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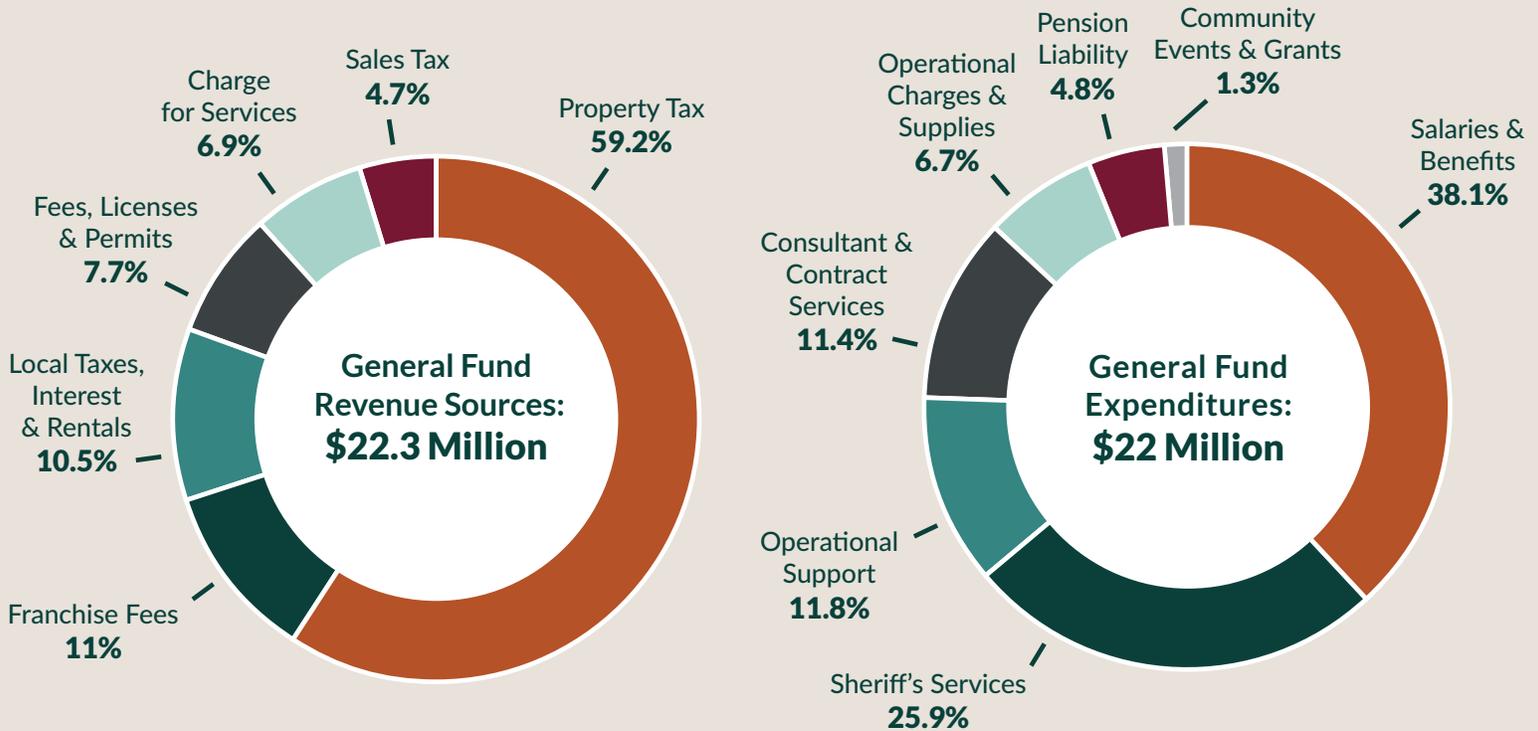
2018/19



