

2022 WATERWISE GARDEN CONTEST WINNER



The Clark's garden features water wise plants, a rain-water collection basin that can capture more than 600 gallons from their gutters, and efficient drip irrigation.

The WaterWise Garden Recognition Contest celebrates and recognizes beautiful, water efficient residential gardens throughout Santa Barbara County. The 2022 winning garden for the City of Santa Barbara is owned by Susan and Rand Clark. One of the motivators to create this new, vibrant outdoor living space was the isolation during the pandemic. Susan dreamed of an inviting front yard that included an area near the sidewalk for children

and parents to sit and chat on their walks to the nearby elementary school.

Susan's design background and down-to-earth style led her to coax her landscaper friend Jim Anderson out of retirement. He had been the original landscaper when they removed the former lawn several years ago. Jim worked with the owners to create a landscape with texture, color, and sustainable features.

The Clark's garden includes a wide variety of native and water wise plants that bloom in different seasons to have beauty year-round, such as the soft and delicate Canyon Gray Sagebrush that drapes over the stone wall. A dry creek bed and underground rainwater collection basin captures more than 600 gallons of rainwater from the roof gutters, creating a deep soak for the trees and garden. Efficient drip irrigation is only used to supplement the plants during the summer season. The reimagined open front yard brings enjoyment to the owners, the neighbors, and the families on their way to school who often sit on the low stone wall for a rest. The Clarks have created a vibrant space to interact with nature and neighbors.

In Santa Barbara, an average of fifty percent of the water used at homes goes toward landscape irrigation. Water wise gardens not only save money on water bills, but are also colorful and lush, attract wildlife, and are easily maintained. For garden inspiration and to see the 2022 garden contest entries from all over Santa Barbara County, visit WaterWiseSB.org/GardenContest.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM GRADUATES TWO CLASSES



Two classes recently graduated from the Community Emergency Response Team Program.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

The City of Santa Barbara Fire Department finalized the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training this month with Santa Barbara City College, graduating ten staff members and students in disaster response.

SBFD OES delivers this class yearly in partnership with SBCC.

This is the second CERT Training that SBFD has delivered this year.

The first in-person training was in partnership with Immigrant Hope Community Center, delivered in the summer, graduating 20 Spanish speaking community members. In this CERT training the CERT participants participated in a final exercise in which their family members played the disaster simulation "victims". And the CERT's were the first responders.

Visit the City's New Website
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

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36TH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA PARADE OF LIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 11 “Deck The Hulls!”



View one of Santa Barbara's signature holiday events and get into the holiday spirit.

On December 11, come enjoy one of Santa Barbara's free signature holiday events – the 36th Annual Parade of Lights.

Beginning at noon families can visit a Winter Wonderland on the City Pier in Santa Barbara Harbor. There will be holiday elves, 10 tons of snow, goody bags and festive music. Santa will arrive at 2 p.m. for photos and merry making.

The parade competition starts at 3:30 p.m. with the Human-Powered category. Dozens of standup paddlers and kayakers dressed in jolly attire will paddle through the harbor and around Stearns Wharf spreading holiday cheer for all to hear. At 5 p.m. a holiday tree

lighting ceremony will be held on Stearns Wharf next to the Sea Center. Then, at 5:30 p.m., around 30 illuminated water craft, bedecked to this year's theme, “Deck the Hulls” will light up the night as they make their way from Ledbetter Beach down the coast to the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion, then back along the coast to the Wharf. The parade will be capped off by a brief fireworks show. Best viewing locations for the boat parade and fireworks include Stearns Wharf, the breakwater, West Beach, and East Beach.

So, mark your calendars to get in the holiday spirit Santa Barbara style and head down to the Waterfront for an afternoon and evening of fun at the 36th Annual Parade of Lights on December 11. Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/ParadeofLights for additional details.

HELP CREATE STATE STREET'S FUTURE, MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

A public bilingual survey for the State Street Master Plan is open and can be found at the QR code here or at the State Street Master Plan website: <https://StateStreet.SantaBarbaraCA.gov>. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, share your thoughts for how to make downtown our vibrant City center and help “Create State.” The survey will be available until December 12.



Make your voice heard by taking the State Street

Attend a Community Design Workshop for State Street

Join one of our upcoming community design workshops on December 9 and 10 at 821 State Street. Workshops will each be approximately 3 hours and provide members of the public the opportunity to design the project area, incorporating a variety of activities and transportation opportunities. Additional information, including workshop times, can be found at the State Street Master Plan website: <https://StateStreet.SantaBarbaraCA.gov>.



Help “Create State” at one of the City's upcoming community design workshops.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR YOUTH CHEF APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the 2023 Chef Apprentice Program.



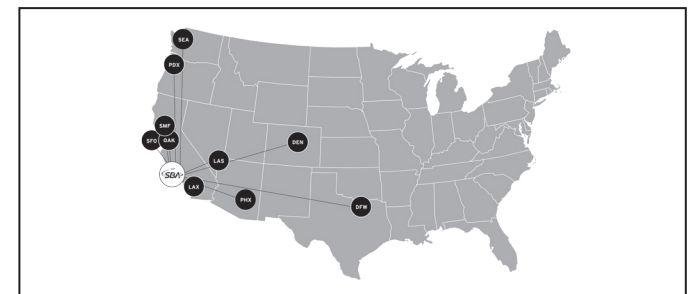
High school students wanting to explore the culinary arts can apply for the Chef Apprentice Program.

The program, which has served approximately 300 participants since its inception in 2009, provides high school-aged students the chance to explore a culinary arts profession under the direct guidance of experienced professionals. Participants will learn foundational skills, including health and safety standards, food preparation techniques, and meal planning. During each class, participants prepare a multi-course meal they can take home to their families that evening. Several program graduates have gone on to build careers in the food service industry in Santa Barbara.

The Chef Apprentice Program is open to all local students in grades 9-12 and can accommodate up to 30 participants. The program will run weekly from January to April and is offered at the Franklin Neighborhood Center and Westside Neighborhood Center.

Families can learn more and apply at bit.ly/ChefApprentice

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVEL!



Arrive Early & Be Prepared!

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