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2022 Election Information

he City of Cupertino's general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. Three seats are available on the City Council; two incumbent seats and one open seat.

Anyone who is a registered voter within the corporate limits of Cupertino is eligible to run for City Council. In order to be a registered voter in Cupertino and in Santa Clara County, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a Cupertino resident.

The first step (after registering to vote) is to file an original Candidate Intention Statement, Form 501, with the City Clerk's Office. You must file this before raising or spending any funds for your campaign. The second step is to open a campaign committee by filing an original Form 410 with the Secretary of State and a copy with the City Clerk. That form must be filed as soon as you either receive or spend

\$2,000. These forms and the Manual 2, information for local candidates, can be found on the Fair Political Practices Commission website at fppc.ca.gov.

The nomination period to pull papers to run for City Council will be open Monday, July 18. Please make an appointment with the City Clerk and allow for one hour. The nomination paper must be signed by at least 20, and no more than 30, registered voters in Cupertino. The deadline to file the nomination paper and other documents is Friday, August 12 by 5 p.m. The nomination period will be extended to Wednesday, August 17 if an incumbent fails to file their declaration of candidacy by the deadline.

For more election information, visit <u>cupertino.org/</u> <u>election</u>, call the City Clerk's Office at (408) 777-3223, or email cityclerk@cupertino.org.

Regnart Creek Trail Project Wins Project of the Year Award

he City of Cupertino is proud to announce that the City's Regnart Creek Trail Project has been awarded Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Silicon Valley Chapter. The Regnart Creek Trail Project won the award in the project category of transportation projects between \$2 million and \$5 million.

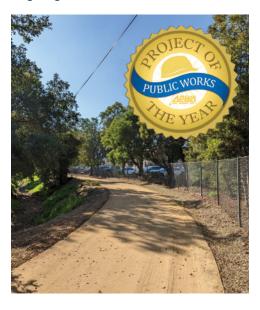
The 0.8-mile-long trail provides an off-street pedestrian and bicycle connection between Creekside Park, Wilson Park, local neighborhoods, Cupertino City Hall, and the Cupertino Library. In addition to connecting those locations, the Regnart Creek Trail serves as one segment of a longer bicycle connection between Monta Vista High School and Cupertino High School, which includes the

recently completed separated bike lanes along McClellan Road and Pacifica Drive.

"This project has been a priority for the City and our community for many years," said City Manager Jim Throop. "We are pleased to accept this award that recognizes the outstanding work our Public Works Department staff has put into providing a safe, accessible, and connected trail for our residents to enjoy."

Completion of the Regnart Creek
Trail is the result of years of successful
collaboration between the City's
Public Works Department and
Santa Clara Valley Water District, in
addition to the ongoing leadership
and support from the Cupertino
City Council, Bicycle Pedestrian
Commission, and the community.

The trail is expected to open this fall. Find project details on <u>cupertino</u>. <u>org/regnartcreektrail</u>.



Local Business Research Survey

The City of Cupertino is researching current trends and issues about the local economy, and as part of this effort we are seeking input from local businesses and members of the community. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey by answering a few questions. We appreciate your input!



Take the survey at engagecupertino. org/business-and-community-survey.



Help Decide the Future of Blackberry Farm Golf Course

As a Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Work Program item, the Cupertino City Council included a needs assessment study of Blackberry Farm Golf Course. Currently, the City is looking into two options for the site: conduct minor repairs to the golf course, or discontinue use of the site as a golf course and restore to natural habitat and trails.



Take a short survey (open until July 15) and share your thoughts at engagecupertino.org/bbfgolfcourse.



National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2!

 W_{hat} is National Night Out?

An annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

On the first Tuesday of August, neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, cookouts, and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth programs, visits from emergency personnel, and much, much more. As our communities emerge from the pandemic, it is more important than ever to get to know our neighbors. In Cupertino, we look out for each other from crime prevention to disaster preparedness and response. Together, we make our community safer.

This event is subject to all California Department of Public Health and Santa Clara Country Public Health orders and guidelines. As the guidelines or orders adjust, the event shall be modified or cancelled to remain in compliance.

