

# Cupertino Scene

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## Cupertino's *Community Tree Lighting*

A Tree Lighting Celebration will be held on:

Sunday, December 8, at 6:00pm at the Quinlan Community Center

The event will feature a community sing-along and Santa Claus arriving in a fire truck with candy canes for everyone. This event is open to all Cupertino residents.

Participants are asked to bring canned goods or a new toy to the tree-lighting ceremony. Items will be donated to Cupertino Community Services and distributed this holiday season.

\*This event takes place mostly inside.

*Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department 777-3120*

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## Cupertino Scene

The *Cupertino Scene* is published monthly except in August and distributed to all residents and businesses in the city. Information may be submitted via e-mail to [rickk@cupertino.org](mailto:rickk@cupertino.org). Questions may be directed to the Public Information Office at City Hall, 777-3262. Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month for the next month's issue.

## Don't Feed the Ducks

The City of Cupertino continues to wage a losing battle to keep the pond at Memorial Park clean. Despite signs in and around the Memorial Park pond informing the public of concerns regarding feeding the waterfowl, more and more people are doing just that.

What had been a once-a-year ritual of draining the pond to clean up after the ducks has become a three-times-a-year necessity. The pond's filters and pumps are clogged with feces creating potentially significant health issues for people and birds alike. "People don't seem to understand that bread crumbs given to ducks, turn into droppings," said Bob Rizzo, Service Center Manager for Cupertino Public Works. "The impact of people feeding the birds is significant and unpleasant." Based on typical eating habits of migratory fowl, the city estimates that each duck leaves a pound of droppings per day. The results are noticeable and disagreeable at best.

### How does feeding the ducks harm them?

**Non-Migration:** Waterfowl migrate to search for food and a more moderate climate. Feeding encourages waterfowl to remain due to abundant feeding, causing overpopulation.

**Overpopulation:** The crowded conditions promote avian diseases.

**Avian Diseases:** Crowded conditions support the transmission of disease, primarily duck viral enteritis, fowl cholera and botulism.

**Physical Damage:** Due to the large number of waterfowl, some lawns and shrubs have been sheared to the roots. The paths, picnic tables and seating have been contaminated with feces.

**Water Quality:** The accumulation of waste matter in the pond lowers oxygen levels and creates unpleasant odors greatly reducing the water quality in the pond.

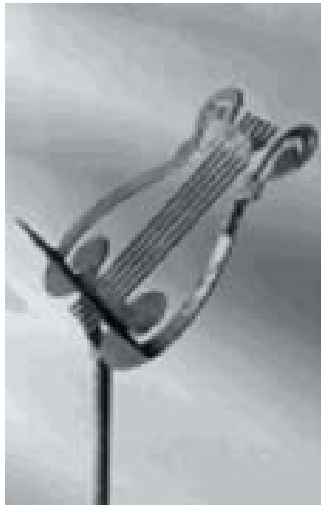
**Public Health Risk:** Duck feces and its potential salmonella content bring hazards to the public. Geese are prone to aggression and have been known to bite.

The ducks and other birds have become a problem that is unhealthy, unsightly and costly. The City of Cupertino will be exploring various educational, regulatory and enforcement options to stop the feeding of waterfowl at Memorial Park. Comments and suggestions may be sent to [PIO@cupertino.org](mailto:PIO@cupertino.org).

## Cupertino Symphonic Band

Cupertino Symphonic Band performs their annual Holiday concert at Quinlan Community Center on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. Festive tunes for the season will be performed, and small ensembles

will add to the joyous sounds. The band is led by co-conductors Bob Gomez and Tom Narcisso. As always, admission is free, but canned good donations for the Cupertino Community Services are always appreciated. For further information, call (408) 262-0471.



## Citizens Group Presents Vietnamese Culture

Executive Director of Cupertino Community Services (CCS), Jaclyn Phuong Fabre, will talk about Vietnamese culture and will share her personal experiences as a Vietnamese-American at the Citizens of Cupertino Cross-Cultural Consortium's (5Cs) quarterly multicultural presentation on December 4. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall, Conference Room C.

Jaclyn came to the United States as a refugee at age 9. Prior to her job in Cupertino for the past two years, Jaclyn was Executive Director of Legal Assistance for Vietnamese Asylum Seekers. Jaclyn holds a degree in Fine Arts and a Masters degree in Social Sciences.

