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## Awards Season

It's that time of year again when the City of Cupertino recognizes its residents and organizations that have given back to their community

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WHEN VALENTINE'S DAY IS OVER, THOSE FLOWERS WILL STILL HAVE A PURPOSE.  
ADD THEM TO YOUR YARD WASTE BIN AND TURN THEM INTO NUTRIENT-RICH COMPOST.

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## ADD FLOWERS TO YOUR YARD WASTE BIN

CUPERTINO COMPOSTS & SO SHOULD YOU  
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## MANAGING THE MESSAGE

A city cannot properly function without an active and engaged community. Engagement can take many forms. Some residents choose to attend City Council meetings, make it out to local events, or give their time to nonprofit organizations or schools.

The City of Cupertino offers plenty of unique ways for our residents to participate and give back to their community.

### Prepared Neighborhoods

In an effort to create a positive, healthy, and connected community the City administers a number of public safety-related programs. They include the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT),

Neighborhood Watch, Block Leaders, and personal emergency preparedness classes.

### Environmental Projects and Events

One of the great things about Cupertino is its commitment to the environment and sustainability efforts. If you are one of these people, I encourage you to volunteer for a local creek clean up or the City's annual Earth and Arbor Day Festival. Residents also have the opportunity to participate in the annual Garage Sale held every September.

### Senior Center Opportunities

When you dedicate your time and talents as a Cupertino Senior Center volunteer you are helping to provide a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for everyone 50-plus, enhancing a healthy lifestyle through quality education, recreation, services, travel, socials, and volunteer opportunities.

There are many different types of volunteer positions behind the scenes, interacting with members, teaching courses, and even out in

our community. Cupertino Senior Center volunteers play a pivotal role in creating a positive, healthy, and connected community.

### Commissions and Committees

No matter your specific interests, the City has a number of Commissions and Committees that could appeal to you. They include the Audit Committee, Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, Fine Arts Commission, Housing Commission, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, Sustainability Commission, Teen Commission, and Technology, Information and Communication Commission.

These are just a few opportunities that the City offers. You can learn more about these and many others by visiting [www.cupertino.org/volunteer](http://www.cupertino.org/volunteer).

**David Brandt**  
City Manager

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST MONTH?

## YOUNG NATURALIST PROGRAM

The City of Cupertino began hosting its "Young Naturalists Program" in January. The program will run through March at the Environmental Education Center at the McClellan Ranch Preserve. These educational classes offer an opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to explore the natural world in the company of other interested students their own age.



## S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

The City of Cupertino's first Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, January 20 at the Quinlan Community Center. Fifty students in the 1st-5th grade had the opportunity to showcase their spelling abilities to the panel of judges and their families. The winning word in the 1st-3rd grade round was "extravaganza" and was spelled by Ananya Kalapatapu. The winning word in the 4th-5th grade round was "deteriorate" and was spelled by Sanjay Anand. The goal of the event was to offer an educationally enriching event for the City's youth.

## CUPERTINO PRESCHOOL

The City of Cupertino held its Cupertino Recreation and Community Services Preschool Open House (for parents and children) on Tuesday, January 30 at Quinlan Community Center and Monta Vista Recreation Center. This is part of the Cupertino Recreation and Community Services Department's effort to enrich the lives of those from 1 to 100. For more information, visit [www.cupertino.org/preschool](http://www.cupertino.org/preschool).



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# Get the Message

Sign up for AlertSCC, Santa Clara County's emergency alert system, and receive warnings and instructions wherever you are

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**A**lertSCC is a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. AlertSCC can reach you wherever you are to provide information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations. Signing up only takes a few minutes.

Signing up for AlertSCC is one of the easiest steps you can take to prepare yourself and your family for an unexpected event. Examples include:

- Flooding, wildfires, and subsequent evacuation
- Public safety incidents, including crimes that immediately affect your neighborhood
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies

AlertSCC allows authorized personnel from your city and the County to send messages simultaneously to phone numbers included in the E-911 database, White Pages, Yellow Pages, and to every phone number, SMS address, and email address you sign up:

- Voice messages reach your home phone and cell phone
- Text messages reach your cell phone and other text-capable wireless devices
- Messages are sent to your e-mail address
- Messages reach receiving devices for the deaf and hard-of-hearing



For years the City operated the Cupertino Alert System, better known as CAS. Recently the City merged with Santa Clara County's emergency alert system to ensure that the City and County were working seamlessly together on emergency messaging.

