



# THE SCENE

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## Burglary Prevention



The city of Cupertino and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department will be holding a burglary prevention seminar on Wednesday, June 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cupertino Community Hall.

Information will be provided regarding proven strategies to reduce burglary in your neighborhood. For more information contact the Sheriff's Department at 408.868.6600.

## Block Parties Made Easy

The city of Cupertino's block party program helps neighbors stay in touch and "party in the street."

This free service to Cupertino residents offers Parks and Recreation staff to lead games, appearances by emergency vehicles, such as fire, Sheriff's and 9-1-1 communications units, and presentations on emergency preparedness and Neighborhood Watch. The City will also deliver barricades to the neighborhood to temporarily close the street. In addition, the city pays for insurance liability coverage for parties of up to 500 participants.

Block parties can be held from 9 a.m. to dusk on local neighborhood streets. Application packets are available at the Cupertino Public Works Department. Completed applications are due 30 days prior to a block party. For more information, call 408.777.3354.

## 4th of July

### Fireworks and Festivities

The City of Cupertino is pleased to announce that the annual fireworks display will again be held on July 4, 2005 at 9:30 p.m. This year's show will again be launched from Cupertino High School and will be visible from parks and open public spaces on the east side of town. Residents close to Cupertino High School are encouraged to view the fireworks from their neighborhoods.



Activities are scheduled

throughout the day. Beginning at 7 a.m., the De Anza Optimists will start the day with their traditional pancake breakfast. Following a 9:30 line-up, the children's parade begins at 10 a.m. followed by the community sing-along and free birthday cake in honor of the city's Golden Jubilee.

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## Neighborhood Block Leader Training

Cupertino residents who want to help their neighbors get to know and work together are invited to Block Leader training on Tuesday, June 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cupertino Senior Center. A light dinner will be provided.

The training features small group ac-

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## Cupertino Scene

The *Cupertino Scene* is published monthly, except in August and January, and distributed to all residents and businesses in the city. Information may be submitted via e-mail to [pio@cupertino.org](mailto:pio@cupertino.org). Questions may be directed to the Public Information Office at City Hall, 408.777.3200. Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month for the next month's issue.

## Children's Summer

### Reading Club

June 21 to August 11

Children up to 8th grade are invited to join the 2005 Summer Reading Club "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." Those who read at least 10 books over the summer will receive a certificate and may choose a free paperback book provided by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Sign up between June 21 and July 31.

### Thursday Fun Programs

June 30 to August 11

Join the Children's Librarians for programs, crafts and more on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 p.m, and take time to check out more books!

### Storytimes

There will be no storytimes from June 20 to July 1. Please contact the library for Summer Storytimes during July and August.

## Teen Summer

### Reading

2005

#### Go For It

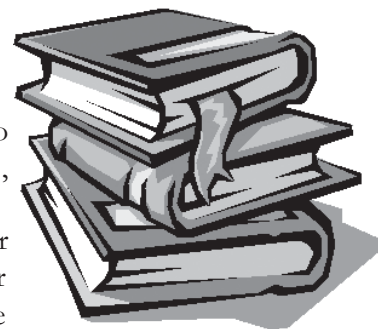
June 14 to August 19, 2005

Sign up for Teen Summer Reading at the Cupertino Li-

brary, beginning Tuesday, June 14th. Teens who read five books and write a review by the end of the program on August 19th, will receive a gift certificate from a local bookstore. Certificates will be awarded from September 1st to September 30th. Support for Teen Summer Reading is provided by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

### Teen Database Classes

Database instruction for teens, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment to learn about the library's sub-



scription databases, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677.

## Cupertino #1 in Circulation

Cupertino Library is still #1 in circulation among the Santa Clara County libraries and has broken its previous all-time high record for monthly checkout

Since its opening on October 30th, Cupertino Library has once again become the county library that circulates the most items.

