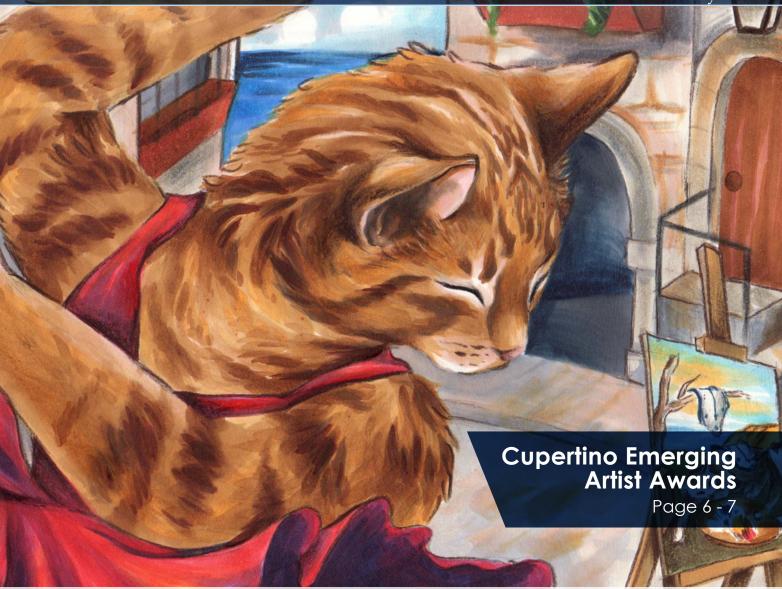


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# CRES AWARDS



Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 CREST Awards!

Application Deadline:

Thursday, February 28

Nominations can be submitted for the following categories:

- 1.Lifetime Achievement Award (Volunteer)
- 2.Individual of the Year (Volunteer)
- 3. Organization of the Year (Volunteer)
- 4. Rising Star Award (Volunteer)
- 5.Innovator of the Year (Technology)
- 6. Public Safety Champion of the Year
- 7. Sustainability Champion of the Year

Apply online at www.cupertino.org/CREST

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and your family in the event of an emergency.

# Community Calendar The Cupertino community is offering

a host of events for teens, families, and seniors.

Questions or comments about The Scene? Contact staff at scene@cupertino.org.

# WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST MONTH?

# Cupertino Spelling Bee

On Saturday, January 12 the City of Cupertino hosted its second annual Spelling Bee for 4th – 6th graders. Twenty-five students came from across different Cupertino schools and engaged in a fierce, educationally enriching competition for the honorary title of the Cupertino Spelling Bee champion. After 30 intense rounds, 6th grader Sriya Pidaparthi was crowned champion with the winning word 'hibiscus', and 5th grader Shivansh Kelkar being named the runner-up. The full video production of the Cupertino Spelling Bee may be found at the City's YouTube channel: youtube.com/cupertinocitychannel.





# Sports Center and Teen Center Open House

The Cupertino Sports Center and Teen Center held their annual Open House on Saturday, January 12. Over 350 community members took part in free fitness classes, tours, gifts, Wheel of Fun, discounts on memberships, and face painting for the kids. The Cupertino Tennis Club was there promoting the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Over 40 people checked out the Teen Center, which was open for tours, snacks, games, and a Python workshop presented by TechLab Education. The morning ended with a raffle that included passes to Golfland, Sky High, San Jose Giants tickets, and Sports Center memberships.

# Youth Activity Board Kickoff

On Sunday, January 13 Cupertino's inaugural members of the Youth Activity Board (YAB), a newly formed group by the City's Recreation Department and the Teen Commission, participated in their Kickoff Social and engaged in an escape room activity designed to begin building the collaborative nature of the group. The YAB was formally created in September 2018 with the purpose of creating activities for youth and teens and encouraging them to de-stress and socialize.







# Get a Handle on your Household Hazardous Waste

Learn how to properly dispose of those items that don't seem to go into your day-to-day waste receptacles

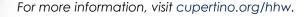
Wonder what to do with items like batteries, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), used cooking or motor oil, or old chemicals and cleaners?

