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40 Years of Fun!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department. Here are some of the highlights of what has occurred over the last 40 years.....

1962 - Parks and Recreation Department opens. Three playground programs held. Ballet is first specialty class. Learn-to-Swim program and Gymnastics classes begin.

1964 - Bond issue passes for five park sites. First Halloween event is held. Judo Club is first co-sponsored club.

1965 - Live Long and Like It Club, for seniors, joins the Recreation Department. First Egg Hunt held. Parks & Recreation Commission starts.

1966 - Santa's Visit, Teen Dances and recreation program for children with disabilities begins.

1967 - First Tiny Tots preschool program, Day Camp, Teen Disneyland trip.

1968 - Portal and Wilson Park opens. Seniors program produces a weekly radio program.

1969 - Children's theater program begins.

1970 - Linda Vista Park opens.

1972 - First bike trail opens on Stelling Road. Tennis program begins.

1973 - Somerset Square Park opens. Community Gardens program starts.

1974 - Senior Adult Drop-In Center, "The Little Blue House", opens. Walk-A-Golden Mile starts. Varian Park opens.



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Cupertino Scene

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1975 - McClellan Ranch Park opens. Memorial Park opens. Nature program begins.

1976 - Fourth of July celebration and fireworks begins. Junior Nature Museum opens. First Ghostwalk, Summer Concert Series, Senior Flu Shots and nighttime softball.

1979 - Monta Vista Rec. Center opens.

1980 - New Senior Center opens.

1981 - Three Oaks Park opens.

1982 - First Big Bunny Fun Run race is held.
1984 - Noontime program at elementary schools begins.

1987 - Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon begins.

1988 - First Cupertino Community Heritage Parade is held. Hoover Park opens.

1990 - Cupertino Sports Center and Quinlan Community Center opens.

1991 - Blackberry Farm opens. Begin renovating eight school fields for youth sports leagues. First Cupertino Day held.

1992 - Jollyman Park opens. Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa begins.

1993 - McClellan Ranch Park Master Plan completed. Shakespeare in the Park begins. Last Children's Theater program held.

1994 - Highway 85 Grand Opening.

1995 - After School Enrichment Program begins. Cherry Blossom Festival moves to Memorial Park. Last Cupertino Community Heritage Parade held.

1996 - Last Walk-A-Golden Mile held.

1997 - Rotary Club's Oktoberfest moves to Memorial Park.

1998 - Creekside Park opens. Chamber of Commerce Art and Wine Festival relocated to Memorial Park.

1999 - Moon Festival holds first event in Memorial Park.

2001 - The new Senior Center opens. Cinema at Sundown begins. Teen Commission is appointed.

2002 - Mobile Skate Park opens.

Come celebrate Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department's 40th Birthday. June 27, 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park amphitheater. Come for the cake, stay for the music.

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.**



June 27, Cheeseballs
Groovy, funky, and danceable hits of the 70's and 80's, brought to you by this high energy eight member band. **Also, come celebrate Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department's 40th Birthday. Cake will be served.**

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.

Shakespeare Camps Return

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's popular Bay Area Shakespeare Camps, designed for ages 8 to 18, will be held from June 17 to August 23. Each camp session is two weeks long, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with optional aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. for a nominal charge. To enroll in Bay Area Shakespeare Camp or for more information call (415) 422-2222. Outside of the 415 area code call (800) 978-PLAY.

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 20th Anniversary of Free Shakespeare in the Park.

Don't miss this epic tale of jealousy and faithfulness, true love and redemption. The first half of *The Winter's Tale*, like *Othello*, explores the dark emotions of jealousy and groundless paranoia. King Leontes' baseless suspicion of his virtuous wife leads to escalating tragedy, culminating in Shakespeare's most famous stage direction, "Exit pursued by a bear."

At its darkest point, *The Winter's Tale* turns from tragedy to comedy, carrying us forward 16 years (by Father Time himself) to magical, pastoral Bohemia. Fantastical events of regeneration, resurrection, redemption and, most importantly, forgiveness create a happy ending both deep and moving.

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.

The Internet Bottleneck, Part 2

By Sal Algieri

Chair, Telecommunications Commission

Last month we discussed DSL (digital subscriber line) as a high-speed Internet connection. DSL uses the telephone lines going to your home to provide this service. Unfortunately, most people cannot get this service due to distance limitations until the telephone companies install remote switches in neighborhoods.