During March, its fifth full month of operation, Cupertino Library users checked out 192,292 items, an average of 924 items per hour. Of the in-library checkout, 94% was accomplished via the library's 8 self-checkout machines. Cupertino Library recorded 58,444 visits in March. The next closest member library was Milpitas with a circulation of 175,706 items, an average of 777 items per hour, and a gate count of 54,654 visits.

## Library Databases Online

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at [www.santaclearacountylib.org](http://www.santaclearacountylib.org), click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

You may choose from any of the available databases. For example, you can research a company using Standard and Poor's Net Advantage, prepare for an academic or professional exam with Learning Express or find information for a state report in America the Beautiful. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677, during library hours.

### Cupertino Library Info



#### Hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12 to 9
Wednesday	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6

#### Phone Numbers

General Number	408.446.1677
Accounts, Billing	800.286.1991
TeleCirc	800.471.0991

#### Web Addresses

Santa Clara County Library:	<a href="http://www.santaclaracountylib.org">www.santaclaracountylib.org</a>
Teen Page:	<a href="http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen">www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen</a>
Kids Page:	<a href="http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids">www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids</a>

#### Storytimes

Bedtime Stories (ages 3 and up):	Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Toddler Stories (ages 1-1/2 to 3) – Please choose one of the following:	
	Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
	Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

### 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.

### Friends of the Library Collect Cell Phones

The Friends of the Cupertino Library have a box in the lobby of the library for used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

### Internet Classes in Mandarin

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue

# Summer Concert Series 2005

Cupertino's Golden Jubilee Year



## Through the Years...

Round up the family, pack the picnic basket, and enjoy an evening of free music Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! All of the concerts take place in the Amphitheater at Memorial Park, located at the corner of Mary Ave. and Stevens Creek Blvd.

**June 23**      **Cupertino Symphonic Band**  
Symphonic versions of popular songs throughout the decades

**June 30**      **JP & The Rhythm Chasers**  
Music from the 20's & 30's

**July 7**          **Mark Russo & the Classy Cats**  
Jazzy music of the 40's

**July 14**        **Back Pages**  
Groovy music from the 60's

**July 21**        **Inoahband**  
70's funk

**July 28**        **Notorious**  
Let's go 80's

**August 4**      **Dave Crimmen**  
Rock N Roll from the 50's

In the event of rain, please call the Parks and Recreation Department for a concert update.  
For more information, call 408.777.3120.

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CONTACT INFO:

PHONE: 408-996-0858

WEBSITE: WWW.OSFAMILIES.ORG

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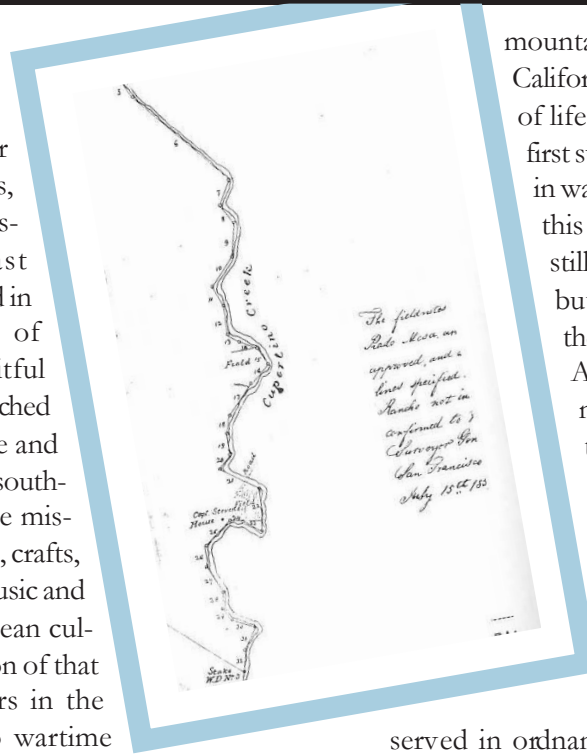
**Roots**  
By *Gail*  
*Fretwell*  
*Hugger*

## In Celebration of Cupertino: Part III

Spanish/Mexican rule in California lasted a little under 100 years. For the Spanish settlers, the presidios, missions and vast ranchos flourished in their golden age of pastoral and fruitful tranquility, untouched by wars in Europe and revolutions in the southern Americas. The missions taught trades, crafts, agriculture, and music and spread the European culture and civilization of that time. The soldiers in the presidios had no wartime duties, other than controlling the Native American population, exploration and carrying the mail.

