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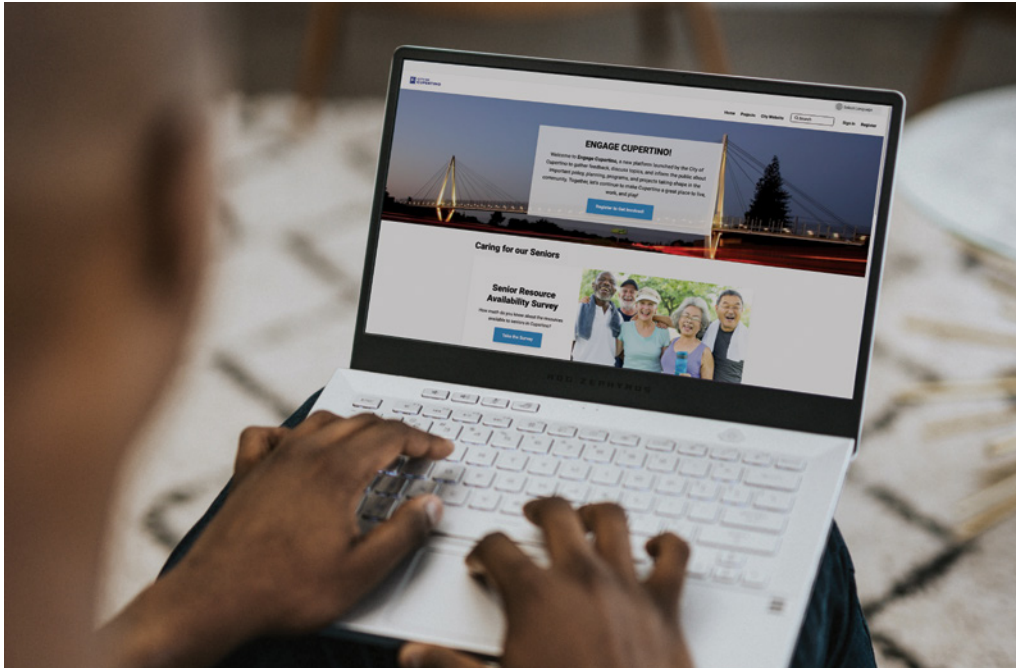
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Engage Cupertino: Get Involved with Your City

Engage Cupertino is a new platform by the City of Cupertino to gather feedback, discuss topics, and inform the public about important policy, planning, programs, and projects taking shape in the community. You can register for an account with an email address to sign up for updates or share your input for any ongoing projects.

Current Projects

Housing Element Update: Learn about and be a part of the City's work on housing, and help guide decision makers on the direction of future housing. You can read more about the Housing Element Update on page four or visit engagecupertino.org/housingelement.

City Work Program: This guides some of the major efforts of the City for the upcoming fiscal year, and ensures that staff efforts are aligned with the goals set by the Mayor and City Council, and thus, the community. Learn more at engagecupertino.org/cityworkprogram.

Lawrence-Mitty Park and Trail Master Plan: The City acquired the 7.83-acre site known as Lawrence-Mitty and intends to develop this site as a park that will include an extension of the San Thomas Aquino-Saratoga Creek Trail. Learn more at engagecupertino.org/lawrencemitty.

Local Road Safety Plan: Help make Cupertino's roads safer! Read more about the Local Road Safety plan on page four or visit engagecupertino.org/lrsp.

Single-Use Plastics: The City would like to reduce the unnecessary use of single-use disposable plastic food service ware, such as cups, utensils, and containers. You can read more about it on page eight. Help us understand the community's values and needs by sharing your feedback at engagecupertino.org/single-use-plastics.

Climate Action Plan Update: The Climate Action Plan is designed to be a blueprint of our community's response to the challenges posed by climate change, recognizing our responsibility as an emissions generator and as a guardian of our locality and all its members. Help us form the blueprint at engagecupertino.org/climate-action.

