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Student Bag Art Contest, continued from page 1

Student artists need to illustrate importance of environmental stewardship and waste reduction. Winning artwork will be applied to reusable shopping bags, which will likely be sold by retailers and distributed throughout our community to encourage the reusable bags.

Winning designs will be chosen from three categories, grades K - 4, 5 - 8, and 9 - 12. Selections will be based on how well artwork represents the contest themes, and how well the designs can be applied to reusable bags. Winners will be announced in Spring of 2014. Bags will be available to schools after winners have been selected. Only one submission per student will be accepted. Students may collabo-

rate on artwork, but all contestants must be Cupertino residents to participate. Artwork must be received by the City NO LATER than 11:59 pm Friday, March 14, 2014. Late submissions will not be accepted. Visit www.cupertino.org/reusebags to download the entry form. Email bagart@cupertino.org or call 408.777.3243 for questions.



– CREST Award Nominations, continued from page 1

The City of Cupertino is looking for nominations for the 2014 CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Award.

The CREST award honors outstanding community volunteers. Individuals or organizations making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino during the 2013 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 Wednesday, June 4 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 Affairs Office at City Hall by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 7, 2014. 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 Affairs 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 Poet Laureate Hosts Readings April 1 at Peet's Coffee

Jennifer Swanton Brown and friends explore Unsung Holidays

Cupertino Poet Laureate Jennifer Swanton Brown, will host poetry readings around the subject of Unsung Holidays, on Tuesday, April 1, 7 - 9 pm at Peet's Coffee, 20807 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 200, Cupertino. The public is invited to this no-charge event.

Brown will share the microphone with the winners of last fall's Cupertino Poetry Contest, Stephanie Pressman and Amanda Williamsen. A time for 'open mic' readers will occur toward the end of the evening. Space is limited, so arrive before 7 pm and enjoy Peet's coffee and snacks. The next readings will be in June and August, with the dates and locations to be announced in May.

"I am so encouraged by the interest in poetry in Cupertino," remarked Brown. "It seems all ages are eager to learn to write and read their work, as well as of the historical and contemporary poets."

In December 2010, the City Council of Cupertino unanimously adopted a resolution put forth by the Library Commission establishing the office of the Cupertino Poet Laureate. During the two years that the Cupertino Poet Laureate presides there are personal presentations and hosted educational events.

The Cupertino Poet Laureate program is co-sponsored by the City of Cupertino, the Library Commission, the Cupertino Library Foundation, and Friends of the Cupertino Library. Visit www.cupertino-poetlaureate.com, and follow the program on Facebook.



Jennifer Swanton Brown
Photo courtesy of
Hannah Jenny

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Cupertino's 6th Annual Earth Day & Arbor Day Festival

Civic Center Plaza, right next to the Library Saturday, April 5, 11 am – 3 pm

Wondering how you can grow or find local and organic food in our community? Curious to peek inside an electric car? Wish you knew how to save on your utility bills at home? Looking to shop with a planet-friendly conscience? Thinking about the financials of installing solar on your home? Planning your summer garden?

Grow a little greener at Cupertino's 6th Annual Earth Day & Arbor Day Festival on Saturday, April 5. We'll have over 100 environmental organizations, businesses, and City services here to help you satisfy your eco-curiousity. Bring your family, bring your friends, and grab lunch with thousands of neighbors at our tasty food trucks, take an electric bike for a spin, peruse our sustainable marketplace, get creative with eco-themed crafts, and enjoy live performances all festival long.



Time	Activity
11 am	Cupertino Symphonic Band Performance
12 pm	Fantasia Performing and Tian Hong Foundation Green Earth Dance
12:45 pm	Event Horizon Rock Band Concert
1:30 pm	Shaolin Shaolin Martial Arts Demonstration
2:15 pm	Kaleb Askew Acoustic Jam Session

Bonus: Visit enough booths and win a free (eco-coupon) Chinook book and a reusable shopping bag to help you shop greener! Come learn and play with us on April 5th, and take away something to help our shared environment all year!

Cupertino Rotary to Hold Annual Crab Feed

The Rotary Club of Cupertino will host the 19th Crab Feed Friday, March 21 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd at Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. All of the proceeds benefit Cupertino Rotary Projects such as:

High School Interact programs at Cupertino, Lynbrook and Monta Vista High School, Rotary Youth Service Programs, Kid's Fishing Day, Dr. Seuss Reading Day, Via West Special Needs Camp, Teacher Mini-grants, Scout Programs, Camp RYLA, and Northwest YMCA partner projects.

Tickets for 2014 Rotary Crab Feed will be on sale in February 5 at a price of \$40 per ticket, \$20 of which is tax deductible. For tickets, please contact any Cupertino Rotarian, the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce event chair, Marc Haberman at: 408.455.6114 mhaberman@cypressridgesolutions.com. Checks should be made payable to "CREF" (Cupertino Rotary Endowment Foundation).

"We think we have the perfect combination of great crab, great eats, great friends, and great auction items," said Haberman. "Tickets go fast, so we encourage folks to purchase well ahead of time." For vegetarians, pasta and salad dishes are available as well.

"The children and youth of our community are a priority of our service efforts," said Savita Vaidhyanathan, current president of Cupertino Rotary. "We know these youth are our future, and we can help them develop along the way."



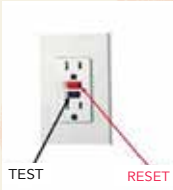
simply safe | march

by Jerry Tallinger – Cupertino CERT member

When Was Your Last Home Safety Check?

Once a year or more you should do a 'Home Safety Check'. With the onset of spring this is a great time.

