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► City Commission Vacancies

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for City commissions and committees with openings in January 2009. On January 27 and 28, beginning at 6 pm, the City Council will interview applicants for these commissions and committees: Audit, Bicycle Pedestrian, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Fine Arts, Housing, Library, Planning, Public Safety.

Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For details, please see the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223. The deadline to apply is 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.



► Thanksgiving Holidays Will Affect Garbage Pickup Dates

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, Los Altos Gar-

bage Company (LAGCo) collection services scheduled on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, will be delayed by one day. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, November 28. Those with services on Friday will have pickup on Saturday, November 29. For more info, call LAGCo at 408.725.4020.

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events in cupertino



Community Tree Lighting



**December 5, 6 pm
Quinlan Community
Center**



Kick off the holiday season with this annual Cupertino tradition. Dress warmly, as part of the event is outdoors. Event will be held rain or shine!

Please bring a new toy or non-perishable food item to the event. All items will be donated to the West Valley Community Services this holiday season.

Veteran's Day A Musical Tribute to our Armed Forces



**Cupertino Symphonic Band
Proudly presents its annual concert (with chorus)
honoring our veterans.**

Conducted by Tom Narcisso

**Sunday, November 9, 3 pm, Free
Quinlan Center**

**10185 N. Stelling Rd., Cupertino
408.262.0471 | www.netview.com/csb**

Donations of canned food for community services welcome.

City of Cupertino Sports Center

FITNESS SPECIAL

3 Months for \$39

(Limited time, call for details)



New Fitness Equipment!

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Yoga

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Basketball

Badminton

Racquetball

Table Tennis

Volleyball



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Cupertino Night at AMT

The American Musical Theater of San Jose and the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce are proud to announce the first "Cupertino Recognition Night" for the Bay Area premiere of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Flower Drum Song – a live musical held on Friday November 7, at 8 pm at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts. All Cupertino residents, chamber members, and employees are eligible for a 25% discount for this special show, suitable for all audiences.

To purchase tickets, go to www.amtsj.org and click "Buy Tickets" on the left side of page, then click "Promotional Offers" and enter Promotional Code: CUPERTINO (all upper case).

Youth Symphony Concert

The Senior Orchestra of the California Youth Symphony, under the direction of Leo Eylar, debuts its 2008-09 season with works by Beethoven, Hindemith and Ravel. The concert begins at 2:30 pm at Flint Center.

Tickets are \$15 (general) and \$10 (students & seniors) and are available at the door or at ticketmaster. For more information visit www.cys.org or call 650.325.6666

simply safe | november

by Marsha Hovey

As we've seen recently, not every day is a sunny day. The aftermath of the September 11 attacks in 2001 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005 have particularly emphasized the need to ensure children's physical and psychological protection. According to a recent national survey commissioned by the Children's Health Fund, approximately 65 percent of families in the United States do not have an emergency plan of which all family members are aware.

With this fact in mind, Sesame Workshop created "Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies" in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security's Ready Kids initiative and the Ad Council's ongoing emergency preparedness effort. Ready Kids is geared toward older children, while the Sesame Workshop component is primarily targeted at 3 to 5 year-olds.

The multiple media resources seek to help the entire family prepare for unexpected events. "Let's Get Ready" explains in an age-appropriate way how each member of a family, including the youngest, can contribute to an emergency readiness plan.

The resources include a Sesame Street DVD, a magazine for parents and caregivers, and a children's activity book. In the DVD, Sesame Street Muppets Grover and Rosita playfully discover simple tasks they can complete with their families to be prepared. The DVD and all the other "Let's Get Ready" materials are based on research and recommendations from experts in emergency and trauma preparedness, pediatrics, mental health, and child development. In addition, the Workshop collaborated with Weill Cornell Medical College's pediatrics department to ensure the materials are age appropriate and effective.

The materials also provide parents and caregivers with the tools to discuss emergencies with their young children. Jeanette Betancourt, Sesame Workshop's vice president for outreach and educational practices, says adults can introduce children to the preparedness topic by recognizing the ways families already prepare for unexpected events in their daily routines.

"The best way we know to look at emergency preparedness is really from the scope of making it non-threatening, taking advantage of everyday moments to incorporate it, and doing it in a way that includes young children," Betancourt explains. "The best way to do that is to pick up on daily routines."

