

# cupertino scene

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# ■ Veterans' Day November 11, 11 am, Veterans Memorial, Memorial Park

Each year on November 11, people across the United States gather to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans.

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### Would You Like To Serve on a City Commission?

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for City Commissions and Committees with openings in January 2013.

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## Cupertino Poetry Contest

Calling Poets of All Ages! Cupertino's Poet Laureate David Denny is sponsoring the first ever citywide poetry contest.

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# happenings in cupertino



### VETERAN'S DAY

A Musical Tribute to our Armed Forces



#### **CUPERTINO SYMPHONIC BAND**

PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL CONCERT HONORING OUR VETERANS

Conducted by Tom Narcisso

Sunday, November 4, 2012 - 3:00 pm

Quinlan Center 10185 N. Stelling Rd. Cupertino 408-262-0471, www.netview.com/csb

#### FREE!

Donations of canned food for Community Services welcome.

#### Veteran's Day, continued from page 1

This year, the Veterans Day Ceremony will honor all veterans and active-duty military. This will also include a special tribute to our Korean War veterans. Please join our Military, Fire and Sheriff's Department's Honor Guards as well as the Monta Vista Variations Choir at the Cupertino Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park to say "Thank You" to all veterans on this special day. For more information visit, www.cupertinoveteransmemorial.org.



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### Would You Like To Serve on a City Commission?

The application deadline is 4:30 pm on Friday, January 18, 2013. Council will conduct interviews beginning at 5 pm on Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29. There are openings in the following commissions and committees:

Audit Committee – 1 vacancy Bicycle Pedestrian Commission -2 vacancies

Fine Arts Commission – 3 vacancies Housing Commission – 1 vacancy

**Library Commission** – 3 vacancies

**Planning Commission** – 3 vacancies

Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/ vacancies.

For more details, please visit the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 18, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

### Learn to Connect Neighbors, **Increase Neighborhood Safety**

Block Leader Training - November 6, 2012

Residents who wish to make their neighborhoods safer are invited to Block Leader Training on Tuesday, November 6 from 11:30 am - 2 pm at Cupertino Community Hall. The session is free and lunch will be provided.

The training features discussions with experienced block leaders and overviews of the city's block party, Neighborhood Watch and emergency preparedness programs. Participants will learn how to help neighbors communicate and work together on shared interests. Attendees will receive guidebooks that include sample neighborhood fliers, tips on introducing themselves to neighbors, and details on planning neighborhood gatherings.

The Block Leader Program helps build community among residents and connects the city with the neighborhoods. 370 residents volunteer as Cupertino block leaders. Each block leader communicates with an average of 25 homes. Co-leaders are encouraged. To register, e-mail communityrelations@cupertino.org or call 408.777.3331 by November 1.

#### Poetry Contest, continued from page 1

Cash prizes will be awarded. Winning poems will be publicly displayed. Categories include Adult (age 18 and older), Teen (ages 13-17), or Children (ages 6-12). All entrants must reside, work or attend school in the City of Cupertino. Residency verification is required. Entrants may submit a maximum of 3 poems to the contest. There is no limit on style or subject matter. Previously published poems will not be considered. There is no contest entry fee. Submit your poems by mail or in person during business hours to Cupertino City Hall. Address your 9x12 envelope to Cupertino Poet Laureate, Poetry Contest, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014-3255. Please include name, address, email, and phone number with your entry. Also, please specify the category you are entering—Adult, Teen or Children. The entry deadline is November 30, 2012. An awards ceremony will be scheduled in December. For more information email, poetlaureate@cupertino.org



# Celebrate 50 Days of Fun In 2012

**Cupertino Parks & Recreation 50th Anniversary Celebration** 

#### **November**

National Caregiver Month- 50 ways to help care for yourself and family, Senior Center November 8, 2012

50% off a Single Monthly Membership to the Sports Center

Tree Lighting, Quinlan Community Center, November 30, 2012

#### **December**

Breakfast with Santa, December 1, 2012

Sun Salutations at the Sports Center, **December 30, 2012** 



# simply safe | november

by Jerry Tallinger - Cupertino CERT member







The Cupertino Alert System is a comprehensive notification system that keeps everyone informed before, during, and after events whether emergency or non-emergency.

If you live or work in Cupertino, signup online to receive information from the city, based on YOUR preferences.

## www.cupertino.org/CAS

#### Fire Safety

Each year, more than 3,500 Americans die in fires and approximately 18,300 are injured. An overwhelming number of fires occur in the home. There are many ways to keep you and your family safer this holiday season and throughout the year.