Following are some frequently asked questions:

**What if I change my phone number or e-mail address?**

Just sign into the system and update your contact information when it changes.

**Are AlertSCC messages available in any languages other than English?**

Currently, AlertSCC messages are sent in English. The system is expected to be enhanced in the future. The messages can still be helpful to individuals, alerting them that an emergency is happening and that they should seek additional information from news sources in their preferred language.

For more information, and to sign up, for AlertSCC visit [www.alertscc.com](http://www.alertscc.com).

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*Information for this article was supplied by the Santa Clara County's Office of Emergency Services.*



# CREST AWARDS

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their efforts in volunteering, technology, sustainability, or public safety?

For more than 30 years, the City of Cupertino has recognized its outstanding community volunteers with an awards program. Hundreds of residents and community organizations have been honored with the award, now known as the CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Awards.

Unfortunately, over the last five to 10 years, fewer and fewer applications have been turned in. So the pool of applications has shrunk.

The City decided to turn this circumstance into an opportunity to look at how best to use the CREST Awards program to better reflect the Cupertino community. After some internal deliberation, the City decided on seven new categories (four volunteer and three distinct awards):

- Lifetime Achievement Award (Volunteer)
- Volunteer of the Year
- Organization of the Year
- Rising Star Award (Volunteer)
- Innovator of the Year (Technology)
- Public Safety Champion of the Year
- Sustainability Champion of the Year



The City hopes that these new categories will not only attract more nominations, but will capture a larger array of residents whose individual contributions to Cupertino go beyond volunteerism.

For more information on the categories, and to nominate someone you know, please follow the link at the bottom of the page. Follow-up questions can be sent to Public Information Officer Brian Babcock at [pio@cupertino.org](mailto:pio@cupertino.org).

[www.cupertino.org/crest](http://www.cupertino.org/crest)

# A PITCHER FULL

Food scraps don't have to end up in the landfill with the garbage. Throw them in your compost bin and let Recology do the rest.

There are many benefits to living in Cupertino: safe neighborhoods, excellent schools, great weather, and wonderful family-friendly events. Another reason is that the City and its residents agree that the state of our environment is of utmost importance.

For the last few months the City has been advertising its #CupertinoComposts campaign. The educational campaign is meant to inform residents that they don't have to throw their food scraps, yard waste, or indoor plants into the trash. The City, in partnership with Recology, has a robust compost program.

## Cupertino Composts And So Should You

All residents of single family homes and participating multi-family complexes can put food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in their green or brown yard waste cart. These materials are collected by the garbage hauler, Recology, and turned into nutrient-rich compost.

## Why Compost?

Composting food scraps is an easy way to keep organic material out of the landfill and reduce the greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. When food scraps are sent to the landfill, they emit methane, which is 25 times more potent a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. Compost made from the food scraps is a valuable resource for landscapers, farmers, community gardens, and home gardens. Using compost helps soil retain water and reduces water consumption.

## What Items Can Be Composted?

### Food Scraps:

Bread, grains, and pasta  
Coffee grounds (and filters)  
Eggs, Cheese, and other solid dairy  
Eggshells  
Fish and shellfish  
Fruit, including pits  
Meat, including bones  
Poultry  
Vegetables

### Yard Trimmings:

Branches and brush  
Flowers and floral trimmings  
Grasses and weeds  
Leaves and tree trimmings



## Soiled Paper Products:

Coffee filters  
Milk Cartons  
Paper cups and plates  
Paper ice cream containers  
Paper bags, napkins, and towels  
Paper take-out boxes and containers  
Paper tea bags  
Pizza Boxes  
Waxed cardboard and paper

## Need a Way to Store Your Food Scraps?

Contact Recology at (408) 725-4020 to get your free dishwasher-safe, tight-sealed pitcher (one per household).

For more information, visit [www.cupertino.org/compost](http://www.cupertino.org/compost).

Information for this article was provided by City of Cupertino's Environmental Division.