It's important for parents and caregivers to know, too, that this preparation doesn't need to take a lot of time from a busy family's routine. "Let's Get Ready" explains, for example, adults can point out emergency locations like hospitals and police stations while walking their children home from school. So let's get ready! After all, getting a plan together takes only a few simple steps and it can ensure that families have many sunny days ahead.

Upcoming Classes & Preparedness Events

- **Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop**
November 21, 9 - Noon, Free

- **Earthquake Building Damage Assessment**
October 30, 7-9 pm, Community Hall, Free
Greg Casteel, Cupertino's Senior Building Official will provide easy to understand guides to help you evaluate the immediate safety of your home as well as offer retrofit suggestions.

- **Pet Preparedness**
January 29, 7-9 pm, Community Hall, Free
What happens to your pets after an earthquake? Watch new Red Cross videos on dog and cat first aid. Discuss emergency supplies for pets and have the opportunity to order pet emergency kits.

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

Help get the word out! Currently, preparedness information and free training advertisements are posted in city facilities (Library, City Hall, Senior Center and Quinlan Center). Do you have suggestions for other locations? We'll be happy to supply wall or desktop brochure holders and keep them stocked with the latest preparedness information. Want preparedness information for you next event? We can supply that too! Just call or email.

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. Register for classes at www.cupertino.org/register or at Quinlan Center, City Hall or the library.

Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities.

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

Thanksgiving Reflections

Thanksgiving is a distinctly American holiday. It celebrates neither a battle nor the fall of a great city. It does not mark the anniversary of a great conqueror or the birthday of a famous statesman. The American Thanksgiving Day is the expression of a deep feeling of gratitude by our people for the rich productivity of the land, a memorial of the dangers and hardships through which we have safely passed, and a fitting recognition of all that God in his goodness has bestowed upon us.

In early New England, a Thanksgiving custom was to place five kernels of corn at every plate as a reminder of the first winter when food was so scarce that only five kernels of corn were rationed to each individual.

The Pilgrim fathers wanted their children to remember the sacrifice, sufferings and hardships through which they had safely passed, a fitting hardship that made possible the



settlement of a free people in a free land. They wanted to keep alive the thought of that stern and rockbound coast, its inhospitable welcome and the first terrible winter, which took such a toll of lives. They did not want their descendants to forget that on the day in which their ration was reduced to five kernels of corn, only seven healthy colonists remained to nurse the sick, and nearly half their members lay in the windswept graveyard on the hill. They did not want to forget that when the Mayflower sailed back to England in the spring, only sailors were aboard.

The use of five kernels of corn placed by each plate was fitting reminder of a heroic past. Symbolically, it may still serve as a useful means of recalling those great gifts for which we are grateful to God.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

(Reprinted from "Five Grains of Corn" by Bliss Forbush)

Neighborhood Block Leader Training Focuses on Cultural Communication

Thursday, November 13, 5 - 8:30 pm, Cupertino Community Hall. Dinner will be provided.

The Cupertino block leader program helps residents to connect with each other and the city. Block leaders learn about new city programs and are informed of events specific to their neighborhoods. About 275 residents participate as block leaders. Come to the next training course and learn to improve communication, increase public safety, and build community in the neighborhoods.

Participants will learn how to meet neighbors and plan a Neighborhood Watch meeting, emergency preparedness meeting, or block party. Attendees will also hear from fellow block leaders, Cindy Chang, Hema Kundargi, and Fariba Nejat about how to connect with neighbors from China, India, and Iran. Some of the common ways that people from their cultures socialize, greet one another, give gifts, and celebrate will be discussed.

For further information, visit www.cupertino.org/blockleader. If you would like to attend the training, register online by November 7. Log on to www.cupertino.org/access and select topic: City Event, Request type: Register.

Radio Cupertino - 1670 AM

Tune in to Radio Cupertino, the city of Cupertino's AM radio station, broadcasting on the frequency of 1670 AM. Radio Cupertino provides residents with up-to-date information on city news, community events, construction projects, road conditions, weather forecasts and emergency preparedness. Cupertino city meetings are broadcast live and replayed at various times throughout the week.



In the event of an emergency, tune into Radio Cupertino for the latest information on the nature of the emergency, the impact of the emergency on the community, and instructions for local residents. Radio Cupertino broadcasts 24 hours a day. For more information and the broadcast schedule visit city's website at www.cupertino.org.

cupertino library

LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Mon-Tues.....	1 to 9
Wed-Thurs	10 to 9
Fri-Sat	10 to 6
Sunday	12 to 6

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

Cupertino Library will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 11, Veterans Day**
- **November 27, 28, Thanksgiving**

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

To search our online catalog, review your library account, get homework help, and conduct research using our online databases, please visit the Santa Clara County Library Web site at: www.santaclaracountylib.org

To register or 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.

