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◀ Cupertino Parks & Recreation 50th Anniversary

2012 marks the City of Cupertino's Parks and Recreation Department's 50th Anniversary!

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▶ 2012 CREST Award Nominations Nominations must be in the Public Information Office at City Hall by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 16, 2012

The city is looking for the nominations for the 2012 CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Award.

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◀ @ Cupertino Valentine's Weekend, February 10 – 12, 2012

Eat, shop, and celebrate in Vallco Shopping Mall and The Cupertino Marketplace with deals and discounts from February 10 - 12.

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happenings in cupertino

50th Anniversary, continued from page 1

The city celebrates with 50 Days of Fun throughout the year. In this month's Scene, you will find a listing of the next few months' activities with more activities to follow! In addition, 50th Anniversary commemorative merchandise is available for sale at all City facilities. Parks and Recreation has had an exciting 50 years and is looking forward to many more years of creating a positive, healthy, connected community.



Other Fun Activities planned for 50 Days of Fun in coming months are:

April

Big Bunny Fun Run, April 7, 2012

National Volunteer Week - 50 reasons to volunteer at Senior Center, April 15 - April 21, 2012

50% off of all aerobic/dance classes at the Sports Center, April 9 - April 13, 2012

May

Black Berry Farm Cupertino Day

50% off a 10 pack of passes to Black Berry Farm pool, May 5 - May 6, 2012

Preschool End of the Year Picnic

50 consecutive days of workout/tennis at the Sports Center for \$50 off an annual membership

Stay fit and healthy after age of 50 - exercise class demo, Senior Center, May 30, 2012

June

Concerts in the Park

1st day of swim lessons bracelet's

50 cent swim after 5 pm at Blackberry Farm, June 7, 2012

50 cent Ice Cream Sundae Social, Blackberry Farm, June 22, 2012

Blackberry Farm Golf Course 7 day tournament awarding 7 sleeves of Tour golf balls per day, June 24 - June 30, 2012

July

Cinema at Sundown

1st day of swim lessons bracelet's

July 4 Festivities

Blackberry Farm, Concert in the Park, July 18, 2012

Grandparents & Grandchildren Ice Cream Social - celebrating 50 years of fun. Senior Center, July 18, 2012

Community Gardens at McClellan Ranch

CREST Awards, continued from page 1

The CREST award honors outstanding community volunteers Individuals or organizations making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino during the 2011 calendar year are eligible to be nominated for the CREST Award. Individuals of all ages will be considered. The CREST Awards presentation will take place on **June 14**, in the Community Hall. Any person, agency or organization is encouraged to submit nominees for consideration.

All nominations should be submitted online, mailed or hand-delivered, to the Public Information Office at City Hall by 4:30 pm on **Friday, March 16, 2012**. Applications postmarked on or before this date will not be accepted if they do not arrive by the deadline. Forms may be sent or brought to the Public Information Office, City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Individuals may not nominate themselves nor may an organization nominate itself. A relative may not nominate a family member, and past recipients of CREST within the last five years are ineligible. Nominees need not reside in the City of Cupertino; however, the efforts for which they are being nominated should strongly impact the Cupertino community. For more information on the award and the nomination form, visit www.cupertino.org/crest.



@ Cupertino, continued from page 1

Monta Vista High School DECA presents

@CUPERTINO WEEKEND
Valentine's Weekend Feb 10-12

For participating businesses and tickets, visit Atcupertino.org

Eat. Shop. Celebrate.
Great Deals ♥ Great Discounts

Sponsored by the City of Cupertino, Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, & Vallecito Shopping Mall

@Cupertino Weekend

Visit Atcupertino.org to see the Participating Businesses for @Cupertino Weekend.

The Cupertino Symphonic Band Proudly Presents Its Second

Children's Concert

Sunday, March 11th, 2012
3:00 P.M., Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Rd., Cupertino

FREE!

Come hear all your favorites including:
The wonderful Carnival of the Animals, music from Harry Potter, Star Wars, Disney films, and other selections.

Conducted by Tom Narcisso

Canned goods for West Valley Community Services are welcome.

For more information call 408.262.0471 or visit www.netview.com/csb

Girl Scouts 100th Birthday Celebration

All current and former Girl Scouts are invited to the 100th Birthday celebration of Girl Scouting in the USA. Join us for singing, candlelight ceremony, speeches, flag ceremony, and fun on Monday, March 12, 2012 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Cali Mill Plaza on the corner of De Anza Blvd. and Stevens Creek Blvd. At 7:12 pm we will give a SHOUT-OUT to all Girl Scouts past and present. There will be hundreds of girls in cities throughout California doing the same thing, at the same time! Bring a battery-operated candle (or purchase one there). For more information contact Joyce Steakley at jsteakley@sbcglobal.net



simply safe | february

by Jerry Tallinger - Cupertino CERT member

Can You Be Flooded Out In Cupertino?