- Have a working smoke detector in strategic locations of the house. This is the best way to prevent injury and death in case of a home fire. Smoke detectors warn you and allow you to escape while there is still time. Be sure to develop an escape plan for you and your family.
- Worn or broken electrical appliances, cords, or wiring cause about half of home fires.
   Make it a biyearly project to check all outlets for charring or burn damage on the wall plates and check all cords especially electrical cords for fraying and signs of wear or overheating. Replace worn parts or cords promptly.
- Be careful not to overload one particular outlet.
- Use only light bulbs that match or are less than the maximum wattage posted on light fixtures. Compact fluorescent or LED bulbs not only save money, but lower fire risk as well.
- Keep drapes, clothes and other combustibles at least 3 ft away from portable heaters.
- Use 'child-proof' outlets or outlet safety plugs if small children are around the house.
- When using decorative and holiday candles always use a fireproof container. Be sure the match used to light the candle is completely out and cold before disposing of it.

If you do only one thing to prepare this month: Change your batteries in your smoke detectors to assure your family is safe.



## Your Upcoming Public Training Calendar:

#### For Groups By Appointment - Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness

Get your group, club, organization, or friends together (8 or more) and request a FREE one hour presentation from Cupertino Office of Emergency Services. This class can come to you at your home, office, church, club or we can host it at Cupertino City Hall. You will learn how to prepare for an earthquake, stay safe during an earthquake, and cope afterward. Also, you will learn valuable tips on how you can be safe at home during other disasters and about general home safety. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency

Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email **OES@ cupertino.org** for more information, or to request a class for your company, group or organization. Schedule your class now!

## West Valley Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) - FREE!

#### Monday, November 5, 6 – 9 pm, Campbell Community Center (Roosevelt Rm. #Q-80), 1 West Campbell Ave, Campbell

Learn how to prepare to be on your own for several days after the next large disaster. Training includes disaster supply kit, home and workplace preparedness, treating life threatening conditions, fire prevention, fire extinguishers and hazardous materials. For Registration or Questions contact info@cnt. sccgov.org or 408.341-4410. Please provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and city of residence or workplace in the West Valley.

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# roots A Little History for the Holidays

#### Gail Fretwell-Hugger

Autumn is here....my favorite months. Thanksgiving is coming and the days are shorter, the air is crisp, trees are turning color and the sun is lower - lighting up leaves of red, gold, orange, amber, yellow, brown. California didn't have many fall color trees until folks from the midwest, east and south migrated out here and missed their multi-colored trees. Many overland pioneers brought little slips and starters of their favorite plants.

October was the month to venture over to Half Moon Bay - pumpkins EVERY-WHERE! If you bought a pumpkin or two, now what to do with them after trick'n'treating is over. One of my favorite cookbooks is the Southern Heritage Pies and Pastry Cookbook. Yummy Fall recipes combined with historical pictures and stories about where or with whom the recipes originated - pictures of old fashioned kitchens, farms, and historical people in period dress. There are even recipes for green tomato pie and James K.

Polk's Vinegar Pie and Ozark Sorghum-Molasses Pie. Most of the recipes are more mainstream and while I haven't made them all, I fantasize about baking from one end of the book to the other.

Some favorite fall books for children are Pumpkin Moonshine by Tasha Tudor and Mousekin's Golden House by Edna Miller.

Years ago, when our area was dotted with farms like much of the rest of the country. people raised most of the things that went on the table. Now we run to big box stores, the many ethnic markets, specialty grocery stores and farmer's markets for foods that our forbears would be amazed to see - and see them all year round.

Our American holiday of Thanksgiving celebrates the Pilgrims and others who endured incredible hardships to come to the New World, seeking religious and political freedom. They wanted their children to remember all the sacrifices, hardship and sufferings that they had passed through with the help of God and from early

> Native Americans. In New England it was the custom at Thanksgiving time to place 5 kernels of corn at every plate as a reminder of those stern days in the first winter when the food of the Pilgrims was so depleted that only 5 kernels of corn were rationed to each individual at a time. Nearly half of the Pilgrims died that first winter and the captain of the Mayflower begged the remaining settlers to return to England when the ship was readied in the spring. They declined and the ship sailed with only the crew on board.

> Books for children on Thanksgiving include A Day of Thanks-

giving by Ruth Roquitte; Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde R. Bulla; and Pilgrim Voices: Our First Year in the New World edited by Connie and Peter Roop.

### Happy Thanksgiving to all in Cupertino!

We have much to be thankful for - not only in our community but for the brave souls who through the years, have sacrificed and continue to do so, to keep us a free country.