The 5Cs organizes multicultural discussions, book reviews, and ethnic restaurant visits every three months. The 5Cs meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cupertino City Hall, unless noted otherwise. Established in 1997, the group of residents is dedicated to creating an infrastructure that promotes a harmonious, yet diverse community. For more information, call 777-3331.

## Holiday Open House

The Cupertino Historical Society cordially invites the community to attend their Holiday Open House. Please join them at the Museum on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 from 6 to 9 p.m. for some yuletide cheer and refreshments. They will also have a children's craft table to make holiday ornaments. RSVP (408) 973-1495

The Cupertino Historical Society is a public benefit corporation dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history and culture, both past and present, of Cupertino. It operates its main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 North Stelling Avenue, Cupertino. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Cupertino Chronicle

The Cupertino Historical Society announces the update and reprint of the *Cupertino Chronicle*, a local history book, originally printed in 1975 by the California History Center. The updated book contains historical vignettes by pioneer families of Cupertino relating the growth and development of the community. The project to re-publish the Chronicle, which was funded by an anonymous donor, was managed by Linda Sharman Schultz, a local historian and past president of the Cupertino Historical Society. The book is available for purchase for \$15 from the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino. Call (408) 973-1495, or e-mail [cuphistorysoc@juno.com](mailto:cuphistorysoc@juno.com).

## Parking Problems?

If you notice vehicles illegally parked in your neighborhood, please call (408) 299-2311 and, depending on the time of day, a Code Enforcement Officer or Sheriff's Deputy will be dispatched. Some common violations of the Parking Ordinance relate to permit parking zones, no parking on street sweeping days and fire lane violations. If you wish to report an abandoned vehicle, you may call the Code Enforcement Office at (408) 777-3182 or the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline at (408) 777-3315.





## Temporary Library Opens December 16

The Cupertino library on Torre Avenue is now closed. It will re-open in its new, temporary location on Monday, December 16 at 10441 Bandley Drive located between Lazaneo and Mariani Avenues, off DeAnza Boulevard.

### In The Meantime

You may use your library card at any other Santa Clara County Library including those closest to Cupertino:

- Campbell Library, 77 Harrison Ave., (408) 866-1991
- Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd., (650) 948-7683
- Woodland Branch Library, 1975 Grant Rd., (650) 969-6030
- Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., (408) 867-6126

## Library Hours Beginning December 16

Monday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday	12 noon to 6 p.m.

### Library telephone numbers are:

General Number	(408) 446-1677
Accounts, Billing	1-800-286-1991
Dial-in Catalog	1-877-471-3349
TeleCirc	1-800-471-0991

The library has a Web Catalog at <http://webpac.santaclaracountylib.org/>, and a catalog at <telnet://library.santaclaracountylib.org/>. The brochure, Library Catalog Access from Home or Work, is available at the library. Bookmark these library web addresses:

### Santa Clara County Library Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>

### Teen Page Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen>

### Kids Page Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>



## Services at Senior Center

In addition to classes, parties, and travel, Cupertino Senior Center offers services to those over 50 in the community.

Registered nurse volunteers are in weekly to check blood pressures. The schedule is 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. All readings are on a drop-in basis, first come, first served. On Tuesdays, the RN volunteer is bilingual English and Chinese.

Housing consultations are available by appointment on Thursdays. Chinese and Vietnamese translations are always available. Call 777-3150 and ask for a housing appointment.

Social work consultations are available every Thursday on a drop-in basis between 9 and 11

a.m. on a first come, first served basis. Chinese and Vietnamese translations are always available. The full range of senior issues can be covered, and additional appointments are possible if necessary. The social worker is available at other times by appointment: call 777-3155 to speak to Jackie Baddeley MSW directly.

SALA, the Senior Adults Legal Assistance program, offers legal consultation by appointment at various times throughout the month. Clients must be over 60 and residents of Santa Clara County. Please phone 777-3150 and ask for a SALA appointment.

HICAP, the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, offers consultation by trained volunteers on all aspects of Medicare, Medicare HMOs, Medi-gap, and Medi-Cal in-

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## Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and his elves are coming to Cupertino for a morning your children will fondly remember. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, sing some holiday songs, and make some holiday crafts during your special holiday morning. Fee includes: breakfast, photo with Santa (one per family), holiday crafts, a candy cane, and a special gift from Santa. Register early, spaces are limited, and this event fills fast. Breakfast will be held at the Quinlan Community Center on December 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. For more information please call Cupertino Parks and Recreation at 777-3120.

