

CUPERTINO

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Community Congress: Protect Yourself

November 15, 6 - 8:30 pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Learn what you can do to protect yourself at home, online and on the road.

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Serve Your City

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for city commissions and committees with openings in January 2008. The following groups have openings: Audit Committee; Housing
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Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 11 am, Memorial Park

Join the community and the nation on Veterans Day, in dedicating the grand new Cupertino Veterans Memorial. Bring family, friends, colleagues and neighbors to Memorial Park

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Breakfast with Santa

December 1, Quinlan Community Center

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a pancake breakfast, songs, crafts and family fun.

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FALL EVENTS in Cupertino

Eleventh Annual Cupertino Community Congress



CUPERTINO

PROTECT YOURSELF

At Home • On-Line • On the Road

An Educational Evening on Burglary & Identity Theft



CUPERTINO

Thursday, November 15, 2007
6 - 8:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave.
Doors Open at 5:45 pm
Dinner will be provided.

Please register and submit questions by November 9.

To register visit at www.cupertino.org/access, select "Protect Yourself." If you would like to submit a question, you may enter it in the online registration form. If you do not have internet access, call 408.777.3331.

Program:

- Find out how to protect your identity and what to do if your identification is stolen.
- Learn how to secure your home computer and network, and how to secure your identity while traveling.
- Learn tips to secure your home and vehicle and how to label your valuable belongings.

Presenters:

- Andy Radle, *Cupertino Technology, Information & Communication Commission*
- Lieutenant Ed Wise & Deputy Robert Bosworth, *SCC Sheriff's Office*



Community Tree Lighting

December 2, 2007, 6 pm
Quinlan Community Center



Music * Treats * Santa

This event is FREE to the public and takes place rain or shine. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item or new toy to the event. All items will be donated to Cupertino Community Services and distributed this holiday season.

For more information please contact Cupertino Parks and Recreation at 408.777.3120



NOVEMBER Events

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for entertainment, presentations, historical memorabilia and other interesting activities. The keynote speakers – Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter and Rear Admiral Joseph Kernan – promise to highlight the valor of native Cupertino sons while placing the Memorial in the greater context of patriotism and freedom. Arrive early to enjoy an exciting jet aircraft flyover from Lemoore Naval Air Station, impressive contingent of elite Navy SEALs from San Diego, military Color Guard, bands and choirs.



You are invited to join this historic local event in any or all of these ways:

1. **Provide the Names of Cupertino area men and women killed in action** or died from wounds received while on active duty. Their names will appear on the Memorial's Wall of Honor. They must have lived or worked in Cupertino or attended a Cupertino Union School District school, a Fremont Union High School District school, DeAnza College, or be buried in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.
2. **Register as a Veteran or current active military** to participate in the Dedication ceremony. We will recognize all veterans present and offer you a place of honor at the ceremony. To register or get more information, please call our Fundraising Committee Chair Kathleen at 408.973.9590 or email her through the website mentioned below.
3. **Purchase a Paver.** Honor any veteran with a 12" x 12" (\$1,000) or 8" x 8" (\$500 and \$250) engraved paver on the Memorial's Walk of Remembrance. Individuals, families, businesses, schools and organizations may purchase these pavers with a message about any single, group, or general category of veterans. Military emblems and insignia may also be added to your message.

For more information, call Donna at 408.821.9436 or visit the website at www.cupertinoveterans-memorial.org.

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Commission and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee; Parks and Recreation Commission; Planning Commission (possibly one opening); Public Safety Commission; Senior Citizens Commission and the Technology, Information and Communications Commission.

Applications can be downloaded from www.cupertino.org/vacancies. The deadline to apply is 5:30 pm, Wednesday, January 9, 2008. On January 22 and 23, the City Council will interview applicants. For more details, please see the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223.

Cupertino Election News

ELECTION NIGHT LIVE COVERAGE - DECISION 2007

The Cupertino City Channel will feature extended election night coverage of the City Council race on Comcast Channel 26. The special live broadcast starting at 9 pm will include regular updates on election tabulations, recorded segments and media analysis. The event will also be webcast live on the city's website. For more information on Cupertino City Council candidates, visit the city's website at www.cupertino.org/election2007.

