

CUPERTINO SCENE

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4th of July Celebration

The City of Cupertino is pleased to announce the schedule for the annual July 4th festivities. The De Anza Optimists will start the morning with a traditional pancake breakfast at the Quinlan

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Cinema at Sundown

Pack a picnic basket this summer, and enjoy the free cinema with your family and friends.

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Free Shakespeare in the Park

Cupertino teams up with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to present Shakespeare in Memorial Park. Bring the family to enjoy a free evening of great entertainment under the stars.

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Community Center. Breakfast begins at 7 am. At 9:30 am, the line-up for the children's parade will take place by Memorial Park ball field, with the parade beginning at 10 am. The parade will wind through Memorial Park, ending by the Quinlan Community Center. Once the parade ends, the community sing-a-long will begin. We'll be singing lots of patriotic songs, so bring your best singing voice!

Don't forget to come back in the evening for more July 4th activities. Come join us at Creekside Park, Hyde Middle School, or Sedgwick

Elementary School. Evening activities begin at 6:45 pm, with musical entertainment, and games for children. Pack a picnic basket for the family! Fireworks will begin at 9:30 pm and will be launched from Cupertino High School.

For safety reasons, there will be no public access to the Cupertino High School campus. Finch Avenue and Tilson Street will be closed to traffic from 6 pm to midnight. Handicap accessible parking location will be available at Creekside Park. For questions, please call 408.777.3110 or 408.777.3120.



Daytime Program

Quinlan Community Center and Memorial Park

7-11 am: De Anza Optimist Pancake Breakfast (Quinlan Community Center)

9:30 am: Line-up for the Children's Parade (Memorial Park ball field)

10-10:30 am: Children's Parade (Memorial Park to the Quinlan Community Center)

10:30-11 am: Children's Community Sing-a-long (Quinlan Center)

Evening Program

Come early and bring your picnic to Creekside Park, Hyde Middle School, or Sedgwick Elementary School. Handicap parking will be available at Creekside Park.

6:45-9:15pm: Music and games
No pets, No portable barbeques, No alcohol

9:30 pm: Fireworks set off at Cupertino High School

Street Closures

Vehicles and Pedestrians- 6 pm-Midnight

For safety during the fireworks launch, street closures will be enforced on July 4, between 6 pm and midnight on:

- Finch Ave.
- Calle De Barcelona (between Miller and Finch)
- Tilson Ave. (between Finch and Tantau)
- Phil Lane (between Miller and Tantau)
- Stendhal Lane (between Shadygrove and Phil)
- After 6 pm, there will be NO pedestrian or vehicle access.
- From 6 pm to midnight, there will be NO parking on Finch Ave. and Tilson Ave. (between Finch and Tantau) and NO parking on Miller Ave. (between Greenwood and Howard)

Hook Rated: PG

August 7, 8:15pm
1991, Directed by: Steven Spielberg, 144 min.



The beloved characters created by Sir James M. Barrie come alive once more in this adventure for all ages. The now adult Peter Pan (Robin Williams) must return to Neverland to rescue his children from the nefarious Captain Hook. HOOK is the story of innocents imperiled and innocence regained, of a wondrous place populated by mermaids and fairies, and of the quest to find the child in all of us.

Mad Hot Ballroom Rated: PG

August 14, 8:15pm
2005, Directed by: Marilyn Agrelo, 105 min..



There is a program in many New York City schools that requires students to take ten weeks of ballroom dancing. This inspiring documentary follows 11 year olds from three schools in the toughest and most culturally diverse neighborhoods in NYC. These kids must overcome awkwardness with the opposite sex, a lack of self-confidence and their tempting surroundings to create a new path for themselves.

Night at the Museum Rated: PG

August 21, 8:15pm
2006, Directed by: Shawn Levy, 105 min.



Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley (Ben Stiller), despite being perpetually down on his luck, thinks he's destined for something big. But even he could never have imaged how "big", when he accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur: Mayans, Roman Gladiators, and cowboys emerge from their diorama to wage epic battles; in his quest for fire, a Neanderthal burns down his own display; Attila the Hun pillages his neighboring exhibits, and a T-Rex reminds everyone why he's history's fiercest predator. Amidst the chaos, the only person Larry can turn to for advice is a wax figure of President Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams), who helps our hero harness the bedlam, stop a nefarious plot, and save the museum.



FREE SHAKESPEARE in the Park

'Pericles'

Written by:
William Shakespeare

Directed by:
Kenneth Kelleher

July 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
August 1, 2, 3

All shows begin 7:30 pm

Summary: An epic adventure tale of a virtuous man exiled from his home, Shakespeare's 'Pericles' is now rarely produced, although it was a runaway hit in the Bard's own time. Forced to leave his home as a young man, Prince Pericles embarks on a journey that leads him from a tragic shipwreck to a joyful marriage, from the loss of his daughter to a surprising reunion. Along the way, he encounters many memorable characters, from clownish fishermen to dancing suitors to flirtatious madams. Ultimately, good triumphs over evil, jealousy and vice are punished, and faithfulness and virtue rewarded. Kenneth Kelleher's production will be set in frontier America of the mid-1800s, where a good tall tale was always appreciated. A cast of 11 actors play numerous roles and live music throughout the show, which will feature spirited folk, country, and bluegrass tunes.