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# New Year / New Businesses

Happy New Year! With the dawn of 2018 Cupertino can expect many exciting changes in our business community. In the past few months we have seen the opening of new businesses, including:

- Apple Park Store, Visitor Center & Café at 10600 N. Tantau Avenue
- CBI Boiling Fish at The Marketplace (formerly Lan's Garden)
- The Habit Burger Grill at 20735 Stevens Creek Boulevard (formerly Noodles & Co.)
- Hai Di Lao Hot Pot Restaurant at Main Street Cupertino
- Lighthouse Bank at 19240 Stevens Creek Boulevard
- Residence Inn by Marriott at Main Street Cupertino
- Starbucks in Monta Vista

The activity will not stop there! New businesses will come to life in formerly vacant spaces. We can look forward to the following businesses opening soon:

- Galpao Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse at 19780 Stevens Creek Boulevard (formerly Elephant Bar)
- Pokeholics at 19929 Stevens Creek Boulevard (formerly Icebox)
- Pizza Hut will relocate to 21666 Stevens Creek Boulevard (formerly Monta Vista Farmers Market)
- Rori Rice at The Marketplace (formerly T-Swirl Crepe)
- XLB Kitchen at 10235 S. De Anza Boulevard (formerly Pebbles Café)

The businesses are under construction and will be opening in new spaces:

- Boiling Point at Nineteen800
- Hyatt House Hotel at 10380 Perimeter Road
- Jin Tea Shop at Nineteen800
- Koja Kitchen at Nineteen800
- Orangetheory Fitness at Main Street Cupertino
- Pet Club at Homestead Square
- Stout Burgers & Beer at Nineteen800

If you are considering your goals and lifestyle habits for the year, why not add visiting local businesses you have not yet tried, including the ones mentioned above?

Let's make it a habit to support our local businesses, which strengthens the City's economic vitality and are an essential part of our community fabric. There are plenty of restaurants and businesses for you and your family to try!

For more information on businesses in Cupertino, visit [www.InBusinessCupertino.com](http://www.InBusinessCupertino.com) or contact Economic Development Manager Angela Tsui at [angelat@cupertino.org](mailto:angelat@cupertino.org).





# GET IN THE CUPERTI-*know*

*What's going on around town?*

## CUPERTINO JOB FAIR

February 17, 2:30 - 5 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall

10350 Torre Avenue

Free resume reviews and  
interview workshops



## CERT ACADEMY

*Learn how to become a resource  
for your family and community  
during a disaster*

Contact:

[barry.stallard@sccfd.org](mailto:barry.stallard@sccfd.org)

(408) 808-7800

## BIG BUNNY 5K

Get energized for the  
Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run

March 31, 2018

Cupertino Civic Center

[www.bigbunny5k.com](http://www.bigbunny5k.com)



## YAC Attack Leadership Conference

*For Teens*

March 10 - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quinlan Community Center

10185 N Stelling Road

[www.bit.ly/cupteens](http://www.bit.ly/cupteens)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

### West Coast Farmers Market

Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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/cupertino.html](http://www.wcfma.org/cupertino.html).

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### Rolling Hills 4-H Club Open House

February 8, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Monta Vista Recreation Center,  
22601 Voss Avenue

Rolling Hills 4-H Club would like to invite any families interested in joining or learning more about the 4-H Youth Development Program to visit our February Club Meeting and Craft Fair, where the various projects of Rolling Hills will be displaying what they do.

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### Toddler Movie Night

Friday, February 9, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Quinlan Community Center,  
10185 N. Stelling Road

Enjoy a movie toddlers, and hopefully you as well, will love at the Quinlan Community Center.

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### Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association Crab Feed

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Quinlan Community Center

Enjoy a silent auction, live DJ, dancing, and of course all you can eat crab to help support a good cause! For more information visit [sccolpa\\_crabfeed.eventbrite.com](http://sccolpa_crabfeed.eventbrite.com).

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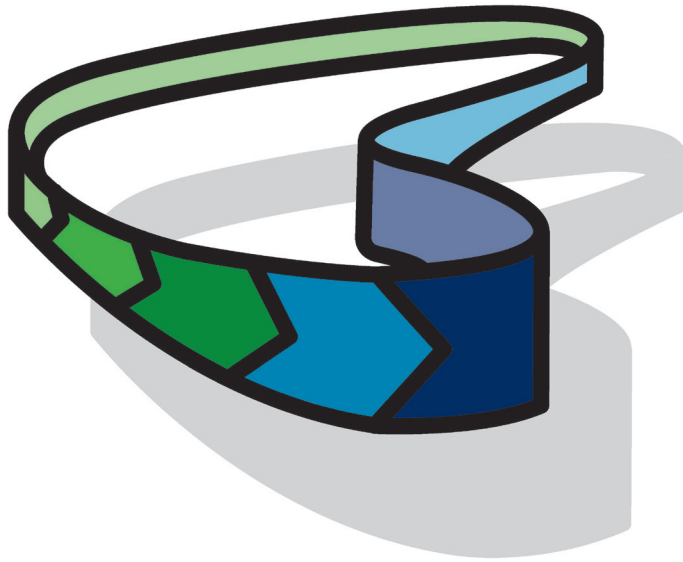
### Cupertino Job Fair