Veterans' Concert

Sunday, November 4, 3 pm, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 Stelling Rd.

The Cupertino Symphonic Band will honor our service personnel, past and present, with "A Tribute to Veterans". This concert will include a wonderful range of patriotic music and will be conducted by Tom Narcisso. The concert is FREE but donations of canned goods for Cupertino Community Services are gratefully accepted. For more information phone 408.262.0471 or visit our website at www.netview.com/csb.

Don't Forget
NOVEMBER 6
to Vote!



Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department 408.777.3120



Breakfast with Santa

December 1, 2007
Quinlan Community Center

You better watch out, you better not cry because Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and elves are coming to Cupertino for a morning your children will fondly remember.

Come join Mrs. Claus for her delicious North Pole Pancakes that she serves to Santa and his little helpers as they prepare for the busy holiday season.

Visit with Santa Claus, sing holiday songs and make some holiday crafts during your special holiday morning.



Breakfast with Santa Times



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| 8:30 am | Register for Activity # 32397 |
| 9 am | Register for Activity # 32398 |
| 9:30 am | Register for Activity # 32399 |
| 10 am | Register for Activity # 32400 |



Tickets

Call 408.777.3120 or visit www.cupertino.org/register
Cupertino Residents: 2 Years and older: \$12.00 per person
Non Residents: 2 years and older: \$15.00 per person
No Charge for infants 1 year or younger



NOTE: Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. You may register for only one half-hour timeslot, but are encouraged to include alternate choices and stay at the breakfast as long as you like.



ROOTS Enjoying Fall

By Gail Fretwell Hugger



Fall is a great time of year. The Bay Area never had what others would call “fall color” until the last few decades. Now we have trees and bushes ablaze with glowing colors thanks to transplanted folks from cooler climes, bringing some of their “roots” with them. And of course, the weather does have to kick in with a cold snap or two to get the colors going.

I was having coffee the other day at a harvest festival, feeling like a contented cat, looking at a nearby tree sporting a canopy of bright green leaves, with individual branches of red, yellow, amber and gold. Lovely! The local newspaper even prints a “fall color” guide sometimes. Become a “leaf peeper.” Take a walk along the creek at McClellan Ranch Park - check out the trees around the library and City Hall - find your favorite “fall color” neighborhood. Read Joyce Kilmer’s famous poem about trees.

Fall brings remembrance on November 11 every year: Armistice Day. Many programs on television this year, much to think about. Take time to contemplate our many blessings and remember to be thankful. The sacrifices made by so many who came before us allow us to enjoy the freedoms we have. In that frame of mind, the month of November ends with the great American celebration of Thanksgiving. Depending on what part of the country or other country you are from, your Thanksgiving dinner may be a varied cultural taste treat.

One of my favorite books is *The Southern Heritage Pies and Pastry Cookbook*. Our family tree is more mid-western and western than southern, but I’ve never met a pecan I didn’t like, so here is an offering from its pie-smudged pages.

§ Bourbon Chocolate Pecan Pie §

- 3 eggs
- 1/4 c. plus 2 tbs. butter or margarine, melted
- 3/4 c. light corn syrup
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tbs. bourbon
- 1 tbs. all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 c. semisweet chocolate morsels
- 1 unbaked (9 inch) pastry shell

- Beat eggs in a large mixing bowl until frothy.
- Add butter, beating well.
- Add syrup, sugar, bourbon, flour and vanilla; beat well.
- Stir in pecans.
- Sprinkle chocolate morsels in pastry shell.
- Pour pecan mixture over chocolate morsels.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until set.
- Cool before slicing.
- Voila! Death by BCP pie.

For those readers who like history and pies, this is a great book for pumpkin pies, sweet potato pies, berry pies, fruit pies, cheesecakes, tarts, “ice-box” pies and many others. The photographs, color illustrations and historical paintings and commentary are a visual treat.

Y’all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, count your blessings and don’t forget to take a walk after dinner.



Cupertino LIBRARY

~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

The library will be closed Monday, November 12 for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, 2007 for Thanksgiving.

