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City Manager Message

In this quarterly SCENE, we prioritize our focus on emergency preparedness, a testament to our community's resilience and proactive approach to safety. As we navigate the varied challenges that come our way, it is imperative that each one of us be equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones. In this edition, we delve into essential emergency preparedness tips, information, and upcoming events designed to prepare you for various scenarios, emphasizing our collective commitment to staying safe.

Reflecting on our journey as a community characterized by resilience and determination, it's clear that our strength shines through in our preparedness efforts and the steps we've taken to secure a promising future for Cupertino.

There's a lot to celebrate! We also spotlight key developments such as our fully certified Housing Element and The Rise project moving forward. These highlights and our City's achievements underscore our thriving spirit.

Together, our collective resilience empowers us to face any challenge head-on and build a brighter future for Cupertino. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

Pamela Wu
City Manager

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Good News in Cupertino



HOUSING ELEMENT CERTIFIED

On September 4, 2024, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a letter certifying that the City's adopted 2023-2031 Housing Element is fully compliant with state law requirements. The City Council adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element that was previously conditionally certified by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on May 14, 2024.

In order to achieve complete compliance with state law, the City was required to adopt rezoning for the Priority Housing Element sites, which it did by adopting ordinances (Ordinance No.s 24-2261 and 24-2262) on July 2, 2024. These ordinance amendments were to rezone Priority Housing Element sites, adopt text amendments to the Municipal Code to comply with updated state law, and make additional amendments to implement the Housing Element policies.

The City is required to update its Housing Element (a Chapter in the City's General Plan) every eight years to comply with state law.

For more details on the Housing Element, please visit cupertino.gov/housingelement.

The Rise to Receive Best Speculative Project Award at SVBJ Structure Awards



The Rise will be honored with the prestigious Best Speculative Project award at the Silicon Valley Business Journal's 2024 Structures Awards on September 26. This recognition highlights the City's innovation, vision, and our exciting future ahead. The recent agreement with the Vallco Property Owner regarding the payment of impact fees allows the project to proceed and ensures regular payments to the City to cover development costs. A big thank you to the staff for their work on this important project.

Mary Ave Project Receives Accolades

The anticipated project, located on City-owned land along Mary Avenue near Highway 85, which aims to improve housing accessibility and affordability for low-income residents and those with developmental disabilities, has garnered positive media attention. Staff will bring the project for Council's consideration in October.

Breaking Ground for All-Inclusive Playground at Jollyman

On Monday, July 8, the City of Cupertino held a groundbreaking at Jollyman Park to commence the construction of a new all-inclusive playground. The playground aims to be an inviting space for people of all ages and abilities, and it will support recreation and social interaction for individuals with and without special needs. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2025.

For more information, visit cupertino.gov/jollymanplayground.



CREST 2023 Videos Named as Finalist in CAPIO STAR Awards

We're pleased to share that the City of Cupertino's CREST 2023 video series has made the list of finalists for the California Public Information Officer's (CAPIO) Star Awards in the Human Interest category. This recognition underscores our commitment to excellence in government video programming. With the final decision set for September 26, we're keeping our fingers crossed for a favorable outcome!

