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Cherry Blossom Festival Blooms in Park

The 24th annual Cherry Blossom Festival honoring the sister city relationship with Toyokawa, Japan, will be held at Memorial Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. Hours are from 10 am to 5 pm and admission is free.

The event offers a wide selection of Japanese food and beverages, entertainment, demonstrations, cultural exhibits, art, crafts and clothing for sale. A special children's section will feature activities and hands-on arts and crafts.

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Big Bunny Fun Run

April 7, 9 am, Cupertino Civic Center

The City of Cupertino will once again play host to the Big Bunny Fun Run. This 5K/3.1 mile run or 1.5 mile walk will be held Saturday, April 7 beginning at 9 am. Race begins and ends at the Cupertino Civic Center. Help us kick off the springtime in an event that celebrates fun, fitness, and family.

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During the festival, a series of cultural displays, demonstrations and silent auction of Japanese dolls will be featured at the Quinlan Community Center. The featured artist this year is Connie Dunham and her Japanese embroidery. Other cultural exhibits and demonstrations include ikebana, bonsai, suiseki (rocks without water), nihon shishu (embroidery), origami, shodo (calligraphy), temari (decorative balls), and sumi-e (brush painting). There will also be a fabulous display and auction of Japanese Koi fish sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club. Look for them outside the Quinlan Center. Akita and Shiba Inu dogs will be shown on the lawn behind the food court.

All-day entertainment takes place in the park amphitheater. Among scheduled events are four Taiko groups, Japanese dance, various martial arts, children and adult musical performances. Returning this year will be the California Sumo Association with US champion sumo wrestlers giving two demonstrations on Saturday.

Craft booths throughout the park will offer a wide variety of items for sale, including cards, paper sculptures, pottery, jewelry, washi eggs and dolls, Japanese antiques, clothing, paintings, candles, photos, woodwork and T-shirts.

The 200 cherry trees and the two traditional lanterns at the park were gifts to the City of Cupertino from Toyokawa.

The festival benefits the nonprofit Cupertino Sister City Committee, which promotes friendship and student exchange programs between the two cities. Local nonprofit organizations that support services for disadvantaged, youth sports, music and language programs will have booths which raise funds for their groups.

Parking is available at De Anza College. Purchase a one-day parking permit for \$2.00 from machines on lot (8 quarters required).

For further information about the Cherry Blossom Festival, call festival coordinator, Lucille Honig, at 257.7424 or visit www.cupertinotoyokawa.org.

Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival

Amphitheater Schedule *(subject to change)*

Saturday, April 28, 2007

- 10:30 am Opening Remarks - Bill Nishimoto, M.C.
- 10:35 am Sunnyvale Suzuki Violinist Group
- 11 am California Sumo Association
- 11:45 am Palo Alto Kendo
- 12:15 pm Welcome Remarks and Introduction
Mayor Kris Wang
- 12:25 pm The Fine Arts Commission Presentation
- 12:30 pm San Jose Taiko
- 1:15 pm Bando Mitsusa Kai Dance Performance
- 1:45 pm California Sumo Association
- 2:30 pm Cupertino Judo Club
- 3 pm Aikido of Silicon Valley
- 3:30 pm Satsuma Dojo Karate Presentation
- 4 pm Watsonville Taiko
- 4:45 pm Closing Remarks - Bill Nishimoto, M.C.

Sunday, April 29, 2007

- 11 am Opening Remarks - Bill Nishimoto, M.C.
- 11:05 am Miwa-Kai Dance Group
- 11:30 am Northern California Naginata Federation of martial arts
- 12 pm Western Aikido Yoshō Kai
- 12:30 pm Stanford Taiko
- 1:15 pm Satsuma Dojo Karate Presentation
- 1:45 pm San Jose Kendo
- 2:15 pm Cupertino Judo Club
- 2:45 pm Aikido of Silicon Valley
- 3:15 pm Chikaho Kai Dance and Drum Group
- 3:45 pm Emeryville Taiko Group
- 4:30 pm Closing Remarks - Bill Nishimoto, M.C.



Monta Vista High School's Third Annual Walk/Bike to School Day - April 4



On Wednesday, April 4th, we hope to see everyone out of their cars, walking or biking to Monta Vista. Students, staff, City commissioners, the Sheriff's Office, and community volunteers have joined forces to prepare for Monta Vista's third annual Walk/Bike to School Day. Last year, over 1000 students participated, and our goal is for this year's participation to be even higher. The event will run from about 8:30 to 9:20 am on April 4th, a late start Wednesday. Students who walk or bike (or ride the bus) to school will be offered raffle tickets as they approach campus. Once on campus, they may redeem their tickets for snacks and enter a raffle for other prizes—in the past, Whole Foods, Starbucks, Noah's Bagels, Baskin Robbins, and Jamba Juice have provided some of the food and raffle prizes. If you have questions or comments regarding this event, please e-mail i-heng_mccomb@fuhd.org.