Historically, Cupertino residents are pretty safe from major flooding because of the many flood protection measures taken by the Santa Clara Valley Water District in cooperation with

the City of Cupertino. In December of 2002, Calabazas Creek overflowed and flooded the area around Bollinger Road. During the 1955 Calabazas Creek flood, water poured into residential streets and homes, forcing the evacuation of more than 100 families. Completed in late 2008, by SCVWD and Cupertino, the Bollinger Road Bridge Reconstruction Project provides more room and safer passage for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles during a flood of Calabazas Creek. Some of the measures taken to control floods include dams, crib-walls, overflow channels, and bypass channels. Even with all these measures, flooding could still occur in some areas of Cupertino if we get excessive rains. Drain channels or sewers get clogged with debris, or a large earthquake causes the Stevens Creek Reservoir dam to fail. Even if you are not in a flood zone, flood safety is important to learn because you never know when you may encounter a flood in your travels. See the FEMA - Cupertino flood zone map at www.cupertino.org/downloads/pdf/Intial_Study_Figure21.pdf to see if you are in danger of flooding.

Flood Safety – Except for heat related fatalities, more deaths occur from flooding than any other hazard. Why? Most people fail to realize the power of water. For example, six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock you off your feet. To quantify this, water moving at only 4 mph, a brisk walking pace, exerts a force of about 66 pounds on each square foot of anything it encounters; double the water speed to 8 mph and the force zooms to about 264 pounds per square foot. That's enough force to push a car or light truck off a flooded road if the water's up to door level. Also, rapidly-moving water often contains debris such as trees, propane tanks, and even boulders rolling along just under the surface. If you are struck by this debris, you or your vehicle can be knocked off a bridge or water crossing and swept away before you know it.

How Can You Stay Safe?

Follow these three simple rules:

- Avoid low areas prone to flooding and move to higher ground. Remember a low area may experience flash flooding from heavy rain miles away.
- Most flood deaths occur because people try to cross swift moving water. Remember the safety message 'Turn Around, Don't Drown'.
- If water enters your home before you are able to evacuate, move to upper levels, and take supplies with you. Wait for help. Do not attempt to swim through flood waters.

For more information see:

www.cupertino.org/emergency/

2012 New Year's Resolution – Disaster Safety Training

Did you miss the one New Year's resolution that could save your life? Get your group, club, organization, or friends together (8 or more) and request a FREE one hour Earthquake Preparedness and Home Safety presentation from Cupertino Office of Emergency Services. This class can come to you at your home, office, church, club or we can host it at Cupertino City Hall. You will learn how to prepare for an earthquake, stay safe during an earthquake, and cope afterward. Also, you will learn valuable tips on how you can be safe at home during other disasters and about general home safety. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org for more information, or to request a class for your company, group or organization. Schedule your class now!

Upcoming Public Sessions:

FREE! Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop (PEP) Earthquake safety, disaster preparation, disaster communication tips, first aid techniques that save lives, home safety, fire Safety including how to use a fire extinguisher, emergency supply suggestions - and more! The next two PEP classes are on Tuesday, February 7, 6 - 9 pm, Campbell Community Center (OCBH-2), 1 West Campbell Ave, Campbell. Registration: stephanie.morrison@cnt.sccgov.org or 408.341.4422. Please provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and city of residence or workplace in the West Valley.

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

Clean out your gutters and any yard drains to help prevent local flooding and protect your home from water damage during the rainy season.

roots | California's Biggest Gold Nugget Ever

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

Some of Root's readers may have seen this story in the papers last year or articles in California history magazines. It's quite a tale.

In January 2011, the Sacramento County Historical Society displayed the largest California gold nugget (found in 2010) at its monthly meeting. The prize nugget takes two hands to hold and weighs over 6 lbs. TV camera, reporters and people of all ages crowded the society's meeting room. The nugget - called "the Washington nugget" and some smaller pieces were found in 2010 about halfway between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe by a property owner with an inexpensive metal detector and a shovel in a hole about the size of a bathroom sink.

According to Reno geologist, Fred Holabird, "It popped out. He (the property owner) flipped it over and there were the nuggets. Holabird's company would subsequently be in charge of the gold on behalf of it's finder. Thousands of gold miners had walked right over the piece which was covered in old mining tailings. At the Sacramento to historical society's meeting, a security guard stood unobtrusively off to the side of the display.

