

CUPERTINO SCENE

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Here Comes the Parade...
*Cupertino's Lunar New Year Unity Parade
Save the Date – March 11, 2006*

In a first for the Cupertino Lunar New Year Unity Parade and Cultural Fair, grants have been awarded for programs and activities that promote awareness of cultural diversity. "Our committee has awarded 6 grants totaling \$4,300," announced Eleanor Watanabe,

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Giving & Giving Back



Lidieth del Socorro Cruz Centeno dreamt of becoming a lawyer so that she could help abused women and children in her country. Thanks to the generosity of local residents Jan & Howard Hill and a group from St Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church in Cupertino,

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Roots: Romance in old California

The explorer, Juan Bautista de Anza, first came to the presidio at Monterey, California in 1774. Upon his return to Mexico to bring colonists north from Mexico, he was accompanied by six soldiers from the presidio to help in protecting the colonists and also to

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Here Comes the PARADE!

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the Parade Grants Committee Chairperson.

\$1000 grants were awarded to the following recipients:

- Cupertino-Hsinchu Sister City Association for a cultural exchange
- Euphrat Museum of Art at De Anza College for cultural art education
- Interact Clubs for an International Night

\$500 grants were awarded to:

- Eaton PTO for an International Night dance
- Meyerholz CLIP for Lion Dance costumes

\$300 grant was awarded to:


- Lincoln School for a Paintbrush Diplomacy Program

Members of the Grant Committee included Kris Wang, Steve Andrews, Michelle Hu, Richard Lowenthal, and Eleanor Watanabe.

“The Lunar New Year Unity Parade Committee is looking forward to the 4th annual Parade & Cultural Festival on Saturday, March 11,” stated Kris Wang, Parade Committee Co-Chair. “We are pleased that Don Allen will be our Grand

Marshall,” announced Steve Andrews, Co-Chair of the Parade Committee.

If you would like to be a sponsor for the Lunar New Year Unity Parade, please contact Tommy Shwe at tommy.shwe@cbnocal.com. To join the parade teams, please contact Steve Ting at s_ting@pacbell.net or Penny Peng at yen-ping@pacbell.net. Please contact Jon Kaplan at jonnymkap@aol.com to volunteer. Food vendors, please contact Fari Aberg at fari.aberg@hp.com. and stage performers; please contact Ann Woo at annwoo@comcast.net.

The mission of the Lunar New Year Unity Parade is to bring our community’s broad spectrum of cultures together while celebrating the Lunar New Year. We encourage people of all ethnicities, ages, and backgrounds to participate in this fun event. If you would like to join the committee as a volunteer, please contact the Committee co-chair: Steve Andrews at 973-1348 or firstwater@comcast.net. Please go to www.unityparade.org for complete details. 





~Lidieth's Story~

Jan & Howard Hill with Val Jeffery of 'The Better Part' get together to tell Lidieth's story about what can be done by a caring community.

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Lidieth has now become a lawyer in Nicaragua.

It all started by a twist of fate when Jan Hill did not get into a class she had signed up for. Instead, her alternate class led to a group of women going on a trip to Nicaragua. That's where she met Lidieth, their guide. On her return to Cupertino Jan gave a talk to her local church and a group of people expressed an interest in helping this young lady who wanted to become a lawyer but who had no possible hope of doing so. This was the beginning of a 6-year sponsorship and a friendship forever.

The Hills made trips to Nicaragua taking school supplies – a computer, books, etc to aid Lidieth with her studies. Lidieth lived on an island and went to school one day a week, sometimes two, on the mainland. She had to travel for 4 hours each way to get to the University and also worked full time.

When Lidieth visited California recently, the Hills got together with Val Jeffery, a producer

with Cupertino Senior TV Productions, to tell the story of how local residents gave to a stranger and how that stranger is now giving back to a community many miles away. Jan & Howard first made a program, 'Earthquake in El Salvador', with Val after they helped rebuild a village in El Salvador after a devastating earthquake. They told her then that they were actually on their way to Nicaragua to visit a girl they had sponsored.....

Giving & Giving Back will air on Public Access Cable Channel 15 in February. 'The Better Part' airs in Cupertino & Los Altos on Mondays at 4:30pm, Tuesdays & Fridays at 7pm and in Mountain View on Mondays at 4:30pm. The program contains footage taken by Howard Hill in Nicaragua including the graduation and the proud moment when Lidieth realized her dream of becoming a lawyer thanks to our caring community. 