Budget at a Glance

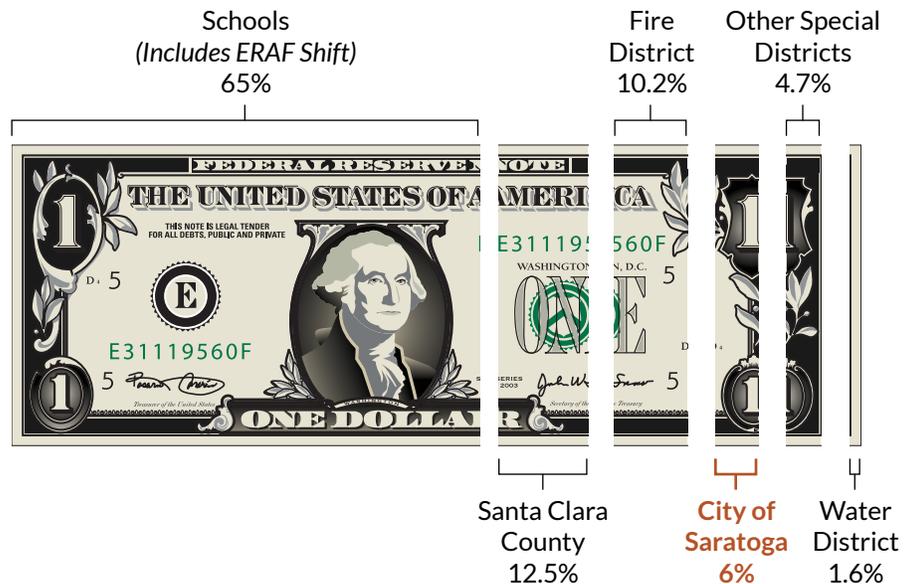
General Fund Revenue and Expenditures Fiscal Year 2018/19

Saratoga's General Fund budget provides for the City's primary operations. The charts below represent the Fiscal Year 2018/19 revenue and expenditure budgets by category.



Saratoga's Property Tax Distribution

Property Tax is Saratoga's largest revenue source. However, Saratoga is a "low tax" city, meaning it receives the minimum allocation allowed by State law. Due to this low-tax status, City services are limited. Saratoga operates with a small staff, and many functions are delivered by contract. As this illustration shows, the City receives only about six cents of every Property Tax dollar residents pay.

