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Lunar New Year Unity Festival & Parade

March 29, 10:30 am - 5 pm

Cupertino's Sixth Annual Lunar New Year Unity Parade kicks off a day long multi-cultural celebration Saturday, March 29, honoring the area's broad spectrum of cultures and diversity. Last year the Unity Parade and festival were an overwhelming success with over 20,000 people in attendance.

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Big Bunny Fun Run

March 22, 9 am, Cupertino Civic Center

Come join the City of Cupertino and the Parks and Recreation Department for the annual Big Bunny Fun Run. Kick off the spring season with an event that celebrates fun, fitness and family.

Registration is available online at www.cupertino.org/register or register in person at the Quinlan Community

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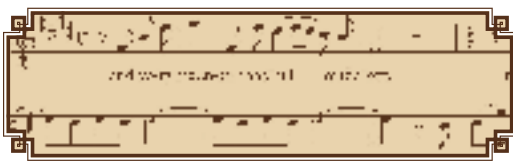
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The parade starts at 10:30 am and will follow Stelling Road in Cupertino from Jollyman Park to Memorial Park, where an International Fair will continue through 5 pm. At Memorial Park, there will be cultural booths with hands-on activities for young kids. Groups will perform all day and an expanded “foods from around the world” will be available inside the Quinlan Center. Kids visiting a majority of the cultural booths will win a prize for their participation. This year’s Lunar New Year Parade will be hosting “Taste the World,” an event celebrating and highlighting international cuisine from India, Mexico, Iran, Italy and Singapore.

Organizations and businesses have the opportunity to be a sponsor of this event. Those interested in additional information about the events and sponsorship can contact parade committee co-chairs Wendell Stephens and Kevin Wu. Please visit www.unityparade.org for more information.

Handel’s Messiah, The Spring Sing



March 16, 17 at 7 pm, West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Road, Cupertino

The West Valley Presbyterian Church is hosting the 17th annual Spring Sing of Handel’s Messiah. Celebrate the season by singing the popular choruses and solos, as well as the less familiar Easter section that other programs usually omit. Free tickets are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the church with number of tickets requested and date of performance desired. For more info, call 408.252.1365 or visit the website at www.wvpc.org/messiah.

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Center. Register by March 14 to receive a \$5 discount. Pre-Race Registration ends March 20. Day-of-the-race registration begins at 8 am. Fee includes participation in the race/walk, T-shirt, fitness fun kit, and a raffle ticket.

This year a new division called Little Hoppers has been added for our younger participants. If your little guy or girl will be walking or running with you this is the perfect division for them. All participants registered in the Little Hoppers division will receive a special prize at the end of the race. In addition, those attending the event to cheer on family or friends this year will have the opportunity to purchase a T-shirt.

The top three finishers in each division will each receive an award. A raffle for all participants will take place following the race but you must be present to win! Anyone can go home a big winner. In addition all participants will also receive a FREE day pass to the Cupertino Sports Center. For more information please contact the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department at 408.777.3120 or email at parks@cupertino.org.





MARCH Events

Graphic Storytelling as Activism



Now through April 17 (Closed March 31 - April 4)
Euphrat Museum, De Anza College, Cupertino

Artists include: Seyed Alavi, Oliver Chin, Charisse Domingo and De-Bug, Sharon Hing, Keith Knight, Lingshan, America Meredith, Favianna Rodriguez, Shorty Fatz

The Euphrat Museum of Art presents Graphic Storytelling as Activism. These exhibits present a variety of art forms, including cartoons, political posters, digital art, book art, and more to explore a range of imagery with an activist bent. It began with graphic storyteller Keith Knight, who sees comics and cartooning as a powerful tool for social change. Pictures have been “communicating

information, concepts, and ideas since the days of hieroglyphics. They can transcend language, class, and race. Knowing the tools and concepts of cartooning allows anyone to be a mass communicator... You don’t need a million dollars. Just a pen and a piece of paper.” In this exhibition Knight’s ideas are taken a bit farther, adding other tools to build communities through community-based arts, to address issues of the day, locally and globally, and to tell the personal story with the larger context, historically and culturally.

For more information, visit Euphrat Museum website at www.deanza.edu/euphrat/ or call Jan Rindfleisch at 408.864.8836.

Cupertino High School Spring Showcase Night

Thursday, March 13
7pm-9pm

6:30pm: Tours of the campus

7pm-8pm: Opening with Mayor Sandoval

Performances by the band, choir, Golden Spurs, cheerleaders, and acts from the school musical “Seussical.”

8pm-9pm: Academic presentations

- History
- Science
- Modern Languages

An Open House Evening for the Community

All are invited to attend, especially future Cupertino High students

Our students are achieving many wonderful things. Please come to the campus and see what 'Tino students are accomplishing.

