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The Second Annual City of Cupertino

# SPELLING BEE

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Community Hall

Elementary and Middle School students will showcase and exhibit their spelling skills as they compete to be the 2019 Cupertino Spelling Bee Champion!

Pre-registration is required and is due by January 8th. \$5 spectator fee or donation of a non-perishable food item, payable at the door.



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[cupertino.org/events](http://cupertino.org/events) | 408-777-3120

CUPERTINO SPORTS CENTER

# OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY  
JANUARY 12, 2019  
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Tennis Games • Yoga • Power ABS • Zumba  
Face Painting for Kids • Free Gifts for the 1st 300 people  
Enter to Win a FREE Membership!

21111 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014



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Questions or comments about *The Scene*? Contact staff at [scene@cupertino.org](mailto:scene@cupertino.org).

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# WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST MONTH?

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## Veterans Day Ceremony

A crowd gathered for the Veterans Day Ceremony, which was held on Sunday, November 11, at Memorial Park. This year marked the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Cupertino Veterans Memorial. You can learn more about it at [cupertinoveteransmemorial.org](http://cupertinoveteransmemorial.org). One of the guest speakers was Captain Matthew Illowsky, US Air Force (pictured). Captain Illowsky, who was raised in Cupertino, is a military aviator graduate of the US Air Force Test Pilot School and has piloted 23 different aircraft with over 3,000 hours of combat time, including flights over Iraq and Afghanistan.

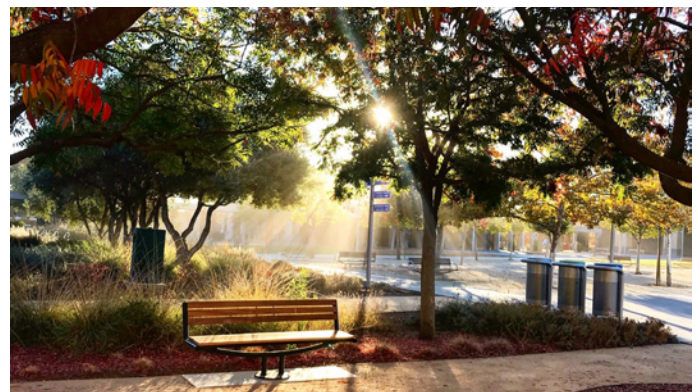


## Halloween Spirit

As Halloween decorations went up all over the Cupertino community, one grave soul carved out a little time to decorate the California quail statues at the south side of the Don Burnett Bridge. The witch hats put a spell on all who passed by, making sure they all had a smile on their faces for the rest of the day.

## Sunrise at City Hall

Daylight Saving Time in November allowed everyone to “fall back” and get an extra hour of sleep. The sunrise over Cupertino City Hall showed that autumn was not ready to give way to winter just yet.



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## From Santa's View: Cupertino Then and Now

The Cupertino Scene recently received an exclusive opportunity to sit down with the big man himself, Santa Claus. Despite this being the busiest time of year for him, he took some time from prepping toy delivery to share a few stories about Cupertino. He met with the Scene at City Hall, wearing a lighter version of his classic red suit to accommodate the warmer California weather.

**SCENE:** Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with us today!

**SANTA:** Ho ho ho! The pleasure is all mine. I love coming to Cupertino.

**SCENE:** What's your favorite part about visiting Cupertino?

**SANTA:** Cupertino is a very unique city. The best thing about coming here is seeing all of the different snacks I get! Milk and cookies can get old fast. With the blend of cultures here, there's a new treat to try at every house. Last year, I even tried boba tea for the first time!

**SCENE:** How do you think Cupertino has changed throughout the years?

**SANTA:** That's one of the most fun parts about visiting every year—I get to see how the city grows and evolves. I felt like in the blink of an eye, the acres of fruit tree orchards turned into the Apple spaceship! But whether you're a farmer or a software developer, one thing that doesn't change is the cheer and jolliness I feel from the people who live here.

