

CUPERTINO SCENE

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Get Fit in 2008!

The City of Cupertino invites residents to take advantage of this special offer at the Cupertino Sports Center: a **three month membership for off-peak hours for only \$15.**

Tennis players know the Sports Center to be the premier public tennis facility in the valley, but there's more than ever for the non-tennis playing resident to enjoy. Drop in for yoga, jump on a treadmill or join a trekking class. Work your abs through circuit training and Pilates classes or check out the newest Zumba classes.

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2008 CREST Award Nominations

The City is looking for the nominations for the 2008 CREST Award. The award, which stands for Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken, honors outstanding community volunteers. Individuals or organizations making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino during the 2007 calendar

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FEBRUARY News

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New Member Fitness Room Special is \$15 for three months. Time restrictions apply, call the Cupertino Sports Center for full details and other great offers.

The Cupertino Sports Center features a wide variety of cardio equipment, free weights, and Cybex strength training equipment. A free fitness orientation with a personal trainer is offered to all new members. Quality childcare is available on-site for member in our childcare room. A full membership entitles you to attend a number of

fitness and recreational classes on site including: tennis, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, racquetball, yoga, aerobics, pilates, Latin dance, body sculpting, circuit training, Zumba and more.

Come visit us at 2111 Stevens Creek Blvd. The Cupertino Sports Center is your community fitness facility. For more info, visit www.cupertino.org/sportscenter.

Don't wait, the city of Cupertino wants to help you get fit in 2008!

FOR FUN / FOR FITNESS / FOR WELLNESS / FOR HEALTH FOR LIFE

Looking for a new you in the new year?

The Cupertino Sports Center wants to help start you on the road to fitness. Cupertino Residents age 18 and older can join now and access the fitness center during off-peak hours for \$15 for the next 3 months.

Access to the center for this unbelievable special is available:

- Monday-Friday 1 pm-3pm
- Saturday 5 pm-10pm
- Sunday 5 pm-8pm

Please bring a copy of your driver's licence and a current utility bill for residency verification. Please call for specials including fitness classes, racquetball and tennis.

SPECIAL INCLUDES ACCESS TO:

- Fitness Room
- LifeFitness Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Stair Steppers
- Recumbent Bicycles
- Cybex Circuit Training
- Free Weights

OFF-PEAK HOURS MEMBERSHIP

\$15

FOR 3 MONTHS!

Feb. 1 - April 30, 2008



2111 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 95014
Phone: 408.777.3160
Fax: 408.777.3164
Email: parks@cupertino.org





LOCAL Announcements

2008 LUNAR NEW YEAR UNITY PARADE GRANTS



The 2008 Lunar New Year Unity Parade celebration will be held on March 29, 2008. The Lunar New Year Unity Parade Committee awards \$3,000 in grants in support of programs and activities that encourage understanding of and appreciation for our community's rich heritage of diverse cultural arts and traditions. Four \$500 grants and one \$1,000 grant are awarded toward programs and activities that may include, but are not restricted to cultural performances and activities, educational materials and media, cultural exchanges, and staff development.

Grant finalists will be announced on Friday, February 15, 2008. Visit the 2008 Lunar New Year Unity Parade website at www.unityparade.org for more information.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for unscheduled vacancies for Planning Commission, Housing Commission and CDBG Committee. The application deadline is 4:30 pm on Friday, March 7, 2008. The City Council will conduct interviews beginning 4 pm on Tuesday, March 18. Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For more details, please visit the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223.

~CREST Award Cont'd from Page 1

year are eligible to be nominated for the CREST Award. Individuals of all ages will be considered. The CREST Awards presentation will take place end of May in the Community Hall.

Any person, agency or organization is encouraged to submit nominees for consideration. All nominations, mailed or hand-delivered, must be in the Public Information Office at City Hall by **4:30 pm on Friday, March 21, 2008**. (Applications postmarked on or before this date will not be accepted if they do not arrive by the deadline.) Forms may be sent or brought to the Public Information Office, City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014.

Individuals may not nominate themselves nor may an organization nominate itself. A relative may not nominate a family member, and past recipients of CREST within the last five years are ineligible. Nominees need not reside in the city of Cupertino; however, the efforts for which they are being nominated should strongly impact the Cupertino community. For nomination form, visit www.cupertino.org.