CHS SPORTS Spectacular

Meet the coaches and representatives of the teams. Get information on your sport of interest. Enter team raffles and win prizes. See snapshots of the team in action. Buy CHS Pride Wear.

VISUAL ARTS

Gallery Display of artwork by students.

CULINARY ARTS

Sample food made by our students.

Athletic teams, student groups, and other parent organizations will be available for information. www.chs.fuhsd.org

~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

Cupertino Library NEW Open Hours

Monday	1 to 9
Tuesday	1 to 9
Wednesday.....	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday.....	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6
Sunday	12 to 6

Library telephone numbers:

General Library Number
408.446.1677

Adult and Teen Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3372

Children's Reference
408.446.1677, ext. 3373

Accounts, Billing
800.286.1991

TeleCirc
800.471.0991

The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, March 23-24 for Easter.

The library has a Web Catalog at www.santaclaracountylib.org.

Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org

Teen Page Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen

Kids Page Web Site: www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS &

NEW STORYTIME HOURS

Bedtime Stories

3 years and up..... Tuesdays, 7 pm

Three Stories

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

Twos Stories

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

CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS!

Wednesday, March 5 at 3:30pm, Library Story Room

Join the Children's Librarians for Dr. Seuss stories, crafts and fun!

BOOKFLIX

The newest, coolest thing from the library

Bookflix pairs a video storybook with a related nonfiction eBook for children PreK-3 to access from home. You only need a library card and PIN number. From the library website, click KIDS and then click BookFlix under the Electronic Resources section.

ADULT, TEEN AND FAMILY PROGRAMS &

BOOK TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS

Join librarians Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu on the third Thursday of each month in the Library Story Room. Booktalks are short descriptions of several titles and one of the books will be discussed. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

March 20, 7 pm "Love in the time of Cholera" by Gabriel García Márquez will be discussed. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

SPECIAL DATABASE TRAINING

March 3, Cupertino Library Training Room

Learn about Morningstar and Medline Plus. Registration is encouraged. For more information, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

FREE VITA VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARATION

Saturdays: 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 and 4/5, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

VITA volunteers will provide tax assistance, including Bilingual assistance. For more in-

formation please call the Cupertino Library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677 x3372. For appointments, call: 408.817.6369 for English and Mandarin or 408.223.1445 for Cantonese.

FREE PRACTICE SAT

Practice SAT: Saturday, March 8, 1 - 5 pm
Strategy Session: Sunday, March 16, 1 - 3 pm
Cupertino Community Hall

Take a full-length practice test, then get your score a week later at the Strategy Session and learn how to raise your score. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for the practice test at the Cupertino Adult Reference Desk until February 25. No registration is required for Strategy Session. Please call 408.446.1677 for further information.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 pm and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

Individual & Small Group Programs by Appointment

INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Instruction on the library's subscription databases is available for teens, age 13-19, at the library, by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 pm and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 pm. Tours include an explanation and demonstration

of the library's online catalog and subscription databases and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

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

For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with *Learning Express* or find information for a state report in "America the Beautiful."

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION

Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.


Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the lobby.

Friends of the Cupertino Library also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales. The next annual Friends' used book sale will be held in the Community Hall on **May 24 and 25, 2008.**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

The *Friends of the Cupertino Library* have placed a cabinet in the library lobby to collect used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

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

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue. For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's programs, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372. 





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Spring has come, and it is time for you to "spring" into action. The Senior Center has many exciting social events, new classes and seminars to get you started. Many of the activities are free, or for a nominal fee for senior center members; for senior guests, please add \$5 Day Pass.

LINE DANCE SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 19, 10:15 am –12:15 pm

Join instructor, Mike Shannon, for two hours of dancing fun! No partner needed and all levels are welcome.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY & MARCH SOCIAL/BIRTHDAY BASH

Thursday, March 13, 12 pm

Come to our combination St. Patrick's Day celebration and Social/Birthday Bash. We will serve the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of home-cooked-style corned beef, boiled cabbage, carrots, potatoes, biscuits, and dessert. For entertainment, there will be an Irish bagpipe performance, an Irish whistle demonstration, and a singer presenting Irish melodies. \$8

MONTHLY BALLROOM DANCE SOCIAL

Monday, March 10, 2-3:30 pm

Dance to your hearts' desire! A volunteer will play dance music so you can practice what you have learned in dance classes. No instruction will be provided.

UKULELE CLASS RECITAL

Wednesday, March 19, 1:30-3 pm

Join Bob Yee and his ukulele class students for an afternoon of music and fun to celebrate their musical accomplishments. Enjoy songs and dances from tropical Hawaii. Refreshments will be served.

How to live to be 100!