# cupertino library

### **LIBRARY INFORMATION** | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY HOURS		TELEPHONE NUMBER	RS
Monday	10 am – 9 pm	General Library Number	er408.446.1677
Tuesday	10 am – 9 pm	Adult and	
Wednesday		Teen Reference	408.446.1677, ext. 3372
Thursday		Children's Reference	408.446.1677, ext. 3373
Friday Saturday		Accounts, Billing	800.286.1991
Sunday	12 pm – 6 pm		800.471.0991

To see the programs and events offered at all Santa Clara County 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 Web site at: **www.sccl.org** 

#### THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

Monday, November 12 for Veterans Day Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving Day Friday, November 23 for the day after Thanksgiving Day

### **Featured Family Program**

#### **FAMILY GAME DAY**

#### Wednesday, November 21,11 am – 8:30 pm Cupertino Library AND Cupertino Community Hall

Enjoy some family fun before the holiday! The Cupertino Library will be hosting its second annual Family Game Day. The festivities begin at 11 am in the Children's Room, where children can enjoy all of their favorite board games. Join us in the Children's Story Room at 4 pm where teens can play Wii games with their friends. At 6:30 pm at Community Hall, bring your entire family to play board games or enter the Jenga tournament! Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

### **Programs for Children & Families**

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

#### CUPERTINO CINEMA CLUB Thursday, November 8, 4 pm Cupertino Library Story Room.

School-aged children are invited. Patrons may call 408.446.1677 x3321 for the free movie title. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

### **Programs for Teens**

ACT PRACTICE TEST REVIEW
Saturday, November 3, 10 – 11 am
Cupertino Community Hall
Review the ACT Practice Test and get

helpful tips on how to raise scores.

#### MONTA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL & CUPERTINO LIBRARY TEEN TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM Friday, November 9, 5 – 9 pm Cupertino Community Hall

The first biannual Teen Technology Symposium features guest speakers from Silicon Valley companies including: BlueJeans, Google, Involver, and Willow Garage. BlueJeans, an inte-operable video chat software, will be presenting a live meeting demo, and Willow Garage will be bringing in its acclaimed robot, the PR2, to interact with the audience.

# TEEN BOOK CLUB Thursday, November 15, 4 – 5 pm Cupertino Library Story Room

Join us for fun, friends, and food as our Teen Book Club discusses "Shiver", the first in Maggie Stiefvater's The Wolves of Mercy Falls series. Register and pick up your copy of the book at the Adult Reference Desk. Space is limited. Ages 13 - 18. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

### **Programs for Adults**

## CUPERTINO LIBRARY'S FALL ARTS AND CULTURE SERIES

The Cupertino Library is excited to present a series of arts and culture programs throughout the Fall. All of these programs are sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation.

#### SAN FRANCISCO SHAKESPEARE COMPA-NY PERFORMS A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

A Cupertino Library Fall Arts and Culture Series event. Saturday, November 3, 2 pm Cupertino Community Hall Cupertino Library welcomes the San Fran-

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cisco Shakespeare Company to Cupertino Library. They will perform an abbreviated version of Shakespeare's quintessential comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Shakespeare lovers of all ages are welcome. Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation.

## ANNIE LIEBOVITZ: A PHOTOGRAPHER'S LIFE, 1990-2005

A Cupertino Library Fall Arts and Culture Series event. Sunday, November 4, 1 pm Cupertino Community Hall

Docent Mina Shea will discuss Annie Liebovitz, who has been making witty, powerful images documenting American popular culture since the early 1970s. Find out why Liebovitz is one of the most celebrated photographers of our time. Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation.

# DIWALI DANCE CELEBRATION A Cupertino Library Fall Arts and Culture Series event. Saturday, November 17,

**10am Cupertino Community Hall**Join us for a special afternoon Diwali celebration with the Natyalaya Kuchipudi School of Dance, performing a classical dance from South India. Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation.

#### ESL CONVERSATION CLUB Every Friday from 1 - 2:30 pm Cupertino Community Hall

Cupertino Library is proud to announce our new English as a Second Language Conversation Club! Please drop-in to improve your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. All levels are welcome. Native English speakers who would like to volunteer at the meeting, please email wjaw@sccl.org.

#### WORKSHOP ON SONOBE UNITS Wednesday, November 7, 7 pm Cupertino Library Story Room

Modular Origami is a type of origami in which multiple units or modules are folded, usually identical, and put together to form a more complex structure without the help of any glue. The Sonobe units by Mitsunobu Sonobe are a perfect way to begin polyhedral modular origami. In this workshop we will introduce modular origami concepts and then construct a cube with Sonobe units. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

#### CHINESE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Thursday, November 8, 10:30 am Cupertino Community Hall

The group will read and discuss *Happier:* Learn the Secrets to Daily Joy and Lasting Fulfillment by Tal Ben-Shahar. This program will be conducted in Mandarin Chinese. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

#### MASTER GARDENERS: LEARN ABOUT LAWNS AND LAWN REPLACEMENTS Wednesday, November 14, 7 pm Cupertino Community Hall

Would you like to have a healthy, lush green lawn while using less water, fertilizers and herbicides? Or have you been thinking about replacing part of your lawn? The first part of this talk by Master Gardener Marianne Mueller focuses on recommended practices for lawn care. You'll be able to go home and put into practice three easy tips that will save you water right away. The second part of the talk focuses on options for replacing part or all of your lawn.

#### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Thursday, November 15, 7 pm Cupertino Library Story Room

This month, the Cupertino Library Adult Book Group will read and discuss *The Long Goodbye* by Raymond Chandler. Marlowe befriends a down on his luck war veteran with the scars to prove it. Then he finds out that Terry Lennox has a very wealthy wife who ends up dead; now Lennox is on the lam and the cops and a crazy gangster are after Marlowe. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

# PANEL DISCUSSION: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE; Lessons Learned from Internment During World War II – Sunday, November 18

Reception: 12:45 pm, Event: 1:30 - 3 pm
Panelists: Ling Wu Liu, Executive Director
of the Korematsu Institute; Stephen Doi,
Professor of Asian American Studies at San
Jose State University; and Jimi Yamaichi,
Director of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose. Moderator: Tom Izu, Director of the California History Center at De
Anza College. Sponsored by the Santa Clara
Valley History Collaborative, the California
History Center at De Anza College and the
Japanese American Museum of San Jose.

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# adult 50 plus news

#### **Current Events Discussion Group**

Thursday, 1:30 – 3 pm November 1, Proposition 30 December 6, Meet County Supervisor Joe Simitian

Organized by Nick Szabo, former Cupertino mayor, to discuss current events that affect 50+ adults locally, state-wide, and nationally. Free for members, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

#### Book Review Meeting First Friday, 1:15 – 3 pm

Enjoy the stimulating monthly Book Review Meeting. Learn about new books and meet new people. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

**November 2** - *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery, reviewed by Jo Ford

**December 7** - *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron, reviewed by Rose Linn

### **Cooking with Suzanne**

Mediterranean Soups and Stews Wednesday, November 7, 10 am – 1 pm

Suzanne will demonstrate ways to make delicious and nutritious stews and soups for the cold winter days. She will prepare bean and vegetable soup with Gruyere croutons, a Tunisian chicken and chickpea Tagine (stew) with turnips and green herb sauce and harissa condiment, accompanied with a whole grain couscous. And as a sommelier she will tantalize you with low calorie red wine poached pears, French style.

#### Medicare Part D Update Tuesday, November 13, 2 - 3:30 pm

It is time to review your Medicare Part D plan. The enrollment period for 2013 Part D Plans will begin on October 15, 2012 and end on December 7, 2012. To learn the latest updates regarding Medicare and the Part D plans for 2013, join us for a presentation by the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. Sign up at lobby table or call 408.777.3150. Open to the public.

#### Thanksgiving Luncheon Wednesday, November 14, 12 - 1:30 pm

Join us for a scrumptious Thanksgiving feast with roasted turkey and all the trimmings. The Rhythmaires Band will provide lively music to entertain you. Members \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass

#### How to Become a U.S. Citizen Monday, November 19, 10 am – 12 pm

Officers from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will discuss the application process, qualification, requirements, and will conduct a mock interview. Sign up at lobby table, or call 408.777.3150. English/Mandarin. Open to the public.

#### Monday Night Football Monday, November 19, 5:15 – 9 pm

Chicago Bears at San Francisco 49ers Enjoy spaghetti and meatballs, good company, and win some great prizes. as we watch the Bears take on the 49ers in HD on the big screen! Pre-registration is required. Members fee \$8, and senior day pass add \$5.

#### Wednesday Lunch!

Join us for a delicious meal at 12 pm. Members \$6, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Pre-registration is required. Some items may be substituted due to availability.

November 21 – Homemade Minestrone soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and dessert

November 28 – Rosemary chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, dessert

**December 5** – Chili con carne, corn bread, salad, and dessert

**December 12** – Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert

#### Wii Bowling

Wednesday, November 21 – December 12, 10 am – 12 pm

Join us in a classic game of bowling in a new way. We bowl on the Nintendo Wii each week to gain points. The top three averages will earn awards. Light refreshments will be provided. Members \$4.

#### iPad Fundamentals

Thursday, November 29 – December 20, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Learn to use your Apple mobile device. Whether you are new or just know the basics, this class will help you take full advantage of your mobile device. Please bring your iPad fully charged. Members fee \$22

#### Apple Beginning Wednesday, November 28 – December 19, 12 – 2 pm

Learn the basics of typing and the art of using the mouse, Learn how to navigate an Apple computer. You will learn everything from the basics to amazing shortcuts which will save time and effort. Members \$22

#### **Volunteer Corner**

City of Cupertino launched its Volunteer Portal in October. City volunteers can access and sign-up for any volunteer opportunities in the city, keep track of your volunteer commitments and download their schedules from any computer or smart tablet connected to the Internet. Volunteers can access the volunteer portal at www.cupertino.org/volunteerportal.