Used Book Sale

Saturday, February 16, 9 am - 4 pm
Sunday February 17, noon to 3 pm
Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.

The annual Winter Cupertino Used Book Sale, hosted by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, is just around the corner. The children's book area will be open only to children from 9 am to noon on Saturday. The popular "Bag Day" will be on Sunday when most books are offered for \$3 per bag. For more info visit www.cupertino-library.org/friends.

ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS

Do you have an abandoned shopping cart in your neighborhood? Call the city's main number at 408.777.CITY to report the abandoned cart, and provide the cart's store name. The city will contact the appropriate retrieval service, to facilitate quick return of the shopping cart.



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 Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

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

VALENTINE CRAFTS

Wednesday, February 13, 3-5 pm

School-age children are invited to come to the Library Story Room to make Valentine crafts anytime between 3 and 5 pm

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 and one of the books will be discussed. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

February 8, 7 pm "*Distant Land of my Father*" by Bo Caldwell will be discussed.

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

FENG SHUI

February 13, at 7 pm at Cupertino Community Hall

Celebrate the year of the Rat. Learn how to arrange your space to achieve harmony all year round.

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.

INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS BY APPOINTMENT

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 Cupertino Library also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales. The next annual Friends' sale will be held in the Community Hall **February 16 and 17, 2008.**

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.

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

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. 

Silicon Valley Reads Festival

February 23 at Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave. unless specified.

The Cupertino Library, sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation, presents the annual reading celebration with free events throughout Santa Clara County. The library celebrates Bo Caldwell as its hometown author with a full day of activities.

9:30-11 am Chinese Tea Ceremony

Demonstration from the American Tea Culture Association accompanied by a performance of the Firebird Chinese Youth Orchestra.

11:30 am - 12:15 pm Chinese Performing Artists of America performance

2-2:30 pm Beverley Jackson

The glamorous world of pre-World War II Shanghai will be described in stories and slides by Beverley Jackson, author of *Shanghai Girl Gets All Dressed Up*.

2:30-3:30 pm Bo Caldwell

Featured author of *The Distant Land Of My Father* will speak about her book.

3:30-4:15 Jackson & Caldwell

The two authors will have an on stage conversation and then sign books.

10 am - 12 noon, Cupertino Library

Drop-in craft activities for children.

2-4 pm Cupertino Library

Free film showing for teens.

In addition, Bo Caldwell's *The Distant Land Of My Father* will be discussed in the February 8 Book Talk at the Cupertino Library. See *Book Talks* for details.





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Brighten Up Your Winter

The winter season is upon us, and your senior center has planned many activities to help keep you warm and well. Here are ways to conquer the Winter Blues:

- **Chase Away the Chills:** On drizzly, cold days, come to the Senior Center to warm up. Have a warm cup of chocolate, coffee, or tea in our comfortable lobby. Read, chat, or simply bask in the warmth of our fireplace. Join our Monthly Social and Birthday Bash to meet friends new and old, and enjoy great food and wonderful entertainment. Join our Wednesday lunches for hot entrees and friendly company.
- **Keep Active:** Exercise can enhance your mood, help manage stress, and help you sleep better. It may even ward off those pesky flu bugs. What better way to stay active than by joining a class? Your Senior Center offers classes including low impact, Tai Chi, Yoga, Hula, and Ballroom Dance to name a few. There are also many free social activities such as Line Dance and Ballroom Dance socials, ping pong, golf, and tennis.
- **Travel:** Want to travel, but have no time? Discover China at our Chinese New Year Celebration in February. Come and enjoy an authentic Chinese meal, folk dancers, musical performances, watch the lion dancers chase the evil away and welcome the New Year. Also, you can check our exciting travel program for many day trips and extended tours.
- **Stay Sharp:** New activities keep your mind sharp and agile. Take a new class, attend a lecture series, or read a new book. Learn to play a new game like Bridge, Go, or Chess.
- **Let Our Center Be Your Umbrella:** In stormy weather, Case Manager Karen Goss lends a helping hand and provides useful resources. The center offers legal advice through Senior Adult Legal Aid, HICAP counseling for medical insurance questions, and consultation for housing options for seniors. Stop by to have registered nurses check your blood pressure.