While there are bigger pieces of crystalline rock and contain gold, such as the Ironstone and Tricot samples, this newly found nugget is the largest remaining naturally occurring nugget in the earth. Large nuggets discovered during the Gold Rush were quickly melted down by excited miners. The "Washington nugget" was auctioned off for \$400,000 in March 2011 and hopefully will go to a collection where the public can admire it.

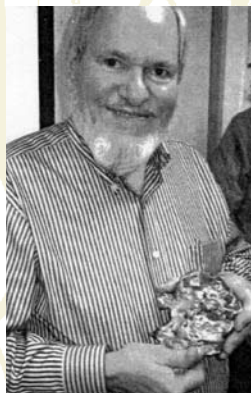
This information appeared in the Spring 2011 issue of California Historian magazine. In the Summer 2011 issue of the same magazine, the following article appeared.

"Australian prospector: Nevada County Gold Nugget a Fraud!" By George Warren, News 10 Reporter, Sacramento... and a second article entitled... "Duped: Big California gold nugget actually Aussie!" By Associated Press as posted on Huffington-Post.com.

The first article began... "An Australian prospector claims a giant gold nugget purportedly found in Nevada County (California) that fetched \$460,000 at auction actually came from Australia's Golden Triangle."

A man named Murray Cox said he and a friend, Reg Wilson, unearthed the giant nugget in November 1987 in a farm field near the town of Ballarat, north of Melbourne. Cox provided a 1987 article from the Melbourne Sun newspaper describing the event, along with a Sun photograph of the two men holding the giant nugget they called "Orange Roughie" because of its' fish-like shape. The nugget weighed 98 ounces, same as the Washington nugget.

Cox said Wilson sold the Orange Roughie to an American gold dealer in 1989 for AU \$50,000. The Washington nugget had sold for \$460,000, in part, because it was portrayed as the largest surviving specimen



Bob LaPerriere
with gold nugget



Found in 2010, a 98.6 oz.
(troy weight) gold nugget
in Nevada County

naturally occurring in the California Gold Country. Claims, counter-claims and accusations of fraud abounded on both sides. The controversial nugget was re-examined and it was determined that the nugget actually was Australian in origin.

Eventually, everyone involved was either reimbursed or compensated and confidentiality agreements prevented further investigation. No charges were brought against anyone. The nugget was re-sold for a smaller price to another bidder.

Hopefully, this nugget and its history will someday be on display for all of us to see and enjoy.

Sources: "A Day of Thanksgiving" by Ruth Roquitte; "Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims" by Clyde R. Bulla; "Pilgrim Voices, Our First Year in the New World", edited by Connie and Peter Roop. Other books are available at the Cupertino Library.

LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Monday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Tuesday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Wednesday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Thursday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Friday.....	10 am – 6 pm
Saturday.....	10 am – 6 pm
Sunday.....	12 pm – 6 pm

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

To see the programs and events offered at all Santa Clara County Libraries, search our online catalog, review your library account, get homework help, and conduct research using our online databases, please visit the Santa Clara County Library Web site at: www.sccl.org

Programs for Children & Families

STORYTIME SCHEDULE

Cupertino Library Story Room

Bedtime Stories (3½ years and up)

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Baby Storytime (for non-walking babies)

Tuesdays at 11:30 am - registration is required

Stories for Ones (for walking babies under 2 years old)

Wednesdays at 11:30 am

Stories for Twos (for children 1½ to 2½ years old)

Thursdays at 10:15 am

Stories for Threes (for children 2½ to 3½ years old)

Wednesdays at 10:15 am

Stories for Fours (for children 3½ to 5½ years old)

Tuesdays at 10:15 am

Stories for Fives (for children 4½ to 5½ years old)

Mondays at 4 pm

LIBRARY DETECTIVE: FACT OR FICTION?

For students in 4 - 8 grades

Pick up your cluebook at the Children's Reference Desk. Complete a different question each month and earn a Library Detective sticker.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT

Wednesday, February 8, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room.

School-aged children are invited. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

CUPERTINO CINEMA CLUB

Thursday, February 9, 4 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

School-aged children are invited. Patrons may call 408.446.1677 x3321 for the free movie title. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

READING BUDDIES

Sign up to read to a therapy dog or cat! Children currently in kindergarten to 5th grade may register in person at the

Children's Desk in the Library starting Monday, February 20 for one of our March Reading Buddies programs. For more information, please call the Children's Desk at 408.446.1677 x3321.

