

CUPERTINO SCENE

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Community Crab Feed

An all-you-can-eat crab feed open to the public is scheduled for Friday, January 26, in the St. Joseph of Cupertino Parrish Hall, 10120 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino. The sixth annual event features a menu of fresh crab, pasta, salad, and garlic bread. Dessert, as well as no-host beer and wine, will also be available. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 7 pm.

Tickets, at \$30, may be purchased in advance by calling the St. Joseph of Cupertino School office, 408.252.6441. After January 19, available tickets will be sold for \$35 each. All proceeds from the event will go toward school programs and events.



Yuletide Horn

FREE, FESTIVE, FABULOUS! The Cupertino Symphonic Band will give their traditional Christmas Concert on December 17, 2006, 3 pm, Quinlan Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino.

For more information call 408.262.0471 or visit the website at www.netview.com/csb.



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DECEMBER Events



Light up the Night



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6PM
AT THE QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER**



This event will include music, yummy treats and a visit from Santa Claus!

This is a FREE event that 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.



Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department 777.3120



This holiday season, take a break from all that shopping and wrapping. Give an experience and crate a cherished memory! Experience gifts are for everyone:

- Tickets to a sporting event, stage play, or movie
- Annual passes to museums or parks
- Gift certificates for a massage, kayak rental or restaurant

The choices are endless!

Enjoy the holidays knowing you've given thoughtful gifts to your friends and loved ones and reduced waste!

Give an Experience





ROOTS Christmas Carols & Other Things

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

First, apologies to regular readers regarding the Thanksgiving Roots. My computer went down and we had to run a previous column - so if you thought you had seen it before, you were right!

Another year has passed - flown by, it feels like - and here we are entering December again. Take a few minutes, brew a cup of tea or coffee, put your feet up and let's muse about Christmas and traditions for a bit.

For Christians, the Christmas season is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ whose birth story may be found in the gospel of Luke in the New Testament. The gifts to the Christ Child were given by the wise men from the East - gold, frankincense and myrrh -

Christmas trees are everywhere - their green branches symbolizing life even in the dead of winter. Decorations in olden times were usually simple, natural materials - German settlers brought the tradition of Christmas trees to America in the early 1800's and the custom has since spread worldwide. Candy canes were originally made as a symbol of the purity of Christ (white) and His death on the cross (red) and made like a shepherd's crook to show Christ as the Good Shepherd.

And then there is Santa Claus! Originally, he was St. Nicholas, bishop of the church in Myra and devoted himself to helping the poor. There are many stories of his gifts to the less fortunate and again, in Germany he became associated with Christmas and from that came Santa Claus in America.

The wonderful Christmas carols we sing are history lessons in themselves. Some church and public libraries have books that give the story behind the different carols. And, of course, in modern times, there is contemporary holiday music - so... on that note, here is a list of older Christmas carols and contemporary music - but with a high-tech semantic twist - see how many you can figure out. What are the real titles?

~ Semantic Carol Twists ~



1. Adorn the corridors.
2. I muse when I cruise.
3. Small municipality in Judea, southwest of Jerusalem.
4. Tintinnabulate carillons.
5. Listen, the celestial harbingers produce harmonious melody.
6. Desire for the sole gift of a pair of upper incisors.
7. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those loyal in their belief.
8. During the nocturnal hours as guardians of ovine quadrupeds survey their charges.
9. Fruit of Castanea fagaceae succumbing to ravages of unmitigated oxidation.
10. An emotion exacerbated by the acquisition of good for the terrestriality.

In closing, someone sent our household this little story on a Christmas card some years ago: "Walking on a darkened street one winter night, I saw a small girl, cold and shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I kept walking. Farther on I saw a father, looking for work to buy medicine and food for his family and maybe a few tiny gifts so they would not be without a present at Christmas. I kept walking. I saw a mother crying because her children had no shoes and their little feet were freezing. I became angry and said to God, "why do you permit this? Why don't You do something about it?!" And the heavens were cold and silent. Then I heard God's voice. " I did do something about it," said God. " I made you."