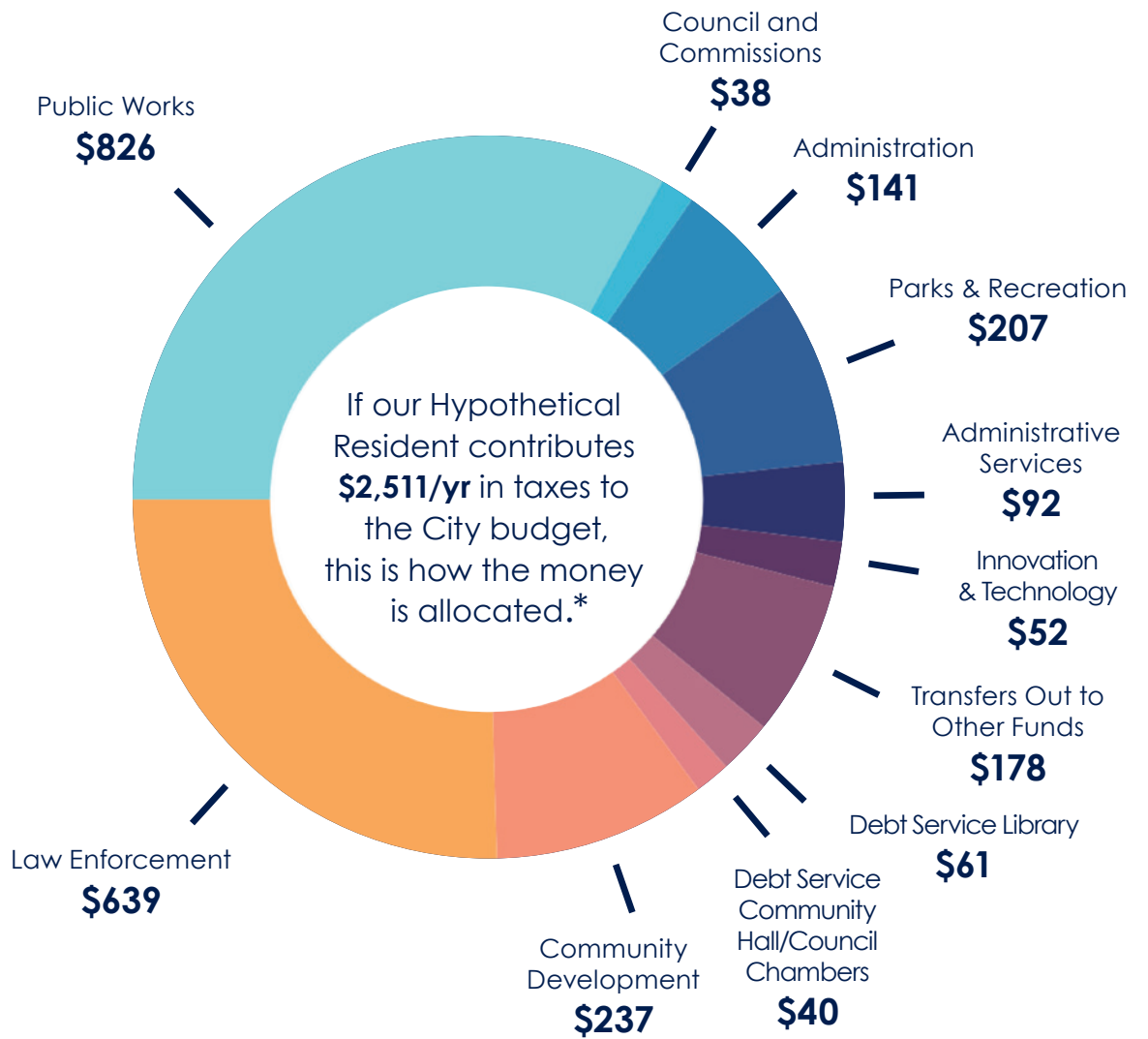
Important to Know

How a (Hypothetical) Resident Contributes to Cupertino's Budget

Cupertino residents on average provide \$203 in sales tax and about \$2,310 in property tax per year, making the total annual contribution to the City about \$2,511. Here is how a hypothetical resident's contribution is allocated to different areas of the City to provide services.

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget

On June 18, the City Council adopted the FY 24-25 proposed budget. Our budget roadmap has steered us through this financial cycle, resulting in a budget that reflects the extensive input from our community outreach efforts. For more on the budget, visit cupertino.gov/budget.



Construction to Begin at Former Vallco Mall Site



The City of Cupertino has reached an agreement with Vallco Property Owner regarding the payment of impact fees by The Rise project, located at the former Vallco Shopping Mall site. The Cupertino City Council's July 16 vote not only confirms the previously negotiated agreement and allows the project to move forward, it also ensures regular payments to the City to address the cost of development.

The City approved the project to redevelop the Vallco Mall in 2018 under Senate Bill 35, a state law that provides for staff-level, expedited review of qualifying housing and mixed-use projects. The second of two modifications to the original project was approved in February 2024. The modified project includes 2,669 housing units (890 of which would be affordable to lower-income households), 226,386 square feet of retail, and approximately 1.9 million square feet of office space.

The Rise will be a vibrant new social heart for Cupertino with world-class shopping and dining, homes for all lifestyles and life stages, workplaces that reimagine the traditional experience, and an array of immersive outdoor spaces for public gathering and celebration.

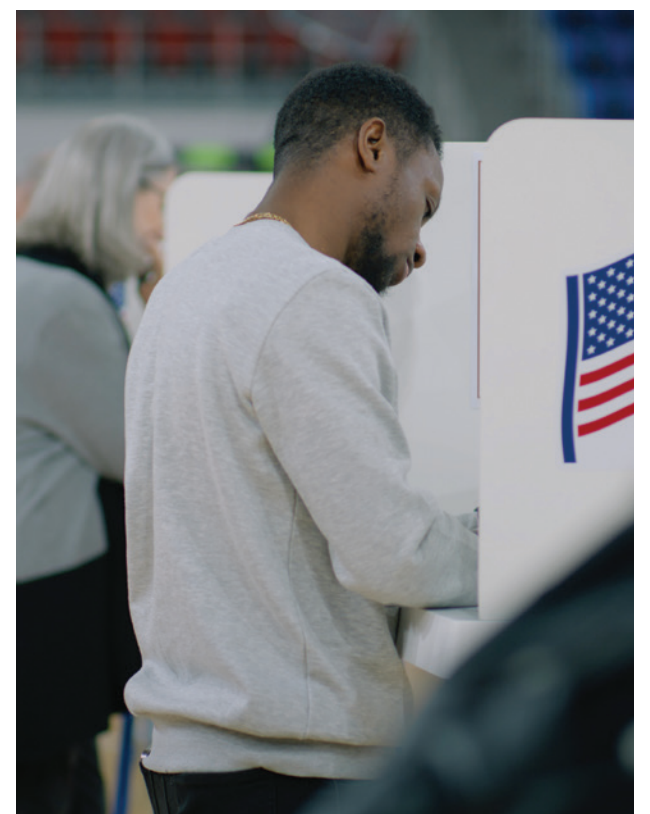
Learn more at cupertino.gov/therise.