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 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 at 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

CELEBRATING DIWALI WITH STORIES

Wednesday, November 7, 7 pm, Library Story Room

Special storytime featuring tales and music from India to celebrate the Festival of Lights. For more information, please call 408.446.1677, ext. 3373

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. One of the books will be discussed. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

On November 15 at 7 pm *“Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations – One School at a Time”* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin will be discussed.

This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

DIWALI – FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join us for a special Diwali Dance Program performed by the Lasya Dance Academy. This program will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 2 pm in the Cupertino Community Hall. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

CRYSTAL BEADING FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Teens (9th grade and up) and adults are invited to create a crystal bracelet at 3 pm on Saturday, November 10, 2007 in the Cupertino Community Hall. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 60 adults and teens on a first-come, first-served basis. Please sign up at the Adult Reference Desk or call 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

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.

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 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.

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. ✂



Cupertino City Channel 26



Takes Top Awards Nationwide

Cupertino was awarded first place by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) in the category "Public/Community Meetings" for its submission of the "Cupertino City Council Meeting." This accomplishment is unprecedented, considering a total of 11 submissions from much larger municipalities. Cupertino bested Denver, CO and Washington DC, which took second and third place respectively. City Channel 26 also took an Honorable Mention in the category of "Public Affairs" for "Cupertino Conversations with Council members", a moderated talk show where questions were submitted by a live audience and through e-mail.

City Manager, Dave Knapp stated "City Channel 26 is to be commended for performing a great service to the community by their high production programming that focuses on local content and strives to meet the needs of our community".

The City Channel, channel 26 on Comcast Cable, was established in 1983 and has been supported by the City Council and staff throughout the years. The City Channel is the "G" in "PEG" for Public/Education/Government cable television.



PARTICIPATE in Civic Life

Running for Cupertino City Council

The resignation of former Vice-Mayor Patrick Kwok created an unscheduled vacancy on the City Council. An election has been called for February 5, 2008, to fill that seat. The person who is elected will serve until November 2009 and would be eligible to run for office one more time for a four-year term.

The nomination period for the February election is October 15 through November 9. If you are interested in running for office in the February 2008 election, please contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@cupertino.org or call 408.777.3223.

For more information about the November 2007 election, please visit the city website, www.cupertino.org/election2007.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CCS

Cupertino Community Services (CCS) needs volunteers for many positions including Food Pantry, Family Resources Program, Front Desk and many seasonal positions. Applications are available from Cupertino Community Services, 10104 Vista Dr. or visit their website at www.cupertinocommunityservices.org. For more information, contact Angela Desmangles, Volunteer Program Coordinator at 408.255.8033, ext. 304.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITIZENSHIP CLASS

Volunteers will help conduct mock citizenship interviews for the Adult and Community Education's ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. This is a commitment for one morning only, Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 9-11:30 am. Many prospective citizens are apprehensive about the interview process and this one-day class gives students practice in a relaxed and friendly setting. 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.

ELECTION RESOURCES

One good resource for election information is www.smartvoter.org. After typing in your home address, the site will provide links to candidate information, your polling place and even your ballot.

The County's website, www.sccvote.org, is a good resource for finding out how to select a preferred language for your ballot, volunteer at the polls, or arrange for an absentee ballot.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Monday, October 22nd is the last day to register or re-register to vote in the November election. Voter registration forms are available at city halls, fire stations, post offices, public libraries and most county government offices. They are also available at the Registrar's Office and online at www.sccvote.org.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting for the November election has begun. It is available from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday until Election Day at the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose. The Registrar's Office will also be open for voting on the Saturday before Election Day, November 3, from 9 am to 3 am.

VOTING BY MAIL

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters began mailing Vote by Mail ballots for the November 6 Consolidated Election. Voters who have already submitted requests should expect to receive their ballots by Wednesday.

Voting by mail is ideal for voters who cannot go to the polls on Election Day or who enjoy the convenience of casting their ballots from home.

Voting by mail is available to all registered voters. Applications are available on the back cover of the Sample Ballot and online at www.sccvote.org. Voters can request a mail ballot for the current election only or sign up for Permanent Vote by Mail status to automatically receive a mailed ballot every election.

The deadline to request a ballot by mail is 5 pm on Tuesday, October 30th. All completed mail ballots must be received by the Registrar's Office no later than 8 pm on Election Day (postmarks not accepted).