Saturday, February 17,

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall,  
10350 Torre Avenue

Looking for a summer or part time job? Stop by the Cupertino Job Fair in February and get first hand resume help along with an interview 101 workshop. You can also apply for many various positions the City of Cupertino has to offer.



### Wafu Ikebana Society

#### Biennial Flower Show

Saturday & Sunday, March 3 & 4,

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Quinlan Community Center,  
10185 N. Stelling Road

Nearly 150 ikebana floral artists will be presenting the "Spring Awakening" Flower Show on March 3rd and 4th 2018, to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the local chapter's establishment.

This two-day weekend exhibition will be held at Cupertino's Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road. Show hours are 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., both days.

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### Papa New Guinea and Birds of Paradise

Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 p.m.

Cubberley Community Center,  
Room H1 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Doug Cheeseman of Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris will present an energetic show discussing social behavior and other fascinating features of Papua New Guinea's birds, nature, and people.

This talk is part of a monthly Speaker Series sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. For more information, visit [www.scvas.org/SpeakerSeries](http://www.scvas.org/SpeakerSeries).

## ADULTS

### Bicycle Boulevard Project – City Council Meeting Study Session

Tuesday, February 6, 6:45 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall,  
10350 Torre Avenue

Cupertino is planning a network of bicycle-friendly routes along local residential streets throughout the City in order to encourage bicycling. These "bike boulevards" will contain bicycle-friendly and traffic-calming features, and are designed to enhance safety for people biking within the neighborhood.

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### Junipero Serra Trail Project Public Meeting #2A

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10185 N. Stelling Road

### Public Meeting #2B

Monday, Feb. 26, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10350 Torre Avenue

The Junipero Serra Trail is one of the trail segments that would make up "The Loop." It will provide an off-street bicycle and pedestrian facility that runs parallel to the existing Junipero Serra Channel and Calabazas Creek and provide a connection between the Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge and Vallco Parkway. The City is currently working with Callander Associates Landscape Architecture to prepare and deliver a feasibility study.

## CUPERTINO LIBRARY

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

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Bilingual Storytime

Friday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.

Library Story Room

Join the Cupertino Library for Mandarin/English Bilingual Storytime! Stories, finger plays, songs and a craft; all ages are welcome.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Celebrating the Lunar New Year with the Cupertino Poet Laureate

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

Library Story Room

Join Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick for this event celebrating the Lunar New Year.

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#### Friends of the Cupertino Library Used Book Sale

Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall

Do something nice for yourself and something great for the library! Come to the Friends of the Cupertino Library's Used Book Sale to browse gently read titles, including fiction, non-fiction and children's books.

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#### Silicon Valley Reads:

##### Author Rachel Khong

Sunday, February 18, 1:00 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall

Novelist Rachel Khong will discuss her Silicon Valley Reads 2018 selection *Goodbye, Vitamin*, which was named a Best Book of the Year by NPR, O: The Oprah Magazine, Vogue, San Francisco Chronicle, Esquire, Huffington Post, Nylon, Entertainment Weekly, BuzzFeed, Women.com, Booklist, and The Independent.

