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## Thanksgiving Holidays Affect Garbage Pickup

Due to the coming Thanksgiving holiday, Los Altos Garbage Company (LAGCo) collection services scheduled on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 will be delayed by one day. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Thursday that week will have pickup on Friday, Nov. 25. Those with services on Friday will have pickup on Saturday, Nov. 26. For more info, call LAGCo at 408.725.4020.

## Reading the Signs

As a part of updating the City's regulations on signs, the Cupertino Planning Commission invites residents, business owners and interested parties to provide input and feedback on how these regulations might be changed to better meet the needs of the community and businesses of Cupertino. The Planning Commission is also interested in hearing suggestions from residents and the business community to determine adequate signage advertising for businesses.

The City's sign regulations are included within Title 17 of the Cupertino Municipal Code and can be found on the City's website at [www.cupertino.org/planning](http://www.cupertino.org/planning) under the section on Excerpts Municipal Code.

Suggestions from residents, business owners, and interested parties on the sign ordinance may be provided to the Planning Department at City of Cupertino, Planning Department, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014 or by email at [planning@cupertino.org](mailto:planning@cupertino.org) prior to 5:30 p.m. on November 22, 2005. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduling a study session to consider the sign regulations at its November 22, 2005 meeting.

## Flood Insurance Discount

Effective October 1, 2005, Cupertino flood hazard area homeowners can receive a discount of up to ten percent on flood insurance. The discounts are available on new or renewed policies because the City has

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## Cupertino Library News

### Knitting at the Library

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m. and join knitting expert Lakshmi Moorty in the Story Room on the main floor. Adults and Children (10+) can learn to knit or get tips for their own knitting projects. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

### 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.santadaracountylib.org](http://www.santadaracountylib.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 the library's open hours.

## 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 [rickk@cupertino.org](mailto:rickk@cupertino.org). Questions may be directed to the Public Information Office at City Hall, 777.3262. Deadline is the first Wednesday of the month for the next month's issue.

### 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):	Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.



### 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 welcomes everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**.

### Friends of the Library Collect Cell Phones

The *Friends of the Cupertino Library* have placed a box in the library lobby to collect 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.

### 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 subscription databases, please call the reference desk at 408.446.1677.

### Internet Basics for Adults

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month. 2 to 2:30 p.m. These drop-in classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If interested, please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

### Library Tours

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 p.m. Call 408.446.1677 for more information.

## Bicycle Safety Tips

by May Koski, member of the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission

Bicycles today are lightweight, fully geared, and can provide a dependable means of transportation to school, work, and social activities. Bicycles give independence and added responsibility to student riders. Stay safe by becoming street smart.

1. Wear a bicycle helmet & BUCKLE IT!

The helmet should be level and it needs to cover your forehead. Adjust the chin strap so it is snug, but not uncomfortable. An unbuckled strap is USELESS. Wearing the chin strap too loose may result in the helmet flying off in a fall. Get a helmet that is approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. You can get help finding and fitting a helmet at any bike shop.

2. Adjust your clothes so that your pant leg, shoelace, or backpack strap does not get caught in the bike chain.

3. Be seen and stay safe! Bright clothing and reflectors on your bike or backpack will help drivers see you coming.

4. Ride with traffic, in the bike lane if there is one. Drivers do NOT expect to see bicycles, scooters, or skateboard traveling against traffic, even in the bike lane.

5. Shed the iPod, walkman, and headphones before you ride. It is important to hear what is going on around you. Stop to answer your cell phone.

6. Look before crossing traffic, and stop to walk your bicycle across traffic if needed. Try to make eye contact with drivers as you pass in front of their cars. As you look behind you while riding, be aware that you may veer slightly in the direction your head is turned.

7. Ride at a speed that enables you to stop quickly. Be aware when you pass driveways. Watch for opening doors as you pass parked cars.

8. Don't ride on the sidewalk unless you don't feel safe on the road. Pedestrians have the right of way, so prepare to walk your bicycle if they are present.

## Cupertino Election Coverage

On November 8, Cupertino voters will go to the polls to elect three city councilmembers and to consider three ballot measures that will have a significant impact on the community.

For the most complete coverage of candidates and issues in Cupertino, visit the city web site at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or watch cable channel 26.

On the web, voters will find web casts of

several candidate forums, interviews with the media, and individual candidate presentations.

