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DIRECT CONNECTION

Wow, it's 2020, and just like that, we are into another decade.

I've been hearing all the puns about having perfect vision, which made me think about how many of us don't clearly see, communicate, or interact with each other in a meaningful way anymore.

Recently, I was eating lunch at a local hot pot restaurant when a family was seated next to my friend and I. The family included four kids and a dad out having lunch together on a chilly Saturday afternoon. While I was having a conversation with my friend, I glanced over before the family had ordered their food. All five of them had their heads down, staring at and typing on their phones.

My friend and I continued our conversation while the family had their orders taken. Their food arrived and they put away their phones for a moment. But there was complete silence. The only time there was any talking was when their order was taken by the waiter. Other than that, not a word was uttered between them. There was no conversation.

It's no wonder that a time when we are more digitally connected than ever with people across the world, we're feeling more and more isolated within our own communities.

Maybe I'm a bit old fashioned, but I think what has been missing for a while—and not just in Cupertino—is human connection where we truly communicate for the common understanding of each other rather than speaking to respond.

Getting to know one another and understand each other's "story" helps us appreciate those around us, whether it be in the workplace, in public, or at home. We all have



stories to share that could enrich someone else's life. We just have to slow down and listen.

I plan on spending time this year making more genuine connections. I want to gain a better understanding of people I don't know all that well so I can enrich my life and deepen my connections.

I hope, if you are feeling disconnected, that you do the same.

Deborah Feng City Manager

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Grab your family and friends and get energized for the Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run!

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



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.

For the past two years, the City has presented awards in seven categories to better reflect the Cupertino community. The categories are:

- Lifetime Achievement Award (Volunteer)
 Recognizes a member of the community
 who has volunteered in the City of Cupertino
 for 10+ years.
- Volunteer of the Year
 Recognizes individuals who have made a difference to the Cupertino community through volunteer service.
- Organization of the Year
 Recognizes organizations that have made a difference to the Cuperti-no community through volunteer service.
- Rising Star Award (Volunteer)
 Recognizes an individual who has volunteered in Cupertino for three or less years but shows a continued commitment to the future of the Cupertino community.

- Innovator of the Year (Technology)
 Recognizes an individual or group that has made an out-standing contribution in the area of technology in the City of Cupertino.
- Public Safety Champion of the Year
 Recognizes an individual or group that has
 made an out-standing contribution to the
 safety of Cupertino.
- Sustainability Champion of the Year
 Recognizes a person or group committed
 to maintaining a sustainable and healthy
 place to live, work, and play in Cupertino.

The 2020 CREST Awards will be presented by the Cupertino Mayor and City Councilmembers on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue.

Award criteria and nomination requirements are on the application form, which can be found at the link at the bottom of the page. Complete the information and attach your answers to the required questions. Please be as detailed as possible. Applications are due by February 21, 2020.

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 Communications Officer Brian Babcock at pio@cupertino.org.



Protections for Tenants

Tenant Protection Act of 2019

On October 8, Governor Gavin Newsom signed California Assembly Bill 1482, the Tenant Protection Act of 2019. The bill took effect on January 1, 2020, and sunsets on January 1, 2030.

AB 1482 permits annual rent increase caps of up to 5 percent plus inflation or 10 percent, whichever is lower; protections for just cause and no-fault evictions; relocation assistance; and revised tenant noticing requirements. Most multifamily rental properties that are at least 15 years old are subject to this law.

For more information, including the full text of the legislation, please visit the California Legislative Information website at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1482. If you are a Cupertino tenant who has received a termination notice or rent increase, or a landlord (or tenant) who simply wants to know more about the new state law please contact Project Sentinel at (650) 949-5267 or visit us online at housing.org.





New Year, New Businesses in 2020

With Valentine's Day around the corner, show some love to your local businesses, including these new ones...