By Jon Nakafuji

Emergency Rationing: Some basic tips to help maximize your food supply

Following an emergency situation it is vital for you to maintain your strength and mental well-being. Remember, before you can help anyone else you have to care for yourself.

It's not always easy to remember to check your emergency supplies for expiration dates. But it's important to know that your food is safe to eat. This can be easily done by making a simple spreadsheet, listing printed expiration dates – or purchase dates. When storing food in emergency supplies, use these replacement guidelines also listed on our website at cupertino.org/emergency under Preparedness Info.

Food – Consumption

Refrigerated & other perishables first, frozen food second, non-perishable and canned food third. Discard all refrigerated items that are kept more than two hours above 40 degrees F.

Food – How to Cook When the Power Is Out:

- Barbeque – NEVER burn charcoal indoors
- Camp Stove
- Fireplace
- Candle warmers
- Chafing Dishes
- Fondue pots
- Self heating food, more info at: www.heatermeals.com

Food and Water – Storage

- Store some foods that don't require cooking
- Keep a manual can opener with your supplies
- Write the current date on all stored foods and replace as follows:

Replace Every Six Months

- Bottled water
- Powdered milk (boxed)
- Dried fruit (in metal container)
- Dry, crisp crackers (in metal container)

Replace Within One Year

- Nonfat dry or whole milk (in metal container)
- Canned condensed meat and vegetable soups
- Canned fruits, fruit juices, vegetables and nuts
- Ready to eat cereals and uncooked instant cereals (in metal containers)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Hard candy
- Instant Puddings
- Vitamin C

Store Indefinitely

- Instant coffee, instant tea and instant cocoa
- Dry pasta
- White rice
- Non-carbonated soft drinks

Help yourself by helping others – West Valley Community Services

Ready to change out the canned food in your emergency kit? As long as expiration dates have not passed, this food can be donated and quickly consumed. Why not donate it to the West Valley Community Services Center? In the past two years their client base has increased by 110%, putting a serious strain on their ability to adequately help all those who seek their services. Please help your community by donating what you can to this important local cause. You can also drop off fresh meat, milk and other items during business hours. Or call to find out what their immediate needs are.

For more info and directions, visit them at www.wvcommunityservices.org/.

Cupertino Fall Festival, September 13-14

The Cupertino Rotary has partnered with the City to hold two free days of fun. This event will have hands on activities and wonderful displays to help educate to be environmentally responsible and prepared for emergencies. Learn about recycling, hybrid vehicles, carbon footprints, and solar energy. Learn how to perform CPR, how a disaster pet shelter will look, where to go to report emergencies when 9-1-1 is overwhelmed.

UPCOMING CLASSES

- **Living on the Fault** – July 29, 7-9 pm
American Red Cross preparedness presentation.
Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave. Free.
- **Pandemic Flu, Online presentation** –
Click on the link under “Preparedness Info”
at Cupertino.org/emergency
- **CPR** – Check with Parks & Recreation for current schedule or call the American Red Cross 408.577.1000.
- **Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop** –
July 25, 6:30-9:30 pm, August 12, 6:30-9:30 pm,
September 27, 9-Noon.
- **Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training**
for 6-12 grade, July 7-11, 2008

Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information.

Register for classes at www.cupertino.org/register or fill out a registration form at Quinlan Center, City Hall or the Cupertino Library.

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

the Peninsular Interurban Railway


In these days of freeways, SUV's, hybrids and mad dashes from here to there every day, the idea of a slower, more leisurely way to travel seems old-fashioned, out of date and completely impractical for modern day commuters and travelers. Around our valley, we have pretty much forgotten our rural roots and the days of horse and wagon travel or trolley cars.

When we first moved to Monta Vista in the mid-1940, there were still trolley tracks down the middle of the dusty two lane Stevens Creek Rd. I remember going to the Cupertino Union store with my grandfather and looking at the rails dividing the old road. The trolleys had quit running some years before, but the tracks were still there into the very early 1950's. In the very early 1900's, on the Peninsular Railway, people could travel on the interurban from San Jose on the east side of the valley, down through Monta Vista and then over to Palo Alto. There were spur lines that went to Campbell and the little town of Saratoga and over to Los Gatos. In a recent Roots, I wrote about the hotel/resort at Congress Springs about a mile and a half up old Highway 9, and the rail line took many Sunday picnickers all across the valley and up through Saratoga to the Springs. Imagine sitting in the open trolley car, on a warm spring day, watching the miles of blooming orchards go slowly by, smelling the sweet perfume of millions of tiny white blossoms, visiting and laughing with your family or fellow passengers and not having to find gas, fight traffic or dodge careless drivers or speed demons. Add a wonderful home made picnic lunch and getting to do the same leisurely trip

back home at the end of a lovely day... heavenly! The springtime Blossom Valley trips - if the entire valley loop was done, was 65 miles.

For folks on the east side of the valley, there was a line that ran into the hills behind San Jose, to Alum Rock Park, which had its very own mineral springs and large swimming pool.

The rail line carried people to their jobs, kids to high school, (our oldest Regnart cousin, “Bunny” - age 100 +) took the trolley from Cupertino to Palo Alto, to high school, before Fremont High School was built. But the days of the Peninsular Railway were numbered. By the 1930's, the trolley system was competing with an increasing number of automobiles for space on the roads. The trolley cars got old, the roadbeds were not well maintained and when a car was able to get up to a speed of 30 or so miles an hour, it swayed wonderfully from side to side.