Ready, Set, Vote! 2024 General Election

Tuesday, November 5 is the 2024 General Election!

You can conveniently vote by mail from home, drop off your ballot in a Ballot Drop-off Box 24 hours a day starting on Tuesday, October 8, or visit the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters website linked below to check the hours and locations of nearby Vote Centers. The last day to register to vote is Monday, October 21.

Ballot Drop-off Boxes in Cupertino
Cupertino City Hall (Outside) – 10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino Library (Outside) - 10800 Torre Avenue
Quinlan Community Center (Outside) – 10185 North Stelling Road
De Anza College (Parking Lot A1) – 21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard



For more information, visit sccvote.org.

National Preparedness Month in Cupertino

Being ready is a shared responsibility. Every September, we build family and community resilience during National Preparedness Month, focusing on helping older community members prepare. Preparing with our neighbors can help us save lives and quickly recover when disaster strikes. Plan to take care of yourself and your community.



REACHING OLDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

The City recognizes the risk posed to residents and visitors by extreme weather. In 2024, the City Office of Emergency Management worked with Block Leaders and Citizen Corps volunteers to share information about extreme weather events. This effort became Cupertino's REACH campaign (Raising Emergency Awareness of Community Hazards), a local initiative to share public safety information with residents. REACH works most effectively when trusted community volunteers relay information to their neighbors when the City issues emergency information, such as when the National Weather Service forecasts inclement weather.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS

During National Preparedness Month, the City of Cupertino encourages everyone to plan and prepare for disasters. Taking simple actions to prepare for a disaster helps you, your family, and your community in essential ways.

1. SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

By signing up for AlertSCC, you will receive critical information at the right time to help you make decisions in an emergency or disaster.

Register to receive emergency alerts at AlertSCC.org. The City of Cupertino and Santa Clara County will send specific, location based alerts and messages to you. In an emergency, use the information provided by AlertSCC to protect yourself and your family. Share the alerts with neighbors and friends or help others sign up for AlertSCC.

In addition, monitor television (TV City Channel 26 on Comcast Cable or Channel 99 on AT&T), radio (Cupertino 1670 AM), and the City website (cupertino.gov/emergency) for important announcements.

Please contact the City's Office of Emergency Management if you need assistance signing up for alerts. Call (408) 777-3200 or email oem@cupertino.gov.

2. VOLUNTEER

Volunteer to share safety information during an emergency. Consider joining one of the volunteer units working to prepare our community. The Cupertino Citizen Corps and Neighborhood Block Leader programs help to spread the word when extreme weather is forecasted. This past year both programs were activated multiple times to disseminate messages about extreme temperatures, hazardous air quality, flooding, and wind events.

CUPERTINO COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

The City of Cupertino's comprehensive emergency preparedness program allows residents to participate at everyone's individual level of comfort. For every member of the community, engagement with the City is a personal and family decision. The City understands that some people may want to receive information while others want to get involved in volunteer events, speak at a council meeting, host a block party, or participate in an exercise designed to prepare the City to respond to an earthquake.

The Cupertino Community Preparedness Program comprises a set of volunteer programs that allow every individual or family an opportunity to get involved with the City and their neighbors as they feel comfortable.

The Cupertino Community Preparedness Programs includes Neighborhood Block Leaders, Neighborhood Watch, and Cupertino Citizen Corps—which includes the Cupertino Emergency Response Team (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and Cupertino Amateur Radio in Emergency Services (CARES).

The **Block Leader Program** teaches residents how to get to know neighbors and organize activities so neighbors can more easily communicate. Block Leaders receive updates on neighborhood activities and services and are vital links between City Hall and the neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their communities. Neighborhood Watch encourages neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.

The **Cupertino Citizen Corps** makes a difference in our community with volunteers trained to support local emergency responders, provide disaster relief, and promote community safety. Be ready to respond to a disaster as part of Cupertino's Citizen Corps team by joining the Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Cupertino Emergency Response Team, or the Medical Reserve Corps.

Each program has a different level of expectations and training requirements. Many residents are a member in all programs, but you may choose to focus your time in one or more areas. The Cupertino Community Preparedness Programs allow for your own self determination of your involvement. The programs may meet in joint or individual sessions based on the programmatic goals and objectives set each year.

Interested in learning more about volunteering as a Block Leader or with the Cupertino Citizen Corps? Email oem@cupertino.gov for more information.

GET INVOLVED IN PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The City of Cupertino is working with our community to be ready for whatever comes our way. At this time of year, we focus specifically on preparing for an emergency by having an emergency plan, making an emergency kit, staying informed during an emergency, and planning with your neighbors.

During National Preparedness Month, the Office of Emergency Management recommends setting easy to achieve goals to be more prepared. Start with your immediate family and determine one thing you can do today, next week, next month, and next year.



