what someone is into, it can be found within Saratoga.

All you have to do is look around.



Montalvo Arts Center

Location: 15400 Montalvo Road

Website: <http://montalvoarts.org>

Montalvo Arts Center is a nonprofit dedicated to the arts, and it shows. Montalvo has sprinkled art throughout its beautiful grounds, offers art camps and classes, hosts concerts, performances, and an artists residency program. Guests can also travel the miles of hiking trails that meander through the forests adjoining the gardens to connect with nature.

Saratoga Library

Location: 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Website: www.sccl.org/saratoga

Not only is the Saratoga Library full of art made from the written word (Books!) but also features events with poet laureates, fiction and non-fiction authors, and artists of all kinds. The Library also has a revolving exhibit with new art shown each month at the entrance of the building.



Hakone Gardens

Location: 21000 Big Basin Way

Website: www.hakone.com

Explore traditional Japanese art forms through a traditional tea ceremony or Ikebana class at Hakone Gardens. Hakone Gardens also hosts a variety of festivals, like the Lunar New Year celebration, that highlight the performing arts of a variety of cultures. In addition, the garden itself is a work of art worth exploring.

Saratoga Recreation Department

Location: 19655 Allendale Avenue

Website: www.saratoga.ca.us/recreation

If you prefer creating art, then the Saratoga Recreation Department has what your family needs. There are art, cooking, writing, dancing, and music classes for children; acting classes for teens and adults; and beading, chocolate truffle making, painting, dancing, and more.





Meet Captain Rich

Saratoga's New Police Chief



Have you met Captain Rich Urena with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office? As the new Captain of the West Valley Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office, he serves as the Police Chief within the City of Saratoga.

Captain Urena has been with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office for 14 years and has experience in all enforcement divisions within the Sheriff's Office.

The West Valley Division is comprised of 82 sworn personnel and 8 professional support staff. This includes: patrol, traffic enforcement, detectives, school resource officers, special enforcement, community policing, and crime analysis. The Division serves the cities of Saratoga, Cupertino, and Los Altos Hills, as well as the western unincorporated Santa Clara County.

Art Has a *Place*

Place can have many meanings. It can serve as a setting, an identity, or be a simple marker on the map.

Artist Steven Simon hoped to evoke thoughts of place through his artwork, *PLACE*. The steel plate bench is comprised of 5 separate letters, spelling the word place.

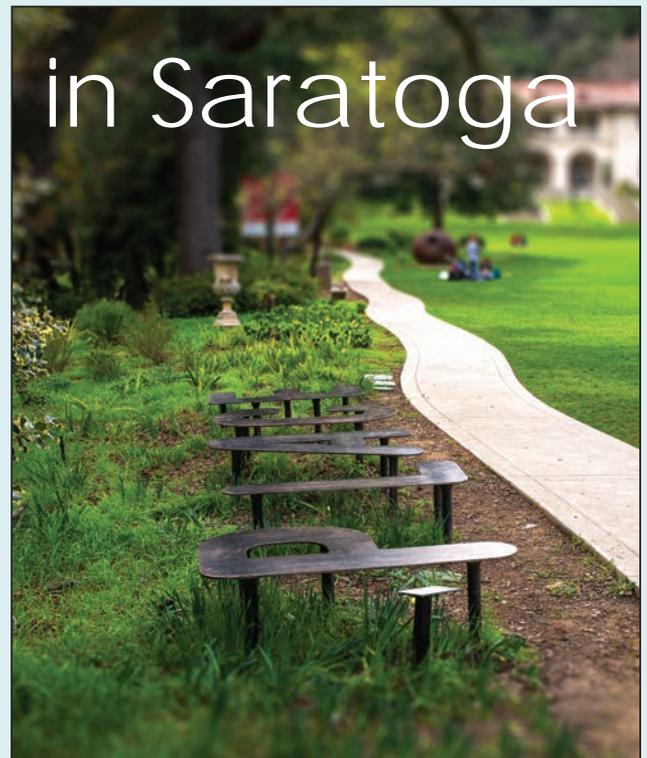
The artwork was created by Simon in 2008 with the hopes that it would "get people to consider the many contexts and purposes of the word."

The piece has been at Montalvo Arts Center most recently and starting in September, the artwork will be on loan to the City of Saratoga and displayed outside the Saratoga Library.

The installation coincides with the City's 60th anniversary and celebrations of Saratoga as a place.

Commemorate the unveiling of *PLACE* on October 27, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. at Saratoga Library. You can also read more about *PLACE* at montalvoarts.org/sculpture/place/

in Saratoga



SEE SOMETHING



SAY SOMETHING!

One of the greatest assets of any law enforcement agency is the community and that is no different in Saratoga. Residents know their streets and neighbors better than anyone else, making them the best at spotting unusual activity that can be associated with crimes. Individuals who immediately report suspicious behavior or observations can help the Sheriff's Office stop and catch criminals. Every minute counts.

We often hear that people have a difficult time deciding if they should call 911. Any behavior or situation that feels out of the ordinary can be reported to the Sheriff's Office. It's better to be overly suspicious and call in activities that turn out to be nothing than let potential crimes go unreported.

Additionally, those who call in when they see something suspicious can further help by providing accurate and detailed information. Be specific in describing locations, vehicles, and people. For example, note the make, model, and color of cars and approximate height, weight, unique features, clothing, and other physical traits of people.

For more information about public safety, visit www.saratoga.ca.us/stayingsafe

What should I look out for?

Below is just a short list of some of the activities to report to 911:

- An unusual vehicle or person passing through your neighborhood more than once
- A solicitor without a permit from the City
- Someone going home to home, looking in through windows or inspecting the backyard
- People entering a neighbor's house while it is unoccupied
- An unfamiliar car parked on your street with someone inside
- Slow moving vehicle driving without lights on at night



ASK OUR STAFF **FEATURING RICK TORRES**

Have a question? Send your question(s) to cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us or call (408) 868-1269.

Q: I noticed the City repaving a few streets in my neighborhood. How does the City pick the streets that are repaved?



A: Street maintenance is one of the most visible and important functions of a city. Roads impact most residents every day. So, I hear questions from many residents who want to know more about how the City keeps our roadways in good condition.

Every year, a number of streets are selected to be repaved through the City's Pavement Management Program. We pick these streets based on current road conditions, recommended maintenance schedules, and available funding.

However, this doesn't mean that each year we pave the roads in the worst condition. Usually, we select a few of the roads that really need attention along with roads in better condition to save money long-term. Repairing roads once they get into bad shape is very expensive, so we can afford to do a few of these roads each year. Repairing our other roads before they get too distressed extends the life of the street and ultimately saves money.

To learn more about the Pavement Management Program, visit www.saratoga.ca.us/streets

Rick Torres is a the Manager of the Streets Division in the Public Works Department. He oversees maintenance of the City's roadways, including streets, lighting, signals, and storm drains.



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