As early as 1818, Americans began trickling into California, lured by tales of wonderful climate, soil, abundant game and the hospitable lifestyle afforded by cheap land and labor. After Mexico took over California from Spain, millions of acres of land were given away, some to these early American residents of California who often intermarried into the Spanish/Mexican families.--

In 1844, Elisha Stephens, a crusty wagon master, guided the Stephens-Murphy-Townsend party of settlers from Iowa across the plains, deserts and mighty Sierra Nevada



mountains to Sutter's Fort, California, without any loss of life along the way - the first such accomplishment in wagon train history. At this time, California was still under Mexican rule but in 1846, many of the Americans living in Alta California organized a revolution - the Bear Flag Revolt. That effort lasted 26 days and then war with Mexico broke out between the Americans and Mexico. Captain

Elisha Stephens served in ordnance under Commodore Stockton, fighting with other

Americans during the two years of the war. Mexico finally signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and for a time California had a part military/part civil government that didn't work well and sort of left the former province in a kind of political, governmental limbo.

In 1848, gold was discovered in the Sacramento area and the news electrified the states on the other side of the Rocky Mountains and the world. People from all corners of the globe

took horrifying sea voyages and made exhausting overland treks to this land of gold. Immigrants came from most of the countries in Europe and the first wave of Chinese came as laborers in the gold mines, on





*The Ranchos of Santa Clara County*

the railroads, building levees in the Sacramento Delta and rock wall land boundaries in the Gold Country. California became a state in two years. By 1850, it had a constitution and legislature and the population had soared into the hundreds of thousands. The missions, presidios, vast ranchos, bull and bear fights, and sleepy pastoral lands began to pass into history. As for Captain Stephens, he wound up in the Santa Clara Valley in the 1850's. Records show he bought 160 acres from one Jeremiah Clarke (about whom we have no information as to when he arrived here) on the "Westside", (Cupertino). Stephens hunted game, fished, ate rattlesnakes for dinner and looked out of his cabin on the banks of the creek that now bears his name. (albeit spelled differently and what Font originally named Arroyo de San Joseph Cupertino)

In Bob Levy's wonderful book, "The West Side and How It Grew", there are maps showing the names and land holdings of the earliest settlers in the West Side area up to the 1860's. Another activity of note on the West Side in this time period was the Villa Maria, built by the Jesuits as a summer retreat for the priests from Santa Clara Mission and university. It was situated on Stevens Canyon Road (also named for Elisha Stephens) on what is now county park land just below Stevens Creek Dam. Mary Lou Lyon's little

book on Elisha Stephens is a gem and well worth reading. He was definitely one of the most colorful characters in Cupertino's history. The book is available at the library and the Cupertino Museum. After the California Gold Rush and the first mass wave of immigration and migration from the east, the land on early maps of this area formerly labeled as "unfit for cultivation" began to lure those European immigrants from hilly towns in Italy, French and Slovenian, Irish and Scotch settlers and more than a few English ship captains and miles of vineyards in the hills and the flat lands began replacing cattle ranching and wheat farming. The owners of the ranchos struggled in vain to hold onto their huge land holdings, often spending years in courts, but the one era was ending and another was beginning.

## Historical Society

### Wild Wild West Barbecue

The Cupertino Historical Society & Museum is holding its annual summer fundraising event on Saturday June 25, 2005, to help support efforts to serve the community with educational programs and preservation of the historical collections.