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insurance. In addition, Cupertino Senior Center's volunteers can address questions about Long Term Care Insurance and coverage. Call 777-3150 and ask for a HICAP appointment. We have a trained HICAP counselor who speaks Chinese, as well as English, who is available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month by appointment.

Bereavement Support Group offers peer support to those who have lost a loved one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1:30 p.m. till 3 p.m. The group provides a safe place to share memories, review relationships, learn about the process, and even share new triumphs and joys. Please call the group facilitator, Jackie Baddeley MSW at 777-3155, prior to the first group you attend.

## Santa's Visits

### Cupertino Residents Only

You run to your door and who should appear...Santa Claus and his little helper are here. Santa has come to hear your child's wish list. Santa and his elf will spend 15 minutes at your house on this special visit. Santa visits will be held 12/13 through 15, and 12/20 through 22. Visits are scheduled from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. For more information please call Cupertino Parks and Recreation at 777-3120.

## Holiday Safety Tips

When it comes to criminal activity, the month of December typically rates the highest. Have you ever wondered why that might be? It's due to a combination of physical factors and social behaviors on both the part of criminals and their victims. Whether we're talking about Theft from Vehicles, Business Crimes, Home Burglaries, or Larceny... December is a "Holiday for Thieves".

Follow these safety tips while shopping and avoid being a victim:

- Don't carry excessive amounts of money. If you carry cash, take only the amount you need and be careful not to "flash your cash."
- Do not leave packages in your car. If you must, put them in the trunk.
- Park in well-lit areas of the parking lot and don't be afraid to ask mall security for an escort to your car.
- Make an extra effort to keep track of your purse and wallet. The crooks know they have a good chance of stealing one that contains cash and credit cards this time of year.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It becomes easier to lose track of one or two of them, as well as your purse or wallet. It also makes it more difficult for you to get to your car while being aware of your surroundings. You should have your car keys in your hand as you approach your vehicle. Spend as little time as possible outside your vehicle while loading.
- Con artists and charity scams are big business this time of year. Choose a charity when you have time to research its validity and remember, if a stranger approaches you asking for help, you rarely get something for nothing. And, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



## Roots

By Gail

Fretwell Hugger

### The Christmas Tree

Traditions. We all have them - individuals, families, communities, and nations. Traditions remind us of who we are, take us back in time to savor memories and let the next generation know that some things are worth the effort to make happen again and again, so we can point to whatever it is and say, "Look, someone cared enough to do this for those who are no longer with us and we want to do this for you. This is a tradition and it makes a difference, it gives us an identity, and so we do it because we care." Cupertino has a tradition.

Long ago, when there were miles of orchards and the west side of the valley was dotted with farms, Cupertino crossroads had a special place known as Cali Feed and Grain. That's what some people called it; the sign on the front of the building housing the office said R. Cali & Bro./Cupertino Milling and Feeds. The tall buildings that made up the mill were the biggest, highest buildings on the west side. Every Christmas season, on top of the tallest grain elevator, appeared a large Christmas tree, decorated with lights and visible for miles around.

Rosario Cali came to the United States from Sicily in 1903. After trying a variety of jobs in the apricot and prune business, he bought a truck and launched his business in 1928. The following year, 13-year-old Ernie Amaral graduated from Mission San Jose Grammar School and met Rosario Cali, and quickly "aged" himself to 16 so he could get the special license he needed to drive a truck. When he went to work for Cali, the business had two trucks and a third

was bought for Amaral, launching a 36-year career with the feed mill. The business prospered even during the Great Depression. Trucks were added and the business expanded. Things were going so well that Amaral told Rosario, "we should have a Christmas tree." Cali agreed, and in the 1950s, the first tree went up on one of the smaller buildings in the mill complex. In the beginning, the tree was the sort that you'd see in anybody's living room. After a few years, it was placed on top of a 150-foot high building and, finally, a tree was installed every year 300 feet off the ground at the top of the highest elevator. Driving at night, it was always a treat to see it come into view from miles away.

