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Recreation Schedule - Spring 2023



The Spring Recreation Schedule is Here!

Activities start Monday, April 3
See the recreation schedule at cupertino.org/recreation.



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Regnart Creek Trail Ribbon Cutting

The City of Cupertino will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of the Regnart Creek Trail on Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will take place next to Cupertino City Hall at the trail entrance on Rodrigues Avenue, near address 20246 Rodrigues Avenue. We invite you to join us in celebrating this new amenity in the City's recreation portfolio, that connects a variety of popular destinations in Cupertino.

The Regnart Creek Trail is one of the trail segments that make up "The Loop," providing cyclists and pedestrians a safe, off-street path that connects Cupertino Civic Center—including City Hall, Community Hall, Cupertino Library, and Library Field—with Wilson Park's sports fields, ceramic studio, future community garden and basketball court (see page 8 for more), as well as Creekside Park's sports fields and play areas. Schools near the trail include Cupertino High School and Eaton Elementary School. Regnart Creek Trail will help alleviate the need for parking at these frequently visited locations.

Last Chance to Nominate for CREST Awards

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in their efforts in volunteering, sustainability, or public safety? Nominations are still being accepted for the 2023 CREST Awards!

There are six categories that you can submit nominations for: Lifetime Achievement, Volunteer of the Year, Organization of the Year, Rising Star, Public Safety Champion, and Sustainability Champion. Award criteria and the nomination form can be found online at the link below.

Submit your nominations by Sunday, March 12 through the online form: cupertino.org/crest





Take Cupertino everywhere you go with our exclusive merchandise on the new Online Cupertino Store! When you show off your City pride by repping the Cupertino logo, you embrace Cupertino's values of sustainability, recreation, and community.



1. Solar Power Bank

Never run out of batteries while sustainably charging up with the power of the sun! This power bank features three solar powers that generate 1.3 watts of power to charge your devices.

2. Bamboo Utensil Set

Say no to plastic and go zero-waste while you enjoy your meal with this reusable utensil set, equipped with a fork, serrated knife, spoon, chopsticks, and a straw with a cleaner brush in a fold-able pouch with a snap closure.

3. Tea & Coffee Mug with Lid

Keep your beverage warm with this stylish Cupertino-branded mug with a wood push-on lid that is spill resistant and features an innovative groove design on the top for holding tea bags.

4. T-shirt

Sport your Cupertino pride in comfort and style with this American Apparel Tri-Blend Crewneck Track T-shirt.

5. Challenge Coin

A Challenge Coin is a treasured keepsake that represents our Cupertino. Featuring the iconic Cupertino landmark, the Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge.

These items plus more are now available, and be sure to check back regularly as new items are continually being added.

How do Students Get to School in Cupertino?