TOP 10 Reasons to Walk or Bike to School

10. It saves money—People are going to eat no matter what. Might as well use food fuel instead of fossil fuels to power the journey to school.
9. It's schedule-friendly, no need to coordinate rides.
8. It's good for the environment—Less smog for everyone.
7. It saves aggravation—You know what McClellan looks like when school's about to start.
6. It's healthy—Why sit in a metal and glass box instead of exercising in the fresh air?
5. It improves efficiency—planning ahead for the time it takes, and minimizing what to carry.
4. It can be social time, walking or biking with friends, or...
3. It can be alone time, if what's needed is some time alone to think.
2. It lets them notice the little things which people miss when speeding by in cars.
1. It'll help get into a good college (just kidding!).

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Deadline for early registration is Friday, March 30, at 5 pm. Pre-race registration ends Thursday, April 5, at 10 pm. Race day registration begins on April 7 at 8 am and closes at 8:45 am.

Entrance fee includes participation in the race/walk, Big Bunny Fun Run t-shirt and raffle ticket. Anyone registering after March 30, may have their t-shirt sent in the mail, based on supply.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. A raffle for all participants will take place following the race. You must be present to win. Each participant will also receive a FREE day pass to the Cupertino Sports Center.

For more information please call the Cupertino Parks and Recreation office at 408.777.3120 or visit the city web site at www.cupertino.org.





ROOTS Spring & Easter Traditions

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

Easter comes in April this year so let's look at the "roots" of some Easter traditions. About those bunnies, eggs and hot cross buns: lots of interesting stories surround those symbols so we'll look at just a few. In ancient times, the pagans celebrated the rebirth of spring and fertility with these symbols. The hare was prolific, hence, fertility symbol. Eggs were the same thing. The little bread buns were offerings to the ancient pagan goddesses.

Early Christians had a number of converging traditions as they celebrated the resurrection of their savior. Many scholars emphasize the relation of the original Christian Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover or Pesach. The earliest Christians were of Jewish origin brought up in the Hebrew traditions. They regarded Easter as a new feature of the Passover festival – a commemoration of the advent of the messiah as foretold by the prophets. Since the little bread bun was a food item and food goes with festivals and celebrations, it was incorporated into the feast. The little cross on the bun (originally a pagan symbol representing the moon's quarters) was viewed by early Christians as a symbol of the crucifixion.

Because early Jewish and Gentile Christians had different calendars and reckoned time differently, the date of the celebration of Easter is not always the same to this day. Over the centuries, religious scholars and leaders discussed fixing a date for Easter, as was done for Christmas, but consensus was never reached so each year the date is reckoned differently.

I can remember well the church bells pealing every Easter morning, calling the Christian faithful to worship in the little churches in old Monta Vista. At one time in the 1940-1960's there were three little churches in the residential square bounded by Stevens Creek, McClellan, and Imperial Avenues and the west end of San Fernando Avenue.

Our family did not have a church affiliation when I was very small. Dad's mother, Grandma Posie (Posie Thomas Tucker Taylor Fretwell), found this lack of church going unacceptable. Since she didn't drive, she walked me over to a little stucco church on the corner of Orange and Granada Avenues. At that time it was an Apostolic Holiness Congregation - a VERY enthusiastic fellowship of old-fashioned believers. The women had long hair that fell below their waists and long dresses with long sleeves and high collars. Grandma and I went a few times but they were a little too enthusiastic and sang too loud for Grandma's more sedate Protestant sensibilities.

The next little church we walked to was farther down Orange Avenue in a two-story building with an auto repair garage on the bottom level. It

featured a large room on the second floor with a piano, a wooden lectern, and folding chairs. This little congregation was a non-denominational bible group and didn't have a regular minister, so a pastor would come from an Assembly of God church in Milpitas. This service was more traditional and suited Grandma much better. The two of us dutifully walked every Sunday, climbed the old wood stairs outside and listened to fine old Bible teaching and sang grand old traditional hymns.

In the 1950's the building on Orange Avenue was no longer available so some folks bought a piece of land at the end of San Fernando Avenue and the third little church was built, Monta Vista First Baptist. This building had a little church tower that housed the bells. By this time, the rest of my family was also involved, so this church was where I spent many happy years growing up. Alas, as people aged or moved away and land became so precious and housing prices so expensive, the little congregation dwindled and eventually the church was sold, torn down and homes were built on the site.

The only remaining church in Monta Vista today is the little stucco building where I went as a small child. It still functions as a church and houses an Asian congregation now. Nice to see it is still there. One can still hear bells being rung mechanically from the De Anza College carillon that marks the hours but they don't ring out for Easter.