Preparedness isn't just a status update. Preparedness is a continuous process, but you can start with simple steps.

The Office of Emergency Management has established goals for everyone to be more prepared during National Preparedness Month with four weeklong focus topics:

Ready with a Plan (September 2 through 8): Make a plan with your family regarding how you will respond and communicate after a disaster. Begin by having a real conversation with your family, friends, and household about what you will do after a disaster. Find more details at cupertino.gov/emergency.

Make a Kit (September 9 through 15): After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own supplies for use in an evacuation, or to shelter in place during an emergency. You may need enough supplies for up to a week or more. Remember, a personal or household kit is very personal, but does not have to be expensive. A kit should match your lifestyle as best as possible, and even camping supplies are preparedness supplies. Find out more at cupertino.gov/emergency.

Get Informed, Stay Informed (September 16 through 22): Register to receive emergency notifications from the City and County at AlertSCC.org. Already registered? Great! Help a neighbor, family member, or friend register as well. Remember, you can register for multiple locations throughout the County and receive timely notifications during an emergency. For family members and friends outside of Santa Clara County, help them register for alerts in their area by sharing AlerttheBay.org.

Prepare your Neighborhood (September 23 through October 1): By volunteering as a Block Leader, Neighborhood Watch, or with the Citizen Corps. You can also attend an upcoming personal and neighborhood preparedness training to start your journey.



BUILD A KIT EVENTS!

Are you interested in building an emergency kit, but aren't sure where to start? Schedule a kit building workshop with your Block Leader and neighbors!

Workshops are about an hour each and provide some of the basics for your personal or household kit. Participants also learn what to be prepared for and how they will need to personalize their kits.

Not sure who your Block Leader is, or interested in becoming a Block Leader yourself? Email oem@cupertino.gov or call (408) 777- 3408.

SAVE THE DATE: PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM 2024

The 2024 annual Public Safety Forum will take place on Thursday, October 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue.

This event offers the opportunity for the community to directly connect with City, County, and regional officials regarding public safety. Critical partners in the nonprofit, faith-based, or community organizing sectors are also invited to speak to the community.

For more information, visit cupertino.gov/publicsafetyforum.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Cupertino's Office of Emergency Management is presenting a series of trainings specifically for your family and neighborhood. It is recommended you attend the two-part series:

Personal, Family, and Neighborhood Preparedness
Friday, September 27, 7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, October 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Topics:

1. Personal Preparedness: What you and everyone in your family need to know in case of an emergency--the City's role, your role, making a communication plan, basic first aid, emergency supplies, etc.
2. Family and Neighborhood preparedness: What your family needs to have in place to have a better outcome after an emergency, and what your neighborhood can do together to check on each other, manage small events before they become too big to handle (fire, gas, electrical), get resources and information, and take care of each other until help arrives.



Questions? Call (408) 777-3176 or email oem@cupertino.gov. Register at bit.ly/emergencyprep2023 or scan the QR Code





Flood Preparation

Historically, floods have followed droughts. As we have seen and experienced from the recent California storms just this past winter season, flooding occurred after extreme drought conditions hardened the ground and increased runoff to creeks, ditches, and even to neighborhood streets and properties. As we approach this year's rainy season, residents should be mindful of any potential flood risks surrounding their property and be prepared for flooding possibilities, especially those who reside in FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA).

The following tips will help you to plan, prepare, and protect your family and home:

- **Know your flood risk:** Visit floodsmart.gov and/or valleywater.org/floodready.
- **Get flood insurance ahead of time:** There is a mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement if you live in a FEMA-designated SFHA and have a federally insured mortgage. Even if you don't live in an SFHA, you can still purchase flood insurance. To find a local agent call 1-(800) 427-4661 or visit floodsmart.gov.
- **Protect your home from flood threats:** Valley Water offers free filled sandbags. Check valleywater.org/floodready for locations.
- **Build responsibly in floodplains:** Construction within SFHA zones has special requirements. Physical alterations to buildings can be made to reduce risks and flood insurance premiums, such as elevating a structure.
- **Keep creeks clean and flowing:** Healthy, flowing creeks reduce flood risks by carrying storm water away from properties and roads. Report blockages and dumping in creeks to Valley Water at (408) 630-2378 or 1-(888) 510-5151 anytime.
- **Turn around, don't drown:** Avoid floodwaters.
- **Make a family emergency plan and a three-day emergency kit:** Agree on a meeting spot and plan a safe route to higher ground. Put together an emergency kit with tools and supplies, non-perishable food, and water. Visit ready.gov/plan and ready.gov/kit.
- **Download disaster emergency apps:** Sign up for Santa Clara County's emergency alert and warning system "AlertSCC" and download the American Red Cross Emergency App.

