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Deadline is 4:30 pm Friday, March 4

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### ▶ Big Bunny 5K Fun Run Saturday, March 26

The City of Cupertino will present the annual Big Bunny 5K, an event that celebrates Cupertino's positive, healthy, and connected community.



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### ◀ Festival of Colors: Holi Saturday, April 9, Memorial Park

Join us for an unforgettable event filled with a multitude of colors, live music, dancing, yoga, food and much more! Please mark your calendar for the Family Fun Day. Tickets sales will be announced shortly. Please visit [iahv.org](http://iahv.org) for more information.

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– CREST Award Nominations, continued from page 1



The City of Cupertino is looking for nominations for the 2016 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 2015 calendar year

are eligible to be nominated for the CREST Award. Individuals of all ages will be considered. The CREST Award presentation will take place on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 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, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014, by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 4, 2016. Applications postmarked on or before this date will not be accepted if they do not arrive by the deadline. Individuals may not nominate themselves nor may an organization nominate itself. A relative may not nominate a family member, and past recipients of the CREST Award 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 [Cupertino.org/crest](http://Cupertino.org/crest).

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## BIG BUNNY 5K




No matter your fitness level, there is something for everyone at the Big Bunny 5K. Whether you are a competitive runner, active walker, or just looking to go on a stroll with your friends and family, everyone can participate in the 5K. Younger participants, ages 7 and under, will have a blast participating in the Kids Fun Run where everyone is a winner.

The Big Bunny 5K is honored to support charity: water as they work to provide clean water to needy communities in the developing world. Five dollars of every registration will go towards its 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 on the event please visit [bigbunny5k.com](http://bigbunny5k.com).

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PRESENTED BY IAHV: International Association of Human Values



*Best Holi celebration in the Bay Area...  
...is this year in Cupertino!!*

**Saturday 9th April 2016, 11 am – 4 pm**  
Venue: Memorial Park, 10185 N. Shelling Road, Cupertino, CA 95014

*Holi to remember!  
Unlimited color fun!  
Top DJ will keep you dancing!!  
Mouthwatering food vendors!*

**HAPPY HOLI**  
*Festival of Colors*

most fun ever  
for the whole family

Please mark your calendar!

## Cupertino Chamber Recognizes Business Excellence and Celebrates Citizens of the Year

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual STAR Awards Gala to recognize local businesses and citizens whose contributions have made a significant and beneficial impact on the Cupertino community. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 19 at the Juniper Hotel Cupertino beginning with a reception at 6 pm.

Chamber Board President Mike Rohde formally announced the 2016 recipients at Mayor Barry Chang's State of the City. Citizens of the Year: Eno Schmidt & Hung Wei; Small Businesses of the Year: Cupertino Hsinchu Sister City; Medium Business of the Year: Fontana's Italian Restaurant; Large Business of the Year: Aloft Hotel; and the President's Award: Kevin McClelland.

The event is open to the public and reservations can be made by contacting the Chamber at 408.252.7054 or through the Chamber's website: [cupertino-chamber.org](http://cupertino-chamber.org)

## Cupertino Symphonic Band Children's Concert

The Cupertino Symphonic Band invites you to our annual Children's Concert

**Sunday, March 6 at 3 pm at Cupertino's Quinlan Community Center,**  
located at 10185 North Stelling Road.

This year's performance will be a diverse collection of fun and familiar songs, including one featuring some new instruments in the band; an ensemble of vacuum cleaners and solo floor polisher! Jason McChristian will be conducting with his usual energy and passion.

The concert is free, but donations of canned goods will be provided on to West Valley Community Services. These donations are always appreciated!

For further information visit the website at [cupertinosymphonicband.org](http://cupertinosymphonicband.org) or Facebook [facebook.com/CupertinoSymphonicBand](https://facebook.com/CupertinoSymphonicBand).

## Why You Should Walk and Roll: The Link between Exercise and Brain Function

By: Chelsea Biklen

Many of us are aware that exercise (e.g. walking or riding a bicycle) will have a positive effect on our health, but are we aware of the positive effects on our brains? This correlation does exist! Spurts of exercise throughout the day are shown to improve long-term memory, reasoning, attention, problem-solving and fluid intelligence levels, especially in adolescents.

These conclusions were confirmed by a Danish project called 'The Mass Experiment 2012' which looked at the links between concentration, diet, and exercise in kids ages 5 – 19. As part of this project, Aarhus University researcher Niels Egelund surveyed 20,000 Danish schoolchildren about their exercise habits and had each student perform a simple concentration test. Results of the study, published in 2013, indicated that children transported to school by car, train, or bus scored lower on the test than those who somehow made the journey to school themselves, and furthermore the engagement in pre-class exercise affected concentration abilities for about four hours into the school day (Egelund). The study additionally found that exercise had an even greater positive effect on a child's concentration level than diet (i.e. whether the child ate breakfast or lunch) and that as a result of walking or biking daily, children of a 3rd grade level had the same ability to concentrate as those half a year further in their studies!

Developmental molecular biologist and researcher John Medina attributes these kinds of results to an increase of oxygen that feeds into the brain and body when we exercise. Mr. Medina explains in his book, *Brain Rules*, that physical activity increases

production of neurotransmitters that support learning readiness; oxygen flow, which facilitates healthy brain functioning, and the brain chemical BDNF. BDNF, sometimes referred to as "miracle-grow" for the brain is active in the hippocampus, cortex, and basal forebrain – areas imperative to learning, memory, and higher thinking. Putting it simply, students are able to pay better attention to their subjects when they've been active, so why not activate those adolescent brains before the school day even begins? Let's boost young learner brainpower by helping them to adopt walking or biking to school as a new habit.

Practical Application: A great time to test this theory is during Walk One Week (WOW)! WOW is an annual, weeklong event led by the Cupertino Teen Commission that encourages Cupertino families to walk, bike, or carpool to school in an effort to increase health and safety and reduce car traffic. This year, Walk One Week will take place the week of February 29 – March 4 at CUSD and FUHSD schools across Cupertino! During WOW please:

- Encourage your students to walk or roll to school!
- Walk or Cycle with your student, or a group of students to school!
- Organize a Carpool with your friends or neighbors!

For more information about Walk One Week, please contact Safe Routes to School Community Coordinator, Chelsea Biklen, at [chelseab@cupertino.org](mailto:chelseab@cupertino.org).