**SCENE:** What else can you tell me about Cupertino's history?

**SANTA:** Well, the town actually used to be called West Side, and when I flew over on my sleigh, most of the ground was farmland. Every year, more and more houses came up and the city needed a better name! The name Cupertino actually came from the original name of Stevens Creek, Arroyo San Joseph Cupertino.

**SCENE:** Wow, that must have been very different. How has your experience changed delivering presents to a new generation of kids?

**SANTA:** Actually, not much has changed. Sure, sometimes kids will ask for a smart phone instead of a toy train. But the excitement and joy that a child feels before the holidays will always feel familiar. The kids of Cupertino always make it onto my Nice List. The only difference is I don't get as many letters. But I do get a lot more emails, ho ho ho!

**SCENE:** Do you have a favorite memory from Cupertino?

**SANTA:** Well, as you know, I've come through town to attend the annual Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa events you put on every year. It's always such a hoot! I met with a young girl the other year, and I was expecting her to tell me what she wanted for Christmas. Instead, she told me she ran the calculations and figured out a more time-efficient way for me to visit every house on Christmas Eve! I was stunned at her ingenuity. Cupertino has so many smart kids!

**SCENE:** Again, thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to chat with me!

**SANTA:** Thank you and the wonderful residents of Cupertino for making my visits so much fun, ho ho ho! I can't wait to drop by again on Christmas Eve!

For more information on Cupertino's history, visit [cupertinohistoricalsociety.org](http://cupertinohistoricalsociety.org).

# Protect Yourself from those on **THE NAUGHTY LIST**

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With all the distractions the holiday season brings, sometimes we forget the basics about safety, no matter where we are. By being mindful and remembering a few crime-prevention tips, you can have a safe and jolly holiday season.

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## **WHEN OUT FOR A WALK**

- Stick to well-lit, well-traveled areas. Avoid shortcuts, and be aware of your surroundings.
- When using a cellphone or listening to music while out walking, use a Bluetooth and keep one ear free of an earphone so you can hear your surroundings.
- Let someone know your travel routes.
- Walk with a partner.



### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

- Store gift packages out of view; keep them in the trunk of your car.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body, and do not put it in your shopping cart. Keep your wallet or cash in an inside or front pocket, not a back pocket.

### SHOPPING ON EBAY OR CRAIGSLIST

- Don't meet a stranger alone.
- Let someone know where you will be meeting and who you will be meeting with.
- Meet at a well-lit, public place. Try to do the exchange during the day.
- Take your cell phone with you.
- Bring only enough cash for agreed transaction.

### WHEN AT HOME

- If you hear a knock at the door, make sure you let the person know you are home even if you decide not to answer the door. You can do this by turning on a porch light or just talking through the unopened door.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes. If you have an alarm, don't forget to use it.

- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons, or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree, ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed, which can cause a fire.



### AVOID GETTING YOUR DELIVERED PACKAGES STOLEN

- Use an Amazon Locker or UPS Store for deliveries if you will not be home on delivery dates.
- Have packages delivered to your work place/ office or a neighbor that will be home.
- Install security cameras to help deter theft.
- Require a signature on delivery.

# Senior Housing Coming to Cupertino

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## THE VERANDA

Construction is underway for The Veranda, a 19-unit senior affordable housing development. Completion is expected in April 2019. Marketing will begin this December and applications will be accepted in early January. Eighteen of the units will be age-restricted for extremely-low and very-low income senior citizens 62 and older. There will be one property manager unit for staff.

Through the assistance of Santa Clara County Measure A funds, six units will be reserved as permanent supportive housing units for homeless seniors with disabling conditions. The Veranda is one of the first developments to take advantage of Measure A funding. The City has contributed \$3.672 million in funds and another \$1 million through the Housing Trust Silicon Valley, which accounts for approximately 43% of the developer's development costs. Through the City's participation in the Santa Clara County HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consortium, The Veranda secured \$500,000 in HOME funds.