Hope you all are enjoying the myriad shades of spring green, the tree blossoms and flowers and bird sounds. Happy Easter everybody!

Community Leadership Academy

Formerly called Leadership Cupertino, Community Leadership Academy is designed to educate the public about the community at large and introduce participants to volunteer opportunities within the community. Participants can take as many or as few classes as they prefer and those who complete all topics offered will be honored for their commitment to leadership and community involvement during a regular city council meeting. Planned topics throughout the year are local city government, law enforcement I & II, fire service, economic development and land use, education, community outreach programs, and joining city commissions and committees. High demand topics will be repeated throughout the year. Each class is offered for a nominal fee of \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents to cover class materials.

Look for the first series of lectures in the Summer Parks & Recreation Schedule. For more information, please call 408.777.3220 or e-mail to leadership.academy@cupertino.org.



CUPERTINO Announcements

“Distinguished Artist” Sought

The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 2007 Distinguished Artist Award. Nomination forms are available online or from the city clerk’s office. **The deadline for submitting those nomination to the clerk’s office is Tuesday, May 15.**

The award, which will be presented in the fall, is given to an artist, or a group of artists, who live in or practice art in the Cupertino area. Both performing and visual artists will be considered.

Artists who have received the award in the past include sculptor Salvatore Pecoraro, musician Nile Norton, printmaker Glen Rogers Perrotto, dancers Mythili Kumar and Janet Shaw, artist Sandra Beard, Ikebana flower-arranging artist Fusako Seiga Hoyrup, artist/sculptor Brother Joseph Aspell, S.M., artist/calligrapher Sara Loesch Frank, pianist Makiko Ooka, singer/composer Robert L. Harrison, ceramic artist Mahoko Dahte, photographer/artist Constance Guidotti, painter Kate Curry, and ceramic artist Janet Leong Malan. Last year’s Distinguished Artist was sculptor Corinne Okada Takara.

More information about the Distinguished Artist Award is available online at www.cupertino.org/fine_arts and by calling the city clerk’s office on 408.777.3217, or by emailing kimberlys@cupertino.org.

City Commission and Committee Vacancies

City of Cupertino is accepting applications for vacancies. For more information please visit the city’s website at: www.cupertino.org

Teen Commission - Eight Vacancies

Seven vacancies are for terms ending 2009, and one vacancy is for a term ending 2008. **The application deadline is 4:30 pm on Friday, April 27** in the City Clerk office at City Hall. Interviews will be Tuesday, May 22 beginning at 3 pm.

Housing Commission - One Vacancy

The vacancy occurred when Commissioner Richard Abdalah resigned. The term of this unscheduled vacancy expires in January of 2008. This vacancy is for the Business Representative position. Applicants are not required to be Cupertino residents but the business must be located in Cupertino. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for May.

Audit Committee - One Vacancy

The vacancy occurred when committee member Jim Weber resigned. The term ends January 2009. The application deadline is Friday, April 27 at 4:30 pm. Council will conduct interviews on Tuesday, May 22 beginning approximately at 6 pm.

Know your codes: Parking Enforcement and Abandoned Vehicles

Cupertino residents plus De Anza College students, workers driving to jobs, and shoppers and visitors add up to tens of thousands of vehicles in Cupertino every day. All are looking for that elusive parking space but unfortunately, not all available parking spaces are fair game.

Many areas of the city are posted as “resident permit parking” or “no parking during street sweeping hours.” Pay attention to these signs! These zones are regularly patrolled. Motorists should not park in permit zones unless they are residents on the posted street and display a permit.

Residents are also asked to remove their vehicles during posted street sweeping hours. The sweeper provides an important service in reducing pollution from debris that enters the storm drains and flows to the bay. Regular sweeping also helps keep neighborhoods clean and looking nice. Even if the sweeper has already gone through, but it is still sweeping time as posted, don’t park. The Code Enforcement Officer enforces the code based on the posted sign and will not try to figure out if you parked before or after the sweeper went through.

Code Enforcement Officers regularly mark, cite or remove abandoned vehicles or vehicles which park longer than 72 hours in one location. Leaving a vehicle in one place on public streets for longer than 72 hours is a violation of the Cupertino Municipal Code and the California Vehicle Code. Regularly moving your vehicle helps keep debris from collecting in the street and keeps neighborhoods looking nice. The City asks that you store or keep extra vehicles in your driveway or garage if possible.

If your neighborhood is plagued with illegal parkers and abandoned cars call your friendly Code Enforcement Division to get some help.

Registration Open for California Youth Symphony Young Artist Competition

The California Youth Symphony’s annual Young Artist Competition will be held at Stanford University on Saturday, May 5. **Application deadline is Friday, April 20.** Applicants are strongly encouraged to register early. Contestants must be 18 years old or younger.