There are three alternate technologies that have one thing in common. They bypass the local telephone network. The most common is cable modem. Since the cable system was upgraded in Cupertino to a fiber optic two-way network, cable modem high speed Internet has been available to residents (if your home is passed). The cable system is a broadband system meaning it can support hundreds of channels. The system in Cupertino is one of the most modern in that it has 750MHz of bandwidth. Most of this bandwidth is allocated to TV or pay per view channels although some channels have been reserved for high speed Internet. The service taps a signal off the cable via a special modem installed in your home. The modem converts the computer's digital signals to the proper RF signal that is sent through the cable to the head end. At the head end another modem strips off the Internet allocated channels, demodulates to recover the digital signal and forwards the digital signal to a switch that connects to the Internet.

Another technology is wireless. A service provider sets up a mountain top repeater that transmits and receives RF signals sent to and from your home. At the home a small antenna and a modem are used to connect to your computer. This technology is very convenient but has some limitations in the number of users that can access the network at any one time due to bandwidth and frequency allocation much like cellular telephones. (It is not known if Sprint Broadband is still accepting subscribers for this service.)

The third technology is DBS (direct broadcast satellite). If you are a subscriber to DBS television, you can most likely also get high-

speed Internet service. The concept is identical to the cable modem in that channels are reserved for the Internet signals. A special modem is also required to connect to your computer. This service does not suffer from the same limitations as wireless but you must be a subscriber to DBS TV.

We have mentioned several alternatives to get high-speed Internet service. Investigate each carefully, choose the one, which is, best for you and enjoy high-speed surfing.

College for Kids

De Anza's Extended Year Program (formerly titled College for Kids) will be available this summer from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from June 24 to July 19.

For students in middle school: Classes at Hyde and Kennedy middle schools will include computer robotics, geometry via origami, PSAT preparation, integrated algebra and geometry, photography, graphic arts, foreign language, math, mock trials and debate, calligraphy, Shakespeare, ESL process writing and many others for students entering grades six through nine. Accelerated math and accelerated language arts classes will be available for GATE-identified students entering grades six through nine.

For students in elementary school: Classes for students entering grades one through five will be held at Collins, Muir and Regnart elementary schools. Classes will include math, chess, Japanese, science, fine arts, reading, Spanish, language arts, English tutorial and computer keyboarding.

Program brochures are available at De Anza College and at local libraries. For more information regarding this program, check out the Web site at: www.communityeducation.fhda.edu and click on the Summer Youth Program link. Limited walk-in registration will take place at De Anza on May 31 and on June 3 to 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Short Courses office in the Forum Building, Room 6b. For further assistance, call De Anza's Community Education at (408) 864-8791 or (408) 864-8469.

Simply Safe

by Marsha Garcia

The 1991 Oakland Hills fire destroyed 3,000 structures and left over 5,000 people without homes. Each year California's wild lands burst into flames, averaging losses of 163 million dollars. Mother Nature's harsh reminders should lead homeowners to ask not IF a fire will occur in their neighborhood, but WHEN.

Fortunately, it is possible to live in a fire-prone area and still feel reasonably safe. This confidence depends on two important factors, 1) that you acknowledge that fire can happen to you, and 2) that you must become your own first line of defense.

Your street name must be clearly marked with easy to read signs. Have two exit routes from the neighborhood. Ensure proper access for fire trucks – rickety bridges and narrow winding roads can't accommodate a 35,000 pound fire truck.

Create a defensible space between your home and the fire. Clear 30 feet around the house and plant fire resistant foliage. Your local nursery and fire department can give you suggestions. Work with neighbors to reduce fuel sources in common areas...and teach children about fire safety.

Your house numbers must be at least 4" high and easily readable at night. Install smoke detectors in every level of your home and near sleeping areas. Surround decks with a non-flammable solid skirt. Keep working hoses available. Don't pile wood or debris near the house.

Non-combustible roofing material is the number one best way to reduce fire risk. Clear away pine needles and debris. Trim trees hanging over the roof or within 10 feet of chimneys. All chimneys should have spark arresters installed.

County Fire offers free home inspections and suggestions. For inspections call Fire Prevention at (408) 378-4010. To receive a packet of information call Public Education at (408) 341-4459. You can also check the web at www.firesafe.org. Remember, your preparation can make the difference between defense and devastation.