Underwritten by the Cali Family and media sponsor 95.3 KRTY, the Wild, Wild West Barbecue and Gala will be a fun-filled event with a western BBQ, music, raffle and a live auction. Thousands of dollars worth of great items are up for auction like dinners for two, weekend hotel packages, rounds of golf and even an authentic San Jose Sharks hockey puck. More than 100 guests are expected at the Western Gala and BBQ with entertainment that includes a bluegrass band, line-dancing, lots of country music, fun and good food at the historic Cooper-Garrod's Winery and Stables. Put on your boots and join us from 5 to 9 p.m. and bring your family and friends. Pictures will be taken and wild west costumes are encouraged.

Tickets are \$50 and are on sale now. For further information, please contact the Cupertino Historical Museum at 408.973.1495. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 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  
[lindal@cupertino.org](mailto:lindal@cupertino.org)  
 Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.  
 Call the contact number for details.

JUNE	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1</b> Wed	AI-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	AI-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 p.m.	Apple Computer De Anza 3, 10500 N. DeAnza Blvd.	<a href="http://macintalkers.com">macintalkers.com</a> vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
<b>2</b> Thurs	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous* Connect Club III*	7 p.m. 8:15 a.m.	Union Church Chamber of Commerce	247-8488 252-7054
	De Anza Lions Club* Cup. Host Lions Club*	6:45 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Holders Country Inn Mariani's Restaurant	253-3219 252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service Women's Quilting Group*	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	City Hall West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	345-8372 253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I* Connect Club II*	Noon 8 a.m.	Holders Country Inn Chamber of Commerce	252-7054 252-7054
	Business Networking Intl. HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606* Overeaters Anonymous*	7 a.m. 7 a.m. 7 p.m.	BJ's Brewery HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave. Union Church	996-9111 BNI.com 650-691-8724 253-8394
	<b>3</b> Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group De Anza Kiwanis*	5:00 p.m. 7:15 a.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd Intl. House of Pancakes
De Anza Flea Market Organization of Special Needs Families* Overeaters Anonymous*		8 to 4 p.m. 2 to 4 p.m. 9 a.m.	De Anza College 20920 McClellan Rd. Union Church	864-8946 996-0858 842-0688
<b>6</b> Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living* Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd. First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	379-1051 252-2434



<b>6 Mon</b>	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
<b>7 Tues</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Women's Group			
	AI-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462	
<b>8 Wed</b>	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant Senior Center	252-2667
	Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	9:30 a.m.		
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
<b>9 Thurs</b>	The Powerful Pens	7:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community, 22445 Cupertino Rd.	626-9784
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7 p.m.	Community Hall	285-7332
	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
<b>10 Fri</b>	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	252-1529 253-1985
	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
<b>11 Sat</b>	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>13 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Creekside Park	255-6559
<b>14 Tues</b>	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
<b>16 Thurs</b>	Toyokawa Sister City West Valley Republican Women	7:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m.	City Hall	257-7424 252-6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257-4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578-5917
<b>21 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>22 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784
<b>28 Tues</b>	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 p.m.	Creekside Park	deanzayouth soccer.org

*Deadline for submitting July calendar information is June 1.*

## Identity and Social Issues of Asian American Youth

Monta Vista High School graduates Arar Han and John Hsu will present "Identity and Social Issues Facing Asian American Students" on June 8th. Han and Hsu are co-editors of Asian American X, a new, nationally acclaimed collection of essays by a number of young Asian American writers.

*Drawing from these essays, John and Arar will present issues our children may face, including:*

- Race/identity
- Stereotyping
- How family expectations can create unexpected stressful situations

The two presenters will explore how our students can best leverage their strengths and experiences to pursue their career paths as motivated and productive adults. They will also discuss how the schools, the community, and most important, parents, can help.

The presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cupertino Community Hall (adjacent to the Cupertino Library) 10350 Torre Avenue.