Together, let's continue to make Cupertino
a great place to live, work, and play!

Register and get involved at engagecupertino.org.



Local Road Safety Plan

Make Your Voice Heard

The City of Cupertino is developing a Local Road Safety Plan and we need your help!

A Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) is a data-driven plan for local roadway safety improvements and is an opportunity to address unique safety needs in Cupertino. The LRSP will identify safety patterns throughout the city. The plan will use data-driven collision analysis of local roadways to identify transportation safety improvement needs including pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety improvements. The LRSP will also result in a toolbox of countermeasures to address the safety patterns as well as proposed projects to improve safety at key locations. Stakeholders and input from community members will also play a key role in the LRSP's development process and implementation.

Please report areas of concerns, provide feedback, and help make our roadways safer by visiting engagecupertino.org/lrsp

Help Shape the Future of Housing in Cupertino

The wheels of Cupertino's 6th Cycle Housing Element Update (2023-2031) keep turning! During the January and February Planning Commission meetings staff, commissioners, and the public had long and productive dialogue regarding the Sites Selection Inventory process. The Sites Selection Inventory process is the key next step in the Housing Element Update that will establish the properties that can accommodate Cupertino's future housing needs.

As part of its efforts to engage the public throughout this Update, the City would like to remind the public about the Housing Element webpage on the City's Engagement HQ website at engagecupertino.org/housingelement.

The page will soon be updated to allow users to engage with the sites inventory process. You can view each site individually via Google Maps and input which type of housing you believe would work best for the area. Additionally, you can subscribe to the Engagement HQ website for updates and visit the webpage frequently to engage in the process, provide feedback, find key documents, see upcoming meeting dates and times, and learn other information.

City Council will be considering the Housing Element Update on **Tuesday, March 1** and **Tuesday, March 15**.

Lastly, the City would like to invite interested Cupertino property owners to consider completing the Property Owners Form, which can be found under "Forms" on the Housing Element webpage. The City would love to hear from property owners who may be interested in future housing development. For those that complete the form, the City may reach out for further information, if necessary.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Cupertino community and creating a successful 6th Cycle Housing Element Update with an approach that aligns with our community's goals, values, vision, and priorities.

Visit the Housing Element webpage at engagecupertino.org/housingelement.





March is Youth Arts Month

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WHEREAS, The City of Cupertino is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success in the 21st century and allowing youth to develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community;

WHEREAS, Along with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, we share the vision of ensuring that students have access to a high-quality arts education that is culturally relevant and inclusive in all forms as part of a comprehensive education that sparks curiosity, imagination, creativity, and joy;

WHEREAS, The month of March is recognized as Youth Art Month in the State of California, and is an annual celebration to emphasize the value of art education for all children while encouraging support for art programs in schools;

WHEREAS, Arts-learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, and collaboration, and are traits required for post-secondary and workplace success;

WHEREAS, Each March, art education is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities to grow support, understanding, and interest in art education.

THEREFORE, The Cupertino City Council does hereby proclaim and recognize the month of March as

Youth Arts Month

to support, encourage, and advocate for art education in our local classrooms and celebrate students' creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression.

Distinguished and Emerging Artists

The City of Cupertino's Fine Arts Commission has a mission to foster and encourage artistic expression and achievement in the fields of visual, verbal, and performing arts while preserving and advancing the arts for the benefit of the citizens of Cupertino. Each year, the Commission presents awards to deserving artists in recognition of local talent in these fields.

Emerging Artists

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

Aarav Kunger – Emerging Artist, Gold Winner

Aarav attends Cupertino High School. He was one of the youngest members to join the elite a cappella choir. Aarav was involved in the Singing for Smiles program, performing to bring smiles to seniors. He also created a prototype for a smart shoe to ease life for the visually impaired.

Apoorva Talwalkar – Emerging Artist, Gold Winner

Apoorva attends Saratoga High School. As an artist, Apoorva finds joy in making everyday objects look special. She is an athletic fencer and uses her experiences in her art. She enjoys bringing the unique perspective of student-athlete-artist to her work.