Upcoming Events/Classes

- June 22,23- Amateur Radio Field Day
- June 27- Emergency Preparedness for Senior Citizens
- July 12- CERT, Fridays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- July 12, 13,19, 20, 27 & Aug. 2, 3
- July 13- CPR for Adult/Infant/Child
- July 8 to 12- Kaleidoscope, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Share this information with a friend and stay safe this summer.

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

SK8 Fest



Once again the City of Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring their annual Cupertino SK8 Fest. The Fest will take place on June 8th, 3 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Park in the lot closest to Quinlan Center. The lot will be one big skating rink.

Come to skate or come to watch. On hand will be the departments Senior Citizen In-line Skating Instructor, Phil Lenihan, to answer questions and do some coaching.



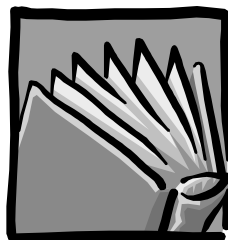
Other instructors will also be available. Any skates are acceptable, quads or in-line, but you do need a helmet. For information call

Parks and Recreation at 777-3120, or Phil Lenihan at 996-8302.

Library News

Thanks to the City Council, Citizens and City of Cupertino, Extended Library Hours:

| | |
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| Monday | 10-9 |
| Tuesday | 10-9 |
| Wednesday | 10-9 |
| Thursday | 10-9 |
| Friday | 10-6 |
| Saturday | 10-6 |
| Sunday | 12-6 |



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, 6/17 to 8/8

Kids are invited to join Summer Reading Club. Come to the library between June 17 and 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.

Compost Workshop

A free how-to backyard composting workshop will be held at McClellan Ranch on the June 1st at 10:00 a.m. Workshops are taught by master composters. Get a tour of our compost bin demonstration area to take a look at the common bins that gardeners are using. Call 918-4640 to register.

Watch Your Soap

Since all types of soap and detergent (even “biodegradable” soaps) are toxic to fish and other aquatic creatures, when you wash your car, don’t pour the leftover bucket of soapy water into the street or down a storm drain. Storm drains are directly connected to the nearest creek. Instead, soapy water should be poured down a sink or a toilet, or onto a landscaped area where it won’t run onto a sidewalk (the soil bacteria can break the soap chemicals down).

C o n s i d e r whether you even need to use soap when you wash your car. Much of the dirt on cars can often simply be hosed off with water or wiped off with a wet sponge.



Grasscycling

A reminder for gardeners: turf experts recommend that grass clippings be left on the lawn to return the nitrogen in the clippings (one of the primary ingredients in fertilizer) back to the lawn. This will reduce the amount of fertilizer needed, and will cut down on the yard waste that will need to be collected for composting. Short clippings will fall into the lawn’s root area and decompose quickly. For best results, use a mulching mower.

This practice has been followed by Cupertino’s Parks and Recreation Dept. in our city parks, with good results, for many years.

Yardwaste Options

- City residents (with “can” garbage service) can order a yardwaste/woodwaste “on-call” recycling day (residents get two days per calendar year). No charge. Call the Los Altos Garbage Company at 725-4020. Materials are picked up on a resident’s regular recycling day. 4’ X 4’ X 8’ pile limit. No branches larger than 6 inches in diameter and 4 ft. long. Bundle or box branches and trimmings. No loose material please.

- Get a second yardwaste toter for \$5.67/mon. (minimum of 3 months) from the garbage company.

- Start a compost pile. Call 918-4640 for information on workshops.

- Haul the yardwaste to one of three area landfills (typical cost is from \$7-\$13 per cubic yard for yardwaste that is not contaminated with garbage. Garbage costs range from \$16-\$20 yd.). Call 777-3241 for information on landfills.

Use Your On-Call Days

Residents with lots of “clean-up” garbage should remember they can use “On-Call” garbage disposal days (two days per year), at no charge. Call the Los Altos Garbage Company for an appointment: 725-4020. (Available to residents with “can” garbage service only.)

Residents with just a couple of extra bags of trash can order “extra garbage” tags from the garbage company by calling 725-4020. Tags cost \$4.78 each or 10 for \$45.49 (which would be added to the next bill).

And for information on how to recycle just about anything, call the Recycling Hotline: 924-5453, or look on-line at: www.recyclestuff.org. For a list of local non-profits that accept donations, call Public Works at 777-3337.