Batteries and CFLs can be placed in a sealed, clear plastic bag beside your recycling cart on your collection day. First, tape both battery terminals using masking, electrical, or duct tape to reduce fire risk. These items

> can also be recycled at Environmental Recycling and Shredding Events (cupertino.org/environmentalday) or through the door-todoor hazardous waste program.

> > Used cooking and motor oil can also be recycled curbside. Simply contain oil in sealed plastic jugs and oil filters in sealed plastic bags and place next to carts on collection day.

Chemicals, cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, and other hazardous waste can be collected from your door at no additional cost using Cupertino's Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Program. Call (800) 449-7587 or visit wmatyourdoor.com to schedule an appointment.



# ENERGING Actists

The City of Cupertino's Fine Arts Commission is pleased to announce these three Cupertino residents as winners of the 2018-2019 Emerging Artist Award. The purpose of the Fine Arts Commission is to foster and encourage artistic expression and achievement in the fields of visual, verbal, and performing arts while preserving and advancing the arts for the benefit of the citizens of Cupertino. Each year the Commission presents awards to deserving artists in recognition of local talent in these fields.

The Emerging Artist Award was established to encourage and recognize demonstrations of artistic promise. This award recognizes younger artists as well as those rediscovering their love of artistic expression later in life. Judging criteria included evidence of imagination and individuality as well as effective use of media and tools to create a work of personal expression.

And the winners are...



# **Platinum Winner**

**Audrey Cui** is the Platinum Winner of the 2018-2019 Emerging Artist Award, a Monta Vista High School Student, biology lover, and aspiring crazy cat lady. She believes that if cats had opposable thumbs they would have taken over the world and built magnificent civilizations rivaling that of humans. Her collection communicates the idea that art is a universal language that brings us all together, surpassing the barriers of geography and time.



# **Gold Winner**

**Gwendlyn Domingo** is the Gold Winner of the 2018-2019 Emerging Artist Award. Gwendlyn is a self-taught artist, member of the Fine Arts League of Cupertino, and a multi-medium experimenter. Her focus for the past few years has been on capturing the mood, attitudes, and emotions of her subjects, whether it be people, seasons, or wildlife. She embraces the challenge of bringing them to life and capturing their unique expressions.



# Silver Winner

**Namaratha Prithviraj** is the Silver Winner of the 2018-2019 Emerging Artist Award. Namaratha is also a member of the Fine Arts League of Cupertino. Her traveling comes to life through her drawing and painting. She began using acrylic paints to express her ideas and emotions through bright, vibrant colors with abstract styles. She aims to inspire, educate, and expose children without any art experience to the beauty that the world of art has to offer.

Want to Learn More about the Fine Arts Commission and the Emerging Artist Awards? Visit cupertino.org/commissions.



# Are You Flood Ready?

Flood Safety Tips to Prepare You and Your Family

Residents along creeks are the most susceptible to floods, especially those properties in known flood hazard zones. Cupertino has experienced floods in the past and certain properties within Cupertino have received damage due to flooding. Cupertino is not immune to climate change, so it's important to prepare for floods and other extreme weather conditions in order to protect and ensure the safety of your family.

- Prepare a family emergency plan and emergency kit for your home and your car.
- Have an evacuation route to high ground to avoid floodwaters and designate a safe meeting spot for your family.
- Sign up for AlertSCC, Santa Clara County's emergency notification system and download ReadySCC, an emergency preparedness app. Register here alertscc.com.
- Know the locations of your neighborhood streams and drainage channels. Monitor streams with the water district's Flood Watch Tool: https://gis.valleywater.org/SCVWD Floodwatch.

