

# Cupertino Scene

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## Holiday Loaded with Family Fun

Pancakes and a parade are among events planned at Memorial Park on the Fourth of July. And, capping off the day of activities is a fireworks display across the street at De Anza College.

Members of the De Anza Optimists Club will dish up a pancake brunch beginning at 7 a.m. Event organizers also invite youngsters up to age 12 to march to patriotic music in the children's parade from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The parade will start in the parking lot adjacent to the ball field at Memorial Park and wind its way through the park, ending up at the fountain in front of the community center.

Parents should bring their children to the staging area between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. Decorated bikes, strollers and wagons may be used (leave motorized vehicles and pets at home). At the end of the parade route, participants will sing traditional patriotic songs until 11 a.m. The mobile skate park will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with free food and drinks for skaters.

Beginning at 6 p.m., food booths will be set up on the De Anza College athletic field. Live band music will begin on the field at 7:30 p.m., followed by singing and the fireworks display at about 9:30 p.m. **For further information about the events planned July 4, see the schedule on page two, contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 777-3120, or visit our web site at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).**



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## Attention Hyde and Homestead Students

The City of Cupertino is seeking additional applicants for the city's Teen Commission. There are two openings: one representative each from Hyde Middle School and Homestead High School. Applicants must be Cupertino residents, be in grades 8 through 12 and be enrolled in one of these two schools in fall of 2002. These representatives will join eleven other youths on the thirteen member commission which was created last November by the City Council. In its first year, the commission had a positive impact on teen services including the inauguration of the teen website and organization of the first teen job fair. Applications for Homestead and Hyde representatives will be accepted in the City Clerk's office until August 12, 2002. Interviews with the City Council are scheduled for August 19, 2002. Applications are available at City Hall, the Quinlan Community Center or at the city web site at [www.cupertino.org/teens](http://www.cupertino.org/teens).

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## Cupertino Scene

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### Morning Activities at Quinlan Center and Memorial Park

**7 to 11 a.m.**

De Anza Optimist Pancake Breakfast (Quinlan Community Center Cupertino Room)

**9:30 a.m.**

Line up at the Memorial Park baseball field

**10 to 10:30 a.m.**

Children's Parade (Starting at the Memorial Park baseball field and proceeding to the Quinlan Community Center)

**10:30 to 11 a.m.**

Children's Community Sing along at the Quinlan Center (Behind at the fountain)

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Go4th & SK8: Mobile Skate Park at the Memorial Park (In the parking lot next to the softball diamond) Free hotdogs and sodas for skaters

### Evening Activities at De Anza College

**6 p.m.**

De Anza College Gates Open for Fireworks Viewing

**6 to 8:45 p.m.**

Food Sold by Service Clubs in De Anza College Parking Lot C

**7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

San Jose Metropolitan Band

**8:20 to 8:45 p.m.**

Sing-Along with the Melodic Ensemble

**8:45 to 8:50 p.m.**

Silicon Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard

**9:30 p.m.**

Welcome by Mayor Richard Lowenthal

**9:30 to 9:50 p.m.**

Community Fireworks

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

# Parks and Recreation News

For information about any of the following listings, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (408) 777-3120.

## Summer Concert Series 2002

An Evening of Fun. Bring the family and a picnic, and enjoy an evening of free music Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. All concerts take place in the Amphitheater at Memorial Park, located at the corner of Mary Ave. and Stevens Creek Blvd. In the event of rain, or for more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Dept. at (408) 777-3120. **No concerts July 4 or August 8.**



### July 11, Cupertino Symphonic Band

Classical, symphony, waltz, big band, and patriotic music.

### July 18, Shabang

Caribbean, steel drums, reggae. Traditional Caribbean dances by "Island's of Fire."

### July 25, Sidesaddle

Traditional blue grass, vintage country, Cajun, cowboy, gospel, and folk.

### August 1, Molly's Revenge

Traditional music of Ireland, Scotland, and England and a jig or two.

### August 15, Kapalikiko

Traditional Hawaiian melodies and hula lesson. Don't miss this family favorite.

## Free Shakespeare in the Park 2002

The City of Cupertino teams up with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to present the seventh season of Free Shakespeare in Memorial Park. This year Free Shakespeare in the Park offers *The Winter's Tale*.