Programs for Teens

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, February 25, 2 - 3:15 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

For Teens in 8th Grade and up

This month's book is *Blood Red Road*, by Moira Young. Teens may pick up a book and sign up at the Adult Reference Desk on the second floor of the Cupertino Library. Refreshments will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

TEEN VOICES - WRITING CAFE

Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

For Teens in 7th grade and up

Students bring in their story, brainstorm, ideas, outlines, and/or drafts to share in a writers' workshop, getting personalized feedback from experienced instructors and their peers. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk on the second floor of the Cupertino Library. Space is limited. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

Programs for Adults

BELLS AND WHISTLES:

BAY AREA RAILROADS EXHIBITION

January 3 – June 30

Cupertino Library Second Floor

Join the Cupertino Library, the Cupertino Historical Society and the Cupertino Library Foundation for the Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative's new exhibition: *Bells and Whistles: Bay Area Railroads*.

GUATEMALA: LAND OF THE MAYA

Wednesday, February 1, 7 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

From lush tropical rainforests, to remote villages of the Highlands, to the colonial architecture of historic Antigua, to the imposing Mayan ruins of Tikal, volcano-ridden Guatemala offers a rich diversity of colors, sights, sounds, and unique experiences from which David Couzens has drawn inspiration for this new presentation of original photography and music. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

FENG SHUI FOR THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Feng Shui master, Mr. Y. C. Sun will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-Ching, the 2000-year-old Chinese law of the universe, to make predictions on global events for 2012, the Year of the Dragon. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

TURMERIC AND TAMARIND

Monday, February 27, 7 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Sharbari Khanna M.S. RD will present a slide show and talk on adopting a healthy diet; her focus will be on healthy eating for South Asian Indians. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, February 16, 7 - 8:30 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

This month, the Cupertino Library Adult Book Discussion Group will read and discuss *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson, a 2012 Silicon Valley Reads selected title. This book is the autobiographical account of Ms. Wilson's falling in love with a young Egyptian man, converting to Islam and her efforts to reconcile their two different backgrounds by creating a "third culture" that is acceptable to them both. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

CHINESE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, March 8, 10:30 am – Noon

Cupertino Community Hall

The group will read and discuss *Crime: stories* by Ferdinand von Schirach. This program is conducted in Mandarin

Chinese. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Also at the Cupertino Library

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday from 4 – 6 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday and join the drop-in knitting program. Knitters of all skill levels and ages are welcome.

For Your Information

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The next used book sale will be held at Community Hall on Saturday, February 11, 2012 and Sunday, February 12, 2012.

Cupertino 2012 Silicon Valley Reads

**Saturday, March 3, 1:30 – 3:30 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

Two books about what it is like to be both Muslim and American have been selected for Silicon Valley Reads 2012, the regional program that asks everyone in Santa Clara County to read the same books, at the same time, and talk about them. The Cupertino event will feature: Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of *The Muslim Next Door*, and G. Willow Wilson, author of *The Butterfly Mosque* in a conversation moderated by De Anza College President Brian Murphy.

To kick-off the event in Cupertino, the Cupertino Library Foundation is sponsoring an essay contest on the books with two categories, adults and teens, each eligible for two Grand Prizes of \$500 and two 2nd Place Prizes of \$300. For more information on the essay contest rules and deadlines visit www.cupertino.library.foundation.org/



adult 50 plus news

A new year is upon us. This year The City of Cupertino's Park and Recreation Department is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Since the dedication in 1962, the city has provided the community with park lands, community recreation center, the Nature Museum and a 9-hole golf course. To celebrate this golden anniversary, we have planned 50 Days of Fun throughout the city facilities. The Travel Department at the Senior Center has planned a Mardi Gras Party on Tuesday, February 21. Parks make Life Better! Please join us for the fun filled festivities!

AARP Mature Driving Class

Monday, January 30, 9 am - 1 pm

Thursday, February 2, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

This is a full 8-hour course for those who have not taken the course before. Most insurance companies give a driver discount to those who complete the course.

Call Larry Middleton at 408.378.2821 for program information and to register.

VTA Photo Session

Friday, February 3, 10 am

Valley Transit Authority will be at the Senior Center to take photos for the Regional Transit Connections (RTC) Discount Card. No appointment needed. \$3, must be 65+.

Medicare and Social Security Websites Tutorial

Monday, February 6, 2 - 3:30 pm

Tired of being put on hold when calling Medicare and Social Security? Learn how to navigate through Medicare and Social Security websites to have some of your question answered. Frank Chen, a Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program volunteer will give you a guided tour on both websites. Open to the public. Sign up at the lobby table.