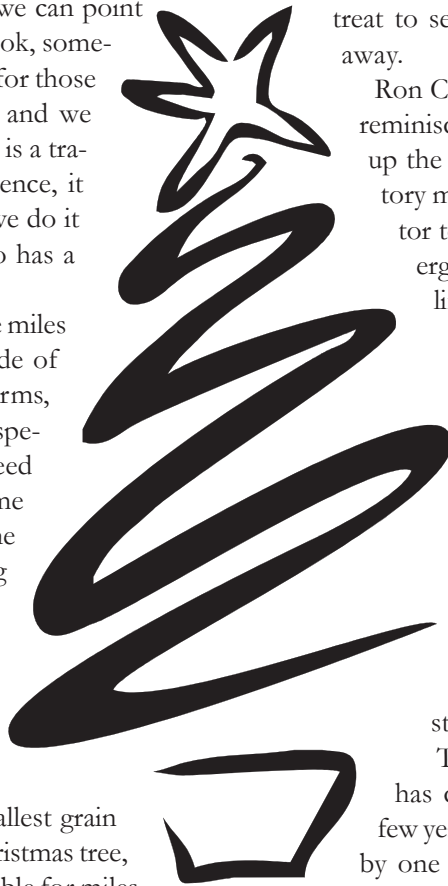
Ron Cali, the grandson of Rosario Cali, reminisced about Ernie Amaral putting up the tree year after year. Ernie, a factory mechanic, used to climb the elevator to install and decorate the live evergreen. It was risky work. "He lived life on the edge, this man," Cali said. "He was quite a character."

Amaral retired in the 1970s and others in the company took up the job of getting the tree up until the entire mill was demolished in 1988. For several years, the City Center office building at the crossroads continued to put up twin strings of lights shaped like Christmas trees to continue the tradition started so many years ago.

The Cupertino Crossroads skyline has changed dramatically in the past few years - this year, inquiries were made by one of the big, new high-rise buildings about putting up the Christmas tree - someone had asked them if they were going to continue the tradition. Ron Cali says he's not nostalgic when he passes the crossroads where his family once owned acres and acres, but he did take pleasure in seeing the Christmas tree go up year after year. "I think that for a lot of people in the city, it means quite a lot to them."

*Sam Scott, Cupertino Courier, Dec. 27, 1999*

*Joanne Grant, San Jose Mercury, (no date)*



## Bicycle Rules of the Road



DMV Rule 21202: Bicyclists traveling slower than normal speed of traffic must ride as close to right as practicable, except when: (1) passing another bicycle or vehicle, (2) preparing for a left turn, or (3) avoiding hazards like broken glass or potholes.

Safety Tip: Always ride in a straight line.

Do not weave in and out of parked cars or intersections. Drivers lose sight of you and they cannot predict your movements. Moving in a straight line is more predictable and safer.

For more rules on bicycle safety check <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/about/bicycle.htm>.

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## Simply Safe

by Marsha Hovey

**Update to Cupertino Emergency Information radio listings.** KLIV 1590AM and KCBS 740AM are the new primary sources to obtain information after emergencies. Please remove KARA 105.7FM from your lists; the station is off the air.

**CERT Saturdays** is a new approach to receiving CERT training! In only three days, you can complete the entire CERT program and learn life safety skills you can use in both small and large-scale emergencies. On the first Saturday of the month, CERT Saturdays will present two course modules – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Classes are held on February 1, March 1 and April 5, with graduation on the afternoon of April 5. If you miss any of the sessions, you can make them up in the next CERT Saturday program August 2, September 6 and October 4, or any other time the class is offered during the year. It couldn't be easier to learn the skills you need to be prepared.



**Christmas Gifts:** Know that your friends and loved ones will be properly equipped for the next emergency by giving them a preparedness kit to keep in their car. 1) Get a small backpack, ice chest or other lidded container. 2) Add a bottle of water; non-perishable snacks or food bars totaling 800 calories, flashlight and batteries or a light stick, first aid kit, and a whistle. Encourage them to add a pair of tennis shoes and any prescription medications or eyeglasses used. This kit could sustain them for a day until they can get home.

### Upcoming Classes:

**Kaleidoscope Public Safety Camp** for Jr. High and High School. January 2, 3, 4. Limited to 20 students. \$15.

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** January 10, 17, 24. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jan 11, 18, 25. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free.

**CERT Saturdays**, February 1. Personal Preparedness, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. First Aid, 1 to 4 p.m. Free for entire program.

**Earthquake Preparedness**, February 1, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, open to the public. Learn what to do during earthquakes, what supplies to keep with you and what you can do now to prevent injuries later.

**First Aid**, February 1, 1 to 4 p.m. **CPR**, February 22. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

\*First Aid and CPR classes are FREE to active CERT graduates and members of Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Classes are open to all Cupertino residents for \$10.