A jealous husband destroys his own happiness; a faithful servant makes the ultimate sacrifice; young lovers on whom rest the hopes of two kingdoms; many of Shakespeare's recurring themes unite in *The*



*Winter's Tale*, a romance written at the height of the bard's power. It's the perfect choice for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Free Shakespeare in the Park.

This summer is the perfect time for *The Winter's Tale*. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy Shakespeare under the stars.

### What:

**Free Shakespeare in the Park 2002**

***The Winter's Tale***

### Where & When:

**Memorial Park, Cupertino**

**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**

**7:30 p.m.**

**August 9, 10, & 11**

**August 16, 17, & 18**

**August 23, 24, & 25**

For Information call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (800) 978-PLAY, or visit [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org).

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## Free Concert and Film Series Returns

Watch for the second annual "Cinema at Sundown," the city of Cupertino's free, outdoor, international film and concert series. The series will be held on Thursday nights, August 22 & 29 and September 5 & 12, from 6:30 p.m. until about 10 p.m., at Memorial Park amphitheater. Each event date features a live performance followed by an international film. Residents are encouraged to bring a picnic. For updates, call 777-3120, or check our web site at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

## Cupertino Commission Offers Arts Grants

Local artists have until September 20 to submit applications for grants offered by the Cupertino Fine Arts Commission. The grants will be awarded in November.

Proposals from artists and art organizations will be evaluated on whether they serve a wide range of citizens or groups not already served. Other evaluation criteria includes how the grant would extend the range of fine arts activities in the community and how it would encourage diverse programs based on the needs and interests of Cupertino residents. All proposals must contain provisions for measuring success and financial accountability.

The arts commission offers two grant cycles each year. The balance remaining for this year is \$3,480.

Anyone interested in applying for an arts grant should contact the Cupertino city clerk's office at (408) 777-3223, or see the web site at [www.cupertino.org/finearts/grants.htm](http://www.cupertino.org/finearts/grants.htm).

## Not Just Another Street Festival

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cupertino Art & Wine Festival presented by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce on Saturday and Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> is not your "run-of-the-mill" festival. This year the festival features an exciting Kids Zone, exotic belly-dancing groups on the live entertainment stage, wines from the Santa Clara Valley, and refreshing margaritas.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday in beautiful Memorial Park, located on Stevens Creek Boulevard across from De Anza College. Admission to the festival is free and there is lots of free parking available at De Anza College.

Bring the whole family to revel in the experience of 175 arts and crafts booths where wonderfully creative works of



art will be exhibited including beautiful oil paintings and sculptures, wooden sushi makers, textiles and hand-painted silks, toe and thumb rings, and pottery, to name just a few. Enjoy the live entertainment in the amphitheater, lots of mouth-watering foods and delicious snacks from the food court, and a business expo of our chamber members.

The festival showcases the delightful wines of our local wineries including Picchetti, J. Lohr, Cooper Garrod, Ridge Vineyards and more. The expanded Kids Zone has a rock climbing wall, two giant slides, a Spiderman bounce house, the "Great Crab Grab", Pearly's Piddles candle making, a 70-foot obstacle course and much more. Attendees are encouraged to leave their pets at home.

To obtain more information about the festival, contact Marty West, Festival Coordinator, or Jody Hansen, CEO, at the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce at 408/252-7054.

## Announce Your Birthday

The City Channel will post a Happy Birthday message to you or your child on the video bulletin board as part of "Cupertino Today". "Cupertino Today" brings you local and timely information every weekday from 5 to 9 a.m. Please mail or e-mail the following information to the City Channel: Name of the birthday boy or girl, Date of birthday, Age (optional), and one brief line about the birthday person. Digital photos can be sent via e-mail. Printed photos can be picked up at City Hall or returned to you when you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Submissions may be mailed to "Birthdays," c/o The City Channel, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014; or send an e-mail to [reid@cupertino.org](mailto:reid@cupertino.org) (subject line = Birthday).

Due to City Channel policies and guidelines, we reserve the right to determine what and when information is placed on the channel.