#### **ADULT 50 PLUS TRIPS**

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

#### **TOURS**

Holidays in the Pacific Northwest! Seattle, Washington and Victoria, BC, December 5 - 9, 2012, \$2284 double occupancy, includes flights.

Highlights include the famous Pikes Place Market, the Space Needle, Seattle Dinner Cruise, Victoria City Tour, Butchart Gardens, High Tea at the Empress Palace Hotel, and much more!

#### Kentucky – Unbridled Spirit, April, 15 - 19, 2013, flights.

Call 408.777.3150 for cost information.
Highlights include the Kentucky Derby Museum,
Shakers Village, Bluegrass Horse Country,
Bourbon County, Historic Louisville, and more!

Discover Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria, September 18 - 27, 2013, \$4,406 double occupancy.

Highlights include Chateau de Chillon, Bern Dian Around, Montreux Golden Pass Panoramic Train, Gstaad, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Austrian Alps Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant Bavaria, Oberammergau, and more!

#### The Better Part

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

NOVEMBER 5, 6 & 9

**Growing Older, Growing Better** – Find out how we can stay healthy and vibrant as we grow older.

NOVEMBER 12, 13 & 16

**The Anson Burlingame Story** – We discuss the life and influence of the United States' first envoy to China, Anson Burlingame. Burlingame California is named after him.

NOVEMBER 19, 20 & 23

Women's Ice Hockey & Celebrating Title Nine – Two women athletes discuss their sport and how they benefited from Title Nine

NOVEMBER 26, 27 & 30

Hiller Aviation Museum – We visit the Hiller Aviation Museum for a view of the ground-breaking era of flying in the Bay Area. We also take a look at some flight simulators that inspired our future aviation pioneers.

#### **DAY TRIPS**

Elegant Evening Dinner Cruise, Thursday, November 8, \$161

Tale of Two Cities with Gary, Thursday, November 13, \$78

Smuin's Christmas Ballet, Thursday, November 29, \$144

**Lighted Yacht Parade,** Saturday, December 1, \$85

Comfort and Joy, Friday, December 7, \$101

Neiman Marcus Rotunda Luncheon and Union Square, Tuesday, December 11, \$99

Gospel Holiday Concert, Friday, December 21, \$108

**Mystery Movie at Stanford Theater,** Thursday, January 10, \$39

Best in Show, Sunday, January 27, \$48

Coffee, Tea, or Me, Wednesday, January 23, \$85

Beach Blanket Babylon, Thursday, January 31, \$93

Saint Michael Trio at Villa Montalvo, Sunday, February 10, \$89

From Russia With Love, Wednesday, February 20, \$TBA

**Girl with a Pearl Earring,** Tuesday, February 26, \$73

Flower Power with Gary, Friday, March 8, \$TBA

**China's Terracotta Warriors,** Tuesday, March 12, \$65

#### **Business Class in Mandarin**

"How to Start a Business" - an Entrepreneur business class in Mandarin will be held at the Cupertino Community Hall on 10350 Torre Avenue, from 8 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. This is an all-day event for startups and existing businesses owners who are just beginning or about to start a new venture. The workshop provides a comprehensive overview of what is required to begin and run a business, from planning, legal requirements, accounting, taxes, insurance, marketing and more.

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce's Asian American Business Council (AABC) in partnership with the City of Cupertino, SCORE, NOVA, the City of Milpitas and the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the seminar. This all-day workshop in Mandarin will be lead by professionals of various industries, sharing their experience with participants. For more info, visit, www.cupertino-chamber.org/ irmevents.aspx

CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER
ADDRESS: 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

PHONE: 408.777.3150 EMAIL: seniorcntr@cupertino.org WEB: www.cupertino.org/50plus

# **eco news** november

## Thanksgiving Holiday Will Affect Garbage Pickup Dates

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Recology collection services scheduled on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 will be delayed by one day. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Thursday that week will have pickup on Friday, November 23. Those with services on Friday will have pickup on Saturday, November 24. For more info, call Recology at 408.725.4020.