BE KIND TO YOUR HEART

Tuesday, March 11, 10-11:30 am

A nurse educator will be presenting a lecture on heart health. She will discuss signs and symptoms of chest pain – when to take action; differences between symptoms for men and women; nutrition and cholesterol level. In seniors, the real benefit is in staying active and having a good support system. She will focus on the aspects of lifestyle that most centenarians have: what helps people live to over 100 – and healthily.

Please join her for an informative presentation. Learn to take good care of your heart, live to be 100, and enjoy the Golden Years. Sign up at lobby table.

New Evening class

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLASS

Tuesday, March 11-April 29, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join instructor Donna Frankel for two hours of fun and exercise. Donna has many years of experience teaching dances. She was a trained ballet dancer, later taught Ballroom Dance, Line Dance, and Folk Dance. She even toured with her own Israeli Folk Dance troop. Relax with music, dance and make some new friends. \$48

Senior Trips

Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde

April 1, \$65

Stargazing and Black Holes

April 19, \$9

A Photographer's Life

April 24, \$55

Beguiling Benicia

April 27, \$46

Bay Meadows

May 2, \$55

Chris Botti Concert

May 3, \$79

Gershwin's 1920's Radio Hour

May 8, \$77

42nd Street Moon - Peddling Rainbows

May 24, \$60

Fort Point and the Civil War

May 30, \$67

San Francisco Giants

July 24, \$64

Southwest National Park Circle Tour

May 14-22, 2008, \$2149 double occupancy

This spectacular trip includes seven magnificent National Parks – Zion, Bryce, Capital Reef, Arches, Canyonlands, Mesa Verde, and the Northern Rim of the Grand Canyon; and Antelope Canyon and Monument Valley. They are each wonderful and diverse. Seeing is believing, so don't miss it.

Scandinavian Highlights

June 19-30, 2008, \$4594, double occupancy

The highlights of this tour include: city tours of Stockholm, Copenhagen, Bergen, and Oslo; Viking Ship Museum; Flam Railway; Aurlands Fjord Cruise; Tivoli Gardens; Amalienborg Palace; Ulvik; Voeringfoss Waterfall; and much more. Trip Preview Party is on January 16, 2 pm.



MORE to Watch in Cupertino

THE BETTER PART

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

March 3, 4 & 7

What Women Don't Know can Kill Them

Fact: Heart attacks kill more women than cancer.

March 10, 11 & 14

Reverse Mortgage

What are they? How do they work? An expert explains all about reverse mortgages.

March 17, 18 & 21

Plastic Surgery: You're Not Older, You're Looking Better

A local specialist discusses the many ways that can help us look great for years to come.

March 24, 25, 28 & 31

Wood Carvers - Part I

Learn the art of carving treasures for either keepsake or gifts.

Nathan Hall Tank House Restoration

In January 2007, the City Council approved an agreement between the Byrne Avenue Homeowners Association and the City to acquire the Nathan Hall tank house and restore the structure. The Council agreed that the Tank house is an important historical asset to the community that is in need of immediate repairs.

The tank house was built in the mid to late 1800's and survived the Great Earthquake of 1906. It was originally located on or near Phar Lap Drive in the Oakdell Ranch, across the street from its current location near the Blue Pheasant Restaurant.

According to a letter written by Mr. Louis Stocklmeir in 1980 to a Mrs. Robinson, water was pumped up to the tank with the help of a windmill. The tank house was used to mainly store water for irrigation purposes. Later, it also served as the sleeping quarters of one of Mr. Hall's employees. The shed structures on the sides of the main tank house were added at a later date. It is believed this building served as a viewing stand to observe the horses that were once kept on the Oak Dell Ranch site. Mr. Davis who owned the Oakdell Ranch in the 1930's also owned Phar Lap, the famous racehorse who won 37 of the 51 races he started, for whom Phar Lap Drive was named.

Transfer of the property to the city is being actively pursued. In the meantime, the Tank house is being made waterproof and weather-tight



through the generous donation of the roof by the Los Gatos Roofing Company, money raised by Rotary's 2007 Golf Tournament and time donated by Terry Brown, a local developer.

Roof replacement and repair of the handrails on the viewing deck was completed by the Los Gatos Roofing Company in December 2007. The existing vinyl windows on the structure have been replaced with original double hung wood frame windows. It is anticipated that by the middle of March 2008, repairs will be made to the viewing deck to make it waterproof, portions of siding will be replaced because they were ripped out to remove bees that had nested in the structure and the structure will be painted.