Other information includes financial disclosure statements, as well as complete ballot statements with arguments and rebuttals.

Visit [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) and "Jump to" elections. Live election night coverage of Cupertino races begins at 9 p.m. via webcast or on cable channel 26.



## Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3, 2005  
8:30 to 11:30 am

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and their elves are coming to Cupertino for a morning your children will fondly remember. Come celebrate the holiday season with the delicious North Pole Pancakes that Mrs. Claus serves to Santa and his little helpers as they prepare for the busy holiday season. Visit with Santa Claus, sing some holiday songs, and make some holiday crafts. Fee also includes a special gift for each child and a family photo. Register early, spaces are limited. For more information, please contact the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department at 408.777.3120.

## Light Up The Night

Sunday, December 4, 2005  
6 p.m., free to Cupertino residents  
Quinlan Community Center

This annual tree lighting ceremony will feature a community sing-along, Santa Claus, holiday crafts and yummy seasonal treats. Participants are asked to bring canned goods or a new toy to the event. Items will be donated to Cupertino Community Services and distributed during this holiday season.

## Citizenship Classes

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers two evening citizenship classes. They are an ESL/Citizenship Preparation Classes, for those students who are at an intermediate level of English proficiency, and a Citizenship Preparation Class, for students who are advanced English speakers. Both of these free classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings; they both start Monday, October 31, 2005. The ESL/Citizenship Class ends on Wednesday, January 11, 2006; the Citizenship Preparation Class finishes on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. The ESL/Citizenship Class, whose hours are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., is in room 82, at Fremont High School. The Citizenship Class is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room 83, at Fremont High School. In these classes students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting. In addition, on Saturday, December 3, 2005, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., a special one-day class will be offered to help prospective citizens prepare for their interview. Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers. At this class there will also be an immigration expert who will talk about the interview process and answer questions. The class will meet in the Training Center, Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale. For all of these classes, students should register in class. For more information, please call 408.522.2703.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education's ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. As a volunteer, you will ask prepared questions and dictate prepared sentences, thus 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.



## Upcoming Events

Save these dates:

### Second Annual New Years Party

December 31, 2005, Quinlan Center

\$74.50 per person

Dinner, Wine, Party Favors, Champagne

Music by Cupertino Rotarian DJ, Milt Wehrman.

### Second Annual Super Bowl Party

February 5, 2006, Community Hall

\$25 per person

Football, food, and fun.

For more information about these events, contact, Jack Hubby at 408.996.2821, or jack@hubby.org.

## Cupertino Symphonic Band

The Cupertino Symphonic Band will present its popular, traditional Veteran's Day concert on Sunday, 3 p.m., November 13, 2005, at Quinlan Community Center. It is located at 10185, N. Stelling Road, Cupertino.

This concert is free of charge but donations of canned food for Cupertino Community Services would be very appreciated.

Tom Narcisso will conduct the varied program of patriotic music including selections from the American Civil War, a musical tribute to all branches of the service, Victory at Sea and the nostalgic Shenandoah. For more information, call 408.262.0471 or use the website: [www.netview.com/csb](http://www.netview.com/csb).





# Open House




**Join Us On**  
**Saturday Jan. 7, 2006**  
**10 am - 12 pm**  
 2111 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
 Cupertino (408) 777-3160

Free

Prizes, Classes, Games, Body Fat Testing, Crafts, Face Painting, and More

## Burglary Prevention Forum

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office has been monitoring a number of residential burglaries that have taken place within the city of Cupertino since January 2005. Crime data from the Sheriff's Office indicates that there have been a disproportionate number of residential burglaries that have involved Asian or East Indian residents within the Cupertino.

In order to address this issue, the Sheriff's Office will be offering a "Burglary Prevention Forum" on November 17, 2005 at the Cupertino Community Hall, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Burglary Prevention Forum will address any questions, or concerns; residents may have to help prevent being a victim of a burglary.

The forum will be open to all Cupertino residents that would like to attend. The purpose of the forum is to help reduce the chance of residents becoming victims of a burglary. For more information call Lt. Terrence Calderone at 408.868.6600.