Programs for Children and Families

STORY TIMES

Twos Stories

1-1/2 to 2-1/2..... Thursdays 10:15 am

Threes Stories

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

New Storytime! Fours Stories

3-1/2 to 5 years old..... Fridays 10:15 am

Bedtime Stories

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

Baby Storytime Series

Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Wednesdays at 11 am

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Parents with babies up to 1-1/2 years old are invited to a five-week series of storytimes.

Registration is required.

GET OUT AND VOTE! A "PICTURING AMERICA" PROGRAM

Monday, November 3, 3:30 pm, Story Room

School-age kids are invited to watch films about the elections, make a craft, and more!

THANKSGIVING CRAFT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 19, 3:30 - 5pm, Story Room

Kids are invited to come by and make a Thanksgiving craft.

Programs for Teens

FREE *NEW* SAT/ACT PRACTICE TEST

Test: Saturday, November 1, 1-5 pm, Cupertino Community Hall.

Results and feedback: Wednesday, November 5, 7 pm

Kaplan will give a free SAT/ACT workshop to help decide which test they would take. Participants will take 4 representative sections from the SAT and 4 from the ACT to see which test will bring out their strengths. Registration required, beginning October 11.

NATIVE AMERICAN BEAD BRACELET WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 12, 4 pm, Teen Group Study Room

Create a stunning Native American bracelet that is yours to keep or give away. Materials and instructions will be provided. Register beginning October 23. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Programs for Adults

AUTHORS, BOOKS & CONVERSATIONS

Book Talk and Book Discussion

Join librarians Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu on the third Thursday of each month. 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Thursday, November 20, 7 pm, Story Room

We will discuss *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.

CONSUMER RESOURCE DATABASE INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS

Monday, November 3, 7 pm, Training Room

Join Librarian Annapurna Dandu for a database instruction on consumer resources

CREATIVE GREETING CARD PROGRAM

Monday, November 10, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Design and create your own holiday card. Materials and instructions will be provided. Space is limited. Register beginning October 14. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

ART LECTURE AND SLIDESHOW

Wednesday, November 12, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Palace of the Legion of Honor (Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco) docent Kay Payne will present an illustrated art lecture titled "Painting with Sunshine: Van Gogh, Matisse and Other Painters in the South of France". Sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

Also in the Cupertino Library

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday, 4 - 6 pm, Story Room on main floor

Bring needles and yarn to the library and join the drop-in knitting program. Knitters of all skill levels and ages are welcome.

Individual or Small Group programs by Appointment

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's 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.

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.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Database instruction for teens aged 13-19, is available by appointment.

LIBRARY TOURS

Third Wednesday of every month, 1 - 2 pm and fourth Saturday of every month, 2 - 3 pm

Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's online catalog, subscription databases, and library collections and services.

For Your Information

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. 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*.

THE FRIENDS OF THE 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 front lobby. *Friends of the Cupertino Library* also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales.

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.



senior center news

The Better Part

The programs listed below are aired on Mondays at 4:30 pm on Channel 15. The repeat showings are on channel 15 at 7 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

NOVEMBER 3, 4 & 7 - ERECTING THE PRUSCH FARM PARK WINDMILL

Learn how an historic windmill was assembled and erected at this popular san jose park.

NOVEMBER 10, 11 & 14 - BERLIN: OLD AND NEW

A journey through historic and modern Berlin after the wall came down.

NOVEMBER 17, 18 & 21- ALL ABOUT TRAVEL

Kim Frey, the Cupertino Senior Center Travel Coordinator, talks about how she performs her job as Travel Coordinator and provides great travel tips.

NOVEMBER 24, 25 & 28 - FROM WAR-TORN LONDON TO SILICON VALLEY

A member of "The Better Part" was among the first to hear the debut of the space age.

"The Better Part" Television Production Group

A Cupertino Senior Center Group has made Public Access cable TV programs since 1983 with over 900 programs produced to date. Learn to produce and edit television programs and create DVDs for cablecast to 13 cities in the South Bay Area from Atherton to Hollister. No TV experience is necessary to join.

Planning meetings are at 9:30 am on Tuesday mornings at the Senior Center and taping is at the KMVT TV studio in Mountain View on Thursday mornings.