The following property protection advice and assistance services are provided by the City of Cupertino to further help residents prepare for potential flooding:

- Contact the Cupertino Public Works Department at (408) 777-3354 to check whether your house is in or out of a FEMA-designated SFHA, to get assistance with onsite flooding and drainage issues and/or to schedule a site visit.
 - City staff can provide FIRM information, a handout on the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement, and maps showing floodways, problems not shown on the FIRM, and historical flood information.
 - City staff possess elevation certificates for some buildings located in the floodplain and may have one on file for your property.
- When storm events are forecasted, visit the self-serve sandbag station just outside the City Maintenance Yard parking lot located at 10555 Mary Avenue to obtain free pre-filled sandbags.
- Contact the Cupertino Public Works Department at (408) 777-3354 to ensure compliance with special requirements.
- Contact the Cupertino Building Division at (408) 777-3228 to get a permit before you build.
- It is illegal to dump anything into a creek or a storm drain in the City of Cupertino. Residents can report dumping incidents to the City by calling (408) 777-3269 during business hours and 9-1-1 after hours and on weekends.
- Additional information on flood preparedness is available on the Cupertino website at: cupertino.gov/floodpreparation.

How we can work together to protect Cupertino from flooding:

- The City's storm drainage system is composed of street gutters, storm drain inlets, and pipes that connect the inlets to local creeks. This system drains street runoff into the creeks and channels on the valley floor.
- Residents can assist the City and help protect your immediate neighborhood from localized flooding by sweeping gutters regularly, placing swept material in the garbage, and checking that nearby storm drain grates are not covered with leaves or litter. Residents should abide by street sweeping and "No Parking" signs to allow the City to keep the gutters clean and the storm drain system flowing. Residents can also notify the City of blocked or impeded storm drainage facilities through Cupertino 311 at cupertino.gov/311.
- In the fall, before the rains start, City maintenance crews vacuum out City storm drain inlets, and check for any evidence of hazardous materials in the drains. This cleaning prevents any illegally dumped materials that may be sitting in the inlets from washing into our creeks with the first rains.



Help Keep Your Street Leaf-Free

It's that time of year again—leaves are falling from trees and painting the ground with breathtaking colors. Unfortunately, leaf foliage in excess can pile up and cause clogged storm drains, contaminate creeks, parking issues, and dirty roads. It's important to follow these tips to keep our streets, creeks, and yards clean.

- Collect fallen leaves and place them in your green organics cart for pickup. Additional carts can be requested for no additional charge. Contact Recology at (408) 725- 4020 or recologysouthbay@recology.com.
- Streets should remain clear for street sweeping, do not pile leaves or park your car on the street. During heavy

leaf fall, additional street sweeping may occur on your street. Residents may be issued a fine for piling leaves in their streets.

- Find out when your street sweeping day is by visiting cupertino.gov/cleanstreets.
- Receive reminders to move your car by visiting cupertino.gov/streetsweeping.

- Collected leaves from your yard can be added to your home compost pile. Composting at home is a great way to return nutrients back to the soil, help with water retention, prevent erosion, and save money. Learn more about composting programs by visiting cupertino.gov/compost.

- The use of leaf blowers must be limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

For more information about storm water protection, contact the City of Cupertino's Environmental division at environmental@cupertino.gov or (408) 777-3236.

Recent Events Recap



Celebrating Pride in Cupertino

The City held a flag raising ceremony in June in honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The community was invited to help raise the Progress Pride flag, which was flown for the month. Local organizations that provide support to the LGBTQ+ community, such as the Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, The Q Corner, Bill Wilson Center, and the LGBT Youth Space, came out to connect with the community and share information and resources.

The Progress Pride Flag is a symbol of inclusivity, acceptance, and love. This annual event serves as an important opportunity to demonstrate civic pride and unity for the LGBTQ+ community.

Watch a recording of the ceremony on the City's YouTube channel at cupertino.gov/youtube.



India Independence Day Flag-Raising

On August 15, dozens of residents gathered in Civic Plaza to celebrate the 78th India Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony hosted by the City of Cupertino and the Cupertino-Bhubaneswar Sister City Initiative.



City of Cupertino Receives Delegation Visits

Throughout June and July, the City of Cupertino hosted three delegation visits and one leadership visit. These visits are an opportunity for cultural exchange and understanding. The City is proud of its Sister and Friendship City relationships that foster international cooperation at a local level.

On Thursday, June 20, the City hosted a student delegation from our Friendship City of New Taipei City, Taiwan.

On Monday, July 22, a group of Taiwanese students from the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) visited City Hall to gain insights into Cupertino's local governance and civic life.

On Tuesday, July 23, the City hosted a delegation from our Friendship City Xianning, China. Delegates visited City Hall and Community Hall to learn about culture, education, and economic development in Cupertino.

On Thursday, July 25, the City welcomed a delegation from Friendship City Taichung, Taiwan. Delegates learned about sustainability efforts in Cupertino and how the City plans to add more affordable housing through the City's adopted Housing Element.

Learn more about Cupertino's Sister and Friendship Cities at cupertino.gov/sistercities.

Cupertino Local Business News

Top 25 Sales Tax Producers

The City of Cupertino contracts with HdL Companies to perform sales tax reporting. Below is a list of the Top 25 sales tax producers, which contributes to the community's economic activity. This list is provided in alphabetical order and represents sales from January 2024 to March 2024.