First let's look at electrical safety. Check all of your outlets and look for signs of charring shown by black marks around the outlet holes. If you do, have them checked by an electrician and replaced if necessary. Next, if you use any extension cords for lamps, computers, chargers, or small appliances, check the cords for signs of fraying and replace cords with any suspicious wear. If you have any lamp switches or wall switches which spark when turned on or off or light fixtures which don't always work properly, have an electrician out to repair or replace them. Make sure all outlets near sinks, showers, tubs or other wet areas have a Ground Fault Interrupter or GFI type of outlet installed.



Next, let's look at fire safety. Do you have enough smoke detectors in your home and have you changed the battery lately? According to the National Fire Prevention Association there should be a smoke detector on every level of the house and outside every bedroom. Smoke detectors need to be mounted on the ceiling at least 4 inches away from any wall. Batteries should be replaced at least twice a year or when the smoke detector starts 'chirping' to warn of low battery power. Also, if your smoke detector is more than 10 years old, it should be replaced.

Also, it is a good time to shake up any powder based fire extinguishers to keep the powder from settling to the bottom and compacting. Check the gauge on your fire extinguishers to see if it needs replacing or recharging. The arrow should be in the green zone. If you do not have a home fire extinguisher, now is a good time to buy one. Look for one which covers 'A, B, & C' class fires and is at least a 5 pound size for the kitchen area and 10 pound for garage or home workshop use.



As of July 1, 2011 all homes must be equipped with a carbon monoxide (CO) detector. Carbon monoxide is known as the 'silent killer' because you can't see it or smell it. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends it be located near the sleeping area or bedroom, where it can wake you if you are asleep and placing one on every other level of your home provides extra protection against carbon monoxide poisoning. CO monitors should be placed at mattress level or in a lower electrical outlet.

As the weather gets warmer, 'Spring Cleaning' time is a great opportunity to do a garage and

walkway clean out to remove dangerous clutter which could cause injury, become a health hazard or be a fire hazard. Be sure to clean the area around your water heater and furnace of any combustibles which could catch fire.

Remember Cupertino CERT teaches free classes on emergency preparedness including how to keep safe at home.

Disposing of Expired Medicines Safely

Ever wonder what to do with unused, expired or out of date medicines? Taking expired or out of date medicines can pose a health risk or give you a false sense of security as many drugs will lose their effectiveness. It is better to dispose of them safely. All law enforcement offices and many hospitals and public clinics have drop boxes to accept unused, unneeded or outdated drugs. You should use these drop boxes if possible, especially for controlled prescription drugs. Be sure to use a marker to obscure your name and other identifying information on the bottle first. Other methods of disposal of over-the-counter drugs are:

1. For blister pack drugs, wrap them heavily in duct tape and throw them in the trash.
2. For liquids, put sand or salt in the bottle, seal tightly and throw in the trash.
3. For pills, fill the bottle with water, seal tightly and throw in the trash.

Never pour drugs in the toilet or sink as it can pollute the drinking water and water flowing back into our streams, lakes and oceans.

Upcoming Public Sessions:

FREE! Earthquake Preparedness and Home Safety. The class is one hour and is scheduled by request for Cupertino businesses, churches, or social groups of 8 or more. This class can come to you! 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.

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: Tuesday, March 4, 6 - 9 pm at Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Ave Room E-42, Campbell, CA, 95008 and Monday, April 28, 6 - 9 pm at Monte Sereno Town Hall, 18041 Saratoga Los Gatos Road, Monte Sereno, CA, 95031. For registration email, **info@cnt.sccgov.org**, (provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and

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If you do only 1 thing to prepare this month: Check all the medicine storage areas in your home and dispose of all outdated medicines properly.

Simply Safe is a monthly article to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities.

roots | Last of the Village Blacksmiths

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger



Many years ago, a young boy grew up in Santa Clara Valley. He was gifted with good observational powers, a lively wit and developed artistic abilities. Eventually he authored quite a few local history books, illustrated with very detailed and amusing cartoons of people, places and events of "the good old days". Nowadays some of the material in his books would be considered politically or culturally incorrect, but much of what he wrote was simply nostalgic and his own personal memories of our valley when orchards ruled the land. The following story is about a man who lived and made his living in Cupertino, at the Crossroads, as the village blacksmith.

"Under the spreading chestnut tree".... the tree was missing but otherwise stage setting and leading character were duplicate perfection for Longfellow's immortal poem. William Baer was one of the Valley's last typical country blacksmiths. I never grew tired of watching this friendly, powerful man at work. Usually begrimed in a clean sort of way, he had muscles equal to Mr. America's. Always he would pause to answer this small boy's endless queries. What better blacksmith "atmosphere" than a brief description of "gettin our old nagshod?" Unhitched from our spring wagon or buggy, Prince was led into the smokey, dirt floored smithy. Turning his back to horse's rear end, our smith would pick up a hind foot and hold it between his (Mr. Baer's) legs, placing it on his heavy leather apron. Old shoes were pried off, old nails snipped clean and hoof bottom pared down smooth and white. Then Mr. Baer would select a new horse shoe from the stack of size numbered little kegs... then toss one in the forge and start pumping the huge wooden and leather handmade bellows.



Slumbering charcoal embers would awaken to emit little spiral curls of pleasant smelling smoke. Finally small tongues of darting flame enveloped the iron blue horse shoe buried in the coals. When white hot, with his long tongs, Mr. Baer withdrew the shoe and planted it firmly against the bare hoof. (No pain, gentle reader) Sizzling, acrid smoke curled up with an unforgettable

smell... Mr. Baer would then critically examine the scorched surface. (of the hoof) By burned and unburned areas, he could see how the shoe fit the contour of the hoof. With sledge and anvil he would deliver a few mighty corrective blows. This operation was repeated until by trial and error Mr. B. was satisfied and after tub water tempering, nailed on the shoe. Yes, he made a nail "ring" for me, as naturally expected as butcher-wagon bologna. End of act. Dad painfully opened his long leather purse and doled out six "bits" or a silver dollar.