This presentation is co-hosted by the Asian American Parent Association (AAPA) and the 5C's (Citizens of Cupertino Cross Cultural Consortium).

### SENIOR CENTER NEWS

When people think of senior centers, they picture sedentary activities. They do not usually associate them with health and wellness activities. At Cupertino Senior Center, it is our mission to enhance the healthy lifestyle of adults 50+ through fitness, health, wellness education and programming. Scientists have proven that exercises in any form enhance one's health. We at Senior Center offer physical activities, such as low impact aerobics, dances, yoga and Tai chi at a reasonable price.

The Cupertino Senior Center also offers opportunities for seniors to increase their health knowledge. There is a saying "Knowledge is Power" and through health lectures, Senior Center members learn how to better take care of themselves. Health education seminars are an important part of senior center activities. We invite qualified health professionals to address different topics of fitness, health and wellness. These seminars are free of charge to Senior Center members.

During June and July, The Cupertino Senior Center will be featuring 4 seminars.

#### **Confronting Grief and Loss Seminar**

Friday, June 10, 1:30 to 3 p.m. A volunteer from the Center for Living and Dying will discuss grief and loss for people who recently lost a spouse or a loved one. The

presentation will address the feeling of loneliness after the loss, tools for grieving, and where they can turn for help.

#### **Arthritis & Osteoporosis Health**

Tuesday, June 14, 1:30 to 3 p.m. A nurse practitioner will discuss causes of Arthritis and Osteoporosis, symptoms, treatment nutrition, prevention and exercises.

#### **Overcoming Depression**

Wednesday, June 22, 3 to 5 p.m. Counselor from the Chinese American Counseling Services will give a presentation on recognizing depression among family members, treatment available and how friends and family can help.

#### **Senior Nutrition**

Tuesday, July 12, 1:30 to 3 p.m. A registered dietician will discuss supplements, trans fats and the importance of calcium, vitamin D and fiber. The dietician will also talk about frozen entrees, whether they are an alternative to cooking; eating out and the importance of exercise.

Come and join our vibrant center. It is never too late to get in shape, and it is easy to become a member of the Senior Center. You just need to be at least 50 years young and fill an application form; membership fee is \$22 for Cupertino resident and \$27 for non-resident.



# Fight

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
PESTICIDE REGULATION

the **bite!**

## Protect your family – use a repellent

Biting insects are more than a nuisance. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that infect humans and animals, including West Nile virus. West Nile virus is a potentially serious disease now established in California. The way most people get infected is through a mosquito bite. A few simple precautions can protect you and your family.

### HOW DO I AVOID MOSQUITO BITES?

- Make sure door and window screens are “bug tight.”
- Don’t grow your own mosquitoes. Get rid of containers (no matter how small) that have standing water.
- Stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active: dawn, sunset and early evening. If you must go outdoors then, first apply repellent.
- The safest approach is to apply repellent **whenever** you are outdoors, even for a short time. Choose among repellents based on how long you plan to be outside and what you will be doing. When you are sweating, physically active or getting wet, repellents don’t last as long.
- No repellent provides complete protection, so cover up. Wear light-colored, long, loose clothing. Tuck your pants into your socks. Mosquitoes can bite through thin or tight clothes, so spray your clothing with repellent. (Check the label to make sure it won’t damage clothes.)
- If it’s too hot for long sleeves and pants, wear clothing made of insect netting, which you can buy in sporting good stores and through outdoor equipment catalogs.

### WHICH MOSQUITO REPELLENTS WORK BEST?

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) recommends using only products registered as repellents with DPR and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Registered products have been reviewed for effectiveness and safety, when used according to label directions. Look on the label for a U.S. EPA registration number.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), of the registered active ingredients, two provide longer-lasting protection in peer-reviewed, scientific studies.

Look on the product label for one of these active ingredients:

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)

CDC also recommends oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3,8-diol, or PMD), a plant-based registered repellent that provides protection similar to a low concentration of DEET.