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by Jerry Tallinger – Cupertino CERT member

## Be Prepared for any Disaster

How can you make sure you have the essentials if a disaster strikes? Ask yourself these simple questions:

- What would I need to last 3 days without food or potable water?
- What if I could not go home from work because my home was involved in a wildfire or earthquake?
- What if I had five minutes to evacuate in an emergency?

The answers would be easy if you had an emergency pack in your car or easily accessible place.

There are five essential supplies you need in your pack or emergency box.

**1. Water** – You should have enough for three days (one gallon per person per day)

If this seems too heavy or too bulky consider purchasing a water purifier, or water purification tablets.

**2. Food** – This could be MRE (Meals-Ready-to-Eat) or dried fruits and nuts or energy bars. Anything you want and would be comfortable eating cold. I prefer good tasting granola bars. Make sure there is enough per person for 3 days.

**3. Flashlight and extra batteries** – In an emergency, the chances of no power is high therefore a flashlight is needed for safety at night. There are a variety of inexpensive LED flashlights and crank up flashlights available. Also, it is not a good idea to keep the batteries in the flashlight as they may corrode and render the flashlight useless.

**4. Portable Radio and batteries** – It is important to know what is going on in an emergency such as evacuation announcements and routes, shelter locations, and when the emergency or danger is over.

**5. First Aid Kit** – Usually a disaster is accompanied by injuries so a basic first aid kit is an essential item.

*Other important items* you may want to include:

- Prescription medicines (a 3 day supply)
- Copies of ID's and important papers
- Pictures of family and pets (used to help locate the missing)
- Assistive devices including spare glasses, canes, etc.
- Cash (Small bills and change)
- Blankets and a spare set of clothes
- Personal Toiletries (hand sanitizer, spare toothbrush and toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.)

Place these items in a backpack or small easy to carry bag and in your car trunk or easily accessible place in your home. The location should be one which is accessible if you need to evacuate in a hurry or your home is damaged by an earthquake. An outside shed is a great location or vermin proof box.

## Don't forget your pets!

You also need to prepare a to-go-pack for your pets as well. Pets will be just as panicked as you in an emergency. The pet pack should include food, water, bowls, a leash or carrier, toys, poop bags, soft muzzle for canines, and a copy of your latest vaccination records. It is always a good idea for your pet to have ID tags and to have your pet micro-chipped or tattooed as well.

## Get Safety Trained

### 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](mailto:OES@cupertino.org) for more information, or to request a class for your company, group or organization.

**FREE! Personal Emergency Preparedness Class (PEP)** offered by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. The class covers 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: March 9, 6 – 9 pm at the Los Gatos Police Operations Building, 15900 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos and April 5, 6 – 9 pm at the Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga. For registration by e-mail, [info@cnt.sccgov.org](mailto:info@cnt.sccgov.org), provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and residential or work address, or contact the Santa Clara County Fire Department at 408.378.4010.

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class.** 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 residents to attend this worthwhile training. The next class runs from 6 - 9 pm on Monday, April 4, Wednesday, April 6, Monday, April 11, 6 - 9 pm, Wednesday, April 13, Monday, April 18, Wednesday, April 20, and from 9 am - 12:30 pm on Saturday, April 23, at Saratoga Prospect Center, 14848 Prospect Rd, Saratoga. 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](mailto:info@sccfd.org) or call 408.378.4010.

**If you do only one thing to prepare this month:**

Start your own emergency pack or to-go box by gathering the 5 essential supplies in the list above.

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

Found a little booklet of stories by San Jose Mercury columnist, Dick Barrett, who wrote for the paper from the late 1920's to the 1960's. Barrett's columns were gems of early valley history. Readers often wrote to him with ideas, stories and questions.

Seems that in the late 1800's- early 1900's when folks travelled by boat from Alviso to San Francisco, there was a watch factory in Alviso. It was called the San Jose Watch Company of California ( a rather pretentious title). The building was located in the northeast section of Alviso, in an area called New Chicago (somebody had GREAT expectations). Once there was a real estate boom to sell lots in this area. One person commented that the factory was a "come-on" to sell the lots. People sometimes bought properties, sight unseen, from real estate brochures that described the land in glowing terms. In the case of the Alviso lots, often you had to wait until low tide before you could find your lot - a big area of mud. Not the easiest place to build.

Evidently, in the early days of San Jose and surrounding towns and ranches, outdoor stone ovens were used to bake bread. The Italians and Portuguese were particularly fond of the outdoor ovens and many homes had one in the backyard. Barrett shared a letter he received after he did an article entitled "Backyard Bread Ovens".

"Dear Dick, I read with a great deal of interest your comments regarding backyard bread ovens. I was one of the fortunate ones to be raised on backyard bread oven....I can sure vouch for the quality and wonderful taste of bread baked in this way. Baking day was something special in our family of nine children. We always had one or two cows and even though the bread tasted good just plain, it was even better when you had all the butter you wanted to melt in between the hot slices. In looking back over those years, I must give my father a great deal of credit for the construction of such an oven. The walls and bottom of the oven had to be of such thickness that it would retain the heat long enough to bake the bread after it

was placed in the oven. In those days there were a lot fruit tree pruning around and that is what was used to heat the oven. The brush gave a quick, hot fire and in a short time the oven was heated sufficiently to bake the bread. I wish I had a loaf of that nice fresh, hot bread right now" (S.L. Galitotto - White Rd. San Jose). Several other people wrote Barrett their reminiscences of outdoor oven bread-baking. (I got hungry just reading about it.) All things considered, it was a great way to bake in the summer and not overheat the house.

Last fall, the Cupertino Museum put up an old medicine bottle exhibit which has proved popular. Barrett had several comments about patent medicine shows that played in the south Bay Area in the valley in the early days, often along the Alameda northwest of the railroad tracks. A reader wrote in and mentioned a medicine show that was large and included vaudeville acts of all kinds. The performers were housed in local hotels. Shows were nightly and admission was 10 cents. The owner's main source of money was a ginseng herb tonic and salve and no one in the show was allowed to drink or gamble.

Another large show was Marcel & His Miracle Mud. His was a real show piece as a tent show. His entire stage, drapes, front, etc. was done in purple velvet.