For details of all senior center activities, drop by to obtain a copy of our bi-monthly newsletter, call 408.777.3150 for information, or read the current newsletter online at www.cupertino.org/senior.

MANAGING THE BLUES WORKSHOP

February 26, 1-2:30 pm

Winter is normally a time when seniors feel “down.” In this workshop, the presenter will review common “thinking errors” that contribute

to negative moods. You will also learn about the “power of pleasant events” to help you to maintain a more positive mood and recognize the warning signs of more serious depression that needs treatment. Information will be given on low-cost services available in the community to help with depression. This workshop is open to the public. For more information about this workshop, please call Karen Goss at 408.777.3155.

Senior Trips

Nevada City and Chico Adventures with Gary April 7-10, 2008

We'll eat in trolley cars, casinos and train depots, visit fascinating places in the Northeast Gold Country, and travel in style on a coach with leather seats, full kitchen, bathroom, personal ear-phones and Gary as our guide. Includes hotels, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, taxes, gratuities, and guide service. Cost: \$769, double occupancy.

Southwest National Parks Circle Tour May 14-22, 2008

This spectacular trip includes seven magnificent national parks: Zion, Bryce, Capital Reef, Arches, Canyonlands, Mesa Verde, and the Northern Rim of the Grand Canyon; and visit Antelope Canyon and Monument Valley. They are all wonderful and diverse. This trip includes round trip airfare, all entrance fees, 3-star hotels, taxes, gratuities, 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, and much more. Cost: \$2149, double occupancy.

Scandinavian Highlights June 19-30, 2008

You requested this destination and now we have it! The highlights of the trip include city tours of Stockholm, Copenhagen, Bergen, and Oslo; Viking Ship Museum; Flam Railway; Aurlands Fjord Cruise; Tivoli Gardens; Amalienborg Palace; Ulvik; Voeringfoss Waterfall; and much more! Includes roundtrip airfare, 16 meals, local professional tour directors, transportation, admissions, departure taxes, tips and gratuities. Cost: \$4594, double occupancy.

Palo Alto Baylands and Nature Interpretive Center April 17, 2008, Cost: \$23

Tale of One City with Gary, Historical Area of “Professorville”

February 7, 2008, Cost: \$41

Beguiling Benicia ~ Adventures with Gary March 27, 2008, Cost: \$46

100 Years Of Broadway, Flint Center April 22, 2008, Cost: \$55

Star Gazing and Black Holes March 19, 2008, Cost: \$9

Safari West

March 4, 2008, Cost: \$75 includes BBQ lunch



MORE to Watch in Cupertino

THE BETTER PART

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

February 1, 4, 5 & 8

Pizza, Vino and the Italian Festa

Listen and marvel at Dick Contino, the great accordionist from the 40's.

February 11, 12 & 15

Driving with Used Cooking Oil

Learn how to drive your diesel car with a fuel alternative that incurs little or no expense.

February 18, 19 & 22

The Amazing Electric Car, Part I

Invented in 1834, hear why these wonderful cars (from toys to performance racers) are sure to be in our future.

February 25, 26 & 29

The Amazing Electric Car, Part II

The sleek new look of today's gas-saving hybrids and performance EVs are capturing our hearts and minds.



CUPERTINO MUSICAL WINS ACM W.A.V.E AWARD

The Alliance for Community Media, 2007 Western Region's Western Access Video Excellence (W.A.V.E) awards finalists were from Cupertino Senior TV Productions *The Better Part*. The award finalist included *Cupertino Library* produced by CREST Award winner Diane Benedetti; *Wing Walker* produced by Diane Benedetti & Marilyn Priel and *Necklace – The Birth of a Musical* produced by Dale Porter & Val Jeffery.

Necklace – The Birth of a Musical was the winner of the 'Talk Show – Entertainment' category. The program featured Tony Vandersteen who wrote the music and lyrics for *Necklace* and Dale Porter who wrote the book. Tony Vandersteen is a long time resident of Cupertino and talented composer. The musical *Necklace* was performed at the *Theatre in the Mountains*, Los Gatos.