Restaurants and Cafes

- Tan-Cha (Nineteen800, 19600 Vallco Pkwy. #100)
- AFURI Ramen + Dumpling (Saich Way Station, 20803 Stevens Creek Blvd. #110)
- Rare Tea (20956 Homestead Rd.)
- Pacific Catch Westcoast Fish House (Main Street, 19399 Stevens Creek Blvd.)
- Avachi Biryani House (Allario Center, 10251 S De Anza Blvd.)
- El Greco Grill (Biltmore 20080 SCB #101)
- **Pho Hoa Noodle Soup** (Homestead Square, 20674 Homestead Rd.)
- Ume Tea (Cupertino Village, 10887 N. Wolfe Rd.)
- Tasty Pizza (21000 Stevens Creek Blvd., #200)
- I Chef Restaurant (Loree Center, 19058 Stevens Creek Blvd.)
- Pho Ha Noi Cupertino (10100 S. De Anza Blvd.)
- Xiang Home Kitchen (Marketplace, 19634 Stevens Creek Blvd.)
- Sul and Beans (Main Street, 19540 Vallco Pkwy. #160)

Services

- Sleep Number (Saich Way Station, 20803 Stevens Creek Blvd. #100)
- Arukas Hair Cupertino (20488 Stevens Creek Blvd. #2050)
- F45 Training (Nineteen800, 19700 Vallco Pkwy.)
- Cupertino Family Eye Care Optometry (Marketplace, 19766 Stevens Creek Blvd.)
- HSBC (Nineteen800, 19900 Vallco Pkwy.)

For more information on businesses in Cupertino, visit <u>cupertino.org/ShopAndDine</u> or contact Economic Development Manager Angela Tsui at angelat@cupertino.org.



Clean Water and Storm Protection Fee Cost-Sharing Program

On July 5, 2019, Cupertino property owners voted on and approved the 2019 Clean Water and Storm Protection Fee. The new fee appeared on Cupertino property tax bills in tax year 2019/2020 as a special assessment titled "2019 CUPT STORM WATER." This fee will be used to prevent litter and other pollutants from reaching local creeks and the Bay, as well as provide timely maintenance of aging stormwater infrastructure.

To reduce the financial impact this fee may have on low-income property owners, the City Council approved a cost-share program to lower the annual fee for qualifying residents. If you qualify, you may apply for the cost-share program online at <u>Cupertino.org/watercostshare</u>. Upon approval, the City will refund 20% of the Clean Water and Storm Protection Fee collected from your 2019/2020 property tax bill. To qualify for the program, your total household income may not exceed limits below:

No. of Occupants	Max Income
1	\$51,250
2	\$58,550
3	\$65,850
4	\$73,150
5	\$79,050
6	\$84,900

If you already participate in PG&E's CARE or FERA discount programs, you will automatically qualify by providing a copy of a recent PG&E bill. All other applicants will need to provide proof of income. For details about the program and application requirements, visit <u>cupertino.org/cleanwater</u> or call the Environmental Programs Division at (408) 777-3236.

Clean Water and Storm Protection Rebates Available

f you are planning to install a new

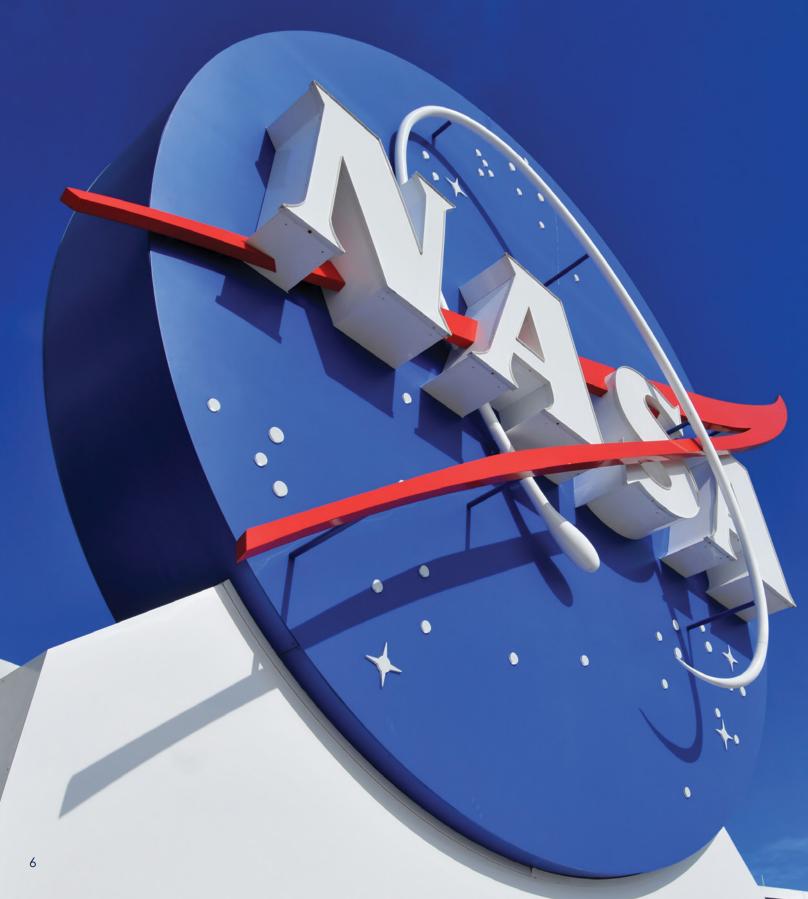
driveway, you may want to consider a permeable paver or pervious concrete alternative, which allow water to soak through the ground instead of running off with potential pollutants into the storm drain. Qualifying projects are eligible to receive a rebate of \$3 per square foot of impervious surface removed, up to a maximum rebate amount of \$900. Rebate information, project requirements, and the application form are available at cupertino.org/ cleanwater by clicking "NEW! Clean Water Rebates" in the left menu.