Program schedules and more information about the group is available on the web site www.thebetterpart.com. For more information contact Bill Mannion at 408.252.2667

Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 24, 12 noon

Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving feast with roast turkey, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Our own Rhythmaires will provide lively music to celebrate this special holiday. \$8 for members, senior guests add \$5 for a day pass. Pre-registration is required.

Cooking with Suzanne

Pumpkin Dishes for the Holidays Workshop November 17, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Join Chef Suzanne Vandyck, cookbook author and member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals. We will celebrate Thanksgiving by making and sampling some innovative pumpkin dishes. You will create South Western Pumpkin Soup, Spinach Salad with Pumpkin Seeds and Feta, Pumpkin and Sausage Risotto with Sage, and Pumpkin Pear Strudel in Puff Pastry. Chef Vandyck will also impart her knowledge of nutrition, short cuts, and practical skills. \$50

Wednesday Lunch

Join us for delicious meals during two Wednesdays in November at 12 noon. \$5 for members, senior guest, add \$5 day pass. Pre-registration is required.

November 5: Clam chowder in a bread bowl, salad and dessert.

November 19: Sweet & sour pork, onion chicken and stir fried noodles.

Monday Night Football

November 17 and December 8

Join us for a fun-filled evening with good food – pizza, lasagna, or BBQ – plus soft drinks and snacks. Great game prizes for all the quarters! Member \$7, adult guests add \$5 day pass. Pre-registration is required.

Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting

November 17, 11 am-12:15 pm

Get acquainted with committee members and see how you can help keep our Senior Center the most vibrant, interesting, and fun place in Cupertino.

Monthly Social and Birthday Bash

November 12, 12 noon

We will watch "A One Act Comedy" written by center member Norma Slavitt and performed by the Silicon Valley Widow and Widower's Group. Menu will be stuffed sole, with rice, vegetables, and cupcake. Members with a birthday in November will be honored. \$6 for senior members, senior guests, please add \$5 Day Pass. Space is limited, so sign up in advance.

Ballroom Dance Social

Monday, November 10 & 24, 2:05-3:35 pm

Double the fun – the Ballroom Dance Social is held twice a month! Volunteers will play dance music, so you can dance to your hearts' desire. No instruction provided. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

Book Review Meeting

First Friday, 1:15-3 pm

The book review group meets the first Friday of every month. Learn about new books and meet new people.

November 7: In My Father's House by Nancy Huddleston Packer, reviewed by Judith McLaughlin.

December 5: Look Homeward Angel by Thomas Wolf, reviewed by Jeanette Frederickson.

Bridge Social

November 17, 10 am-12 noon

Come meet fellow Bridge players, make some new friends, and form your own foursome. The Senior Center offers open Bridge playing during weekday afternoons. Please sign up at lobby table.

Health Lecture-Vision for Life

**November 3, 10-11 am, English
11:15 am-12:15 pm, Mandarin**

Dr. Ho, an ophthalmologist, will discuss common eye diseases that affect older eyes, such as cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, dry eye, eye diseases associated with diabetes, etc. Dr. Ho will also discuss nutrition, prevention, and diagnosis of eye diseases, and after care. Free to members, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Please register at front lobby desk.

Medicare Part D

If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan (Prescription Drug Plan), it is important for you to re-evaluate your prescription plan to make certain the plan you have continues to meet your needs in 2009. **From November 15 to December 31, 2008, you can join, switch, or drop a Medicare Prescription Drug plan.** People who have HMO and PPO should contact the HMO and PPO before making any changes. Special Need Program recipients are not affected by this timeline. People with retiree health plans, please check with your retiree health plan before making any changes.

Join us for a Medicare Part D workshop offered by Health Insurance Counseling and

Advocacy Program (HICAP) on **November 17, 11 am to 12:30 pm.** This workshop will provide you with an overview of the Medicare and Medicare Part D program as well as changes in 2009. At the end of the workshop, the counselor will guide you through how to compare Medicare Part D plan by using **www.medicare.gov.**

If you need assistance in reviewing your current plan, you can schedule an appointment with a HICAP counselor by calling Council On Aging 408.296.8290 or Cupertino Senior Center 408.777.3150. Cupertino Senior Center Case Manager, Karen Goss, is also available to answer questions about the prescription plans. The phone number for Karen Goss is 408.777.3155.