ROOTS: Romance in old California

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help establish a post road from the Colorado River crossing in southern California to San Francisco in the north. This post road was the route traveled by the Spanish mission padres as they established missions along the route from San Diego to San Rafael. In the early days to the mid-1900's, the road was known as El Camino Real or the King's Highway. Nowadays we have parts of it incorporated into Highway 101. You can see the commemorative bells along the route.

One of the six "soldados de guerra" who accompanied de Anza back to Mexico was Jose Maria Soberanes, an experienced soldier and guide with the earlier Portola expedition in 1769 and with Fages in 1772. The de Anza party; the six soldiers and the colonists, left Mexico for the return trip to San Francisco in the latter part of 1775. Among the colonists was the family of Joaquin Isidra Casro, whose 16 year old daughter, Ana Josefa, felt very much attracted to Soberanes, the dashing young soldier of the king's dragoons. Their courtship blossomed with each new day and continued throughout the trip until the the party reached Mission San Carlos. Ana's father and mother (Maria Martina de Boutilliers) decided to homestead near the Mission San Carlos. As a true soldier, Soberanes left with the de Anza party for San Francisco. Along

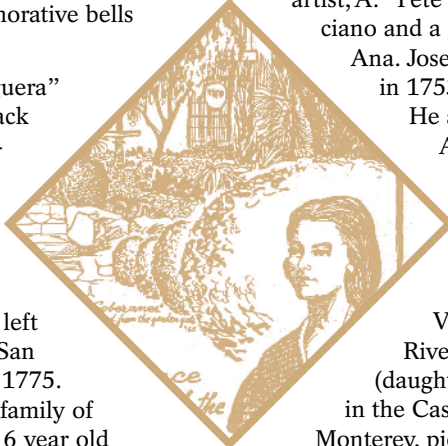
with Padre Font, Lt. Moraga and 11 soldiers, de Anza made camp on the Arroyo de San Joseph Cupertino on March 25-26, 1776 and 2 days later erected a cross at what is now Fort Point in San Francisco. Jose Maria and Ana Josefa were united in marriage on May 26th, 1776 at the Mission San Carlos.

The accompanying line drawing by the late artist, A. "Pete" Emig, shows a son, Feliciano and a grand-daughter of Jose and Ana. Jose Maria Soberanes was born in 1753 and passed away in 1803. He and Ana had 3 children, Apolonaria 1779, Feliciano in 1788 and Mariano in 1796. Jose Soberanes received a 8800 land grant upon his retirement in 1795. He called it Buena Vista Rancho on the Salinas River. Grand-daughter, Maria, (daughter of Feliciano) was reared in the Casa Soberanes on Pacific St. in Monterey, pictured in the drawing. Her father, Feliciano served as administrator of the Soledad Mission. in 1841.

The California missions are a wonderful part of the history of California and well worth visiting to learn about this part of our history.

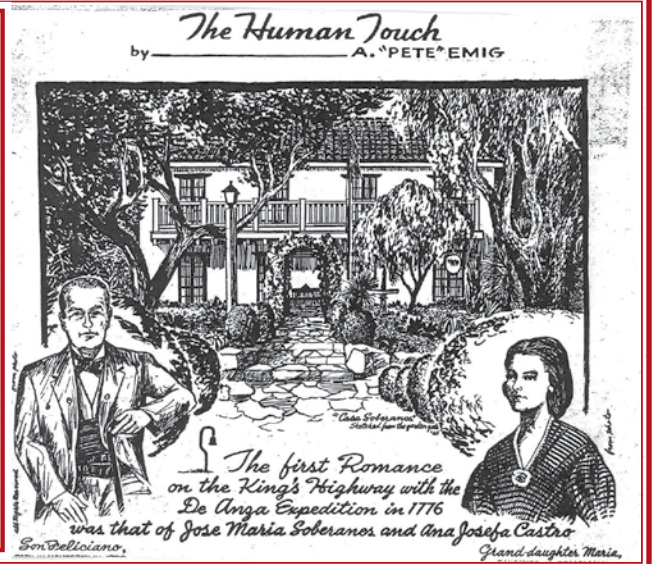
Happy Valentine's Day, everyone. 

Source: Cupertino Courier article, March 24, 1965



~The First Romance~

The first Romance on the King's Highway with the De Anza Expedition in 1776 was that of Jose Maria Soberanes and Ana Josefa Castro.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Since there was no January issue of the Scene, here's what happened over the holidays...