The City welcomes any historical information and/or anecdotes that residents have with regard to the Tank house.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	
~1~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858	
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	
~3~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392	
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434	
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649	
	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	
~4~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321	
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051	
	Toughlove*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	946.7970	
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830	
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462	
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.2667	
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	861.0417	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Creekside Park - toddler area		
~5~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869	
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424	
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallico Parkway	285.4977	
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com	
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	
	Cupertino Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471	
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943	
	~6~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093
Cupertino Host Lions Club*		7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	252.6262	
Northwest Y Service Club*		6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)		7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372	
Connect Club I*		Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	
Connect Club II*		8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	
Business Networking Intl.*		7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111 BNI.com	
Overeaters Anonymous*		7 pm	Union Church	253.8394	
Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*		7 pm	St. Jude's Church	378.3499	
Cupertino Las Madres*		10 to 1 pm	Portal Park	861.0417	
~7~ Fri		DeAnza-Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Int'l House of Pancakes	973.1456
		Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Cupertino Library atrium	861.0417
~8~ Sat		Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Com- munity	255.9828



March	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~10~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi
~11~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center	650.967.4679
~13~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529
~14~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Valley Pres. Church	253.1232
	Reception prior to Fine Arts League Juried Art Show	7 to 9 pm	Cupertino Community Hall	868.9023
~18~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~20~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am	Monta Vista Recreation Center	252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm		578.5917
~25~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	DeAnza Youth Soccer League Mtg	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~26~ Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

Submit information about club and organization meetings in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014 408.777.3202, lindal@cupertino.org.

**Clubs with asterisks meet more than once a month.*

Call the contact number for details.



ECO NEWS March 2008

By Lauren Mende Tacke, Cupertino Environmental Programs

RECYCLING TIPS

For residents using the blue, wheeled, recycling cart for recyclables collection, here are a few helpful tips for placing materials in the cart:

- All paper, including newspaper, can be placed in the cart loose, without bagging or bundling together.
- Remove metal lids from glass and food beverage containers and place separately inside the blue cart.
- Bundle plastic bags in one plastic bag and knot the top.
- Cardboard can be placed loosely in the blue cart, or if there is no room left in the cart, flattened and placed alongside your recycling cart. Cardboard pieces should be no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet.
- Place batteries in a clear, sealed plastic bag and place the bag on top of the blue cart.
- Styrofoam blocks should be placed in a clear, plastic bag and secured.

Extra recyclables that do not fit in the recycling cart may be placed in boxes or paper bags and set next to the cart. For additional recycling information, check the City's website at www.cupertino.org/environmental.

FREE COMPOST CLASSES

March 1, April 5, May 3, 10 am - 12 pm

McClellan Ranch Park, 22221 McClellan Road

While weeding the garden this spring, remember that weeds are a very valuable source of nitrogen for a backyard compost pile. Those interested in learning about backyard composting can attend a free workshop. You can register on-line at www.reducewaste.org (use the search function to find "home composting"), or call the Rotline at 408.918.4640.



COMPOST AVAILABLE AGAIN

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30-11 am,

Get a good start on your garden this spring by getting free compost. The city's compost site re-opens on March 28— in time for spring planting (as long as it doesn't rain). The Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) will be open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings, at no charge. No appointments are necessary. The site is closed during rainy weather or if the site remains muddy and on holiday weekends. Please abide by the following rules.

- Only city residents can use this program. Please bring proof of residency.

- If a resident has hired a gardener, the resident must accompany the gardener when he or she picks up the compost.
- There will not be any staff at the site to assist residents in shoveling compost or moving bags. Please bring adequate shovels and people to help.
- Bring containers, an old trash can, a tarp or bags to hold your compost. Some paper bags will be available.
- Bring a tarp and tie-down ropes to cover compost carried in your truck. State law requires that loads of loose material be covered while trucks are traveling on streets and highways.

For recorded information call 408.777.1320, or city offices at 408.777.3269 from 6:30 am - 3:30 pm. You may also access information from the city's website at www.cupertino.org/environmental and go to "compost".

PEST CONTROL INFO AVAILABLE

Pest control fact sheets that include information on less-toxic products and techniques are available again, this Spring, at two local nurseries in Cupertino: Yamagami's and Summerwinds, both on S. DeAnza Blvd., just south of Hwy. 85. Nursery staff has received special training on pest control and can guide customers in using an "Integrated Pest Management" approach to resolve their bug problems. Fact sheets are also available at Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino library, and on the City's website www.cupertino.org/environmental.

BUSINESS MATERIALS EXCHANGE

Local businesses should be aware of a state program, called the California Materials Exchange, CalMAX, a free service designed to help businesses find markets for nonhazardous materials they have traditionally discarded. CalMAX helps businesses, industries, and institutions save resources and money. The list can be viewed online at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/CalMAX.

Things Citizens Can Do To Be "Green"

With all the talk about climate change in the news, you might be wondering what you can do to help our environment. Here are a few tips.