The program, which was hosted and edited by Val Jeffery and directed by Ernie Piini, included clips from the theatre production and featured Tony, playing arrangements from *Necklace* on a piano. *The Better Part* is taped at KMVT 15 in Mountain View and airs on Comcast Cable Channel 15. For more info visit: www.thebetterpart.com or contact the Cupertino Senior Center at 408.777.3150

QUALITY TELEVISION

Looking to watch quality television during the writer's strike? Tune into The City Channel, Cupertino's government access television channel. It is available to Cupertino residents on Comcast Channel 26 or Channel 99 on AT&T U-verse, and on the Internet, 24/7.

Tune in for the local programming that matters like live and recorded city meeting telecasts, community event coverage, town hall meetings, press conferences, and local breaking news impacting the community. The channel also provides the latest state government programming, including coverage of state legislative floor debates and committee hearings.

Educators and students benefit from an extraordinary range of high-quality educational programming seen weekday mornings and afternoons on The City Channel. These programs, funded by Annenberg Media, provide skills for teacher professional development as well as classroom instruction for students.

For more information, please contact the city of Cupertino Communication Department at 408.777.3264 or communication@cupertino.org.

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 have a member show titled "From the Heart" in honor of Valentines Day.

For more info, contact Belinda Lima 408.252.0367.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Fri	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Cupertino Library atrium	861.0417
~2~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814
~4~ 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
~5~ 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	
~6~ 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
	~7~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holder's 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	Holder's 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



Feb	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~7~ Thurs	Fine Arts League February show reception Cupertino Las Madres*	5:30 - 7 pm 10 to 1 pm	Call for location Cuptertino Library atrium	252.0367 861.0417
~9~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828
~11~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows* Fine Arts League	8 pm 7 pm	20589 Homestead Rd. Community Center	252.3954 268.1974 Ask for Chandra Agrawal
~12~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
~14~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired) Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	Noon 11:30 am	Blue Pheasant	252.8568 257.6136 252.1529
~15~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society Cupertino Coin Club Reception prior to Fine Arts League Juried Art Show	7:30 pm 7:45 pm 7 to 9 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm. West Valley Pres. Church Cupertino Community Hall	267.3397 253.1232 868.9023
~19~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~21~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City West Valley Republican Women Rolling Hills 4H Club Embroiders' Guild of America	7:30 pm 11:30 am 7 pm 7 pm	City Hall Monta Vista Recreation Center Sunnyview Lutheran Home	257.7424 252.6312 257.4745 578.5917
~26~ Tues	Historical Society DeAnza Youth Soccer League Mtg	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Community Center Creekside Park	973.1495 deanzayouthsoccer.org
~27~ Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association The Powerful Pens	7:30 pm 7 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility 18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

City offices will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

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.

By Lauren Mende Tacke, Cupertino Environmental Programs

BATTERIES COLLECTED AT CURBSIDE

Household batteries are accepted at curbside for recycling. Place batteries in a clear, sealed bag, such as a Zip-lock® bag and leave the closed bag on top of your blue recycling cart on your regular collection day. You can also drop off regular household batteries at Target or Radio Shack stores. Cell phone batteries are not accepted in the curbside program. Collection boxes for cell phones and rechargeable batteries, are located at the entrance of Best Buy.

COMPUTER RECYCLING

Cupertino residents can recycle computers and other electronic equipment including fax machines, VCRs, stereo equipment, home copiers, DVD players and TVs, at no charge, at Apple's facility located at 10300 Bubb Road. Days and hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am-4:30 pm. Call 408.862.2667 for additional recorded information. Please bring proof of residency.

STOP JUNK MAIL – HERE'S HOW

If your mailbox is overwhelmed with catalogs and solicitations you don't want, you can reduce the flow by using a Junk Mail Reduction Kit. Download the kit from www.cupertino.org/environmental, or pick it up at the Quinlan Community Center, Senior Center, or City Hall. You can also call the City's Public Works Dept. at 408.777.3354 for your free copy. The Junk Mail Reduction Kit shows you how to get off junk mailing lists and how to ensure that your name and address don't get traded, rented, or sold to more companies who send unwanted mail.