### If you do only one thing to prepare this month...

Donate packaged spare batteries to Toys for Tots and purchase a new supply for emergency flashlights and radios. Check your smoke detector battery to be sure it's working for the holidays.

To register for classes or request additional information on how to be prepared, go to "Emergency Preparedness" at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or contact Marsha Hovey, (408)777-3335. Registration forms are also available at the Library, Quinlan Center, and City Hall.

## Cupertino Cuisine- Cranberries

December is the month to get together with family and friends and to enjoy some special holiday treats. I personally feel the holidays mean overindulging and lots of rich and fattening foods. The little red gems, Cranberries, which are often associated with the holiday season, are a nutritional powerhouse and a tangy taste that's great in baked goods, savory dishes, or by the glassful. Cranberries are something to relish all year long!

Cranberries are low in fat, high in fiber, and rich in antioxidants. Research shows cranberries help fight cancer, heart disease and are packed with vitamin C. Cranberry juice has been proven beneficial for urinary tract health.

Cranberries are also called bounceberries, because ripe ones bounce, and the name cranberries, after the shape of the shrub's pale pink blossoms, which resemble the heads of the cranes often seen wading through the cranberry bogs.

Cranberries are a unique fruit. They can only grow and survive under a very special combination of factors: they require an acid peat soil, an adequate fresh water supply, and sand. Well cared for, cranberry vines can continue to produce indefinitely. There are cranberry marshes that have been producing crops for more than 100 years.

Just like apples, there are many varieties of cranberries grown, but the differences between cranberry varieties are subtle. Cranberry varieties differ by size, color and keeping quality of berry, time of ripening, hardness and suitability of the vine to certain climates.

Before cooking fresh cranberries, it is important to clean and pick them over by placing them in a basin or sink full of cold water; twigs, leaves, and unripe berries should float to the surface. Any cranberries that are discolored or shriveled should also be discarded. This process should be done quickly though, as you do not want to soak the berries.

I typically buy fresh cranberries and store them in the refrigerator for up to 2 months in an airtight container. Cranberries also freeze well for up to a year. Frozen berries can be used in cooking without thawing.



Cranberries are too tart for most tastes to be eaten on their own, but pair wonderfully with other fruit such as apples. Besides being a must alongside roast turkey, cranberries are most often used in muffins and other baked goods, compotes, relishes, chutneys and fruit desserts such as cobblers.

My favorite way to enjoy cranberries is to make chutney or a relish.

### CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

Makes: 2 Cups

- 1 package fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoon peanuts (unsalted and roasted)
- 1 teaspoon garam masala (store bought or homemade)
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. chili powder (optional)
- Salt to taste

In a thick-bottomed pan place the cranberries, 1/2 cup water and brown sugar to boil on low heat. In a spice grinder (coffee grinder for spices only) or a blender, make a coarse mix of coriander seeds and peanuts. Add this mix to the boiling cranberries. Let it boil for five minutes on medium heat. Lastly, add garam masala, chili powder, and salt. The cranberry chutney thickens as it cools down.

### GARAM MASALA

Makes: 4 tablespoon

- 1 Tablespoon cumin seeds
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
- 2 cardamom pods (whole)
- 10 black pepper (whole)
- 6 cloves
- 2 one inch cinnamon sticks

Heat a frying pan and place all the spices in it. Roast for three to four minutes until a fragrant aroma is released. Let it cool for five to seven minutes. Make a fine powder in a coffee grinder or spice grinder (a coffee grinder used only for spices.)

This spice blend can be used in any recipe, which calls for an assortment of spices.

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## ECO-News

by Pamela Lesdesma

### Holiday Garbage Dates

Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Wednesday, residential trash and recycling service will be provided one day later than your regular collection days, from Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, and from Wed., Jan. 1 to Fri., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Extra Holiday Trash

**On-Call Disposal Days:** Residents are reminded that they have the option of using their two free On-Call Disposal Days for disposal of large amounts of trash. For details, call the city's public works department at 777-3241, or visit the city's website: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) (click on City Hall and Environmental Div.). Residents can schedule a Disposal Day by calling the Los Altos Garbage Company at 725-4020.

**Extra Bag Tags:** Another option for residents who periodically generate more garbage than they have room for in their trash containers is "Extra Bag Tags." Bag extra trash in plastic trash bags, attach a tag to it, and place next to the trash can. Bags cannot be larger than 32 gallons or weigh more than 25 pounds. Residents can purchase the tags in advance and save them until they are needed—during such times as holiday parties or house cleaning. Tags cost \$5.01 each or 10 for \$47.65, and are available by mail from the Los Altos Garbage Company, 725-4020.

### Recycling During the Holidays

A lot of trash is produced during the holiday season. Here, are some recycling and garbage reminders:

**Christmas Trees:** Christmas trees can be processed into compost. They will be collected at homes in Cupertino on regular recycling days from Jan. 2 through Jan.17. (Please note the holiday scheduling changed mention above.) Trees

will be picked up at apartment and condominium complexes during the same period. Managers should call when the complex is ready for tree pick-up: 725-4020. All complexes will be visited by Jan. 17. Trees should be put out by 6 a.m., cut into 4-foot lengths, with all decorations and stands removed. Flocked trees will be accepted for composting.

**Corrugated Cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard can be recycled at the curb on regular recycling days. Residents living in apartments or condominiums should ask managers where cardboard is collected on-site. Boxes must be flattened and cut into 3-foot by 3-foot pieces. While it is not necessary to tie pieces with string, bundling makes handling easier for recycling truck drivers. If desired, large quantities can be taken to the Sunnyvale Recycling Center at the north end of Borregas Ave.

**Styrofoam:** Styrofoam "peanuts" are accepted at Postal Annex in the Oaks Shopping Center (Stevens Creek @ Mary Ave.) and some of the Mail Boxes Etc stores. Call first. Residents who have the new type of "peanuts" made of cornstarch, may stir them into a

compost pile or a dirt area and dissolve them in water.

**Wrapping paper:** Gift wrapping paper can be included with other mixed paper for recycling at curbside. Place overflow recyclable paper into a box, and place it next to your recycling bins. (Most apartment and condominium complexes now have mixed paper recycling totes.) Foil and plastic wrapping paper and ribbons and bows cannot be recycled.

**Cans and bottles:** Place a well-labeled recycling bin next to trash containers at parties to make it easy for guests to recycle. (Find a colorful label at the Quinlan Center or download one at [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org) (click on "Recycle Bottles and Cans Here"). If bins are full by recycling day, remember that extra recyclables can be placed in boxes and set next to the full bins.

**No limit:** Remember that there is no limit to the amount of recyclables that can be set out on recycling day. (Although, yardwaste should only be set out in your yardwaste toter.)



## Parks and Recreation News

For information about any of the following listings, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 777-3120.

### Music Around the World

These 50-minute dual-immersion, bilingual classes introduce you and your child to another language through the universal language of music. No previous language experience is necessary. Young children have an amazing ability to absorb languages and music. Classes include songs and instruction in English and the target languages (French or Mandarin Chinese), plus music from around the world! Your child experiences a new language through songs, chants, dance, and free play with age-appropriate instruments in a fun and creative learning environment. Lots of rhythmic and tonal play integrated with whole body movement and imaginative improvisation provide a wonderful foundation for future musical, linguistic, and intellectual growth. This is a parent and child class. There is a \$19 material fee due to the instructor at the first class meeting. Students will receive a CD and songbook. For more information, please call Julie Wong, 408-358-1341.

No class 1/20, 2/17, 2/24, 2/19, 2/26.

QCC Social Room Instructor: Music Around the World Staff

French/English

12950 W 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. 1/8 to 3/26, \$129R/\$154N

12951 W 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. 1/8 to 3/26 \$129R/\$154N

Mandarin/English

12952 M 10 to 11 a.m. 1/6-3/31 \$129R/\$154N

12953 M 9 to 10 a.m. 1/6-3/31 \$129R/\$154N

**Sign up for a free demonstration class. To reserve a space please call Julie Wong at (408)358-1341.**

Parent must attend with child.

Free Demonstration

13203 M 9 to 9:50 a.m. 12/16

13204 M 10 to 10:50 a.m. 12/16

13205 M 11 to 11:50 a.m. 12/16

### SAT-I Test Taking Strategies 16Y+

In this abbreviated SAT-I prep course, learn how to get the best score possible with your present math and verbal skills. This course will focus on general SAT test-taking strategies, as well as specific strategies for the different types of math and verbal problems you will encounter on the actual test. You will have an opportunity to take several practice tests and will be given computer-generated personal analysis for further studying. Materials fee: \$53.85 due to the instructor at the first class meeting. This includes course book for the SAT-I and SAT practice tests. Prerequisite: Must have taken or be concurrently enrolled in both Algebra I and Geometry. No class 2/26.