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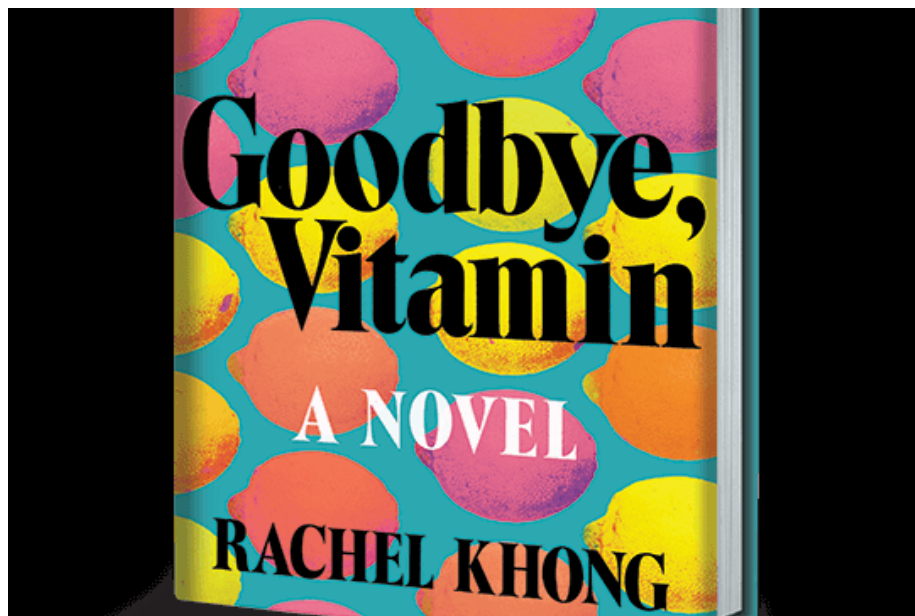
#### Lunar New Year Predictions with

##### Mr. Y.C. Sun

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

Cupertino Community Hall

What's in store for you in 2018, the Lunar New Year of the Dog? Feng Shui Master Mr. Y. C. Sun returns to make his predictions.



#### Chinese Family History Workshop at the Cupertino Library

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Library Story Room

Those interested in their family history in China are invited to join the Cupertino Library for this informational program.

## SENIOR CENTER

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

### EVENTS & SOCIALS

#### Book Review Meeting

Friday, February 2, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn about *And the Mountain Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini, reviewed by Sara Malau. Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 for a day pass.

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#### Lunch with Friends

Wednesday, February 7, 11:45 a.m.

Join the Cupertino Senior Center for lunch and enjoy Sloppy Joe's, crisp salad, and dessert! Member fee is \$8, senior guest add \$5 day pass.

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#### Chinese New Year and February Birthday Bash

Wednesday, February 14, 12:00 p.m.

Join the Cupertino Senior Center for a Chinese meal and enjoy cultural entertainment as the lion dancers ring in the New Year. Pre-registration is required. Member fee is \$12, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

#### Let's Talk Current Events

Monday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Nancy McGinnis, legal specialist and current lecturer at San Francisco State University, will facilitate a lively discussion on important and interesting topics. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 for a day pass, sign up at the lobby table.

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#### Monthly Movie

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

*Interstellar* (2014) A team of explorers travel through a wormhole in space in an attempt to ensure humanity's survival starring Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 for a day pass.

### CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS

#### New Flex Drop-in Passes

Now introducing Flex passes for select fitness classes if space is available. Members can purchase Flex passes at the front desk for \$6 each. Look for the Flex pass logo on select classes. Flex passes are non-refundable. Note: classes may be cancelled if minimum registration is not met. Members only.

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#### New York Times & Wall Street Journal

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Learn how you can read the New York Times and Wall Street Journal online for free, courtesy of the Santa Clara County Library District. Gain access to the daily editions, as well as archives.



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## THE SCENE ANSWERS

*Have questions for staff? Send them to [scene@cupertino.org](mailto:scene@cupertino.org) or call (408) 777-3212.*

**Question: I've heard that the City of Cupertino might be hosting a local hackathon for teens. Is this true? How can my teens get involved?**



*Answer:* It's true. From the evening of Saturday, April 14 to the morning of Sunday, April 15 the Cupertino Teen Commission together with the City's Recreation and Community Services Department will be hosting *<hack> Cupertino*, a 13-hour hackathon for teens 13 to 18 years old at the Quinlan Community Center.

In its second year, this overnight competition is perfect for Cupertino's young innovators, aspiring engineers, and developers. Winners will get exclusive prizes and have the unique opportunity of publically presenting their projects at a televised City Council meeting.

For more information about the hackathon, visit [www.hackcupertino.com](http://www.hackcupertino.com). Let local businesses know that the Teen Commission is looking for sponsorships in the form of food and prizes for the event.

In addition to *<hack> Cupertino*, the Cupertino Teen Commission works on various projects throughout the year. The Commissioners are at the center of Cupertino's future as they advise City Council and staff on issues and topics important to Cupertino's youth. During their current term the Teen Commission will be focusing on addressing the issue of teen stress and building a bridge between school districts and the City's programs.

For more information about the Teen Commission, visit [www.cupertino.org/teencommission](http://www.cupertino.org/teencommission).

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