City Recognizes Community Volunteers

Seven individuals and one service organization received the City of Cupertino's 2002 CREST Award at a ceremony held Thursday, May 16, at the Quinlan Community Center.

The annual event to honor outstanding community volunteers, takes place every year in May. CREST stands for Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken. This year's recipients are:

Don Allen, Don's shoes must be all worn out for the many steps taken on behalf of Cupertino. Most recently Don was Campaign Chair for the Cupertino Heart of the City Campaign. He raised over \$1.8 million; exceeding the campaign's target by over \$200 thousand. His involvement with the Heart of the City Campaign created valuable links with foundations, corporations, and businesses.

Cupertino Community Services Board of Directors, a remarkably diverse and involved group of people, they are all passionate and compassionate. 18 members strong, the CCS Board of directors are a group for which no challenge is too big or too small. Their leadership and involvement in the community are invaluable to CCS programs and operations.

Gail Fretwell Hugger, is a fourth generation descendent of William Regnart. Gail has diligently worked researching, writing and sharing her enthusiasm for the mosaic of people and characters who have shaped Cupertino. Her monthly column "Roots" has become the authoritative voice of where we have been and what we must be careful not to lose.

Kathy Stakey, for her outstanding contributions to the Cupertino Library as chair of the Library Commission and active member of the Friends of the Cupertino Library. Kathy leads by example and is always stepping up on behalf of the library. In addition to being a realtor, Kathy is treasurer and coordinator of the Student Volunteers for the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Richard Knock, a retired Silicon Valley executive who generously shares his time, talents, business contacts and technical knowledge with De Anza College, its students and community. Richard has served on numerous committees including the De Anza Commission and the Alumni Consulting Team of the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Richard also worked on a project to help De Anza's bookstore launch a used-book buy-back program for students.

Orrin Mahoney, is a singularly active member of the community and the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce. During the past year he has chaired the city's Fourth of July Committee, he served as a Chamber of Commerce Board Member and worked on the Chamber's political action and economic development committees. Orrin has also been involved the Rotary Club of Cupertino and for the past 20 years has been on the board of Goodwill Industries.

Janice Miyatake, joined Quota of Cupertino in 1996 and quickly became involved in many club projects. She has served as Treasurer and Director of Ways and Means. She is always there to say, "I'll do it!" with a smile on her face. Janice has also been active with the Chamber of Commerce serving as an ambassador, a member of the Asian American Business Council and has served on the Chamber's board of directors. If more were needed, Janice has been involved with CCS and is treasurer for Midori Kai, a Japanese women's group.

Robert Yee, has been an active member of the Cupertino Senior Center for over 20 years. During his involvement Bob has done more than just volunteer his time, but takes the extra step to recommend improvements and make those improvements happen. Bob has taught many classes including Tai Chi, golf and the ukulele. Bob's programs have touched the lives of seniors in our community and brought music to local schools. His age remains a mystery.

Congratulations to all of this year's CREST recipients. The event may be seen on-demand at the city's web site, www.cupertino.org, or on cable channel 26. Check the city web site for times.



Roots

By Gail

Fretwell Hugger

THE LAST VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

Sometimes newcomers to Cupertino ask, “where is downtown Cupertino?” “Don’t have one”, I say. “We’re a crossroads, always have been.” Now, based on the highrises going up, we’re a pretty big crossroads, but in 1898, there was only the Home Union Store (and West Side Post Office) and William Baer’s blacksmith shop. Then the streets were called Stevens Creek Road and Sunnyvale/Saratoga Road (old Highway 9).

Ralph Rambo, who in years past wrote many small local history books, illustrated with his own cartoons, reminisced about William Baer’s place in one of his books.

“Under the spreading chestnut tree”. The tree was missing but otherwise stage setting and leading character were duplicate perfection for Longfellow’s immortal poem. William Baer was one of Valley’s last typical country blacksmiths. I never grew tired of watching this friendly, powerful man at work. Usually be-grimed in a clean sort of way, he had muscles equal to Mr. America’s. Always he would pause to answer this small boys’ endless queries.

What better blacksmith shop “atmosphere” than a brief description of “gettin’ our old nag shod”? Unhitched from our spring wagon or buggy, Prince was led into the smokey, dirt-floored smithy. Turning his back to horse’s rear end, our smith would pick up a hind foot and hold it between his (Mr. Baer’s) legs, placing it on his heavy leather apron. Old shoes were pried off, old nails snipped clean and hoof bot-

tom pared down smooth and white. Then Mr. Baer would select a new horseshoe from the stack of size numbered little kegs...then toss one in the forge and start pumping the huge wooden and leather hand made bellows.