## Comment on DRAFT Reusable Bag Ordinance

Cupertino is joining other cities in considering a Reusable Bag Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would prohibit the distribution of free plastic single-use carryout bags and would require

all retail establishments located within Cupertino (except non-profit charitable reuse organizations and restaurants) to charge a small fee for paper bags or for durable plastic carryout bags designed for multiple reuse. The

proposed ordinance was drafted for regionwide use by the San Mateo County Health Department to incentivize customers to bring their own reusable shopping bags, stop unnecessary waste, and reduce litter that is harmful to aquatic life. The ordinance would not prohibit the distribution of free plastic bags provided in grocery stores and produce markets to bag fresh fruit, vegetables and meat. There would also not be any restriction on the free distribution of small plastic bags for greeting cards and for medical prescriptions. Cupertino's draft ordinance will likely be very similar to San Mateo County Health Department's proposed ordinance and related information at www. smchealth.org/bagban. Cupertino's draft ordinance is not planned to be heard by the City Council before January 2013 and if approved would not likely become effective before October 2013 to allow for adequate public education and preparation. Please submit comments and questions to environmental@cupertino.org.

• Are you participating in the City's Recycling, Compostable & HHW Collection Programs?

Two years ago, Recology and the City of Cupertino rolled out new recycling, food waste/compostable, and household hazardous waste (HHW) collection programs.

While many residents are participating in these programs, we encourage more residents to utilize these programs. Compostable Recycling Program - Food scraps and food-soiled paper should be placed in the yardwaste container to be "recycled" into compost. Collect food scraps and paper items

in the kitchen pitcher provided by Recology or use another kitchen container to store the scraps before transferring them to the yard waste cart for weekly collection. To guard against odor, bugs, rodents and overall mess in your yard waste cart, wrap food scraps in a paper bag, newspaper, paper towel, or a

compostable bag, before putting them into the yard waste cart. Paper products not only absorb moisture and odor, they compost nicely. Please do not place your food waste in a plastic bag. Plastic will clog up the processing equipment. Also, please keep your yard waste container lid closed.

**Cooking Oil** – Place cooking oil, in a 1-gallon clear plastic container with a closed screw-top lid, for collection on regularly scheduled service days.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program- Call WM At Your Door Special Collection 800.449.7587, or visit www. wmatyourdoor.com, to make an appointment for residential pickup of electronic waste, sharps and household chemicals, such as household cleansers, paint, fertilizers, mercury thermometers, propane tanks, paint and pool and spa chemicals. Visit www.cupertino.org/WMitems to see acceptable items for collection. Pharmaceuticals cannot legally be collected in the City's door-to-door collection program at this time. Dispose of over-the-counter medication and prescription drugs at the West Valley Patrol Sub-Station, 1601 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino 408.868.6600.

#### America Recycles Day Almost Everything Can Be Recycled or Composted

On America Recycles Day,
November 15, millions of people
will learn about recycling, commit to increasing their recycling activities,
or plan to purchase more products made
from recycled materials. America Recycles Day reminds Americans of our nation's
bountiful resources and of our personal responsibility as stewards to care for those resources.

### In the spirit of America Recycles Day: Reduce

When shopping, avoid over-packaged goods and buy in bulk if possible.

**Reuse** – Avoid single-use throwaway products when a durable, reusable alternative is available.Donate items that are still useful. Bring your own reusable shopping bag. One reusable shopping bag can replace hundreds of single-use bags over its lifetime.

**Recycle** – Buy recycled content products. Increase recycling efforts at home, school and work.

**Rethink-** Your attitude and actions can make a world of difference. Let's each do our part. In Cupertino almost everything can be recycled or composted.

 Visit the Recycling Hotline at www.recyclestuff.org to find places to recycle and reuse stuff.

### Winter Woodburning Tips

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months. Wood fires contribute up to one-third of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still winter nights, which is a health concern especially for children, seniors and people with respiratory problems. During the Winter Months please don't burn wood during Spare the Air Alerts. It is illegal to burn wood, firelogs or pellets in your fireplace, woodstove, or outdoor firepit on days for which the Air District issues a Spare the Air Alert. Sign up for email and/or automatic phone alerts and find out if there is a Spare the Air Alert, by visiting www.sparetheair.org.