I forget which. Good men - my dad and William Baer. Both worked a sixty hour week at honest manual labor. Went to church on Sunday, still very tired. And the Rev. Coleman's sermons were sometimes long and dry. Consequently it took many a wifely nudge to head off a snoring duet - Mr. Baer, deep bass... Dad, high tenor... Long gone the pungent odors of burnt horse hoof, sweat, charcoal, stale tobacco smoke, the musical clank and clang of anvil and wheezing bellows. Came the auto age and the last of the village blacksmiths." From Ralph Rambo's book, "Historical Cartoon Book of the old Santa Clara Valley"

Here are a few verses of the poem he mentions in the beginning of his memories of Charlie Baer's blacksmith shop.

*Under the spreading chestnut tree,
The village smithy stands;
The smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands
And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.*

*Week in, week out, from morn to night,
You can hear his bellows blow,
You can hear him swing his heavy sledge
With measured beat and slow,
Like a sexton ringing the village bell
When the evening sun is low.*

*And children coming home from school
Look in the open door,
They love to see the flaming forge
And hear the bellows roar,
And watch the burning sparks that fly
Like chaff from a threshing floor.*

The poem, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, is several verses long and was often memorized by students in its entirety during the 1900's. Scale adaptation of Charlie Baer's blacksmith shop sits on the property at McClellan Ranch. Hopefully someday, it will be restored and once again the bellows will blow and the forge will flame for another generation of schoolchildren.

cupertino library

LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY 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 Library District Community 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 District Web site at: www.scccl.org

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Cupertino Library presents a wide variety of programs for children of all ages. For more information on all of our Children's programs, including our Storytimes, please visit the Events section of the Library's website at www.scccl.org, or stop by the Children's Desk in the Library. The staff would like to thank the Friends of the Cupertino Library for its generous sponsorship of many of the Library's programs for children and families.

The Great Dewey Challenge

Do you dare to "Do the Dewey"? Stop by the Cupertino Library Children's Room in the month of March and take the Great Dewey Challenge: three diabolically difficult games based on the Dewey Decimal Classification system and inspired by the Silicon Valley Reads book *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*.

Spring Crafts

**Wednesday, March 12, 3:30 pm,
Cupertino Library Story Room**

School age children are invited to make a special craft for spring.

Silicon Valley Reads: Children's Author Chris Grabenstein

**Wednesday, March 12, 7 pm,
Cupertino Library Story Room**

Chris Grabenstein, author of *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, talks about his book.

Cupertino Cinema Club

**Thursday, March 13, 4 pm,
Cupertino Library Story Room**

School-aged children are invited. Patrons may call 408.446.1677 x3321 for the free movie title.

Reading Buddies

Come read to a therapy animal! Children who are currently in kindergarten to 5th grade may register in person at the Children's Desk starting March 17 for one of our April programs.

Silicon Valley Reads: Storytime and Craft **Wednesday, March 19, 7 pm, Cupertino Library Story Room**

Children are invited to a special storytime and

craft program for Silicon Valley Reads.

Create Your Own Wimpy Kid or Dork Diary

**Wednesday, March 26, 4 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

Write and illustrate your own story! We will provide ideas to get you started with your writing and show you how to draw simple illustrations. All materials will be provided. For kids in 3rd grade and up.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Movie and Popcorn Day

**Tuesday, March 11, 4 – 6 pm,
Cupertino Story Room**

Teens are invited to the Cupertino Library for a recently-released feature film and popcorn snack. Please phone the Cupertino Library Adult Reference Desk at 408.446.1677 for the movie title 1 week prior to event date.

CodeF1rst Computer Programming Workshop for Middle and High School Students

**Friday, March 7, 6 – 9 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

The *CodeF1rst Workshop* is a coding seminar open to all Middle and High School students interested in computer programming. Our goal is to portray the value of coding and computers in today's society and offer attendees an introduction to entry level programming. Our keynote speaker, Rohan Halliyal, a Monta Vista H.S. graduate and Software Engineer at Facebook, will talk about his path toward becoming a computer scientist and modern applications of computer science in the real world. All attendees will learn basic programming skills using HTML and CSS as well as to start creating their own sample website. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own computer or digital device.

ACT Practice Test

**Saturday, March 22, 1 – 5 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

Join us for a free, full length practice ACT test. For grades 9th to 12th only. Please bring a pencil

and calculator. Online registration is required online via the Cupertino Library webpage.

Teen Gaming Day

**Tuesday, March 25, 4 - 5:30 pm,
Cupertino Story Room**

If you're in 7th to 12th grade, come play board games like Monopoly, Candyland, the Game of Life, UNO, and more! Take an afternoon study break with your friends!

ACT Follow-up Review

**Saturday, March 29, 1 - 2 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

If you took the ACT Practice Test, attend this review session to get your score. Parents and students are welcome to the review session.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Silicon Valley Reads 2014 Cupertino Adult ESSAY Contest

This essay contest is open to Cupertino adults, and focuses on responses to a question springing forth from the two featured books from the 2014 Silicon Valley Reads program. The SVR Book Selections are: *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing To Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr and *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan. This year's essay contest question is: "In 500 words, address the 2014 Silicon Valley Reads book(s) you read and describe is technology changing the way you read and access information? Is that good or bad?" The entry deadline for the essay contest is Monday, March 17, 2014, before midnight. A grand prize of \$500 is awarded to an adult winner. There is also a second place prize of \$300.