Let's all remember others not so fortunate as we are this Christmas and God bless us, every one. Merry Christmas.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Stay safe this holiday season by following these simple guidelines. You can find more safety tips by clicking on “Preparedness Info” at www.cupertino.org/emergency and scrolling to “Holiday Safety.”

Smoke Detectors - Place one on every level of the house and in every bedroom. Test monthly and replace batteries yearly.

Prepare for Holiday Parties - Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

Inspect Fireplaces – Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect your family and home by using a sturdy screen when burning fires. Remember to burn only wood – never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes.

Cook with Care – When cooking, do not wear loose fitting clothing. It can be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot handles in. Don’t store items on the stove top; they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off after use. Don’t overload electrical outlets, and don’t use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

Designate a Driver – When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

Buckle Up – During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that all passengers are also wearing safety belts.

UPCOMING CLASSES: (There will be no Cupertino Scene published in January so mark your calendars now!)

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop

December 9, 9 am to 12 pm

January 19, 6:30-9:30 pm

February 15, 9 am to 12 pm

March 10, 9 am to 12 pm

This workshop is a prerequisite for CERT Training. Workshop is free!

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade

February 19-23, 2007 during Winter Break. 9 am-1 pm. \$35/\$45.

Community Emergency Response Team

Complete day (9-12 pm) and evening (6:30

– 9:30 pm) sessions available. January 11, 18,

26, February 1, 8 and February 10. OK to flex

the schedule between day and evening classes.

Graduation for all on October 7, 9 am to 1 pm.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES, ONE MONTH AT A TIME...

When you start transferring information onto your 2007 calendar – don’t forget to schedule days to check or purchase emergency supplies and take a Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop!

Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information.

Register for classes through Cupertino Parks & Recreation 408.777.3120.





TIPS For Holiday Preparedness

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

DRIVING:

Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area. Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside. Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight. Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car. Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door. When approaching and leaving your vehicle be aware of your surroundings. Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area. Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES (ATM):

If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside the mall, or well-lighted location. Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you. Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

SHOPPING:

If you shop at night, go with a friend or family member. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry. Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If you do, do not “flash” your money wad. Divide up your cash into smaller amounts and keep in separate pockets. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused. Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit. Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps. Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.

CHILDREN:

Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you. Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom. Young children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car. Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. For younger children, place a note with your emergency notification information in their pocket. The note could read, “If I am lost, please call.... My mommy’s name is....” Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

HOME:

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes. When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and stop your newspaper and mail service. Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer. Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied. Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home. When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home. Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves. If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire. Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace. It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Ask for their identification. If it is a for profit business, they must have a permit from the city of Cupertino on their person. If you are not satisfied, do not donate and call 911.

HOLIDAY PARTIES:

Never drink and drive.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE DATES

Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Monday, residential trash and recycling service has been rescheduled “a day behind” for the entire last week of Dec. and the first week of Jan. Regular Monday service will be provided on Tuesday, regular Tuesday service will be on Wed, etc., with Friday customers serviced on Saturday.

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 will be collected at homes in Cupertino on regular collection days from January 2nd through 15th. Trees should be put out by 6 am, cut into 4-foot lengths, with all decorations and stands removed. Place trees in your tan yard waste cart or at the curb. Trees will be picked up at apartment and condominium complexes during the same period. Managers should call Los Altos Garbage Co. when the complex is ready for tree pick-up: 408.725.4020. Flocked trees are accepted for composting.

Corrugated Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard can be placed in the blue recycling cart or flattened and placed alongside your recycling cart. Residents living in apartments or condominiums should ask managers where cardboard is collected on-site. Boxes must be flattened and cut into 3-ft by 3-ft pieces. If desired, large quantities can be taken to the Sunnyvale Recycling Center at the north end of Borregas Ave.. Call 408.752.8530.

Styrofoam: We accept blocks of styrofoam, placed in clear plastic bags in your blue cart. While we do not accept styrofoam “peanuts” for recycling, they are accepted at Postal Annex in the Oaks Shopping Center (Stevens Creek @ Mary Ave.) and other mailing services stores. Call first at 408.343.0667. 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 recycling at curbside. (Most apartment and condominium complexes have paper recycling in totes.) Plastic-coated and foil wrapping paper and ribbons and bows cannot be recycled.