I don't suppose people would give up speed and convenience for smelling blossoms on an open-air trolley car, but nostalgia for those times dies hard. Hope you all have a wonderful, safe, sane and happy 4th of July. Celebrate... have a picnic! 



NEWS

Cupertino Names 'Distinguished Artist'

Floy Zittin has been selected as the 2008 “Distinguished Artist of the Year” by the City's Fine Arts Commission.

Ms. Zittin currently focuses on watercolor, both as a painter and an instructor, with emphasis on technical accuracy, freshness inspired by the natural world, and an appreciation of the principles of Oriental brushwork. Her formal education was in biology, and before her return to California in 1983, she spent 10 years working as a scientific illustrator in British Columbia, illustrating college textbooks and field guides.

She has had solo exhibitions in galleries in Mountain View and Los Altos, and participated in juried exhibitions in Texas, Wisconsin,

Washington, and California. She is a resident of Cupertino, and is represented by the Viewpoints Gallery in Los Altos, CA. Additional works can be viewed on her website at www.floyzittin.com.

The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission will present its Distinguished Artist award on stage during the free performance of “Pericles” by the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival in Cupertino's Memorial Park.

More information about the annual Distinguished Artist award, and the new Emerging Artist award is available from the Cupertino City Clerk's office at 408.777.3223.



~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

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|-----------------|---------|
| 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 |

Cupertino Library will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, July 4, 2008
Independence Day

August 31, 2008 Day
before Labor Day

Library telephone numbers are:

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

To see all the programs and events offered at the Santa Clara County Libraries, search our online catalog, review your library account, get homework help, and conduct research using our online databases. Please visit the Santa Clara County Library Web site at: www.santaclaracountylib.org

Summer Reading Program at the Cupertino Library

Children, Teens and Adults are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Cupertino Library. Participants can sign up online or in person at the Library beginning Saturday, June 14. For more information, please call the library.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SUMMER STORY TIMES BEGIN JULY 1

Bedtime Stories

3 years old and up Tuesdays, 7 pm

Toddler Stories

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

CATCH THE READING BUG

Summer Reading Club Fun Programs

Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

Thursdays at 3 pm from June 26 - August 14 for schoolage children ages 5 and up.

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| <i>Make a Bag (Craft Program)</i> | July 3 | 3 pm |
| <i>Python Ron</i> | July 10 | 3 pm |
| <i>Ventriloquist Steve Chaney</i> | July 17 | 3 pm |
| <i>Germar The Magician</i> | July 24 | 3 pm |
| <i>Music and More with Chuck Ashton</i> .. | July 31 | 3 pm |
| <i>Insect Antics (Craft Program)</i> | August 7 | 3 pm |
| <i>San Jose Taiko</i> | August 14 | 3 pm |
| @ Cupertino Community Hall | | |

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

AUTHORS, BOOKS AND CONVERSATIONS – ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM, 2008

Meet authors, exchange book reviews with other local reads, attend a book discussion group, start a reading log and win prizes. But most important of all: enjoy a book! Find the perfect beach read, challenge yourself with a classic or that book you've been meaning to read all your life, try a new genre, listen to an audio book while you commute, read with your family and friends.

BARBARA EGBERT

Meet adventuresome mother and author Barbara Egbert and her daughter, Mary, at 2 pm on Saturday, July 12 in the Cupertino Community Hall. In April 2004, they embarked on a 2,650-mile hike from Mexico to Canada along the famed Pacific Crest Trail. Enjoy slides and stories of their family's six-month journey based on Barbara's book, *Zero Days: The Real – Life Adventure of Captain Bligh, Nellie Bly, and 10-year-old Scrambler on the Pacific Trail*.

AMANDA SCOTT

USA Today bestselling author, winner of the Romance Writers of America's RITA Award, and winner of the Romantic Times's Awards for Best

Regency, Author and Best Sensual Regency, Amanda Scott has sold every manuscript she has written. She holds a Master's Degree in History from San Jose State University, and many of her novels have been set in the English Regency period, 15th century England, and 14th – 18th century Scotland. Meet her at 1 pm on Saturday, July 19 in the Cupertino Community Hall.

MYSTERY PANEL

Authors Penny Warner (moderator), Cara Black, Clare Langley-Hawthorne and Mark Coggins will participate in a mystery panel at 7:30 pm on Thursday, July 24, in the Cupertino Community Hall.

BOOK TALK AND BOOK DISCUSSION

Join Cupertino Librarians Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu for a Book Discussion and Book Talk on the third Thursday of each month in the Cupertino Library Story Room. Book talks are short descriptions of several titles, covering all genres and subjects. One of the books talked will be selected to be discussed by the group. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

We will be discussing "The Natural" on Thursday, July 17, at 7 pm and "What Goes Around" on Thursday, August 21 in the Library Story Room. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

BECOME A SAVVY INVESTOR USING ONLINE DATABASES

Learn how to find stock and industry reports and key information using Standard and Poor's NetAdvantage. Unique features on Morningstar stock reports will also be demonstrated. How to use this information to scan potential investments will be discussed. Laptops welcome. This program will take place in the Cupertino Library Training room (2nd floor) at 7 pm on Monday, July 7.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

T-SHIRT MAKEOVER

Give your old T-shirts new lives. All you have to do is bring your own shirt, the rest of the materials will be provided. This program will take place in the Cupertino Library Teen Group Study Room at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, July 9

GUITAR HERO

Cupertino Library Presents Guitar Hero session for Teens at 4 pm on Wednesday July 16 in the Cupertino Library Story Room.