The Veranda property is located on a .56-acre site on Stevens Creek Boulevard directly across the street from Cupertino's new Main Street Cupertino, which has retail stores and restaurants. The Veranda is a place where seniors can move into a mixed-use neighborhood where they can live, work, and play.

The studio apartments will be approximately 350 square feet and include complete kitchens, ADA-accessible bathrooms, and patios or balconies. An elevator will provide service to all three floors of the building and there will be on-site parking. Information about the application process, including dates, is available on the community hotline at (408) 816-8377.

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## THE FORUM

The Forum hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in September 2018, which was a celebration of many years of working together to benefit senior residents with new independent living opportunities, memory care building, and additions and 21st century upgrades to the assisted living facility, skilled nursing facility, dining, fitness, and multi-purpose building.



Renovations and additions to existing facilities, as well as new buildings, will result in 23 new independent living villas, 10 new beds, and 46,026 square feet of renovations and additions to the skilled nursing facility, 10,500 square feet of renovations to the assisted living facility, 26 new beds in a 39,000-square-foot new memory care building, and 27,000 square feet of renovations and additions to the commons facilities with associated site and landscaping improvements.

For more information on both projects, visit [Cupertino.org](http://Cupertino.org).



# GET IN THE CUPERTI-*know*

*What's going on around town?*

## Leaf Season

Help keep the City's storm drains unclogged. Park off the street on your sweeping day.

[cupertino.org/cleanstreets](http://cupertino.org/cleanstreets)



## Holiday Cookies

Decorate holiday cookies with as much frosting as you can handle.

December 21, 3 to 7 p.m.

Teen Center  
21111 Stevens Creek Blvd



## Get Ready

Learn simple, basic safety skills to keep your home and family safe.

January 12, 8 to 11 a.m..

RSVP: [kennethe@cupertino.org](mailto:kennethe@cupertino.org)  
or (408) 777-3176



## Serve on a Commission

Residents are encouraged to apply for a position on a City Commission.

More Information:  
[Cupertino.org/vacancies](http://Cupertino.org/vacancies)



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR ©

## TEENS

### Sport Court Saturday

Every Saturday, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Come lace 'em up and shoot some hoops with your friends at the Teen Center during our free sport court hour! Make sure you bring your favorite pair of shoes and your A-game, we've got the court and the basketballs thanks to the Cupertino Sports Center.

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### Ugly Sweater Party

Tues., December 18, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Throw on your craziest holiday themed sweater and come to the Teen Center for some eggnog!

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### Cookie Decorating Day

Friday, December 21, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Decorate some holiday cookies with as much frosting and sprinkles you can handle at the Teen Center!

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### Holiday Movie Saturday

Sat., Dec. 22, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Bring a blanket and get cozy on the couch while watching your favorite holiday movies at the Teen Center. Warm popcorn will be provided.

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### Teen Center Holiday Break

#### Extended Hours

Wed., December 26th through

Sat., January 5, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

The Teen Center will be open extended hours while students are out of school for the holiday break. It will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1 as well as every Sunday.

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### Slime Day!

Thursday, January 3, 1:00 p.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

It's Slime Time at the Teen Center! Make your very own slime in your favorite color to take home with you. The cleanest slime maker will get a special prize.

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### Spelling Bee 2019

Sat., January 12, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave

The Cupertino Spelling Bee is a spelling contest organized by Cupertino Recreation and Community Services and is for students in grades 4-6. The purpose of

this community event is to give students an educationally enriching opportunity. Register at [reg4rec.org](http://reg4rec.org).

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### Teen Center Open House

Sat., January 12, 2019, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Check out all the awesome amenities that the Cupertino Teen Center has to offer!

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

### West Coast Farmers Market

Every Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Oaks Shopping Center

Stop by the West Coast Farmers Market every Friday and Sunday in the Oaks Shopping Center parking lot. For more information visit [www.wcfma.org](http://www.wcfma.org).