## ATLAS Literacy Tutoring

You can make a difference in someone's life. Become a volunteer tutor to help other adults improve their reading, writing and/or math skills. The free classes are offered through the Fremont Union High School District's Adult and Community Education Center. This adult literacy program, known as ATLAS, serves adults whose basic skills are below those of an entering high school student. Students come to our program for many reasons, including: to learn to read, to get better jobs, to help their children with schoolwork, or to prepare for higher education. Volunteer tutors work with students in one-on-one pairings or in small groups, while receiving on-going support and guidance from a credentialed school teacher. Tutors meet with their students once or twice a week and both daytime and evening classes are available. The next free ten-hour training, which will be held over three sessions, begins the evening of January 25, 2006.

For more information on becoming a student or a tutor, contact Lareen Jacobs at [lareen\\_jacobs@fuhisd.org](mailto:lareen_jacobs@fuhisd.org), or call 408.522.2755.

## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Cupertino Senior Center will be hosting four **Monday Night Football** events. Enjoy watching all of the action on our huge 12-foot wide screen. The fun starts at 5:30pm with Pizza, Green Salad and Soda Tailgate Dinner then grab a comfortable seat and get ready for kickoff at 6:00pm. At the end of each quarter a prize drawing will be held. Don't miss out. Members to the Senior Center only pay \$6 for each Monday night event. Advance registration required. Please call the Cupertino Senior Center to register: 777.3150.

With the start of the New Year, the Cupertino Senior Center will be offering new evening classes geared for Adults 50+. The class offerings will include Yoga, Low Impact Aerobics, Tai Chi Exercise, Bridge Class, Ikebana Flower Arranging and Spanish for Travelers. These great classes will be held on Tuesday evening. Please call the Cupertino Senior Center at 777.3150 to receive a copy of our newsletter that will feature these new programs.

## 2006 Travel Program

Join the Cupertino Senior Center as we travel the globe in 2006. Our international excursions features Grand Tour of Spain & Portugal visiting Lisbon, Madrid and Barcelona from March 25 to April 5, and a British Isles Cruise and London with ports of call in Cornwall, Wales, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Inverness and Edinburgh from August 27 to September 8.

Our national tour plans are for Tulips in the Great Northwest featuring Seattle and Skagit Valley Tulip Fields Festival from April 24 to April 27 and America Heartland & Heritage Tour from October 10 to October 22 with stops in Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Great Smokey Mountains, and so much more. For more information about our 2006 Travel Program please call 777.3150.

### Flood Preparation

As this year's rainy season begins, residents should check to be sure that they're prepared for the possibility of flooding in their neighborhoods. Those with property located in a flood zone especially should be aware that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses caused by floods or mudslides. Property owners can protect against potential flood damage by purchasing flood insurance and by preparing a family disaster plan.

According to the Santa Clara Valley Water District, some areas in Cupertino along Calabazas Creek are considered at risk for flooding; property near Stevens Creek is also at risk, but to a lesser degree.

The city provides the following services to help residents prepare for potential flooding:

1. Residents can find out if their property is in a flood zone by visiting the Cupertino Public Works Department (call 777.3354 for details). The Public Works Department also offers elevation certificates for new buildings constructed in the floodplain.
2. The City's Building Department has a booklet called "What You Should Know Before You Hire a Contractor". Booklets are available at City Hall.
3. Other information on flood preparedness is available on the Cupertino website at [www.cupertino.org/emergency](http://www.cupertino.org/emergency). Or, you can pick up brochures at the Community Emergency Training Center at Vallco Mall.
4. Additional flood protection information and assistance can be obtained on the FEMA website at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).
5. The Cupertino Library also holds publications for flood preparedness.

The city's storm drainage system is composed of street gutters, the storm drain sewer inlets (at street corners), and the pipes that

connect the inlets to local creeks. This system drains street runoff into the creeks and channels on the valley floor.



Residents can assist the city, and help protect their immediate neighborhood from localized flooding, by sweeping gutters regularly and checking that nearby storm drain grates are not covered with leaves or litter. Residents should abide by street sweeping/no parking signs to allow the city to keep the gutters clean and the storm drain system flowing. The city routinely sweeps the gutters in residential areas twice a month and in commercial areas once a week.

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In the fall, before the rains start, a city contractor vacuums out city storm drain inlets, and checks for any evidence of hazardous materials in the drains. This cleaning prevents any illegally dumped materials that may be sitting in the inlets, from washing into our creeks with the first rains.

It is illegal to dump anything into a creek or a storm drain. Residents can report dumping incidents to the city by calling 777.3269 during office hours and 911 after hours and on weekends.