Imagine a hillside fire so severe that embers are starting rooftop fires in your neighborhood. Are you ready to evacuate? On Saturday, November 12, Cupertino Volunteers (CERT, Ham Radio and Medical Reserve Corps) headed into a local neighborhood of several hundred homes to simulate a door-to-door evacuation notification. In the process, they found that only about 30% of the residents actually had an emergency supply kit. Team members gave each home a list of suggested supplies. Do you have a kit?

Senior citizens don't need to prepare for earthquakes...if they want to be victims! Sunnyview Manor Residential Care home on Foothill Blvd. is a wonderful example of what seniors *should* do. They held an earthquake drill on December 1st. Residents simulated drop, cover and hold during the earthquake. They put a signal flag outside their doors if they were "OK". Other residents took on the role of floor monitors, documenting which doors had a flag and which did not. They reported their findings to their "Command Post" in the lobby and employees took action to rescue those who were simulating being trapped or injured. They know that they may be on their own for three days or more so they each have supplies and are learning the skills they need to take care of themselves...are you ready?

Want to know more about Bird Flu? There are three links from the emergency preparedness website listed below. Click on "Preparedness Info". Remember that all flu is contagious and the best prevention is to get a flu shot, wash your hands frequently and stay at home if you have a fever.

Medical Reserve Corps is signing up medical professionals who would be willing to assist during a major emergency in the City (earthquake, mass prophylaxis, etc). Contact MRC@cupertino.org for information.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:00 a.m. to Noon., Wednesday, March 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. *Note: Enrollment in this course peaked in the two months after Hurricane Katrina and has now significantly declined. Don't wait for the next event. Sign up today!*

First Aid. Wednesday, February 22, 6:30-10:30 p.m. \$25

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade. \$35. February 20-24, 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Learn CPR, First Aid, Earthquake Preparedness, Fire Safety. Tour the City's 9-1-1 Center, talk to a Sheriff's Office representative about youth crime and put out a real fire! Class limited to 20 students.

Detail oriented? Don't want to join CERT but wish you could help? In just three hours you can make a difference! Supplies Teams and Documentation Teams support CERT at gathering points around the city in a safe, controlled environment. These teams organize paperwork and supplies and keep track of what CERT teams do. Sign up for training on March 15 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. It's fun – and safe!

Preparing for emergencies, one month at a time... New Year's resolution. Do SOMETHING to be more prepared!

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 777-3120. 

PREPARING FOR
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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.
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~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

New Hours at Cupertino Library

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

Library telephone numbers are:

General Library Number
(408) 446-1677

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

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Toddler Stories..... Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

FIREBIRD YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra, directed by Gordon Lee, will perform on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 3 p.m. in the Cupertino Community Hall next door to the library. The orchestra includes elementary through high school students, who play music on traditional Chinese instruments.

For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.



SILICON VALLEY READS AUTHOR AT CUPERTINO LIBRARY

Louise Steinman, author of *The Souvenir, a Daughter Discovers Her Father's War*, will discuss her book in the Community Hall, on Sunday, February 19th at 2:30 p.m.

FENG SHUI FOR THE YEAR OF THE DOG

Feng Shui master, Mr. Y.C. Sun, will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-Ching, the 2000 year old Chinese law of the universe, to make predictions on global events for 2006, the year of the fire dog. This popular program will be held in the Cupertino Community Hall located next to the library on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00p.m.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

JOIN US FOR BOOKTALKS AT THE LIBRARY

Librarian Judy Dana will introduce you to some new books for adults on **Wednesday, March 22, 2006** from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Children's Story Room. The booktalks will consist of a short description of several book titles, covering all genres and subjects. Booktalks are scheduled every other month. The next session will be on May 17, 2006. For more information please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

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, 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 also welcomes everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The **next annual Friends Book Sale** will be held in the Community Hall on **Saturday, February 11** and **Sunday, February 12, 2006**.

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.

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.

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.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month. 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. 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 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. 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.