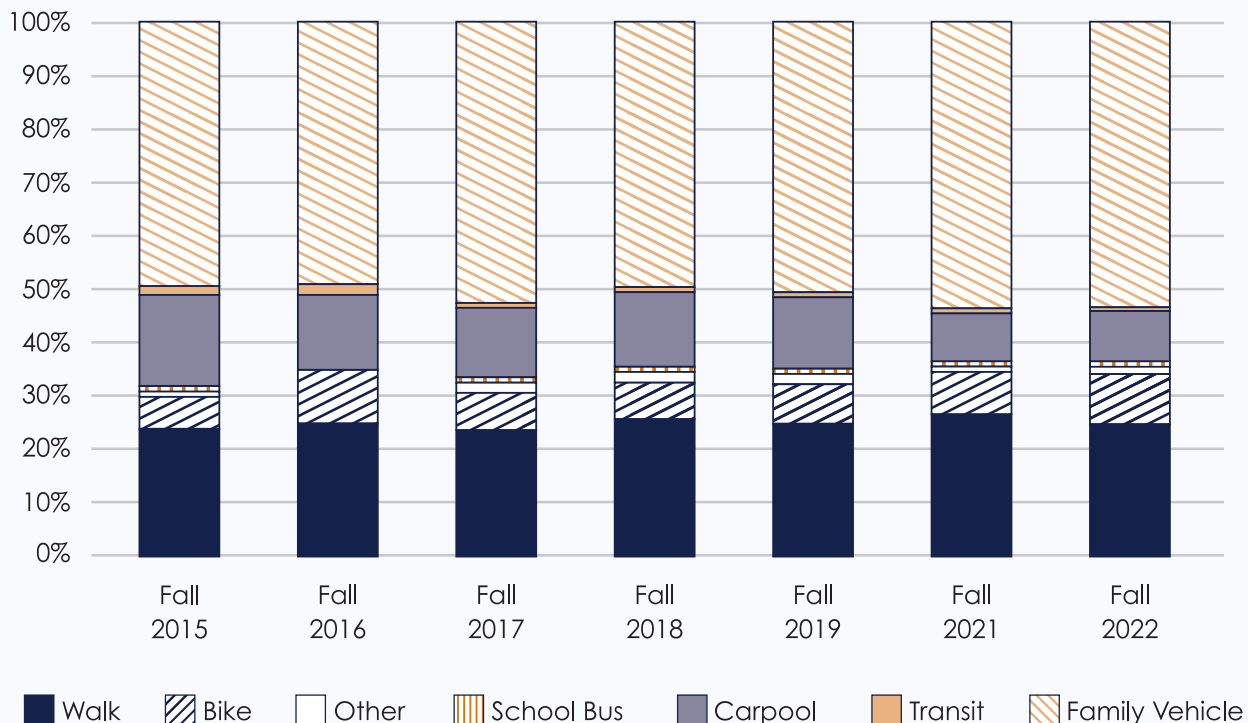
Cupertino Safe Routes to School works with public K-12 schools within the City each year to collect data on how students are getting to school. The survey results are in, and this school year's travel data report is published.

The orange striped bar in the graph represents "single family vehicles," or 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 the main programmatic goals of Cupertino Safe Routes to School is to help increase the number of students using alternative transportation.

Every student who tries a new way to travel to school is one less car on the road—which means a faster, safer commute for everyone.

Now that schools and many offices are back in person, life and commutes are slowly getting back to normal. According to the data, families are starting to carpool again, and more students are biking. Unfortunately, fewer students are walking than last year, possibly because more parents are back in the office, and they are dropping their students off on their way to work. The Cupertino Safe Routes to School team will continue to work with schools to encourage families to walk to school, which is a great way to jump start a healthy new day.