- 99 Ranch Market
- Agie Charmilles
- Alexander's Steak House
- Apple
- Argonaut Window & Door
- Benihana
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
- California Dental Arts
- Chevron
- Cupertino Car Wash
- Dish N Dash
- Galpao Gaucho
- Haidilao Hot Pot
- Home Eat
- Ingrasys Technology
- Insight Direct
- Kura Revolving Sushi Bar
- Lazy Dog Café
- Mirapath
- Rotten Robbie
- Safeway
- Shane Company
- Target
- TJ Maxx
- Whole Foods Market

Welcoming New Businesses

Enjoy great food, refreshing drinks, and lively conversation at one of the following new businesses now open in Cupertino.

- Babo Boba Cafe (19960 Homestead Road)
- Chicha San Chen (20688 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Horizon Bakery (19929 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Jade Tea Garden (10911 N Wolfe Road)
- Koi Palace Contempo (19369 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Local Cafe (20956 Homestead Road, Suite H)
- Marugame Udon (20682 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Neighborhood Kitchen (19052 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Orange Square (20343 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Ping's Bistro (10700 South De Anza Boulevard)
- Shihlin Taiwan Street Snacks (10445 South De Anza Boulevard, Suite 102)
- Taiwanese Bistro (10700 South De Anza Boulevard)
- Toby's Boardgame Café (10805 N Wolfe Road, Suite 106)
- Wei's Fish (10520 S De Anza Boulevard)
- Wow Tea Drink (19505 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 102)
- YGF Malatang Noodles & Pots (19672 Stevens Creek Boulevard)

Additionally, keep an eye out for these upcoming businesses, which will be opening their doors soon:

- Hey Tea (19469 Stevens Creek Boulevard)
- Starbird Chicken (20080 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 100)



Shop Local for Small Business Saturday

Mark your calendars for **November 30**, as we come together to celebrate Small Business Saturday in Cupertino. This special day is all about supporting our local entrepreneurs and uncovering the unique treasures they have to offer. Use the City's Shop Local Map to explore a diverse range of shops and services throughout Cupertino. This handy tool makes it easy to find and support local businesses, helping you discover hidden gems you might otherwise miss. Access the full searchable map of local businesses here: cupertino.gov/businessmap.

Let's make this Small Business Saturday unforgettable – shop local, support small, and celebrate the gems that make Cupertino unique!



Cupertino Business Outreach Program

Cupertino's thriving business community is vital to the city's economic success. The Cupertino Business Outreach Program is an important resource for local businesses. The program establishes a dialogue with local businesses, understands their unique needs, and connects them with resources that can help. By visiting businesses in person or virtually, our team can gain valuable insights and identify areas where we can improve our support. If you're interested in scheduling a visit with the Economic Development Team, email econdev@cupertino.gov.

Cupertino Green News



Learn About the City's Climate Action with our ClimateNav Online Hub

Use our NEW Climate Action Dashboard to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint and Find Out About the City's Progress!

The City of Cupertino is excited to introduce **Climate Nav**, a new online dashboard designed to make our climate action efforts more accessible and understandable. While the City updated its Climate Action Plan in 2022, we understand that the document can be lengthy and complex. That's why we've created this user-friendly dashboard to simplify and clarify the information for everyone.

The Climate Nav dashboard offers an engaging and interactive experience, allowing residents to:

- Explore the City's ongoing climate initiatives;
- Monitor local progress toward reducing emissions;
- Access valuable local resources for easy, individual climate actions.

This innovative platform is part of our commitment to transparency and making climate action more accessible to all residents.



Let's work together to make a positive impact on our community and the environment! Start your sustainability journey today at cupertino.climatenavhub.com.

REDUCE YOUR FOOD WASTE = REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT



Reducing Food Waste = Reducing Your Carbon Footprint

Organic waste currently makes up 57% of what gets dumped into our landfills. When organic waste breaks down in landfills, it turns into a powerful greenhouse gas called methane, a large contributor to climate change.

Examples of organic waste include:

- Food scraps
- Yard trimmings
- Lumber, scrap wood and plywood
- Food-soiled paper

As a resident of California, you are required to comply with the organic waste program provided by your jurisdiction. By disposing of your organic waste correctly, you reduce your carbon footprint and help your local community by creating valuable resources such as compost, renewable energy and mulch.



Learn about compost requirements in Cupertino: cupertino.gov/sb1383.

Renovating or Looking to Upgrade Your Home? The Go Electric Advisor is Here to Help Save Energy and Money!



Did you know that there are various rebates and incentives that can greatly reduce the costs to go electric? From electric vehicles to home appliances and solar & battery storage, you can save thousands of dollars through federal, state, local, and Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) programs.

Go Electric Advisor is a free live service to help SVCE customers take the guesswork out of going electric and simplify the electric transition – at every step along the way.

SVCE has a team of Energy Advisors that can help you navigate all the ways to save money on your electric upgrades to maximize your savings, and even help you apply for rebates and incentives! Visit goelectric.svcleanenergy.org.