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### Creekside Farmers Market

Every Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue

Stop by the Creekside Farmers Market every Friday at Creekside Park in Cupertino. For more information visit, [www.pcfma.org/visit/markets](http://www.pcfma.org/visit/markets).

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### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 1, 8:30 a.m.

Quinlan Community Center,

10185 N. Stelling Road

Join the City of Cupertino for a morning full of holiday cheer! Santa will be posing for pictures while the elves cook up delicious North Pole pancakes. After breakfast, join the elves in the workshop for holiday crafts and letter writing to Santa!

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### Holiday on Main Tree Lighting

Sat., December 1, 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cupertino Main Street Plaza

The spirit of the season and its festivities are celebrated here. Family, friends and neighbors gathering together. Giving. Sharing. Join us as we light-up Main Street's tree and let the holidays begin!

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### Cupertino Sports Center Open House

Sat., January 12, 2019, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sports Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Check out all the different amenities the Cupertino Sports Center has to offer including tennis games, yoga, power ABS, and Zumba! There will be free face painting for kids and free gifts for the 1st 300 people. Enter to win a free membership!

### Free Emergency

### Preparedness Workshop

Sat., January 12, 2019, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave.

Are you prepared? Learn simple, basic safety skills to keep your home and family safe. RSVP to [kennethe@cupertino.org](mailto:kennethe@cupertino.org) or call 408-777-3176.

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### Shredding & Environmental Recycling Event

Sat., January 19, 2019, 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

De Anza College Parking Lot A

The City of Cupertino & Recology offer this free drive-through, drop-off service for Cupertino residents four times per year to encourage extended use of products and to prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill. Visit [cupertino.org/environmentalday](http://cupertino.org/environmentalday) for rules and a full list of accepted items.

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### Preschool Open House: Parent & Child

Tues., January 29, 2019 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Quinlan Preschool Room, 10185 N.

Stelling Road & Monta Vista Rec Center

Preschool Room, 22601 Voss Ave

Interested in joining the Cupertino Preschool family. Check out Quinlan Community Center and/or Monta Vista Recreation Center locations.

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### Preschool Open House: Parent Only

Wed., January 30, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Quinlan Preschool Room, 10185 N.

Stelling Road & Monta Vista Rec Center

Preschool Room, 22601 Voss Ave

Interested in joining the Cupertino Preschool family. Check out Quinlan Community Center and/or Monta Vista Recreation Center locations.

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### 2019 State of the City Address

Wed., Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Quinlan Community Center,

10185 N. Stelling Road

Join the City of Cupertino, Rotary Club of Cupertino, and the Chamber of Commerce for the State of the City Address.

## CUPERTINO LIBRARY

For more information on library programs, visit the Events section of the Cupertino Library's website at [sccl.org/cupertino](http://sccl.org/cupertino).

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

#### Noon Year's Party

Monday, December 31, 11:00 a.m.

Cupertino Library Children's Room

Kids of all ages are invited to a special celebration to ring in 2019. Join us at

11:00 am for singing, dancing, and a noon year's countdown.

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### **Lunar New Year Celebration: Year of the Pig Storytime and Crafts**

*Saturday, January 26, 2:00 p.m.*

*Cupertino Community Hall*

Children are welcome to join in the Lunar New Year celebration at this fun storytime and craft celebrating the year of the pig.

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **San Francisco Shakespeare On Tour: A Comedy of Errors**

*Saturday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.*

*Cupertino Community Hall*

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents a shortened, family-friendly version of Shakespeare's witty slapstick play *A Comedy of Errors*. Enjoy the play, and meet the cast afterwards.

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#### **Close-Up Wildflower Photography:**

##### **A Bee's Eye View**

*Sunday, January 13, 2:00 p.m.*

*Cupertino Library Story Room*

In an illustrated program, local nature photographer Judy Kramer will present seven field techniques to make your images more dynamic and compelling.

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#### **Lunar New Year Celebration: Humor for the Year of the Pig**

*Saturday, January 26, 10:30 a.m.*

*Cupertino Community Hall*

Come celebrate Lunar New Year with laughter. Popular local author Linyao Wu's presentation will delight everyone with her signature humor and insight. This program is in Mandarin.