- Don't walk or drive in flooded areas.
  Six inches of moving water can make you fall; and a foot of water will cause vehicles to float away.
- To report a spill, dumping or blockage in storm drains which can result in localized street flooding, call (408) 777-3269 or (408) 299-2507 (after hours). You can also call the local floodplain manager at (408) 777-3354.
- The Cupertino Service Center located at 10555 Mary Avenue, provides sandbags to residents free of charge. For a list of additional locations and tips on proper sandbag usage, including additional safety tips for your home, visit valleywater.org/floodready.

Get more tools and resources at ValleyWater.org/FloodReady.

# GET IN THE CUPERTI-know

What's going on around town?

# Save the Date

The annual Earth and Arbor
Day Festival will be held on
Saturday, April 13
at Cupertino's Civic Center Plaza!



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# **Get Prepared**

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

February 6, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

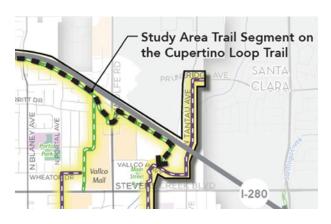
RSVP: Kennethe@cupertino.org or (408) 777-3176

# Need a way to store your food scraps?

Fill out our online form at cupertino.org/foodscraps and we will schedule delivery of your free container and two sample compostable bags.

(One per household.)





# Junipero Serra Trail Feasibility Study

Will be discussed and voted on at the February 5, 2019 City Council Meeting

Comments can be sent to citycouncil@cupertino.org

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



#### **TEENS**

#### **Sport Court Saturday**

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



## **National Brownie Day**

Observed Mon., Feb. 11, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. There is nothing better than a gooey chocolate brownie to munch on after school. Come grab a free one at the Teen Center!



#### Valentine's Day

Thurs., February 14, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. Spend the day of love at the Teen Center. We will have themed treats and a craft to help celebrate the day!



#### **Fortnite Tournament**

Wednesday, February 16, 1:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. Think you can get a Victory Royale? What about top 5? The better you do the more points you earn! Winner gets a special prize!



#### **MID-YEAR RECESS EXTENDED HOURS**

Mon., Feb. 18 - 22, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. We will be open special hours during the Mid-Year Recess: Mon., Feb. 18th to Feb. 22nd, 12:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. Closed Sunday.



# Staff Showdown

Fri., February 18, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. Do you have what it takes to beat one of the Teen Center staff? Games included are: Super Smash Bros., card games, pool, Injustice 2, or NBA 2K18. Come by and test your might!

# **FAMILY-FRIENDLY**

### **West Coast Farmers Market**

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.

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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.



# Junipero Serra Feasibility Study Discussion

Tuesday, February 5

Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue The adoption of a resolution to approve the Junipero Serra Trail Feasibility Study will be discussed and voted on at the February 5, 2019 City Council meeting. Comments regarding this agenda item may be sent to City Council by email at citycouncil@cupertino.org or in person at the February 5th meeting.



## Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Wed., February 6, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue

Prepare your family in the event of an Emergency. RSVP to Kennethe@cupertino. org or call (408) 777-3176.



# Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Speaker Series - Seventeen Seasons of Nest Box Monitoring

Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m. Redwood Hall at The Terraces, Los Altos Lee Pauser has been building, installing, and monitoring nest boxes for seventeen nesting seasons. His efforts have resulted in almost 12,000 birds fledging! In this presentation, Lee will share photos and videos of the eighteen species of cavity nesting birds that have graced his nest boxes. For more information, go to scvas. org/SpeakerSeries.



# Annual Lehigh Quarry and Cement Plant Public Meeting

Thur., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cupertino Community Hall

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian's annual public meeting regarding Lehigh Quarry and Cement Plant will be moderated by Supervisor Simitian and members of the public may submit questions regarding regulatory oversight to be answered by panelists representing the various governmental oversight agencies.



## **Home Composting Class**

Saturday, March 2 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Senior Center Reception Hall, 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard

Learn how to build compost piles and worm bins and use the compost in your garden. Register at ucanr.edu/compost. Cupertino residents can receive a free compost bin after attending a class – email environmental@cupertino.org to schedule bin delivery.