Eric Yoon – Emerging Artist, Platinum Award

Eric creates art based on events that occur around the world. Inspired by the news and personal experiences, Eric hopes to provoke viewers to consider some of the serious issues our world is currently facing. His goal is to raise awareness through his art.



Photo of Aarav Kunger



Art by Apoorva Talwalkar



Art by Eric Yoon

Distinguished Artists

The Distinguished Artist Award Recognizes established artists having a substantial body of work that display merit and excellence, as well as a history of contributions to their artistic field and the community. Prior winners of the Distinguished Artist Award have taught art classes, participated in shows or performances, and won awards for their work.

Kalpana Adesara – Distinguished Artist Award Winner:

Kalpana has been an active member of Fine Arts League of Cupertino (FALC) and currently serves as the co-publicity chair. Knowing how important art was to her personal development, Kalpana made it a point to share her learnings with others in her community. Kalpana became an avid teacher who teaches at institutions (Cupertino Union School District) but she also runs her own individual art studio to teach youth. She also serves as a volunteer art teacher for many organizations.

Kalpana means imagination and creativity; however, she believes that these qualities are not only applicable in what someone creates, but they also apply to how one uses their abilities. Kalpana has created many pieces of art that one may deem beautiful but, at the end of the day, the service, volunteering, and positive changes she's created in the community around her because of her art are the true testament to her imaginative and creative ability. An artist may be able to create the most brilliant artwork, but not all artists have the innate creativity to create change. That's what makes Kalpana unique.



Indian Heritage by Kalpana Adesara



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Young Artist Awards

The Young Artist Awards are given to deserving young artists in recognition of local achievements in the visual arts. The primary criteria for the award are how effective and creatively the applicant communicated the contest theme.

Young artists were asked to dream of the future with the theme "Your Dreams for the Future." Through their artwork, these artists have reflected on the dreams they have for their future.



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- A Audrey Lin, Age 10 – Young Artist Group A, Silver Winner
- B Sanvika Mishra, Age 10 – Young Artist Group A, Gold Winner
- C Ivy Ma, Age 8 – Young Artist Group A, Platinum Winner
- D Sawa Ono, Age 13 – Young Artist Group B, Silver Winner
- E Nishanth Joshi, Age 14 – Young Artist Group B, Gold Winner
- F Chloe Yoon, Age 14 – Young Artist Group B, Platinum Winner



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New!

More Access to Free Compost for Cupertino Residents

Starting on Monday, March 21 Cupertino residents will be able to pick up free compost from the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. This new trial agreement runs through September 2023 and will allow access to compost during the SMaRT Station's normal hours of operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week.

Cupertino residents will need to show proof of residency, must provide their own shovels and containers, and are limited to 96 gallons of compost per week. No appointment is needed. The agreement is for compost only – **do not bring items for disposal.**

Cupertino's regular compost giveaway site at the Stevens Creek Quarry will operate as usual from the end of March through the end of October on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon.

Providing more access to compost helps Cupertino meet requirements under the State law SB 1383, California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy. Learn more about this bold new State law at cupertino.org/sb1383.

The SMaRT Station is located at 301 Carl Road in Sunnyvale. Note: this service is for residents only, not for commercial use.

For more information, visit cupertino.org/compost.