Reduce Traffic and Air Pollution: Carpool, take public transportation, and organize bike-to-school or walk-to-school groups. Driving alone creates more air pollution, carbon emissions and traffic congestion than using public transportation and carpooling. Organizing successful bike-to-school and walk-to-school groups, which besides being fun, helps keep participants more fit.

Save Energy: Install a thermostat timer, use Energy Star appliances and compact fluorescent bulbs, and wash clothes in cool water. Home energy use accounts for the largest percentage of the average American's energy consumption and this is the best way to save money.

Save Gas: Inflate car tires properly for improved gas mileage. By keeping tires inflated you can save 3-5 percent on regular fuel costs, while getting frequent engine tune-ups can save you even more on fuel in the long run. Unless you are warming up a car on cold days, don't idle your car for more than 30 seconds, as this wastes gas compared to shutting off the engine and restarting it when you're ready to go.

Save Resources, Reduce Pollution: Bring a travel mug to your local coffee shop or a reusable shopping bag to the grocery store. Reuse plastic and paper bags. Because producing paper and plastic bags or paper coffee cups takes significant energy and water, the answer to "Paper or Plastic?" is neither! Bring your own reusable bag for groceries, and use a reusable travel mug for coffee. Many coffee shops offer a discount for bring-your-owns, and supermarkets are doing the same for those that bring a canvas tote bag for groceries.

Buy Recycled Products: Did you know that each 20 cases of recycled paper saves 17 trees, 390 gallons of oil, 7000 gallons of water, and 4100 kwh of energy? It also eliminates 60 pounds of air-polluting emissions and saves 8 cubic feet of landfill space. That's a BIG benefit to receive for changing to a product that is as good (or better) than the product you use now!

Returning your beverage containers, newspapers and other recyclable products is the first step in the recycling process. You can take the next step by shopping for products made with recycled materials. Recycled made products have the same high quality as goods made from virgin materials – sometimes even higher. When you buy recycled you "chose to close the loop" or complete the recycling process. Buying products that contain recycled materials help conserve natural resources, protects the environment, and prolongs limited landfill space. Buying products made with recycled materials also help create markets for recyclables and creates jobs in the process.

WOOD STOVE & FIREPLACE REBATE PROGRAM

The Air District is developing an incentive rebate program for Bay Area residents to replace their older fireplaces and wood stoves with more efficient, cleaner-burning devices. This rebate program is available. For more information send an email to apretheair@baaqmd.gov or call 415.749.4900.

Cupertino Free Shredding Day

Saturday, April 26, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm
Cupertino City Hall/ Library Plaza, 10300 Torre Ave.



Recycle and protect your personal information by bringing documents for shredding. In-truck shredder will destroy your personal documents while you watch. The City will accept two boxes per person, up to 10" high by 12" wide by 18" deep. The event is open to Cupertino residents only. Proof of identification is required so bring a driver's license or state ID card.

City of Cupertino and Shred-it, a mobile paper shredding and recycling company offer this free service at no cost to Cupertino residents. For more information, visit City of Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITOR INFORMATION

There are two general types of door-to-door solicitors: for-profit solicitors and non-profit solicitors. All for-profit solicitors are required to have a city issued solicitor permit that is regulated by Chapter 5.20 of the municipal code. This permit is required of each individual going place to place; a permit is not issued to a company or business entity. This is in part due to the fingerprinting and background check that is done on each individual. Per the ordinance, the solicitor is required to conspicuously display the permit and the city provides them with a clip on holder and / or lanyard for this purpose. The ordinance makes it a violation to solicit at any property that is posted with signs displayed prohibiting that type of advertising or sales. For-profit solicitors are restricted to soliciting between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm.

Non-profits, such as religious, charitable, governmental, or other Federal and State tax-exempt entities are exempt under the ordinance and are not regulated by the city however the city does request that they obtain a tax-exempt business license prior to conducting door-to-door solicitation.

If any resident or business has a concern with someone at their door or canvassing the neighborhood, it is always a good idea to call the Sheriff's Department dispatch center at 408.299.2311 and an officer will check their activity and credentials. If you have any additional questions, contact Code Enforcement department at 408.777.3255.



SIMPLY SAFE March 2008

Written by "Pandemic Patty"

PANDEMIC SCENARIO – PART 3

Last month, we considered some effects on our community and neighborhoods of a pandemic flu of similar virulence as the historic 1918-19 "Spanish Flu." How it will affect you, your family, and friends depends on what you do to prepare. The impact can be significantly reduced if individuals know how to care for themselves and reduce the spread.

Not "Just the Flu" - Pandemic flu typically causes severe illness and a higher frequency of complications and death because few people have any resistance to the new flu strain. These complications and deaths are not limited to the usual groups: the elderly, the very young, or those with other health conditions. Pandemic flu, as in 1918, threatens healthy people of all ages.