For more information and application forms, please check the California Youth Symphony website at www.cys.org or phone the CYS office at 650.325.6666.

~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday 12 to 9
Wednesday 10 to 9
Thursday 10 to 9
Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 6
Sunday 2 to 6

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 8, 2007 for Easter.

Library telephone numbers:

General Library Number
408.446.1677

Adult and Teen Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3372

Children's Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3373

Accounts, Billing
800.286.1991

TeleCirc
800.471.0991

The library has a Web Catalog at www.santaclaracountylib.org.

Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org

Teen Page Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen

Kids Page Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7 pm
Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:15 am
(ages 1-1/2 -3 years)

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Science questions to puzzle your mind! Answer the questions online or in the library to win prizes.

April is for Genetics and Ethics. Science questions to puzzle your mind! Answer the questions online or in the library to win prizes.

Come by the library for resource lists and check out the book displays.

For information on any of the Cupertino Library's children's programs, please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3373.

ADULT, TEEN, AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

SAT PRACTICE TEST

Do you want to learn more about the SAT and College Admissions? The Princeton Review is sponsoring a free SAT practice test at the Cupertino Community Hall, (located between the Library and City Hall) on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 1-5 pm. Seating is very limited, call 408.446 1677 x 3372 to reserve your spot.

Also on Saturday, April 21, from 1-3 pm, the Princeton Review is sponsoring a strategy session at the Cupertino Community Hall (located between the Library and City Hall) Seating is limited; call 408.446 1677 x 3372 to reserve your spot.

VITA TAX VOLUNTEERS

Vita tax volunteers will be available, to help low to moderate income taxpayers, with tax preparation from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Children's Story Room, on the following Saturdays: 4/7 & 4/14.

SELF-HELP TAX FORMS

A self-help tax form area in the copier room, located off the new materials area, on the first floor, has giveaway tax forms and reproducible forms.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 pm and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend

INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Instruction on the library's subscription databases is available for teens, age 13-19, at the library, by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Drop-in classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month from 2 to 2:30 pm. These classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. Please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 pm and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 pm. Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's on-line catalog and subscription databases, and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at www.santaclaracountylib.org, click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with Learning Express or find information for a state report in *America the Beautiful*.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION


Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the lobby.

Friends of the Cupertino Library welcome everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The next annual Friends' sale will be held in the Community Hall June 2 and 3, 2007.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

The *Friends of the Cupertino Library* have placed a cabinet in the library lobby to collect used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue. For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's programs, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372. 

Cupertino Library Foundation Donates...

Another self-check machine and an additional \$50,000 to this year's adult book budget. These initial donations were made in response to suggestions received at Library Celebrates event held on October 9, 2006.

Subsequent donations to enhance the Library in accord with suggestions received are under consideration.

The Foundation welcomes suggestions, ideas and monetary contributions.

For more info visit: www.cupertino.org/foundation/.

Community Workshop – North Vallco

Please come to the third and final Community Workshop for the North Vallco planning area: **Monday, April 2, 2007, 7 pm** at the Community Hall.

Cupertino is preparing a vision of the future for the North Vallco planning area. The 240-acre area is bounded by Homestead Road, Tantau Avenue, I-280 and Wolfe Road. It includes the 100-acre Hewlett Packard campus, 50 acres for the future Apple campus, the Cupertino Village shopping center, as well as the adjoining hotel, residential and office developments.

The study was initiated to proactively address the area ahead of development proposals. The North Vallco area is subject to change, with potential new construction on the Hewlett Packard property and the new Apple campus. The urban design firm of Freedman, Tung and Bottomley is facilitating the Community Workshops. A 20-person Study Committee was convened by the City Council to oversee the study and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Additional information is available on Cupertino's website, www.cupertino.org, or by contacting the Planning Department at planning@cupertino.org or 408.777.330





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~2~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 pm	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379.1051
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649
	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620
~3~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Lutheran. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051
	Toughlove*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	946.7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Creekside Park - toddler area	861.0417
~4~ Weds	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869
	Connect Club III*	8:15 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
	Cupertino Sanitary District*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallico Parkway	285.4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943
	Viewfinders	7:30 pm	Community Center	735.0367
~5~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	252.6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111, BNI.com
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606	7 am	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650.691.8724
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	378.3499
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Portal Park	861.0417
	~6~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5 pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.
De Anza Kiwanis*		7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456
Cupertino Las Madres*		10 to 1 pm	Cupt. Library atrium	861.0417



April	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~7~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814
~9~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	268.1974, Ask for Chandra Agrawal
~10~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road	252.2584 255.5293
~12~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 or 252.1529
~13~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Valley Pres. Church	253.1232
~14~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828
~17~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~19~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917
~20~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~24~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~25~ Weds	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014
408.777.3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.