## **SENIOR CENTER**

**For more info on the Senior Center, or to sign up for classes or events, visit [cupertino.org/senior](http://cupertino.org/senior) or stop by 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.**

### **EVENTS & SOCIALS**

#### **Holidays in Hawaii**

*Wed., Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

Sway with our own Lei Nani Hula dancers and the Pila Ho'okani band as they celebrate the holidays with Hawaiian songs and dances. Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

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#### **Holidays Ham Lunch**

*Wednesday, December 7, 12:00 p.m.*

Wear your favorite holiday sweater and join in a holiday meal including honey baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and pecan pie with whipped cream for dessert.

Vegetarian option available when registering. Afterwards join in one of our Friday socials such as Bingo, Mah Jongg, or Ping Pong. Pre-registration required. Member fee \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

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#### **Holiday Sing Along**

*Wed., Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Come and sing holiday songs accompanied by guitar and ukulele. Light refreshments will be served. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

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#### **Dessert and Doo Wop Trip**

*Tues., Dec. 18, 6:15 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.*

Enjoy an energetic performance of modern hits in a classic doo wop style. Member fee \$95-dessert Included.

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#### **Fort Mason and San Francisco Center for the Book Trip**

*Thur., January 17, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*

Experience the culture of Fort Mason, and the hidden craft of book-making at the San Francisco Center for the Book. Member fee \$122.

### **CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Cooking with Suzanne:**

##### **Holiday Chocolate Creations**

*Wed., Dec. 5, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

Learn how to handcraft impressive artisan chocolate with ease using top quality Belgian chocolate to either gift or enjoy the whole year through. You will create 70% Chocolate Seeded Bark, Chocolate Brandied Candies, and Chocolate covered Marshmallow with delicate toppings to bring back home. Member fee \$55.

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#### **Nutrition Made Easy: Assessing Your Health Discussion Workshop**

*Fri., Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

Join us in a discussion on how to assess your health. Discover tips and techniques on how to monitor your health, understand medical reports, and how to improve your health with Instructor Jen Oh. Member fee \$25.

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#### **ViviAsia Lotus FREE Demo**

*Saturday, December 8, 15*

*Fitness: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Chair*

*Fitness: 11:15-12:15pm*

These fun classes combine aerobic dance exercise with muscular endurance, balance, and flexibility training! Achieve fitness goals and maintain functional daily abilities while making new friends. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the

lobby table.

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#### **Nutrition Made Easy:**

##### **Holiday Cookies Cooking Workshop**

*Mon., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Come make a variety of holiday cookies that are simple, delicious, and healthy that everyone will enjoy with Instructor Jen Oh. All attendees will make and take home a variety of cookies to enjoy. All diets/preferences can be accommodated. Member fee \$40.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **Housing**

*Monday, December 3, 17, January 7*

*1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

Information on resources for senior housing options. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

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#### **Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)**

*Monday, December 3, 10, January 14, 28, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

Consultation on Medicare and health insurance. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

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#### **Blood Pressure Check**

*Tuesday, December 4, 18 January 8, 22 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.*

*Monday, December 10, January 14, 28 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.*

Free blood pressure checks by volunteer nurse.

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#### **Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)**

*Friday, December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

Provides free assistance to elders for basic legal matters in public benefits, long-term care, elder abuse, housing, consumer issues, incapacity planning, probate alternative, and simple wills. Must be 60 or older and live in Santa Clara County. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

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#### **Case Management Program**

This program helps seniors obtain community resources enabling them to remain independent and safe in their home. Case Managers provide assessments to determine the needs for services; coordinate and ensure legal services are in place. Home visits can be provided to homebound seniors living in Cupertino. Free service, membership required. **Drop-in Consultations with Case Managers are Wednesday, 10a.m.-12p.m. or by appointment Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-5p.m. Mandarin and Cantonese language appointments are available.**



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