No limit: Remember that there is no limit to the amount of recyclables that can be set out on your collection day. (Although, yardwaste should

only be set out in your yardwaste toter.) Extra recyclables can be placed in boxes and set next to the full cart.

Cans and bottles: Place a well-labeled recycling container next to trash containers at parties to make it easy for guests to recycle.

Produce Less Waste: Avoid producing unnecessary waste that needs to be recycled or disposed of this holiday season. Make these practices part of your holiday routine:

- package gifts in reusable gift bags
- bring your own bags to the store
- refuse a bag if you’re only buying one or two items

EXTRA HOLIDAY TRASH?

On-Call Disposal Days: Residents (with garbage can service) are reminded that they have the option of using their two free “On-Call Disposal Days” for disposal of large amounts of trash. Schedule a disposal day by calling the Los Altos Garbage Company at 408.725.4020. For details, visit the city’s website at www.cupertino.org/environmental, click on “Garbage” or call the garbage company.

Extra Bag Tags: Another option for residents who periodically generate extra garbage is “Extra Bag Tags.” Place extra trash in plastic trash bags and attach a tag to it where your garbage collector picks up. Bags cannot be larger than 32 gallons or weigh more than 25 pounds. Tags cost \$5.43 each or 10 for \$51.63, and are available from the Los Altos Garbage Company, call 408.725.4020.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD COMPUTER

If you received new computer equipment for Christmas and are wondering where to take your old computer:

- Resource Area For Teachers (RAFT) in San Jose, 408.451.3853, www.raft.net
A non-profit that provides used, working computers to teachers and other non-profit agencies.
- Computer Recycling Ctr. in Sunnyvale, 1.888.887.3372, www.crc.org
A non-profit that redistributes working computers to teachers and other non-profits. Accepts working and nonworking equipment. Some charges may apply.
- City of Cupertino and Apple Computer’s free electronics recycling program:

408.862.2667. Mon, Wed., and Fri. 8-4:30.
10300 Bubb Rd.—Accepting all computer components and peripherals (PCs and Macs), fax machines, VCRs, stereo equipment, home copiers, DVD players and TVs. Bring proof of residency. The facility will be closed December 25 through January 1.

JUNK MAIL KITS

If your mailbox is becoming overwhelmed with holiday catalogs and solicitations that you don't want, start reducing the flow of mail to your house by using a Junk Mail Reduction Kit. Find the kit online at www.cupertino.org/environmental, the Quinlan Community Center, City Hall, or call the public works dept. at 408.777.3354 for your free copy.

WOOD BURNING TIPS

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months.

Here are a few tips on how to reduce air pollution:

- Instead of wood, use manufactured fire logs (they burn 50% cleaner)
- If you burn wood, make sure it's dried or "seasoned" for six to 12 months
- Never burn garbage or chemically-treated wood
- Consider switching to a gas fireplace (for the ambiance of a wood fire without the gases and the pollution)

A free copy of the California Air Resources Board's Wood burning Handbook can be found at the Quinlan Community Center and City Hall.



Tree Regulations

The Cupertino Planning Commission invites you to participate in updating the City's tree regulations. The Commission seeks your suggestions on how regulations can better meet the needs of the community. Information on the tree ordinance review process and the current tree ordinance (Chapter 14.18 of the Cupertino Municipal Code) can be found on the City's website at www.cupertino.org/planning. The Planning Commission is interested in getting your input on such questions as:

- Should additional trees be added to those already protected? Existing protected trees include oak, deodar cedar, blue atlas cedar, California buckeye, and big leaf maple.
- What replacement requirements should be required for removal of a mature (12" – 20" diameter) specimen tree?

The Planning Commission welcomes your input and will discuss possible changes to these regulations at the following meeting:

Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 6:45 pm*
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014
(Community Hall is located near the library)

Suggestions may also be provided to the Planning Department at City of Cupertino, Planning Department, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014 or by email at planning@cupertino.org prior to 5:30 pm on December 12, 2006. You may also contact the Cupertino Planning Department at 408.777.3308 or by the above email for additional information about this ordinance.

**Agenda may be subject to change. Please contact the Planning Department prior to the meeting date to verify that this item is still on the agenda. The time this item will be heard on the agenda cannot be predicted.*



~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday 12 to 9
Wednesday 10 to 9
Thursday 10 to 9
Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 6
Sunday 2 to 6

Please Note: *The library will be CLOSED on Sunday, December 24, 2006 and on Sunday, December 31, 2006.*

Library telephone numbers:

General Library Number
408.446.1677
Adult and Teen Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3372
Children's Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3373
Accounts, Billing
800.286.1991
TeleCirc
800.471.0991

The library has a Web Catalog at www.santaclaracountylib.org.
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>

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WINTER BREAK BOOK DISCUSSION

Young people grades 4 and up are invited to join Children's Librarian Judith Blight for a book discussion and snacks at 2:30 pm on Thursday, December 28, 2006. Please sign up at the Children's Reference Desk beginning December 1, 2006. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7 pm
Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:15 am
(ages 1-1/2 -3 years)

GET TECH @ THE LIBRARY

FUN science programs for 7th and 8th Graders: Saturday, January 20, 2007 10:30 -12 pm in the Story Room in the Children's Area

7th and 8th graders are invited to take the Tech Challenge in an interactive program designed by the Tech Museum. This hands-on program, founded on scientific principles, encourages innovation and problem solving. Interested young people must sign up at the Reference Desk beginning January 2, 2007. This program is limited to 30 participants: 7th and 8th graders ONLY, please.

MONTHLY SCAVENGER HUNT

Science questions to puzzle your mind! Answer the questions online or in the library to win prizes. In December, it's all about Robots, and January is for Earthquakes. Come by the library for resource lists and check out the book displays.

For information on any of the Cupertino Library's children's programs, please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3373.

ADULT, TEEN, AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

SCRAPBOOKING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Saturday, January 13, 2007, 2-4 pm in the Library Story Room. Learn how to preserve your memories in your own personal scrapbook. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 24 adults and reservations will be required. Please sign up at the Adult Reference Desk. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 20, 2007, 10:30 am - 12 noon, Library Training Room, Second Floor. Interested in genealogy? Join Genealogy Librarian Mary Hanel and find out how to find genealogy information from the library subscription databases and websites. This hands-on workshop is limited and reservations will be required. Please sign up at the Adult Reference Desk.

BOOKTALKS AT THE LIBRARY

Need an interesting book to chase away the winter chill? Librarian Judy Dana will introduce you to some new exciting titles. Booktalks are short descriptions of several titles, covering all genres and subjects. Booktalks are scheduled every other month. The next session will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 3:30- 5pm in the Story Room.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY!

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 pm and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Database instruction for teens, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment to learn about the library's subscription databases, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month at 2 to 2:30 pm. These drop-in classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If interested, please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 pm and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 pm. Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's online catalog and subscription databases, and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's adult, teen, and family programs, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at www.santaclaracountylib.org, click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

You may choose from any of the available databases. For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with Learning Express or find information for a state report in *America the Beautiful*. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372 during the library's open hours.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION


Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the lobby.

Friends of the Cupertino Library welcome everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The *Friends* also hold three annual book sales. The next *Friends of the Library* annual Book Sale will be held on **February 10 and 11, 2007**.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

The *Friends of the Cupertino Library* have placed a cabinet in the library lobby to collect used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue 



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5 pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church	374.8511
	Fast Start Group	7:15 am	940 S. Stelling Rd.	
	De Anza Kiwanis*	10 to 1 pm	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456
	Cupertino Las Madres*		Cupt. Library atrium	861.0417
~2~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 am	Union Church	842.0688
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814
~4~ Monday	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 pm	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379.1051
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649
	Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620
~5~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church	650.903.0321
	Women's Group		940 S. Stelling Rd.	
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051
	Toughlove*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	946.7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667
Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Creekside Park - toddler area	861.0417	
~6~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869
	Connect Club III*	8:15 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Valco Parkway	285.4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	253.8004
	~7~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders County Inn
Cup. Host Lions Club*		7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	252.6262
Northwest Y Service Club*		6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)		7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372
Women's Quilting Group*		9:30 am	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253.2984 252.0932
Connect Club I*		Noon	Holders County Inn	252.7054
Connect Club II*		8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054



Dec.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~7~ Thurs Cont'd	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111 or BNI.com
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606	7 am	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650.691.8724
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	378.3499
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Portal Park	861.0417
~8~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232
~9~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828
~11~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
~12~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road	252.2584 255.5293
~14~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am	Blue Pheasant	257.6136 or 252.1529
~19~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~21~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917
~26~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~27~ Weds	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784
~29~ Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014
408.777.3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

THE BETTER PART

Life just keeps getting better for 'The Better Part'. This group of seniors, known as Cupertino Senior TV Productions, just keeps making news and winning awards with their quality work.

The group enjoyed international recognition recently when journalist, Kyoko Takahashi, heard about The Better Part and came from Japan to interview them. Kyoko was invited to be a 'guest' host at the studio to ask her questions. This program will be aired early next year. You will hear Brian Szabo, Executive Director of KMYT advise Kyoko how to set up a Community Access station in Japan and Better Part members answer questions about their program.

Then life got even better - another award win for their outstanding work about our community.

The Alliance for Community Media, Western Region selects outstanding programs and awards their prestigious Western Access Video Excellence (W.A.V.E) awards annually. The Western Region covers Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada and New Mexico. This year the awards ceremony was held at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda.

The Better Part had three programs as finalists:

'Is it Alzheimer's?' & 'Giving & Giving Back' in the By/For Seniors category and 'Diagnosis Alzheimer's' in the Special Audience category.

'Giving & Giving Back' was a winner. The program tells of how a girl in Nicaragua, Lidieth de Socorro Cruz Centeno, became a lawyer thanks to Jan & Howard Hill and members of St Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church. The winning clip showed Producer/Host Val Jeffery asking Lidieth, through an interpreter, "why did you dream of becoming a lawyer?" to which Lidieth responded, "...to help the people in my country especially the women and children". Fellow member Ernie Piini taped the interview at the Hills' home and also directed the program.

The W.A.V.E award was presented to Val by 2006 Gilroy Garlic Queen, Sheena Torres and an excited granddaughter Sydney, age 10, took a video of grandma going up for the award. Maybe this will inspire her to make a program of her own some day?



Was Val disappointed not to win with the two Alzheimer's programs which are so dear to her heart? Not at all, programs don't have to be 'winners' to do good in the community. They are still winners to the group as the Alzheimer's programs have already helped by informing about this dreadful disease.

What can we expect from The Better Part in December? Member John Heather has put together four programs to air over the Christmas period, watch out for them. You will be able to sing along to Christmas music from the Watsonville Band and watch fellow member Billie Atwood interview Santa, wonder what she wants for Christmas?

'The Better Part' is broadcast on Cable Channel 15 in Cupertino and Los Altos. Don't have cable? There's the 'Encore' series, Better Part programs are show the first Wednesday of each month at the Cupertino Senior Center to members and their guests. Programs cover many subjects, whether you are interested in Chinese opera, solar eclipses or just want to know 'Is it Alzheimer's'?

Information: Cupertino Senior Center
408.777.3150 or www.thebetterpart.com

HOLIDAY ENCORE!

Let's give the holidays a final twirl - Filipino style. The Cupertino Senior Center will be hosting another of its ever-popular international lunches, this time focusing on Philippine culture. We will be savoring cuisine which has historical traces of Spanish, Chinese, and Malay. Then be entertained by Filipino music, song, and dance. Get a peek at how this Asian country traditionally celebrates this beloved holiday season. Red-circle the date, January 31, 2007, and call 777.3150 for more information. \$8 for members and \$10 for senior guests.

LUNCH IS SERVED

Looking for a place to go for lunch? Look no further. Come to the Cupertino Senior Center the second Wednesday of each month for lunch and entertainment at our Monthly Social and Birthday events. Even if you still work come for lunch at 12 noon, enjoy local entertainment and be back to work by 1 pm. Cost for lunch is \$6.00 for members of the Cupertino Senior Center and \$7.00 for adult guests.





THE BETTER PART



SHOWS ON MONDAYS AT 4:30, TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 7 PM ON CABLE CHANNEL 15.

December is the month for holiday music! Watch and enjoy!

And to start the month:

- Dec. 1** Learn the ancient techniques of meditation, finding peace within yourself.
- Dec. 4, 5, 8** The Watsonville Band plays enjoyable Christmas music for you.
- Dec.11, 12, 15** Three Santas tell some of the stories that you don't usually get to hear.
- Dec.18, 19, 22** The Choraliers, a local mixed group, sing a selection of Christmas music.
- Dec.25, 26, 29** Enjoy a selection of Holiday Music from 3 different groups.

December 13th: Jazz up your afternoon with Mark Rickey, a local jazz pianist. Enjoy stuffed sole, steamed vegetables, rice and cake.

January 10th: "Ring in the New Year" with the sounds of the Bay Bells an English Handbell Ensemble. Quiche, salad and fresh fruit will be served.

February 14th: Come hear "The Crones". Don't let the name fool you, these women play beautiful music on their recorders. Lunch will be stuffed chicken, steamed vegetables, roll and dessert.

See what your local Senior Center is all about. Besides the Monthly Socials we also offer lunch without entertainment on most Wednesdays also at Noon. Call 408.777.3150 to register. Limited space so please sign up prior to the scheduled date.

SENIOR ABUSE

The Cupertino Senior Citizens Commission has, as one of its goals for 2007, making people more aware of how some of our seniors are being abused-financially, physically and psychologically.

Financial Abuse-Experts say that this type of abuse will be the "crime of the 21st century" as the growing senior population becomes a target. Regrettably, many seniors are victimized by their own relations or caregivers-people they generally trust.

Physical - Injuries that cannot be explained
-inappropriate use of a physical restraint or medications
-sexual abuse.

Neglect - Poor hygiene, dirty or torn clothes-
medical conditions that go untreated
-malnourishment or dehydration.

Psychological - Elderly person is withdrawn or secretive.
-He/she is isolated and restricted as to whom he/she can have contact
-Elder becomes confused or extremely forgetful.

We, in California, are very fortunate to have agencies and professional help available to us:

Karen Du Goss, Case Mgr. Cupertino Senior Center – 408.777.3150

Joyce De Sorbo, Council on Aging – 408.350.3297

Adult Protective Services – 408.928.3860

Elder Abuse Hotline – 800.722.0432

California Dept. of Aging – 800.510.2020

Elder Financial Protection Network – 415.897.9555





COUNCIL ACTIONS



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006

Council Members Present:

Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, Sandoval

Council Members Absent: None.

Moved to resolve the case along the lines discussed in closed session regarding Betty Levi vs. City of Cupertino.

Presented a proclamation recognizing Martin Bishop.

Presented a proclamation to County Librarian Melinda Cervantes for outstanding library services.

Presented a proclamation to Cupertino Librarian Mary-Ann Wallace in recognition of 35 years of service.

Approved the minutes from the October 17 and 18 City Council meetings.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for October 13 and 20.

Adopt a resolution accepting Payroll for October 20.

Accepted the Treasurer's investment report for September 2006.

Accepted applications for an Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Strike Cupertino and Una Mas.

Adopted resolutions expressing intent to vacate rights of way for McClellan Road and Madrid Place and Dolores Avenue.

Adopted a resolution approving a final parcel map, 10760 S. Stelling Road.

Adopted resolutions approving improvement agreements for Stevens Canyon Villas and Cupertino Square.

Adopted a resolution amending the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Policy.

Asked the committee to meet with the City Attorney and report back to Council in December regarding General Plan Policy 2-42: Revenue Analysis of Office Developments.

Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a minor amendment to the contract with Life Time Tennis.

Adopted a resolution adopting a Risk Management Policy.

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-1988: "An Ordinance of the Cupertino City Council Adding Chapter 1.18 to the Cupertino Municipal Code Regarding the Administration of Claims."

Approved mid-year budget adjustments; specified purchase of hybrid vehicle for mail clerk/pool use; considered additional funds for Barnhardt/Sterling Park in next round of budget review in January.

Provided policy direction regarding the commercial sale of art on public property.