**Cupertino Library is located at
10800 Torre Avenue** 





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Wed	AI-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	AI-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	RedeemerLutheranChurch, 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 p.m.	AppleComputerDeAnza3, 10500 N. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252-3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 p.m.	Cupertino High School	262-0471
Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488	
Connect Club III*	8:15 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054	
~2~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	255-3093
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252-0932
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 a.m.	BJ's Brewery	252-7054
	HP Communicators	7 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	996-9111 BNI.com 650-691-8724
	Toastmasters #4606*	7 p.m.	Union Church	
Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	253-8394 378-3499	
~3~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5:00 p.m.	RedeemerLutheranChurch 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	Fast Start Group			
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
~4~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College	864-8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 p.m.	20920 McClellan Rd.	996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
	Planetarium Shows*	7 p.m.	DeAnza Planetarium	864-8814
~6~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
	Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	246-1620

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino
to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino,
95014, 777-3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.

JAN.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
7 Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 p.m.	RedeemerLuth.Church,940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Women's Group			
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	9:30 a.m.	Senior Center	252-2667	
8 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Hyde Middle School	245-9156
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7 p.m.	Community Hall	285-7332
9 Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-WestValleyWelcomeClub	11:30a.m.		257-6136 , 252-1529
	ViewfindersCamcorderVideoClub	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	996-0750
10 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
11 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
13 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center Social Room	978-6614
14 Tues	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100N.Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622
	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366S.Saratoga-SunnyvaleRd.	252-2584
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	255-5293 725-8091
16 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30a.m.		252-6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257-4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 p.m.	SunnyviewLutheranHome	578-5917
21 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30p.m.	SunnyviewLutheranHome	736-9262
22 Wed	RanchoNeighborhoodAssociation	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
28 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	DeAnzaYouthSoccerLeaguemeeting	7:30 p.m.	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer. org
29 Wed	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784

SPRING BACKYARD COMPOST WORKSHOPS ARE COMING SOON

The City will be holding free “how-to” backyard compost workshops on the first Saturdays in March, April, and May from 10:00 to noon at McClellan Ranch. Call **918-4640** to register or to get information about compost bins that are available for \$40 from the Countywide Home Composting Program.

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months. Those cozy wood fires unfortunately contribute up to one-third of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still winter nights. Particulate matter is a health concern especially for children, seniors and persons with respiratory problems.

WOOD BURNING TIPS

Here are a few tips on how to reduce the pollution in your neighborhood:

- ✂ 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)*

To get an illustrated copy of the California Air Resources Board’s Wood burning Handbook, call our local air district offices at 800-HELP-AIR, or view on-line at www.sparetheair.org under “Site Index”. You can also find the free handbook at the Quinlan Community Center and City Hall.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD COMPUTER

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. No monitors with cracked glass. Bring proof of residency.

STOP JUNK MAIL – HERE’S HOW

The average American home receives 1.5 trees in their mailbox in the form of unsolicited mail every year. That adds up to over 100 million trees cut down and over 28 billion gallons of water consumed to produce one year’s worth of this country’s junk mail. You can take action to stop this waste and it’s much easier than you think.

To request a FREE Stop Junk Mail Kit, go online at www.StopJunkMail.org or call, toll-free, **877-STOPWASTE (786-7927)**

The Stop Junk Mail Kit shows you how to get off junk mailing lists and keep new junk mail from finding its way to your mailbox. The Kit also provides other important information on how to ensure that your name and address don’t get traded, rented, or sold to companies who send you unwanted mail.

EXTRA WINTER YARD WASTE?

Residents are reminded that an easy way to dispose of the extra yard waste that results from winter garden cleanups and pruning (that doesn’t fit in the yardwaste toter) is to make an appointment for a free “On-Call” Yardwaste/Woodwaste Recycling Day. All residents have the right to two Recycling or Disposal Day appointments a year, starting each January.

Branches can’t be larger than 6” in diameter and 6 ft. long. No loose piles. Please bundle or box branches and trimmings. The entire collection of yardwaste should not be bigger than 4’ x 4’ x 8’. No plastic bags, please. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. for an appt.: **725-4020**.

CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE DROP-OFF CENTERS

If residents would like to turn in bottles and cans to reclaim their California Refund Value (the deposit money), the following recycling centers are nearby:

Nob Hill Market parking lot
(1179 S. DeAnza Blvd. @ Rollingdell)

Safeway parking lot
(6150 Bollinger Rd. @ Miller Ave.)

Containers must have the words “California Cash Refund” or “California Redemption Value” printed on the container.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Remember that it is easy to properly dispose of unwanted hazardous cleaning, hobby and gardening products. Residents wishing to make an appointment for disposal should call **408-299-7300**.