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qualified as a member of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS), achieving a Class 8 rating. CRS membership also allows the City to apply for other FEMA programs and grants. The application for CRS membership was coordinated by local resident Nina Daruwalla, engaged for the task by Cupertino Emergency Services. Contact your insurance provider to see if you qualify for a discount.

# 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.

NOV.	Club/Organization	Time	Location	Phone
<b>1 Tues</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Women's Group			0321
	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* Knights of Columbus 4981*	Noon 8 p.m.	The Blue Pheasant 10201 Imperial Ave., #3	252-3830 243-8462
<b>1 Tues</b>	Cupertino Men's Service* Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	Noon 9:30 a.m.	The Blue Pheasant Senior Center	252-2667
	<b>2 Wed</b>	AI-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road
<b>2 Wed</b>	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	5:30 p.m.	Apple Computer De Anza 3, 10500 N. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Toastmasters*			920-2224
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	
	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
<b>3 Thurs</b>	De Anza Lions Club* Cup. Host Lions Club*	6:45 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Holders Country Inn Mariani's Restaurant	255-3093 252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 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	Holders Country Inn	252-7054
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 a.m.	BJ's Brewery	996-9111 BNI.com
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606*	7 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691-8724
	Overeaters Anonymous* Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	Union Church St. Jude's Church	253-8394 378-3499
	<b>4 Fri</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd
De Anza Kiwanis*		7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456



<b>5 Sat</b>	De Anza Flea Market Organization of Special Needs Families*	8 to 4 p.m. 2 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College 20920 McClellan Rd.	864-8946 996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
	Planetarium Shows*	7 p.m.	DeAnza Planetarium	864-8814
<b>7 Mon</b>	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	Al-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
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327- 1649
	Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	246-1620
<b>8 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>9 Wed</b>	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Hyde Middle School	245-9156
	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
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	253-1985
<b>10 Thurs</b>	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
<b>11 Fri</b>	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
<b>12 Sat</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
<b>14 Mon</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center Social Room	255-6559
<b>15 Tues</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
<b>16 Wed</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784
<b>17 Thurs</b>	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		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>22 Tues</b>	Historical Society De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Community Center Creekside Park	973-1495 deanzayouth soccer.org



## Thanksgiving Day History

I hope many of you were able to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of our fair City of Cupertino in September. It was a wonderful event and many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success. I enjoyed writing the Roots articles about the history of Cupertino and have a deeper appreciation of the hard work accomplished by all those who went before us. We have many blessings and much to be thankful for.

In looking back at history and the origins of Thanksgiving Day - almost everyone knows the story of that first "day of thanksgiving" in 1621, when Pilgrims and Indians sat down together to feast on food brought and prepared by both groups, played games and at least for some years thereafter were able to live in peace.

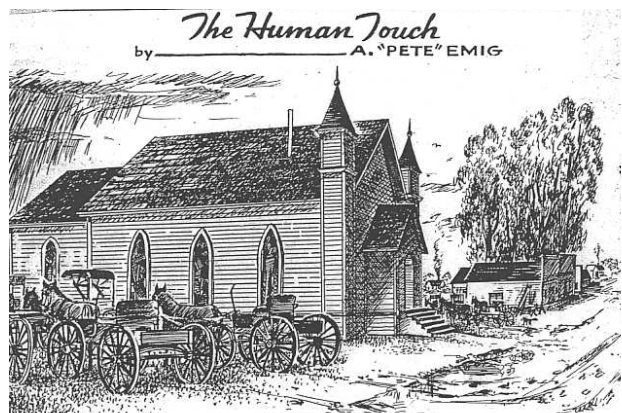
Later on, in early New England, it was the custom at Thanksgiving time to place five kernels of corn at every place at the table as a reminder of that horrible first winter when their food had been used up and the Pilgrims were rationed five kernels of corn to each individual still living. It was all they had. Later, the Pilgrim Fathers wanted their children to remember the sacrifice, sufferings and hardships through which they had passed. They wanted to keep alive the memory of that 63-day trip taken from England to the New World in a tiny, cramped ship. They wanted to remember the cold, rocky and inhospitable coast on which they finally landed and the loss of nearly half their members that first winter. They wanted to remember that on the day they had received their five kernels of corn, only seven healthy colonists remained to nurse the sick and nearly half their members lay in shallow graves on a nearby hill. The five kernels of corn were also a reminder to them that God had protected and preserved them through all their hardships and sorrow.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, weary and heartsick over the Civil War, wrote, "...that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates our land ... may be punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?" He reminded Americans how blessed they have been as a country but that they have become "intoxicated with unbroken success" growing in wealth and power, but becoming too proud. He asked Americans to set apart the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to God, thanking him for all our blessings.