Breakdown of how students get to school 2015-2022



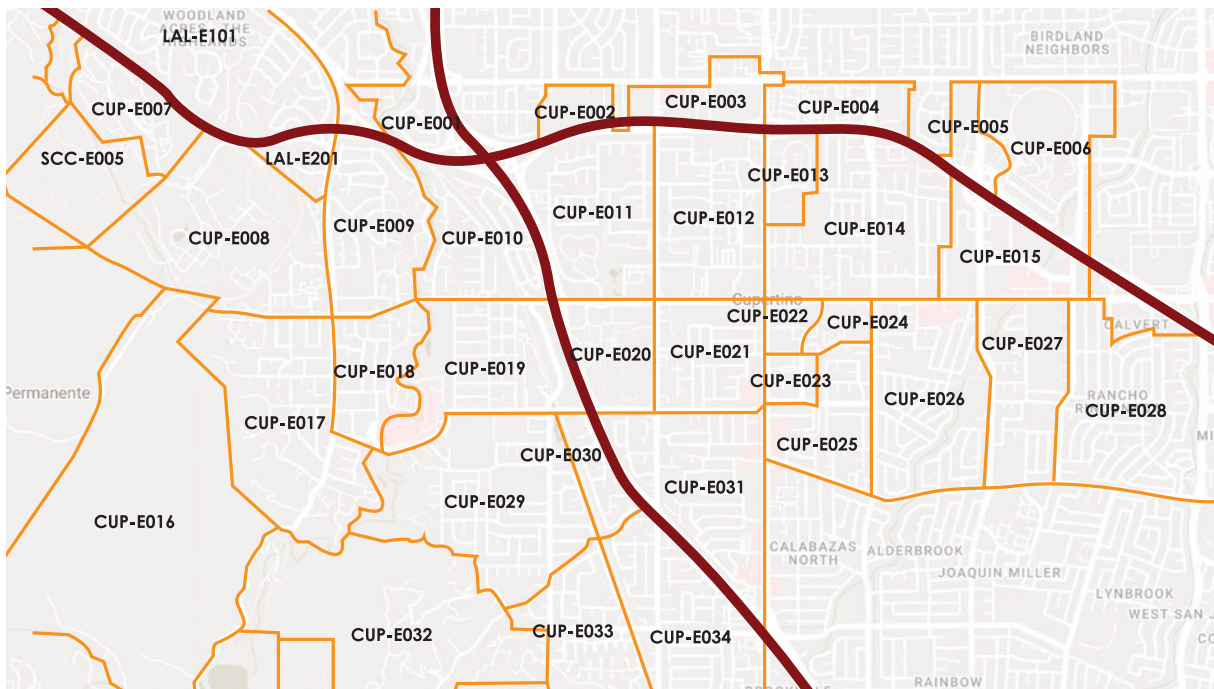
Evacuation Planning in Cupertino



The “pineapple express” weather patterns impacting California during the first three weeks of January highlight the importance of emergency preparedness for our community.

Here's how Cupertino's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) developed an all-hazards evacuation planning map for the entire City as one critical step toward community preparedness.

1. Evacuation zones and the development of Evacuation Routes with Public Safety Partners



Cupertino Evacuation Zones

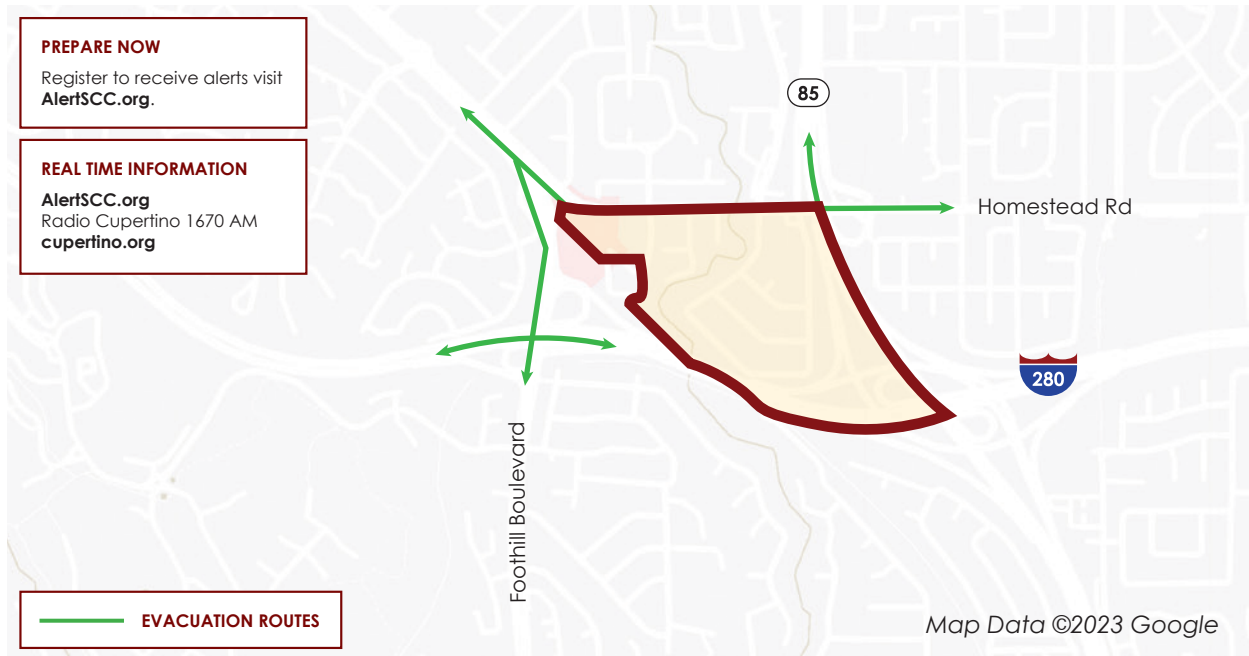
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Together with partner agencies, including the Santa Clara County Fire Department, and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, OEM began working to develop evacuation zones for the City in February 2022. Between March and May, OEM hosted discussions with planning partners focusing on coordination and communication among first responding agencies, which helps develop a standard playbook to coordinate response operations during a disaster.