No Vaccine - Flu vaccines can only be developed after the new virus begins to infect humans. Vaccines will take 4 to 6 months to develop, and more time to produce and distribute.

Occurs in Waves - Pandemic flu can occur and reoccur in "waves" any time of year. A wave will typically take 6 to 12 weeks to pass through a community. During this time the number of new cases peaks and then tapers off. The flu may seem to disappear, but until an effective vaccine is widely used, pandemic flu can suddenly reappear. During a pandemic, the entire country and world would be experiencing this flu.

What it will feel like - In the 24 hours previous to showing symptoms, you might notice a "tickly" sore throat or a little nasal congestion, or nothing. During this pre-symptom period, you are already contagious. After that, symptoms start suddenly and get worse within an hour or two. You will feel a spiking fever, chills, headache – possibly severe behind the eyes, muscle and joint aches, exhaustion, dry cough, possibly a sore throat, possibly nausea with vomiting and/or diarrhea. You will feel that you must go to bed – which is exactly what you should do, and remain there for up to two weeks.

Control Your Fever - Some doctors recommend alternating acetaminophen and ibuprofen to reduce fever – but you should consult with your own physician for instructions. Keep on hand plenty of whatever medications your doctor recommends.

Have Extra Prescription Meds - It may be difficult to fill your regular prescriptions during a pandemic. Talk to your doctor about what day-to-day, medications are most important to keep on hand.

Stay Hydrated - Nausea and diarrhea will dehydrate you. Electrolyte liquids such as Pedialyte, Gookinade powder to mix with water (available at outdoor stores), and Gator-Ade (low sugar

versions are best) are useful for hydration. You can also make your own with recipes available on the Internet.

Rest - Complete bed rest in isolation is very important. Someone else should cook for you and take care of other family members. You'll need "flu food" such as broth, gelatin, clear juices, cream of rice, and other easy to digest sustenance.

Prevent Spread - The caregiver should take precautions to avoid being infected or spreading the virus. Try these measures:

- The sick person wears a surgical mask while the caregiver is in the room.
- The caregiver dons an N95-rated respirator mask and disposable medical gloves while in the room.
- Sick person uses disposable cups and utensils.
- Seal all tissues and other items used by the sick person in plastic bags for disposal.
- Treat any bodily fluids as biohazard.
- Thoroughly wash hands with soap or alcohol gel hand sanitizer.
- Refrain from touching eyes, nose, mouth.
- Disinfect door handles, telephones, counter tops, etc. with 10% bleach/water solution.

Have a Buddy - If you live alone, try to find a friend with whom you can pledge to provide care to each other during a pandemic, or try to form a group for mutual support.

Complications - Complications could happen within a day or two, or later after symptoms had improved. Breathing may become painful, difficult, and rapid. You may feel dizzy or delirious. There may be blood in sputum that is coughed up or nosebleeds. Fever may not respond to medication and remains high. Despite your best efforts, dehydration could set in. You may become difficult to arouse or lose consciousness. Seek medical care immediately; contact your doctor or medical clinic by telephone first. You may be directed to a temporary flu-care center near your neighborhood, or to a hospital.

IF YOU DO ONLY ONE THING TO PREPARE THIS MONTH:

It's Serious - Flu pandemics naturally occur three times a century. It's been 40 years since the last one. Education is the key! Read and study these web sites and book for information on home care of severe flu. Share what you are learning with your family and friends. More information is available on the Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org/emergency/preparedness/.

Join a pandemic flu task force to boost preparations in your community? If so, send e-mail to oes@cupertino.org or call Marsha Hovey at 408.777.3335.

OTHER RESOURCES

www.getpandemicready.org
www.redcross.org/news/ds/panflu/
Pandemic Flu – Online Presentation
www.cupertino.org/emergencypreparedness

UPCOMING CLASSES

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop,
Free! March 18, 6:30-9:30 pm
April 24, 6:30-9:30 pm

Kaleidoscope Safety Training for 6th-12th grade
April 14-18

Community Emergency Response Team
Friday day or evening classes
March 7 for five weeks

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

Adult and Community Education Citizenship Classes

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offer free classes to learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. There will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting.

ESL/Citizenship Evening Preparation Class
Monday and Wednesday evenings, March 24, - May 28,
6:30-9:30 pm, Fremont High School Room 82, FREE

ESL/Citizenship Saturday Morning Preparation Class
Beginning English speakers: Saturdays, 9 am - 11 pm
Intermediate English speakers: Saturdays, 11 am - 1 pm
Templo el Monte Horeb, Room 1, Second floor
455 E. Maude Avenue, Sunnyvale, FREE
March 29 - May 31, no classes April 12, April 19, May 24

Citizenship Preparation Class
Monday and Wednesday evenings, March 24 -, May 28
FREE, 6:30-8:30 pm, Fremont High School, Room 83, FREE
For students who are advanced English speakers.