The Union Church of Cupertino (the first non-denominational house of worship in Cupertino) celebrated its first Thanksgiving service in 1888. That was only 24 years after the Civil War. While California and Santa Clara County were far removed from those states where battles were fought, many from those areas came here after to begin anew. Memories were still fresh and there was much to be thankful for in this new place, much as the Pilgrims had given thanks over 250 years before.

As we gather together around our tables this year, let us remember and give thanks also. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Resources: Five Grains of Corn by Bliss Forbush, Thanksgiving Proclamation (1863) President Abraham Lincoln, drawing of Union Church by A. Peter Emig



*The first Thanksgiving Day Service at the new Union Church of Cupertino in 1888*

ON THIS MEMORABLE DAY THE REV. A. CALHOUN OFFICIATED AND THE OLD AS WELL AS ALL THE NEW SETTLERS WERE THANKFUL TO THE LORD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS. ONE OF THE KIND BLESSINGS WAS FOR THE SWAGE CROP OF GRAPES THAT HAD SET NEW HARVEST RECORDS FOR THE YOUNG CALIFORNIA SWAGE AND WERE KNOWN AS SEEN FROM THE CROSSROADS CORNER AND AS FAR AS THE EYES COULD SEE, A BLANKET OF GOLD VINES COVERED THE CUPERTINO AREA.

ACCORDING TO THE CHURCH RECORDS, A STATE CORPORATION CHARTER WAS APPROVED JUST FOUR MONTHS EARLIER. AT THE TIME, IT WAS SAID TO BE THE FIRST FOR A NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA. THE PRESIDENT FOR THE CHURCH COMMITTEE THAT EVENTFUL YEAR WAS J. C. MERTNER AND THE SECRETARY MR. A. HADDOCKSON. CHURCH MEMBERS ALET WASHINGTON HAD DONATED THE WOOD CHURCH SITE FOUR YEARS EARLIER IN 1884.

## Simply Safe

By Marsha Hovey,  
Cupertino Office of Emergency Services

The Office of Emergency Services was very popular in October. We received many calls from people asking if the City offered emergency preparedness training and what types of emergency supplies should be kept on hand. If you are reading this article – you already know about the many training and volunteer opportunities available. Please show this article to your friends.

**Emergency Supplies – MUST include food (at least a 3 day supply) and water (1 gallon per person for 3 days), flashlight, battery operated radio and a first aid kit. Additional suggested supplies can be found at [www.cupertino.org/emergency](http://www.cupertino.org/emergency).**

Here are three more excellent websites for preparedness information:

- [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org)
- [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org)
- [www.prepare.org](http://www.prepare.org)

### Available Training

Three-hour course on home and family preparedness offered monthly (FREE) – for those who want to help themselves. Four hour Neighborhood CERT training (FREE) – for those who want to help their neighborhood. Twenty-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training (FREE) – for those who want to help their City.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Medical Reserve Corps (Medical professionals and others interested in medical disaster response). CARES (Ham radio professionals who ensure we can communicate). Block Leader (Provide an information link between the City and neighborhood pre and post disaster). Neighborhood Watch (Reduces crime and provides and information link between the City and neighborhood pre and post disaster). Other opportunities include disaster Translators, Phone Bank, Documentation, Red Cross Shelter Aid – just about anything you can offer.

### Upcoming classes:

#### Community Emergency Response Team

January 13, 2006. Five Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and graduation February 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's FREE and a great way to start the New Year.

#### Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to Noon.  
December 8, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

#### Infant Child CPR.

November 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$25

#### First Aid Friday

December 2, 2 to 6 p.m. \$35

#### Preparing for emergencies, one month at a time...

Install a smoke detector on every level of your home and inside every bedroom. Test monthly by pushing a broom handle against the test button. Replace batteries on a specific date each year.

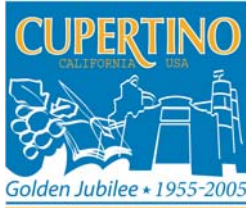
Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services at 408.777.3335, email [OES@cupertino.org](mailto:OES@cupertino.org), or go to the website [www.cupertino.org/emergency](http://www.cupertino.org/emergency) for more information.