Another medicine show from Northern California in the early 1930's was Princess Red Feathers. Hers was what is known as a platform show, playing from a stage presenting vaudeville and again pitching medicine. She later married a fellow who owned a small society circus...neither would give up their own show so it became a circus and medicine show combined which made it quite unique. The last they were heard from, the husband presented a lion act in an arena, but one of the cats escaped and there was a lively time in Weaverville until it was captured.

*Resource: Dick Barrett's 1967 historical column excerpts from the San Jose Mercury.*

### Graywater Residential Laundry to Landscape Seminar

Would you like to learn how to use graywater from your washing machine to water your yard? Come to the City's Graywater Residential Laundry to Landscape Seminar! Single family home owners are encouraged to attend this seminar to learn the basics of graywater laundry to landscape (L2L) systems, rules and regulations, key design aspects, and how to apply for the \$200 L2L rebate provided by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

**When: Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 6 – 8 pm**

**Where: Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino Room  
10185 N Stelling Rd, Cupertino**

Light refreshments will be served! Visit [cupertino.org/savewater](http://cupertino.org/savewater) for water conservation tips and more!



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## 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: [sccl.org](http://sccl.org).

## SILICON VALLEY READS 2016

*Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation and the Friends of the Cupertino Library*

### T Silicon Valley Reads: Book Club with Author Matt Phelan

Thursday, March 3, 4 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

Children who are currently in 4th – 8th grade are invited to talk about the graphic novel *The Storm in the Barn* with author Matt Phelan. Interested children may register in person at the Children's Desk starting February 1.

### Panel Discussion with authors Emmi Itäranta and Benjamin Parzybok

Sunday, March 20, 1 - 3 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Authors Emmi Itäranta and Benjamin Parzybok discuss their books and the Silicon Valley Reads experience with Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian and co-chair of Silicon Valley Reads. Co-sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

*The Cupertino Library presents a wide variety of programs for children of all ages. For more details on any of these programs, including our storytimes, please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, x3320, or stop by the Children's Desk in the Library.*

### STEAM LEADS: Zombie Apocalypse

*Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation*

Attention middle school students! Use your brains before the zombies eat them. Join us for our STEAM Leads programs and presentations and answer our online prompts to develop the skills and knowledge to survive a zombie apocalypse!

### MARCH / APRIL PROGRAMS

**Online Challenge Prompt:** Complete our Zombie Research Challenge and Win a Prize! Tuesday, March 1 – Saturday, April 30; Available at [bit.ly/1MJgO2L](http://bit.ly/1MJgO2L).

For more information, please visit [sccl.org/Locations/Cupertino/STEAM-LEADS](http://sccl.org/Locations/Cupertino/STEAM-LEADS)

### Cupertino Cinema Club

Thursday, March 10, 4 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

School-age children are invited; children only in the Story Room, please. Patrons may call the Children's Reference Desk at 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 21 for one of our April programs.

### Cupertino Library LEGO Club

Thursday, March 17, 4 – 5 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

Children who are currently in 1st through 8th grade are invited to build with LEGO bricks in the Story Room. The Library will provide LEGO bricks; please leave your own LEGO bricks at home, and all LEGO creations will stay at the library.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### College Funding Workshop

Wednesday, March 2, 7 - 8:30 pm

Library Story Room

In this workshop we will discuss strategies for reducing the out-of-pocket (Expected Family Contribution) cost of college. This workshop is presented by Michael Kayhan. He is a graduate of Stanford University, has taught part time at the business school of local universities for more than 16 years, and is a registered investment advisor.

### ACT Practice Test with KAPLAN

Saturday, March 5, 10 am - 2 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Be prepared for the college entrance exams by taking the ACT Practice Test with KAPLAN. Gain insight, learn new strategies, and improve your scores by taking this free practice test. Students in grades 9 - 12 only.

### CodeF1rst Computer Programming Workshop for Teens

Friday, March 18, 6 - 9 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Interested in learning how to code and build websites? Code First will have a workshop presented by Kashish Singal and Gokul Pillai! No prior coding experience necessary. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own computer or digital device. Online registration is required and opens on Monday, October 26 at 10 am. For ages, 13 - 21.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### VITA – Free Tax Assistance

**Sundays, March 6, 13, & 20, 2 - 5 pm**

VITA will provide free help filing your income taxes. Assistance is available in English, Chinese, Hindi, and Tagalog. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Taxpayers must have an e-mail account.

For best results, please bring the following documents with you, if possible:

- Photo ID and Social Security card or ITIN for each family member
- W-2 forms and all 1099 or 1098 forms
- A check with your account number for direct deposit
- Last year's tax return

### Women & Minorities in Tech: Achieve Career Success

**Wednesday, March 2, 7 pm**

**Cupertino Library Community Hall**

STEM areas provide some of the most highly paid jobs on earth, and the Bay Area provides a huge variety of opportunities in engineering and technology innovation. This panel session involves open discussion about the typical challenges women and minorities face in the more traditional work cultures and how innovative and creative use of online learning, social media, blogging, meet-up and conference presence etc. can be used to turn things around and. Includes audience Q&A.

### Chinese Book Discussion Group

**Thursday, March 10, 10 am - 12 Noon**

**Cupertino Community Hall**

The Cupertino Chinese Book Discussion Group will discuss *Fu Yen Ren* by Mingyi Wu. The discussion will be in Mandarin. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

### Fusion Art.Science.Technology Seeing Symmetry: Making Art with Waves

**Sunday, March 13, 2016, 1 - 3 pm**

**Cupertino Community Hall**

Have you ever thought about the intersection of mathematics and art? Dr. Frank Farris of Santa Clara University has an entirely new approach. Instead of stitching together pieces to make a pattern, he uses mathematical functions called wave forms to create patterns different from any you've seen before. Dr. Farris' talk will touch on some high-power ideas from mathematics, like group theory and number theory, but it is fundamentally a tale of art made from waves. Don't worry if your last brush with higher mathematics

was high school trigonometry – everyone can enjoy Dr. Farris' lecture!

*Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation.*

### Hungrytown Folk Duo Concert

**Tuesday, March 15, 7 pm**

**Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino Room**

Rebecca & Ken play a delicious blend of acoustic based folk music with harmonies to die for. Often delicate, often reflective their music comes from the heart and the soul.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library*

### Adult Book Discussion Group

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**Cupertino Library Story Room**

This drop-in book club meets the third Thursday of every month. This month the group will discuss *Bettyville* by George Hodgman. When the author leaves New York for Paris, Missouri, he finds himself in conflict with his aging mother. She is stubborn, tough and forgetful. What is a son to do? This is a memoir that's both poignant and funny.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library*

### Social Security – 7 Ways to Optimize Benefits

**Monday, March 21, 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Library Story Room**

This educational workshop can help make the right decisions regarding Social Security. Make sure to take full advantage of what Social Security offers. We address common concerns about filing for Social Security, utilizing spousal benefits, taxes and Medicare. Walk away with simple strategies to maximize benefits and a better understanding of the nuances of Social Security.

### Master Gardeners: Growing Summer Vegetables - Tomatoes, Peppers and more

**Wednesday, March 30, 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Cupertino Community Hall**

It will soon be summertime and Santa Clara County gardeners will be plucking juicy tomatoes and crisp cucumbers from the vine. Get a head start on growing these and other warm season vegetables. Master Gardener Laura Monczynski will review how to prepare soil, start seeds indoors, and the proper time to plant. Learn what vegetables work well in the Bay Area warm season and how you can get the most out of your garden.

### ESL Conversation Club

**Every Friday from 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Cupertino Community Hall**

Please join us for this fun learning experience. Stop by and improve your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about other cultures in a friendly, casual setting. Native speakers of English who would like to volunteer to assist with the ESL Conversation Club, please e-mail [wjaw@sccl.org](mailto:wjaw@sccl.org). Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

## Five Fitness Tips For 2016

1. **Take advantage of fitness classes.** Group fitness is a great way to get a safe and effective workout. Added bonus? It's a fun social experience! Get moving with one of the many classes offered right here at the Senior Center.

2. **Hit the courts or take the field.** Still reminiscing about winning that championship game in the good ole' days? Make some new memories this year! Come out and play bocce ball on the Blackberry Farm courts, or swing for the fences with the Cupertino Geezers softball team.

3. **Walk, run, hike or bike the trails near you.** Get in a great workout by hitting the trails near you. Whether you use paved trails or natural surfaces, getting outside and engaging with your natural surroundings is as great for the body as it is for your mental health. For a fun and interesting way to get outside, try our new walk for History and Nature at McClellan Ranch.

4. **Need a little extra help?** Mental and emotional fitness are just as important as physical fitness. Find a little extra support in one of the Case Management Department's support groups or services.

5. **Pick a new challenge.** Participating in a 5K is a great way to develop a new, healthy routine. You can even get your whole family on board. Ready to race? Try the City's annual Big Bunny 5K.

Following one or more of these tips will help you lead a positive, healthy, and connected life!

## Adult 50+ Membership 2016 Memberships NOW AVAILABLE

Membership includes access to Adult 50+ programs, trips, services, classes, socials, and mailing of the bimonthly newsletter. Join now and the membership is good through January 2017, over 12 months of fun!

### It's easy to become an Adult 50+ member:

- Be at least 50 years or better
- Complete a "New Member Application" form (available at the senior center or online)
- Pay the membership price of \$27. Cupertino residents pay \$22

### Stay Active Fund

The Stay Active Fund is about helping 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 program is available each year from November 4 to June 30, or until the funds are depleted. Please contact the Senior Center for more details.

## EVENTS & SOCIALS

### 50+ Bocce Ball

Wednesday, March 2 - April 27, 9 am

Enjoying the outdoors is easy to do in Cupertino at Blackberry Farm Park alongside the Stevens Creek Trail. Join us at 9 am, where members can meet new people and have fun while playing a game of Bocce. First time players welcome; instructions will be available. Free for members.

### St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Birthday Bash

Wednesday, March 9, 12 pm

Join us for the Irish tradition of St. Patrick's Day

featuring Irish entertainment plus a full meal of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and a satisfying dessert. Members with March birthdays will be honored. Vegetarian option available when registering. Members fee \$12, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

### History and Nature at McClellan Ranch **NEW** Tuesday, March 22, 10 am - 12 pm

Get to know McClellan Ranch and the story of how this land has changed over time. Led by one of the city's certified naturalists, this leisurely walk will provide a unique opportunity for learning about the plants, animals, and history of the area. Pre-registration is required, see flyer for more information. Members \$4, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

### Let's Talk Current Events

Wednesday, March 23 April 20, 1:30 - 3 pm

Join this lively monthly discussion group to discuss important and interesting topics and learn about others' points of view. Discover how goings-on around the world will affect you with Nancy McGinnis, legal specialist and current lecturer at San Francisco State University, facilitating the conversation. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

### 50+ Softball

Thursdays, beginning March 24, 9 am - 12 pm

Get out, be happy, and bring a friend - 50+ Softball is back! Memorial Park is the home of the Cupertino Geezers who warm-up and take batting practice beginning at 9am. A pick-up game starts promptly at 10am each week. Fee is \$38 for the year. Membership is required.

### Movie of the Month

Wednesday, March 30, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Members are free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

*The Little Princess* (1939) - Shirley Temple plays a pampered girl in a boarding school whose soldier father is reported missing, leaving her at the mercy of a cruel headmistress.

## CLASSES & Workshops - Great Values

### Brain Training Revolution

Wednesday, March 2 - March 30, 10 am - 12 pm

A workout for healthy brain aging and optimal brain function, this unique class is taught by Denise Everham, and is designed to help you develop your own personalized Brain Fitness program. Through puzzles, games, and group activities, we will have fun and learn how to exercise our brains while we develop a healthy brain life style. Member fee \$15.

### Line Dance

#### Beginning

Thursday, March 3 - April 21, 7 - 8:30 pm

#### Advanced Beginning

Tuesday, March 1 - April 19, 7 - 8:30 pm

Kick up your heels and exercise your body and mind by dancing to lively, upbeat music! Join us to learn how you may improve your health, balance, coordination, muscle time, and memorization skills in this fun, low impact class for any age! Member fee \$48 each class.



### **Intro to iPad Painting**

**Monday, March 7 - April 4, 6 - 8 pm**

Express your creativity - with your iPad! Learn to use popular art apps to draw, paint, create collages, use layers, and more. All skill levels welcome. Students must have their own iPads with 'Paper' by FiftyThree, 'Procreate', and 'Snapseed' apps installed before class. Member fee \$38.