ESSAY PREP TIPS FROM KAPLAN

Learn effective strategies for writing an essay. These tips are provided by Kaplan in the Cupertino Community Hall at 3 pm, on Wednesday, August 6.

CONFLICT AND RESOLUTION IN FICTION

Have you always dreamed of writing a novel? Come get started at our one hour program for adult and teen aspiring authors. Learn how to introduce and resolution into your work at 2 pm, on Saturday, August 9 in the Library Story Room. Please bring a laptop.

CRYSTAL BEADING FOR TEENS

Make your own star pendant in the Cupertino Library Teen Group Study Room at 4 pm on Wednesday, August 13. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 20 teens on first-come, first-served basis. Please sign up at the Adult Reference Desk or call 408.446.1677 x 3372.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE FRIENDS OF THE 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 front lobby** *Friends of the Cupertino Library* also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales. The next Friends' used book sale will be held in the Community Hall, on October 18-19, 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.

THE BETTER PART

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

July 1, 4 & 7 The Clutter Lady

The fun of collecting can lead to the confusion of clutter and even the dangers of hoarding.

July 8, 11 & 14 Homeopathy for Allergies

Learn the art of a unique German health care.

July 15, 18 & 21 St. Jude's Solar Initiative Program

A Cupertino resident tackles the global warming problem and shows the way for other residents to join the fight.

July 22, 25 28 & 29 The Red Hats

Dressing in purple and sporting red hats, these lively ladies are seen everywhere.

Want to join the group that produces these programs? Call 408.252.2667

Chill Out at the Coolest Spot in Town

Summer is upon us, during those hot, sweltering days, come to the senior center for some cool fun! We have planned many enjoyable events, informative lectures, exercise, dance, and art classes. Drop in for some social activities, such as Ping Pong, Bingo, Ballroom dance, movies, or just enjoy the cool air conditioning, read, and chat with friends.

4th on the 3rd and July/August Birthday Bash and Social

Thursday, July 3, 12-1:30 pm
Come celebrate our nation's birthday and members with July/August birthdays with our special "4th on the 3rd" party. Our very own Rhythmaires Band will perform many patriotic songs. An all-American barbecue lunch will feature grilled, juicy burgers with all the fixings, potato salad, watermelon,

brownies and lemonade. Members with July/August birthdays will be honored. \$8 for members, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Prior registration is required.

Grandparents and Grandchildren Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 23, 2-3 pm
Visit our "All You Can Eat" ice cream parlor and order your favorite sundae and float. Bring your grandchildren, and we will be glad to throw in some gummy creatures. Entertainment will be live piano music. The cost is \$3 for members, \$2 for member's grandchild, add \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please register early.

Stroke Prevention

Monday, July 28, 10-11:30 am
Come to this lecture provided by the Peninsula Stroke Association. This non-profit agency educates the public about stroke, stroke prevention and stroke warning signs, emphasizing the critical need to take symptoms seriously and to seek immediate treatment. Open to the public. Please register at lobby table or call 408.777.3150.

Hidden Treasures Wanted

Please donate your gently used jewelry and knick-knacks to our "Hidden Treasures" fund raising event scheduled for October 30. We will start collecting these items in August. The funds raised will be used for our emergency and scholarship programs. Thank you for your continued support.

Yarn Donations

The Needlecraft Committee members meet every Thursday to make Afghans, caps and lap throws for cancer patients, veterans and the "Teens for Tots" programs. If you have yarn that you no longer need, please bring them to the senior center, where they will be put to good use.

SENIOR TRIPS

Call Senior Center at 408.777.3150 for reservations or more information on any trip.

TOURS

A Capital Holiday
December 4-11, 2008

The holiday season in our Nation's Capital is breathtaking. Some of the special seasonal events we will enjoy are... the National Christmas Tree, Mount Vernon Candlelight Tours – Martha Washington hosts an 18th-century Christmas with candlelit walks, fireside caroling, and festive décor, the Washington National Cathedral, the Woodrow Wilson House, and special production of A Christmas Carol by the Shakespeare Theater Company. \$2600 per person double occupancy

A Capital Holiday
July 22, 2008

Come enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres and learn about the fabulous trip at this special time of year. 6-7 pm. Please RSVP by July 21

Ballroom Dance Social

Monday, July 14 & July 28, 2:05-3:35 pm
Double the fun! Starting July, the Ballroom Dance Social will be held twice a month. Volunteers will play dance music, so you can dance to your hearts' desire. No instruction provided. Free for members. \$5 Day Pass for senior guests.

Monthly Movie

Wednesday, July 30, 1-3 pm
The Pursuit of Happyness – 2006 movie starring Will Smith and his son Jaden Smith. A true-life story of a single dad who went from living on the street to owning his own brokerage firm. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Free for members, \$5 for day pass for senior guests.

DAY TRIPS

Giant's Baseball Game, \$64
Thursday, July 24

Flavors of the Mediterranean, \$65
Thursday, July 31

Power and Glory, \$57
Thursday, August 7

The Drowsy Chaperone, \$92
Wednesday, August 13

Out to Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, August 20

Golden Gate Bridge Walk, \$75
Thursday, September 4

Heirloom Tomato Festival, \$99
Saturday, September 6

Cruisin' The Delta, \$115
Tuesday, September 9

Color, Butterflies, and Flowers, \$62
Friday, September 19

Summer of Love, \$49
Wednesday, October 1


Castello Di Amoras, \$92
Tuesday, October 15

Reno Run, \$99 dbl
October 20-21

Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, July 21, 11 am-12:15 pm
Come to our meeting and get acquainted with committee members and to see how you can help keep our senior center the most vibrant, interesting, and fun place in Cupertino.

