



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **COMMUNITY INVITED TO THE GRAND OPENING OF SARATOGA QUARRY PARK**

On Saturday, October 31, 2015 the City of Saratoga will unveil the 64-acre Saratoga Quarry Park to the public. Guests will be able to hike into history as the park still shows remnants of its past as an operating quarry back in the early- to mid-1900s.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at noon. Shuttle service to and from the event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Since parking is limited at Saratoga Quarry Park, guests are asked to park in the Saratoga Village and use the free shuttle service available at the corner of Big Basin Way and Fourth Street. The event will include a tour of the park, ribbon-cutting ceremony, and remarks from local representatives.

“It is an honor to realize a decades-old dream of opening the Saratoga Quarry property as a magnificent park for the public to enjoy,” Mayor Howard Miller said. “It is my hope that this one-of-a-kind park delights and entertains our community’s families for generations to come.”

The City of Saratoga acquired the property in 2011 with a conservation easement and joint funding from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department. The easement assures that the property will be retained as a natural scenic and open space area by restricting the property’s use. A Master Plan for the park was approved by the Saratoga City Council in 2014 and sets the stage for a unique local and regional destination that improves trail and open space connectivity.

There were two active quarries on the site in the early 1900s. Both were converted from lime quarries into one gravel quarry after the purchase of the properties in 1908. In 1921, Santa Clara County bought the property and operated it as a rock and gravel quarry, which supplied the material for the county’s roads. The County closed the quarry in 1967.

Following the 1967 closure, County employees used the site for recreational activities with their families and friends. On their own time, they installed and maintained picnic tables, barbecue pits, and sitting areas. The site—which was restricted to the public—was used for parties, including an occasional wedding, until the late 1990s.

For more information on the park and grand opening, visit [www.saratoga.ca.us/quarrypark](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/quarrypark).

The **City of Saratoga** invites you to the

# *Saratoga Quarry Park* **GRAND OPENING**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 31, 2015 · 10:30 a.m.–NOON**  
Shuttle Service Pick-Up to Event in Saratoga Village



***Shuttle Service—From 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***

Due to limited parking at Quarry Park, guests are asked to park in the Saratoga Village. Shuttle service will be available at the corner of Big Basin Way and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.



*Event is open to the public!*



*Come dressed for the outdoors!*



*See the new picnic area!*



*Water station & Restrooms available.*

Questions? Contact Janet Costa at [cmo@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:cmo@saratoga.ca.us) or (408) 868-1216.  
For more information, visit [www.saratoga.ca.us/quarrypark](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/quarrypark)