### **Cooking with Suzanne**

**Healing Winter Soups**

**Wednesday, March 23, 10 am - 1 pm**

What else can be better than the comfort of a warm bowl of soup during cold and flu season? Packed with healing vegetables, herbs, spices and broths, these soups boost the immune system in no time. International Chef Suzanne, cook book author and sommelier will demonstrate 3 heart healthy soups that will warm you up during the winter season. Satisfying Lentil Soup with Kale and Sausage, Warming Carrot Ginger & Turmeric Soup, and healing Miso Winter Soup with Shiitake Mushrooms, Ginger and Bok Choy, will be accompanied by Suzanne's oven fresh bread. Member fee \$55.

### **Advance Care Directive Workshop**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2 - 4 pm**

Join us as Cindy Safe of Coda Alliance, will help participants explore their options at end of life, making sure their personal wishes are known and honored through an advance directive document and conversations with loved ones. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

### **Age Well, Drive Smart**

**Wednesday, March 30, 9 am - 1 pm**

*Presented by the California Highway Patrol.* Topics covered: myths about older drivers, compensating for age-related changes, rules of the road, safe driving tips, and much more. Certificate upon completion, some insurance companies accept for discount. Members free, senior guest pay \$5 day pass. Please sign up at the lobby table.

### **Tai Chi for 50+ Free Demonstration**

**Thursday, March 31, 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

Come try this ancient Chinese art of moving meditation in a relaxed and supportive environment, and learn about its health benefits on many different levels. Free for members, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

### **Tai Chi for 50+**

**Thursday, April 7 - June 30**

**Level I, 8:30 - 9:25 am**

**Level II, 9:35 - 10:30 am**

**Level III, 10:40 - 11:35 am**

Come try this ancient Chinese art of moving meditation in a relaxed and supportive environment, and learn about its health benefits on many different levels. Treat yourself to a fun, new experience! Member fee \$68 each class.

### **TechTime with Paul**

**Fridays, March 4 - April 29, 1:30 - 4 pm**

Members can drop-in to use a Mac or PC to browse the web, practice skills, or ask simple questions in the Senior Center's Technology Lab on a first-come, first-served basis. Free for members. Senior Center membership required.

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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 trips.

**Sunday Afternoon at the Villa, Sunday, March 6, \$84**

**Culinary and Historic Exploration of Napa, Thursday, March 10, \$123**

**A Taste of Germany, Thursday, March 24, \$99**

**Dames and Divas of San Francisco with Gary, Wednesday, March 30, \$114**

**Fashion and Flowers, Wednesday, April 6, \$86**

**Cruise the Slough, Friday, April 15, \$123**

**Gypsy, the Musical, Friday, April 22, \$94**

**Carmel-by-the-Sea, Wednesday, April 27, \$120**

**Golden Gate Bridge Walk and Scoma's Sausalito, Thursday, May 26, \$119**

**K-9 Guide School and One of a Kind Design, Wednesday, June 1, \$65**

**Nike Missile Site and More!, Thursday, June 9, \$129**

**Cabaret, the Musical, Wednesday, June 22, \$132**

**Emperors' Treasures, Tuesday, June 28, \$74**

### **TOURS**

#### **International Mystery Trip**

Guided by Julia and Kim

May 11 - 23, 2016, \$4,630 double occupancy

Do you love fascinating culture, amazing history, castles, beautiful countryside, delicious food, and a little adventure? Then this small-group tour to an iconic destination with 4-star accommodations is planned just for you! Mystery tours are always fun! This tour features a destination that you have never experienced with us and you're sure to be pleasantly surprised! Let the guessing begin as the destination will only be revealed just prior to our arrival at the airport.

#### **Best of Eastern Canada**

July 12 - 19, 2016, \$3,399 double occupancy

Highlights include: Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, 1000 Islands, Toronto, Niagara Falls, and more!

#### **Heritage of America**

September 16 - 25, 2016, \$3,899 double occupancy

Highlights include: Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, Colonial Williamsburg, Washington D.C., Smithsonian Institution, Amish Country, New York City and More!

#### **Crystal Cruise on the Panama Canal**

October 30 - November 16, 2016, \$6,930

The Panama Canal connects two great oceans and is considered one of the world's most sophisticated engineering marvels. For many travelers, transiting the Panama Canal is a milestone in their cruising careers. In addition to the Canal transit, you will experience everything from eco-excursions in tropical destinations like Caldera, Costa Rica and Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala to desert-sea adventures in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, located on the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula. Inclusive: flights, gratuities, transfers and on-board amenities.



## City of Cupertino 2016 EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Save the Date!

### Cupertino's 8th Annual Earth Day and Arbor Day Festival is April 30, 2016

Come celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with family, friends, and neighbors! This year's event is Saturday, April 30th, 2016, 11 am – 3 pm at Civic Center Plaza (between City Hall and Cupertino Library). Stay tuned for more details on our 2016 partners and eco-activities!

### Dining Out? Look for the Green Bin at Cupertino Restaurants!



Dining out in Cupertino? Don't forget to put your food scraps and soiled paper in the green bin, because now even more Cupertino businesses are composting their organic waste and keeping rotting food out of the landfill!

In 2015, Cupertino adopted an ordinance requiring commercial businesses and properties that generate large amounts of organic waste to separate their food waste for composting. Before the ordinance was adopted, 64 businesses were voluntarily separating their organics and as of January 2016, an additional 27 businesses or properties have begun separating their organic waste. Commercial organics collection not only reduces greenhouse gases, but also provides rich mulch at no cost to Cupertino residents and participating businesses for use in gardens and landscaping.

How can Cupertino residents help our businesses recover this valuable resource? Next time you're grabbing a bite or taking a coffee break in Cupertino, look for the green bin and follow relevant signage. Make sure that your food scraps, napkins, and paper products (napkins, coffee cups, chopsticks and more!) end up in the green bin – and help your friends do the same!

Cupertino residents may also participate in the commercial compost program by putting their food waste in their brown cart with yard waste. Apartments will be required to join the composting program no later than July 2018. Visit [cupertino.org/nowaste](http://cupertino.org/nowaste) or email [environmental@cupertino.org](mailto:environmental@cupertino.org) to find out more.