On the other hand, recent studies of other plant-based repellents (such as oil of geranium, lavender, peppermint, clove, thyme and citronella) found that only a few high-concentration oils provided protection, and then only for a short time.

These concentrated oils are more likely to cause allergic skin reactions. In addition, products that are not registered with U.S. EPA have not been studied for long-term effects that may occur with frequent application.

### HOW DO I CHOOSE A REPELLENT?

To reduce any risk of adverse effects, you should use the lowest-concentration product you can for your situation.

- Use a higher-percentage product if you will be outdoors for several hours, or if you will be sweating, physically active, or getting wet. For longer protection without using a high-concentration product, apply a microencapsulated formula. (Look for “time release” or “controlled release” on the label).

### Leaders, Continued from page 1

tivities and tips from experienced neighborhood leaders to help residents refine their neighborhood organizing skills. The City’s Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch and Block Party programs also will be presented.

Block leaders serve as vital communication links between the City and the neigh-

borhoods. Leaders also gather throughout the year to share tips and to learn communication techniques. 140 residents participate in the City’s Block Leader program today.

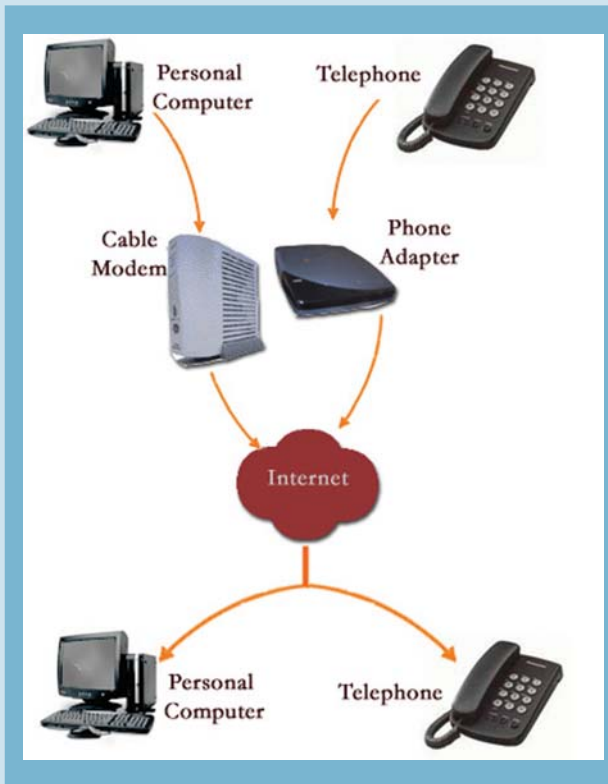
If you would like to participate, e-mail [communityrelations@cupertino.org](mailto:communityrelations@cupertino.org) or call 408.777.3331 by June 9. More information about the block leader program also can be found on the City’s web site: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

# VoIP : What Does it All Mean? Article #5

By L.T. Gutadauro, Telecommunications Commission Chairperson

## What is VoIP/Internet Voice?

VoIP allows you to make telephone calls using a computer network, over a data network like the Internet. VoIP converts the voice signal from your telephone into a digital signal that travels over the Internet then converts it back at the other end so you can speak to anyone with a regular phone number. When placing a VoIP call using a phone with an adapter, you'll hear a dial tone and dial just as you always have. VoIP may also allow you to make a call directly from a computer using a conventional telephone or a microphone. You need a broadband connection and additional hardware and software.



## How Can I Place a VoIP Call?

Depending on the service, one way to place a VoIP call is to pick up your phone and dial the number, using an adaptor that connects to your existing high-speed Internet connection. The call goes through your local telephone company to a VoIP provider. The phone call goes over the Internet to the called party's local telephone company for the completion of the call. Another way is to utilize a microphone headset plugged into your computer. The number is placed using the keyboard and is routed through your cable modem.