## **CUPERTINO LIBRARY**

For more information on library programs, visit the Events section of the Cupertino Library's website at sccl.org/cupertino.

#### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:**

# Bilingual Mandarin Chinese / English Storytime

Friday, February 15, 11:00 a.m., Parents' Corner

Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and caretakers are welcome to join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, games and a craft project!

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

# Silicon Valley Reads Film: Daughter from Danang

Monday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. Library Story Room, 1800 Torre Avenue Join us to view this documentary film about a young Vietnamese girl adopted by an American mother during the Vietnam War as part of "Operation Babylift". Additional Silicon Valley Reads events are listed at siliconvalleyreads.org.

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## Friends of Cupertino Library Used Book Sale

Sat., February 23, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sun., February 24, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue 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.

# © COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SENIOR CENTER

For more info on the Senior Center, or to sign up for classes or events, visit cupertino.org/senior or stop by 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

# EVENTS & SOCIALS Preparing Residents for Home Emergencies

Tues., February 5, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Topics include smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, home fire escape planning, understanding how dispatch centers work and what they may ask you when you call for help. Learn from Santa Clara County Fire how to make a plan, disaster kit, and stay informed about community resources and personal preparedness! Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

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# Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

Wed., Feb. 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Learn from the Alzheimer's Association about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Members fee, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

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# Love and Bananas Film Screening Wed., Feb. 13, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Up for consideration as the best documentary for this year's Academy Award, Love and Bananas will take you on the journey of the elephant No Na as she travels 500 miles across Thailand to freedom thanks to the world renowned Asian elephant conservationist, Lek Chailert. Member

Preregistration required.
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fee, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

# 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Tue., Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – CHINESE ONLY

Wed., Feb. 27, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. - ENGLISH ONLY

Come learn about 10 warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others. The program covers age-related changes, common warning signs,

how to approach someone about memory concerns, and early warnings signs. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

#### **CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS**

#### Flex Drop-in Passes

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

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## Stay Active Fund

The Stay Active Fund helps adults 50+ remain active, engaged, and participating at the Cupertino Senior Center. This fund provides assistance to offset the cost for senior center membership and registration for classes and events. The fund is available beginning in November through June 30, or until the fund is depleted. Please contact the senior center staff for more details.

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#### **Beading**

Thur., Feb.7 - 28, 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Interested in learning how to create assorted earrings, necklaces, and bracelets? Come learn about beading tools, different types of beading wires, threads and cords, and assorted beads. Member fee is \$35.

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#### Kumihimo

Thur., February 7 - 28, 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Kumihimo is a traditional Japanese art involving braiding together various threads/fibers/ribbons into a cord that can be used in many ways. Learn this ancient art form starting with simple braids and work your way up to beautiful beaded kumihimo. Member fee is \$35.

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## Nutrition Made Easy: Healthy Bones Discussion Workshop

Friday, February 8, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Diet, physical activity, and other lifestyle factors can affect your bone mass. Bones play many roles in the body-providing structure, protecting organs, anchoring muscles, and storing

calcium. Learn easy tips to keep your bones healthy from Instructor Jen Oh. Member fee is \$25.

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# Nutrition Made Easy: For the Love of Chocolate Cooking Workshop

Mon., Feb. 11 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Discover ways to create amazing treats that are healthy and taste great with the superfood, chocolate! You will make three chocolate desserts with Instructor Jen Oh that everyone will love, are low sugar, good for you, and can take home with you to enjoy later. Member fee is \$40.

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### Housing

Mon., February 4, 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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#### Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)

Friday, February 1, 8, 15 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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#### Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)

Mon., Feb. 11, 25, 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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#### 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 Wed., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or by appointment Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mandarin and Cantonese language appointments are available.



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BFAIR Saturday, March 9, 2019
10am – 1pm

The City of Cupertino is looking for enthusiastic part-time employees to join our team! Learn about the fun summer jobs the City of Cupertino has to offer.



Workshops: Resume Basics - 10:30am Interviewing 101 - 11am

This summer job is the missing piece of your application

cupertino.org/jobs