By June, OEM developed evacuation routes for the 34 zones comprising the City of Cupertino. Considerations included evacuation routes, traffic control points, and temporary evacuation points that may be used as gathering places for evacuees, depending on the situation.

2. Adaptation of evacuation routes into resident evacuation planning maps

**Zone ID: CUP-E001: Know all possible ways out in the event of an evacuation.
Specific routes and evacuation points will be identified after an incident**



Recognizing that the community plays a critical role in preparing for emergencies, the City began working on resident evacuation planning tools in June 2022. In a joint effort, the City GIS team, OEM, and the Sheriff's Office worked to build a series of maps that residents could access through the City website to increase preparedness before a disaster.

3. Outreach and public engagement

During National Preparedness Month in September 2022, the revised evacuation planning maps were made available on the City website through the OEM evacuation planning page and on the City ServiceFinder page under the Hazard Awareness tab.

The Cupertino Citizen Corps, resident volunteer responders, provided initial feedback and recommendations on the maps, routes, and accessibility. In public engagement opportunities, OEM shared evacuation planning maps during the annual Public Safety Forum. OEM continues documenting all feedback received and sharing the results through the website.



Next steps: The City needs your help. As we look into the future, we will continue to ensure that the evacuation planning maps and the City Emergency Operations Plan fit the community's needs. Considering resident feedback, OEM plans to maintain and update the resident maps at least annually. You can give your feedback by scanning the QR code and taking the survey. If you have questions or concerns about these maps or other resources available through the City Office of Emergency Management, please email us at oes@cupertino.org.

Construction at Wilson Park

More recreation opportunities are on their way to Wilson Park! Two Capital Improvement Program projects will be under construction soon—a full-size basketball court and a community garden. The full-size outdoor basketball court will be built to activate an under-utilized open space located south of the play structure in the park, and have a footprint of approximately 5,600 square feet.

The community garden will have a footprint of approximately 2,500 square feet and be located just to the north the Wilson Park Restrooms, near the intersection of South Portal Avenue and Wintergreen Drive. The garden will contain approximately 15 garden beds and include beds designed for those with disabilities.



Construction hours are:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Possible weekend work will be limited to:

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



For more information and updates on the basketball court, please go to cupertino.org/wilsonbasketball or scan the QR code



For more information and updates on the community garden, please go to cupertino.org/wilsongarden or scan this QR Code



TRUCK FIRES: A BURNING ISSUE

Mismanaged hazardous waste can cause fires which results in trash truck damage, service delays, and safety risks to both staff and residents.

Lithium-ion batteries (found in our cell phones, computers, vacuums, cameras, electric toothbrushes, and in almost all our small rechargeable devices) and other hazardous waste are the cause of an increasing number of fires for waste collection trucks and facilities. In 2022, there were over 120 waste truck fires in California and 65% of them were reported to be from improper disposal of household hazardous waste, specifically home batteries. Last year, Recology had two truck fire incidents from improper disposal of battery-containing items collected in Cupertino. These incidents were thankfully resolved without injury.