Register your neighborhood's event by Friday, July 29 at <u>cupertino.org/nno.</u>

Severe Drought Conditions Continue in Cupertino

Cupertino continues to experience a severe drought emergency. Most of Santa Clara County's rain fall occurs during the winter months. This year did not follow that pattern, as January to March were the driest months on record. Even worse, 2020 and 2021 were the second driest back-to-back years on record. These dry conditions worsen the County's already stressed water supplies. Additionally, several of Valley Water's reservoirs are unavailable or operating at a limited capacity, further decreasing the amount of water available. We must all do our part to conserve water during this severe drought emergency.

What is the City of Cupertino doing? The City is conserving water by restricting water use across parks, sports fields, and school sites. For necessary irrigation, the City continues to replace existing irrigation controllers with smart controllers for more efficient watering. Other City actions include reducing watering for trees and turf, not filling the ponds at Memorial Park, and not operating the fountain at Community Hall.

What can you do? Please continue doing your part to conserve water and follow your water retailer's drought restriction guidelines. Cupertino has two water retailers: San Jose Water Company and California Water Service Company. Each retailer has their own restrictions and penalties for not conserving enough water. Check with your retailer to find out what restrictions and penalties apply to you. To avoid penalties and conserve water, you can take simple actions such as taking shorter showers, watering your lawns less, and using water-efficient showerheads, faucet aerators, and other devices.

For a greater impact, convert your lawn to a climate-friendly garden through Cupertino's Climate Victory Gardens program or use laundry water to water your yard with a Laundry to Landscape system. Rebates are available for both actions.

For more information on drought restrictions and penalties, water conservation programs, and other resources, visit <u>cupertino.org/drought</u>.



Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground Fundraising

he City of Cupertino aspires to create a lively, healthy, diverse, and sustainable community by connecting our residents to outstanding parks, nature, and one another. Diversifying play experiences to include people of all ages, needs, and abilities is vital to realizing this vision. The All-Inclusive Playground at Jollyman Park will increase existing opportunities in our shared public spaces.

Still, Cupertino must invest wisely in funding the vision of parks, facilities, and integral programs to be a model multicultural and livable community. And this will require collaboration, innovation, and strategic expansion of funding resources to steward the All-Inclusive Playground, which will cost \$3.6 million. The specialized design, equipment, and materials that all-inclusive playgrounds require tend to cost

more than traditional playgrounds, but they create unique engagement opportunities and experiences for people of all ages and abilities. The City has committed \$1.2 million in City funds and secured \$1.4 million from Santa Clara County AIPG grant. To raise the remainder, the City is proposing a capital campaign with a goal of \$1 million. The campaign will not only provide the necessary dollars to make the playground a reality, but it will also engage residents and businesses and build a sense of community ownership and improve the quality of life in Cupertino.

If your company, foundation, or community group is interested in contributing to this project, we would love to hear from you! To donate, please check out our webpage at cupertino.org/jollymanplayground.

Cupertino Parks and Recreation Facilities



1 Blackberry Farm Pool 21979 San Fernando Boulevard

Feel the splash of summer and join us for swimming at Blackberry Farm! Reservations are required for everyone who enters the pool gates and can be made for the whole season online. Children under the age of two are free and do not require a reservation.

Hours

- Tuesday through Friday noon to 6 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



2 McClellan Ranch Preserve 22221 McClellan Road Boulevard

Visit the Preserve today and learn more about the rich history of McClellan Ranch! You'll be able to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature, see more than 100 species of birds, and maybe catch a glimpse of a deer along the way. Be sure to also check out additional offerings including Nature Camp and Summer Science Fun!

Hours

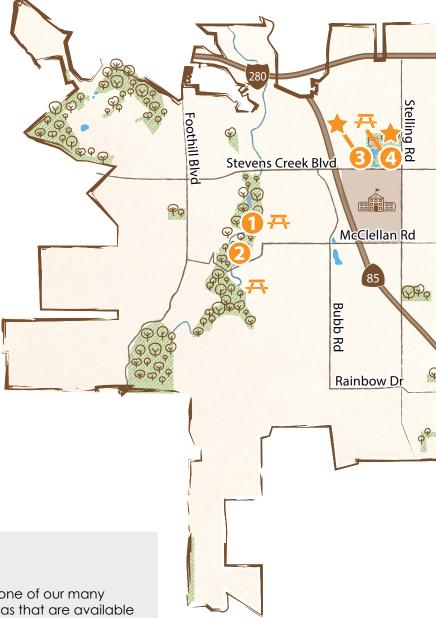
• Sunrise to Sunset

Picnic Sites

Enjoy the great outdoors with friends and family at one of our many picnic sites! We offer a multitude of small picnic areas that are available on a first-come first-serve basis, as well as reservable group picnic areas.

