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 ${f 5}$ ummertime is a wonderful time in Cupertino. The warm weather, beautiful parks, and entertaining events are a great reminder on why it's so delightful to live, work, and play in this community.

The City's Recreation and Community Services Department has spent decades refining its summer event offerings. Although they do an amazing job each year, staff members continually tinker and add to the events to make them that much more special. And this year is no different.

The Recreation Department will expand on its ever-popular summer events. This summer will include a full schedule of outdoor concerts, Eduring the Cinema at Sundown E



MANAGING THE MESSAGE

This year's offerings differ from previous years in that events will expand into neighborhoods and local parks. New sites will include the Civic Center Plaza, Jollyman Park, Creekside Park, and Main Street Park.

Everything will kick off with the first Summer Concert Series—featuring the Cupertino Symphonic Band—on Thursday, June 7 at the amphitheater at Memorial Park. The concert series will be held every Thursday between June 7 and July 12. Residents will notice a difference this year as the Recreation Department will be unveiling a new sound system for better sound quality.

Sparks will fly on July 4 as the City will be bring back the fireworks show during its annual Independence Day Celebration. And that's just how the day will end. Other events that day include a pancake breakfast, children's carnival, flag raising, children's parade, and concert.

The City is also upgrading its outdoor movie screen and projection system to ensure an even better experience

movies, and free fitness activities. Concert Series. This year's movies include the live-action version of Beauty and the Beast, the Academy Award-winning Pixar film Coco, and fan favorite Wonder Woman.

> The goal, as always, is to offer residents a stress-free environment where they can relax and have fun while hanging out with family, friends, and neighbors. To that extent, the City will be partnering with neighborhood leaders and local nonprofits to help organize and host these events. These partnerships will continue to build our community connections.

We fully expect that these new events and upgraded equipment will enhance the quality of City-hosted events our residents have come to expect. For more information on all this summer's offerings, visit Cupertino.org/events.

I'll see you out there.

David Brandt City Manager

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

WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST MONTH?

Big Bunny 5K / Fun Run

On Saturday, March 31 the City of Cupertino held the 36th annual Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run at the Cupertino Civic Center. More than 1,000 participants, ages 3 months to 93 years, took part in either the 5K race or Kids Fun Run. The fun, family-oriented event has become a tradition in many households and promotes a positive, healthy, connected community. The Big Bunny event raised \$5,200 for the non-profit charity: water (charitywater.org) to support clean water projects in the developing world. Since 2012, this event has raised over \$25,000, supporting over 10





Veranda Groundbreaking The City of Cupertino is proud to have participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for The Veranda Senior

Housing Development on April 19. The Veranda will feature 18 age-restricted units for extremely-low and very-low income senior citizens 62 and older. It will be a place where seniors can move into a mixed-use neighborhood where they can live, work, and play.



<hack> Cupertino

From April 14-15, the Recreation & Community Services Department in partnership with the Cupertino Teen Commission organized the second annual <hack> Cupertino, a 13-hour overnight hackathon for young innovators, aspiring engineers, and developers to bring their ideas to fruition. This year's participants were tasked with designing a website, software, or application that would address teen stress. Onehundred and twenty local teens coded throughout the night to come up with a creative solution to this growing problem while enjoying tech workshops and recreation activities such as sleep-deprived Rubik's cube competition and ping pong tournaments.



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Summertime Opportunities

Summertime is almost upon us. That means beach days, pool parties, and outdoor movie nights. It also means job opportunities are up for grabs for our Cupertino teens and college students.

Each year, the City of Cupertino hires enthusiastic, fun, and hardworking students to join the City's summer programs as recreation leaders, staff assistants, swim instructors, customer service attendants, and more.



These are more than jobs, they're an opportunity to have an active role in their community, seize leadership opportunities, learn valuable skills, build lifelong relationships, and work outdoors.

One job opportunity is to become a camp counselor. Our recreation leaders are responsible for planning, organizing, and leading a variety of recreation activities. Typical activities include, but are not limited to, arts, crafts, sports, games, and trips.

Another great opportunity to make a difference is to teach swim lessons as a swim instructor. Our swim instructors / lifeguards conduct swim classes for various ages and skill levels, maintain constant and active surveillance of patrons at the facility, present a professional appearance and attitude at all times, and enforce policies, rules, and regulations.

Summertime doesn't have to mean lying on the couch and staring into a smartphone. It can be a time for learning, growing, and having fun.

For more information, visit cupertino.org/jobs.





CUPERTINO RECOGNIZES EXTRA STEPS TAKEN

For more than 30 years, the City of Cupertino has recognized its outstanding community volunteers with an awards program. Hundreds of residents and community organizations have been honored with the award, now known as the CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Awards.