Complete contest rules and how to submit essays may be found at:

www.cupertino.libraryfoundation.org

Silicon Valley Reads 2014 Cupertino POETRY Contest

This year's SVR Poetry Contest is open to Cupertino Adults, High School Students (Grades 9-12) and Middle School Students (Grades 6-8). Participants can choose to write about 1 or more of the following: 1. Write a poem about reading, writing, poetry, books and how one of these (or more) is made new by the use of technology or in the age of technology 2. Write a poem using technology as part of the process. 3. Write a poem from the point of view of a piece of technology: a phone, a computer, a game, a robot, a television, etc. What does technology think about human nature? The entry deadline for the poetry contest is Monday, March 17, 2014, before midnight. A grand prize of \$350 is awarded to the winner in each category and \$250 is awarded to each 2nd prize winner. Complete contest rules and how to submit essays may be found at:

www.cupertino.libraryfoundation.org

Self-Publishing, eBooks and Public Libraries Panel Discussion

**Saturday, March 1, 2014 2 - 3:30 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

Join us for a special Silicon Valley Reads event as a panel of experts discusses the rise of both eBooks and self-publishing and their impact on public libraries. Panelists include: Jerry Fan - Founder of JukePop Self-publishing; Megan Wong - Virtual Library Manager @ the Santa Clara County Library District; Holly Brady - Publishing Strategist, former Director of Publishing at Stanford University; Evette Davis - Acclaimed author of *Woman King*.

Realm of the Habsburgs: Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic

**Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall**

In this narrated presentation of original photography and music, you can follow in the footsteps of David Couzens from the boulevards of Budapest, through the Austrian Alps, to the ramparts of Prague Castle, and beyond. Tour tiny Hungarian towns along the Danube, climb historic Eger Castle, sample strudel in Salzburg, wander the streets of the Czech story-book town of Cesky Krumlov, quaff the beer in Plzen, and be awed by the architecture in Karlovy Vary in this journey through the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Muse on the Art and Beauty of Tainan Confucian Temple - Author Talk & Book Signing

**Saturday, March 8, 2 - 3:30 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

Chunmin Su, a PH. D in Art Education from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will talk about the art and beauty of Tainan Confucian Temple built in 1665. This program will be conducted in Mandarin. Light refreshments will be served. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Master Gardeners-Make Every Drop Count: Using Water Wisely in the Garden

**Wednesday, March 12, 7 - 8:30 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall**

Join Master Gardener Bob Heller for a step-by-step talk on how to install a drip irrigation system for all your plant needs. This talk will cover the various components necessary for installing an irrigation system.

Chinese Book Discussion Group

**Thursday, March 13, 10 am - 12 Noon,
Cupertino Community Hall**

The Cupertino Chinese Book Discussion Group will discuss *Zai xin tiao Xiao shi zhi qian* (The Art of Hearing Heartbeats) by Jan-Philipp Sendker. The discussion will be in Mandarin. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

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adult 50 plus news

Spring has sprung, come to the senior center and see what is new! We have classes and activities galore! Want to be outside? How about softball and Bocce Ball? Try our new chair-based exercise classes for members with different abilities; every little bit helps you feel better! If music is your cup of tea, we offer accordion, ukulele, harmonica, and now Erhu (Chinese violin). Here are just a few activities we offer, please check our newsletter or web site www.cupertino.org/senior for complete listing

CLASSES – Amazing Values

Tech Talk

Tuesday, March 4 - 25, 4 – 5:30 pm

Tech Talk is a forum for computer novices to discuss and learn how to make best use of the Internet/Cloud, using computers, tablets, and smart phones. Together, we will share ideas and questions, explore options, and learn how to take advantage of the features most useful to us. Member fee \$15

Feldenkrais Chair Exercise

Wednesday, March 5 – April 23, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

This class takes students through the fundamental actions of the spine, chest, and pelvis. May improve your ability to turn, relax, breath, posture, and core stability. Work at your own pace, all levels welcome. Member fee \$40

Marv's Musical Memories

Monday, 2 – 3:30 pm, March 10 – Swing Era Big Bands

Marv Emerling is a local musician and music collector, with great interest in the performers, composers, and players. "Marv's Musical Memories" cover swing era bands, classical themes and a range of popular & Broadway performers. Specially recorded music is accompanied with thoroughly enjoyable commentary. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

Erhu (Chinese Violin) Class

Tuesday, March 11 - April 29, 3:30 – 5 pm

This versatile 2 string Chinese violin can be used to play Chinese classical music, also western contemporary music, such as pop, rock, and jazz. The instructor will start from the basics. Bring your own Erhu. Member fee \$20

ESL- ABC's

Wednesday, March 12 – April 30, 1 – 3 pm

Start from ABC's, learn the 26 characters, write, pronounce and form words. Member fee \$25

Harmonica II Class- Performance Band

Monday, March 24 – May 12, 3:45 – 4:45 pm

Sing and play harmonica at nursing homes, senior care facilities and special functions at the Cupertino Senior Center. Must play diatonic harmonica in the key of "C". Pre-requisites: Intermediate Harmonica 2 Class or equivalent, the availability of a

professional-quality diatonic harmonica in the key of "C", and registration as a CSC volunteer. Member fee \$15

Ukulele Class -Beginning I

Tuesday, March 25 – May 13, 3:30 – 5 pm

This class will cover basic ukulele chords, introduction to strumming, and basic music theory with emphasis on folk and country music. No previous ukulele experience required. Bring your "C" tuned soprano, concert, or tenor ukulele tuned to G-C-E-A. Member fee \$20

EVENTS

Book Review

First Friday of the Month, 1:15 – 3 pm

Enjoy the stimulating monthly meeting. Learn about new books and meet new people. Free for members, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

March 7 – Constance by Franny Moyle, reviewed by Helen Nowicki

50+ Bocce Ball

Wednesdays, 9 am – Noon

If you like playing bocce, enjoy the outdoors, meeting new people, and having fun 50+ Bocce is for you. Drop in to see what 50+ Bocce is all about. We will meet at the Bocce Ball courts alongside the Stevens Creek Trail at Blackberry Farm Park at 9 am. First time players welcome, instructions will be available.