## Dialing 9-1-1 on a Cellphone

by Sgt. Skip Shervington,  
Cupertino Community Resource Officer

When you call 9-1-1 from a cellular phone your call is answered by the California Highway Patrol Dispatch Center in Vallejo. To avoid transfer delays, program the non-emergency number of your local police agency into your phone. Even on the freeway, the Santa Clara County Communications Center is responsible for dispatching ambulances and in some cases the fire department. They will immediately notify the California Highway Patrol of the incident. The number for Santa Clara County Communications Center is (408)299-3233 or (408) 299-2311.

In Cupertino, to have a deputy sheriff to respond to your location or discuss a situation with a deputy, we suggest you talk to one of the officers assigned to patrol your neighborhood. You can do this by calling 9-1-1 or (408) 299-3233 or (408)299-2311. General law enforcement related questions can be answered Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling the Sheriff's West Valley Station at (408) 867-9715 or The Cupertino Community Resource Officer at (408) 777-3177 / Email: SHERIFF@Cupertino.org.

### June Puzzlement

Congratulations to Zsuzsanna Biran, Avinash Patil, Grant Joo, Jeff Schulken and Ellen Roberts Israel who solved the June Puzzlement and correctly identified McClelland Ranch Park as the current home of the blacksmith's shop.

### July Puzzlement

July is the end of our printing year. With that in mind we have saved our most obtuse question and best prizes for last.

Q: The "Wedge People" are a dramatization of what? Hint: The City Channel, the city web site and various city functions will, at various times, provide the necessary information to correctly answer this question.

The first person to send the correct answer to internetforum@cupertino.org will win: a Cupertino t-shirt, a magnum of Cook's champaign, a free month's pass to the Cupertino Sports Center and a \$40 gift certificate that may be applied towards any Cupertino Parks and Recreation program.

## McClellan Ranch Free Saturday Programs

by Barbara Banfield, Park Naturalist

The park is beautiful at this time of year. Today I saw a pair of Wood Ducks in the stream, a pair of Hooded Orioles nesting in the palm tree in front of the museum, and Western Bluebirds perching on the fence. I've been seeing four species of hawks pretty regularly this spring: White-tailed Kites, Red-tailed Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, and Sharp-shinned Hawks. Four species of native sage are blooming in the native plant garden in front of the offices. Come enjoy our free Saturday classes or just drop by to enjoy the park.



### July 13, Skulls

The California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park has a fascinating exhibit of skulls now on display. You'll appreciate this stunning exhibit if you learn what a skull's shape and the teeth within tell you about the animal it came from. Stop by McClellan Ranch Park and bone up on skulls. Learn how to use a key to identify small mammal skulls. Program at 11:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m.

### July 20, Aquatic Insects

Visit the museum to meet a variety of insects collected from lakes and ponds and learn a bit about their fascinating lives. Then join the park naturalist for a walk along Stevens Creek to find out what insects can be found there. Old tennis shoes recommended for exploring at the creek's edge. Program begins at 12:30 p.m.

### July 27, Snakes and Lizards

Meet the common reptiles of the park during an informal talk at 11:00 a.m. Following the talk take a short walk with the park naturalist to look for lizards along the trail.

Call (408) 777-3149 for more information on weekend programs.

## City-Wide Garage Sale Coming

Cupertino's seventh annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held Sept. 28 and 29 at individual homes and other private locations within the city limits and in neighboring unincorporated areas. The city is inviting residents and community organizations to register and will provide free advertising and a garage sale "how-to" kit for all registered sellers. Sale participants manage their own garage sales and keep the profits. On September 25, a list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website and printed copies of the list and map will be distributed at local 7-Eleven stores, coffeehouses and city facilities.

There are four ways to register (Please register only once.):

- Register on-line at the city's web site: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) (look under "What's New")

- Mail or fax in the registration form that can be found in the back of the September *Cupertino Scene*.

- Call 777-3337 to request that a registration form be mailed or faxed to you. Both city residents and residents of the neighboring unincorporated areas can order a form at this number. Mail or fax the form back to City Hall.

- Last year's garage sale participants can register quickly for this year's sale by mailing or faxing in a reply postcard (cards will be sent to all of last year's registered participants).

Registrants will be given the choice to receive the Garage Sale "How-To" Kit by mail or to view it on the city's web page.

The city encourages residents to coordinate block sales and multi-family sales. These sales will be highlighted on the city's official garage sale list. Block sales and multi-family sales typically receive the most attention from garage sale shoppers.

The city's goal in sponsoring the Cupertino City-Wide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away or recycled, when they can be re-used by someone else.