## What Kind of Equipment Do I Need?

A broadband (high speed Internet) connection is required. This can be through a

cable modem, or high speed services such as DSL or a local area network. You can hook up an inexpensive microphone to your computer and send your voice through a cable modem or connect a phone directly to a telephone adaptor.

## Is There A Difference Between Making a Local & a Long Distance Call?

Some VoIP providers offer free calls to other subscribers to the service. Your VoIP provider may permit you to select an area code different from the area in which you

live. This means you may not incur long distance charges if you call a number in your area code regardless of geography. It also means that people who call you may incur long distance charges depending on their area code and service.

Some VoIP providers charge for a long distance call to a number outside your calling area. Others permit you to call any-

where at a flat rate for a fixed number of minutes.

## If I Have Internet Voice Service, Whom Can I Call?

Depending upon your service, you might be limited only to other subscribers to the service, or you may be able to call any phone number, anywhere in the world. The person you are calling does not need any special equipment, just a phone.

## What Are Some Advantages of Internet Voice?

Because Internet Voice is digital, it may offer features and services that are not available with a traditional phone. If you have a broadband Internet connection, you need not

maintain and pay the additional cost for a line just to make telephone calls.

With many Internet Voice plans you can talk for as long as you want with any person in the world (the requirement is that the other person has an Internet connection).

### **What Are Some Disadvantages Of Internet Voice?**

If you're considering replacing your traditional telephone service with Internet Voice, there are important considerations:

- Unlike traditional phone service, Internet Voice services don't usually work during power outages
- It may be difficult to seamlessly connect with the 911 dispatch center or identify the location of Internet Voice 911 callers
- They may or may not offer white page listings
- Sound quality may not be as good as traditional telephones

### **Can I Take My Phone Adapter With Me When I Travel?**

You may be able to use your VoIP service wherever you travel as long as you have a high speed Internet connection available. In that case it would work the same as from your home or business.

### **Does My Computer Have To Be On?**

Not if you are making calls with a phone and adaptor or special VoIP phone, but your broadband Internet connection needs to be active. You can also use your computer while talking on the phone.

### **Does The FCC Regulate VoIP?**

On February 12, 2004, the FCC found that an entirely Internet-based VoIP service was an unregulated information service. The FCC has organized an FCC Internet Policy Working Group to address policy issues. For more information on the Working Group, please visit [www.fcc.gov/ipwg](http://www.fcc.gov/ipwg).

You should always check with the VoIP service provider you choose to confirm any advantages and limitations to their service.

Thank you for your interest in this series of articles presented by the Cupertino Telecommunications Commission.

## **Fireworks, Continued from page 1**

Things will be quiet until 6:45 p.m. when roving entertainers, games and face painting begin at Creekside Park, Hyde and Sedgwick schools. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

For safety reasons, there will be no public access to the Cupertino High School campus. Finch and Tilson Streets will be closed to traffic from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. For handicap accessible parking locations, please contact the Parks and Recreation Administration office by July 3, 2005, at 408.777.3110. For all other questions, please call the Quinlan Community Center at 408.777.3120.

### **Daytime Program at Quinlan Community Center and Memorial Park**

7 to 11 a.m.: De Anza Optimist Pancake Breakfast (Quinlan Community Center's Cupertino Room)

9:30 a.m.: Line-up for Children's Parade

10 to 10:30 a.m.: Children's Parade starting at the Memorial Park ball field and proceeding to the Quinlan Community Center

10:30 to 11 a.m.: Children's Community Sing-along at Quinlan Center (backside of Center at the fountain).

### **Evening Program**

Come early and bring your picnic to Creekside Park, Hyde or Sedgwick Schools.