One-day Citizenship Interview Preparation Class
Saturday, April 12, 9:30-11:30 am
Training Center at the Adult Education Center
591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, FREE
Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers and an immigration expert will talk about the interview process and answer questions.

*For more information about these classes,
please call 408.522.2703.*

Historical Preservation Committee

Have an interest in historical preservation? Join this ad hoc historical preservation committee.



Cupertino
De Oro Club

Cupertino has a special historical character, which contributes to its unique quality of life and sense of place enjoyed by people who live and work here. To better address preservation issues, the City Council approved the formation of an ad hoc Historical Preservation Committee (HPC), and encourages interested residents to apply. Three to five members of the community, along with two to three members of the Cupertino Historical Society will be selected to work with staff to provide recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council on preservation policies. The estimated duration of the Committee is six to eight months from the time of selection, and meetings are expected to occur once or twice a month in the evening.

The HPC members will have the opportunity to recommend the addition and ranking of commercial, public or quasi-public structures or sites to the existing General Plan list; recommend steps to be taken to preserve, relocate, commemorate or disclose the historic nature of the structure or site, e.g.; recommend the preservation or commemoration of structures or sites; assist in identifying and disclosing historical significance (special zoning or covenants); and identifying procedures for notifying property owners and others interested in historic preservation when historic structures or sites are being considered for preservation, commemoration, etc.

The HPC application can be downloaded from the City of Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org/historicalpreservation or picked up at the Community Development Department, City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue. **The application deadline is March 14, 2008 at 5 pm.**

For more information please contact Leslie Gross at 408.777.1358 or at leslieg@cupertino.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, April 12, 9 - 11:30 am

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Adult and Community Education's ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. Volunteers will ask prepared questions and dictate prepared sentences, simulating an actual interview. Training for volunteers will be done on the morning of the class. If you are interested, please call Linda Brummer at 408.522.2733.



ROOTS Mustard Memories

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

Our fair valley did not always sprout crops of high-rise buildings. Amid the miles and miles of fragrant orchards and vineyards of yesterday, grew a weed known as mustard. Great fields of it blanketed the valley floor and crept up the hillsides. Some early historical accounts tell of mustard seeds being spread in the valley by the first settlers from Spain and Mexico, carried along on hooves, hides, shoes, and wagons.

“Want to go see some mustard?” I asked one of my many cousins. As we approached one of the last remaining orchards in the valley, there were acres and acres of yellow flowers between rows and rows of fruit trees, spreading away in a lovely, sunshiny carpet. On close examination, the “mustard” turned out to be oxalis, but it was a beautiful day to roam around and dozens of happy children were gathering armloads of the “mustard” (oxalis) and enjoying donkey cart rides. We went on a quest. In all these acres of yellow, surely there must be some real mustard somewhere.

Finally, we found one, a lonely specimen about 2 ½ feet high, bravely towering above its shorter



oxalis neighbors. Early valley accounts tell of mustard plants over 6 feet high, spreading for miles. The Californians had to be careful when riding through it; grizzly bears loved to eat and sleep in it. A spooked horse and a dumped rider would be a disastrous event for the rider. Inside an old Victorian home on the “mustard festival” property, was a table laden with jars and jars of different kinds of mustard to sample.

Reminiscing about mustard brought back memories of the dreaded childhood cold and congestion remedy - the infamous “mustard plaster.” For those unfamiliar with this procedure, here are the steps to follow. First, catch the child and order him/her to bed. Next, mix powdered mustard, some flour, and water to make a paste (be generous with the mustard powder) Spread the paste on a thin towel, fold it over, and place on child’s chest. Last, pull up the bedcovers to child’s chin, look very stern and order child not to move until told. When child’s chest looks like a lobster and child is begging for mercy, remove plaster. Repeat as needed. I think we all recovered in self-defense.

Gail’s Mustard

Here is a recipe for mustard you can eat. Good with cold cuts, German style sausages, and sauerkraut.

INGREDIENTS

1/4 c mustard seed
5 tbsp mustard powder
½ c hot water
½ c cider vinegar
1/4 c cold water
1 tbsp dried onion flakes
2 tbsp brown sugar
½ tsp salt
2 small garlic cloves - cut in half
½ tsp each: cinnamon, allspice, dill seeds, dried tarragon
2 pinches powdered cloves
3 tbsp honey

- At least two hours or the night before, combine seeds, powder, hot water, and vinegar in a ceramic bowl.
- When ready combine remaining ingredients, except the honey, in a small saucepan.
- Bring to boil, reduce heat, and let bubble gently for a minute.
- Remove from heat and let cool thoroughly, about 45 minutes.
- Stir in honey.
- Place mustard mixture in bowl of processor or blender.
- Strain spice and vinegar mixture into bowl. Process until seeds are ground (this may take 3-5 minutes, with occasional scraping down).
- Place mixture in double boiler and warm, stirring often, over simmering water until mixture thickens (about 5 minutes). Mustard will thicken upon standing.
- When cool, ladle into clean jar and refrigerate.
- Enjoy, and don’t forget to go outside and “see the mustard!”



