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STAGE TWO WATER SHORTAGE ALERT DECLARED IN RESPONSE TO STATEWIDE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

While locally the City has adequate water supplies, statewide the outlook is far more severe. California faces critical drought conditions, and all are being asked to do more to reduce water use and help improve California’s water situation. The Governor has mandated that urban water suppliers move to a higher level of drought response, regardless of local water supply conditions. In response, City Council declared a Stage Two Water Shortage Alert on June 21, 2022.



Thanks to community conservation and investment in our diversified water supply, Santa Barbara’s water outlook is good, even if extreme dry conditions persist.

Thanks to our community’s continued commitment to water conservation and the City’s investment in our diversified water supply, Santa Barbara’s water outlook is good, even if extreme dry conditions persist for several years. The City’s water demands can be met using a combination of supplies from its diverse water supply portfolio, which includes Lake Cachuma, Gibraltar Reservoir, ocean desalination, groundwater, imported water through the State Water Project, and recycled water.

Given the statewide nature of the drought, we can all continue to make a difference by being as efficient as possible with our water use. To learn more about drought planning and conservation programs, please visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Drought or call (805) 564-5460.

CREEK WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 17 – 24!



The City’s 23rd Annual Creek Week Celebration is just around the corner, scheduled for September 17 – 24, 2022.

Visit SBCreekWeek.com and sign up for email updates, or follow us at [Facebook.com/SBCreekWeek](https://www.facebook.com/SBCreekWeek) to find out what’s happening!

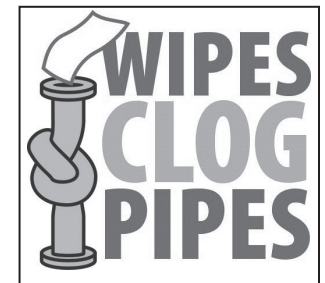
ARE “FLUSHABLE WIPES” FLUSHABLE?

There are a variety of products on the market that are advertised as a better cleaning experience when compared to traditional toilet paper. While wipes are marketed in a variety of ways, such as “septic-safe,” “breaks down like toilet paper” or “safe for sewer and septic,” these products do not break down when flushed.

Flushing wipes can lead to costly blockages in homes, businesses, and wastewater systems, ultimately leading to sewer overflows and pollution in creeks and the ocean. Wipes can also cause blockages in private sewer laterals, especially in older pipelines that may have grease, roots, and/or other existing obstructions.

Generally, sewer systems work on a gravity or downhill system. However, some areas in the City run on a pump system. While a wipe will eventually break down over time, it will not break down fast enough before entering a pumping station within City’s sewer system and causing damage.

Protect your property and our community’s infrastructure by throwing alternative cleaning products in the trash and only flushing the 3 Ps: pee, poo, and paper. To learn more about what to flush visit our website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WTF



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WATERFRONT 4TH OF JULY



Independence Day Events Blast Back to the Waterfront.

If you're looking for somewhere to celebrate this Independence Day, there'll be no better place than the Santa Barbara Waterfront. A full slate of festive, fun, and family-friendly events and activities are planned throughout the day, including the return of free live music and dance performances!

Stearns Wharf

- **Noon:** The celebration begins with a bang with the firing of the historic cannon
- **2pm:** Free face painting
- **4pm:** Live music featuring Area 51

West Beach

- **Noon - 8:50pm:** Live music at the West Beach bandstand. Featured bands include The Detar Music Review, Drifting Dimension, Sweetheart Sisters, Why Golf Why, Brandi Lentini and Band, Slideways, Riding Out the Storm, False Puppet and Petty Set Go. There will also be performances by La Boheme dancers and Fiesta dancers.
- **9pm - 9:20pm:** Fireworks! Presented by Garden State Fireworks and sponsored by the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department. The fireworks soundtrack will be simulcast on local radio station 92.9 FM KJEE.

Cabrillo Boulevard sidewalk at West Beach

- **11am - 9pm:** Festive food and vendor booths

For more information, go to SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Waterfront or contact Chris Bell at 805-897-1962

CONCERTS IN THE PARK ARE BACK



The City's free concert series brings back a variety of sounds to Chase Palm Park Thursday nights this summer

The City Parks and Recreation Department is excited to emerge from the pandemic and announce the return of the Concerts in the Park for the 21st season. The wildly popular summer concert series will kick off on Thursday, July 7 with Santa Barbara's favorite 80's tribute band, The Molly Ringwald Project.

Concerts in the Park performances take place in Chase Palm Park from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. These free events have become a Santa Barbara tradition since the program was founded in 2000. Concert attendees bring blankets and picnics, with groups of friends joining in and dancing in front of the stage as the night progresses.

The Concerts in the Park 2022 series schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 7 – The Molly Ringwald Project
High-energy 80's tribute band from Santa Barbara

Thursday, July 14 – Blue Breeze Band
Best of Motown R&B, Soul, Funk and Jazz & Blues

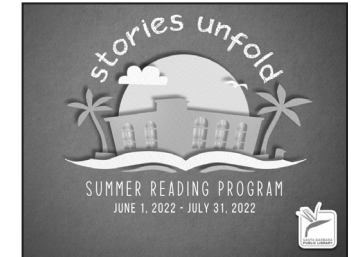
Thursday, July 21 – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries
High voltage party rock and roll show band

Thursday, July 28 – Pepe Marquez Band
Santa Barbara-based Latin R & B Soul band

Please visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Concerts or call (805) 564-5418 for more information.

SUMMER READING IS HERE

Stop by any Library location or find the Library on the Go Van around town to pick out your very own free book and gather everything you need to build your own reading journal. Children age 0-4 are encouraged to join 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.



Stories Unfold at the Library, join in on the Summer Reading fun through July 31

Teens can pick up a free DIY reading journal and a free book to get jump start their summer reading or volunteer to review books to get those volunteer hours and help other teens find great books to read.

Looking for reading suggestions? Check out our Book Match program for personalized recommendations from one of our librarians.

SUMMER NIGHTS AT LA CUMBRE JR. HIGH SCHOOL

The Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with the Santa Barbara Unified School District and other community agencies to offer a program at La Cumbre Junior High to give teens a fun place to hang out in the evenings. Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. through July 15, youth and their families are invited to join in on a number of free activities including, kickball, dodgeball, basketball, soccer, yoga, music jam sessions, art murals, skate competitions and more.



Summer Nights is open to all teens ages 13-16, families are welcome

For more information, please contact Recreation Manager Rich Hanna: RHanna@SantaBarbaraCA.gov