Reservable Picnic Site Hours

- Linda Vista Park and Portal Park, 10 a.m. to one hour after sunset
- Blackberry Farm, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday until August 21 and Weekends only from August 27 to September 25
- Memorial Park, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

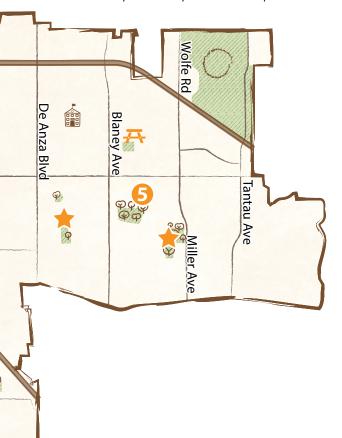


Senior Center 21231 Stevens Creek Boulevard

There is something for everyone! The Senior Center creates a welcoming and friendly environment for everyone 50+ through quality education, social activities, recreation, travel, special events, and volunteer opportunities. Join today and enhance your healthy lifestyle!

Hours

• Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.





Sports Center 21111 Stevens Creek Boulevard

The Sports Center is ready for you! The 25,000 square foot multipurpose facility offers strength training and cardio equipment, free weights, tennis courts, racquetball courts, indoor and outdoor sports courts, and a complete locker room. Explore the additional offerings including fitness classes, personal training, youth camps and sport leagues, group and private tennis lessons, socials, and the onsite pro shop!

Hours

- Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Ceramics Center 19784 Wintergreen Drive

Get creative and feel inspired at Wilson Park's Ceramics Center! In-person programming has returned to the studio and they are excited to welcome you back. Enroll today in classes, workshops, camps, and open studio – turn your ideas into works of art!

Hours

- Open Studio: Friday 6 to 10 p.m.
- Studio times vary depending on programs



Facility Event Rentals

Need a space for your next event? We have you covered! Whether it's a seminar, meeting, or special event, we offer excellent indoor facilities suitable for everything.

Available Hours for Space Rentals

- Quinlan Community Center and Community Hall
 - Sunday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Creekside Park Building
 - Monday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Senior Center
 - Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

View the spaces and prices at cupertino.org/facilities.

Visit <u>reg4rec.org</u> for activity registration and reservations or visit the Quinlan Community Center (Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in person!

Parks: Nature's Therapy

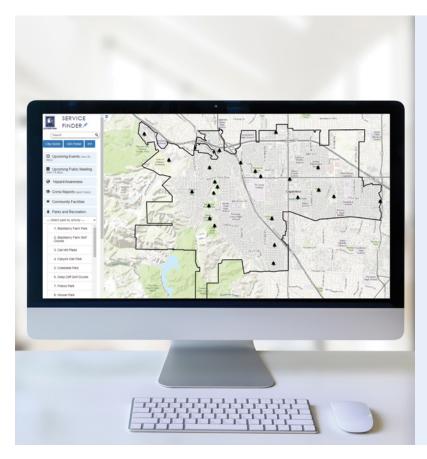
Cupertino is home to many parks that provide recreational opportunities for the community, but there exists a powerful, hidden element that our green spaces offer. According to the National Recreation and Parks Association, being outdoors can help individuals fight against mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and stress. In addition, studies have overwhelmingly indicated a beneficial association between exposure to natural spaces and reduced stress, increased positive mood, and improved emotional well-being and mental health.