# community calendar

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
3 SAT	De Anza Flea Market	8 - 4 pm	De Anza College	408.864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
	PEP Class	9 am - 12 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
	Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 - 12:30 pm	10675 S. De Anza Blvd. # 4	408.996.1236	Albert Rich [cchesschampions@ yahoo.com]
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 - 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	408.996.0558	osfamilies.org/
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	408.864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
5 MON	Cupertino Toastmasters*	6:30 pm	Saint Joseph of Cupertino School-Science Room, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd.	650.492.0859 Ask for Dorothy Liu	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
	American Legion Post 642	7 pm	10201 Imperial Avenue #3	408.374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va
8 THUR	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		408.252.1529	newcomersclub.com
	Cupertino Quota	12 - 1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.8568	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com
9 FRI	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lamdres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	408.973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org
	CCWG	6:30 - 8 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
	HP Communicater Toastermasters	7:30 am	10181 Finch Avenue- Bethel Lutheran Church	408.673.1820	jwassocs.com
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:30 pm	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Ave.		CupertinoCoinClub.com
14 WED	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center-In Cupertino Room	408.996.0750	viewfindersclub.org
17 SAT	American Association of University Women	11 am	Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church 728 West Fremont Ave.	408.298.6560	eadorable@sbcglobal.net
18 SUN	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10 - 1:30 pm	Creekside Park Hall	408.368.0357	www.hssus.org
19 MON	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 am	20589 Homestead Rd.	408.252.3954	cupertinoioof70.org
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	408.863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi	falc.org
21 WED	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	408.253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	408.863.0835	optimist.org
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	408.255.3212	optimist.org
	Tandem Toastmasters*	12 - 1 pm	HP Building 48L, Caml Conference Room 19483 Pruneridge Avenue	408.447.0797	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer, 1 Infite Loop		macintalkers.com vppr@ macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	408.920.2224	cupertinorotary.org
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	408.252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_ Officers.html
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monta Vista High School	408.262.0471	netview.com/csb/
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	408.747.0943	krazydazys.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lamdres.org
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	408.209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Brittany Morales, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.1312, brittanym@cupertino.org Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
22	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	408.255.3093	deanzalions.org/
THUR	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA, 20803 Alves Drive	408.351.2444	yserviceclub@ymcasv.org
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	408.345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	408.252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	408.252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	408.996.9111	BNI.com
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	408.253.8394	oa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	408.354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
	Embroiderers' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	408.996.8119	ega-gpr.org
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lamdres.org
	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	408.267.3397	malihini.org
23	Montevideo premiere at BlueLight Cinemas	see showtimes	21275 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino	408.255-2552	bluelightcinemas.com
FRI	CERT/MRC	7 - 9 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
26 MON 27	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	7 pm	Bethel Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	408.374.8511	aasanjose.org
TUES	Al-ANON Family Group*	5 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 10181 Finch Ave., Fireside Room	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.3830	cupertinokiwanis.homestead.com
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	408.296.8146	kofc.org/un/
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	408.252.2667	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3-5 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lamdres.org
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 - 5 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lamdres.org

	CITY MEETINGS	
NOV 1	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
NOV 1	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7 pm
NOV 1	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
NOV 5	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
NOV 7	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
NOV 7	Library Commission (EOC)	7 pm
NOV 8	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
NOV 8	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
NOV 13	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
NOV 14	Teen Commission (QCC Conf. Rm.)	6:15 pm
NOV 15	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
NOV 15	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
NOV 20	City Council Meeting (CH) (Cancelled)	6:45 pm
NOV 21	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
NOV 27	Audit Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	4 pm
NOV 27	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
NOV 27	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
NOV 28	Teen Commission (QCC Conf. Rm.)	6:15 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

For all city meetings' agenda and minutes go to www.cupertino.org/agenda

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26.

# council actions

## REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2012

#### **Council Members Present:**

Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Sinks, Wong **Absent:** None

Conducted the Parks & Recreation Commission interviews for unscheduled vacancy

Received a presentation from the Cities Association of Santa Clara County regarding their organization, background, and priorities for 2012

Presented Proclamation to the Northwest YMCA for their 50th Anniversary

Presented Proclamation to C Magazine for their Third Anniversary

Presented Proclamation to the Twigs, a social and charitable branch of Quota International, for their First Anniversary

Approved September 18th City Council minutes Adopted Resolution No. 12-113 to accept Accounts Payable for period ending September 14, 2012

Adopted Resolution No. 12-114 to accept Accounts Payable for period ending September 21, 2012

Canceled the first meeting in January 2013

Authorized City Manager to enter into agreement extending the existing agreement for consultation services with Insight Consulting Services

Approved Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Approved Alcohol Beverage License Application for On-Sale General for Bona Fide Public Eating Place for, Aloft Hotel, 10165 N. De Anza Boulevard

Adopted Resolution Nos. 12-115 and 12-116 to vacate portions of easements on properties near the north approach to the Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge and setting a public hearing for November 5, 2012

Authorized the Director of Public Works to award contract to O'Grady Paving for \$388,855.60 and approve a construction contingency of \$100,000.00, for a total of \$488,855.60

Accepted Municipal Improvements, 790 South Blaney Avenue

Appropriated Funds for the Environmental Educational Center Project

Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a consultant services agreement for the Environmental Educational Center and the Outdoor Gathering Shelter

Adopted Resolution No. 12-117 the property owners have circulated a petition in support of altering their neighborhood designation to semi-rural by waiving sidewalks. This semi-rural application applies only to properties within the designated streets

## REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012

#### Council Members Present:

Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Sinks, Wong **Absent:** None

Obtained briefing with legal counsel on Gov't Code 54956.9(b) and gave direction

Approved the October 2nd City Council minutes Adopted Resolution No. 12-118 to accept Accounts Payable for period ending September 28, 2012

Adopted Resolution No. 12-119 amending a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cupertino and the City Employees' Association

Adopted Resolution No. 12-120 amending a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cupertino and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO

Adopted Resolution No. 12-121 amending the Unrepresented (Management and Confidential) Employees' Compensation Program Adopted Resolution No. 12-122 amending the City Attorney Employees' Compensation Program

Adopted Resolution No. 12-123 directing the City Manager to amend the Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Personnel Code to reflect any changes to the Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) and Compensation Programs

Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with VTA to secure up to \$50,000 in additional Project Readiness Initiative (PRI) funding

Accepted Municipal Improvements, 10215 Alhambra Avenue

Adopted Resolution No. 12-124 approving the Joint Stevens Creek Dam Failure Plan

Application deadline and interview dates for commissions and committees with terms expiring January 30, 2013 and recommended application deadline of Friday, January 18th and interview dates of Monday, January 28th and Tuesday, January 29th beginning at 5 pm on both days

Received staff presentation and public comments and provided feedback on staff's recommended strategy for reducing the goose populations' impact. Directed staff to look into a trail period for the following:

- Harassment or hazing with trained dog services (see if there is interest in residents volunteering with qualified dogs)
- The use of lasers
- The use of radio controlled boats
- Bring back to council consideration a "No Feed" ordinance, setting a fee as penalty for feeding geese
- Staff to come back with a mid-year budget augmentation on December 18th to support the program as necessary

Adjourned to Monday, November 5th at 6:45PM

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### For Your Information:

# **NEW** THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTIONS Print, DVD and BluRay formats now available

Funded by the Friends of the Cupertino Library, these Bestseller Collections are designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestselling book or movie (in DVD or BluRay formats) when you visit the Library. The items are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

#### **Databases and Research Tools**

The Santa Clara County Library District subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Go to the Library's webpage at www.sccl.org and click on Electronic Library 24/7, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database. You can research your family history using Heritage Quest, access full-text product reviews from Consumer Reports, search the Encyclopaedia Britannica Online, and much more. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677.

## news items

# Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Launches SCCVOTE Mobile App

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office has launched SCCVOTE, a mobile app for iPhone®/iPad® and Android™ mobile devices. The SCCVOTE app is an easy and convenient way for voters in Santa Clara County to access the information they need to help them vote in the upcoming November 6 Presidential General Election. The app is free to download from the App Store<sup>SM</sup> and Google Play™.

The SCCVOTE app offers such features as: Voter registration information, including current voter registration address;

Voter Information & Sample Ballot Pamphlet, which contains information about candidates, measures on the ballot, Sample Ballot, District Look Up, Vote By Mail Tracking, and location of assigned polling place (with driving directions).

"Voting is vitally important, and one way to enhance the voting experience is through the use of innovative and effective technology", said Barry Garner, Registrar of Voters. "We're in Silicon Valley, a leader in innovation, so it's fitting that we look at new and efficient ways of delivering service. One of those ways is to move from a paper-based system to a paperless system. Voters should have non-partisan, essential voting information in the palm of their hand, at their fingertips," continued Garner.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at: Toll Free: 866.430.VOTE [8683]

Spanish: 408.282.3095

English: 408.299.VOTE [8683] Vietnamese: 408.282.3097

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## **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy**

This is your chance to be part of the Cupertino disaster response solution. This is an intensive training session on preparedness and helping others during a disaster. Participants must be able to attend all classes for graduation. Classes are on November 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 from 6 pm - 9 pm and on November 17 from 10 am - 1 pm at the 485 West Sunnyoaks Ave, Campbell (behind Sunnyoaks Fire Station) in Campbell. The cost is \$35.

### Welcome New Businesses

Adair Foot Specialist

20660 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 2

**Ah-Hong Salon** 

10321 S De Anza Blvd, Ste B

**Bees At Home** 

10207 Imperial Ave

**Exilant Technologies Private Ltd** 

20195 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 2

**Gifted Matters** 

21580 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 1

**Happy Cuts** 

21020 Homestead Rd, Ste C

HDR Architecture Inc

19925 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 1

**Innovative Teaching Tutoring** 10061 Pasadena Ave, Ste A

Leho Communication

20311 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste D

**Liz's Serenity Chair Massage** 10123 N Wolfe Rd

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Risa Hair

19655 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 7

Shirdi Sai Darbar

10062 Miller Ave. Ste 108

**TMC Network** 

21801 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 7

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