When thrown in the garbage, recycle, or organics bin, these items can start a fire inside the truck and pose a serious threat to the truck driver and waste management staff. Although the drivers are trained in emergency response, these situations are avoidable.

Please do your part and keep batteries and other flammable items out of the waste stream. Instead, dispose of them safely using the following resources.

Batteries and CFLs can be placed in a sealed, clear plastic bag beside your recycling cart on your collection day. First, tape both battery terminals using masking, electrical, or duct tape to reduce fire risk. These items can also be recycled at Environmental Recycling and Shredding events, view cupertino.org/environmentalday to learn more.

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

Paints, medication, and medical sharps can be returned to a participating location. Find the location near you at paintcare.org or med-project.org.

Chemicals, cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, paints, and other hazardous waste can be dropped off at the County's Household Hazardous Waste program. Call (408) 299-7300 or visit hhw.org to schedule an appointment.

Visit cupertino.org/hhw to learn more about hazardous waste disposal options for Cupertino Residents.



Artist Awards 2022 Winners Ceremony

The City of Cupertino's Arts and Culture Commission aims 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.

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.

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, and effective use of media and tools to create a work of personal expression.

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 Vision for the Future of Cupertino." Through their artwork, these artists have reflected on their dreams for the city's future.

Artist submissions were evaluated in a public Arts and Culture Commission meeting on January 23, 2023. Winners will be presented their awards at the March Arts and Culture Commission meeting at Quinlan Community Center.



Cupertino Preschool Registration

REGISTER NOW!

At Cupertino Preschool, we look forward to guiding your child through the various stage of preschool development. Our teachers understand the importance of academics and play, implementing both of these cornerstones to create the ideal environment for your child.

Registration for 2023-2024 school is open. To register or for more program information, visit cupertino.org/preschool.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Wafu Ikebana 50th Anniversary Flower Show

Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
Nearly 100 ikebana floral artists will be presenting the Wafu Ikebana 50th Anniversary Flower Show on March 4 and 5. The show's theme, "Sounds of Spring" evokes pleasant memories along with the feelings of renewal and energy. More information at wafu-ikebana.org.



Summer Job Fair

Saturday, March 25
1 to 4 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
The City is looking for enthusiastic part-time employees to join our team! Learn about the fun summer jobs the City has to offer. To apply for a summer job, visit cupertino.org/jobs.



Baer Blacksmith Shop Demonstration

Saturday, March 25
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Baer Blacksmith Shop at McClellan Ranch Preserve
Learn about early Cupertino history and the craft of blacksmithing. The forge will be fired up and blacksmithing demonstrations are offered on these days.



Big Bunny 5K

Saturday, April 8
8:30 a.m. | 5K Race
9:30 a.m. | Kids Fun Run
Cupertino Civic Center
Run, walk, or hop to the Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run – this is an event you won't want to miss! Kids aged 7 and younger will have a blast on a special course built just for them at the Kids Fun Run. For more information and to register, visit cupertino.org/bigbunny5k.



Summer Camps

Registration has begun!

June 12 - August 18

Start planning your child's summer today!
Camps start June 12 and run through August
18. See the City's summer camp schedule at
cupertino.org/camps.



SENIOR EVENTS



Closing the Gap: An Intergenerational Mixer

Monday, March 13

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cupertino Senior Center

A day of workshops and activities for senior citizens and teens. This is a free event, but registration is required.

To register, visit reg4rec.org and use code 21071 or call (408) 777-3150.



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Business License.....	(408) 777-3221 BL@Cupertino.org
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 Senior_Center@Cupertino.org
Sports Center.....	(408) 777-3160 Recreation@Cupertino.org
Street Light Maint.	(408) 777-3342 StreetDivision@Cupertino.org
Street Sweeping	(408) 777-3269 Engineering@Cupertino.org
Tree Maint.	(408) 777-3410 Engineering@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)

Need to report an issue or have a City-related question?
Visit: cupertino.org/cupertino311 or call (408) 777-3200.



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