- Free parking at Vallco Fashion Park
- Handicapped parking available at Creekside Park

6:45 to 9:15 p.m.: Roving entertainers, games and face painting at Creekside Park, Hyde and Sedgwick Schools

- No pets, no portable barbecues

### **Street closures to vehicles and pedestrians 6 to 11 p.m.:**

- Finch Ave. between Stevens Creek and Phil Lane
- Calle De Barcelona
- Phil Lane
- Tilson Ave. @ Tantau Av
- Stendl between Shadygrove and Phil

9:30 p.m. ~ Fireworks set off @ Cupertino High School

# Council Actions



## Tuesday, May 3, 2005

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

Proclamation to Ralph Qualls for the James L. Martin award from the League of California Cities as Public Works Director of the Year.

Approve the minutes from the March 15 and April 5 City Council meetings.

Accepted applications for an Alcoholic Beverage License:

Ramenrama Red Miso, 19772 Stevens Creek Blvd. (new restaurant next to the Elephant Bar), and the Blue Pheasant Restaurant, 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Adopted resolutions approving a final parcel map and improvement plans at 21851 Lomita Avenue, Lands of Li.

Adopted resolutions approving a Grant of Easement for roadway for Tracy Hsu and Huei-Hwang Hung, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship, and Kong-Yeu Han and Suejane Han, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship, all as Tenants in Common, 21811 San Fernando Avenue.

Accept municipal improvements, William A. Hurt, 21740 Alcazar Avenue, Richard Shwe and Alma M. Shwe, 21840 Hermosa Avenue.

## Tuesday, May 17, 2005

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

### Closed Session

Pending litigation - City of Cupertino vs. Ole Rasmussen, regarding assignment of Blue Pheasant Restaurant to Hungry Jack's Restaurant Corporation. No decision was made.

Negotiations regarding the De Anza Cupertino Aquatics (DACA) lease.

### Regular Meeting

Presentation regarding phase the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County.

Approved application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Flames Coffee Shop and Bakery, 10630 S. De Anza Blvd.

Adopted a resolution approving a Grant of Easement, roadway, for Amelia Invest-

ments, 10578 San Leandro Avenue.

Adopted a resolution approving an Improvement Agreement with Amelia Investments, 10578 San Leandro Avenue.

Accepted Municipal Improvements for Stevens Creek Office Center Associates.

Approved the list of Hazard Mitigation Strategies to be included in the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Hazard Mitigation Plan being submitted to the State of California and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Conducted a public hearing regarding the Blue Pheasant Restaurant. Application was denied.

Approved the Community Special Events policy at the Civic Center Plaza.

Approved changes to the Massage Ordinance.

Canceled the July 5 City Council meeting for lack of quorum.

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### Planning Commission meeting

Cupertino Community Hall

Tuesday, June 14, 2005, 6:00 p.m. (Note: This is an earlier start time)

Applicant: City of Cupertino, Citywide

General Plan amendment to revise the General Plan.

Applicant: Martin Bernstein, 22362 Regnart Road

Hillside exception for a new 6,500 square foot residence on a prominent ridgeline with slopes greater than 30% and exceptions to the maximum wall

height on the downhill elevation and to exceed the maximum grading quantities

Applicant: Robert Lindberg (Gate of Heaven Cemetery), 22555 Cristo Rey Drive

Use Permit to use vertical markers and statuary at an existing cemetery

Applicant: Alan Loving (Taylor Woodrow Homes), Bubba Road and Imperial Avenue (a portion of Results Way Corporate Park)

Use permit to demolish 175,000 square feet of industrial buildings and construct 94 single-family residential units and recreation areas.

Note: Agenda items are subject to change. Prior to the meeting, confirm agenda with city clerk, 777.3223. Copies of agendas are available at City Hall on the Thursday preceding council and planning commission meetings.

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### Monthly City Meetings

<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Telecommunications Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>2</b>	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	6:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>2</b>	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>7</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>8</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>9</b>	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>9</b>	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>14</b>	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>15</b>	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>16</b>	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	6:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>21</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>22</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>24</b>	Senior Citizens Commission (Senior Center)	2:00 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>23</b>	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
<b>June</b>	<b>28</b>	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.

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