Lucky 7 Bingo Lunch

Friday, March 7, 12 pm

Join us for a traditional Irish meal of shepherd's pie. Wear your green, enjoy the lunch and play bingo. Bingo begins at 1 pm so bring the luck of the Irish. Bingo cards are sold separately \$4-\$7. Lunch for members is \$10, senior guest add \$5 day pass. Sign up at the front desk, space is limited.

St. Patrick's Day and March Birthday Bash

Wednesday, March 19, 12 pm

Wear your green! We are celebrating March birthdays and St. Patrick's Day with a traditional home-cooked-style corned beef with all the trimmings. For entertainment, Phil Lenihan, a senior center volunteer, will play bag pipe and dancers from the Green Academy of Irish dance will perform their traditional dances. Members with March birthdays will be honored. Member fee \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Space is limited, please sign up early.

50+ Softball

Thursday, Beginning March 20, 9 am – 12 pm

Join us for the love of the game; softball for 50+ is back for the 2014 season. The Memorial Park softball field will be the home of the Sandlot Social on Thursday mornings. Warm-up and batting practice will begin at 9 am with a pick-up game starting promptly at 10 am. Fee is \$38 for the year. Membership is required.

Movie of the Month

Wednesday, March 26, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

To Rome with Love (2012), the story of adventures and predicaments of visitors and residents in Rome Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day

Summer Vegetable Gardening

Monday, March 31, 1:30 – 3 pm

Edgar Lo, a Master Gardener, will show you how to grow summer vegetables in your own yard. He will discuss when and how, best varieties, where to get them, water usage, container gardening, Q&A to answer questions, and share your ideas. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

Lunch with Friends

Wednesday, 12 pm

Join us for a delicious and healthy meal! Pre-registration is required. Member fee \$6 ea, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

March 5 – Italian wedding soup, grilled cheese sandwich, and dessert

March 12 – Kielbasa with beans on rice, salad, and dessert

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ADULT 50 PLUS TRIPS

Itineraries subject to change.

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

TOURS

Islands of New England,

May 30 - June 6, \$2759 double occupancy. Journey back to the time of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, spend a day exploring Nantucket's beautiful cottages and cobblestone streets, enjoy a tour of cranberry bog, indulge in a traditional New England lobster feast, and much more!

Amazing Blue Danube to the Black Sea River Cruise - Bucharest to Vienna, July 8 - 22, 2014.

The Blue Danube flows through ten different countries and more than a dozen languages are spoken on its banks. Imagine the variety in food, architecture, and history that goes with each of these cultures. Enjoy an Intriguing, panoramic view of two thousand years of European history as you travel along the lyrical 'Blue Danube' in the very comfortable ship built in 2014!

Maine Coastal Cruise, September 20 - 27.

People have been drawn to the spectacular coast of Maine throughout history for its pristine natural landscapes. As you wind around islands and through narrow waterways including Eggmoggin Reach and Merchant Row, you will experience the enrapturing mountains, sparkling waters, and charming coastal towns which make Maine one of the most magical places in America.

Spain's Classics, November 8-18, \$3,999 double occupancy. Travel and walking tours that easy you into the ways of Spanish culture. See flyer for details. Travel Presentation Thursday, March 27 at 3:30 pm.

DAY TRIPS

Mardi Gras Travel Party, sign up,
Tuesday, March 4

Golden Gate Fields,
Thursday, March 6, **\$82**

Glenn Miller Orchestra,
Sunday, March 16, **\$107**

A Spring Bouquet,
Thursday, March 20, **\$54**

Day 'Round the Bay with Gary – East Bay,
Tuesday, March 25, **\$81**

Mamma Mia,
Wednesday, April 2, **\$99**

Sierra Scenic Lunch Train,
Thursday, April 10, **\$123**

Pinnacles National Park,
Thursday, April 17, **\$71**

Day 'Round the Bay with Gary – North Bay,
Wednesday, April 23, **\$98**

Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George,
Tuesday, April 29, **\$74**

Graton Resort and Casino,
Friday, May 9, **\$49**

Day with Doug McConnell,
Thursday, May 15, **TBA**

Sunday Brunch with Flair,
Sunday, May 18, **\$109**

Day 'Round the Bay with Gary – Peninsula,
Wednesday, May 28, **\$97**

What's All the Buzz About?,
Tuesday, June 3, **\$149**

Golden Gate Fields, Thursday, June 12, \$82
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,
Wednesday, June 18, **\$86**

Harley Farms and Pescadero,
Wednesday, June 25, **\$99**

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Cupertino City Council Addresses EPS (Styrofoam™)

Restaurant Foam Food Ware

On February 4, 2014, City Council adopted an ordinance to require alternatives to Styrofoam™ or expanded polystyrene (EPS) disposable food service ware from restaurants and other prepared food vendors (e.g. cafeterias, mobile food vendors, caterers). Lightweight pieces of polystyrene foam are a significant source of harmful litter, are often wind blown into waterways, and are a threat to wildlife and water quality. The new ordinance allows Cupertino businesses to select any food ware alternative that work for the individual business. The new municipal code includes exemptions if suitable alternatives do not currently exist or to use EPS stock purchased before January 1, 2014. Cupertino adopted this ordinance as part of its litter reduction plan, as have many neighboring cities. For more information, see www.cupertino.org/replacefoam. Call 408.777.3354 or email environmental@cupertino.org with questions or concerns.