Poetry Reading

David Denny, Cupertino's Poet Laureate, presents a series of three local coffee shop poetry readings entitled "Winter Light." The first reading is on February 2, at 7 pm at Bitter + Sweet, 20560 Town Center Lane, right behind Amici's. The reading will feature Denny and three guest poets: Ken Weisner, Ann Muto, and Susan Paluzzi. There will be limited sign-ups for open-mic poets. These readings are sponsored by the City of Cupertino, the Cupertino Library Commission, and the Cupertino Library Foundation. For more info on Cupertino Poet Laureate, visit www.cupertino.org/PoetLaureate.

Monthly Social and Birthday Bash

Wednesday, February 15, 12 pm

The Rhythmaires Band will provide dance music. Menu: Chicken Primavera, salad, and bread rolls, of course dessert will be included. Members with a birthday in February will be honored. Members \$8, senior guest add \$5 day pass. Please sign up early.

Celebrate Chinese New Year

Thursday, February 23, 12 - 1:30 pm

It's time to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. People born under this sign are believed to be energetic, born leaders, and successful in life. Join us for a sumptuous meal and fabulous entertainment. \$10 for members, add \$5 day pass for senior guests. Pre-registration is required.

Legal Planning for Your Future

Monday, February 27, 2 - 3:30 pm

Are you puzzled by legal planning documents? We invite you to a presentation by Senior Adult Legal Assistance; you will learn the difference between Advance Health Care Directive, Power of Attorney, Wills, and Trusts as well as the importance of these documents. Open to the public. Sign up at the lobby table.

Movie of the Month

Wednesday, February 29, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Five People You Meet in Heaven – 2004 movie explores the mysteries of the after-life by reminding us what matters more here on Earth. Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

This is the time for new resolutions: Become more fit? Take some lectures to widen your horizons? Visit some places near and far, that you always wanted to visit? Learn a new skill? Check our Senior Active News - we offer many classes, trips and social events that are exciting and cost-effective. You can come in and pick up a newsletter or download the information from www.cupertino.org/senior. Or simply give us a call at 408.777.3150.



The Better Part

The programs listed below are aired on Mondays at 4:30 pm on Channel 15. The repeat showings are on Channel 15 at 7 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

FEBRUARY 6, 7 & 10

Adapted Physical Fitness with Tom Beggs – People with limited movement can do physical fitness to keep their muscles strong and burn calories. Here are some outings available for physically challenged that are wonderful for socializing and getting outdoors.

FEBRUARY 13, 14 & 17

Remembering the Woman Who Could Not Forget - An interview with Ying Ying Chang the author of "The Woman Who Could Not Forget," the poignant biography of her late daughter, the internationally acclaimed author and historian Iris Chang.

FEBRUARY 20, 21 & 24

JW House - A hospitality house for families of children in the hospital.

FEBRUARY 27, 28 AND MARCH 2

Land Your Dream Job - The guest gives tips on Job Searching Skills that include self assessment, networking, building a resume, preparing for an Interview and finally accepting that coveted job

DVD or VHS copies of programs can be purchased by visiting: www.thebetterpart.com. Copies of past programs can also be found in the Santa Clara County Library System and on *YouTube*. Want to join the group who produces these programs? Call 408.257.0284.



ADULT 50 PLUS TRIPS

Call the Senior Center at 408.777.3150 for reservations or more information on any trip.

TOURS

Discover Oregon's Best, July 16 - 22, 2012, \$2153 double occupancy

Come and enjoy Oregon's pristine, beautiful coastline, see miles of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to evergreen forest to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. Take in the best of the Ashland Shakespeare Festival, and expansive tour of Crater Lake, the exciting sights and sounds of downtown Portland, and an unforgettable journey through the Columbian River Gorge.

Cruise the Mediterranean in Luxury, Venice to Monte Carlo, August 7 - 16, 2012, From \$5798 double occupancy, includes flights

Silversea's offers ultra-luxury cruising in all-suite cabins with personal butler service on a small 'yacht-like' cruise ship! Highlights include Venice, Dubrovnik, Bari, Sicily, Sorrento, Bonifacio, Monte Carlo, and 5-star service. Join us for the trip of a lifetime!

Gems of the Sierra, September 10 - 14, 2012, \$1145 double occupancy

Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks will be some highlights of this trip including Mono Lake, Tioga Pass, and Tuolumne Meadows.

DAY TRIPS

Magic and Muir, includes lunch, \$95
Wednesday, February 1

Year of the Dragon: a Chinatown SF walkabout with Gary, \$69
Friday, February 10

Mardi Gras Travel Party, Tuesday, Free, RSVP at the front desk
February 21

Maharaja: the Splendor of India's Royal Courts, \$79
Friday, February 24

La Bella Vita: Historic Little Italy with Gary, \$97
Wednesday, February 29

The Temptations presents Tempt Me One More Time!, \$121
Saturday, March 3

Behind the Scenes: San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, \$77
Monday, March 12

"Share Discovery Through Travel"

CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER
ADDRESS: 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

PHONE: 408.777.3150
EMAIL: seniorcntr@cupertino.org
WEB: www.cupertino.org/50plus

Are you Participating in the New Recycling & Composting Services for Cupertino Residents?