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters announced that 58¢ postage is required to return Vote by Mail ballots for the November 6, 2007.

FOR MORE INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

Toll Free: (866) 430-VOTE [8683]
Spanish: (408) 282-3095
English: (408) 299-VOTE [8683]
Vietnamese: (408) 282-3097
TTY: (408) 288-9820
Chinese: (408) 282-3086
Tagalog: (408) 535-3916
Online: www.sccvote.org



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

2008 SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP

Starts October 29, 2007

The Cupertino Senior Center is the perfect place to meet people and enrich life. It is Cupertino's hub for activities, trips, information and services that are specifically geared toward active adults 50 years and older. For a \$22 resident fee and a \$27 non-resident fee, the 2008 membership will be valid from October 29, 2007 until January 2009. That is 15 months for the price of twelve! Not only can does membership include participation in the Senior Center's programs, but also bi-monthly issues of the Senior Action Newsletter and a parking decal to use while attending activities at the Cupertino Senior Center. With Senior Center membership, register for a very special senior rate at the Cupertino Sports Center. Such a deal!

The current 2007 membership is valid through the end of January 2008, but please renew by Wednesday December 19, to receive the January/February Active Senior News in the mail. The Senior Center looks to a fun and rewarding 2008.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Monday, November 19, 12 noon

Sign up for a traditional Thanksgiving feast with roast turkey, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie. Our own Rhythmaires will provide lively music to celebrate this special holiday. \$8 for members, senior guests pay \$8 plus \$5 day use fee.

Following the great turkey lunch, join other Center members for a Ballroom Dance Social, from 2 - 3:30 pm. A volunteer will play dance music for all to dance the time away. Free for members.

MONTHLY MOVIE

Wednesday, November 28, 1-3 pm

Night at the Museum - 2006 movie starring Ben Stiller and Carla Gugino. A newly hired night watchman at the Natural History Museum of New York discovers the animals and exhibits come to life at night due to an ancient curse. This is a witty and fun film full of adventure and special effects. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Free for members.

Tennis Players Needed

Senior Group is looking for Tennis Players on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to play at Cupertino Sports Center from 8 am - 10 am. The Cupertino Sports Center is located at 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. Sports Center pass holders play for free; the fee for residents is \$7 and \$10 for non-residents. Contact the Sports Center at 408.777.3160 for more information.

THE BETTER PART

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

November 5, 6, 9

From War-Torn London to Silicon Valley

Hear the sound of Sputnik, as it was heard 50 years ago!

November 12, 13, 16

Necklace: The Birth of a Musical

How do you create and produce a new musical? Two seniors tell us how they did it.

November 19, 20, 23

Erecting the Prusch Farm Park Windmill

Learn how an historic windmill was assembled and erected at this popular San Jose Park.

November 26, 27, 30

Oliver Finger Paints

See how a native of Burma creates his unique greeting cards.

COUPON

This certificate entitles the bearer to one **FREE Week Pass.**

(Limit 1 per person.)



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CSC Staff

Cupertino Sports Center
21111 Stevens Creek Blvd
408.777.3160



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ 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
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606	7 am	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650.691.8724
	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	
~2~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5 pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	374.8511
	Fast Start Group			
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456
Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Cupt. Library atrium	861.0417	
~3~ 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
~5~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 pm	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379.1051
	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	
~6~ 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	
	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869
	Viewfinders Camcorder Club	7:30 pm	Community Center	735.0367
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 vpr@macintalkers.com	
Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	
Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	



NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~7~ Wed	Cupertino Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943
~8~ 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
~9~ 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
~10~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Com- munity	255.9828
~12~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	268.1974 Ask for Chandra Agrawal
~13~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
~15~ 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
~20~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~27~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~28~ Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

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Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting 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.





By Lavenia Millar, Cupertino Environment Programs Manager

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS WILL AFFECT GARBAGE PICKUP DATES



Due to the coming Thanksgiving holiday, Los Altos Garbage Company (LAGCo) collection services scheduled on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 will be delayed by one day. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Thursday that week will have pickup on Friday, November 23. Those with services on Friday will have pickup on Saturday, November 24. For more info, call LAGCo at 408.725.4020.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY WALMOST EVERYTHING CAN BE RECYCLED



On November 15, millions of people will learn about recycling, commit to increasing their recycling activities and plan to purchase more products made from recycled materials. In its eighth year, *America Recycles Day* reminds all Americans of our nation's bounty and of our responsibility as stewards to care for our resources. Where we cannot prevent or reduce waste, we should find ways to recycle. When we go to the store, we should seek environmentally preferable products, including those with recycled content.