SPRING BACKYARD COMPOST WORKSHOPS

**March 1, April 5, and May 3,
10am to noon at McClellan
Ranch meeting room**

The City will hold free backyard compost workshops on the first Saturdays of the month. Call 408.918.4640 to register or to get information about compost bins available for \$40 from the Countywide Home Composting Program.



COMPOST ATTENDANT NEEDED

The City of Cupertino is looking for a Compost Attendant to work at the City's Compost Site

at Stevens Creek Quarry from March 28, 2008 – October 25, 2008, and consecutive years, on Friday and Saturday mornings. Please contact the City's Environmental Programs Division at 408.777.3241.

EXTRA WINTER YARD WASTE?

Have extra waste from winter garden cleanups and pruning? An easy way to dispose of yard waste 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 trash disposal day appointments a year, starting each January.

Branches may be up to 6" in diameter and 6' long. No loose piles. Please bundle or box branches and trimmings. The entire collection of yard waste should be no bigger than 4'x 4' x 8'. No plastic bags, please. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. for an appointment: 408.725.4020.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

It is easy to properly dispose of unwanted hazardous cleaning, hobby and gardening products. Typical materials include: latex and oil-based paint, solvents, toxic cleaners, pesticides, batteries (car and household), mercury thermometers, old pool care products, used motor oil, antifreeze and other car fluids, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, hobby chemicals, photo developing chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides. There is no charge to residents. Small businesses also may be eligible to participate for a nominal fee. To make an appointment for disposal, register online at www.hhw.org or call 408.299.7300.

CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE DROP-OFF CENTERS

To turn in bottles and cans and reclaim their California Redemption Value (deposit money), go to the following nearby recycling centers:

- Nob Hill Market parking lot (1179 S. DeAnza Blvd. @ Rollingdell)
- Safeway parking lot (6150 Bollinger Rd. @ Miller Ave.)
- Safeway parking lot (1601 Hollenbeck Rd @ Homestead)

You receive 5¢ for a single serve (under 24 ounces) glass, plastic or aluminum beverage container and 10¢ for beverage containers 24 ounces or more. They must have the words "California Cash Refund" or "California Redemption Value" printed on the container.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

By making simple changes in our everyday lives, we can make significant strides to maintain the planet we all share.

- **Recycle beverage containers.** Look for beverage recycling bins wherever you are or participate in your residential recycling program.
- **Shop wisely** to save resources. Ask yourself, "Can the container be easily recycled or reused?" Avoid over-packaged goods; buy in bulk when possible, to reduce packaging.
- **Use cloth grocery bags.** They're sturdy and reusable. If every household in America did, we could save as many as 60,000 trees.
- **Plant a tree.** Urban America has an estimated 100 million potential tree spaces. Filling these spaces with trees would result in significant annual energy savings and would reduce electric power plant emissions of carbon dioxide by 35 million tons annually.
- **Buy paper products with high post-consumer content.** These products have less virgin pulp, saving trees and keeping more waste paper out of the landfill.
- **Keep your home healthy** by reducing unnecessary toxic chemicals.
- **Use Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's)** instead of traditional light bulbs to save energy and money. A CFL uses 75% less energy than a standard bulb. Did you know that of all the energy old-fashioned bulbs use, only 10% goes toward giving off light? The other 90% is wasted as heat.
- **Get out of the car** one day a week. Car pool, use public transportation, or bicycle.
- **Tune-up your car** to improve its fuel economy by 6 to 9 percent and ultimately save you repair costs.
- **Start a compost pile** and feed your garden with your grass clippings and vegetable waste.
- **Donate your unwanted stuff.** Give clothing, furnishing, tools, and other items to charitable organizations. Your donations provide useful items to people who need them, preserve natural resources, and help reduce the amount of usable materials thrown away in local landfills.