Unfortunately, over the last five to 10 years, fewer and fewer applications have been turned in. So the pool of applications has shrunk. The City decided to turn this circumstance into an opportunity to look at how best to use the CREST Awards program to better reflect the Cupertino community. After some internal deliberation, the City decided on seven new categories (four volunteer and three distinct awards).

The four volunteer categories are as follow: Lifetime Achievement, Individual of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Rising Star. The three distinct categories included: Innovator of the Year, Public Safety Champion, and Sustainability Champion.

And the winners of the 2018 CREST Awards are...

Lifetime Achievement Award

Alysa Sakkas might be best known in recent years as a volunteer for the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities organization. But she has also volunteered for the Rolling Hills 4H Club and numerous schools. Alysa has received the Presidential Community Service Award every year since the program began under former President George W. Bush. In 2014, former President Barack Obama presented her with the prestigious President's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Individual of the Year

Larry Dean is a longtime Cupertino resident who is one of the cofounders of the volunteer organization Walk Bike Cupertino (est. 2014), a group with a simple mission to make Cupertino a better place to walk and bike. Since the beginning, Larry has been researching, developing, and acting on how to make walking



and biking safer in and more convenient for the community. He has encouraged City Officials and staff to prioritize and fund infrastructure improvements in the City that provide ease of access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Organization of the Year

inAtalent is a 501c3 organization has been serving seniors, those in assisted living, seniors with memory care, and rehab center residents with entertainment. The mission of inAtalent is to bring joy to these communities by utilizing talents of volunteers. Some of the shows have included Bollywood dancing, Indian Classical Dancing, music, and singing.

Rising Star

Sarang Deshpande, a sophomore at Monta Vista High School, contacted then Mayor Savita Vaidhyanathan to offer volunteer services to the City. As a result, Sarang provided staff support to the Mayor during the City's 4th of July festivities, including ensuring he was on time at all of his scheduled appearances and posting on social media. Sarang later volunteered in our Recreation and Community Services Department on a Teen Center Outreach Plan. Recently, Sarang approached the Cupertino Teen Commission as a co-founder of Budding Leaders, an organization designed to offer free leadership workshops for youth. The organization was created to help youth develop social, communication, and leadership skills necessary for life.

Innovator of the Year

Bob Zeidman is a 25-year Cupertino resident. Bob invented the computer science field of Software Forensics, having developed the algorithms and technology behind software correlation and the procedures for identifying copied software code. Bob was named the 2010 and 2015 Outstanding Engineer in a Specialized Field from IEEE for "Innovative Contributions in the Area of Forensic Software Analysis.

Public Safety Champion of the Year

Deputy Jonathon Lau joined the Sheriff's Office in April of 2014. He worked in the Courts Division until he was selected to work at the West Valley Patrol Division in 2017. In 2017, Deputy Lau was credited for helping in the arrest of numerous suspects involved in residential and vehicle burglaries. Deputy Lau shows up each and every day to serve the people of this community. During every interaction with the public Deputy Lau strives to serve as a role model for others within the agency to follow.

Sustainability Champion of the Year

Kristin Jensen Sullivan was an environmental studies instructor at De Anza College for 21 years before retiring in mid-2017. During her tenure at De Anza College, Kristin motivated and inspired hundreds of students and community members to get involved in climate protection and environmental justice issues. The City of Cupertino's Sustainability staff had the opportunity to work with many of Kristin's environmental studies students to certify 15 De Anza College departments as certified green businesses and conduct visual trash audits to protect creeks from litter. Kristin's leadership also led to meaningful reductions in water use, energy use, and waste at the college.



The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit cupertino.org/crest.







Moving Forward with the Vallco Specific Plan

he City of Cupertino and Opticos moved forward with the Vallco Specific Plan process in April, hosting the first charrette on Monday, April 9 that lasted the entire week. The majority of the people who attended the events were Cupertino residents. Each day drew a range of 25 to 75 people for various events throughout the day.

The City's Emergency Operations Center room, better known as the EOC, was transformed for one week into a functioning open studio. The open studio included work space for the architects and urban designers to illustrate and draft the first iteration of plans. The studio space included a model of the existing mall, blocks to represent potential new building layouts, and poster boards with concepts and ideas for public comments. The ideas and concepts from each day were posted to the project website at envisionvallco.org. Community members, the vast majority being Cupertino residents, visited the studio in open house-style space at their convenience throughout the day.

Brown bag lunches covered topics of transportation, economics, and form-based codes. Informal presentations allowed mid-point review of draft concepts and discussions. At the closing presentation, work-in-progress site plans, programming, and illustratives were presented of a mix of office, retail, civic space, and residential units. The plan area also allows hotel use, but the final mixes will continued to be explored

further and refined through to the next charrette in May, before being presented at public hearing. Likewise, the appropriate amount of park land is also being explored.