We encourage you to participate in the following programs:

Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Program

The Ultimate Convenience – Included in your monthly recycling service, Waste

Management (WM) provides “at your door” service to collect household hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, cleaning products, fertilizing chemicals, auto batteries, electronic waste, and sharps. They will

mail you a kit, which includes a bag with a one-way seal. The bag will be picked up at your door as opposed to the curb. The service is available for unlimited pickups. The appointment for collection can be made at www.wmatyourdoor.com or by calling 800.449.7587. Medication is not accepted with this program. You can dispose of your medications at *West Valley Patrol Sub-Station*, 1601 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014 (Cross street - Duckett Way) 408.868.6600.

Food Scrap Recycling Program

The food scrap recycling program collects food scraps, food-soiled paper, and other paper items to be “recycled” into compost instead of going into the garbage. Residents can collect food scraps and paper items in the kitchen pitcher provided by Recology Cupertino or use your own designated kitchen container, and transfer them to their yard waste cart for weekly collection. To avoid the possibility of odor, bugs, rodents and overall mess in your yard waste container, wrap food scraps in a paper bag, newspaper, paper towel, or a compostable bag, when transporting your food waste from your inside container to the yard waste container. Paper products not only absorb moisture and odor,



they compost nicely. Please do not place your food waste in a plastic bag. Plastic will damage the processing machine. Also, please keep your yard waste container lid closed.

Create A Beautiful, Healthy, Sustainable Garden & Learn to Compost Too

Green your garden and earn a free compost bin by attending any one of these upcoming workshops (Only one free bin per household, Cupertino residents only):

Free Compost Class in Cupertino, March 3: The City will hold a free “how-to” backyard compost workshop at *Quinlan Community Center* 10185 North Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014, Saturday, March 3 from 10 am – Noon. To register, please contact the Santa Clara County Composting Hotline at 408 918-4640 or visit www.reducewaste.org and click on Home Composting for additional 2012 classes.

Consider attending a **Bay Friendly Gardening Class.**

Bay-Friendly Gardening Basics:

This workshop will provide an overview of design and maintenance considerations and practices that will help you make smart choices in your garden.

Bay-Friendly Gardening from the Ground Up: Composting, sheet mulching basics and other soil building techniques will be covered.

Bay-Friendly Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally: *March 24 at Cupertino* – Discover less-toxic methods for managing common garden pests such as snails, slugs, and aphids.

Bay-Friendly

Let Worms Eat Your Garbage: Small on space and big on benefits – worm composting is a great way to recycle kitchen scraps into a fantastic organic fertilizer.

Registration for Bay Friendly Gardening Workshops: visit www.bayfriendlycoalition.org or call 408.918.4640.



» How Do Cars Contribute to Bay Pollution?

As the rainy season gets underway, so does the peak time for water pollution. Automotive fluids leak onto streets and the rain washes the pollutants into storm drains which flow directly into our local creeks without any treatment. There are many ways cars contribute pollution to our watershed – and this can be prevented! Washing, changing oil, leaking fluids, and engine cleaning all contribute to the pollution problem. Auto fluids and particles from brake pad and tire wear build up on our driveways, streets and parking lots every day. During rainstorms, rainwater carries the oil, antifreeze, brake pad dust and other pollutants into the storm drain system and flows directly to local creeks and San Francisco Bay, where it can harm plants and animals that live there. Follow these tips when working on your car:

- **Fix all leaks as soon as possible.** Do not allow vehicles to drip fluids onto the street, or your driveway, or into the gutter or storm drain.
- **Changing the Oil** – Always use a drip pan when draining oil. Use a funnel to pour used oil into used motor oil one-gallon plastic containers with tight fitting, screw top lids. (Milk and water jugs with pop-on lids are acceptable.) Lids must be taped securely! You may place up to two one-gallon containers per service day next to your recycling bin for pickup. Place fully drained, used oil filters in a sealed, leak-proof, plastic bag and place curbside next to your recycling bins.
- **Engine Degreasing** – Engine cleaners contain degreasers that contain highly toxic solvents that are dangerous to work with and harmful to our watershed. Read labels carefully before you buy.
- **Washing Your Car** – Washing your car in the driveway, street, or carport can carry detergents, oil, brake dust, metals and other chemicals to the storm drains that lead directly to local creeks and the Bay. Before washing, clean brake dust off wheels with paper towels and dispose of the towels in the trash. Wash your car in an unpaved area or better yet, take it to a commercial car wash. Discounts are available at www.mywatershedwatch.org.
By protecting the watershed, creeks and Bay, you are protecting the environment for yourself, your children and future generations.