### Environmental Recycling Day and Shred It Event, Saturday, April 16

Need to shred documents? Have some left over yard waste from preparing your new spring garden, or reusable furniture, clothes, or shoes for donation? Take advantage of the City of Cupertino and Recology's Environmental Recycling Day and Shred It Event Saturday, April 16 from 9 am – 1 pm at De Anza College Parking Lot A. Call Recology at 408.725.4020 or contact [environmental@cupertino.org](mailto:environmental@cupertino.org) for more details.

### Free Bulk Garden Compost Available Now!

The City's bulk compost site at Stevens Creek Quarry will reopen on Friday, March 18, 2016. Compost is FREE of cost and no appointments are necessary.

**Location: 12100 Stevens Canyon Road**  
(across from the dam)

**Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 8 am - Noon**

#### Tips for visiting the compost site:

- Only Cupertino residents may use this program. Please be prepared to show proof of residency.
- No staff will be on site to help residents shovel compost or move bags, so please bring adequate shovels and people to help.
- Residents are limited to 15 minutes of shoveling if other cars are waiting.
- The compost is provided in bulk and no bags or containers are provided. Please bring 5 gallon buckets, an old trash can, a tarp, or bags to hold your compost.
- Open vehicles such as trucks or utility trailers may be used, however the load must be securely covered by a tarp in accordance with State law.



Operation of the site is weather dependent. If it is raining or drizzling anywhere in Cupertino, or if the site remains muddy after a rain, it will be closed. Wet and muddy conditions at the facility require the City to close (even if it is sunny) to be in compliance with State stormwater mud-tracking prevention requirements.

The compost site will remain open this year until Saturday, October 29, 2016. For more information, please contact the Environmental Programs Division at 408.777.3354 or by email at [environmental@cupertino.org](mailto:environmental@cupertino.org)

## 'Honeybees: Colonization & Culture' Award Finalist!

Life gets better for Cupertino TV Productions 'The Better Part' with another award nomination for their outstanding work about our community.

It all started when Jerry Oliver discovered a beehive in his garden. As he watched these amazing creatures, an idea for a program evolved. He enlisted the help of guest Ken McKenzie, Vice President of the Santa Clara Valley Bee Keepers Guild and fellow CTVP member producer, Val Jeffery and a program was born. Together Jerry and Val created, produced and edited the program; they say that teamwork is the secret of success.

Other crew members included Chuck Bedord, Chuck and Carol Cegelski, Roger Day, Lucetta Tuttle, Dox Doxiadis, Bill Mannion, Chuck Johnson and KMVT engineer Robin Frank.

The Alliance for Community Media Western Region gives their prestigious Western Access Video Excellence (W.A.V.E) awards annually. Award winners will be announced at the Western Region Conference in Hawaii on March 18. Will they be disappointed if they don't get first place? "Not at all", says Val, "it is an honor to be a finalist competing within five states". Programs don't have to be 'winners' to do good for the community. But... fingers crossed for Cupertino!

'The Better Part' is one of the many 50+ activities offered at the Cupertino Senior Center to help seniors 50 years of age and above stay active both physically and mentally.

Programs are recorded at KMVT15, Mountain View and air on Comcast Cable Channel 15 in Cupertino. For the schedule or more info visit: [thebetterpart.com](http://thebetterpart.com). More information about Cupertino Senior Center is available at [cupertino.org/senior](http://cupertino.org/senior).



Left to right: Ken McKenzie, Val Jeffery, Jerry Oliver and honeybees at KMVT15 studio in Mountain View

## Make 2016 the Year Your Chilly House Goes Green!

Finding your house cold and drafty and cranking up that heater to stay warm? Your home could be one of many homes in Cupertino that were built prior to efficient energy codes, with poor insulation, old windows, and small cracks and holes that allow air to flow freely in and out of your home. There are many programs available to support Cupertino families to stay comfortable and save money this winter. Follow these steps to make 2016 the year to finally do something about it!

**1: Do-It-Yourself (DIY).** Just like checking out a book, you can check out the DIY Home Energy Savings Toolkit from the Cupertino Library. The Toolkit is stocked with items you can keep: four compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), three faucet aerators, a low-flow showerhead, outlet gaskets, weather stripping and water leak detection tablets. The energy and water measuring devices need to be returned. Visit [scll.org](http://scll.org).

**2: Get An Energy Audit.** Even though the DIY toolkit is helpful, it's almost impossible to find all the sources of energy loss on your own without an energy audit. The audit takes 2-3 hours, uses a blower door test and an infrared camera to pinpoint air leaks and you'll get a detailed report listing upgrades you can make to cut heat loss and use less energy. The Home Upgrade Advisor service (Step 3) can also help you through the energy audit process and provide free advice.

**3: Ask an Independent Eco-Expert.** Energy Upgrade California offers a Home Upgrade Advisor service to all residents in the Bay Area for free, to help you create a home energy efficiency plan. A Home Upgrade Advisor can walk you through selecting a quality contractor, help you review bids and support rebate applications (incentives range between \$1,000 - \$6,500 depending upon improvements made). Contact Home Upgrade Advisor: 1.866.878.6008, or visit [bayareaenergyupgrade.org](http://bayareaenergyupgrade.org)

More info: [cupertino.org/sustainability](http://cupertino.org/sustainability) and click on "Green Living."

## 5K Color Run

Kennedy Middle School will be hosting their first 5K Color Run on Sunday, March 13. Participants will be on a designated 5K course, experience color splash zones and get doused in color! You can run, jog or walk at your own pace, all ages are welcome! Registration will include a T-shirt, goody bag, colors, refreshments and a chance to win prizes. Bring your friends, family and co-workers to run, walk or jog and be colorful. For more information and registration visit [KennedyMiddleColorRun.eventbrite.com](http://KennedyMiddleColorRun.eventbrite.com).