The reaction to the charrette's results were both positive and negative. Either way, the dialogue is welcomed and encouraged. Draft concepts have been posted to envisionvallco.org. The City and Opticos invites additional comments and engagement at the next charrette beginning on Sunday, May 20 and ending on Thursday, May 24.



GET IN THE CUPERTI-know

What's going on around town?

Preschool Adventures Camp

Crafts, songs, cooking, games, field trips, and more!

Weekly: June 11 - August 10

reg4rec.org



Summer Concert Series

Seven weeks / Seven bands
Memorial Park Amphitheater
Cupertino.org/events

Camp Cupertino

Make sure your children stay active and keep learning

For 6 – 13 year olds

reg4rec.org





Vallco <u>Charrette</u> Part II

Presentations, Open Studios, Brown Bag Lunches

Cupertino City Hall: May 20-24

Envisionvallco.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TEENS

Star Wars Day

Friday, May 4, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd All 6 – 12th graders are welcome at the teen center for a Star Wars movie marathon and Star Wars themed treats.

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Cinco De Mayo

Saturday, May 5, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd The Teen Center will be having a fiesta to celebrate Cinco De Mayo! Stop by for a build-your-own taco bar, Jarritos, chips/salsa/guac, and a piñata!

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Mother's Day

Saturday, May 12, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd Need a last minute gift for mom? Come to the Teen Center and craft some gifts! They will be providing stationary, colored paper, markers, cut-out flowers/hearts, stickers, etc.

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Staff Learning Day

Friday, May 18, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd The Teen Center will have extended hours since kids are out of school. Stop by for some fun activities!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

2018 Cupertino Volunteer Fair

Saturday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Civic Center Plaza, 10350 Torre Avenue Seeking volunteer opportunities? Attend the Cupertino Volunteer Fair and find the right volunteer match! With over 40 different organizations attending, performances, and art shows. Visit cupertino.org/volunteerfair for a list of organizations.

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National River Cleanup Day

Sat., May 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help pick-up litter from local waterways. Come join the fun and bring a friend or two! For more information and to register, visit cleanacreek.org or contact environmental@cupertino.org.

CREST Awards

Wed., May 30, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue Attend the CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Awards to honor the community members that have been chosen for their exemplary efforts in bettering their community and world around them.

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Queensborough Swim Club Open House

Sunday, June 3, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 1138 Miller Avenue, San Jose 95129 Enjoy free swimming and free ice cream! RSVP appreciated. Email info@ apool.org, phone (408) 446-3921.

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Natural History Book Club

Monday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. Environmental Education Center, 22221 McClellan Road

Join others with an interest in natural history in discussing Coyote America: A Natural and Supernatural History by Dan Flores. Feel free to attend even if you haven't read the book. If you'd like to learn more about the Natural History Book Club, email mcclellan@cupertino.org.

Adults

Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP): The Heart of Innovation Strategy – Community Open House

Monday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Social Room, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road

Cupertino's Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) identifies a series of strategies and actions the City can take to strengthen its competitive advantage and continue Cupertino's identity as a home for innovative businesses and emerging technology entrepreneurs.

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Vallco – What's Next? – A Community Forum

Monday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue Discuss the topics surrounding \$B35 and its impact on Cupertino. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale.

League of Women Voters Election Events

Wed., May 16, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue

> 7:00 p.m.: Santa Clara County Sheriff Candidate Forum

Meet and hear from the candidates for Sheriff. What are their ideas for law enforcement? How do they protect Cupertino? Why are they running for office?

> 8:00 p.m.: Ballot Measures

Learn about the June 2018 ballot measures. There are five state measures and one regional measure. Why are these on the ballot? What are proponents and opponents saying about these measures? (5 state, 1 Bay Area). Who is funding these campaigns?

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Vallco Area Specific Plan Charrette Two: Public Design Workshop

Monday, May 20 – Friday, May 24 10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue & City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue

The May Charrette for the Vallco project is a multi-day opportunity for the Cupertino Community to collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to craft a vision for the Vallco Special Area.

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Free Homeowner Energy Efficiency Workshop

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Quinlan Community Center

Learn how to make your home more comfortable this summer by improving your energy efficiency through Energy Upgrade California® Home Upgrade in the Bay Area. For a limited time, this program offers up to \$5,500 in rebates and incentives for home energy upgrades.

CUPERTINO LIBRARY

For more information on library programs, visit the Events section of the Cupertino Library's website at sccl. org/cupertino.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Children's Garden Open Hours

Every Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Library Courtyard

School age children are invited to participate in different garden activities throughout the season.