» Start Shopping with Reusable Bags Now

As of **January 1, 2012**, all grocery and retail stores in neighboring San Jose will no longer provide single-use plastic carry-out bags to its customers at checkout. Consumers will have the option to bring or purchase their own reusable bags or purchase recycled content paper bags at checkout. Start shopping with a reusable bag now in Cupertino and join the growing reusable bag trend.



» Where is the Litter in Cupertino?

The Environmental Programs Team is trying to identify areas in Cupertino that are littered in order to target them for cleanup to prevent litter from traveling to our creeks and the Bay. Help identify sites by taking pictures of specific locations that are heavily littered. Please send photos to environmental@cupertino.org. Additional questions? Call 408.777.3354. Your assistance in beautifying our community is greatly appreciated!

community calendar

FEB	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
1 WED	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	
2 THUR	C.A.R.E.S	7:30 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
3 FRI	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org
	CCWG	6:30 - 8 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
	HP Communicator Toastmasters	7:30 am	19483 Pruneridge Ave. HP Building 48L	673.1820	
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:30 p.m	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Ave.		CupertinoCoinClub.com
4 SAT	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
	PEP Class	9 am-12 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
	Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 to 12:30pm	10675 S. De Anza Blvd. # 4	996.1236	Albert Rich [cchesschampions@yahoo.com]
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0558	osfamilies.org/
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
6 MON	Cupertino Toastmasters*	6:30 pm	Saint Joseph of Cupertino School-Science Room, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd.	650.492.0859 Ask for Dorothy Liu	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
	American Legion Post 642	7 pm	10201 Imperial Avenue #3	374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va
8 WED	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center - In Cupertino Room	252.2667	viewfindersclub.org
9 THUR	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m		257.6136	newcomersclub.com
11 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunny View Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
12 SUN	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10 to 1:30	Creekside Park Hall	368.0357	www.hssus.org
13 MON	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 am	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	cupertinoioof70.org
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi	falc.org
15 WED	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	863.0835	optimist.org
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212	optimist.org
	Tandem Toastmasters*	12 to 1 pm	HP Building 48L, Carmel Conference Room 19483 Pruneridge Avenue	447.0797	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.com
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer, 1 Infite Loop		macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	cupertinorotary.org
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_Officers.html
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monta Vista High School	262.0471	netview.com/csb/
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943	krazydazys.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org

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16 THUR	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	deanzalions.org/
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA, 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111	BNI.com
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394	oa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
	Embroiderers' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	996.8119	ega-gpr.org
Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
17 FRI	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397	malihini.org
20 MON	CERT/MRC	7-9 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
21 TUES	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	7 pm	Bethel Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	374.8511	aasanjose.org
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 10181 Finch Ave., Fireside Room	379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830	cupertinokiwanis.homestead.com
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	296.8146	kofc.org/un/
	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	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
28 TUES	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunny View Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
	Los Gatos Camel Herders	6:30 pm	Holder's Restaurant	482.0147	

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Brittany Morales, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.1312, brittany@cupertino.org
Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

CITY MEETINGS

FEB 1	Library Commission (EOC)	7 pm
FEB 2	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
FEB 2	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7 pm
FEB 2	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
FEB 7	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
FEB 8	Teen Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	6 pm
FEB 9	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
FEB 9	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
FEB 14	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
FEB 15	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
FEB 16	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
FEB 16	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
FEB 21	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
FEB 22	Teen Commission (QCC)	6 pm
FEB 28	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm

council actions

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Council Members Present:

Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, Wong

Absent: None

Conducted Study session on a request to enter into a land lease at Jollyman Park for a wireless communications facility

Presented Certificates of Appreciation recognizing students for their volunteer work at Silicon Valley Korean School

Approved November 1 City Council minutes

Adopted Resolution No. 11-185 to accept Accounts Payable for period ending October 28, 2011

Adopted Resolution No. 11-186 to accept Accounts Payable for period ending November 4, 2011

Adopted Resolution No. 11-187 for Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding request

Adopted Resolution No. 11-188 to add Roth 457 option to Nationwide Deferred Compensation Plan

Adopted Resolution No. 189 to declare weeds a nuisance and set hearing date of January 17 for objections to proposed removal

Approved Application for the Alcoholic Beverage License, I Sushi, 21670 Stevens Creek Blvd (near Imperial)