April Holidays

Passover:	April 2-9, Sunset	Good Friday:	April 6
Easter:	April 8	Baisakhi:	April 14
Eastern Orthodox Easter:	April 8	Earth Day:	April 22





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

International Costume Show

Tuesday, May 8, 2-3:30 pm, Senior Center

The City of Cupertino is a small United Nations. People from around the world call our city "home", and the Senior Center membership reflects this diversity. Join us on Tuesday, May 8, from 2-3:30 pm for our International Costume Show. See different costumes from around the world. Senior Center members will be modeling costumes from many countries, either from their own native land or acquired during their trips. A narrator will discuss each costume, background history, special meanings, etc.

Tea sandwiches, cakes, and coffee will be served. If you have a special costume that you would like to share with the community, please call Teresa at 408.777.3150 before 4/20. Please purchase your ticket early. \$5 for members, and \$6 for senior guests.

Immigration Seminar: How to Become a US Citizen

Tuesday, April 17, 1-3 pm, at the Senior Center

Two officers from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services will come to the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 17, between 1-3 pm to conduct a seminar on the Naturalization Process. They will bring citizenship application forms, teach how to count the period of Physical Presence, calculate Continuous Residence, and review sample civics questions. The officers will explain the application process, the length of wait, interview process and actually conduct a mock interview. They will also answer general questions. Please call 408.777.3150 to register. This event is open to the public. Please obtain a temporary parking permit from the front desk. Chinese translation will be provided.

Citizenship Classes

Mondays 9:30-10:30 am, Senior Center

The Senior Center offers Citizenship classes for members on Monday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. The next session will start on May 7. This is a preparation course for senior immigrants who want to become U.S. citizens. The instructor will teach U.S. history, civics, and government structure. He will also practice the interview process with his students.

Many of the senior immigrants in our community face multiple challenges, including learning difficulties and language barriers. The successful applicants usually start the preparation early. The class is geared toward seniors, the instructor is thorough, patient, and repeats his lessons. Don't be embarrassed; join other new immigrants to start on a successful road to U.S. citizenship. Cost is \$11 for 2 months.

California Telephone Access Program Presentation

Many people are not aware that California Telephone Access Program will provide special telephone equipment at no cost when it has become difficult for them to use a standard telephone. On April 24, 2007, California Telephone Access Program will be having two presentations at the Cupertino Senior Center. From 9 to 10 am, the presentation will be English. From 10 to 11 am, the presentation will be in Chinese. Please come join us and learn about how to obtain this telephone equipment and utilize this wonderful program so you can communicate better with your friends and families.

Volunteer Registered Nurses Needed

Cupertino Senior Center is in need of Registered Nurses to take blood pressure readings for our members. The schedules are 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:30-2:30 pm, and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 pm. You can choose the time that is most convenient for you. If you are interested, please call Karen Goss, the Case Manager at 408.777.3155.

Friendly Visitor Volunteers Needed

The Cupertino Senior Center is looking for mature and dependable volunteers (50+) who would like to donate their time to visit a special friend in the community. Friendly Visitor will be assigned to one client with whom they will visit about once a week to provide socialization and stimulation. Visitors may want to play games, write letters, look through picture books, have lunch, or just chat with their assigned client. All the clients are from the Cupertino Senior Center Case Management Program who are frail elders living independently in their own homes. Volunteers will benefit by knowing that they are important parts of a plan to help clients delay or avoid institutionalization and by befriending special people with vast life experiences and interests to share. All clients live in Cupertino or West San Jose.

All volunteers must be able to participate in three initial training sessions, and monthly consultation sessions with other fellow Friendly Visitors thereafter.

If you are interested of joining us for this rewarding opportunity and making a difference in these frail elders' lives by becoming a Friendly Visitor, please contact Karen Goss, Case Manager, at 408.777.3155.



THE BETTER PART

The Programs listed below are aired Mondays at 4:30 pm on Channel 15 in all three locations. The repeat showings are on Channel 15 at 7 pm in Cupertino and Los Altos only.

- April 2, 3, 6 Botox: The Good, Bad, or Beautiful**
A local neurologist explains the many facial and muscle medical conditions relieved by Botox.
- April 9, 10, 13 Australian Health Care**
A world traveler explains a common health care system used by many countries in our global community.
- April 16, 17, 20 Fitness After 50**
American Heart Association has designated April 25th as Walking at Work Day—get ready with this annual Stanford fitness event.
- April 23, 24, 27 Red Hats**
Dressing in purple and sporting red hats, these lively ladies are seen everywhere!

Adult and Community Education: Free Citizenship Classes

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers citizenship classes where students learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting.

ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class for intermediate level speakers of English: Monday and Wednesday evenings March 26 to Wednesday, May 30, 2007. No classes on April 14, 2007 or April 21, 2007. 6:30-9:30 pm, in room 82 at Fremont High School.

Citizenship Preparation Class for advanced English speakers: Monday and Wednesday evenings March 26 to Wednesday, May 30, 2007. No classes on April 14, 2007 or April 21, 2007. 6:30-8:30 pm, in room 83 at Fremont High School.

ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class for beginning to intermediate English speakers: Saturday mornings from 9 am -12 pm, at Templo el Monte Horeb (in room 1 on the second floor), 455 E. Maude Avenue, Sunnyvale.

One-day interview preparation class for prospective citizens. Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers and an immigration

expert will talk about the interview process and answer questions. Saturday, April 14, 2007, 9:30-11:30 am, the Training Center, Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale.

For all of these classes, students should register in class. For more information about these classes or for ESL/Citizenship at Home, please call 408.522.2703.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education's ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. This is a commitment for one morning only, Saturday, April 14, 2007, from 9-11:30 am. Since many prospective citizens are apprehensive about the interview process, this one-day class gives students an opportunity to practice for their citizenship interview in a relaxed and friendly setting. As a volunteer, you will ask prepared questions and dictate prepared sentences, thus simulating an actual interview. Training for volunteers will be done on the morning of the class. If you are interested, please call Linda Brummer at 408.522.2733.

By Lavenia Millar, Cupertino Environment Program Manager

Bring Your Own Bag!

Earth Day is coming April 22 and what better day to think about saving the earth all year round. Want to make a difference? Bring your own bag to the grocery store. It's a little difference that adds up big. Save yourself the clutter, while saving precious resources. Bring your own. The City of Cupertino is celebrating Earth Day by giving away free cloth bags as long as supplies last. Bags will be given away to the first 300 Cupertino residents (one bag per customer) beginning in April. Just pick your bag up at City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave. during regular business hours at the City Clerk's office receptionist's desk on the main level. Paper or plastic? Neither, choose cloth.

Home Electronics Recycling Event

Celebrate Earth Day and recycle your home electronics! Apple will be hosting its 3rd Annual Earth Day Electronics Recycling Event at the Cupertino campus, 10500 North DeAnza Blvd. on Saturday, April 21st from 9 am to 2 pm. Bring in your old computers, TVs, LCD displays, printers, stereos and other home electronics systems and they will be recycled for FREE. Please honor a limit of five monitors and/ or TVs and five other devices per car. For recorded information call 408.988.2428.

Compost Classes

Those interested in learning about backyard composting can attend a free workshop at McClellan Ranch Park on the first Saturday of April and May from 10 am to noon. You can register on-line at www.reducewaste.org (use the search function to find "home composting"), or call the Rotline at 408.918.4640.

Compost Available Again

The city's compost site opens again in time for the spring planting season. The site is located at the Stevens Creek Quarry on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) and is open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 am, at no charge. No appointments are necessary. Keep in mind, the site is closed during rainy weather or if the site remains muddy and on holiday weekends. Please bring proof of city of Cupertino residency.

For recorded information call 408.777.1320, or city offices at 408.777.3269 (6:30 am–3:30 pm). You may also access information from the city's website at www.cupertino.org and search under "compost".

Make a Change to Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

A compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) is a light bulb that uses less energy than a standard bulb to provide the same amount of light. Those bearing the government's ENERGY STAR label use 1/3 the energy of a traditional bulb, can last up to 10 times longer, and save \$30 or more in energy costs over their lifetime.

The City of Cupertino has switched to using CFLs in all their public buildings. If every American swapped just one bulb for an ENERGY STAR labeled CFL, it would collectively save more than \$8 billion in energy costs, prevent burning 30 billion pounds of coal, and remove 2 million cars worth of greenhouse gas emissions from our atmosphere and, the less energy it takes to light your house, the lower your electricity bills.

The ENERGY STAR CFLs can be found anywhere you currently shop for light bulbs. For more information about the benefits of CFLs visit the following website: www.18Seconds.org. This website is sponsored by the 18Seconds Coalition, an organization of businesses, individuals and government working together to raise awareness about CFLs. 18 seconds is the amount of time it takes for a person to change one incandescent bulb in their home or business to an energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulb. To dispose of CFLs properly, read the following article on Universal Waste Disposal.

Universal Waste Disposal

A law now in effect in California prohibits certain residential waste from being placed in the trash for disposal. The intent of the law is to protect the environment from hazardous products containing heavy metals such as mercury, copper, chromium and lead. These wastes, called Universal Waste in the regulations, include electronic waste (e.g. computers, computer peripherals, telephones, cell phones, microwave ovens, VCRs), fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent tubes, thermostats, and batteries. Remember, most Cupertino residents can recycle household batteries by sealing them in a clear plastic bag and setting them on top of the blue recycling cart on collection days. Cupertino residents can drop-off other wastes at the following locations:

- Electronic waste: Apple Computer's facility at 10300 Bubb Road, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm. 408.862.2667 (recorded message).