If you are interested in collecting rainwater for use on landscaping, the City of Cupertino is using a portion of the Clean Water and Storm Protection fee moneys to match rebates offered by Valley Water for installation of rain barrels, cisterns, or rain gardens. Interested Cupertino residents can work directly with Valley Water for rebate assistance. Information is available at scvwd.dropletportal.com/rainwater-capture-rebate-details.

For questions about these programs, contact Cupertino Environmental Programs staff at Environmental@ Cupertino.org or (408) 777-3236.

Over the Moon

NASA Speaker Series Comes to Cupertino



NaSA has landed in Cupertino for a year-long speaker series aimed at educating, motivating, and entertaining the community.

NASA's vision is to reach for new heights and reveal the unknown for the benefit of humankind. Some of the people who have made that possible will share their experiences, knowledge, and passion with event guests.

NASA's employees have diverse backgrounds but are united by a common purpose: to pioneer the future in space exploration, scientific discovery, and aeronautics research. In addition to its core values, the NASA team embodies a few shared characteristics that are integral to our success. Each of these attributes are underpinned by NASA's core values and mission: curiosity, teamoriented, excellence, passion for exploration, agility, and resilience.

But each speaker will bring their own unique history, perspective, and story.

For example, the first event launched in January with guest speaker Jerry Davis, who was the Chief Information Officer at NASA's Ames Research Center from February 2013 to July 2018. He also held the position as NASA's Global Chief Information Security Officer in Washington, D.C., from 2007 to 2010, leading NASA's cybersecurity program during the final flights of the Shuttle Transportation System (STS) also known as the Space Shuttle.

His discussion, titled "Life as an Existential Threat," focused on how he overcame the existential threat of life—including extreme poverty, hunger, homelessness, and racism—to become one of the most inspirational security executives today.

The next session will be held on February 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Community Hall. The guest speaker will be Dr. Wendy Okolo, an aerospace engineering researcher in the Intelligent Systems Division at NASA Ames Research Center.

Information on future sessions can be found at <u>cupertino.org</u>.

Annual Lehigh Public Meeting

In February, the fifth annual meeting regarding Lehigh Southwest Cement/Permanente Quarry operations will be held in Cupertino. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the status of various local, state, and federal agency oversight efforts and permits/ other approvals necessary for cement plant and quarry operations. Agency staff will be available to provide information in response to frequently asked questions and questions from the public.

To learn more about the Lehigh/Permanente Quarry facilities and review public documents, visit the Santa Clara County Planning Department website at sccplanning.org.



Coffee Talks Series Continue

Since last October, more than 100 residents have attended the City's monthly Coffee Talks Series across Cupertino. These informal meetings have been held at Bitter + Sweet, La Terra Bakery & Café, Panera Bread, and Nosh Bagel Café.

City Manager Deb Feng and a City Council representative have listened to numerous questions, complaints, and suggestions. Topics have included Vallco redevelopment, traffic, school enrollment, taxes and much, much more.

The City thanks everyone who's attended these events and encourages others to make time for the last two events in February and March. The next event takes place on Friday, February 14, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Hobee's, 21267 Stevens Creek Boulevard. The last event will happen on Friday, March 13, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Philz @ Main Street Cupertino, 19439 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

All attendees will also walk away with a reusable mug! See you there.

