**Hakone Gardens hosting night viewing of cherry blossoms**

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Springtime is one of the best times of year to bask in the beauty. To celebrate, Saratoga’s historic Hakone Estate and Gardens is hosting “Hanami at Hakone” — special nighttime viewing of cherry blossoms. The century-old estate on Big Basin Way is home to more than 60 blossoming trees, with 45 lining the driveway that leads to the gardens and 16 more in the gardens, and all of them will be illuminated for evening visitors on weeknights through April 12, says Shozo Kagoshima, executive director of the Hakone Foundation.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and you’ll find some of the best viewing opportunities at dusk or just after nightfall. General admission is $12; seniors/students get in for $10. Daytime viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Find details at www.hakone.com.
The Muir Woods Shuttle

As of January 1, 2018, access to Muir Woods is controlled by a reservation system, similar to the one used at Alcatraz. Here are the bullet points you need to know about the new Muir Woods Shuttle:

Service runs every weekend all year round

*Weekday service operates ONLY during the peak travel season from mid-June to mid-August and on holidays

*There is no parking in the area outside the Muir Woods lots. The old shoulder areas along the narrow roadside are now “No Parking” zones, and if you don’t ride the shuttle you’ll need to make and pay in advance for a parking reservation.

*You need to make an online reservation to get a shuttle seat, and there is no support for walk-ups at the shuttle bus stops

* Your shuttle round trip will cost just $3.00

*There are three bus stops for Muir Woods shuttle riders. Two different routes serve the three stops, and have different schedules.

* When you make a reservation for the shuttle you have to pick which parking lot you’ll travel from and what time you want to go — when a time slot is sold out in a location no more reservations are sold for that bus stop and/or that time. Some shuttle bus stops offer more frequent service than others.

*You get to choose when you take the return bus back down the mountain to your bus stop, and you can stay all the way to when they close the park if you wish BUT…

*They still warn visitors that the last buses of the day could fill up — we need to see if the new shuttle service leaves people stranded in the parking lot with no cell service and no WiFi, as did the old Muir Woods Shuttle, or if they have fixed this irresponsible part of the old system

*You can cancel a shuttle reservation and get a full refund up to 72 hours ahead of your scheduled trip

* All Muir Woods shuttles can board passengers in wheelchairs

*Service animals for disabled passengers are permitted on the Muir Woods Shuttle and in Muir Woods. All other animals are not permitted. This article answers many questions about service animals and the ADA.

*Buy your shuttle reservations or parking reservations ahead of time, because they can sell out days in advance.

https://gomuirwoods.com/muir/shuttleParkingInfo

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:
Access to our new Volunteer Pavilion
Dedicated volunteer parking & shuttle
FREE Meal from a Festival Food Vendor
One FREE drink ticket for EVERY shift worked
Invitation to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Volunteers are encouraged to promote their business by wearing your company attire. You can also work a shift or two with coworkers, friends, or family! Volunteers must be 21 or over to work ticket and beer/wine booths but we do have opportunities for middle and high schoolers who would like to volunteer and get community service hours.
CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Tolls are assessed electronically when driving southbound into San Francisco. Rental vehicle customers are advised to:

1. Speak to a rental agent about how tolls are charged to you.
2. Ask if you have to Opt-In or Opt-Out of the rental company tolling program.
3. Ask about any convenience fees charged by the rental company or its affiliates.

HOW TO PAY YOUR TOLL

Paying your Golden Gate Bridge Toll Using a Rental Vehicle

OPTION 1:
AGREE TO USE RENTAL CAR TOLLING PROGRAM

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- Online using a credit card at www.bayareafastrak.org.
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COURAGEOUS KIDS DAY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

California's Great America
Sunday, May 12th
9:00am-4:00pm
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A day away from cancer for nearly 600 kids and their families, this free event is a way for kids and their families to have fun. From amusement rides, picnics, arts & crafts, and photos with celebrities, this event needs volunteers to make it happen.

For more information about volunteering, call 408-677-7806
The deadline to volunteer is April 22nd.
Virtuoso Hershey Felder takes us on his own personal journey as he explores the life and music of Impressionist composer Claude Debussy. For decades Felder’s “Great Composer Series” has celebrated the brilliance of Beethoven, Berlin, Tchaikovsky, and more. In this glorious series finale, he brings to life a visionary who proclaimed nature his religion and romance his milieu, creating music of ravishing beauty, color, and compassion. From the sweeping La Mer to the evocative L’après-midi D’un Faune and the mystical Clair de Lune, this soaring tribute will never be forgotten.

Upstage Theater
BARE
Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 pm
Friday, May 17 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 18 at 2 pm
Sunday, May 19 at 7:30 pm

Two students at a Christian boarding school attempt to discover their sexuality and identity together while navigating the social scene of their school. Bare: A Pop Opera, by Jon Hartmere and Damon Intrabartolo, is a touching story of heartbreak, love and religion. Appropriate for ages 12 and above due to subject matter and mature language.

Viva CalleSJ (VCSJ) is a free program that temporarily closes miles of San Jose streets to bring communities together to walk, bike, skate, play, and explore the city like never before.

Viva CalleSJ is an open streets program for all ages that is healthy, fun, and good for the environment and the economy. Join us on Sunday May 19th, 2019 for our fifth ever Viva CalleSJ event: Downtown and Eastbound.

This route connects St. James Park in downtown San Jose with Emma Prusch Farm just over six miles away at Story and King.

