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Summer 2013

Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Join us for the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival September 14th and 15th at Central Park! Stop by the Silicon Valley Power and **Santa Clara Green Power** booth to catch up with your municipal utility and charge your phone at our our solar phone charging station. The festival features nearly 175 booths, 25 community groups serving international foods, four vintners pouring fine wines, micro-brewed beer, live entertainment on three stages, and the ever-popular Kids Kingdom.

Free Wi-Fi in Santa Clara!

Did you know that you can gain access to free public Wi-Fi in most outdoor areas of Santa Clara? It's all thanks to the **SVP MeterConnect®** wireless technology. Visit the **Santa Clara Free Wi-Fi website** to learn more.

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Summer greetings from **Santa Clara Green Power!** Read on for some exciting program news and community updates. If you are looking for tips on how to keep your home cool as temperatures rise, we have you covered. Check out Silicon Valley Power's (SVP) pointers on how you can **cool your home naturally** this summer.

Santa Clara Green Power is a Top Ranking Green Power Program!

Thanks to over 3,500 Santa Clara residents and businesses who participate in **Santa Clara Green Power**, the program appears not once, but twice on this year's **National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) Top Ten Green Power Programs list!** **Santa Clara Green Power** ranks 7th in the nation for Customer Participation and 10th in the nation for Green Power Sales as a Percentage of Total Retail Electricity Sales. Thanks for making **Santa Clara Green Power** a success!

Santa Clara Green Power's Renewable Energy Facilities



Your participation in **Santa Clara Green Power** supports wind power generation from Palouse Wind Farm (pictured left) and solar power generation from the San Jose Unified School District

(pictured below). These facilities are part of **Santa Clara Green Power's** renewable energy mix for 2013 and we are excited to share them with our program participants. Palouse Wind is located near Oakesdale, Washington in one of the most fertile regions of the world for wheat production. Generating enough clean, predictable and pollution-free electricity to power 25,000 U.S. homes each year, this project creates valuable long term revenue and jobs for the agricultural region. Watch a video about **Palouse Wind** to learn more about the

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project.



Santa Clara Green Power is pleased to purchase renewable energy certificates from the San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD), pictured above. By

installing a 5.5 megawatt solar installation spanning 14 district sites, SJUSD implemented a solar program that delivers dollars back to the classroom while providing educational opportunities. To learn more about how renewable energy certificates support the renewable energy industry, please **visit our FAQ.**

Source: http://www.chevronenergy.com/case_studies/sjUSD.asp

Neighborhood Solar Program Update

Did you know that \$2 out of every \$15 **Santa Clara Green Power** program dollars are contributed to SVP's **Neighborhood Solar Program**? The Neighborhood Solar Program increases solar generation on non-profit facilities right here in Santa Clara and SVP is hard at work to bring solar electricity facilities online at the following four non-profits.

- [St. Justin Parish](#)
- [Our Lady of Peace](#)
- [Muslim Community Association](#)
- [Hope Services](#)

Thanks for supporting renewable energy for your home and your community!



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