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Mandarin/English Bilingual Storytime

Friday, May 4, 11:00 a.m.

Library Story Room

Join us for Mandarin/English Bilingual Storytime! Stories, finger plays, songs and a craft; all ages are welcome.

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Summer Reading Sign Ups

Friday, June 1 – Tuesday, July 31 Reading takes you anywhere! Children are encouraged to sign up for Summer Reading 2018 at Cupertino Library starting June 1. Read, record, win prizes, and join us for fun programs all summer long.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Lunch Hour Language Artists Workshop Series 2: The Art of Recklessness

Thursdays, May 3 & 17, 12:00 p.m. Library Story Room

Join Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick in this free four-part workshop series as we play with risk taking and recklessness in poetry. No previous poetry or writing experience necessary!

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FPA Estate Planning Myths and Realities

Monday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. Library Story Room

This workshop will help attendees understand basic estate planning principles that help protect your family during life changing events.

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Friends of the Cupertino Library Used Book Sale

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 20, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue Do something nice for yourself and something great for the library! Come to the Friends of the Cupertino Library's Used Book Sale to browse gently read titles, including fiction, non-fiction and children's books.

SENIOR CENTER

For more info on the Senior Center, or to sign up for classes or events, visit cupertino.org/senior or stop by 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

EVENTS & SOCIALS

May Birthday Bash

Wednesday, May 2, 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration and a game of Loteria (Bingo) hosted by our staff Rafael! Enjoy pork chili verde stew, refried beans, Mexican rice, cornbread muffins, and tres leches cake. Vegetarian chili verde option available when registering. Members with May birthdays will be honored. Pre-registration is required. Member fee \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Sign up early, space is limited.

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Living the Life of a Service Dog

Saturday, May 26, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Step into the paws of a service dog. Learn about the differences between service dogs, therapy dogs and emotional support animals. Kathy Waddell, Ambassador, from Operation Freedom Paws in Gilroy will be here to present along with her service dog Crystal. Open to the public. Sign up at the lobby table.

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Monthly Movie

Wed., May 30, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Queen (2006) – Following the death of Princess Diana, Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Tony Blair struggle to reach a compromise in how the royal family should publicly respond to the tragedy. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Member's free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS Apple Assistance

Thursday, May 3, 17, 31,

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. By Appointment Receive one-on-one assistance for your iPhone, iPad, MacBook, Apple Watch, and other Apple products so you can realize their full potential! 30 minute appointments are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

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Discover & Go

Wed., May 9, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Presented by the Santa Clara County Library, learn how you can utilize your Santa Clara County Library card to get a free admission pass once a month to more than 50 museums and cultural attractions throughout the greater Bay Area! Popular places include Coit Tower, Asian Art Museum, Conservatory of Flowers and more! Members free, senior guests pay \$5. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

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Overdrive eBooks

Wed., May 23, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Interested in reading eBook and eAudiobooks? Browse our online selection of fiction, non-fiction, bestsellers and other genres. Available to download onto a web browser and your kindle device! Members free, senior guests pay \$5. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

SOCIAL SERVICES Blood Pressure Check

Tues., May 1, 15, 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Monday, May 14, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Free blood pressure checks by volunteer nurse.

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Housing

Mon., May 7, 21, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Information on resources for senior housing options. Please call (408) 777-3150 to make an appointment.

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Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)

Fri., May 4, 11, 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 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.

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Drop-in Consultation with Case Manager

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Case Managers Karen Goss and Adrianna Stankovich are available to discuss community resources, benefits, and care options during the drop-in hours. Case Manager is also available by appointment. English/Cantonese/Mandarin.



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THE SCENE ANSWERS

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Question: I've been hearing a lot about our national debt and economic health from various media sources. It got me thinking about the financial health of Cupertino. How are we doing?



Answer: That's an excellent and timely question.

The City of Cupertino is currently working on its Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). Residents should be happy to hear that Cupertino is in a healthy financial position. The City continues to pride itself on being a financially stable organization. So it's a pleasure to bring a balanced budget forward to the community.

The City's top three sources of revenue continue to be property, sales, and transient occupancy taxes. All three revenue streams are expected to grow, although the pace of that

growth will slow. With revenues continuing to outpace expenditures in the short term, coupled with the City's conservative budgeting approach, the City is able to maintain excellent service, high-quality programs and initiatives, and healthy reserves.

Although times are good now, the City fully understands that it will not always be this way. With that in mind, the City continues to make decisions now that will benefit the community in the short term and long term when the outlook may not be as rosy.

Zach Korach is the Finance Manager for the City of Cupertino. He oversees the City's financial reporting and accounting, which ensures effective internal controls throughout the City, adherence to fiscal and organizational policies, and continued maintenance and monitoring of the City's current and forecasted financial positions.





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