Register for classes through Cupertino Parks & Recreation, 408.777.3120.

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## Travel Office Vacancy

The Cupertino Senior Center is accepting applications for a Travel Office Assistant. Successful applicants will assist the Travel Coordinator in planning travel and tour programs. The assistant works with bus companies, wholesale tour operators, museums, restaurants, music and theater companies, travel companies and agents. This position will prepare promotional material on the travel program and contact travel participants. Escorting day trips will be required. This position works 20 hours per week and pay starts at \$13.25 per hour. Applications may be pickup at and returned to the Cupertino Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd. or go online at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org). For more information, please call 408.777.3150.



## Golden Jubilee Poetry Contest Winners

Born in 1902, Nellie Nakamura grew up in the apricot orchards of Cupertino. At the age of 12, She wrote a poem titled *Narcissus*. The poem was published in the Mercury Herald. Nellie Nakamura lives today in Los Altos and is one of the oldest survivors of the Japanese

internment camps of WWII. Nellie's daughter read *Narcissus* at the city's Golden Jubilee on September 25.

In conjunction with the city's Golden Jubilee, the Cupertino Historical Society conducted a poetry contest. Two winners were selected, one from middle school and the other from high school. Each winner received a \$100 check.

### Stars on Velvet Black

By Alice Chen

We live in a country where our lives  
are our own

And our dreams can reach for the  
stars

Yet so many choose to let that light  
fade away

And gaze emptily away to afar

We are protected and sheltered from  
storms

And can bathe in the warmth of a  
hearth

Yet families are ruined by the hands  
of our own

And the lives of many torn apart

We were given so much that others  
do not have

And the choices to choose our own  
way

Yet so many remain blind to this trea-  
sure they hold

And it slips away like the passing of  
day

Tell me why our people cannot see  
the stars

Why they look only for what they lack

For here there is more than the world  
can dream

Or is it that light only makes the heart  
black

*Alice Chen attends Cupertino High School*

### Tidepools

By Alan Hong-Dang Nguyen

I go to the tidepools when I'm sad,  
I know it won't help,

I tell my sorrows to the waves,  
Though he just pushes them away

I would think

He would know, for I've known him  
awhile,

I would wait for an answer at shore,  
I wanted to scream,

And be free of all sadness until I saw  
myself

Looking deep into the waves,  
As I watched my reflection smiling at  
me,

And then I realized,  
My sadness was gone

*Alan Hong-Dang Nguyen attends Hyde  
Middle School.*

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## Commission Vacancies

The City of Cupertino encourages residents to apply for positions on city commissions and committees that will have vacancies in 2006. The application deadline will be in December, and Council will conduct interviews in January.

Commissioners are interviewed and appointed by the City Council, and may serve a total of two consecutive 4-year terms. (The Teen Commission has a different term structure). If a person is appointed to fill an unscheduled vacancy, that partial term is not counted against the term limit.

All meetings are open to the public. For more information or to apply for a commission, contact the Cupertino City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223, or visit the city website at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Steering Committee – 1 vacancy

Fine Arts Commission – 1 vacancy

Housing Commission – 1 vacancy

Parks and Recreation Commission – 1 vacancy

Public Safety Commission – 2 vacancies

Technology, Information, and Communications Commission – 2 vacancies

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## The Better Part

See the following "The Better Part" shows on Public Access Channel 15. Programs are shown on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. November 1 and 4, will be all about bugs abiding in your garden. Seniors Alert!: On November 7, 8 and 11, learn essential facts about Advanced Health Care Directives from an attorney specializing in elder law. November 14, 15, and 18, is about a CEO who enables highly skilled medical volunteers to bring plastic surgery miracles to the third world. On November 21, 22, and 25, Andrew Norblin, guitarist tells about his young boy's dream come true, including beautiful music. And on November 28, 29, learn all about good and bad mushrooms from Master Gardener Jim Maley.

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## Pet Safety from Coyotes and Bobcats

The city of Cupertino is urging all residents with pets to take simple precautions to protect those pets from potential harm from wildlife. Residents should remember the following:

- Never feed native animals
- Do not leave edible trash where wild animals can get it, and secure containers inside your garage.
- Do not leave pet food outside.
- Do not allow your pets to run free.
- Be aggressive toward wild animals. If one approaches, make loud noises or throw rocks so that the animal will run away.
- Most animal bites occur when people try to feed the animals.