In the spirit of *America Recycles Day*, here are some things you can do to make a difference:

Reduce: When shopping, avoid over-packaged goods; buy in bulk when possible; only buy what you need. Leave grass clippings on the lawn and consider composting other yard waste.

Reuse: Avoid single-use throwaway products when a durable, reusable alternative is available.

Support thrift shops and other programs that provide access to used items. Donate things so somebody else can use them.

Recycle: Buy more recycled content products. Increase recycling efforts at home, school and work.

Your attitude and your actions can make a world of difference. Let's each do our part because almost everything can be recycled, except the planet.

To find out how to recycle just about anything, visit the Recycling Hotline: www.recyclestuff.org. To find out more about recycling in Cupertino, visit the city's website at www.cupertino.org/environmental_services.

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT THE CLIMATE

The City organization takes seriously its task of community stewardship including resource conservation and pollution prevention. Here are 10 things you can do to help protect the environment:

1. **Drive Smart** – Cut down on speeding, rapid acceleration and heavy braking. Inefficient driving can reduce gas mileage by 30%.
2. **Pull the Plug** – Disconnect electronic devices that are not in use. Passive usage now accounts for 10% of all home energy use.
3. **Think Before You Fly** – Take vacations closer to home and use teleconferences for work meetings. Air travel is one of the fastest-growing producers of greenhouse gas emissions.
4. **2 Degrees = 2,000 Pounds** - Set the thermostat 2 degrees higher in the summer and lower in the winter to save one ton of carbon emissions yearly.
5. **Turn off the Tap** – Save water and save energy: 20% of electricity and 30% of natural gas in California is used just to transport, treat and heat water and wastewater.
6. **Light Right** – Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents that use 60% less energy.
7. **Take the Oil Out of Your Food** – Buy more local groceries and products instead of items that must be transported long-distance.
8. **Loose the Trash** – Use products with less packaging. Manufacturing, transporting and disposing of packaging all contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.
9. **Cancel Your Carbon** – Calculate your greenhouse gas emissions, then pay to “offset” the damage by funding alternative energy, reforestation and other green actions.
10. **Be Loud** – Talk to your clients, vendors, community leaders and elected officials. Tell them you want climate protection to be “business as usual.”

SWITCH FROM WOOD TO GAS - LIMITED REBATES AVAILABLE

Santa Clara County residents can make a clean air choice and save money too! The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is offering rebates when you replace your woodburning appliance with one that uses natural gas instead. Switching from burning wood to using gas will reduce air pollution and improve air quality in Cupertino.



The following rebates are offered:

- \$100 to retrofit an existing fireplace by installing a new gas log set or a new insert.
- \$300 to replace an existing woodburning stove or fireplace insert (must be 1990 or older) with a new gas appliance. Your old woodstove must be scrapped at *Pick Your Part* in Milpitas.

You do not need to install a new gas line in order to be eligible. New gas appliances may be purchased anywhere. Since funding is limited, there is no rebate guarantee. First come—first served. To check availability call 1.800.HELP.AIR or for more information about the program, visit: www.sparetheair.org.

WOODBURNING TIPS

Those cozy wood fires unfortunately contribute up to one-third of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still winter nights. Particulate matter is a health concern especially for children, seniors and persons with respiratory problems.

Here are a few tips on how to reduce the pollution in your neighborhood:

- Instead of wood, use manufactured fire logs (they burn 50% cleaner).
- If you burn wood, make sure it's dried or "seasoned" for six to 12 months.
- Never burn garbage or chemically-treated wood
- Consider switching to a gas fireplace (for the ambiance of a wood fire without the gases and the pollution).

To get an illustrated copy of the California Air Resources Board's Woodburning Handbook, call our local air district offices at 800-HELP-AIR, or view on-line at www.sparetheair.org under "Site Index". You can also find the free handbook at the Quinlan Community Center and City Hall.