Slumbering charcoal embers would awaken to emit little spiral curls of pleasant smelling smoke. Finally small tongues of darting flame enveloped the iron blue horseshoe buried in the coals. When white hot, with his long tongs, Mr. Baer withdrew the shoe and planted it firmly against the bare hoof (No pain, gentle reader) Sizzling, acrid smoke curled up with an unforgettable smell...Mr. Baer would then critically examine the scorched surface. By burned and unburned areas he could exactly see how shoe fit contour of hoof. With sledge and anvil he would deliver a few mighty corrective blows.

This operation was repeated until by trial and error, Mr. B was satisfied and after tub water tempering, nailed on the shoe. Yes, he made a nail “ring” for me, as naturally expected as butcher-wagon free bologna. End of act. Dad painfully opened his long leather purse and doled

out six bits (\$.75) or a silver dollar. I forget which.

Good men —my Dad and William Baer. Both worked a sixty hour week at honest manual labor—went to church on Sunday, still very tired. And the Rev. Coleman’s sermons were sometimes long and dry. Consequently it took many a wifely nudge to head off a snoring duet; Mr. Baer, deep bass, Dad, high tenor...long gone the pungent odors of burnt horse hoof, sweat, charcoal,

stale tobacco smoke, the musical clank and clang of anvil and wheezing bellows. Came the Auto Age and the last of the village blacksmiths.”

After all the Baers had passed away and the old family home at the crossroads was about to be torn down, the Cupertino Historical Society was able to save the old blacksmith shop from destruction.



Cupertino Cuisine: Beyond Curries

by Hema Kundargi

The secret to Indian cooking is not curry powder, which is used very little in India, but a unique spice blend known as masala.

There are as many styles of masala as stars in the sky. There are no hard and fast rules about making a masala, which will differ from region to region. Two cooks can argue endlessly about which spices go into a masala, their proportion, the order in which they are added and if the spices are used whole or ground or toasted.



This may seem confusing, but it is easy to master once you understand the eccentricities of each spice. Cooking with spices in Indian cuisine is more an art than a science.

If you are a novice at Indian cooking or have been discouraged by some unsuccessful attempts, here are some helpful hints:

√ Try recipes with spices that you are familiar with. Later you can venture into exotic spices.

√ Buy spices from a store with a good turnover of spices.

√ If you have spices sitting on your shelf for more than six months, toss them away as they tend to get rancid and lose flavor.

√ As far as possible buy spices whole and grind them, with the exception of turmeric.

√ A small coffee grinder used only for spices is a good investment.

Thus, the essence of masala lies in squeezing several flavors of the same spice, by roasting it, grinding it, or popping it whole to create a vast spectrum of taste.

America has come a long way from the meat and potato menu. Today we do not hesitate to say lasagna or kung-pao chicken without having to say Italian or Chinese.

I sincerely hope the same recognition comes to the rich and vibrant Indian cuisine rather than lumping it under a catch-all-title “Curry.”

Here is a simple recipe for making grilled sandwiches. A spicy alternative to grilled cheese sandwiches.

(Please note there is no curry powder used)

- 2 potatoes (baked and grated)
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 green chili (optional) (minced)
- 2 bunches spring onions (chopped)
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt to taste
- 8 slices of bread

Heat a big fry pan and add oil. Throw in the cumin seeds and wait till it sizzles and changes color to a darker shade.

Next add the green chilies, stir for 10 seconds and immediately add the spring onions. Stir-fry for a minute and then add the potato, lime juice, salt and sugar. On medium heat, stir the mix for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and keep aside.

Apply a tablespoon of the potato mix to a slice of bread and place another bread slice over it.

Grill the two slices in the sandwich maker until they turn golden brown.

Repeat with other slices.

Serve with tomato ketchup

Hema's Hints: This is great recipe to take for your next office party or for picnics.

Senior Center News

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

Mac User Group

The Mac User Group will not be meeting in June, July or August. Please see the September Newsletter for the next scheduled program.

Independence Day Celebration

7/2, 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 with patriotic songs. \$7.

Wednesday Weekly Salad Lunches

Wednesdays, 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a delicious lunch of salad served with rolls and fruit. Now you can buy up to 4 tickets per month at one time. Advance sign-up is required; tickets will be sold until 10:30 a.m. on the day of the lunch. \$3.