Coyotes and bobcats are natural predators that are normally wary of human beings when these animals are living in their native habitat. In urban areas, these animals become less fearful. They have learned to adapt to living near subdivisions and hunting for food in residential neighborhoods. It is rare that a bobcat or coyote will attack humans, but small cats and dogs may be easy prey for them.



For more information contact Cupertino City Naturalist, Barbara Banfield at [Barbarab@Cupertino.org](mailto:Barbarab@Cupertino.org).

## Council Actions



### Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Council Members Present:

Kwok, Lowenthal, James, Sandoval, Wang

Authorize recruitment of a full-time Information Technology (IT) Assistant position in lieu of replacing the current part-time position.

Approved an agreement for grading, surveying, site hardscape, landscaping and irrigation, fencing, traffic control, and erosion control for Cupertino Town Centre,

Voted to remove the inoperable traffic barrier from Kim Street, keep the median, eliminate the current turning restrictions from Bollinger Road onto Kim Street, and keep it a one-way street northbound.

Regarding the General Plan, Council took straw votes (confirming votes will occur later), for these items: Remove Regnart Creek from the Draft General Plan; Add new language to the Draft General Plan regarding the Union Pacific Trail; Use the wording provided by the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission regarding the; location of the trails; Not add the wording to prohibit non-retail uses from exceeding 25% of a shopping center; Balance the needs of the pedestrians with desired traffic services; Stay with the current General Plan regarding Public Art; Set standards for Green Building design; Not include the language regarding the cashout program; Keep the R-1 designation.. The public hearing was continued to October 18.

The appeal regarding Application No. TM-2004-05, Wayne Aozasa (CA Water Service), located on Greenleaf Dr., was postponed to October 18.

Second reading and enactment of Ordinance No. 1968, to remove the parking prohibition on the west side of Vista Drive.

### Tuesday, October 18, 2005

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

Regarding the General Plan, Council took straw votes (confirming votes will occur later), to :Approve 1,429 hotel rooms; Keep the current general plan number of 94 residen-

tial units (remaining out of the original 100) allocated for Bubba Road; Allow 400 additional residential units at Vallco South; Allow 300 additional residential units at Vallco North.

The appeal regarding Application No. TM-2004-05, Wayne Aozasa (CA Water Service), located on Greenleaf Dr., was postponed to November 1.

Regarding Vallco Shopping Center, Council took this action: Approved staff's recommendation and extended the agreement for 3 years; Hotel designation required on the subdivided site; Use permit approval required for any parking garage over 3 stories located at the location north of Macy's; Use permit approval required for any hotel other than at the Rose Bowl site; Neighborhood meetings required regarding height and design of the parking structure. Conducted first reading of Ordinance 1969 to require a hotel use for future development in the northeast portion of the property.

Application No. M-2005-02, Dan Ikeda (PSS Ventures, LLC), 20415 Via Pavisio, APN 315-01-213 through 222, regarding a modification of a use permit (8U-94) to convert a 140-unit apartment project (Aviare) to for-sale residential condominiums. Continued to Nov. 1.

Consider Scenic Circle access to the Stevens Creek Corridor Park. Continued to Dec. 6.

Receive a report on commissions and committees with terms expiring January 15, 2005, select an application deadline date of December 23, and interview dates of January 9 and 10, 2006; and extend the expiration of commissions from January 15 to January 30 beginning in 2006. Continued to Nov. 1.

Receive the resignation from Technology, Information, and Communications Commissioner initiate the process to fill the unscheduled vacancy. Continued to Nov. 1.

Consider canceling or changing the meeting of December 20, 2005. Continued to Nov. 1.

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<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Teen Commission (Sport Center)	6:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Technology, Information & Communications Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Technology, Information & Communications Comm.	7:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>3</b>	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm.A)	6:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>8</b>	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>9</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.A)	4:30 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>10</b>	Parks and Recreation Commission (Reg. Adj. Mtg)***	7:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>15</b>	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>15</b>	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>16</b>	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>16</b>	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>16</b>	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>17</b>	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm.A)	6:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>22</b>	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON NOV. 11 FOR VETERAN'S DAY  
 AND NOVEMBER 24 & 25 FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

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