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EMAIL: seniorcntr@cupertino.org
WEB: www.cupertino.org/senior

SENIOR TRIPS

Call the Senior Center at 408.777.3150 for reservations or more information on any trip.

TOURS

Classical Greece, March 18-28, 2009

This tour features a 4-night Greek Island Cruise, Athens City Tour, Acropolis and Parthenon, Syntagma Square, Ancient Olympic Stadium, Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, Thermopylae, and Ancient Delphi. You will see the most important areas of Greece along with the islands. This will be an amazing trip! \$3599 per person double

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles in Alaska, June 28-July 10, 2009

Join us for this amazing 20 day trip where we will explore not only the spectacular coastline, but also the heart of Alaska. Highlights include: 7-night Glacier Bay Discovery Cruise; 2-nights in Dawson City, gateway to Tombstone; 2-nights in Fairbanks for a riverboat discovery and gold Dredge no 8; 2-nights in Denali National Park and Tundra Wilderness; 1-night in Tok and Vancouver. \$TBA

DAY TRIPS

Defying Gravity,
November 6, \$88

Leonardo: 500 years into the Future, November 13, \$33

California Academy of Sciences
November 14, \$57

"Out to Lunch" Bunch ~ Dish Dash
November 19, Cost: lunch

Historic Petaluma Travels with Gary
November 21, \$76

Mission San Juan Bautista with Gary
December 15, \$59

Beach Blanket Babylon
December 17, \$85

"Out to Lunch" Bunch ~ Harvest
January 8, Cost: lunch

Chinese New Year Spectacular
January 13, \$69

Hidden Treasures of Afghanistan and the National Museum
January 22, \$74

Santa Cruz and Capitola-by-the-Sea with Gary
January 26, \$95

America Recycles Day Almost 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. America Recycles Day helps remind all Americans of our nation's bountiful resources and of our personal responsibility as stewards to care for those resources. In the spirit of America Recycles Day, the following are some things you can do to make a difference for the environment:

Reduce: When shopping, avoid over-packaged goods; buy in bulk when possible; only buy what you need. Outdoors, 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 at home, school and work.

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, and click on recycling.

10 Things You Can Do to Protect the Climate

The city takes its task of community stewardship seriously, which includes 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. **Lose 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 and 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

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is offering rebates when you replace your woodburning appliance with one that uses natural gas. 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

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months. 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.

Bring your own Reusable Shopping Bag

Save money, reduce waste and make a difference by bringing your own reusable shopping bags. There are now many colorful, convenient, stylish bags available at retailers everywhere!

Did You Know?

- According to the EPA. Over 350 billion plastic bags, sacks and wraps are consumed in the U.S each year.
- If Californians cut their plastic bag waste in half, it would save over two thousand barrels of oil a day.
- One reusable shopping bag can replace hundreds of single use bags over its lifetime.

Not only do many stores offer reusable bags at a nominal sale price, they also offer financial incentives to shoppers who bring their own bags:

Trader Joe’s – Raffle ticket given to enter a \$50 monthly drawing

Whole Foods – 5¢ cent credit per reusable bag or donation to a local organization

Nob Hill – 5¢ cent credit per reusable bag

Safeway Stores – 3¢ cent credit per reusable bag

community calendar

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
1 SAT	De Anza Flea Market	8-4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2-4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858	osfamilies.org/
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
3 MON	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434	tops.org
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649	oa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	foodaddicts.org
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Toastmasters	6-7:30 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Church 1715 Grant Rd.	226.8073	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
4 TUES	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321	asaanjose.org
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051	al-anon.org
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830	classic.kiwanis.org
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462	kofc.org/un/
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3-5 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center	650.967.4679	viewfindersclub.org
5 WED	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869	al-anon.org/
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424	optimist.org
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212	optimist.org
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285.4977	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.com
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3, 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.		www.macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeC.asp?cid=3794
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_Officers.html
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monroe Middle School	262.0471	netview.com/csb/
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943	krazydazys.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Harvest Restaurant	209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org
	6 THUR	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093
Northwest Y Service Club*		6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)		7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
Connect Club I*		Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
Connect Club II*		8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
Business Networking Intl.*		7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111	BNI.com
Overeaters Anonymous*		7 pm	Union Church	253.8394	oa.org
Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*		7 pm	St. Jude's Church	354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
Cupertino Las Madres*		10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
7 FRI	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456	classic.kiwanis.org
8 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
9 SUN	Attention Deficit Academics (ADA)*	3 pm	Lamb-O Academy	334.0338	adaclub@lamboacademy.org
10 MON	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	www.cupertinoioof70.org
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Janki Chokshi	falc.org
11 TUES	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293	sertoma.org/NETCOMMUNITY
13 THUR	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568	quota.org
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529	newcomersclub.com
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	6:30 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center	777.8367	clubs.ca4h.org/santaclara/rollinghills
14 FRI	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397	malihini.org
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232	coinshow.com/sanjose_ccc.html
17 MON	CERT-Community Emergency Response Team /MRT - Medical Reserve Corps	7 pm		777.3335	cupertino.org
18 TUES	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
20 THUR	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424	cupertinotoyokawa.org
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312	westvalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917	egausa.org
25 TUES	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
	DeAnza Youth Soccer League Mtg	7:30 pm	Creekside Park		
26 WED	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility		
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	