Monthly Social and Birthday Party

6/3, Monday, 1 p.m.

Entertainment for the month is a performance by the Meyerholz school choir. A group of 4th through 6th graders will perform a variety of well-known songs. Come and celebrate with cake, punch & coffee. People with birthdays are honored; all others contribute a dollar to help with expenses.

Viewfinder Presentation

6/3, Monday, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Learn tips on how to get more enjoyment from your camcorder, secrets to better quality of images and sounds.

Evening Dance

6/5, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.

Dance the evening away with tunes of the "Top Hits" swing band. Check out our new expanded dance floor. \$5. Refreshments will be served.

Line Dance Monthly Social

6/10, Monday, 2 to 3:45 p.m.

Drop in for an afternoon of dance and fun. Instructor Donna Frankel, will demonstrate and call up steps. \$3. Refreshments provided.

Arioso Trio Performance

6/10, Monday, 2 to 3 p.m.

Three young ladies combine strings with piano to bring you classical music of the past and present. Refreshments will be provided.

Choraliers Summer Celebration

6/16, Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Father's Day and summer with sparkling music by the Choraliers. Invite friends and bask in the warmth of good music from several eras designed to entertain and delight you. Refreshments and light snack will be served. Donation of \$4.

Advance Directives by SALA

6/18, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.

SALA (Senior Adult Legal Aid) is a non-profit agency providing legal assistance to seniors. A special workshop on Advance Directives has been scheduled; please sign up for this informative presentation. Chinese translation is available.

Hawaiian Luau

6/24, Monday, 12 to 2 p.m.

Come and celebrate the Kamehameha Day with Hawaiian food, dances by the Aloha Nani Hula Dancers and music by Bob Yee. \$6.

Emergency Preparedness

6/27, Thursday, 10 a.m.

Emergency Preparedness

Disasters can happen at any time. Will you know what to do? Cupertino's Emergency Services Coordinator, Marsha Garcia, will offer simple tips to help you prepare for emergencies. Topics include Personal Emergency Supplies, How/When to shut off utilities, Use of fire extinguishers and Terrorism Awareness.

April Puzzlement

Congratulations to Joseph Genovese, Sanghee Lee and Paul Lucas who solved the April Puzzlement and correctly identified the newest city commission (at the time) as the Housing Commission.

June Puzzlement

Where is the old blacksmith shop now?
Hint: It opened in 1975. E-mail your answer to internetforum@cupertino.org. Five will be randomly selected from correct responses to win a Cupertino rosewood pen and case.

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.

| JUNE | Club/Organization | Time | Location | Phone |
|--|--|--|---|----------------------|
| 1 Sat | De Anza Flea Market | 8 to 4 | De Anza College | 864-8946 |
| 3 Mon | American Legion Post 642 | 8 p.m. | 10201 Imperial Ave., #3 | 374-6392 |
| | AI-ANON Steps for Living* | 7:30 p.m. | 940 S. Stelling Rd. | 379-1051 |
| | Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS | 6:30 p.m. | First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave. | 252-2434 |
| | Friends of Cupt. Library | 7:30 p.m. | Cupertino Library | 253-8294 |
| 4 Tues | 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 |
| | Cupertino Men's Service* | Noon | The Blue Pheasant | |
| 5 Wed | Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs) | 6:30 p.m. | Dasaprakash Restaurant | 777-3331 |
| | AI-ANON Family Group* | 7:30 p.m. | 940 S. Stelling Road | 734-5869 |
| | AI-ATEEN* | 8:15 p.m. | Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling | 292-8897 |
| | Cupertino Sanitary Dist* | 8 p.m. | 20065 Stevens Creek #C | 253-7071 |
| | De Anza Optimist Club* | 7:15 a.m. | Holder's Restaurant | 253-4424 |
| | Cupertino Optimist Club* | 12:15 p.m. | Blue Pheasant | 255-3212 |
| | Tandem Toastmasters* | Noon | Compaq, 10501 Tantau | 865-1815 |
| | Cupertino Rotary Club* | Noon | Community Center | 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 | |
| 6 Thurs | De Anza Lions Club* | 6:45 a.m. | Holders 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 |