Rethinking (and Reducing) Single-Use Disposable Plastic

Cupertino City Council will soon be considering a draft ordinance designed to reduce the use of single-use disposable plastic cups, utensils, and containers by restaurants. The first phase mirrors State law AB 1276 and requires that accessories such as utensils, chopsticks, and condiment cups be provided only upon request by customers. AB 1276 goes into effect on Wednesday, June 1. The second phase of the draft ordinance could go into effect one year later in June 2023 and includes:

1. Requires single-use food ware to be fiber-based and compostable or entirely made of recyclable aluminum (no plastics or bio-plastics)
2. Requires reusable food ware for dining on site
3. Requires a charge of \$0.25 (to be kept by the business) for single-use beverage cups and food containers
4. Prohibits the sale of plastic and bio-plastic foodware and foam packing materials

There is still time to have your opinion heard! Public comment is welcome at any of the following upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, March 1 - City Council Study Session
- Tuesday, April 5 - City Council First Reading
- Tuesday, April 19 - City Council Second Reading

For more information, please visit: engagecupertino.org/single-use-plastics or email environmental@cupertino.org.



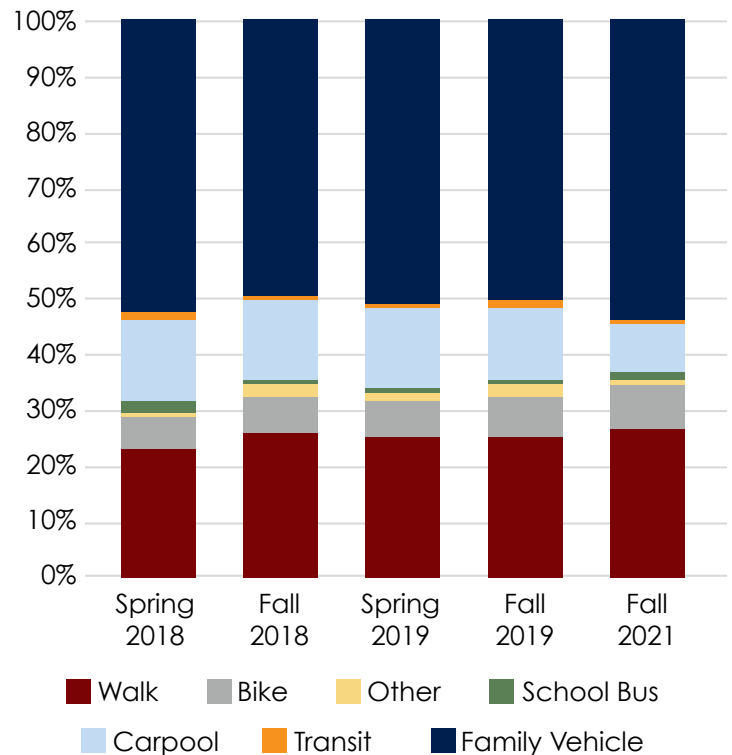
How Students Get to School in Cupertino

Cupertino Safe Routes to School (SR2S) is a partnership program between the City and community partners, who collaborate to advance the program’s mission: to create a safer environment for students and families in Cupertino to travel to and from school actively. The City works with public K-12 schools within Cupertino each year to collect data on how students are getting to school. The dark blue bar in the graph to the right represents students driving with only their own family in their car. All the other colors represent what we call “alternative transportation.” This includes active and shared modes of travel: walking, biking, carpooling, and transit. One of our main programmatic goals is to help increase the number of students using alternative transportation.

This annual data collection was paused when schools were virtual due to COVID-19 and continued once students went back into the classrooms this school year. The summary: Students aren’t carpooling as much as they did before the start of the pandemic, but they are still walking and biking. In fact, the active transportation rate—which includes the Walk, Bike, and Other categories—is two percent higher than in 2019, pre-pandemic. We’re happy to see that more students are opting to enjoy an active start to their days.

Read the full report at cupertino.org/saferoutes/data.

How Students Get to School



Close Contact: What to Do When Exposed to COVID-19

It is important to take every precaution necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you find out you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, here’s what you should do:

If you have symptoms or test positive, regardless of vaccination status, follow the Isolation Guidance linked at the bottom of the page.

If you come into close contact and are unvaccinated or vaccinated and booster-eligible but have not yet received your booster:

- Quarantine (stay home) for at least five days. Count from the day you were last exposed.
- Get tested immediately to see if you need to isolate. Get tested again on day five.
- Ask your employer if you need to follow other steps. Employers can get help at sccsafeworkplace.org.