City Hall will be closed November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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 monthly. Call the contact number for details.

community chat room

Election day is Tuesday, November 4

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm

Voters should remember to bring pre-marked sample ballot to the polls. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is offering two convenient ways for voters to cast their ballots early for the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election.

Early Voting

Early voting is being conducted at the Registrar's Office during normal business hours from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, until Election Day. Additional early voting hours will be available during the last two weekends before the election. The Registrar's Office is located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA.

Returning Vote by Mail Ballots

All Vote by Mail ballots must be received by 8 pm on Election Day (postmarks are not accepted). Voters must also sign the return envelope themselves so the ballot can be validated and counted. Ballots can be returned by mail, at the Registrar's Office, or dropped off at Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, CA during normal business hours from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 866.430.VOTE or visit www.sccvote.org.

Welcome New Businesses

- Enterprise Short Sale Processing
- Evertrust Bank
- Fara's Hair Salon
- Guardian Acupuncture
- Hedge Trackers, LLC
- Red Mango
- Shoto Dojo
- Shri Krupa Dance Company
- Viji's Beauty Salon

Holiday Donations Needed

West Valley Community Services (WVCS) requests donations for community members in need. They need non-perishable foods, new gifts for infants through teenagers, new small household appliances, gift certificates for groceries and gifts, and/or monetary contributions.

West Valley Community Services (WVCS) is a private non-profit, community-based agency that for the past 35 years has been providing direct assistance and referral services to the west valley communities of Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, West San Jose and the unincorporated mountain regions.

Generous donations from the community enable WVCS to continue providing basic needs, family support and housing services including: information and referrals, food pantry, clothing, rotating shelter, transitional housing, affordable housing, emergency financial assistance, family resource and support programs, and case management services.

Donations can be made at the WVCS offices located at 10104 Vista Drive. For more info, or to donate online, visit www.wvcommunityservices.org or call 408.255.8033.

Have Something to Contribute?

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

council actions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Councilmembers Present: Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

Council Members Absent: None

Presented a proclamation honoring Cupertino High School's 50th anniversary.

Approved the minutes from the September 2 City Council meeting.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for August 29 and September 5.

Accepted payroll for September 5.

Amended Conflict of Interest Code of the City of Cupertino for officials and designated employees.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Sitar (formerly Taco Del Mar), 21267 Stevens Creek Blvd., Ste. 320 (On-Sale Beer and Wine for Bona Fide Public Eating Place).

Approved an improvement agreement with Marci Properties, LLC, 10056 Orange Avenue, APN 357-17-058.

Accepted a quitclaim deed and authorization for underground water rights with Marci Properties, LLC, 10056 Orange Avenue, APN 357-17-058.

Received Annual Report from the City Manager.

Approved Application Nos. ASA-2008-01 and M-2008-04, a modification of the architecture and site approval (ASA-2007-03) to amend the fees required by the conditions of approval, Villa Serra Apartments, Jonathan Moss/Mike Ducote, 20800 Homestead Rd. APN 326-09-029.

Approved a City-initiated Master Pan for the South Vallco area, Application Nos. CP-2008-02 (EA-2008-04), City of Cupertino, Citywide.

Denied an appeal and approved the application with modified conditions of the Planning Commission's decision to approve a residential design review for a new 4,491 square foot, two-story, single-family residence with a basement and a minor residential permit for a side facing, second-story balcony on the new residence, application Nos: R-2008-14, RM-2008-16, Chia-Ching Lin, 21947 Lindy Lane, (Krishnapura & Minasandram residence), APN 356-25-029. The appellant was Seema Mittal & