

CUPERTINO SCENE

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Winter Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 16, 3 pm, Quinlan Community Center

FREE, FESTIVE, FABULOUS Once again, the Cupertino Symphonic Band will present its festive Christmas program. *~ Continued on Page 2*



Serve the City

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for city commissions and committees with openings in January 2008. On January 22 and 23, the City Council will interview applicants for these groups: Audit Committee; Housing Commission and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee; Planning Commission; Parks and Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Senior Citizens Commission; and the Technology, Information, and Communications Commission. *~ Continued on Page 2*



Cellular Telephone Survey Results

This July, the Technology, Information, Computing, and Communications Commission (TICC) conducted a web-based survey on wireless services in Cupertino. The survey asked *~ Continued on Page 10*

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~Christmas Concert Cont'd from Page 1

Tom Narcisso will conduct the varied program including the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, *Sleigh Ride*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *Ave Maria*.



The concert is free but donations of canned goods for the Community Services would be very gratefully received.

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

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Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For more information, please visit the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223. The deadline to apply is 5:30 pm, Wednesday, January 9.



Community Crab Feed



Friday, January 25, 6pm
St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish Hall
10120 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino

St. Joseph of Cupertino School hosts its annual public all-you-can-eat crab feed. The seventh 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.

Tickets, at \$30, may be purchased in advance by calling the St. Joseph of Cupertino School office, 408.252.6441. After January 18, available tickets will be sold for \$35 each. All proceeds from the event will go toward school programs and events.



Valentine's Art Show



Reception February 7
Show runs February 1 - 29
Main Street Cafe, 134 Main, Los Altos

The Fine Arts League of Cupertino will be having a member show titled "From the Heart" in honor of Valentines Day.

For more info, contact Belinda Lima 408.252.0367.

This Holiday Season, take a break from all that shopping and wrapping. Give an experience and create 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



Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission
 of Santa Clara County
 and your City



SEASONAL Events

"WEEKEND COLLEGE plus"

De Anza College's "WEEKEND COLLEGE plus" is ideal for people who need flexibility in class choices to fit a busy schedule. A combination of Friday, Saturday, Sunday, evening, online and self-paced classes are available to allow busy people to fulfill their educational goals. Go to www.deanza.edu/schedule to find a complete listing of almost 900 "WEEKEND COLLEGE plus" classes, or stop by the De Anza College Bookstore and pick up a printed copy of the schedule in December. Registration for new or former students begins December 10. Winter Quarter 2008 starts Monday, January 7.

MARKETPLACE CENTER HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

December 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23, 3-5 pm
Marketplace Shopping Center,
Corner of Stevens Creek Blvd. and Portal Rd.

Come and enjoy the Marketplace Shopping Center's Holiday festival: three weekends of fun for children and adults, including tree decorating, face painting, photos with Santa Claus, and much more. Pets are welcome. Be sure to visit the special food tasting on December 15-16.



CUPERTINO



Community Tree Lighting

December 2, 2007, 6 pm
Quinlan Community Center

Music * Treats * Santa

This event is FREE to the public and takes place rain or shine. Bring a non-perishable food item or new toy to the event. All items will be donated to Cupertino Community Services and distributed this holiday season.

For more information please contact Cupertino Parks and Recreation at 408.777.3120

CUPERTINO SPORTS CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 12, 2008, 10 am-12 pm



CUPERTINO

SPORTS CENTER FEATURES:

- Fitness Room with Lifefitness & Cybex Equipment
- Child Care
- Adult Sports
- Tennis Courts
- Fitness Classes
- Racquetball Courts



OPEN HOUSE FREE ACTIVITIES:

- Crafts
- Games
- Prizes
- Face painting
- Memberships
- Body Fat Testing & More



Cupertino Sports Center
21111 Stevens Creek Blvd., 408.777.3160

Cupertino LIBRARY

~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

Cupertino Library **NEW** Open Hours

Monday	1 to 9
Tuesday	1 to 9
Wednesday.....	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6
Sunday	12 to 6

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 will be closed on the following days:

Tuesday, December 25
Tuesday, January 1
Monday, January 21

The Library will close at 5 pm on the following days:

Monday, December 24
Monday, December 31

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

Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org

Teen Page Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen

Kids Page Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

NEW STORYTIME HOURS

Bedtime Stories

3 years and up..... Tuesdays, 7 pm

Three Stories

2-1/2 to 3-1/2 years old ... Wednesdays, 10:15 am

Twos Stories

1-1/2 to 2-1/2 years old Thursdays, 10:15 am

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE RAT

Wednesday, January 30, 7 pm, in the Story Room

Librarian Jean Nei will introduce storyteller and puppeteer Charlie Chin, who will present a special puppet show in English, followed by a craft for kids.

BOOKFLIX

The newest, coolest thing from the library

Bookflix pairs a video storybook with a related nonfiction eBook for children PreK-3 to access from home. You only need a library card and PIN number. From the library website, click KIDS and then click BookFlix under the Electronic Resources section.

ADULT, TEEN AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

BOOK TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS

Join librarians Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu on the third Thursday of each month in the Library Story Room. Booktalks are short descriptions of several titles. One of the books will be discussed. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

On December 13 at 7 pm "*Persian Pickle Club*" by Sandra Dallas will be discussed.

On January 17 at 7 pm "*Snow in August*" by Pete Hamill will be discussed.

This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

CREATE AN OFFICIAL POSTER OR BOOKMARK – TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2008

Teens are invited to design a bookmark and/or poster with the theme "Teen Summer Reading Club" and turn it in to the Cupertino library by January 15. There is a limit of only one entry per teen. Please turn in a paper submission only. Winners will be notified by February 1.

MOVIE FOR TEENS

***Teens are invited to come and see this popular movie based upon the Alex Rider novel by Anthony Horowitz at the Cupertino Library Story Room on Saturday, December 1 at 2 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

SPECIAL DATABASE TRAINING

Join librarian Annapurna Dandu for a special training session on popular databases *Reference USA*, *All Data Online* and *Auto Repair Reference Center*. The training will take place in the Cupertino Library training room (second floor) at 7 pm on Monday, January 7, 2008. For more information, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446-1677, ext 3372.

SUPER COLLEGE PROGRAM

Super College experts Gen and Kelly Tanabe talk about scholarships, essay-writing and other tips to help you or your student pay for college at the Cupertino Community Hall. This program will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library. For more information, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446-1677, ext. 3372.

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. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Instruction on the library's subscription databases is available for teens, age 13-19, at the library, by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

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.

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.

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".


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





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

2008 MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP IN FULL SWING

The Senior Center is Cupertino's hub for activities, trips, information, and services specifically geared toward active adults 50 years and older. For a \$22 resident fee and a \$27 non-resident fee, 2008 membership will be valid until January 2009. That's 14 months for the price of twelve. Membership allows access to all Senior Center programs, bi-monthly newsletter, *Active Senior News*, and a parking decal for use at the Senior Center. Membership also provides a special senior rate at the Cupertino Sports Center.

Current 2007 membership is valid through January 2008. Renew membership by Wednesday, December 12, to receive the January/February *Active Senior News* in the mail.

TOURS AND TRIPS

Travel along with your friends at the Senior Center. Call 408.777.3150 (or check www.cupertino.org) about the trips below and more:

- Southwest National Parks Circle Tour
- Scandinavian Highlights
- Julia Morgan's Berkeley
- San Francisco Symphony Rehearsal
- House Hunting in Palo Alto
- Beguiling Benicia
- Nevada City and Chico
- Rigoletto
- Body, Mind, and Spirit

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pianist - The Rhythmaires Band (a senior entertainment group) needs a substitute piano player for our 98-year-old regular pianist. Probable weekly practices and monthly performances, at the Senior Center or at various venues in the Bay Area. Ability to read music is a must. Contact Jack Peters, 408.252.4534.

Production Crew - Cupertino Senior TV Productions is looking for Senior Center members to join the group as "non-studio" production crew. Open positions are Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer, and Website Manager. Call 408.252.2667 or attend Tuesday meetings at 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, at the Senior Center for more information.

Got Medicare Part D?

Anyone currently enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan (Prescription Drug Plans), should re-evaluate their Prescription Plan to make certain the plan continues to meet their needs in 2008. From November 15 to December 31, 2007, they can join, switch, or drop a Medicare prescription drug plan. People who have HMO, PPO, or SNP are not affected by this timeline. People with retiree plans, please check with their health plan before making any changes.

Many prescription drug plans in 2008 have increased premiums or beneficiary cost sharing, and have changed their formularies. Some have reduced or eliminated "donut hole" coverage in 2008. When reviewing plans, consider whether the drug(s) will still be covered; if there is a need to switch some drug(s) to generic; if the out of pocket cost of drug(s) will increase, and whether drug(s) will be subject to new restrictions such as quantity limit, prior authorization, and/or step therapy.

Anyone needing assistance reviewing their current prescription plan can schedule an appointment with a HICAP counselor at Cupertino Senior Center by calling 408.777.3150 or Council on Aging at 408.296.8290. Cupertino Senior Center Case Manager, Karen Goss, is also available to answer questions about the prescription plans at 408.777.3155. Visit www.medicare.gov to compare these drug plans online.



THE BETTER PART



The programs listed below are aired Mondays at 4:30 pm on Channel 15. The repeat showings are at 7:00 pm.

December 3, 4, 7

Christmas with the Bay Bells
Visions of sleigh bells and snow brought to you by the sounds of hand bells.

December 5 at 1:00:

Holiday Snippets From Around the World
Speakers include Andrea Dorey, Bill Man-nion, Ernie Piini, Hema Kundargi, Teresa Mo, Myrna Gelpman and Bob Yee. They will cover Diwali, Chanukah, Lunar New Year, Hawaiian Holiday and Christmas.

December 10, 11, 14

Soft Harp Music for Christmas
Hear the music of Christmas accompanied by the harp.

December 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28: TBA

Remember to join or change Medicare prescription drug plans by DECEMBER 31



ROOTS Christmas Customs, Near & Far

By Gail Fretwell Hugger



*May the season bring
peace & joy
to one and all.*

Merry Christmas, Cupertino!



One of the advantages of living in the great community of Cupertino is getting to know people from all over the world and learning about their customs, festivals, and stories.

The Advent season is upon us in December, that period of four weeks marking the progression of events leading to the celebration of the birth of Christ. “Advent” derives from the Latin word “adventus” which means “coming”.

From Russia comes the tale of “Babushka”, (“grandmother”) told at Christmastime. According to one version of the story, Babushka fed the wise men when they came through her village on their way to find the Christ child. They invited her to go with them and bring a gift, but Babushka said she was too busy. After they left, she began to regret not going, and set out to find them. Eventually she reached the Holy Land, but by that time, Joseph, Mary and the child had fled to Egypt to escape the cruel Herod, and the wise men had returned to their countries. Babushka was very sad she had missed Jesus and it is said she is still looking for Him, sorry that she was so busy.

In Poland, the highlight of the season is Christmas Eve, as the families watch for the first star of the evening or “Gwiazdka” (one little star) in remembrance of the star of Bethlehem. Under family dinner tables or under the tablecloth, bits of hay are placed, a reminder that Jesus was born in a manger. At midnight, families attend “Pasterka”, the Shepherd’s Mass in cathedrals and churches. “Oplatek”, a special bread and “piernik”, a honey cake, are two of the many foods associated with Christmas in Poland.

Christmas in Greece is a traditionally solemn religious holiday. Throughout all the festivities, there is no question that in Greece, Christmas is about remembering Christ. Beautiful carols called “kalandas” have been handed down from Byzantine times and add to the reverent quality of the celebration. In the remote countryside villages, stone corrals protect precious livestock and the clear, starry skies are not far removed from the night in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago.

In northwestern India, tribal Indian Christians go out every night during the Christmas season to sing special Christmas carols the whole night through. They visit surrounding villages, singing to the residents and telling the Christmas story. In Mumbai, Christian families display the nativity creche in their front windows and hang huge paper lanterns shaped like stars above the street, making a twinkling canopy of stars for passers-by. Since the majority are Catholic Christians, attendance at midnight mass and family dinners are the custom.

Although Christianity is unsanctioned in China, in recent years midnight masses have seen an overflow of people, coming to celebrate Christmas. In homes, paper lanterns and paper chains adorn small trees.

These are just a few of the many lands and Christmas customs represented by folk from different countries that have come to live in Cupertino. There are wonderful books in the Cupertino library, (especially in the children’s room) and also in church libraries, telling about Christmas and customs from countries all over the world. The account of Christ’s birth may be found in the gospel of Luke, in the New Testament.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ 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
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814
~3~ Mon	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	
~4~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321
	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	252.2667
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	861.0417
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Creekside Park - toddler area	
~5~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7:30 pm	Community Center	735.0367
	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 Vallico 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
	Cupertino Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943
	~6~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn
Cupertino 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
Connect Club I*		Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054
Connect Club II*		8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
Business Networking Intl.*		7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111 BNI.com
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
~7~ Fri		De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Cupertino Library atrium	861.0417



NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~8~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828
~10~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	268.1974 Ask for Chandra Agrawal
~11~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
~13~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529
~14~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Valley Pres. Church	253.1232
	Reception prior to Fine Arts League Juried Art Show	7 to 9 pm	Cupertino Community Hall	868.9023
~18~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~20~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am	Monta Vista Recreation Center	252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm		578.5917
~26~ Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

City offices will be closed Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting 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 a month.

Call the contact number for details.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Survey Results Cont'd from Page 1

questions about residents' cell phone and wi-fi experience in the city. This article covers the results relating to cell phones. A future Scene article will focus on the wi-fi results.

Over the survey period of three weeks, we received 614 unique responses from different addresses within the city. The responses were evenly distributed throughout all areas of the city. The number of results and distribution meant that we have very high confidence that the results reflect the experiences and views of the community as a whole.

The survey asked which cellular carriers residents used, the quality of service, and probed about concerns relating to the perceived safety and esthetics of cell phone towers. The survey also explored potential safety and security concerns arising from poor cell phone service. This topic was in recognition of the growing trend toward exclusive use of cellular phones as opposed to wired phones in the home. We also provided an opportunity for survey participants to note specific locations of poor cellular coverage and detailed comments on any other issue relating to cellular phones.

Significant Survey Results

1. Cellular usage in Cupertino is dominated by Verizon (44%) and AT&T (38%) Sprint (7%) and T-Mobile (6%) are next with all others less than 5%.
2. Approximately 50% of residents report fair, poor, or non-existent cellular coverage at their locations. We did not attempt to quantify the exact meaning of those terms, but based on detailed comments, it is very likely those respondents commonly experience poor voice quality, dropped calls, and/or non-connections.
3. Approximately 10% of respondents expressed severe to moderate concerns about the safety of cell phone towers.
4. Approximately 20% of respondents expressed severe to moderate concerns about the esthetics of cell phone towers.
5. Approximately 15% of respondents expressed severe to moderate concerns about safety or security issues relating to poor cell phone coverage.
6. Approximately 25% of the respondents highlighted an area of particularly poor cellular coverage. Three locations stuck out in those responses—the Kennedy Middle School/Monta Vista High School area, Foot-hill Boulevard from I-280 to Stevens Creek, and DeAnza Boulevard from Stevens Creek

to Homestead. The DeAnza Blvd. result is surprising given the number of existing towers in that area.

7. 71 respondents wrote detailed comments relating to cellular coverage. Of those comments, all but one expressed concern about poor cellular service at their locations and wanted coverage improved.

In September the TICC reported its findings to the Cupertino City Council. Recognizing that there was a substantial problem with the quality of cellular coverage in the city, the Council directed the TICC to work with city staff to develop a plan to remedy that problem. The TICC and city staff are actively exploring ways to improve coverage. We have had discussions with the key carriers and have received several encouraging comments and ideas from residents. Look for a future Scene article on the plan when it is finished. If you have ideas, comments, or questions about the survey, the results, or the plan under development, please email ticc@cupertino.org.

Cupertino Resident Awarded Asian American Hero Award



Six Asian American community members and two organizations in Santa Clara County were recognized for their exemplary contribution and leadership at the Asian American Hero Awards, presented by Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss. Conceived by her, the awards program acknowledges members of the Asian American community for commitment to civic leadership, the arts, education, and health and human services, as well as honoring outstanding community organizations, families or teams. Hema Alur-Kundargi of Cupertino was awarded in the education category for her efforts to inform the public about Indian traditions. She said that it is always nice to be recognized for one's hard work. "For me, it is like icing on the cake. This award encourages me to continue what I'm doing - educating people about Indian culture and promoting understanding between communities."



Jon Nakafuji, Cupertino Volunteer

Earthquake! Just when you thought it was never going to happen... it did. The good news is, it wasn't that bad. The bad news is, we can't predict when the next one will occur or how bad it will be. Education is the key to staying safe.

After the ground stops shaking, do you know how to tell if your house is structurally safe to be in? Broken windows are not structural damage. Things falling off shelves aren't either. Here are some simple guidelines to follow and check for real structural damage.

- First, walk around the outside of the house. Be careful. Things on the roof (like tile or bricks) may have been shaken loose and are ready to drop on your head.
- Look at the house foundation for any new cracks or shifting. Homes built after 1960 are less likely to have foundation issues. Also look at the ground for any cracks.
- Check the gas meter and turn off the gas if you smell gas, hear hissing sounds or see the gas meter dial spinning unusually fast.
- Check the horizontal and vertical lines of your home. Stand at each side of the house. Hold a pencil or pen at arm's length, in front of your face, and close one eye. Line up the pencil/pen with the horizontal and vertical lines of your house to see if they've "shifted" because of cracking or other stress. If they have, you may have structural damage that could get worse with aftershocks.
- If you don't see any foundation damage, or changes in horizontal and vertical lines, go inside and look at the walls. You can expect to see 45 degree cracks around large windows because the glass is not strong enough to support the wall. This causes a lot more stress on the surrounding structure. Hairline cracks are OK. If the cracks are wider, the wall is probably damaged and susceptible to aftershocks.
- Finally, open and close doors. If they are difficult to open, or stuck, the building may have shifted.
- If you suspect structural damage, you should not go back inside your home. The city is responsible for inspecting every building for safety but it may take up to 14 days to check them all.

Fortunately, this recent earthquake wasn't strong enough to cause damage in Cupertino but the next one could be. We have another chance

to be ready. Imagine what it would have been like to stand in front of your house and not be able to go back inside.

Here are some things you can expect after a major earthquake: no electricity, no telephone service, no gasoline, very limited and delayed medical assistance and fire response, closed grocery stores. Remember you can harm yourself if you drink water out of the faucet and harm the environment if you flush toilets when lines have been damaged. Make a plan to address each one. All have simple remedies if you think them through. (Note: earthquake insurance will not solve any of these issues.) Need a little help? Attend a Personal Emergency Preparedness workshop.

PREPARE YOURSELF, ONE MONTH AT A TIME

When you start transferring information onto your 2008 calendar, don't forget to schedule days to check or purchase emergency supplies and take a Personal Emergency Preparedness workshop. To keep the kids busy this holiday season, log on to www.cupertino.org/emergency and click on "Preparedness Info for Kids". You'll find many interactive websites that will teach kids (and adults) about safety and emergencies. P.S. Emergency supplies make great Christmas gifts.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Pandemic Flu – *What should you know? How will the county plan for a pandemic? How should you prepare?* Free community presentation, is being offered Wednesday, January 30, 7:30-9 pm, Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop, Free, January 15, 9 am to Noon. February 9, 9 am to Noon.

Kaleidoscope, Public Safety Training for 6-12 grade, February 18-22, 2008

Community Emergency Response Team, Fridays, day or evening classes March/April 2008

Register for classes through the Cupertino Parks & Recreation website or fill out a registration form at Quinlan Center, City Hall or the Cupertino Library.

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.





SAFETY During the Holidays

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.

Winter Solstice December 21





By Lavenia Millar, Cupertino Environment Programs Manager

HOLIDAY GARBAGE DATES

Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Tuesday, 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, Tuesday service will be provided on Wednesday, Wednesday service will be on Thursday, etc., with Friday customers serviced on Saturday.

RECYCLING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Did you know that we will create more than 25% more waste during the holiday season than any other time throughout the year? This means an extra 5 million pounds of waste is generated between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day in the United States. By practicing simple, earth-friendly behaviors, we can significantly reduce the amount of garbage that is land filled during the festive 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 2 through 31. Trees should be set out by 6 am, cut into 4-foot lengths, with all decorations and stands removed. Place trees in 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 at 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 for more information.

Styrofoam: Blocks of styrofoam, placed in clear plastic bags, can be placed in your blue cart. While Los Altos Garbage company does not accept Styrofoam “peanuts” for recycling, they are accepted at all UPS Stores. Closest store is at 1072 S. DeAnza Blvd, 408.253.6561. 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 toters.) 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 and Smart Holiday Shopping
Avoid producing unnecessary waste that needs to be recycled or disposed of this holiday season. Make these practices part of your holiday routine:

- Give an experience and create a cherished memory, such as tickets to a movie, sporting event, stage play, restaurant, salon spa, manicure/pedicure. The choices are endless.
- Gift a gift to the environment such as a battery charger with rechargeable batteries, bus/light rail/train passes, live plants and gardening tools.
- Package gifts in reusable gift bags
- Bring your own bags to the store
- Be creative and have fun. Have an environmentally **smart** holiday season.

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 \$5.57 each or 10 for \$52.93, 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 during the holidays and want to recycle your old computer, try these organizations.

- **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 Center** 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. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8-4:30 at 10300 Bubb Road. The program accepts 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 24 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 on-line at www.cupertino.org/environmental, the Quinlan Community Center, City Hall, or call Public Works 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 twelve 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.

City Job Openings

Plan Check Engineer - Salary: \$6,742 - \$8,195 monthly (+ City paid PERS, 2.7 @ 55 effective Dec. 22, 2007). Under general direction, to review and check building and site plans to insure compliance with City codes and ordinances; and to do related work as required.

Environmental Programs Manager - Salary: \$7,060 - \$8,582 monthly (+City paid PERS, 2.7 @ 55 effective Dec. 22, 2007). Under general direction, the position is responsible for managing and directing the activities of the environmental division within the Public Works Department.

Senior Traffic Technician - Salary: \$5,733 - \$6,969 monthly (+ City paid PERS, 2.7 @ 55 effective Dec. 22, 2007). This position performs complex sub-professional engineering and traffic engineering work in design, drafting, traffic surveying, and a variety of field and office engineering work.

Recreation Specialist - Teen Program - Salary: \$11.00- \$12.50 per hour. This is a part-time, temporary, non-benefited position. Under limited supervision, to plan, organize, and supervise all recreational activities for the Teen Center and Teen programs and to do related work as required.

Senior Recreation Leader-Teen Program - Salary: \$9.75 - \$10.75 per hour. This is a part-time, temporary, non-benefited position. Under supervision, to plan, organize, and supervise all recreational activities for the Teen Center and Teen programs and to do related work as required.

Golf Shop Attendant/Starter - Blackberry Farm Golf Course - Salary: \$10.00 per hour. This is a part-time, temporary, non-benefited position. This position is responsible for taking telephone reservations, collecting green fees and checking in customers, merchandise sales and will work primarily weekday and weekend afternoons.

How to Apply: All positions open until filled. Applicants must complete an official City of Cupertino application and return it to the City of Cupertino, Human Resources Division, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014. To obtain more information or an application, please visit the City's website at www.cupertino.org/jobs or call Human Resources at 408.777.3227.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Council Members Present: Wang, Sandoval, Mahoney and Lowenthal

Presented proclamation to Apple, Inc.'s representative Michael Foulkes regarding the donation of eight Apple iMACS to the Cupertino Senior Center.

Received update about Cupertino Square shopping center.

Approved minutes of the October 16 City Council meeting.

Adopted resolutions accepting accounts payable for October 12, 19, and 26, Resolution Nos. 07-177 to 07-179.

Adopted a resolution accepting payroll for October 19, Resolution No. 07-180.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for September 2007 including a status report on General Fund Revenue and Expenditures.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License, On Sale Beer & Wine – Eating Place (41), for Harvest Restaurant.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License, Off Sale Beer & Wine (20) for 7-Eleven Store.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License, Off Sale Beer & Wine (20), On Sale Beer & Wine – Eating Place (41), and On Sale Beer & Wine – Public Premises (42) for Whole Foods Market.

Adopted a resolution approving a final parcel map, Chiao-Fu Chang and Sue-Fay L. Chang, Kok Y. Ho and Yuet M. Ho, Hsing H. Kung and Margaret Kung.

Adopted a resolution accepting the quitclaim deed for underground water rights, Chiao-Fu Chang and Sue-Fay L. Chang, Kok Y. Ho and Yuet M. Ho, Hsing H. Kung and Margaret Kung.

Adopted a resolution approving an improvement agreement, Chiao-Fu Chang and Sue-Fay L. Chang, Kok Y. Ho and Yuet M. Ho, Hsing H. Kung and Margaret Kung.

Adopted a resolution approving a revised improvement agreement, Zhihong Liu.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative work agreement with the California Department of Transportation to extend the life of 2005-06 Bicycle Transportation Account grant funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge Project.

Considered a six-month review of the temporary use permit (U-2005-11) to allow an opening time of 5:30 am for Application No. M-2006-07, Laura Thomas (Peet's Coffee), 20807 Stevens Creek Blvd. Continued to November 20.

Considered a petition for reconsideration of the City Council's decision to deny an appeal of a Minor Residential Permit application for a second story rear deck on a new 1,794 square foot residence. Denied petition.

Received report on North Vallco Plan (Phase 1).

Received a report on the former Moxley property on Lindy Lane and direct staff to continue to require the replanting of six oak trees pursuant to the recorded covenant.

Adopted a resolution establishing an Expense Reimbursement Administrative procedure for City Council members, commissioners, and committee members. Continued to December or January.

Provided direction to the Planning Commission regarding Application No. CP-2007-03, City of Cupertino, Citywide, Historic Preservation Policies.

Accepted the resignation of Housing Commissioner Kim Mosleh.

Considered December 18 at 5 pm to hold a study session regarding the Stevens Creek Corridor.

Reviewed and accept the recommendation from the Fiscal Strategic Plan Committee on General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund Reserves.

Concurred to do the following:

- A. Eliminate the PERS reserve and move \$1 million into the Economic Uncertainty Reserve II.
- B. Increase the Economic Uncertainty Reserve I by an additional \$1.5 million.
- C. Combine both Economic Uncertainty Reserves to result in a total of \$12.5 million (consistent with the average in California and the 30% or operating expenditure survey).
- D. Retain the \$5 million goal in the Capital Improvement Project Reserve, but move this reserve to the CIP Fund.
- E. First priority of funding will be the Economic Uncertainty Reserve, then a small, unallocated amount in the General Fund for necessary midyear budget adjustments (up to \$500,000), and finally the Capital Improvement Project Reserve.

Welcome New Businesses

7 Eleven Store 2367-25717 C
 Bamboo Aesthetics, Inc.
 Beard Papa's Cupertino
 Beauty Island Day Spa
 Deidre Popolizio, MA, LMFT
 Erin J. Choi, PH.D
 Great Buffet Inc.
 Seattle Investments Consulting
 Spalash
 Wang Tofu House
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CITY MEETINGS

Dec. 3	Hsinchu Sister City (Conf. Rm. C)	6:30 pm
Dec. 3	Friends of Cupertino Library (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Dec. 4	City Council ***	6:45 pm
Dec. 5	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:30 pm
Dec. 5	Technology, Information & Communications (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Dec. 6	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Dec. 11	Planning Commission ***	6:45 pm
Dec. 11	Fine Arts Commission	7:00 pm
Dec. 12	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Dec. 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 13	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Dec. 18	City Council ***	6:45 pm
Dec. 19	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:30 pm
Dec. 19	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Dec. 20	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Dec. 20	Toyokawa Sister City (Conf. Rm. C)	7:30 pm

City offices will be closed Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

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