The Cupertino Historical Society's "Good Ole Summertime Barbecue"

Sunday, June 22, 2008, 5-9 pm
Pichetti Winery, Cupertino
On Sunday, June 22, 2008, The Cupertino Historical Society & Museum will host its annual fundraising event. The event will have dinner, live music, games, 'build your own ice cream sundae', presentations by the museum's Traveling Trunk, and a live auction. The admission is \$50. Contact Nicole Rau, Museum Manager at 408.973.1495 for more information. 

The Senior Center is located at 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-5pm

Phone: 408.777.3150 Email: seniorcntr@cupertino.org Web: www.cupertino.org/senior

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| JULY | CLUB / ORGANIZATION | TIME | LOCATION | PHONE | WEB/EMAIL | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| ~1~ Tue | Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group | 6:30 p.m. | Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd. | 650.903.0321 | aasanjose.org | |
| | Al-ANON Family Group* | 5:30 p.m. | Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave. | 379.1051 | al-anon.org | |
| | Toughlove* | 7 p.m. | Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave. | 946.7970 | toughlove.com/ | |
| | Cupertino Kiwanis* | Noon | The Blue Pheasant | 252.3830 | classic.kiwanis.org | |
| | Knights of Columbus 4981* | 8 p.m. | 10201 Imperial Ave., #3 | 243.8462 | kofo.org/un/ | |
| | Cupertino Men's Service* | Noon | The Blue Pheasant | | | |
| | Cupertino Sr. TV Production* | 9:30 a.m. | Senior Center | 252.2667 | | |
| | Cupertino Las Madres* | 3 to 5 p.m. | Creekside Park-toddler area | 861.0417 | lasmadres.org | |
| | ~2~ Wed | Al-ANON Family Group* | 7 p.m. | 940 S. Stelling Road | 650.734.5869 | al-anon.org/ |
| | | Cupertino Sanitary Dist* | 8 p.m. | 20833 Stevens Creek #104 | 253.7071 | cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/ |
| De Anza Optimist Club* | | 7:15 a.m. | Holder's Restaurant | 253.4424 | optimist.org | |
| Cupertino Optimist Club* | | 12:15 p.m. | Blue Pheasant | 255.3212 | optimist.org | |
| Tandem Toastmasters* | | Noon | HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway | 285.4977 | tandemtoastmasters vsgcorp.com | |
| Macintalkers Toastmasters* | | 5:30 p.m. | Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd. | | www.macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com | |
| Cupertino Rotary Club* | | Noon | Community Center | 920.2224 | clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/ homeC.asp?cid=3794 | |
| Philotesian Rebekah #145 | | 7:30 p.m. | Cupertino Odd Fellows | 252.3954 | caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_ Officers.html | |
| Cup. Symphonic Band* | | 7 p.m. | Monroe Middle School | 262.0471 | netview.com/csb/ | |
| Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club* | | 7 p.m. | Hyde Middle School | 747.0943 | krazydazys.org/ | |
| Viewfinders Digital Video Club | | 7:30 p.m. | Community Center | 650.967.4679 | viewfindersclub.org | |
| ~3~ Thurs | | Cupertino Rotary Club* | Noon | Community Center | 920.2224 | clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/ homeC.asp?cid=3794 |
| | | Cup. Host Lions Club* | 7:15 p.m. | Mariani's Restaurant | 252.6262 | cupertinohostlionsclub.org/ |
| | | Northwest Y Service Club* | 6:30 p.m. | Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive | 650.964.3734 | scvymca.org |
| | | Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES) | 7:30 p.m. | City Hall | 345.8372 | cupertinoares.org/ |
| | Connect Club I* | Noon | Holders Country Inn | 252.7054 | cupertino-chamber.org | |
| | Connect Club II* | 8 a.m. | Chamber of Commerce | 252.7054 | cupertino-chamber.org | |
| | Business Networking Intl.* | 7 a.m. | BJ's Brewery | 996.9111 | BNI.com | |
| | Overeaters Anonymous* | 7 p.m. | Union Church | 253.8394 | oa.org | |
| | Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)* | 7 p.m. | St. Jude's Church | 354.8493 | foodaddicts.org/ | |
| | Cupertino Las Madres* | 10 to 1 p.m. | Portal Park | 861.0417 | lasmadres.org | |
| | Cupertino Symphonic Band Music in the Park | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Memorial Park | 733.9140 | netview.com/csb | |
| | ~5~ Sat | De Anza Flea Market | 8 to 4 p.m. | De Anza College | 864.8946 | deanza.fhda.edu/flea- market/ |
| | | Organization of Special Needs Families* | 2 to 4 p.m. | 20920 McClellan Rd. | 996.0858 | osfamilies.org/ |
| | | Planetarium Shows* | 7 p.m. | De Anza Planetarium | 864.8814 | planetarium.deanza.edu |

| JULY | CLUB / ORGANIZATION | TIME | LOCATION | PHONE | WEB/EMAIL |
|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| ~7~ Mon | American Legion Post 642 | 8 p.m. | 10201 Imperial Ave., #3 | 374.6392 | sccgov.org/portal/site/va |
| | Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS) | 6:30 p.m. | First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave. | 252.2434 | tops.org |
| | Overeaters Anonymous* | 7 p.m. | Union Church | 650.327.1649 | oa.org |
| | Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA) | 7 p.m. | St. Jude's Church | 246.1620 | foodaddicts.org |
| ~8~ Tue | Sertoma Club* | 7:15 a.m. | 1366 S. Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd. | 252.2584 255.5293 | sertoma.org/ NETCOMMUNITY |
| ~10~ Thurs | Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired) | Noon | Blue Pheasant | 252.8568 | quota.org |
| | Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club | 11:30 a.m. | | 257.6136 252.1529 | newcomersclub.com |
| | Rolling Hills 4H Club | 6:30 p.m. | Monta Vista Recreation Center | 777.8367 | clubs.ca4h.org/santaclara/ rollinghills |
| ~11~ Fri | Malihini Orchid Society | 7:30 p.m. | Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm. | 267.3397 | malihini.org |
| | Cupertino Coin Club | 7:45 p.m. | West Vally Pres. Church | 253.1232 | coinshows.com/sanjose_ ccc.html |
| ~12~ Sat | Daughters of Norway | 9:30 a.m. | Sunnyview Retirement Community | 255.9828 | daughtersofnorway.org |
| ~14~ Mon | Cupertino Odd Fellows* | 8 p.m. | 20589 Homestead Rd. | 252.3954 | www.cupertinoioof70.org |
| | Fine Arts League | 7 p.m. | Community Center | 863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi | falc.org |
| ~15~ Tues | African Violet Society | 12:30 p.m. | Sunnyview Lutheran Home | 736.9262 | avsa.org |
| ~17~ Thurs | Toyokawa Sister City | 7:30 p.m. | City Hall | 257.7424 | cupertinotoyokawa.org |
| | West Valley Republican Women | 11:30 a.m. | | 252.6312 | westvalleyrepublican- womenfederated.org |
| | Embroiders' Guild of America | 7 p.m. | Sunnyview Lutheran Home | 578.5917 | egausa.org |
| ~22~ Tues | Historical Society | 6:30 p.m. | Community Center | 973.1495 | cupthistory.org |
| | DeAnza Youth Soccer League Mtg | 7:30 p.m. | Creekside Park | | |
| ~30~ Wed | Rancho Neighborhood Association | 7:30 p.m. | Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility | | |
| | The Powerful Pens | 7 p.m. | 18000 Chelmsford | 626.9784 | |

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

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.

The City Hall will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT – AUGUST 23

The County-wide Household Hazardous Waste Program will hold a disposal event in Cupertino on Saturday, August 23. The program is free to residents. The event is conveniently timed to help residents dispose of unwanted, potentially hazardous materials that they discover while getting ready for the September Citywide Garage Sale.

Typical materials that can be brought in include: latex and oil-based paint, solvents, toxic cleaners, pesticides, batteries (car and household), mercury thermometers, old pool care products, motor oil, antifreeze and other car fluids, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, hobby chemicals, and photo developing chemicals. Online appointments are available at www.hhw.org or call 408.299.7300 for an appointment and more information.

THE CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE IS COMING

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held September 27 & 28 at individual homes and other private locations within the city. 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.

Starting **August 18** all participants can register on-line at the City's website, www.cupertino.org/environmental (click on "Garage Sale"). Call 408.777.3354 after that day, if you do not have access to computer sign-up. The last day to register to get on the City's official list is **September 12**. The "how-to" kit and accompanying information will also be available on the web. The completed list and map of all registered sales will be published on the City's website the week before the garage sale or pick one up at City Hall, Quinlan Community Center, the Library or Senior Center. The City's goal in sponsoring the Cupertino Citywide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away, when they can be re-used by someone else – and to have some fun!

BEST WAYS TO SPARE THE AIR

The Bay Area Summer 2008 Spare the Air season started on May 15 and will run through mid October. During this period, the Bay Area may experience several days with high levels of ozone, which can be unhealthy for children,

the elderly, and people who exercise outdoors. On high pollution days, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District issues Spare the Air notices to the public, asking them to voluntarily refrain from polluting activities. There's a lot you can do, probably much more than you realize. Taking any of the actions listed below will help, and the more you do, the more air pollution you will help prevent. Here are a few ways you can Spare the Air.

- **Drive less.** Carpool to work a few days, or even one day a week. Try to combine trips – your car emits more pollution right after a cold start.
- **Refuel in the evening and never top off.** Putting gas into your vehicle releases Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) into the air. Throughout the day, these VOCs mix with oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the air, "cook" in the summer heat, and form ground-level ozone. Refueling in the evening decreases the opportunity for VOCs to form into ozone.
- **Avoid consumer spray products.** In the Bay Area, 45 tons per day of pollution come from spray products. These aerosol products include hairspray, furniture polish, cooking sprays, bathroom cleaners, air fresheners, antiperspirants, insecticides, and hobby craft sprays.
- **Use water-based paints.** Oil-based paints and varnishes contain a high percentage of VOCs that evaporate into the atmosphere and create smog.
- **It's OK to barbecue, but don't use lighter fluid.**
- **Do your garden chores gasoline-free.** On Spare the Air days, don't use gasoline-powered equipment like mowers, leaf blowers and chain saws.

To monitor current air quality conditions, visit www.sparetheair.org.

STOPPING GLOBAL WARMING STARTS AT HOME

Your household can quickly and easily cut monthly energy costs while doing a world of good for the environment:

- Replace a standard incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) and save 75% of lighting costs.
- Unplug electronics, battery chargers and other equipment when not in use. Taken together, these small items can use as much power as your refrigerator.



- Take steps to cut-water use such as installing faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, and low-flush toilets. As much as 19% of California electricity is used to pump, transport and treat water.
- A 5% higher setting on your air conditioning thermostat will save about 10% on cooling costs.
- Always buy ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and equipment – they're up to 40% more efficient. Visit www.FlexYourPower.org for incentives and rebates in your area.
- Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees or the "Normal" setting when home, and to the lowest setting when away. Water heating accounts for about 13% of home energy costs.
- Reduce air conditioning costs by using fans, keeping windows and doors shut and closing shades during the day.
- When possible, wash clothes in cold water. About 90% of the energy use in a clothes washer goes to water heating.

SAFE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE DISPOSAL

Anyone using needles and syringes regularly should know how to dispose of them safely, and free of charge. Pick up a red, commercial bio-hazard sharps container at your local pharmacy. It's recommended that you call first to verify in-store availability. Once the container is 3/4 full with needles, permanently seal it shut. Then call 408.299.7300 to make an appointment to drop-off the filled container. Correctly disposing of your sharps containers through the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste program will help protect yourself, your family, waste haulers, and the environment.

COMPUTER RECYCLING

Reminder: Cupertino residents can recycle computers and other electronic equipment, at no charge, at 10300 Bubb Rd., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am- 4:30 pm. Call 408.862.2667 for additional recorded information.



GRASSCYCLING

Grasscycling is the natural recycling of grass by leaving clippings on the lawn when mowing. Grass clippings decompose quickly, returning valuable nutrients back into the soil. This will reduce the amount of fertilizer needed, and will cut down on the yard waste that will need to be collected for composting. For best results, use a mulching mower. Follow the "1/3 rule": a lawn should be mowed so that no more than 1/3 of the grass height is cut at any one mowing. This prevents an unsightly "hay-like" appearance. Mow when the grass is dry to prevent clippings from clumping in piles on the lawn. Grass roots and stems are the primary cause of thatch, not grass clippings.



~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

It's that time again! The State of California will refund a portion of the taxes you paid in 2007 as part of your rent or property taxes, if you qualify. You need to reapply for this rebate each year to verify eligibility. In order to qualify, you must be at least 62 years of age, disabled, or blind, and U.S. Citizen or a legal immigrant; lived in a qualified rented residence who paid more than \$50 for rent, or own and occupied a home in CA in 2007, in addition, your total annual household income needs to be less than \$44,096 (including SSA, SSI, etc). Between July 1 to October 15, the Cupertino Senior Center has volunteers who can help you to apply for this program. For an appointment, please call 408.777.3150.

MEETING RESCHEDULE NOTICE

The Parks & Recreation July 3 meeting is rescheduled to July 26. The meeting location is at the McClellan Ranch Conference Room, 22221 McClellan Rd. For more information about the meeting, visit city's website at: www.cupertino.org/agenda.



FUEL Saving Tips

Condensed From Automotive Fleet Magazine

1. Avoid Long Idling

Idling for long periods of time consumes gas that could be saved by simply turning off the engine. Restarting an engine uses about the same amount of gas as idling for 30 seconds. When idling for longer periods of time, shut off the engine. However, turning off the engine may disable vehicle functions, including safety features like airbags. Drivers should be certain to only utilize this strategy in situations where there is no possibility of collision.

2. Clean Out the Trunk and Eliminate Unnecessary Weight

Vehicles get much better mileage when they're not loaded with unnecessary weight. Every 200 lbs. of additional weight trims one mile off fuel efficiency.

3. Keep Tires Inflated to the Correct Pressure

Buy tire gauges to ensure tires are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended level. One underinflated tire can cut fuel economy by 2 percent per pound of pressure below the proper inflation level. When a tire is underinflated by 4-5 psi below the manufacturer's recommended tire pressure, for example, vehicle fuel consumption increases by 10 percent. Check the vehicle's door-post sticker for minimum tire inflation pressure.

4. Don't Buy Premium Fuel

Resist the urge to buy higher-octane gas for "premium" performance, unless the vehicle requires it. Unless your vehicle owner's manual specifically requires it, don't use premium fuel. Fuel costs could be cut as much as 10 cents per gallon by using regular fuel instead of premium.

5. Encourage Drivers to Observe Posted Speed Limits

This tip may save a life as well as fuel. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates a 10- to 15-percent improvement in fuel economy by driving 55 mph instead of 65 mph.

6. Shop Around for Best Fuel Prices

Check the Web like GasBuddy.com for the best fuel deals. Use a wholesale club such as Costco, Sam's Club, or BJ's Wholesale Club.

American Cancer Society – Relay for Life

Teams of Cupertino residents will gather at De Anza College on July 19, 2008 at 10 am for a 24-hour relay against cancer. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk or run relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities off the track. Teams can include co-workers, club members, family and friends and have gathered donations prior to the event. Team captains can register their team online at www.events.cancer.org/rflcupertinoca.

7. Use A/C Sparingly

Use the air conditioner only when needed. An air conditioner is one of the biggest drains on engine power and fuel economy. It can reduce gas consumption 5 to 20 percent, depending on the type of vehicle and the way it is driven. If it's just too hot to bear without A/C, keep it set around 72 degrees. Use the vent setting as much as possible. In addition, parking in the shade increases fuel economy since not as much gas will evaporate when the car is out of the sun.

8. Make Your Vehicle More Aerodynamic

Wind drag is a key source of reduced fuel mileage, causing an engine to work harder, thereby reducing fuel economy. Minimize wind drag by keeping the windows rolled up. This allows air to flow over the body, rather than drawing it inside the cabin and slowing down the vehicle. A wide-open window, especially at highway speeds, increases aerodynamic drag, which could result in a 10-percent decrease in fuel economy.


9. Use Cruise Control During Highway Driving

Unnecessary changes in speed are wasteful. The use of cruise control helps improve fuel economy.

10. Avoid Aggressive Driving

Time studies show that fast starts, weaving in and out of traffic, and accelerating to and from a stop light don't save much time and wear out components such as brakes and tires faster. Simply limiting quick acceleration and fast braking can increase fuel economy. By not driving aggressively, drivers can save up to 20 percent in fuel economy, advises the EPA.

11. Monitor Preventive Maintenance Schedules

Proper maintenance increases a vehicle's fuel economy. For example, unaligned wheels that fight each other waste fuel. Keep the air filter clean. Use good quality, energy-consuming (EC) oils with a viscosity grade consistent with the manual. 

The public is also invited to attend the luminaria ceremony, which will take place after sundown. To honor the community's cancer survivors and to commemorate those lost to the disease, survivors will circle the track rimmed with glowing luminarias while the names of survivors and those lost to the disease are read aloud. Luminarias can be purchased for 10 dollars. For more information call contact Allison Knapel at 408.688.0087.



COUNCIL ACTIONS



TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008

Councilmembers Present:
Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

Council Members Absent:
None

Approved the minutes from the April 15 (continued from May 6), April 29 and May 6 City Council meetings.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for April 11, 18, 25 (continued from May 6), May 2 and May 9

Adopted a resolution accepting Payroll for April 18 (continued from May 6) and May 2

Accepted the Treasurer's Budget Report for March 2008

Approved the City Investment Policy for 2008.

Adopted a resolution declaring brush growing on certain described properties to be a public nuisance and setting a hearing for June 2

Adopted a resolution approving records destruction from the Finance, Code Enforcement,

Community Development, and City Clerk departments

Accepted applications for an Alcoholic Beverage License

Adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 939 Solid Waste Management programs.

Accepted municipal improvements

Accepted municipal improvements, Steven Canyon Villas, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, Stevens Canyon Road and St. Andrews Avenue

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate an allocation of Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project grant funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the amount of \$115,040.00 for the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge.

Authorized the City Manager to sign an agreement with Santa Clara County, designating

the County as lead agency under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to process a reclamation plan amendment for Stevens Creek Quarry, Inc

Awarded a Construction Contract to Ferma Corporation for the construction of the Stevens Creek Corridor Phase 1A Project

Received Status report on the South Vallco Master Plan

Considered a proposal for the best use of \$300,000 earmarked for safety around schools

Considered options for a green building program and other sustainability programs

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

Councilmembers Present:
Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

Council Members Absent:
None

Adopted a resolution approving a parcel map, 10121 Pasadena Avenue, Lily Chang, Inc

Conducted Study session on the 2008-2009 budget

Reviewed summer schedule of Council meetings

Welcome New Businesses

Bizmed Spa
Cash4lead, Inc.
Essential Solutions, Inc.
Minh Tran (Manicurist/Esthetician)
Mini Station
Vialta DBA Hawaii Cafe
Zarin Sewing, Alteration and Dry

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

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

Annual Cupertino Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Cupertino Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled at the Palo Alto Hill Golf and Country Club on August 25. Sign-up now to reserve your foursome! The day will begin at 10 am with registration followed by a Putting Contest. The \$250 tournament fee includes green fees, a box lunch, post tournament BBQ dinner, prizes, and a program. All proceeds go directly to the Veterans Memorial in Cupertino's Memorial Park. Sponsorships are available. For more information call 408.821.9436 or visit www.cupertinoveteransmemorial.org





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CITY MEETINGS

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| July 2 | Library Commission (Mtg. room 100) | 7:00 pm |
| July 2 | Technology, Information & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A) | 7:00 pm |
| July 3 | Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A) | 12:30 pm |
| July 3 | C.A.R.E.S (Mtg. room 100) | 7:30 pm |
| July 4 | City Hall CLOSED for 4th of July Holiday | |
| July 7 | Friends of Cupertino Library (Conf. Rm. A) | 7:30 pm |
| July 8 | Planning Commission(Community Hall)*** | 6:45 pm |
| July 9 | Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A) | 4:30 pm |
| July 10 | Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C) | 9:00 am |
| July 10 | Audit Committee (Conf. Rm. A) | 4:00 pm |
| July 10 | Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A) | 7:00 pm |
| July 16 | Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A) | 7:00 pm |
| July 17 | Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A) | 12:30 pm |
| July 17 | Toyokawa Sister City Commission (Conf. Rm. A) | 7:30 pm |
| July 22 | Planning Commission (Community Hall)*** | 6:45 pm |
| July 23 | Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A) | 4:30 pm |
| July 23 | Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A) | 7:00 pm |

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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