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| 6 Thurs | 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 |
| 7 Fri | 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 |
| 8 Sat | Daughters of Norway | 9:30 a.m. | Sunnyview Retirement Community | 255-9828 |
| | McClellan Ranch Volunteers | 9:30 a.m. | McClellan Ranch | 255-2422 |
| 10 Mon | Cupertino Odd Fellows* | 8 p.m. | 20589 Homestead Rd. | 252-3954 |
| | Bicycle/Ped Adv. Com. | 7:30 p.m. | City Hall | 777-3240 |
| | Fine Arts League | 7 p.m. | Community Center | 777-0209 |
| 11 Tues | Southbay Toastmasters* | 6:30 p.m. | Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258 | 253-7622 |
| | 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 |
| 12 Wed | Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club* | 7 p.m. | Collins School | 245-9156 |
| 13 Thurs | 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 |
| 14 Fri | Malihini Orchid Society | 7:30 p.m. | Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm | 267-3397 |
| | Cupertino Coin Club | 7:45 p.m. | West Valley Pres. Church | 253-1232 |
| 18 Tues | African Violet Society | 12:30 p.m. | Sunnyview Lutheran Home | 736-9262 |
| | Viewfinders Camcorder Club | 7 p.m. | Community Center Cupertino Room | 252-2667 |
| 20 Thurs | 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 |
| 26 Wed | Rancho Neighborhood Association | 7:30 p.m. | Rancho Pool and Recreation Facility | 973-1600 |
| 25 Tues | De Anza Youth Soccer | 7:30 p.m. | Community Center | |
| | Historical Society | 6:30 p.m. | Community Center | 973-1495 |

Deadline for submitting July calendar information is June 5.

Council Actions



Monday, May 6, 2002

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

Authorized a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Funding for the San Tomas Aquino-Saratoga Creek Trail in the amount of \$80,000.

Authorized staff to apply for two Safe Routes to Schools grants for Cupertino High School area and Garden Gate area, and requested a commitment of \$65,500 for local share.

Set tentative date of June 19 at 5:00 p.m. for Teen Commission interviews.

Authorized the Mayor to forward comments to the Foothill/De Anza Community College District regarding the De Anza College Facilities Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Adopted resolution to implement a 2-hour parking restriction on the north parking lot at Memorial Park and that notice of the permit parking change be posted for 2 weeks prior to the change.

Monday, May 20, 2002

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

Accepted Wolfe Road Bicycle Facility Improvement Project and Bollinger Road Bicycle Facility Improvement Project.

Approved Guidelines for the Selection of Public Art. Accepted the conceptual design by artist Roger Berry for the plaza area at the corner of Stevens Creek and De Anza Blvds.

Amended the ordinance establishing the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission.

Continued consideration of spending \$57,800 of general fund money to construct an addition to the Cupertino High School field house, so that table tennis equipment can be stored on site, and purchasing table tennis equipment for an additional \$9,000.

Council decided not to not repair the gate at Pacifica Avenue near Torre at this time and asked staff to identify other traffic control devices in town and to arrange for public input about the possibility of removing those as well.

Agenda Previews



City Council

Monday, June 3, 2002

6:45 p.m., Council Meeting

Treasurer's Budget Report – April 2002
2002/03 Budget

First reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Amending Chapters 3.22 and 3.23 of the Cupertino Municipal Code Regarding the Purchasing of Supplies, Equipment and Services.

City Council to review the amount of revenue produced by the storm drainage service charge and the estimated cost of the City's Non-Point Source Control and Storm Water Management Program. City Council shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the report referred to in this notice. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any charge or overrule any or all objections and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the report, which determination shall be final.

Ordering abatement of public nuisance (weeds and brush).

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Monthly City Meetings

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| June | 3 | City Council*** | 6:45 p.m. |
| June | 5 | Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm) | 7:00 p.m. |
| June | 6 | Parks and Recreation Commission*** | 7:00 p.m. |
| June | 10 | Planning Commission*** | 6:45 p.m. |
| June | 12 | Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.) | 4:00 p.m. |
| June | 13 | Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.) | 3:30 p.m. |
| June | 13 | Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.) | 7:30 p.m. |
| June | 17 | City Council*** | 6:45 p.m. |
| June | 18 | Library Commission (Conf. Rm.) | 7:30 p.m. |
| June | 24 | Planning Commission*** | 7:00 p.m. |
| June | 25 | Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.) | 7:00 p.m. |

Save The Date: July 4
Children’s Parade, Pancake Breakfast, Fireworks

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