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MAR	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
1	School Emergency Preparedness	9:30 am	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	408.777.3176	
2	Excalibur Toastmasters	6:45 - 8 pm	Saint Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church Preschool, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd.	408.829.2055	excalibur.toastmastersclubs.org
3	C.A.R.E.S	7:30 - 9 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	408.345.8372	cupertinoares.org
5	De Anza Flea Market	8 am - 4 pm	De Anza College	408.864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket
	Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 am - 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	21685 Granada Ave	408.996.0850	osfamilies.org
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	408.864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
	Cupertino Morningmasters Toastmasters*	7:30 am	Bethel Lutheran Church 10181 Finch Ave, Fireside Room	408.209.7251	tinyurl.com/cupmmtm
7	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
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	408.857.6123	oa.org
	American Legion Post 642	7 pm	10201 Imperial Avenue #3	408.374.6392	scggov.org/portal/site/va
8	Cupertino Quota*	12 - 1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.348.9559	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com
11	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 am - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	408.973.1832	deanzacupertinokiwanis.org
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:30 pm	St. Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church, Community Center Building, 10110 N. DeAnza Blvd.		CupertinoCoinClub.com
14	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	408.863.9991 Ask Janki Chokshi	falc.org
	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	408.252.3954	oddfellowscupertino70.org
16	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20863 Stevens Creek #100	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	Trend Micro 10101 N. De Anza Blvd	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	888.613.5559	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	Peterson Middle School (S'vale)	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 am - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	BBLC Hall, 99 North Bascom Avenue, San Jose	408.209.7251	cupertinhostlionclub.org
17	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	northwest@ymcasv.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	408.873.1190	egausa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	408.354.8493	foodaddicts.org
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 am - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
	American Association of University Women	6:30 - 8 pm	Moorpark Hotel 2nd Floor, 4241 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95129	408.996.7492	Susanps@sonic.net
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	408.759.2617	oa.org
	Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities	7:30 - 9:30 pm	City Hall Conference Room A	408.867.2162	jeang8@hotmail.com
21	CERT/MRC	7 - 9 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
27	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10 am - 1:30 pm	Creekside Park Hall	408.368.0357	www.hssus.org
28	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	408.252.3954	oddfellowscupertino70.org

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	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.3830	cupertinokiwani.homestead.com
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	408.296.8146	kofo.org/un
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	408.252.2667	
24	Cupertino Quota*	12 - 1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.348.9559	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com
25	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Vallco Shopping Center	408.267.3397	malihini.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 or email for details.

### CITY MEETINGS

MAR 1	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 2	Library Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	7 pm
MAR 2	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
MAR 3	Environmental Review Committee (Conf Rm. C)	9:30 am
MAR 3	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm C.)	5 pm
MAR 3	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)	7 pm
MAR 8	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 9	Teen Commission Meeting (Quinlan Community Center)	6 pm
MAR 10	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
MAR 10	Administrative Hearing meeting (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
MAR 10	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	6 pm
MAR 15	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 16	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
MAR 17	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
MAR 17	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
MAR 17	Sustainability Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	4 pm
MAR 22	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
MAR 23	Teen Commission (Quinlan Community Center)	6 pm
MAR 24	Administrative Hearing meeting (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
MAR 25	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	7 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 can be seen live via webcast at [cupertino.org/webcast](http://cupertino.org/webcast), or on The City Channel, Cable 26. For all City meeting agendas and minutes go to [cupertino.org/agenda](http://cupertino.org/agenda).



## Biking Safety Tip 3

(Safety Equipment)

**Question:** What is your most valuable asset?

**Answer:** Your brain which is best protected by wearing a helmet.

**Question:** Is it legal to drive a car without a rear view mirror?

**Answer:** No, a car cannot be sold without a rear view mirror?

**Question:** Is it legal to ride a bike without a rear view mirror?

**Answer:** If cyclists are expected to obey the rules of the road the same as cars, they should be similarly equipped. If you don't have a mirror, get one and be safe. See our web site for additional bicycling information: [walkbikecupertino.org](http://walkbikecupertino.org).

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## **SPECIAL MEETING (Closed Session and Study Session), REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL FACILITIES CORPORATION MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

**Council Members Present:** Sinks, Chang, Vaidhyathan, Paul, and Wong

**Council Members Absent:** None

Mayor Chang announced that Council gave direction

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Council provided the following direction to staff:

- Acquire more recent employment and employer data
- Look at property taxes for breakdown of usage
- Look at different types of uses and their impact to local entities
- Look at other potential uses of areas
- Advise what City can do to help companies find space and what types of space they are looking for
- Overlay business license data to look at self-employed businesses
- Look into trend in bay area and nationally regarding retail only or traditional mall formats vs. Mixed use
- Look further into the hotel situation, whether or not the City has a shortage or surplus of rooms
- Advise what types of amenities or infrastructure attracts employers and employees

Conducted a study session to consider the rotary's proposal and directed staff to come back at another study session with a draft agreement and more detail on renovation cost. (Sinks recused)

Council received the presentation

Approved the minutes

Adopted resolution no. 16-001 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending November 13, 2015

Adopted resolution no. 16-002 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending November 20, 2015

Adopted resolution no. 16-003 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending November 25, 2015

Adopted resolution no. 16-004 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending December 4, 2015

Adopted resolution no. 16-005 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending December 11, 2015

Recommended approval to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the application for alcoholic beverage license for Deep Cliff Golf Course, 10700 clubhouse lane

Adopted resolution no. 16-006 Summarily vacating a wire clearance easement within the Civic Center property at 10300 Torre avenue

Received report with no changes recommended to permanent program and direction to staff to bring a report back to Council in about 9 months (Sinks recused)

1. Conducted the second reading and enacted ordinance no. 15-2138: "An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino authorizing the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program" to create and participate in the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority; and 2. Appointed Council member Rod Sinks as regular director and Council member Darcy Paul as alternate director to the authority's board of directors and directed staff to add Council's appointment to the authority to the future Council committee assignments calendar.

Adopted resolution no. 15-112 Ordering abatement of a public nuisance (weeds)

1. Found that the proposed actions are exempt from ceqa; and 2. Enacted urgency ordinance no. 16-2139: "An interim urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino establishing a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation facilities, commercial cannabis activities and medical marijuana deliveries within the City of Cupertino pending completion of an update to the City's zoning code"; and 3. Conducted the first reading of ordinance no. 16-2140: "An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending section 19.08.030 And adding chapter 19.98 of title 19 of the Cupertino Municipal code regarding medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation facilities, commercial cannabis activities, and medical marijuana deliveries"

Adopted resolution no. 16-008 To: 1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an antenna ground lease between the City of Cupertino and GTE Mobilnet dba Verizon for a term of up to 5 years, for a cell tower to be located on the Civic Center property, in substantially the form as presented to Council, and subject to the terms of any City-issued permits; and 2. Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute up to two five year (5-year) options consistent with the terms of the lease.