Adopted a resolution approving the 2006-07 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding program.



Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an extension of an existing lease agreement between the City and Pacific Bell Wireless, LLC for an antenna site at the City's Service Center.

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-1989: "An Ordinance of the Cupertino City Council amending Chapter 11.27, Section 11.27.145 of the Cupertino Municipal Code regarding the designation of preferential parking zones to remove preferential parking from Wheaton Drive and Bilich Place."

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-1990: "An Ordinance of the Cupertino City Council amending Chapter 11.24, section 11.24.150, parking prohibited along certain streets, to include portions of Santa Lucia Road."

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 06-1991: "An Ordinance of the Cupertino City Council amending Chapter 11.24, section 11.24.170, stopping, standing, and parking limitations on certain streets, to include portions of Rollingdell Drive and delete portions of Stevens Creek Boulevard."

Authorized the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the City Council supporting the proposed Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) formula.

Confirmed Tuesday, December 5 at 6:45 pm to select the Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

Confirmed Wednesday, December 6 at 6:45 pm as the regular business meeting.

Confirmed that the Council meetings of November 21, December 19 and January 2 have been cancelled.





SERVE Your City



CITY OF CUPERTINO APPOINTMENTS LIST AND NOTICE OF VACANCIES 2007

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cupertino encourages residents to apply for positions on City commissions and committees that will have vacancies in January of 2007. The application deadline is 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. Council will conduct interviews beginning at 6 pm on Monday and Tuesday, January 22 and 23.

Commissioners are interviewed and appointed by the City Council, and may serve a total of two consecutive 4-year terms. (The Teen Commission has a different term structure). If a person is appointed to fill an unscheduled vacancy, that partial term is not counted against the term limit.

All meetings are open to the public. For more information 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.

Audit Committee – No vacancies

Bicycle Pedestrian Commission – 3 vacancies
Geoffrey Paulsen served from Oct. '02 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

James Wiant served from Jan. '05 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Scott Fable served from Mar. '06 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Steering Committee – 1 vacancy
John Wesley served from Jan. '04 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Fine Arts Commission – 2 vacancies
Janet Mohr served from Jan. '99 to Jan. '07
– not eligible for reappointment
Robert Harrison served from May '05 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Housing Commission – 1 vacancy
Chihua Wei served from Mar. '06 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Library Commission – 2 vacancies
Sheila Mohan served from Jan. '99 to Jan. '07
– not eligible for reappointment

Kathy Stakey served from Jan. '03 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Parks and Recreation Commission – 2 vacancies
Jeanne Bradford served from Sept. '00 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Margaret Goodrich served from Mar. '06 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Planning Commission – 2 vacancies
Taghi Saadati served from Jan. '02 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Lisa Giefer served from Jan. '04 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Public Safety Commission – No vacancies

Senior Commission – 2 vacancies
Christine Kennedy Pierce served from Jan. '04 to Jan. '07 – eligible for reappointment

Linda Walker served from Jan. '04 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Teen Commission – No vacancies

Technology, Information, and Communications Commission – 3 vacancies
Andrew Radle served from Nov. '04 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Eric Klein served from Nov. '04 to Jan. '07
– eligible for reappointment

Unscheduled vacancy - term ending Jan. '08

A complete list of qualifications is available in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website at www.cupertino.org.



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DECEMBER 25- JANUARY 1**

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December 31 - January 1





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CITY MEETINGS

Dec. 5	Swearing In Ceremony for Mayor/Vice Mayor***	6:45 pm
Dec. 6	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
Dec. 6	City Council mtg.***	6:45 pm
Dec. 6	Technology, Information & Communication Commission	6:45 pm
Dec. 6	Library Commission (Conf. Rm. 100)	7 pm
Dec. 7	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Dec. 7	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7 pm
Dec. 12	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
Dec. 13	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Dec. 14	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	9 am
Dec. 14	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 21	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 p.m

City offices will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 1 for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

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 recorded meeting schedule/information after hours, call 777.3200.

The City Channel (Comcast Cable Channel 26) offers agenda information, broadcasts of council/planning commission meetings and other programs. All meeting agendas are posted outside of City Hall 72 hours before the meeting.

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

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