QCC Cupertino Rm Instructor: Huntington Learning Center

13217 W 7:30pm-8:20 p.m. 1/8-3/19 \$264R/\$315N

### Let's Play in Spanish! 2-5Y

Would you like your kids to speak Spanish? Come play with us and learn in an unforgettable adventure for you and your child. Enjoy introducing your child to a Spanish immersion program that includes music, instruments (including native instruments from South America), story time, puppets, dramatic play, and more. The program is directed by Susana Dorn, native Spanish speaker, who has a university degree in child development education and nine years of experience working with children. Fee covers one parent and one child. Parent must attend.

MVRC Room 3 Instructor: Susana Dorn

12954 F 10 to 10:50 a.m. 1/10-3/14 \$130R/\$156N

12955 F 11:10 a.m. to 12 pm 1/10-3/14 \$130R/\$156N

### The Joy of Theater Workshop 5-7Y+

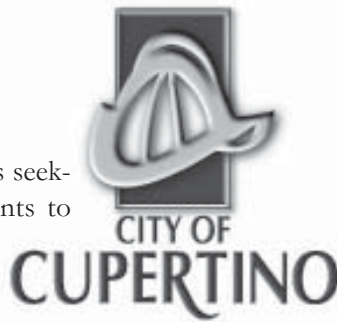
In this eight-class workshop, students explore movement, puppetry, rhythm, mime, and acting in a supportive environment. Classes on costuming, directing, scenery, and set design are also included. Children won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of theater! No class 2/6, 2/7.

QCC Cupertino Room Instructor: Theater Fun

13206 Th 4 to 5 pm 1/9-3/13

\$92R/\$110N

## Cupertino Commission Vacancies



The City Council is seeking interested residents to volunteer for positions on boards, commissions and committees that will have vacancies in 2003. **The deadline for applications is Friday, January 17, 2003**, and interviews will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 27 and Wednesday, January 29. For more information about meeting times or places, or to apply for a commission, contact the Cupertino City Clerk's Office at 777-3223, or visit the city website at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

### Cupertino Housing Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Richard Schuster	January 2003 *

\*Not eligible for reappointment

The commission assists in developing housing policies and strategies and other advisory functions. Commissioners fall under the Political Reform Act and financial disclosure is required. Meetings are at 3:30 p.m., the second Thursday of the month at City Hall, Conference Room C. For more information, contact Vera Gil at 777-3308.

### Fine Arts Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Janet Mohr	January 2003
Shirley Lin Kinoshita	January 2003

The commission encourages and assists the realization, preservation, and advancement of the fine arts for the benefit of the community. Commissioners fall under the Political Reform Act and financial disclosure is required. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at City Hall, Conference Room A. For more information, contact Kimberly Smith at 777-3217.

### Library Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Sheila Mohan	January 2003
Katherine Stakey	January 2003

The commission advises the city council on library services. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, Confer-

ence Room A. For more information, contact Carol Atwood at 777-3220.

### Parks and Recreation Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Kris Wang	January 2003
Jeanne Bradford	January 2003

The commission advises the city council on parks and recreation issues. Commissioners fall under the Political Reform Act and financial disclosure is required. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers. For more information, contact staff liaison Therese Smith at 777-3110.

### Planning Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Charles (Chuck) Corr	January 2003
Taghi Saadati	January 2003

The commission advises the city council on land use matters, such as specific and general plans, zonings, and subdivisions. Meetings are held at 6:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month in the City Hall Council Chambers. For more information, contact Steve Piasecki at 777-3308.

### Public Safety Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Vacant	January 2004

The commission advises the city council on all areas relating to public safety, traffic, and police, and fire. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Hall, Conference Room A. For more information, contact Jeff Trybus at 777-3310.

### Telecommunications Commission

<u>Terms Ending</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Salvatore Algeri	January 2003
David Eggleston	January 2003

The commission advises the city council on all matters relating to telecommunications including evaluating compliance with any franchise or other agreement between the city and a telecommunications provider and conducting periodic reviews of providers, facilities, and products. Commissioners fall under the Political Reform Act and financial disclosure is required. Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, Conference Room A. For more information, contact Rick Kitson at 777-3262.