2008 Green Business Conference

Friday, March 21, 2008, 8:30 am – 1 pm
Roche Palo Alto, 3431 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto 94304
\$20 per person, pre-registered or \$25 per person at the door

Industry experts and city representatives will show participants how easy and cost-effective Green Business practices can be. Attendees will learn simple steps to reduce waste, save energy, conserve water, and prevent pollution in their daily business operations. Businesses of all types are encouraged to attend and find out how to help the environment while improving their bottom line.

Topics at the conference will include the business case for going green, waste reduction strategies and the process for greening your business.

Visit www.ReduceWaste.org to register for the 2008 Green Business Conference or to learn more about the County of Santa Clara Green Business Program.

Cupertino's Green Building Program

Green Building means using building methods and materials for your building project that are more environmentally friendly than those commonly used in the past. Green building results in a building or site that is healthier for the inhabitants, more energy efficient and less damaging to the environment.

There are several places to get advice on green building and practices.

The **Build it Green Ask an Expert Hotline** provides customized responses to residential green building questions for building professionals and the general public. Most inquiries are answered within two business days. It is free for all PG&E customers. You can submit your queries at www.builditgreen.org/ask-expert or call 510.845.0472 ext. 2.

Other Resources:

- Build It Green, www.builditgreen.org
- US Green Building Council, www.usgbc.org
- Pacific Gas and Electric, www.pge.com/res/energy_tools_resources/efficient_new_homes/info_for_builders/
- San Jose Water Company, www.sjwater.com/conservation/index.jsp





Marsha Hovey, Emergency Services Coordinator

PANDEMIC SCENARIO – PART 2

This month we pick up where we left off in the October edition of “Simply Safe.” In this scenario, a pandemic flu that has spread worldwide has stricken you, but you are far from alone. Many in your neighborhood, city and surrounding cities are sick or soon will be. Many have died, or soon will. However, for those still healthy, there is no security because vaccines for this new type of flu aren’t available. It takes 5 or 6 months to develop and manufacture flu vaccines, using the current technology. And when vaccines become available, priority will be given to vaccine plant workers, health care workers, military personnel, essential government leaders, police, firefighters, EMTs, pregnant women, infants and toddlers. It could take as long as a year after a pandemic begins for sufficient vaccines to be available to the general public.

Because of pandemic flu’s potency and spread, even healthy people suddenly have limited movement. This is also true for everyone throughout your community, your state, and the world. If you are sick, or if any member of your household contracts this flu, it is likely that you will be directed by Public Health officials to remain in your home under quarantine for two weeks. This is to help slow the spread of disease to others and to mitigate the surge in demand on hospitals and health clinics. Self-care at home will be the first choice unless your condition deteriorates to the point that you must seek medical care.

Flu is a respiratory, air-borne illness and is highly contagious among people in enclosed settings. It is also contagious for about 24 hours before a person feels any symptoms. Public health measures for slowing down the spread of flu are likely to include school and daycare closings for several weeks; closing of large public venues (sports arenas, church services, theatres, etc.); advice to postpone social gatherings; direction to businesses to adopt measures limiting employee and customer face-to-face contact; advice to everyone to practice good respiratory and hand hygiene and social-distancing, as well as other measures.

Why would such measures be necessary? Pandemic flu is not like seasonal flu. It causes much more severe illness and kills a higher percentage, especially among young and previously healthy people. Some are left permanently disabled from its effects.

Flu pandemics have happened throughout history, whenever a flu virus evolves that has not previously circulated in the human population. The world and the U.S. experienced a severe pandemic in 1918-19 and milder ones in 1957 and 1968. To understand the severity and impact on society of the 1918 “Spanish Flu,” a good book to read is *The Great Influenza* by John Barry. It is available in the Cupertino Library and at bookstores.

In the event of pandemic flu, how will you and your family reach out for help? Be wise and be prepared for this event before it happens. You will already have flu medications, rehydration fluids or mixes, water, and easy-to-prepare non-perishable foods. You will have emergency radios, communication devices, and flashlights with plenty of batteries, and alternate methods for cooking and keeping warm in the event that utility service is interrupted or sporadic for an unknown period. You might also have alternate methods for purifying water in the event that municipal water service is disrupted or unable to supply sanitized water for certain periods. Neighborhood Watch and other organizations may need to activate for mutual aid.