Cyclists & Motorists: Avoiding the Right Hook

Separated bike lanes, which use concrete curbs and posts to create a physical barrier between the bike lane and motor vehicle traffic, have been built on McClellan Road to enhance safety for cyclists. Unlike traditional roadways, these new barriers prevent drivers from merging into the right turn lane/bike lane before completing a right turn. This difference in design means that cyclists and motorists need to negotiate space at the intersection itself, which might be unexpected. This change has the potential of resulting in a right turn conflict called a "right hook."

The right hook is one of the most common collisions between cyclists and motorists. It occurs when a motorist makes a right turn directly in front of a cyclist, cutting the rider off. This action by the motorist is illegal and warrants a traffic ticket.



To avoid this conflict, both motorists and cyclists should follow these helpful tips:



Cyclists

- Approach every intersection or driveway by scanning over your left shoulder and slightly slowing down. This simple act informs approaching divers that some interaction is taking place, and gives you time to adjust to a potential turn conflict.
- Anticipate drivers turning right, even if they have not signaled. If a driver in front of you is going to turn right, stay behind their vehicle. Do not pass on its right side.



Motorists

- When making a right turn, always look at your mirrors and over your right shoulder to ensure you see any oncoming cyclists and don't drive into their path.
- Yield to any cyclists who are present.

This simple three-second action is critical to ensuring the safety of all roadway users.

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Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Friday, February 7, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave. Do you know what to do if the phones don't work? Emergencies are scary and can happen at any time, but with a little planning and training, you and your family can be better prepared to handle one. During this three-hour class, you will learn simple, basic safety skills that will better prepare you to handle an emergency. Please RSVP to Ken E. at KennethE@cupertino.org or call (408) 777-3176.



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Coffee Talks Series

Friday, Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hobee's, 21267 Stevens Creek Blvd. Grab your reusable mug and get ready to talk about the issues that matter most to you. City Manager Deb Feng and Councilmembers are hosting a Coffee Talks Series around Cupertino throughout the fall and winter seasons. Residents and business owners/operators are invited to these casual meetings where they can discuss any topic



they want with two of the City's decision makers.



Wafu Ikebana 50th Anniversary Flower Show

Saturday – Sunday, March 7 – 8, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd.

Nearly 150 ikebana floral artists will be presenting the Wafu Ikebana 50th Anniversary Flower Show. Highly accomplished Wafu ikebana artists will also present demonstrations of this eloquent art form, discussing the materials and techniques used. For more information, see the Wafu Ikebana Society website at wafu-ikebana.org.

TEENS

Sport Court Saturday

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

Unfolding Creativity

Saturday, February 1, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Cupertino Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Are you curious or passionate about the art of folding? Come to this workshop to learn about the intersection of science and art by making your own origami models!

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Escape Room

Thursday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cupertino Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Come in and see if you are clever enough to work your way though puzzles and clues to "escape" an ancient Egyptian mummy's tomb! Bring friends so you can work together in teams and set a new time record!

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Valentine Card Making

Wednesday - Friday, February 12-14, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cupertino Teen Center, 21111

Stevens Creek Blvd.
It's that time of the year! We will have plonty of crafting supplies

It's that time of the year! We will have plenty of crafting supplies so you can make your own unique cards for any special people in your life!

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Birthday Celebration

Friday, Feb. 28, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cupertino Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Come in for special treats and if your birthday was in February, enjoy a free snack on us!



Monthly Raffle

Friday, February 28, 5:00 p.m. Cupertino Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Every day you come to the Teen Center in February, you will be given a raffle ticket! This Friday we will be picking a winner from all the tickets accumulated this month! Winner must be present to receive prize.

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 Sunday in the Oaks Shopping Center parking lot. For more information visit wcfma.org.



Creekside Farmers Market

Every Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Ave. Stop by the Creekside Farmers Market every Friday at Creekside Park in Cupertino. For more information visit, pcfma.org.



Cultures of the World - Brazil

Thurs., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd.

Cultures of the World is a free monthly program where children ages 4-12 learn about different cultures throughout the world. Every month will feature a different culture where children will explore what makes that culture unique.

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

Every Child Ready to Read Concert: Asheba

Monday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. Cupertino Community Hall
Come along with your little ones to clap, dance, and sing along with these musical Stories of Hope and Happiness with children's musician Asheba.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Feng Shui for the Year of the Rat

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. Cupertino Community Hall Feng Shui Master Mr. Y. C. Sun returns with his predictions for what the coming year may mean for everyone in terms of the world, the stock market, and for individuals, as well. He will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-Ching to make his predictions for 2020.