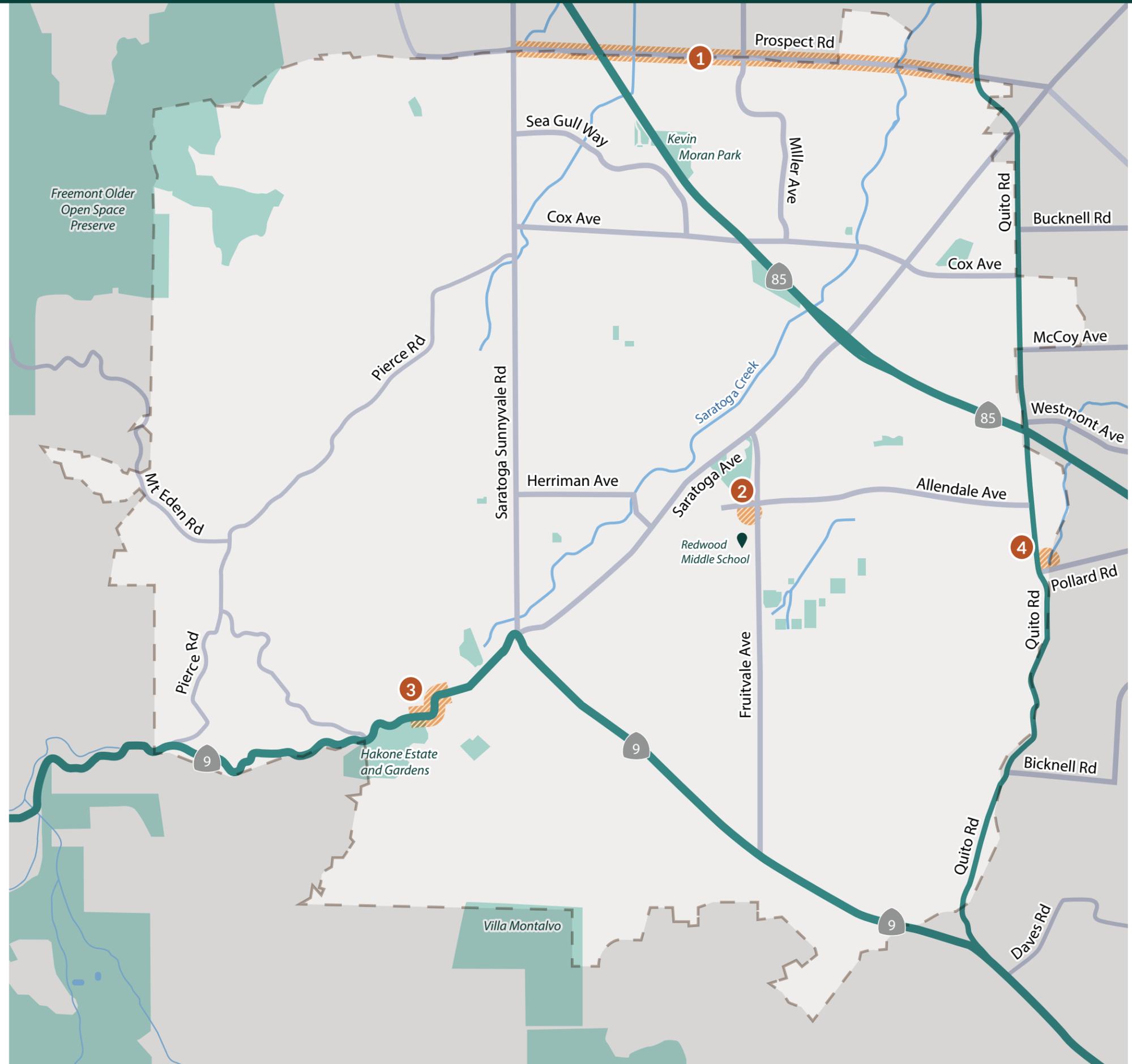


Major Capital Improvements

The City of Saratoga has an ongoing process through which it identifies, prioritizes, and develops a multi-year plan for major capital projects. Capital Improvement Plan projects enhance the quality of life in Saratoga by upgrading the City's roadways, parks, facilities, and other infrastructure. These projects are approved by the City Council during the budget process and many are funded through grants.

- 1 Prospect Road Improvements**
This project is underway to make Prospect Road easier and safer to travel whether driving, biking, walking, or taking public transportation. Improvements include the installation of medians, defined turn lanes, sidewalks, ADA ramps, safer crosswalks, bicycle detector loops, and landscaping. This \$7.3 million project is funded by a \$5.3 million OBAG grant, Gas Tax revenues of \$1.1 million, and CIP reserves of \$1 million.
- 2 Fruitvale Avenue & Allendale Avenue Intersection Improvements**
To improve pedestrian crossings at the Fruitvale Avenue and Allendale Avenue intersection, the right-turn slip lane closest to Redwood Middle School will be removed, and the existing traffic signals will be replaced. This will increase pedestrian visibility and reduce vehicle speeds.
- 3 Saratoga Village to Quarry Park Walkway**
A pedestrian walkway from the Saratoga Village, through Hakone Gardens, to Quarry Park will help bring foot traffic to the Village and provide a pedestrian-friendly path along Highway 9. This will also be the starting point of the future Saratoga-to-the-Sea Trail.
- 4 Quito Road & Pollard Road Open Space Improvements**
A new park will be created by improving the open space area at the corner of Quito Road and Pollard Road. Beautification improvements will include a meditation garden, drought tolerant and native landscaping, pathway enhancements, and irrigation.