Turning the radio on to Radio Cupertino at 1670 AM, you hear updates reporting that pandemic flu has struck 25% of households in the city. You hear that shipments of many items to local grocery, drug, and other stores have slowed down, but are continuing on a limited basis. Truck drivers across the country experience this pandemic, as well. Manufacturing and agriculture here and overseas are affected, because people are sick and many have died. You learn that this is the “first wave” of pandemic and there likely will be another wave or two in the months ahead, as the virus re-circulates to strike those it did not reach before. Each wave in your community lasts 6 to 12 weeks. You have heard that the federal government has enacted its National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. You or your family members, or friends, or neighbors are sick, and it seems frightening not knowing what will come next.

In hindsight, one could ask, “What could I have done to avoid contracting the flu, and what measures could have been taken to help me and others cope with all this?” With an event of this magnitude – just as with major earthquakes – it’s better to practice foresight, instead.



BEING SMART, BEING PREPARED

While the previous scenario is fictional, it is quite possible. A pandemic flu has a paralyzing effect on its victim, but also slows down an entire city, nation, and global economy once it spreads. Videos and other information are available at www.cupertino.org/emergency under Preparedness Info, Pandemic Flu. Taking simple steps in advance will make a difference. Learn what to do.

IF YOU DO ONLY ONE THING TO PREPARE THIS MONTH...

Buy several gallons of water and additional water storage containers. Begin to acquire and store appropriate amounts of non-perishable food. Don't forget pets. Decide whether you need enough for two weeks, a month, or longer. Whether it is pandemic flu, earthquake or other disasters, having a cache of water and food is crucial to survival. Develop a process to replace items and keep them fresh. Doing this ensures that you will not waste your supplies nor your money, while preserving a surplus for emergency use. Think of it as an insurance policy. Reach out to neighbors and organizations (your church, synagogue or mosque, scout troop, business clubs, etc.) to inform and assist with their preparations. A prepared community will get through pandemic flu – and any other disaster – much better.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

Pandemic Flu – How will the county plan for a pandemic? How should you get ready? FREE community presentation, Wednesday, January 30, 7:30-9 pm at Cupertino Community Hall

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop FREE, February 9, 9 am to Noon, March 18, 6:30-9:30 pm

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.

Hansen Quarry Update

The quarry is doing additional drilling to assess slope stability, which will affect the Reclamation Plan. When that is complete, the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will continue. The EIR is not expected to be complete until 2009.

For further information on this project, please contact Mark Connolly at: mark.connolly@pln.sccgov.org.

To be included on a mailing list of future notifications for this project, please send an email to hansonquarry@pln.sccgov.org.

Welcome New Businesses

Curry House Cupertino
Dhanjal Inc DBA Subway Sandwiches
ESaving Home & Loan
Karina Hoog
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By Gail Fretwell Hugger

How many of you remember the double rock arches at Natural Bridges State Park? Or the salt-water plunge on the Santa Cruz Boardwalk? Or the sturdy nickel box games in the old Penny Arcade?

These old postcards might jog some memories, though most of us were not around when these shots were taken.



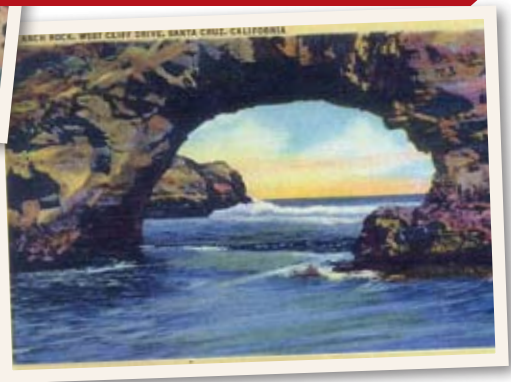
My favorite box game in the arcade was the football players. Five cents a game and you could wear out your arm for 25 cents depressing the lever, trying to get your players to kick the football past your opponent's players. Those old box games are gone now, victims of the high-tech, electronic age. Hopefully, they are in museums or with collectors.



Happy Valentine's Day,
Everyone!