The next time you are out, consider taking a stroll around the McClellan Ranch Nature Preserve and Stevens Creek Corridor. This unique, local space is a protected area for wildlife, flora, and fauna, and can give the whole family a positive mood boost. While you are at the preserve, you are welcome to enjoy one of the nature preserve's many activities:

- Hike around the preserve, trail, and creek and carefully observe the natural landscape
- See more than 100 species of birds
- Visit the Environmental Education Center (EEC) and meet some of our animal ambassadors
- Grab a tour packet from the EEC and go on a self-guided nature tour
- Take a blacksmithing course at the Baer Blacksmith shop

- Catch a glimpse of local visitors such as deer, squirrels, and more
- Follow the paved Stevens Creek Trail to Blackberry Farm and the Stocklmeir Orchard
- Meditate in nature (did you know meditation also positively affects your mental health?)
- Check out the new Cupertino Community
 Gardens and 4-H Farm
- Create your own nature experience!

With poor mental health becoming a growing epidemic among all ages, your local park or open space can help. Be sure to visit the preserve or your local park today!



Cupertino Park Finder

he City of Cupertino offers many beautiful parks for your enjoyment, from parks with large areas with expansive lawns to smaller neighborhood parks. In addition, many of the City's parks provide family picnic areas, which are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Use the City's park finder at bit.ly/cupertinoparkfinder to locate your neighborhood park or find a specific amenity.

Beat the Heat

Stay hydrated and be sure to check on those most vulnerable. Heat impacts include heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and heat cramps, with elevated risk to children, elderly, and pets left outdoors or in hot vehicles.

Protect yourself, your family, and your community by taking necessary precautions:

- 1. Drink plenty of water and fluids with electrolytes even if you do not feel thirsty.
- 2. Limit physical activity during peak heat hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 3. Never leave children or pets in a parked car.
- 4. Wear light colored, loose fitting, or lightweight clothing.
- 5. Keep grills at least 10 feet from your home.

- 6. Check on your family, friends, and neighbors who may be more vulnerable to heat impacts, including:
 - homeless individuals.
 - very old and very young individuals, in particular people over 65 years old.
 - those with access and functional needs.
 - those without effective cooling systems or adequate hydration.
- 7. Keep your pets safe watch for signs of overheating such as excessive panting, drooling, stupor, mild weakness, and difficulty breathing. Try to keep walks during cooler hours and limit time on hot asphalt.
- 8. Call 9-1-1 if they see someone in distress due to hot weather.
- 9. Report power outages to PG&E at <u>pgealerts.alerts.</u> <u>pge.com/outagecenter/</u>

Shakespeare in the Park

Much Ado About Nothing Amphitheater at Memorial Park



his delightful romantic comedy features the intermingling of two different love stories - Hero and Claudio, whose love is challenged by jealousy, and Beatrice and Benedick who work through their past history with each other to find love again. The villainy of Don John and the malaprop-spouting Constable Dogberry add to the fun!



Join the City every Thursday, from June 16 to July 14, at the Memorial Park Amphitheater from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for the Summer Concert Series.

2022 Concert Lineup

June 16 - Phil n' The Blanks

Phil 'n The Blanks is a San Francisco Bay Area cover band, specializing in high energy classic rock, modern rock, and country rock dance music. Phil 'n The Blanks will get you up from your seat and dancing!

June 23 - Complications Band

Old school soul, funk, and R&B, delivered in highenergy fashion. Dance, sing, and have a great time!

June 30 - Mercy and the Heartbeats

Mercy will be playing all of your favorite songs - 70s and 80s classics, 90s singalongs, and the most current radio hits. A band not to be missed!



July 4 - Arena Band* (*10:30 a.m. to noon)

Arena performs Arena rock classics and R&B dance music from the 70s to today's latest hits – older songs that are already classics and new ones that will be.

July 7 - Mixed Nuts

Mixed Nuts plays hits from the 40s to the present and plays varied styles such as Classic Rock, Motown, Funk, R&B, Disco, Modern Rock, Blues, Jazz Standards, and even Country.

July 14 - Billy Martini

The Billy Martini Show! Rockin' original tunes and a groovy 70s band!



Movies in the Park

Join the City of Cupertino on Friday nights in August for free outdoor family movies at Creekside Park. The movies start at 8 p.m.





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Other Agencies

Organization	Phone Number
Animal Control	
AT&T	(800) 331-0500
California Water Service	
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
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: <u>cupertino.org/cupertino311</u> or call (408) 777-3200.