Free Compost Class in Cupertino



The City will hold a free backyard compost workshop at Cupertino's Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave, Saturday, March 15, 10 am – 12 pm. Register online with the County of Santa Clara at www.reducewaste.org/

classes. Cupertino residents attending a compost workshop will receive one free compost bin per household; contact environmental@cupertino.org after attending a class to receive your bin. Visit www.bayareaecogardening.org to learn more about Eco Friendly Gardening.

Santa Clara Valley Water District's NEW High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program

Did you know that Americans use more water each day by flushing the toilet than they do by showering or any other personal activity? Or that a running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day? (Source: EPA.) Governor Brown has declared a drought emergency for all of California and called on Californians to reduce water use by 20%. The dry weather has been unprecedented, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District is ready to help you meet this collective goal to use water more efficiently. Check out their new High-Efficiency Toilet (HET) rebate program, along with four other rebates available to help conserve water today. Visit www.valleywater.org.

End Cigarette Litter or Pay the Price

Cigarette butts are one of the most costly forms of litter. Every year over 300 billion cigarettes are sold in the United States, and almost 100 billion of these are tossed into our beaches, parks and streets. Last year, City Council adopted a litter ordinance (9.18.210 CMC) that fines litterers \$100 - \$500 for damage to the environment and the expense they bring to the City. Cigarettes are often thrown from cars, discarded in parking lots, and other open areas. When tobacco products are disposed in the environment they often make their way to the storm drain system and into local creeks and San Francisco Bay. Studies show 32% of the litter found in drain inlets are tobacco related products. Cigarette litter is unsightly, expensive to clean up, hazardous to waterways and wildlife.

Cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic which persists in the environment. Cigarette butts release toxic chemicals into the water and animals and marine life often mistake cigarette filters for food. If you smoke, please do your part. Always use your car ashtray, carry a pocket ashtray, or seek out a public ashtray or cigarette receptacle. Please help us Kick the Butts from our environment!



Street Sweeping Keeps Our Creeks Clean

Cupertino's streets are swept twice monthly to protect our environment. A street sweeper's primary job is to remove metal particles and hazardous waste left by passing vehicles. Although virtually invisible, these particles wash into storm drains and into our creeks and the Bay, where they can harm fish and wildlife. How can residents help?

- Move your vehicle off the street before 6 am on sweep day. One parked car means a space equal to three cars that cannot be swept, as the sweeper must avoid the car.
- Before sweep day, rake up leaves from the street and store them in your yard waste (organics) bin for the next collection day. Please do not blow, rake or pile the leaves into the street. The street sweeper is not meant to pick up piles of leaves.
- If you need an additional yard waste bin in heavy leaf fall area, please contact Recology Customer Service at 408.725.4020.
- Signup for street sweeping notification at www.cupertino.org/streetsweeping. Please call the City of Cupertino at 408.777.3269 with any questions.

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Compost Available for Cupertino Residents Starting March 21

The City's compost site reopens on Friday, March 21 (weather permitting). The Stevens Creek Quarry site located at 12100 Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) will be open for compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings 8:30 - 11:00 am, March 21 - October 18, 2014, at no charge. No appointments are necessary. If it is raining or drizzling anywhere in Cupertino, or if the compost site remains muddy, then the site must close temporarily. If it has rained recently, the City is required to close even if it is sunny to comply with State stormwater mud-tracking prevention requirements.

- Only Cupertino residents can use this program. Please bring proof of residency.
- No staff will be on site to help residents shovel compost or move bags.
- Bring adequate shovels and people to help.
- Residents are limited to 15 minutes of shoveling if other cars are waiting.
- Bring containers, an old trashcan, a tarp or bags to hold your compost.
- **For your convenience, two bags per car will be provided if needed.**



Please do not put the compost soil onto your lawn. The compost is very rich in nutrients, and should be mixed in equal portions with the other soil in your garden to prevent damage to plants.

McClellan Ranch Tours

2nd Saturday of every month, March 8 - June 14, 10 am - 12 noon

Rolling Hills 4-H Youth Members would like to educate the public about the animals at the farm, agriculture, and the 4-H Youth Development Program. There are miniature horses, chickens, dairy goats, pygmy goats, pack goats, and during Spring and Summer there are also market animals: steer, swine and sheep. Not all the market animals will always be there even during Spring and Summer. Tours are FREE and open to everyone. Public tours will take place at McClellan Ranch Park once a month on the 2nd Saturday. If you are unable to stop by at this time, feel free to visit the ranch at a different time with a 4-H volunteer or member. Private tours are available for school groups, Girl Scout troops, etc. Please contact us for private tours and to answer questions at mcclellanranch4htours@gmail.com

Japanese Speech Contest to be held at the Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival

The Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities Committee welcomes a new addition to its annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The festival will host a Japanese speech contest, conducted by NSG (Niigata Scholastic Group) Colleges USA. The winner will receive a four-night trip to Niigata, Japan to compete in the final International-level speech competition to be held on July 1. The contest is open to students, 14 years and older, who are not native Japanese speakers. Applications must be received for pre-screening by March 15. Semi-finalists will be notified to attend the final speech completion and contest to

be held during the 31st annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday April 26, 10 – 11:30 am at the Quinlan Community Center. For more information about the NSG and to download an application, visit: www.NSGcolleges.com.