To view the budget in full and read more about the City of Saratoga's Capital Improvement Projects and initiatives, visit www.saratoga.ca.us/budget



Local Government at Work

The work of local government impacts the lives of residents on a daily basis. Want to see your local government at work? Take a look around the community!



20

Community Event Grants Awarded



190

Median Banners Displayed



184

Acres of City Parks Maintained



2,200

Business Licenses Issued



1,200
Recreation Activities Offered



260

“Volunteer Saratoga” Participants



882

New Trees Planted



1,850

Building Permits Issued



550

Streets Swept per Month

City Initiatives

Safety

Preventing and reducing crime continues to be a priority in Saratoga. The City has increased public safety communications by mailing quarterly safety tip postcards and sending quarterly Neighborhood Watch e-newsletters. Interest in Neighborhood Watch continues to grow, and there are now 70 registered groups. Increased awareness and neighbors looking out for each other has contributed to a decrease in crime, with zero residential burglaries in June.

Health

Recent efforts to enhance public health include improving the air quality in Saratoga, reducing youth access to tobacco, and adopting a water access policy, which requires City park or facility improvements over \$150,000 to include installation of a water fountain and bottle filling station. The trail system at Quarry Park has also been extended so the community can get outside, exercise, and take in the beautiful views.

Art

Public Art is on display throughout Saratoga. Seven utility box locations throughout the City have been painted, and residents are encouraged to participate in #SaratogaROCKS by decorating their own rocks or borrowing a kit from the City to get started. You can also visit the PLACE Bench at the Saratoga Library, or take a seat on the Willys and Betty Peck Blessings Bench in the Saratoga Village.

Support

This year, the City will continue to contribute to safety net services for Saratoga residents, such as United Way 211, Catholic Charities Long-Term Ombudsman Program, and Reach Your Destination Easily (R.Y.D.E.), a curb-to-curb transportation service for adults ages 55 and older living in the West Valley Cities. Additionally, the City will increase funding for West Valley Community Services, which provides a range of basic needs, family support services, and housing and food pantry services.

Accessibility

The City has a number of upcoming efforts planned to help make City facilities, the website, and other communication methods more accessible and approachable for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and non-English speakers. These projects include an accessibility assessment of City parking areas and traffic signals, the remodel of the Senior Center entrance, and the translation of several key City publications to Chinese, the second most common language used in Saratoga households.



Contact Saratoga



For additional information:

Explore the City's redesigned website at www.saratoga.ca.us

Visit www.saratoga.ca.us/subscribe and sign up to receive the City's monthly e-newsletter, the *Saratoga Source*, and quarterly Neighborhood Watch e-newsletters. You can also receive notifications about a variety of topics, including meeting agendas, community events, emergency alerts, and more.

I need to...

Apply for a tree removal permit	www.saratoga.ca.us/trees	408.868.1276
Find out when my streets will be swept	www.saratoga.ca.us/sweeping	408.868.1245
Get a building permit	www.saratoga.ca.us/building	408.868.1201
Have a pothole or street light fixed	www.saratoga.ca.us/fixit	408.868.1245
Host an event	www.saratoga.ca.us/eventpermits	408.868.1230
Learn about serving on a City Commission	www.saratoga.ca.us/comvac	408.868.1294
License my pet	www.saratoga.ca.us/petlicense	408.794.7240
Receive a business license	www.saratoga.ca.us/buslicense	408.868.1260
Remodel my home	www.saratoga.ca.us/planning	408.868.1222
Report a missed garbage/recycling pick up	www.saratoga.ca.us/garbage	408.868.1241
Reserve a City park or facility	www.saratoga.ca.us/rentals	408.868.1259
Sign up for a recreation program	www.saratoga.ca.us/recprograms	408.868.1249
Start a Neighborhood Watch group	www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch	408.868.1269

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