Do you have a favorite horse on the historic Loeffl Carousel, built in 1911? Wonder if they will give the carousel a 100th birthday party in 2011? Next time you go to the boardwalk and ride the carousel, check out the big, brown horse with the arched neck. Did you know that carousel horses are more ornate with carving, paint and jewels on the side facing out?

What are your favorite rides and attractions?





COUNCIL ACTIONS



Complete agenda and minutes of all City Council, Planning and other commissions are available at www.cupertino.org/agenda.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

Council Members Present: Wang, Sandoval, Lowenthal, Mahoney

Adopted a resolution receiving the declaration of election results for the General Municipal

Election held on November 6, 2007, Resolution No. 07-194. Kris Wang and Gilbert Wong elected.

Members of the audience were invited to say farewell to Council member Richard Lowenthal.

Oath of Office is given to the newly elected Council members.

Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor. Dolly Sandoval elected as Mayor and Orrin Mahoney elected as Vice Mayor.

Oath of Office was given to the newly elected Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

Comments by Council members and Mayor. Members of the audience were invited to speak.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Wang, Wong

Conducted a study session regarding the Stevens Creek Corridor Park Restoration Project.

Proclamation for STRIKE! Cupertino and the winners of the Lego Robot Competition.

Approved the minutes from the November 20 and December 4 City Council meetings.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for November 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Accept the Treasurer's Investment Report for October 2007.

Adopted a resolution declaring weeds on certain properties a nuisance and set a hearing date of January 8.

Adopted a resolution approving the destruction of records from the City Clerk and City Manager departments.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License – On Sale Beer & Wine Eating Place (41) for Fontana's Italian Restaurant.

Adopted a resolution terminating the California Public Entity Insurance Authority (CPEIA).

Approved a fee waiver request from the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale of \$280 in facility use fees for the use of the Cupertino Community Hall.

Adopted a resolution authorizing execution of a Storm-water Management Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement, Evershine VI, L.P.



Adopted a resolution approving a Maintenance Agreement, Bay Colony Investors II, Inc., Oak Park Village, 10745 N. De Anza Blvd.

Adopted a resolution authorizing execution of a Storm-water Management Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement, Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights 1200 San Mateo Avenue.

Accepted municipal improvements, Baldev Singh Jandu and Harinder Kaur Jandu, 10276 Orange Avenue.

Considered Application Nos. U-2007-11 and M-2007-02, Wayne Okubo (Evershine), 19620-19780 Stevens Creek Blvd- Continued to January 8.

Considered implementation of a two-year funding cycle for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Consider accepting proposal from Habitat for Humanity for the Cleo Avenue Affordable Housing Development.

Considered dissolving the teacher housing assistance program and utilizing the funds for other affordable housing developments.

Adopted a resolution approving the 2007-08 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding program.

Adopted a resolution establishing an Expense Reimbursement administrative procedure for City Council members, commissioners, and committee members.

Received a report on the former Moxley property on Lindy Lane regarding tree planting and driveway improvements.

Received a staff report on the Heart of City. Specific Plan review.

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

To submit to "Cupertino Scene," email: scene@cupertino.org.





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CITY MEETINGS

Feb. 4	City Council mtg.*** (spec. mtg./Feb. 5th election Day)	6:45pm
Feb. 4	Friends of Cupertino Library (Conf. Rm. A).....	7:30 pm
Feb. 6	Economic Development Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. A)	3:30 pm
Feb. 6	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:30 pm
Feb. 6	Library Commission (Conf. Rm. 100).....	7 pm
Feb. 6	Technology, Information & Communications (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Feb. 7	Design Review Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Feb. 7	Parks and Recreation (Conf. Rm. 100)	7 pm
Feb. 7	C.A.R.E.S (Conf. Rm. C)	7:30 pm
Feb. 12	Planning Commission (Council Cham. Comm. Hall)	6:45 pm
Feb. 13	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Feb. 14	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C).....	9 am
Feb. 19	City Council ***.....	6:45pm
Feb. 20	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:30 pm
Feb. 21	Toyokawa Sister City (Conf. Rm. A).....	7:30 pm
Feb. 26	Planning Commission (Council Cham. Comm. Hall)	6:45 pm
Feb. 26	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A).....	7 pm
Feb. 27	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm

City offices will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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

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