Big Bunny 5K

April 19, 2014, Cupertino Civic Center

The start of Spring signals the time for the annual Big Bunny Fun Run, an event that celebrates our positive, healthy, and connected community. No matter your fitness level, there is something for everyone at the Big Bunny Fun Run. The more competitive athlete will find the 5K run challenging, while others will enjoy the leisurely paced 2.5K walk. Children will have a blast participating in the Kids Run where everyone is a winner.



The Big Bunny Fun Run is honored to support charity: water as they work to provide clean water to needy communities in the developing world. \$5 of every registration will go to support their efforts to bring this life-giving substance to those who need it most. By working together, we can help create positive, healthy, and connected communities all over the world. For more information about the Big Bunny 5K and how you can get involved, please visit www.bigbunny5k.com or email parks@cupertino.org.

community calendar

MAR	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL	
1 SAT	De Anza Flea Market	8 - 4 pm	De Anza College	408.864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/	
	Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 - 12:30 pm	10675 S. De Anza Blvd. # 4	408.996.1236	Albert Rich [cchesschampions@yahoo.com]	
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 - 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	408.996.0558	osfamilies.org	
3 MON	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	408.864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu	
	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	408.374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va	
4 TUE	School Emergency Preparedness	9:30 am	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	408.777.3176		
6 THUR	C.A.R.E.S	7:30 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	408.345.8372	cupertinoares.org/	
	Current Events Discussion	2 pm	Cupertino Senior Center	408.777.3150	nmszabo@att.net	
13 THUR	Cupertino Quota*	12-1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.8568	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com	
14 FRI	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org	
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	408.973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org	
	HP Communicator Toastmasters	7 am	10181 Finch Avenue-Bethel Lutheran Church	408.673.1820	jwassocs.com	
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:30 pm	West Valley Pres.Church 6191 Bollinger Ave.		CupetinoCoinClub.com	
	CCWG	6:30-8 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100			
15 SAT	American Association of University Women	11 am	Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church 728 West Fremont Ave.	408.298.656	eadorable@sbcglobal.net	
17 MON	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 am	20589 Homestead Rd.	408.252.3954	cupertinoioof70.org	
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	408.863.9991 Ask Janki Chokshi	falc.org	
19 WED	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg	
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	408.253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/	
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	408.863.0835	optimist.org	
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	408.255.3212	optimist.org	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	12 - 1 pm	HP Building 48L, Carmel Conference Room 19483 Pruneridge Avenue	408.447.0797	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.com	
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer, 1 Infinite Loop		macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com	
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	408.920.2224	cupertinorotary.org	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	408.252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_Officers.html	
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monta Vista High School	408.262.0471	netview.com/csb/	
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	408.747.0943	krazydazys.org/	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org	
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant, BBLC Hall, 99 North Bascom Avenue, San Jose	408.209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org	
	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center - In Cupertino Room	408.520.1379	viewfindersclub.org http://viewfindersclub.org/Meetings.html	
	20 THUR	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	408.255.3093	deanzalions.org/
		Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA, 20803 Alves Drive	408.351.2444	yserviceclub@ymcasv.org

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to City Clerk, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3223, cityclerk@cupertino.org
Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

MAR	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
20 THUR	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holdens Country Inn	408.252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	408.252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	Arya Global Cuisine	408.996.9111	bnicupertino.com
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	408.253.8394	oa.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	408.873.1190	ega-gpr.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	408.354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
23 SUN	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10-1:30	Creekside Park Hall	408.368.0357	www.hssus.org
25 TUE	Al-ANON Family Group*	5 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 10181 Finch Ave., Fireside Room	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Alcoholics Anonymous*Women's Group	7 pm	Bethel Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	408.374.8511	aasanjose.org
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.3830	cupertiniokiwani.homestead.com
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	408.296.8146	kofc.org/un/
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	408.252.2667	
27 THUR	Cupertino Quota*	12-1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.8568	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com
	CERT/MRC	7-9 pm	City Hall MTg. Room 100		
28 FRI	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	408.267.3397	malihini.org

CITY MEETINGS

MAR 4	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 5	Library Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	7 pm
MAR 5	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
MAR 6	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
MAR 6	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
MAR 6	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)	7 pm
MAR 11	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 12	Teen Commission Meeting (Quinlan Com.Center 10185 N.Stelling Rd)	6 pm
MAR 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
MAR 13	Administrative Hearing Meeting	5 pm
MAR 13	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
MAR 18	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
MAR 20	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
MAR 20	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
MAR 24	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
MAR 25	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 26	Teen Commission Meeting (Quinlan Com.Center 10185 N.Stelling Rd)	6 pm
MAR 27	Administrative Hearing Meeting	5 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

*** These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26. For all city meetings' agenda and minutes go to www.cupertino.org/agenda

council actions

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Council Members Present:

Chang, Santoro, Sinks, Wong

Absent: Mahoney

Obtained briefing and gave direction at Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: One Case

Presented the proclamation recognizing the Cupertino Library Foundation's 20th Anniversary

Received the presentation from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group recognizing the City of Cupertino's participation in the 1st Annual Red Tape to Red Carpet Awards

Received update the Parks & Recreation Commission annual update

Approved the January 21 City Council minutes

Approved the January 27 City Council minutes

Adopted Resolution No. 14-115 accepting Accounts Payable for period ending November 22, 2013

Adopted Resolution No. 14-116 accepting Accounts Payable for period ending January 10, 2014

Appointed Planning Commission representative to the Environmental Review Committee

Authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with 4Leaf, Inc. to provide plan check services for the Apple Campus 2 main parking garage in the amount of \$374,744 (Sinks Recused)

Conducted the second reading and enacted Ordinance No. 14-2116: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending Title 9 of the Cupertino Municipal Code to add Chapter 9.15 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam disposable food service ware by food vendors" (Mahoney Absent)

Received the Construction Project Update Report

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E-Reader Help Session

**Wednesday, March 19, 3 – 4 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room**

Do you want to learn how to download free eBooks, eAudiobooks, and Music from the Santa Clara County Library District website? If so, there are several options. If you have an eReader? Bring it! Want one? Try ours first to see if you like it. What do I need to bring to the eReader / Tablet open house? Your library card number and device. Questions you have for us about the devices. What do I need to download books? Your Santa Clara County District Library Card. Any passwords associated with your account. If you have a Kindle, make sure you know your Amazon account information. If you have an iPad, make sure you know your Apple ID.