## Toxics Date Set for August 24

The County-wide Household Hazardous Waste Program will be holding a disposal event in Cupertino on August 24. The Program is available free to residents and at a nominal fee to small businesses. Typical materials that are brought in include: latex and oil-based paint, solvents, toxic cleaners, pesticides, batteries (car and household), old pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, and other car fluids, hobby chemicals, and photo developing chemicals. Call 299-7300 for an appointment and more information.

## Memorial Park Recycling

While you're enjoying a picnic at Memorial Park this summer, remember to use our recycling bins for your drink containers. Recycling bins have green lids labeled "Cans and Bottles." The sides display the international symbol for recycling—a triangle of three arrows chasing each other.

At the upcoming Art and Wine Festival (the biggest city event of the year) held on the July 20 and 21, the city once again anticipates that many of the aluminum cans and water bottles sold at the food booths will be recycled instead of thrown out with the trash.

## Rebate for Old Fridge

The State of California still has a program to encourage residents to get rid of old, inefficient refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners that are still working. Residents can receive a \$50 rebate check in exchange for an old fridge or freezer, and \$25 for an old air conditioner. Call 800-599-5792 to schedule a 4-hr window for pickup. The working appliance must have been plugged in and cold for 24 hours before the scheduled pickup.



## Simply Safe

by Marsha Garcia

### **CERT classes begin July 12**

It's never too late to sign up. In only four Friday evenings (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.) and three Saturday mornings (9 a.m. to 12 noon) you'll practice all the skills needed to manage emergency situation and maybe save a life. Every CERT session is open to all Cupertino residents. However, as part of a new pilot project, special invitations will be extended to different neighborhoods in an effort to prepare a more concentrated group of trained responders. In July, the Valley Green and Biltmore Apartments and the neighborhood including Orange Blossom, Peach Blossom, Normandy, Newcastle, Waterford, Rosegarden, Aster and Primrose are encouraged to enroll. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and make a positive contribution to your community. If you would like your neighborhood invited to attend a future CERT training, as a team, contact [CERT@cupertino.org](mailto:CERT@cupertino.org).

### **Update on May 13 Fire**

Original news reports speculated that an unstrapped hot water heater caused a structure fire on the Cupertino/San Jose border. The actual cause of the fire was a punctured spray can whose contents were ignited by the water heater pilot light. The spray can was not secured behind closed doors so it fell on the floor and boxes fell on top of it. The fire department says that spray containers contain propellants that can easily explode if damaged. They often respond to fires where a spray spot remover can has fallen behind the gas powered clothes dryer and sprung a leak...A vivid reminder that all potentially hazardous materials need to be properly secured and stored away from heat sources.

### **Fire Extinguisher Training**

How do I know the extinguisher will work? How large a fire can I put out? What safety precautions should I take? These questions and more will be answered during this one hour training and demonstration on July 20, 1 to 2 p.m. at City Hall.

### **Fire Extinguisher Sales and Recharging**

July 20, 1 to 2 p.m. at City Hall. Home fire extinguishers should be recharged yearly, or after each use. Nikkel Fire Company of San Jose will come to Cupertino and recharge extinguishers for \$18 each plus \$2 per pound of dry chemical. Call Cupertino OES 777-3335 to schedule your recharge time or to purchase extinguishers.

### **Upcoming Classes:**

Terrorism Preparedness, August 7 to 9 p.m.

Basic EQ Preparedness, September 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Purchase a fire extinguisher for your home and learn how to use it.

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

## Party in the Street

The City of Cupertino's block party program helps neighbors stay in touch. The program is a free service to residents. The city's Parks and Recreation Department staff is available to lead games and activities. Residents may also request appearances by police and fire units. The city will deliver barricades and signs to temporarily close neighborhood streets for celebrations, sports, games, barbecues and activities. The city also pays the costs of liability insurance coverage for parties of up to 500.

To get started, residents should pick up a block party information packet, which includes a special event permit application, petition form, and request forms for emergency vehicles and recreation leaders. Because certain weekends are popular to hold parties and the city coordinates street closures with other agencies, completed applications are due 30 days before the block party.