# Community Calendar

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 777-3202. Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

DEC.	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>2 Mon</b>	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
	Friends of Cupt. Library	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Library	253-8294
<b>3 Tues</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	481-9236
	Cupt. Toastmasters 4608*	6 p.m.	Community Center	973-7803
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
<b>4 Wed</b>	AI-ANON Family Group* AI-ATEEN*	7:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	734-5869 292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	Compaq, 10501 Tantau	865-1815
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471
Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	777-3331	
<b>5 Thurs</b>	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	253-3219
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-2633
	Northwest Y Service Club*	7 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I*	Noon	International House of Pancakes St. Crk. Blvd.	252-7054

<b>5 Thurs</b>	Connect Club II* Connect Club III*	8 a.m. Noon	Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce	252-7054 252-7054
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	541-9069
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691- 8724
<b>6 Fri</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
<b>7 Sat</b>	De Anza Flea Market	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	De Anza College	864-8946
<b>9 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center	777-0209
<b>10 Tues</b>	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622
	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366 S. Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd.	252-2584 255-5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	725-8091
<b>11 Wed</b>	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
<b>12 Thurs</b>	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
<b>13 Fri</b>	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
<b>14 Sat</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>16 Mon</b>	<b>Temporary Cupertino Library opens at new location</b>	10 a.m.	10441 Bandlely Drive	446-1677
<b>17 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>19 Thurs</b>	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312
	Bicycle/Ped Adv. Com.	7 p.m.	City Hall	446-2585 777-3245
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Rec Center	257-4745

*Deadline for submitting January calendar information is Dec. 4.*

## Council Actions



**Monday, November 4, 2002**

**Council Members Present:**

**Chang, James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval.**

Held study session regarding the proposed Downtown Village Specific Plan.

Proclamation recognizing the Santa Clara County Library as the number one library in its population category according to Hennen's American Public Library ratings.

Demonstration of new City of Cupertino web site and how to view Council meetings online.

Denied the appeal of a 350 square foot addition to 10778 Juniper Court.

Report from the City Attorney regarding prevailing wage claims and concurred to defer action (a) until after a final determination is made by the Labor Commissioner in December and (b) until after the City Council has conducted a closed session regarding legal options.

Eliminated further consideration of a vehicular book-drop and approved proceeding with the inclusion of a walk-up book-drop for the new Cupertino Public Library.

**Monday, November 18, 2002**

**Council Members Present:** Chang, James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval.

Approved Alcoholic Beverage License, House of Sichuan, 20007 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Approved environmental assessment for a pedestrian and bicycle footbridge at Mary Avenue across Interstate 280.

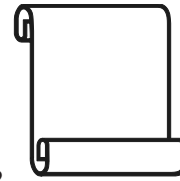
Adopted motion to assign 60% of new Below Market Rate housing to very low- income category and 40% to low- income category. Motion carried with Lowenthal and James voting no. Amended prioritization as follows: Cupertino workers receive 2 points, public service workers receive 1 point, and residents receive 1 point. Work to insure fairness for applications; and that the Below Market Rate program will only apply to net new units. Motion carried unanimously.

**Tuesday, November 19, 2002**

**Council Members Present:** Chang, James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval.

Michael Chang sworn in as mayor., Sandra James as vice-mayor.

## Agenda Previews



**City Council**

**Monday, December 2, 2002**

Receive annual report from the Library Commission.

Approve the minutes from the November 18 City Council meeting.

**Monday, December 16, 2002**

Approve the minutes from the December 2nd City Council meeting.

Adopt a resolution accepting Accounts Payable.

Adopt a resolution accepting Payroll.

Accept the Treasurer's Budget Report

Declare weeds on certain properties a nuisance, setting hearing for January 20.

**Monday, January 6, 2003**

**City Council Meeting Canceled**

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**Planning Commission**

**December 9, 2002, 6:45 p.m.**

**Applicant:** Freiheit & Ho Architects, Inc., 10745 N. De Anza Blvd. Use Permit to demolish Santa Barbara Grill and construct a 120 room hotel (Extended stay America).

**Applicant:** Prometheus, 20800 and 20900 Homestead Road. Tentative Map to subdivide a 23.86-acre parcel into four lots. Lots 1 and 3 will be mapped for 542 condominiums and one lot held in common. Use Permit to demolish 194 existing apartment units and construct five buildings totaling 542 units on approximately 10 acres of two existing apartment complexes (Villa Serra and The Grove).

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<b>Dec.</b>	<b>4</b>	Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>5</b>	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>9</b>	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>10</b>	Teen Commission (Community Center)	5:30 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>11</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>12</b>	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>12</b>	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	3:30 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>16</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>17</b>	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>26</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.

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