- Fluorescent Bulbs: Blaine's Lighting, 12312 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road, Saratoga, CA 408.252.7400 or the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program 408.299.7300.
- Mercury Thermometers: De Anza College Health Services, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd 408.864.8732 or the Countywide HHW Program 408.299.7300.
- Cell phone batteries: contact your local cell phone dealer or the Countywide HHW Program 408.299.7300.
- Rechargeable Batteries: Target stores, Radio Shack or Countywide HHW Program.
- Household Batteries (including rechargeable): Countywide HHW Program 408.299.7300; Target stores.

Pest Management

Spring is here, and that means it's time to start gardening. It also means you'll want to pay particular attention to controlling your home and garden pests. Our Water – Our World website (www.ourwaterourworld.org/owow.cfm) has been developed to assist consumers in managing home and garden pests in a way that helps protect the environment. Among other things, this site offers:

- Assorted fact sheets on specific pests and methods to manage them without using hazardous materials.
- Information on where to buy safer alternatives to pesticides, including fungicides and herbicides.

- A list of some products that are considered safer alternatives to more conventional pesticides.
- A list of products, sorted by the pest it targets.
- An "Ask the Expert" feature that allows you to ask a specific question and receive a personal reply.

Check out the website and enjoy an environmentally friendly gardening experience.

Do you know where to recycle your BATTERIES?

Batteries are hazardous waste, so please dispose of them properly. If you are a Cupertino resident, you can recycle your used batteries curbside. All regular household batteries (alkaline - AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt, rechargeable) can be recycled. Just place your batteries in a clear, sealed plastic bag, on top of your blue recycling cart.

Residents and non-residents of Cupertino can drop off their household batteries (alkaline - AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt, rechargeable), if they are not able to use their curbside hauler, at Target and Radio Shack stores.

For cell phone batteries contact your local cell phone dealer or the County HHW Program @ 408.299.7300.

There are collection bins for official City uses at:

- City Hall, in the copy room downstairs
- Quinlan Community Center
- Service Center

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For more information about Cupertino's environmental programs,
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By Jonathan Nakafuji, Senior, San Jose State University

Make sure you have fully charged batteries for your kit:

While you may already have an emergency supply kit ready in your car, home, or at work, it's equally important to make sure all of its contents will be ready and working when you need them. In the event of an emergency, the last thing you want to do is spend valuable time making sure your electronic equipment works.

Supplies such as food, medical supplies, and others generally include expiration dates for you to judge when they need to be replaced. However, items such as batteries for important emergency electronics have different shelf lives, which means some types need to be replaced sooner than others.

Batteries that have a lower output and shorter battery life include the alkaline AA and AAA cell. Since they are most often used in personal radios, walkie-talkies, and flashlights, they should be replaced with new ones before the expiration date. Also be sure not to leave electronics with batteries inside them for prolonged periods of time in your car, especially when exposed to direct sunlight. Over time the charge in these batteries degrades, which may lead to the device having a shorter operating period and in some cases being damaged from a leaking battery.

A battery that has a high output but also a long shelf life can be found in the Lithium 3V (CR123A). These batteries are generally used in digital cameras and some specialty flashlights. Due to their high output they generally provide about one hour of power depending on the device they are used in. However, two advantages of this battery include a 10-year shelf life and their ability to maintain their charge even in extremely cold temperature, an ability that most AA and AAA cell batteries do not possess.

Getting the most out of your flashlight: As incandescent bulbs begin to be gradually phased out of many flashlights, the Light-Emitting Diode (LED) is quickly becoming the new standard. Although most already know that LEDs are much more energy efficient than their predecessor, few know the different types of LED modules which have different capabilities. To get the most out of your flashlight for general purpose utility (navigating through a dark room, working on your car, etc), the 5mm LED is the most battery efficient possessing a 100,000 hour module life. Most flashlights that utilize this specific LED use the common AA or AAA cell battery and can be easily found at department stores such as Target or

Wal-Mart. For those wishing for something more powerful, (namely for the purpose of signaling or momentary spotlight use) the Luxeon LED is better suited. These LEDs have a significantly higher output, but also therefore have a shorter module life averaging from 10,000 hours – 50,000 hours as they use the 3V Lithium battery (CR123A). Regardless of which type of LED flashlights you choose, be sure not only have them readily accessible, but also with fresh spare batteries.