Examples of typical items that are brought in to the Program include: old paint, pool chemicals, used motor oil and antifreeze, batteries, solvents, bad fluorescent tubes or bulbs, mercury thermometers, and fertilizers and pesticides. There is no charge to residents. Small businesses also may be eligible to participate for a nominal fee.



FREE REPAIR WORK FOR LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Rebuilding Together, formerly Christmas in April, is a non-profit organization that brings together volunteers to provide repair work for low-income homeowners and Non-Profit Facilities. All work is provided at no cost to the applicant. Rebuilding Together projects are primarily one and two-day projects, held each spring and fall. Throughout the year, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program performs repairs that improve accessibility and mobility in the home. Repair work will focus on neighborhood revitalizations and safety improvements such as grab bar and railing installation and repairs such as minor plumbing, flooring, electrical & carpentry. Additional work can also include interior or exterior painting and yard clean up. For more information or an application, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley at 408-578-9519 or visit www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org

RADIO AMATEUR VOLUNTEERS

The City of Cupertino is actively preparing for possible emergencies affecting the community. Part of that preparedness is the Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES). If you are a licensed radio amateur you may be interested in joining this volunteer group. CARES members undergo continuous training. This includes lectures and frequent exercises. If you are interested in what CARES does you can look-up their website at www.cupertinoares.org, tune in their weekly radio net (Tuesdays at 7.45 PM on 147.57 MHz simplex), or drop in at a monthly meeting (First Thursday of the month, 7.30 PM City Hall).

CARES members become certified Disaster Service Workers after their training. In case of an emergency only such certified volunteers will be able to work in a field assignment. So, if you are a licensed radio amateur, consider being part of the community emergency preparedness.

CUPERTINO FREecycle

The Freecycle Network™ is made up of many individual groups across the globe. Cupertino was founded January 11, 2005. In one year it has brought in 773 members. Membership is free.

Freecycle has one main rule: Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.

HOW IT WORKS...

When you want to find a new home for something – whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door – you simply send an e-mail offering it to members of your Freecycle group.

Or, maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself. Simply respond to a member's offer, and you just might get it. After that, it's up to the giver to decide who receives the gift and to set up a pickup time for passing on the treasure.

Our goal is to reduce waste by connecting people who are throwing away unwanted items with others seeking the same items (and have a little fun in the process).

To join just send an email to CupertinoFreeCycle-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

BIG BUNNY FUN RUN

The Big Bunny Fun Run comes again to Cupertino. This 5K/3.1 mile Run or 1.5 mile walk will be held Saturday, April 8 at 9 a.m. Race begins and ends at City Hall and will be held rain or shine.

Deadline for early registration is Friday, March 31, at 5 p.m. Pre-race registration ends Thursday, April 6 at 10 p.m. Race day registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 8:45 a.m.

Entrance fee includes participant T-shirt. Register by March 31 to receive your T-shirt the day of the race. Anyone registering after March 31 may receive his or her T-shirt in the mail, depending upon supply.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. Prize drawing following the run. You must be present to win.

To learn more about registration call (408) 777-3120 or visit the Recreation catalogue on the city web site at www.cupertino.org.





NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK LEADER TRAINING OFFERED

Cupertino residents who wish to improve communication and increase public safety in the neighborhoods are invited to Block Leader training on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Cupertino Community. A light dinner will be provided.

The training features a panel of experienced block leaders who will share tips on how to plan neighborhood activities and how they stay in touch with neighbors. Cupertino's Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch, and Block Party program coordinators also will be available for small group discussions.

The session is open to residents interested in getting started and to current leaders who want to rejuvenate their neighborhood activities.

The Cupertino block leader program helps residents to connect neighbors to each other and connects the City with the neighborhoods, as the City informs block leaders of activities and events pertinent to the their neighborhoods. Currently, 160 residents participate in the Cupertino Block Leader program.

If you would like to participate in the training or would like more information about the program, e-mail communityrelations@cupertino.org or call 777-3331. The last day to register for the training is Feb. 3. More information about the block leader program is available on the City web site: www.cupertino.org.

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends Host Winter Used Book Sale in Cupertino Community Hall

The annual Winter Cupertino Used Book Sale, hosted by the Friends of the Cupertino Public Library, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, 2006. The sale will be located in the Cupertino Community Hall located at 10350 Torre Avenue, between the Library and City Hall at Torre and Rodrigues Avenues.