You can end quarantine after day five if you feel well and a test collected on day five or later is negative. Continue to watch for symptoms through day 10.

If you come into close contact and are boosted or vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible, you do not need to quarantine but you should still:

- Get tested immediately to see if you need to isolate. Get tested again on day five.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others (even at home) for 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- If you test positive, follow isolation recommendations.
- If symptoms develop, get tested right away and stay home while awaiting results.

For information and isolation support services, visit sccstayhome.org.

The Spring 2022 Recreation Schedule is back in print!

Virtual program offerings available



Register for an activity today

cupertino.org/recreation

Cupertino Sports Center

Get a jump start on your 2022 fitness goal by becoming a member of the Cupertino Sports Center, a 25,000+ square foot multipurpose facility. The Cupertino Sports Center features 17 tennis courts, a fitness center with strength training and cardio equipment, free weights, two racquetball courts, indoor and outdoor sports courts, and a complete locker room.

Additionally, the Sports Center offers free fitness classes with a membership, personal training, youth camps, and group and private tennis lessons.

Become a member for as low as \$33/month. Come in or call the Sports Center at (408) 777-3160 and become a member today!



Cupertino Sports Center

An inclusive facility featuring:

- Fitness Classes
- Racquetball
- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Pickleball
- Tennis
- Gym

Become a member for as low as **\$33/mo.**



Annual memberships as low as \$33/mo

No enrollment or initiation fees.

Come in or call **(408) 777-3160** and become a member today!



Blackberry Farm Golf Course

Blackberry Farm Golf Course is open. Daily tee times are between sunrise to one and a half hours before sunset.

Book a Tee Time: Tee times can be reserved any time online at blackberryfarmgolfcourse.com or during business hours by phone (408) 253-9200.

Blackberry Farm Golf Course follows guidance from the State of California and County of Santa Clara regarding operating procedures and requirements.



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City Clerk.....	(408) 777-3223 CityClerk@Cupertino.org
City Manager	(408) 777-3212 Manager@Cupertino.org
Code Enforcement.....	(408) 777-3182 Code@Cupertino.org
Planning Department	(408) 777-3308 Planning@Cupertino.org
Recreation	(408) 777-3120 Recreation@Cupertino.org
Senior Center.....	(408) 777-3150 SeniorCntr@Cupertino.org
Sports Center.....	(408) 777-3160 Recreation@Cupertino.org
Street Light Maint.	(408) 777-3342 StreetDivision@Cupertino.org
Street Sweeping	(408) 777-3269 Public_Works@Cupertino.org
Tree Maint.	(408) 777-3410 Public_Works@Cupertino.org

Other Agencies

Organization	Phone Number
Animal Control	(408) 794-7297
AT&T	(800) 331-0500
California Water Service.....	(650) 917-0152
Chamber of Commerce	(408) 252-7054
Comcast	(800) 945-2288
Cupertino Library.....	(408) 540-3947
Cupertino Sanitary District.....	(408) 253-7071
Cupertino Union School District	(408) 252-3000
Fremont Union High School District	(408) 522-2200
Hazardous Waste Drop-off	(408) 299-7300
PG&E.....	(800) 743-5000
Project Sentinel (Landlord/Tenant Issues).....	(408) 720-9888
Recology (Garbage & Recycling)	(408) 725-4020
San Jose Water Company	(408) 279-7900
Santa Clara Registrar of Voters.....	(408) 299-6863
VTA (Transportation Authority)	(408) 321-2300
Vector Control, Santa Clara County	(408) 918-4770

First Responders

Emergency Calls.....	911 or (408) 299-3233 (Police, Fire, Medical)
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office	(408) 299-2311 (Non-Emergency)
Santa Clara County Fire Department.....	(408) 378-4010 (Non-Emergency)

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Visit: cupertino.org/cupertino311 or call (408) 777-3200.



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