Special Notice: The Community Emergency Training Center at Vallco Mall is closing on March 31. Cupertino OES wants to thank Mall Management for allowing us to have a free space to display preparedness information and provide training for the last 3 years. We are now actively looking for a new space somewhere in the City. Stay tuned for a new location...

If you do only one thing to prepare this month...

Are your pictures secured to the wall? Hardware stores sell earthquake picture hangers that prevent the picture wire from bouncing off the hook and falling. You can also consider replacing picture glass with plastic to reduce the amount of broken glass in the event of an earthquake.

Upcoming Classes:

CPR for Infant, Child and Adult 9 am to 12 pm, March 31, \$25/\$35.

Basic First Aid May 19, 9 am to 1 pm, \$35/\$45.

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop Free! April 24, 6:30 to 9:30 pm, May 9, 9 am to Noon.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade. \$35/\$45 June 18-22, 9 am -1 pm.

Community Emergency Response Team Sept/Oct 2007.

Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information.

Register for classes through Cupertino Parks & Recreation 408.777.3120.





COUNCIL ACTIONS



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Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Council Members Present: Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval
Council Members Absent: Lowenthal.

Rescheduled Parks and Recreation and Bicycle Pedestrian Commission interviews for March 20.

Appointed Luke Lam and Peter Friedland to the Technology, Information and Communications Commission.

Presented a proclamation to the Cupertino Kung Fu Club.

Received an E-Services presentation regarding the Cupertino Outreach program.

Approved minutes from the February 6 City Council meeting.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for January 26, February 2 and February 9.

Adopted a resolution accepting Payroll for February 9.

Continued consideration of City's development impact fee report to March 6.

Approved a bingo permit renewal from De Anza Force Soccer.

Continued appeal of Planning Commission to modify Application Nos. M-2006-07 to March 6.

Denied an appeal of Planning Commission approval of Application Nos. TM-2006-12 and V-2007-01.

Approved a Community Development Director's referral of a minor modification to approve the final front plaza design and gateway feature for Oak Park Village.

Added the evaluation of traffic safety issues in the tri-school area to the Council Work Program.

Received a recommendation to defer discussion of reopening the Scenic Circle into Blackberry Farm as a separate item.

Adopted 2007-08 City Council Work program with changes.

Enacted a modification of Ordinance No. 07-1995 to add two additional members to the composition of the Technology, Information, and Communications Commission.

Enacted the rezoning of 2.09 acres from RHS-80 to RHS-40 at 21600 Rainbow Dr.

Continued the review of report on General Fund Revenue and Expenditures to March 6.

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Council Members Present: Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, Lowenthal, and Sandoval
Council Members Absent: None.

Received a presentation on the Permanente Creek Project.

Received an E-Services presentation regarding Neighborhood Watch – E-cap.

Approved the minutes from the City Council meeting of February 20.

Adopted a resolution accepting Accounts Payable for February 16.

Adopted a resolution accepting Payroll for February 23.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for January 2007.

Adopted a resolution approving an improvement agreement for 20055 and 20065 De Palma Lane.

Approved an application for an alcoholic beverage license for Guan Dong House, 10851 N. Wolfe Rd.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge project funding agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority (VTA) that will allow the funding used for both the design and construction phases of the project.

Continued appeal of Planning Commission to modify Application Nos. M-2006-07 to March 20.

Continued appeals of Planning Commission approval of Application Nos. R-2006-08 and RM-2006-13 to March 20.

Continued consideration of building fees and below market rate housing program mitigation fees to April 3.

Conducted the first reading of Ord. No. 07-1998 pre-zoning 13.5 acres from Pre-PR to Pre-T, APN (s) 375-21-001 and 375-22-001.

Accepted the city's development impact fee report for year ending June 30, 2006.

Adopted a resolution revising the Policy on Responsible Contracting regarding the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge.

Approved the use of Federal Land and Water Conservation funds for Stevens Creek Corridor in the amount of \$81,165.

Approved the 2007 Planning Commission work program.

Set a Teen Commission and Audit Committee application deadline date of April 27 and an interview date of May 22.

Received status report of general fund revenue and expenditures.

Received a report on the Cupertino Beautification program.

Adjourned to March 20 at 5 pm for Parks & Recreation and Bicycle Pedestrian Commission interviews.

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CITY MEETINGS

April 3	City Council mtg.***	6:45 pm
April 4	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
April 4	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7 pm
April 4	Technology, Information & Communication Commission	7 pm
April 5	Audit Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4 pm
April 5	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
April 5	Parks and Recreation Commission (Mtg. Rm. 100)	7 pm
April 10	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
April 11	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
April 12	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	9 am
April 12	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
April 17	City Council mtg.***	6:45 pm
April 18	Economic Development Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	9 am
April 18	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
April 19	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
April 24	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
April 24	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
April 25	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm

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***These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26

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