A large inventory of books, CD's and videos is waiting to be sold: fiction, non-fiction, travel, health, home and garden, romance, cookbooks, children's and young adult's books, reference, science, engineering, foreign languages and many other topics. There is also a separate "select" area where special interest books on popular

subjects are offered at slightly higher prices.

Sale hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m. The children's book area is open only to children from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The popular "Bag Day" is on Sunday when most books are offered for \$3 per bag. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Gladys Maiden at 408-253-4591 to volunteer.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

By Barbara Rogers

We Cupertinoans love our Library and are delighted it is able to be open now on Sundays.

The Cupertino Library Foundation is happy to acknowledge the generous donations to the Library Campaign of so many caring people over the last 3 months in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

Particularly, we wish to thank several major donors:

- ☞ Pinn Bros. for \$20,000 for the Pre-School-Reading Area
- ☞ Friends of the Cupertino Library for \$20,000, area yet to be determined.
- ☞ David Greenstein & Cindy Gilbert for donations of \$10,000 for the Parents Corner of the Pre-School Reading Area and \$25,000 for the Adult Quiet Study Area.

"Donations are still needed and welcome. If you feel able to contribute in any amount, please make your check payable to the Cupertino Library Foundation and mail it to Barbara Rogers, 19764 Auburn Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014.

If you have any questions, email Barbara at barbrogers@comcast.net or call at 252-8568.

MONTA VISTA FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Monta Vista Future Business Leaders of America is holding a cultural performance for the community, February 14th and 15th from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Quinlan Community Center, as an answer to The White Flight Wall Street Journal article criticizing our schools and community. Ticket prices are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. Silent auction items will be available. The money raised will all be donated to the Cupertino library! Contact (408) 316-7491 or (408) 393-9156 for tickets.





DISCOVER NEW EVENING COURSES FOR SENIORS

With the start of the New Year, new evening classes are being offered that are geared for Adults 50+.

If fitness and wellness is part of your New Year's resolution, we have many great courses for you. Tai Chi offers gentle movements without stressing the joints, and the calming effect will be an added bonus. Yoga class provides a great way to unwind after a stressful day with mild stretches and relaxations. Frequently with age comes short-term memory loss and mental exercise provides needed intellectual challenges. Bridge is considered the most stimulating card game ever. Come and learn from a professional instructor this beneficial game.

If you are looking for a program to get in touch with your artistic side, Ikebana Flower Arrangement offers a tranquil way to achieve harmony with nature and beautify the home. For all of you travelers, who are planning a trip the South of the Border, take Spanish for Travelers. No nerve-racking grammar, just useful phrases that will help you meet the locals and make the experience unforgettable.

These great classes will be held on Tuesday evenings. Please call the Cupertino Senior Center at (408) 777-3150 for more information about these courses and other program offering for Adults 50+.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Everyone with Medicare Part A or B is eligible for the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. You may sign up from November 15, 2005 to May 15, 2006. If you join by December 31, 2005, your coverage will start January 1, 2006. There is also a monthly premium, which may vary by plan, as well as a yearly deductible (no more than \$250 in 2006). You will also need to pay part of the cost of your prescription, including a co-payment or coinsurance. Cost will vary by the different plans that you choose. If you don't sign up when you are first eligible or by May 15, 2006, you may pay a penalty. Your next enrollment opportunity to enroll will be November 15, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

For every month that you delay joining the plan, you are penalized for 1% of the premium, and the penalty is cumulative and lifetime. If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify for extra help. You can find out if you qualify for the extra help by calling 1-800-772-1213.

Each plan offers different coverage for different prescriptions. You need to compare the plans available in your area to find out which plan better suits your needs. If you have Internet access, you may use www.medicare.gov to do a formulary search. The Cupertino Senior Center has a list of instructions to show you how to use the "Formulary Finder" tool on the Medicare website to compare the plans. For more information on the new Medicare Prescription Drug plan, you can call the Cupertino Senior Center Case Manager, Karen Goss at (408) 777-3155, or you can call the senior center at (408) 777-3150 to schedule an appointment with a HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) counselor.

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THE BETTER PART

has some very special programs, some especially for Seniors! Feb. 3 See the clever way that entertainment for the blind is performed through audio captioning. Feb. 6,7,10 Giving and giving back – due to donor generosity, a young woman is now a lawyer in Nicaragua, helping abused women and children. Feb. 13,14,17 See what it takes to make a YMCA campaign successful. Feb. 20,21,24 Make plans for your retirement and beyond. Feb. 27,28 D. Samuels and his music.