If you are interested in volunteering at this event or if your business is interested in having a booth please email Joe Noonan. (joe.noonan@sanjoseca.gov)
April 2019

Spring Festival & Photos with the Easter Bunny
April 13th, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Bring your loved ones and celebrate Spring on The Row in Park Valencia! The Santana Row Spring Festival will feature a mini petting zoo, live music, roaming entertainment, face painting, balloon twisting, arts and crafts, and a FREE digital photo with the ‘happiest’ guy around, the Easter Bunny! The event is rain or shine! In the event of rain, meet us in The VIA directly behind Left Bank Brasserie & Sino restaurant.

Join the celebration and enter to win a special bag of goodies from Santana Row. Simply enter by posting your favorite Spring Festival memory using #SpringOnTheRow for a chance to win! Make sure your tag is in your photo at SantanaRow to be entered. All entries must be in by Sunday, April 14th. We will select one lucky winner at random and announce on Monday, April 15th!

Live Weekend Entertainment
Friday evenings beginning at 5 p.m.
Saturday’s beginning at 12 p.m.
Sunday’s beginning at 12 p.m.

Live entertainment can be found in the Oak Tree Lounge (in front of blue Bottle) or Santana Row Park (near the large chess board). Live entertainment is subject to change, and weather permitted. For a complete list of weekend entertainment available, contact the Santana Row Concierge Center at 408.551.4611.

Summer Yoga Series
May 4, 11, 18, 25; 9 a.m.
Join us for the return of our Summer Yoga Series presented by lululemon. This FREE yoga series takes place every Saturday, beginning May 4th through September, in Santana Row Park. Grab your mat and join us! Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and class begins at 9 a.m. For more information, contact lululemon at 408.557.8721.

Cars & Croissants
April 28, 9 a.m. — Noon
Santana Row partners with 100|OCT to present Cars & Croissants on The Row, a bi-monthly gathering for exotic car owners and enthusiasts. On the 4th Sunday of every other month, through December, from 9am to 12pm, exotic car owners are invited to park on Santana Row Boulevard, from Alysian Ln to Talum Ln, and from Olin Ave to Olsen Dr, display their car and mingle with other enthusiasts. This event is free and open to the public.

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SAVE THE DATE

May 22nd, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Must be 21 or Older to attend. RSVP required.

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Join us for the 2019

Canine Companions Golf Classic

A Day of Golf, Puppies, and Fun!

4 Person – Best Ball Scramble

at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club

Benefitting Canine Companions for Independence®

Friday, May 3, 2019

in San Jose, CA

Event Schedule

11:00 am   Registration/Lunch

1:00   pm   Shotgun Start

6:00   pm    Awards Banquet and Raffle/Auctions   (non-golfers welcome!)

Cinnabar's Golf Tournament: https://ccisouthbay.dojiggy.com/ng/index.cfm/ab1ffd8/reg-pages/home

Watch out! Golfers and dogs invade Silicon Valley!

Love golfing, love dogs, love a good cause? – Come join us for a fabulous day of golf at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club! Assistance dogs and assistance dogs in training will join you at each hole as you enjoy a day on the greens and contribute to providing highly-trained assistance dogs to children, adults and veterans with physical and developmental disabilities. Join us after golfing for a silent auction and awards banquet with moving presentations highlighting these special dogs and their partners.
Swing & Sip Golf Clinic

May 10th, 2019, Friday at 6:00 pm

Networking

Come join us to learn and review the basics of the golf swing in a fun relaxed setting with current and new friends!

Learn or improve your swing, putting & chipping

Only $35.00 per person

This includes: 1 hour lesson

Range Balls, Rental of Golf Club,

Your choice of Happy Hour Wine, Beer, Well Drink, Soda.

www.cinnabarhills.com

New to Cinnabar Hills Golf Club - Women on the Course "9 & Wine" - April 28th - 2:30pm Tee time

Swing & Sip Golf Clinic will be held every other Friday starting May 10th

Questions? Contact Jennifer Abrams at 408-460-4341
Queen of the Mist

An engaging musical based on the true story of Anna Edson Taylor, a struggling 63-year-old schoolteacher, who threw caution to the wind in 1901 and plunged herself over Niagara Falls in a barrel and lived to tell about it! It’s an amazing and fascinating journey of gumption and courage.

Book and Lyrics by Michael LaChiusa
Director: Karen Altree Piemme
Music Director: Samuel Cisneros

Designated non-profit is Arts Angels

Who: Guggenheim Entertainment presents
What: A Spoonful of Sherman (U.S. Premiere)
When: April 11 - May 5, 2019. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm. Sundays @ 2:00pm.
Where: 3Below Theaters & Lounge, 288 South 2nd Street, San Jose, CA 95113. Validated parking is available directly above the theater in a city-owned garage. (San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.)
Why: Straight from London, A Spoonful of Sherman is the compelling story of one family’s century-long, award-winning musical journey. This is the opening program of 3Belows 2019-2020 Season of Off-Broadway Musicals that recently played in New York.

BOTTLE YOUR OWN RED WINE

May 4 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Guglielmo Winery, 1480 East Main Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA

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SF Giants Fireworks Sail to McCovey Cove

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April Full Moon Sail

Come aboard for our distinctive monthly sail in honor of the full moon! April’s Full Moon, the Pink Moon, is so-named because it heralds the start of the Spring flower season.

April 19th, 7pm-9:15pm

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