Still figuring out what going electric is all about?

Watch a brief customer testimonial video at goelectric.svcleanenergy.org/#section1 and connect with SVCE to learn about the benefits of going electric and how it may fit into your lifestyle, household needs, and budget.

Not ready to talk to an Energy Advisor yet?

Explore go electric resources at your own pace at goelectric.svcleanenergy.org/#resources, and your expert energy advisor will look forward to hearing from you when you're ready!"

Cupertino's Can't Miss Events!



CUPERTINO FALL BIKE FEST!

Join us on Saturday, September 28 for the City's annual Fall Bike Fest to celebrate all things bicycle! It's sure to be a great time for everyone!

Activities: Cupertino Safe Routes to School is working with partners to bring bike education and fun to this event: get your bike and helmet checked, decorate your bike, compete with others to see who can create more energy when they pedal, create bike-themed art, make a smoothie on a blender bike, learn how to pump your bike tires, join a family bike ride, and kids - go through "Safe Moves City," a mini bicycle course to learn to be a safe cyclist.

Rides: There will be two bike rides this year. A 2.5-mile kids' ride will be a parade style family ride with fun activity stops along the way. All ages are welcome, but no training wheels or tricycles please. A 10-mile Park Tour ride will highlight some of Cupertino's many parks, trails, and green spaces. Everyone who can comfortably bike 10 miles in an hour is welcome to join.

Come have fun and learn!

10th Anniversary Fall Bike Fest

Civic Center Plaza
September 28, 2024
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
cupertino.gov/bikefest

Make sure to bring your bike, helmet, and some water. Coffee Society will be on site selling sandwiches, ice cream, snacks, and more.

Note: There is no cost for the festival, but everyone who participates in any on-bike activities (Safe Moves City, either bike ride, bike demos, or bike games) will need to turn in a signed waiver at the Registration booth. Expedite your trip to the Registration booth by printing and signing a waiver at home. You'll find the waiver on the webpage above. We'll see you on September 28!



Fall Bike Fest paid for in part by VTA's 2016 Measure B.

CUPERTINO Community Services Awards

RECOGNIZING SERVICE IN CUPERTINO

FIRST ANNUAL CUPERTINO COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The City of Cupertino will be hosting the inaugural Cupertino Community Service Awards on Saturday, November 16 to recognize the outstanding contributions of our community members. This ceremony will recognize the winners of the 2024 CREST Awards (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken), as well as Commissioners who served on a Cupertino Commission.

The 2024 CREST Awards will present the following award categories: Rising Star, Volunteer of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit cupertino.gov/serviceawards.



FIND YOUR NEXT TREASURE AT CUPERTINO'S ANNUAL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE!

As the saying goes, one person's junk is another person's treasure. You can find your next hidden treasure, help keep stuff out of the landfill, and get to know your neighbors during this year's Annual Garage Sale! On September 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., residents across Cupertino are selling items that need a new home. With over 200 households participating every year, you can search for bargains and find rare and unusual items throughout Cupertino. Common items sold at garage sales include antiques, used clothing, books, toys, games, household decorations, sports equipment,

cameras, furniture, appliances, and so much more! Shopping maps will be available starting Tuesday, September 24 at cupertino.gov/garagesale. A limited supply of printed maps will also be available outside of the Cupertino Library, Quinlan Community Center, and Cupertino Senior Center.



Have your own treasures to sell? Register before Friday, September 13 at cupertino.gov/garagesale.

Calendar of Events

CITY OF CUPERTINO EVENTS



Weekly - Environmental Education Center (EEC) Open House

Every Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
McClellan Ranch Preserve
The Environmental Education Center (EEC) at the McClellan Ranch Preserve is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit our animal ambassadors, engage with preserve staff, and learn about the local ecology.

Bike Fest

Saturday, September 28
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza
Stap on a helmet and bike to Civic Center Plaza to start the fall with some bike-themed fun! Get a bike safety check, make arts and crafts, and join one of the group bike rides through Cupertino. Find more information and download the participant waiver at cupertino.gov/bikefest.

Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday and Sunday,
September 28-29
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Every year, over 200 households in Cupertino participate by hosing their garage sale, attracting thousands of shoppers from all over the Bay Area. Find your next hidden treasure, help keep stuff out of the landfill, and get to know your neighbors! Learn more at cupertino.gov/garagesale.



Baer Blacksmith Shop Demonstration

Saturday, September 28,
October 2, November 30,
and December 21
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
McClellan Ranch Preserve
Learn about early Cupertino history and the craft of blacksmithing. Cupertino Parks and Recreation's experienced blacksmith will fire up the forge and give demonstrations.



Public Safety Forum

Thursday, October 17
6-8 p.m.
Cupertino Community Hall
This event offers the opportunity for the community to directly connect with City, County, and regional officials regarding public safety. Critical partners in the nonprofit, faith-based, or community organizing sectors are also invited to speak to the community. For more information, visit cupertino.gov/publicsafetyforum.