JUNK MAIL KITS

If your mailbox is becoming overwhelmed with holiday catalogs and solicitations that you don't want, you can begin to reduce the flow of mail to your house by using a Junk Mail Reduction Kit. Find the kit on-line at www.cupertino.org/environmental_services, the Quinlan Community Center, City Hall, or call the Public Works Department at 408.777.3354 for your free copy.



Welcome New Businesses

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Bay Area College Planners
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Lorri A. Lester
Panda Country Kitchen llc.
Sifu Meng's Kung Fu Academy
Simply Thai
The Red Crane
Waldorf School of the Peninsula
Zales Jewelers #566

City Job Opening

Plan Check Engineer – Salary: \$6,742 - \$8,195 Monthly (+ City paid PERS, 2.7% 55 effective Dec. 22, 2007) The City of Cupertino is currently recruiting for a Plan Check Engineer. Under general direction, Engineer will review and check building and site plans to insure compliance with City codes and ordinances; and to do related work as required. The successful candidate will possess excellent customer service and interpersonal skills. Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in Structural or Civil Engineering. Four (4) years of design experience as a structural design engineer in building design, construction, or related field at a level of project engineer; or two (2) years of experience as a plan checker in the State of California. Proof of possession of the required education must be submitted at time of application filing.

Apply By: *Position is open until filled. First review of applications is scheduled for November 26, 2007.*

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

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





SIMPLY SAFE November 2007

Jon Nakafuji, Cupertino Volunteer

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 the downstairs counter at City Hall.
3. Other information on flood preparedness is available on the Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org/emergency and at City Hall.
4. Additional flood protection information and assistance can be obtained on the FEMA website at www.fema.gov and the Santa Clara Valley Water District website www.valleywater.org click on "emergency".
5. The Cupertino Library also holds publications for flood preparedness.

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

In the fall, before the rains start, a city contractor vacuums out city storm drain inlets and checks for any evidence of hazardous materi-

als 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.

During emergency flooding situations:

- Get up-to-date information on Cupertino's radio station 1670 AM or on the Emergency Information section of Cupertino's website at www.cupertino.org/emergencyinfo.
- Sandbags are available at the City Corporation Yard on Mary Ave. Instructions on how to build a sandbag wall are available on the Santa Clara Valley Water District website.
- Never drive through running water – water as shallow as 6" deep can float a car.
- Never play in flood water. There may be hidden hazards and health risks.

IT'S EASY TO STAY SAFE. EDUCATION IS THE KEY. UPCOMING CLASSES

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop: Free
Nov. 2, 6:30-9:30 pm
January 15, 9 am-Noon

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Saturday, Nov. 3, 8:30-Noon

Red Cross Basic First Aid
Nov. 3, 1-4 pm

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training 6th-12th grade
Feb. 2008

Community Emergency Response Team
March 2008

Register for classes through the Cupertino Parks & Recreation website or fill out a registration form at Quinlan Center, City Hall or the Cupertino Library.

PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES, ONE MONTH AT A TIME...

Donate your canned food earthquake supplies to Cupertino Community Services and update your kit. For a list of needed items, go to www.cupertinocommunityservices.org/contributions.html

Cupertino Community Services is our partner in emergency preparedness. During disasters, they will manage donations for the City. Remember, during disasters NEVER donate items to disaster relief organizations unless they have been specifically requested.

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



COUNCIL ACTIONS



Complete agenda and minutes of all City Council, Planning and other commissions are available at www.cupertino.org/agenda.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Council Members Present: Wang, Sandoval, Mahoney and Lowenthal

Presented proclamations for Senior Center piano and recognizing Senior Center volunteers who have volunteered 20 or more years.

Presented a proclamation recognizing Kiwanis Club volunteers.

Received an update on the Cupertino Veterans Memorial.

Approved the minutes from the August 21 and September 4 City Council meetings.

Adopted resolutions accepting accounts payable for August 31 and September 7.

Adopted resolution accepting payroll for September 7.

Approved applications for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Curry House and Green Valley Liquor.

Adopted resolutions approving improvement agreements for 10651 Merriman Rd and 21988 McClellan Rd.