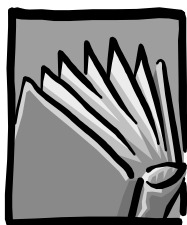
Block parties can be held from 9 a.m. to dusk on local neighborhood streets. For more information and to request a block party application, call (408) 777-3331 or (408) 777-3354.

## Library News

Thanks to the City Council, Citizens and City of Cupertino,

### Extended Library Hours:

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



### Library telephone numbers are:

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

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

### Santa Clara County Library Web Site:

<http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>

### Teen Page Web Site:

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

### Kids Page Web Site:

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

### Lobby Book Sale

The Friends of the Cupertino Library have a book sale in the library lobby, with books priced from \$1 to \$4.

#### Summer Programs for Kids

Storytimes (July and August)

Bedtime Storytime (3 years and up)

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-1/2 to 3)

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

### Discover a Hoppin' Place @ Your Library

#### Summer Reading Club Sign-ups

Kids are invited to join Summer Reading Club. Come to the library until July 31 to sign up and receive a reading folder. Kids who read or listen to 10 or more books over the summer will be awarded a certificate and a free paperback book. School age kids are also invited to Thursday Fun Programs at 2:30 p.m. for storytelling, crafts and more.

### Parent-Child Catalog/Internet Classes

Parents of schoolchildren may schedule appointments with a children's librarian for either introductory Internet (exploring web sites for children) or library catalog instruction. The classes are open to parents alone or with their children. To schedule an appointment, call (408) 446-1677, Ext. 3320.

### Break Free! Read for Fun!

Break free and join Summer Reading for Teens at the library. Sign up at the library June 17 to August 16. Participants who read at least five books and write one book review will receive a gift certificate to a local bookstore. The gift certificates are generously donated by the Friends of the Library. Teens, ages 13 to 19 are invited to join by picking up a folder at the Adult Reference Desk.

### Internet Basics for Adults

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library every Saturday, 10 to 10:30 a.m. These drop-in classes are limited to 5 participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. Those interested should come to the Adult Reference desk at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

### Internet Classes in Mandarin Chinese

Basic Internet instruction in Mandarin is available at the library by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.

### 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-serve basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week. Located next to the New Books area on the main floor near the adult reference desk.

### Library Tours

Library tours are held Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Tours include demonstration of the library's online catalog, reference database access, and library collections and services. For information about weekly tours, call (408) 446-1677.





# Roots

*By Gail*

*Fretwell Hugger*

## Cynthia Lee and China House

First, a little background. The following are excerpts from the book, “Toward the Golden Mountain”, published in conjunction with the exhibit of the same name held at the Cupertino Museum in 1997. “Toward the Golden Mountain” chronicles some of the history of the Chinese in Santa Clara Valley.

Cynthia was born in Macow about 70 years ago and came to this country in 1949 before the communists took over China. She moved to Cupertino in 1967 and guesses that there were no more than 10 Chinese families living here at that time. She came here as a student and attended Skidmore College and Columbia Teacher’s College, where she received her master’s degree. Cynthia recalls that at that time her husband had been an engineer for quite some time. He wanted to change and become either a stock-broker or open a restaurant. The decision was made to open a restaurant. In Cynthia’s words... “When I first opened, we were really welcomed. People say I was really courageous - I think I was very naive. I single-handedly opened a Chinese restaurant and I had never worked in a Chinese restaurant before! I didn’t even know what chop suey was because that is an American dish! But once we opened, right away it was a rage. At that time there were only three or five other Chinese restaurants in the area. Ming’s Restaurant was the big thing, over in Palo Alto.”

Cynthia’s father named the new restaurant in Cupertino, China House because he had a

restaurant in Tokyo called China House. Cynthia recalls...”at that time, all I could consider was that I put myself in the position of one of my customers. If they come to my restaurant, what will make them happy? So I thought, I will de-commercialize the whole restaurant - make them feel like they are a guest of my family! I think we had the best decorations because we placed a lot of nice Chinese artifacts in the restaurant in order to educate customers and let them know that this was a Chinese restaurant...when we opened the first day, my husband still worked down in Burbank with Lockheed. I opened the restaurant...the man from National Cash Register Company came to teach me how to operate the cash register. He said, “Mrs. Lee, how come you don’t have any cash in the register?” I just figured that I’d

get the money from the customers. I didn’t even realize that I’d have to make change. None of my friends had opened a restaurant - they were all engineers. So in the early morning I had to run to the bank to get change. About a month later I got a big write-up

in the San Jose Mercury News raving about the restaurant. There was a special writer for restaurants at that time - and he didn’t write anything about Ming’s Restaurant! I didn’t even realize - when somebody came in and said, “We’re going to do a special write-up on your restaurant”, I said, “Fine!” I didn’t even realize what a write-up was! So when the Sunday paper came out, people were lined up all over and I didn’t even know why!

But our restaurant was really welcomed and I made a lot of friends there. They were really nice to me and treated me like family. And we always treated our guests like a guest of the family. It was like having a party every night in my house!”

The rest of Cynthia’s wonderful story and the stories of many others can be found in the book, “Toward the Golden Mountain” at the Cupertino Museum and the Cupertino Library.



## Cupertino Cuisine: The Chai Craze

by Hema Kundargi

Chai (rhymes with “sky”) is one of the newest “hot” beverages in the U.S. Chai is a delicious, warming, traditional Indian tea drink that is becoming popular in cafe society around the world. The word Chai means “tea” in the Middle East, Eastern Asia, and is a Swahili word for tea in Eastern Africa.

Chai is also the Indian name for tea, but with a special twist: it is black tea brewed with therapeutic spices and sweetened milk. Chai, also known as Masala Chai, has been enjoyed for centuries in India. Masala means “spice blend” and Chai means “tea.” So Masala Chai stands for spicy tea. Indians are amused by all the fuss that has been made about Masala Chai. Masala Chai is by no means a serious drink like vodka or rum, but it is fun drink. A-sit-back-and-relax-to-be-enjoyed-with-friends drink, Masala Chai is full of unexpected taste sensations of sweet and spicy, soft and harsh. The spices awaken all the taste buds in your mouth. This wonderfully soothing and uplifting concoction contains a blend of spices that varies with every single Indian household and restaurant.

Traditional Chai is a mix of sweet and savory spices such as, cardamom, peppercorn, ginger, cloves, black pepper, cinnamon and sometimes fennel, which are ground and boiled in water. Black tea is then added to the spice mixture, which is steeped to preference, strained, then combined buffalo milk and sweetened with sugar or honey. Even though many tea drinkers prefer tea without a sweetener, Chai needs one in order to bring out the robust flavors of the spices.

Recipes are handed down from generation to generation, so that having a cup of Chai does not simply mean enjoying a relaxing beverage, but also experiencing a family tradition. It is also a welcoming beverage. An invitation to someone’s home will include a cup of the family’s Chai. Serving Chai is like offering a cup of a family tradition.

The British introduced tea to India. The British were pleasantly surprised to see an exquisite

variety of teas could be grown in India. Over the last two centuries India has become the largest producer of tea in the world. There are three main varieties of tea grown in India, world-renowned Darjeeling tea that is known as the champagne of all teas, Assam tea, which is a very hearty tea and the fragrant Nilgiri tea.

Today Chai can be found just about everywhere but it’s not the same. Chances are you will not find a traditionally brewed Chai but rather one made from a prepackaged concentrated liquid or from an instant powder. Brewing your own Chai is an experience not to be missed although it may take a few tries to find that “just right” flavor. It allows you to tailor the blend to your preference or mood, to sweeten or not, to use soy-based milk, and most importantly, which spices are lying around the house. The proper amount of tea is a personal choice. Part of the pleasures of tea is tinkering with the amounts and steeping times. Don’t let it worry you.

### Adrak Chai (Ginger Chai)

My favorite recipe for Masala chai calls for ginger. Ginger tea is an excellent tea to have when you are just about to come down with a cold or when the weather is cold and damp.

Serves 2

2 cups water

1 teaspoon ginger (grated)

1 cardamom pod

3-5 black pepper

2 teaspoon sugar

2 tea bags or 2 teaspoon loose tea powder

½ cup milk

In a teapot add water and bring it to a rolling boil. Peel and grate ginger. Keep aside. In a mortar and pestle slightly crush the black pepper and whole cardamom with the peel. You can use a rolling pin if you do not have a mortar and pestle. Add the grated ginger, and bruised black pepper, cardamom pod and sugar into the boiling pot of water. Let it boil vigorously for 2-3 minutes.

Remove from heat and add the tea bags or tealeaves and let it seethe for 3 minutes. In the meanwhile, heat milk and keep aside.

After 3 minutes add the hot milk, strain and serve immediately.

## Senior Center News

**For information on these or other senior programs, call 777-3150.**

**The Senior Center will be closed the week of August 26 for annual maintenance work, we apologize for any inconvenience.**

### **Independence Day Celebration**

July 2, Tuesday 12 to 1:30 p.m. Come to the Senior Center to celebrate our nation's birthday. Join us for hotdogs, hamburgers plus trimmings then listen to patriotic songs by the Peninsula Banjo Band. \$7.

### **New workshops planned for this Fall:**

Stanford Hospital will be offering two introductory talks in September, topics are: Managing Arthritis Pain (9/3 at 3 p.m.) and Coping with Chronic Conditions (9/10 at 3 p.m.). Two 6-week workshops will follow in October. Open to the public.

### **Health Fair Day**

Friday, August 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the City of Cupertino Senior Center is sponsoring a free Health Fair Day. More than 20 vendors will be providing screenings and information on health and safety. The following free screenings will be offered during the morning session: blood pressure, massage, chiropractic, and hearing test. For \$20 you can have a cholesterol screening. The afternoon session will offer the following free health lectures: 1 to 2 p.m., A Life Saving Message Regarding Strokes by Peninsula Stroke Association; 1 to 3 p.m., the Chinese Unit of the American Cancer Society will talk on cancer prevention; 2 to 3 p.m., American Heart Association will talk on diet and exercise; 2 to 3 p.m., the Voice of Chinese Medicine will talk on acupuncture.



### **Classes & Activities Information Online**

There are two ways to view online what is happening at the Cupertino Senior Center. At [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), the City of Cupertino website, you can view all the Senior Center

services and monthly newsletter from your computer. Also at <http://home.earthlink.net/~gaxmda>, you can view a list of classes and activities for the current month.

### **Chinese Language HICAP Available**

Cupertino Senior Center is adding Chinese language health insurance and long-term care insurance counseling on the second Thursday of the month, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Please call the Senior Center at 777-3150, and ask for a HICAP appointment with the Chinese-speaking counselor

### **Upcoming Trips**

Upcoming trips for seniors: Filoli Gardens, 9/7; Fall Foliage: Treasures & colors, 10/5-10/18. For more information about upcoming trips and to sign-up, come into the Senior Center or call 777-3150.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

7/10 & 8/14 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. This group meets monthly to offer peer support, practical ideas and encouragement to those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please call social worker Jackie Baddeley at 777-3155 before attending your first meeting.

### **Caregiver Support Group**

7/17, Wednesday, 1:30 to 3 p.m., 6 to 7:30 p.m. This group meets on a drop in basis and facilitated by Jackie Baddeley, the Senior Center Social Worker. Ideas, support, encouragement and sometimes humor are offered to those people whose responsibilities include taking care of a loved one in the caregiver's home, in the loved one's home, in an institution, or even at a distance.

9/18, Wednesday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Guest speaker John Kejitt from Family Caregiver Alliance will be featured at this support group.

### **Drop-In Consultation**

Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m.

Jackie Baddeley, Senior Center Social Worker, offers drop-in office hours. Jackie will be able to discuss simple issues, such as Social Security, avoiding a nursing home, benefits available and hiring help. If needed, follow up visits are available by appointments. Chinese interpreter is available every Thursday

No consultations on 8/22 or 8/29

# Community Calendar

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

JULY	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1 Mon</b>	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
	Friends of Cupt. Library	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Library	253-8294
<b>2 Tues</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	481-9236
	Cupt. Toastmasters 4608*	6 p.m.	Community Center	973-7803
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
<b>3 Wed</b>	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	6:30 p.m.	Dasaprakash Restaurant	777-3331
	AI-ANON Family Group* AI-ATEEN*	7:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	734-5869 292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20065 Stevens Creek #C	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club* Cupertino Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Holder's Restaurant Blue Pheasant	253-4424 255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters* Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon Noon	Compaq, 10501 Tantau Community Center	865-1815 920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471
<b>5 Fri</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
<b>6 Sat</b>	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4	De Anza College	864-8946
<b>13 Sat</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
	McClellan Ranch Volunteers	9:30 a.m.	McClellan Ranch	255-2422
<b>8 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows* Bicycle/Ped Adv. Com.	8 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd. City Hall	252-3954 777-3240
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center	777-0209
<b>9 Tues</b>	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622

<b>9 Tues</b>	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252-2584 255-5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	725-8091
<b>10 Wed</b>	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
<b>11 Thurs</b>	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holdings Country Inn	253-3219
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-2633
	Northwest Y Service Club*	7 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I*	Noon	International House of Pancakes St. Crk. Blvd.	252-7054
	Connect Club II* Connect Club III*	8 a.m. Noon	Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce	252-7054 252-7054
	Rolling Hills 4H Club Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Monta Vista Rec Center Union Church	257-4745 541-9069
HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7:00 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691-8724	
<b>12 Fri</b>	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
<b>16 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	252-2667
<b>18 Thurs</b>	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312
	Bicycle/Ped Adv. Com.	7 p.m.	City Hall	446-4144 777-3240
<b>23 Tues</b>	De Anza Youth Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	
<b>24 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool and Recreation Facility	973-1600

*Deadline for submitting September calendar information is Aug.7.*

## Council Actions



### Monday, June 3, 2002

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

Adopted conditions for the Kimpton Hotel, regarding contributions to a pedestrian crossing, and authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a cost sharing agreement with Kimpton Hotel Properties to contribute up to \$10,000 to the cost of the interim improvements on Four Seasons corner.

Conducted public hearing and received report on the City of Cupertino operating budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for 2002-03.

Approved staff's recommendation of a temporary "30-minute Drop-off Zone" at Faria School and adjacent streets:

Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Cancelled the August 5, 2002, regular City Council meeting.

### Monday, June 17, 2002

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

Approved the terms and conditions of employment of city staff for fiscal year 2002/03.

Set a public hearing for July 15, 2002 to change a street name from Maryknoll Court to Peralta Court.

Upheld the Planning Commission's decision to allow a six-bedroom residence at 10567 Glenview Avenue to be used as a congregate residence for up to 16 persons.

Adopted an operating and capital improvement budget for fiscal year 2002, subject to the direction given to staff at this meeting.

Directed staff to come back with an ordinance to remove the restriction on skateboarding in the Civic Center area. Kwok voted no.

Set a tentative date and time for August 19 at 5:00 p.m. to interview Teen Commission candidates from Hyde Middle School and Homestead High School pending enough applicant response.

Adopt the 2002/02 Budget of the Redevelopment Agency.

## Agenda Previews



### City Council

#### Monday, July 1, 2002

##### 6:45 p.m., Council Meeting

Set hearing date of July 15 to provide for lien assessments and collection resulting from abatement of public nuisance.

Award bid for Reconstruction of Curbs, Gutters & Sidewalks, Project No. 2002-02.

Confirm appointment process & deadlines for Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

First reading of skateboard ordinance removing restriction from civic center.

Adjourn to a joint study session with the Cupertino Housing Commission to continue selection criteria for Below Market Rate (BMR) program and update on option for encouraging public service employee housing on July 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

### Planning Commission

#### July 8, 2002

Applicant: San Jose Water Land Company. Location: East side of Sterling Blvd., 60' north-east of Barnhart Avenue Tentative map to subdivide a .5 acre parcel into two parcels.

Applicant: CTC Funding, LLC (Cupertino Town Center) Location: Cupertino Town Center (S. W. corner of Rodrigues and Torre Avenues). Use Permit to demolish two office buildings and construct a 28,000 square foot, two-story office building and a 2,500 square foot commercial building.

Exception to the Heart of the City Specific Plan to increase the height of an office building from 36' to 45'. Tentative City Council Date: July 15, 2002.

Applicant: Allen Wong (Keiki Place) Location: 10931 Maxine Avenue. Use permit to allow a child care facility in an existing quasi-public building.

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July	1	<b>City Council***</b>	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>
July	8	<b>Planning Commission ***</b>	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>
July	10	<b>Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
July	10	<b>Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
July	11	<b>Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
July	11	<b>Parks and Recreation Commission***</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
July	11	<b>Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
July	15	<b>City Council***</b>	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>
July	16	<b>Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
July	22	<b>Planning Commission***</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
July	23	<b>Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
July	24	<b>Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>

**City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4.**

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