Wireless Thursdays: Drop in Help with Library E-Resources

Thursday, February 13, 1:00 p.m. Cupertino Library Think Tank
Have you ever wondered how to download an e-book or magazine, or about the library's streaming music and movie resources?
Bring your questions to our drop-in Wireless Thursdays. We can help you download any necessary apps and walk you though setting up your free accounts. For best results, please bring your library card, PIN, and your phone or tablet with you.



Silicon Valley Reads: Paving the Way: Women's Struggles for Political Equity in California

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm Cupertino Library Story Room Steve Swatt and Susie Swatt, the authors of Paving the Way: Women's Struggles for Political Equity in California, will discuss the dramatic personal stories of some of the mostly unsung and longforgotten women who challenged traditional concepts of femininity and helped to shape California's public landscape.



Silicon Valley Reads: The Tenth Muse Author Catherine Chung

Thursday, February 27, 7:00 pm Cupertino Library Story Room Author Catherine Chung will discuss her book The Tenth Muse, a criticallyacclaimed novel that focuses on a fictional trailblazer—an exceptional female mathematician who embarks on a quest to conquer the Riemann hypothesis and discovers along the way her own mysterious family history and secrets long buried during World War II.



Friends of the Cupertino Library Used Book Sale

Sat., Feb. 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sun., Feb. 9, 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, nonfiction, and children's books.

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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 Presentation

Wednesday, February 5, 3:15 p.m.

Learn from Santa Clara County Fire on home safety during an emergency or natural disaster situation to best practices in an emergency situation and more! Member free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up online or at the front desk.



Thursday Night Hockey Social

Thursday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Watch your San Jose Sharks take on the Edmonton Oilers led by captain and generational talent, Connor McDavid. Enjoy chicken pot pie casserole, salad, and dessert. Preregistration required. Members \$8, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Sign up online or at the lobby.



French Riviera Travel Presentation

Monday, Feb. 10, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Interested in traveling to the Mediterranean coastline of France? Come learn about all destination stops, activities, and more from our travel department.

Afternoon Boardgame Bonanza!

Wednesday, February 19, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon playing board games with friends and local youth from Homestead High School's Tabletop Club. Family and grandchildren are welcome to join in on the fun while enjoying light refreshments. Preregistration required. Open to the public. Sign up online or at the lobby.



Mardi Gras Travel Party

Tuesday, February 25, 1:30 p.m. Join in our annual New Orleans-style party while learning about exciting opportunities to explore the world or your own backyard with our wide variety of day trips and extended tours. Members free - sign up online or at the front desk.



Monthly Movie - Ratatouille

Wednesday, February 26, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Excite in the tasteful journey of Remy the rat as he forms an uneasy alliance with a Parisian garbage boy to become a chef! Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up online or at the front desk.

CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS

Techie Assistance Drop-In

Ongoing until April 2020 Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Need general technology help or have general technology questions? Come receive assistance from our local youth experts regarding your smartphone, email, tablet, computer, and more! Both Mac an Androids are welcome. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. First-come-first-serve in the Technology Lab.



Beginning Knitting

Tuesday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Want to learn how to make a scarf or pretty knitting patterns? Learn to cast on, knit, and purl stitches, and how to bind off with Instructor Deborah Hall. Member fee \$35.



Nutrition Made Easy: Lower Cholesterol, Hypertension

Friday, February 7, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Want to understand what to

eat and how to lower your blood pressure and reduce your cholesterol levels? Join Instructor Jen Oh as she informs on easy tips and techniques to reduce hypertension. Member fee \$25.



Nutrition Made Easy: Love Eating Veggies

Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Want to add more vegetables to your diet and looking to discover different ways to cook greens? Make three vegetable dishes with Instructor Jen Oh and discuss tips and techniques that will make even the pickiest eater love their veggies. You can take home all three dishes to enjoy later. Member fee \$40.



iPhone/iPad in Mandarin

Wed., February 5 - February 26, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Become familiar with your iPhone/iPad and learn the basics including Settings, Control Center, Photo editing, downloading applications, and more! Member must bring fully charged iPhone/iPad to each class. Members fee \$22.





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