Adopted resolutions for quitclaim deed for underground water rights and grant of easement for roadway purposes at 10651 Merriman Rd.

Adopted a resolution approving the Vacation of Right of Way on 22831 Mercedes Rd.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the County of Santa Clara for joint use and maintenance of facilities relating to the County of Santa Clara Traffic Operations System.

Accepted computer donations for the Senior Center from Hewlett Packard and Apple, Inc.

Conducted first reading of Ordinance amending Single Family Residential Zoning regarding hillside development standards.

Approved project budget augmentation to capital improvement program for steel bridge design of the Mary Ave. Bicycle Footbridge.

First reading of Ordinance describing the Redevelopment Agency's program on the use of eminent domain in the acquisition of property in the Cupertino Square Project Area.

Granted leave of absence to Teen Commissioner Daniel Pavlovic until the end of January.

Received report from Global Green Sustainability Project. Staff will bring bid estimates and scope of work back to council October 16.

Enacted Ordinance No. 07-2009 relating to City Council/ City Staff Relationships.

Enacted Ordinance No.07-2010 amending the Cupertino Municipal Code modifying the composition of the Technology, Information and Communications Commission.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

Council Members Present: Wang, Sandoval, Lowenthal, Mahoney,

Presented proclamation recognizing the first Friday in October as Cupertino Arts Day.

Recognized Caron Blinick, Karl Von Ahnen, Margarita Hawthorn and Paula Ahrens for outstanding contributions to the renovation of the De Anza College Planetarium.

Approved the minutes from September 18 City Council meeting. Accepted accounts payable for September 14 and 21.

Adopted a resolution accepting payroll for September 21.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for August 2007 and received a status report on General Fund Revenue and Expenditures.

Established a voluntary expenditure limit for the February 5, 2008 election.

Approved improvement agreement, Cupertino Greenleaf LLC.

Approved easement for streetlight purposes, 19337 Phil Ln.

Accepted municipal improvements, Marketplace Shopping Ctr.

Authorized application to the California River Parkways Grant Program.

Approved application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Joy Luck Place, 10911 N. Wolfe Rd.

Upheld appeal of Planning Commission's approval of a Tentative Map application to subdivide a .46-acre parcel into two parcels.

Denied appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Minor Residential Permit application for a second story rear deck on a new 1,794 square foot residence, 10484 Byrne Ave.

Reviewed bids and awarded the contract for Reconstruction of Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks, to JJR Construction, Inc.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve an amendment of the design contract with Winzler & Kelly for the reconstruction of the bridge on Bollinger Road over Calabazas Creek.

Received interim report on alternative considerations regarding the evaluation of traffic issues in the tri-school area, including Monta Vista High, Kennedy Middle and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Received a report on commissions and committees with terms expiring January 30, 2008 and selected an application deadline date of January 9 and interview dates of January 21 and 22, 2008.

Scheduled December 4 as the date when Council will receive election results, swear in new Council members, select new mayor and vice-mayor and hold a reception for new and outgoing officials.

Conducted second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2011 and enacted it. Conducted second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2012 and enacted it.

Received update on Council committee appointments.



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CITY MEETINGS

Nov. 1	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A).....	5:30 pm
Nov. 1	Parks & Recreation (Meeting Room 100)	7 pm
Nov. 5	Hsinchu Sister City (Conf. Rm. C)	6:30 pm
Nov. 5	Friends of Cupertino Library (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Nov. 5	City Council ***	6:45 pm
Nov. 7	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
Nov. 7	Technology, Information & Communications (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 7	Library Commission (Meeting Room 100).....	7 pm
Nov. 8	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Nov. 8	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A).....	7 pm
Nov. 12	City Hall Closed for Veteran's Day Observance	
Nov. 13	Planning Commission ***.....	6:45 pm
Nov. 14	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A).....	4:30 pm
Nov. 15	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A).....	5:30 pm
Nov. 18	Toyokawa Sister City (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Nov. 20	City Council ***	6:45 pm
Nov. 22-23	City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday	
Nov. 21	Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 27	Planning Commission ***.....	6:45 pm
Nov. 28	Environmental Review Commission (Conf Rm. A).....	4:30 pm

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