Conducted the first reading of ordinance no. 16-2141: "An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending sections 14.04.100 And 18.56.040 of the Cupertino Municipal code to provide for a limited waiver of reimbursement requirements when a property owner dedicates right-of-way for a City street improvement or facility project," to facilitate the provision of sidewalks and street widening in certain areas where pedestrians and bicyclists are prevalent with an amendment to the ordinance language such that the City Council determines the percent of a waiver to offer for right of way acquisition for individual projects as they are approved during the cip budget process

Adopted resolution no. 16-009 Directing City staff to prepare a report on the effects of the initiative pursuant to elections code section 9212

Approved the assignments

Chang and Sinks agreed to agendaize the following items:

- Regional transportation issues regarding the proposed Santa Clara County sales tax for first meeting in February
- Noise issues at Lehigh

Council members highlighted the activities of their committees and various community events.

At 10:05 pm, Mayor Chang adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, February 6. Note: a special meeting of the Cupertino Public Facilities Corporation followed tonight's regular City Council meeting.

## **SPECIAL MEETING (Commission Interviews), MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016**

**Council Members Present:** Sinks, Chang, Vaidhyathan, Paul, and Wong

**Council Members Absent:** None

Interviewed applicants for the Housing Commission and appointed Nina Daruwalla (business representative) to a full term ending 1/30/20 and re-appointed Krista Wilson to a full term ending 1/30/20

Interviewed applicants for the Audit Committee and appointed Peter Shin and Mark Zavislak to full terms ending 1/30/20

Interviewed applicants for the Technology, Information, and Communications Commission and appointed Arnold de Leon to a full term ending 1/30/20 and re-appointed Shishir Chavan to a full term ending 1/30/20

Adjourned the meeting to the regular meeting of Tuesday, February 2, 10350 Torre Avenue, Community Hall Council Chamber, Cupertino, CA.

## **SPECIAL MEETING (CLOSED SESSIONS), AND REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

**Council Members Present:** Sinks, Chang, Vaidhyathan, Paul, and Wong

**Council Members Absent:** None

Gave direction to counsel

Gave direction to counsel

Presented the Young Artist Awards to Saailey Palekar (age 6-10), Kathy Liang (age 11-14) and Maya Kapur (age 15-18)

Viewed the video presentation and presented the first place monetary award to Derrick Lee and Jonathan Fung

Approved the minutes - January 12 meeting

Approved the minutes - January 19 meeting

Approved the minutes - January 25 meeting

Approved the minutes - January 26 meeting

Adopted resolution no. 16-011 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending December 18, 2015

Adopted resolution no. 16-012 Accepting accounts payable for the period ending December 30, 2015

1) Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Irvine Company, Llc to accept an advance contribution of

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\$200,000 to be used for the I-280/Wolfe Road interchange project; and 2) amended approved FY 15/16 operating budget by an additional expense amount of \$1,200,000 for I-280/Wolfe Road interchange project budget; and 3) amended approved FY 15/16 operating budget by an additional revenue amount of \$1,200,000 for I-280/Wolfe Road interchange project budget

Authorized an increase in the construction contingency amount by an additional \$32,000 with funds from the current appropriated project budget

Discontinued headline translations to redirect the funds to other budget priorities

Approved advocacy direction to City representatives regarding the proposed Santa Clara County sales tax, including general funding levels within expenditure categories, as developed in coordination with other North County and West Valley cities; gave direction to Council member Sinks to go back to the West Valley and North County Mayors to clarify the \$500 million for congestion relief/transit/mode shift; with \$250 million allocated towards the Route 85 corridor and \$250 million allocated toward the North County; directed staff to come back at the next Council Meeting with a request for authority to spend

\$20,000-\$30,000 on a transportation poll

Conducted the second reading and enacted ordinance no. 16-2140: "An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending section 19.08.030 And adding chapter 19.98 of title 19 of the Cupertino Municipal Code regarding medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation facilities, commercial cannabis activities, and medical marijuana deliveries"

Conducted the second reading and enacted ordinance no. 16-2141: "An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending sections 14.04.100 And 18.56.040 of the Cupertino Municipal code to provide for a limited waiver of reimbursement requirements when a property owner dedicates right-of-way for a City street improvement or facility project," with an amendment to remove highlighted portion on pages 3-4 regarding City Council approval of the percentage of waiver to offer at the time a capital project is approved

Adopted resolution no. 16-013 Denying authorization of prospective development proposals to proceed as general plan amendment applications (chang voting no)

Construction project updates, this item was not heard

Report on committee assignments item was not heard

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## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Volunteer Nurse – Blood Pressure Checks

Monday, March 14, 28, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesday, March 1, 15 12:15 - 1:15 pm

Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)

Monday, March 8, 22, 1 – 3 pm

Consultation on Medicare and health insurance. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

### Housing

Monday, March 14, 28, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

A list of housing resources and contact information are provided to help you independently search for housing. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

### Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)

Friday, March 4, 11, 18; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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.

### Drop-in Consultation with Case Manager

Mondays 5 – 7 pm, Wednesdays 10 am – 12 pm

A Case Manager is available to discuss community resources, benefits, and care options during the drop-in hours. A Case Manager is also available by appointment. Cantonese/Mandarin available at Wednesday morning drop-in, or by appointment.

### Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, March 10, 3 - 4:30 pm

Provides a safe place for family caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. Join our circle of support.

### Notary Service

The senior center is now offering Notary Service. The cost is \$5 per signature. Please call 408.777.3157 to make an appointment.

## 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 1 & 4

**Gerontology: Stories Unfolding** – a new realm of gerontology.

March 7, 8 & 11

**Necklace: The Birth of a Musical** – How do you create and produce a new musical? Two seniors tell us how they did it.

March 14, 15 & 18

**Being Irish** – To celebrate St. Patrick's Day Week hear three local Irishmen discuss what it means to be Irish. Also hear about the book "The Definitive St. Patrick's Day Festivity Book.

March 21, 22 & 25

**Public Safety and Crime Prevention** – A Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriff shares crime prevention tips and strategies.

March 28 & 29, April 1

**A Young Woman's Voice for Autism** – April is Autism Awareness Month. A young author with autism speaks up for her specific needs.



Submission deadline for the April edition is March 2.



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