COUNCIL ACTIONS



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

Councilmembers Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Sandoval. **Absent:** Mahoney

Presented proclamation acknowledging the Vallco Mall for community involvement in the Cupertino Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Presented proclamation for Boy Scout member Trevor Gabriel from Troop 476 regarding his Eagle Scout project of painting Cupertino's five emergency storage containers.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License, Pot Sticker King, 19634 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Adopted an improvement agreement for street improvements (sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveway approach) with Andrew Joseph DeBaets and Rebecca Rea Smith, 10339 Byrne Avenue.

Approved an improvement agreement for street improvements (clearing and grubbing, relocation of utility pole and water service, paving, sidewalk, curb and gutter), and approved a roadway easement for David Brett Olikier, 10484 Byrne Avenue.

Authorized the Director of Public Works to enter into a Co-operative Work Agreement with the California Department of Transportation to extend the 2003-04 Bicycle Transportation Account grant funds in the amount of \$600,000.00 for the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge Project.

Fixed the employer's contribution for medical and hospitalization insurance consistent with the Meyers-Geddes State Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act, for employees represented by Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, R

Approved Application Nos. U-2005-18, ASA-2005-14, TM-2005-08, Z-2005-06, Rockwell Homes, 10716 Stevens Canyon Road, including demolishing 15 apartments and constructing 15 townhomes, subdividing the 1.1 acre parcel into 15 lots plus one lot held in common; rezoning the parcel from Apartment (R3) to Planned Development Residential; and first reading of Ordinance No. 1973Re-zoning of a 1.47 Gross Acre Parcel Located at 10684, 10700, 10716, 10730 and 10744 Stevens Canyon Road From Multi-Family Residential (R3) to Planned Residential, P(Res).

Approved request by Vallco to approve a five-month, 24-hour construction schedule for the new AMC Theaters. Residents may report Vallco noise complaints to (408) 446-3027.

Appointed Councilmember Dolly Sandoval as the City's representative to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

Appointed Richard Lowenthal as the City's representative to assist with the Tax Equity Allocation (TEA) project.

Cancelled the regular meeting of February 21 and set aside February 27 as a replacement date.

REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 9, 2006

Councilmembers Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, Sandoval

The City Council held interviews and appointed the following individuals to city commissions: Public Safety Commission – Hugh Riddell and Nina Daruwalla; Technology, Information, and Communication Commission – William Allen, Charles Ahern; Fine Arts Commission – Michael Harkin and Ann Woo; Parks and Recreation Commission – David Greenstein; Housing Commission – Frances Seward.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Councilmembers Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval.

Conducted a study session on the Stevens Creek Corridor plans.

Awarded a proclamation to Jerra Rowland

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for the Royal Teppan Steak House, 10935 N. Wolfe Road (Cupertino Village).

Authorized the City Manager to sign a lease agreement for rental of the Simms house.

Renewed bingo permits for St. Joseph of Cupertino Church and Cupertino Coordinating Council.

Approved Whole Foods, 20955 Stevens Creek Blvd, a use permit to demolish the former car dealership, and to build a new 68,214 square-foot market.

Approved Application for the Vallco Fashion Park parking garage, 10123 N. Wolfe Road, for a parking garage 32 feet high with an elevator 49 feet high.

Denied a Petition for Reconsideration of the City Council's decision regarding statuary and landscape features at the Gate of Heaven cemetery.

Scheduled a study session for March 7, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to discuss industrial business in Cupertino.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday, January 30, at 5 p.m. Council will discuss the Valley Transportation Plan 2030 and _ cent sales tax; hold study sessions on General Plan policy on Economic Development and the Fiscal Strategic Plan; and hold a public hearing on the Vallco condominium development.

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CITY MEETINGS

February 1	Teen Commission (Sports Center).....	6:00 p.m.
February 1	Technology, Information & Communications Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 p.m.
February 1	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.).....	7:00 p.m.
February 2	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
February 2	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	6:00 p.m.
February 7	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
February 8	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
February 9	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.).....	7:00 p.m.
February 9	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
February 14	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
February 15	Teen Commission (Sports Center).....	6:00 p.m.
February 16	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	6:00 p.m.
February 22	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
February 27	City Council*** (Special meeting)	6:45 p.m.
February 28	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
February 28	Fine Arts Commission	7:00 p.m.

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