Monster Mash

Saturday, October 26
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
Monster Mash is a kid-friendly Halloween bash for parents and children 12 years old and under. Dress in your favorite costume and spend the evening playing games, trick or treating, and making spooky crafts. Don't miss this spooktacular event! Register at reg4rec.org.



Community Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6
6 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
Kick off the holiday season at the City's annual Community Tree Lighting! A local choir will spread joy and a festive spirit through holiday harmonies as we build up to the moment the tree comes alive with hundreds of twinkling lights, filling the air with a magical glow. This event takes place outside. Dress warm.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7
8:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Quinlan Community Center
Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's stopping in Cupertino! Join jolly old Saint Nick and his elves for breakfast. Feast on a North Pole pancakes breakfast, enjoy holiday crafts, and take a picture with Santa. Register at reg4rec.org.



Signing Santa

Saturday, December 14
2 to 4 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
Deaf and hard-of-hearing children and their families are invited to spend an afternoon with a Santa who understands and communicates in sign language. In addition to visiting Santa, guests will enjoy holiday cookies and crafts. Register at reg4rec.org.

SENIOR CENTER (ADULTS 50+) EVENTS



50+ Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 25
10 a.m.
Blackberry Farm Golf Course
Hit the links for a 9-hole golf tournament hosted by the Cupertino Senior Center. A no-host lunch follows the tournament, during which prizes and awards will be presented. Register at reg4rec.org.

Hidden Treasures

Thursday, October 24
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cupertino Senior Center
Whether you're a collector, a vintage enthusiast, or simply looking for that one-of-a-kind gift, Hidden Treasures has something special for everyone.

New! Grandparents' Day Ice Cream Social

Monday, September 9
3:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Cupertino Senior Center
Celebrate Grandparents' Day with ice cream! Grandparents may bring their grandchildren to join the celebration. Register at reg4rec.org.

Baking Workshop: Holiday Truffles and Biscotti

Tuesday, December 3
10 a.m. to noon
Cupertino Senior Center
Learn how to make truffles and biscotti for the holiday season! Register at reg4rec.org.

Holidays in Hawaii

Wednesday, December 4
1 to 2:30 p.m.
Cupertino Senior Center
Sway along with our Aloha Nani Hula dancers as they celebrate the holidays with Hawaiian songs and dances. Register at reg4rec.org.

Holiday Sing-along

Monday, December 16
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Cupertino Senior Center
Get in the holiday spirit and sing some holiday songs accompanied by our Harmonikatz band. Register at reg4rec.org.

New! Winter Ball

Friday, December 20
6 to 8 p.m.
Cupertino Senior Center
Come formally dressed and enjoy food, music, and dancing. A pot roast dinner with sides and light desserts is included. A vegetarian option is available. Register at reg4rec.org.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

City Directory

City of Cupertino

Department	Phone / Email
Building Department.....	(408) 777-3228 Building@Cupertino.gov
Business License.....	(408) 777-3221 BL@Cupertino.gov
City Clerk.....	(408) 777-3223 CityClerk@Cupertino.gov
City Manager.....	(408) 777-3212 Manager@Cupertino.gov
Code Enforcement.....	(408) 777-3182 Code@Cupertino.gov
Planning Department.....	(408) 777-3308 Planning@Cupertino.gov
Recreation.....	(408) 777-3120 Recreation@Cupertino.gov
Senior Center.....	(408) 777-3150 Senior_Center@Cupertino.gov
Sports Center.....	(408) 777-3160 Recreation@Cupertino.gov
Street Light Maint.....	(408) 777-3342 maintenance@Cupertino.gov
Street Sweeping.....	(408) 777-3269 maintenance@Cupertino.gov
Tree Maint.....	(408) 777-3410 maintenance@Cupertino.gov

Other Agencies

Organization	Phone Number
Animal Control.....	(408) 794-7297
AT&T.....	(800) 331-0500
California Water Service.....	(650) 917-0152
Chamber of Commerce.....	(408) 252-7054
Comcast.....	(800) 945-2288
Cupertino Library.....	(408) 540-3947
Cupertino Sanitary District.....	(408) 253-7071
Cupertino Union School District.....	(408) 252-3000
Fremont Union High School District.....	(408) 522-2200
Hazardous Waste Drop-off.....	(408) 299-7300
PG&E.....	(800) 743-5000
Project Sentinel (Landlord/Tenant Issues).....	(408) 720-9888
Recology (Garbage & Recycling).....	(408) 725-4020
San Jose Water Company.....	(408) 279-7900
Santa Clara Registrar of Voters.....	(408) 299-6863
VTA (Transportation Authority).....	(408) 321-2300
Vector Control, Santa Clara County.....	(408) 918-4770

First Responders

Emergency Calls.....911 or (408) 299-3233
(Police, Fire, Medical)

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office..... (408) 299-2311
(Non-Emergency)

Santa Clara County Fire Department..... (408) 378-4010
(Non-Emergency)



Need to report an issue or have a City-related question?
Visit: cupertino.gov/cupertino311 or call (408) 777-3200.



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