Authorized Staff to go ahead with the two bridge signs and plaque as recommended

Conducted first reading of Ordinance NOS. 11-2086 & 11-2087 and Adopted Resolution No. 11-190 with following changes applying to both Ordinances and Resolution:
-Biltmore: P(R3) 10-20

-Abundant Life: P(CG, RES) to include language allowing existing churches to be permitted as proposed by staff

-City Center North: P(CG, OP, RES)

-Sears: P(CG)

-Rosebowl: P(CG, ML, RES)

-Main Street: P(CG, ML, RES)

-Apple Sites on Vallco Parkway: P(CG, MP)

Approved 3-lot Tentative Parcel Map at 21989 Lindy Lane Recommendation from Planning Commission

Send Letter to Cupertino Committee and Kunshan that Council would like to see process move forward hoping to build a long-term relationship in the future and would like to hear more detail from Cupertino Committee regarding its activities and how Kunshan envisions a relationship with Cupertino

Conducted first reading Ordinance No. 11-2088: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending Chapter 9.18 (Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Watershed Protection) of the Cupertino Municipal Code to specify the legal authority and implement the requirements in the City's stormwater permit"

Changed name to Tree Lighting Ceremony

Postponed Item to the February Council meeting to consider whether or not to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and/or execute a lease with AT & T to construct a wireless communication facility at Jollyman Park

Adopted Resolution No. 11-191 upholding approval of project

Council directed staff to come back with an RFQ regarding contract with Lifetime Tennis

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Know Your Codes

The City of Cupertino takes pride in being a walkable city. Time spent walking pays tremendous dividends in our personal well being and helps to build community. Taking a leisurely walk around the neighborhood on a warm summer evening is a great way to relieve stress, get exercise, and meet your neighbors.

A key component in enjoying those neighborhood strolls are safe, unobstructed sidewalks. Did you know both the City and residents share in the responsibility of keeping our sidewalks safe? The Cupertino Municipal Code requires that property owners keep all vegetation on their property from growing into the adjacent sidewalk and street. This includes low hanging tree limbs that must be kept pruned to a minimum of ten feet above the sidewalk and street.

Many neighborhoods have sidewalks that feature planting strips. A planting strip is the landscaped area between the sidewalk and the street. Although the planting strip is City property, residents are encouraged to plant and landscape these areas with appropriate vegetation that is low growing to ensure drivers have a clear and unobstructed view of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Maintenance of vegetation in the planting strip is the responsibility of the property owner and must be trimmed to the edge of the sidewalk and kept from obstructing the curb and gutter.

A special note about trees in the planting strip areas... in general, each residence has one or two street trees in the planting strip. The residents and City staff have a partnership in ensuring these trees thrive and are maintained safely. Residents are required to water and report any hazardous conditions that may develop. The Street Tree Division is responsible for maintenance such as pruning and assessment of any hazardous conditions. For additional information concerning street trees, please call the Street Tree Division at 408.777.3269.

Whether walking your children to school, working on a New Year's resolution of increased exercise, or just spending time walking with a loved one, building community is centered on getting out into your neighborhood. Walking is a great way to achieve these goals and having safe, unobstructed sidewalks plays a vital role. To report a sidewalk obstruction by overgrown or low hanging vegetation, please call the Code Enforcement Division at 408.777.3182.

Welcome New Businesses

- **Bay Area Midwifery, Registered Nursing & Women's Health**
10430 S De Anza Blvd Ste 230
- **Blooming Forest**
21710 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 101
- **Calendar Club**
10123 N Wolfe Rd Ste 2015
- **Cupertino Day Spa**
20357 Stevens Creek Blvd
- **Fitgeek Sports**
21000 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 200
- **Ike's Lair**
21000 Stevens Creek Blvd
- **Kristen Popovich, MFT**
20045 Stevens Creek Blvd Bldg D Ste 2B
- **M & S Collision**
10071 E Estates Dr
- **Noodle Fun**
10123 N Wolfe Rd Ste FC-7
- **NRP Learning**
19925 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 100
- **Saks Realty**
19925 Stevens Creek Blvd
- **Shirt Madness**
10123 N Wolfe Rd Ste 2055
- **Ultimate RC Toys**
10123 N Wolfe Rd Ste K6

Notice of Library Commission Unscheduled Vacancy

The City of Cupertino is accepting applications for one unscheduled vacancy on the Library Commission. The vacancy occurred when Commissioner Ron Miller resigned. The term of this unscheduled vacancy expires in January of 2013. Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For more details, please see the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223.

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Public Works	408.777.3354	—
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	www.sccsheriff.org

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