Adult Book Discussion Group

**Thursday, March 20, 7 - 8:30 pm
Cupertino Library Story room**

This month the Cupertino Library Adult Book Discussion Group will discuss, *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. This poignant love story asks the question, "What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?" Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

California Native Plant Society

**Thursday, March 20, 7 - 8:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall**

Landscape architect Stephanie Morris will lead us on a journey, showing photos of California native plant gardens from the very beginning stages of planting through to fully established gardens. Learn what happens through the years, both the expected and the unexpected. Find out what can we learn from mature gardens that applies to the design of new gardens. Opportunities and surprises, as well as struggles, will be discussed for each garden based on interviews with the garden owners. Stephanie Morris has worked in the field of Landscape Architecture

for 18 years and specializes in ecologically-oriented residential design.

Plane Tree Health Library Presents- "Recognize Depression by Katherine Fan, M.D." (Mandarin)

**Sunday, March 23, 2 – 3:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall**

Learn about the common, and not so commonly known, characteristics of Depression. This informative health lecture will be presented in Mandarin. Dr. Fan is a child, adolescent, adult psychiatrist and pediatrician. She has over 10 years of experience working with patients of all ages, and she is committed to providing quality, evidence-based mental health care to children, adolescents, adults, and families.

Café Scientifique : Electronic Vehicles

**Thursday, March 27, 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall**

Tom Sidle has been associated with the Electric Auto Association for six years, a non-profit organization with the mission of educating the public about benefits and limitation of Electric Vehicles. Tom will talk about the types of plug-in vehicles available from car dealers today. There will be a long Question and Answer session at the end to discuss questions from the audience.



**Have
Something to
Contribute?**

To submit information to
"Cupertino Scene," email:
scene@cupertino.org

Submission deadline
for the April edition is March 5.

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RESOURCES

Emergency Preparedness and Home Safety Presentation

Monday, March 24, 10 – 11:30 am

Beverly Tallinger, a Cupertino Emergency Response Team volunteer, will better prepare you and your home in case of an emergency, such as fire and/or earthquake. You will learn first aid techniques, emergency supplies, and communication tips. Members free, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Please sign up at the lobby table.

Pre-Diabetes Health Lecture

Monday, March 3, 1 – 2:30 pm

Pre-diabetes- a wakeup call. Judy Farnsworth, a registered dietician from PAMF, will discuss what pre-diabetes is and how to manage it. Learn SMALL lifestyle changes for making BIG steps towards diabetes prevention. Open to the public, sign up at the lobby table.

THE BETTER PART

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

March 3, 4 & 7

Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter – Men looking to get back to permanent housing and a sustainable lifestyle are assisted by the faith community and other volunteers. The Executive Director tells how this program works and the impact it has had.

March 10, 11 & 14

A2Z Homeschooling – Homeschooling authority Ann Zeise discusses how parents can give their children an independent education, and her web site with a wealth of supporting resources.

March 17, 18 & 21

Irish Bagpipes – To get ready for St. Patrick's Day we will be interviewing a Celtic musician who plays the Irish Bagpipes. They are very different from Scottish Highland pipes. Listen to him play and then discuss this wonderful instrument.

March 24, 25 & 28

Agricultural History Project – John Kegebein explains how the Agricultural History Project at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds began and was developed.

March 31 & April 1 & 4

The Final Harvest – The Harris-Lass Farm House Museum reflects the agricultural history of the Santa Clara Valley.

Welcome New Businesses

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Power Dolls Fitness

10580 S De Anza Blvd

Lahore Bay Area Limo

10721 B Santa Lucia Rd

Weekend Wellness

20410 Town Center Ln #150

Kyung Hee Acupuncture

10062 Miller Ave, Apt 280

Jackson Hewitt Tax Service

10101 N Wolfe Rd

Uri Kreisman

22113 Stocklmeir Ct

Eun Sook Lee Hair Salon

20540 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 25

Icebox

19929 Stevens Creek Blvd

The Noodle Shop Co Colorado Inc.

20735 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste H

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residential or work address in the West Valley, or contact the Santa Clara County Fire Department at 408.378.4010.

Community Emergency Response Team

(CERT) training schedule. This is the perfect time to learn to be part of the disaster response solution. This is an intensive training session by the Santa Clara County Fire Department on preparedness and helping others during a disaster. The course is offered four times a year and you will have one-year to make up any missed sessions for graduation. You may attend the final exercise once all six sessions have been completed. We encourage all Cupertino residences to attend this worthwhile training. The next class runs April 29, 30 and May 1, 6, 7, 8 from 6 – 9 pm with the final exercise on May 10, 10 am - 1 pm. All classes will be held in Saratoga at the Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, CA, 95070. The registration fee is \$35 which will be reimbursed to Cupertino residents upon successful completion of the course. If you have questions or want to register contact: info@sccfd.org or call 408.378.4010.



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