COUNCIL ACTIONS



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Wang, and Wong

Adopted Accounts Payable for December 7 and 14.

Adopted Payroll for December 14.

Accepted municipal improvements, Minfei Qian & Bingqing Haun, 10566 Merriman Road.

Accepted municipal improvements, Thomas M. McNair, 22261 McClellan Road.

Accepted municipal improvements, Palisade Builders, Metropolitan at Cupertino.

Adopted resolutions amending Cupertino 457 deferred compensation plans.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Loree Lviquor.

Recognized Tom Bradley in support of a commemorative stamp in his honor.

Considered Application Nos. U-2007-11 and M-2007-02, Wayne Okubo The Planning Commission recommends denial. Appeal granted.

Adopted a resolution ordering the abatement of a public nuisance Ordinance No. 724 and Resolution No. 07-201, Resolution No. 08-006.

Considered Application Nos. EA-2007-10, U-2007-09, ASA-2007-14, and TR-2007-06, Tantau Investments.

Conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2014.

Conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2015.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Wang, Wong

Conducted the Annual Council work program study session.

Approved the minutes from the January 8, 15, 22, and 23 City Council meetings.

Adopted Accounts Payable for January 11 and 18.

Adopted Payroll for January 11 and 25.

Accepted the Treasurer's Budget Report for December 2007.

Adopted a resolution approving the Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer appointment.

Approved a fee waiver request from the Rotary Club.

Adopted a resolution approving records destruction from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Accepted the Planning Commission recommendation to appoint Marty Miller as the Environmental Review Committee representative.

Accepted municipal improvements, Sing-Chung Hu and Hsien-Hsien Diana Hu.

Accepted municipal improvements, Qi G. Li and Aretha Lee.

Considered renewing bingo permits for Cupertino Coordinating Council, St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, and De Anza Force Soccer.

Considered Application Nos: U-2007-02, ASA-2007-04, TM-2007-05, TR-2007-09 (EA-2007-03), Judie Gilli, Metropolitan Planning Group, Dollinger-De Anza Associates.

Adopted a resolution supporting Extended Producer Responsibility.

Received a report from the Senior Commission and determine whether to disband the commission or make appointments.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter to local members of the California legislature regarding fiscal and programmatic difficulties.

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 2008-2022.

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 2008-2023.

Selected April 29, or some other date, for a City Council team-building session.

Welcome New Businesses

- AAA Vacuum & Sewing
- Bay Area Pain Medicine Center
- Beijing Tong Ren Tang (USA) Corp.
- Bravura Systems, Inc.
- Display Consulting Group Inc.
- Everblossom Healthcare
- Future Legacy
- HDH Holding Inc.
- I.S. Stew House
- Intelligent Star
- Ivymax, Inc. DBA Venteus Academy
- Loree Liquors
- Maribelle Licardo
- Mimi Food Corp.
- Qiworks
- Readings by Laura
- RS Beauty, Inc.
- Sunwize Technologies Inc.
- VBC Holdings, LLC

UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for an unscheduled vacancy on the Senior Citizens Commission. It is expected that City Council will conduct interviews in April. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3224 for details regarding application deadline and interview dates. Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies.

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

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



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CITY MEETINGS

Mar. 3	Friends of Cupertino Library (Conf. Rm. A).....	7:30 pm
Mar. 4	City Council mtg.***.....	6:45 pm
Mar. 5	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:30 pm
Mar. 5	Technology, Information & Communications (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Mar. 5	Library Commission (Conf. Rm. 100)	7 pm
Mar. 6	Design Review Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Mar. 6	Parks and Recreation (Conf. Rm. 100)	7 pm
Mar. 7	C.A.R.E.S (Conf. Rm. C)	7:30 pm
Mar. 11	Planning Commission (Council Cham. Comm. Hall)	6:45 pm
Mar. 12	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Mar. 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C).....	9 am
Mar. 18	City Council mtg.***	6:45pm
Mar. 19	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:30 pm
Mar. 19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Mar. 20	Toyokawa Sister City (Conf. Rm. A).....	7:30 pm
Mar. 25	Planning Commission (Council Cham. Comm. Hall)	6:45 pm
Mar. 26	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Mar. 27	Senior Citizen Commission (Senior Center).....	2 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.

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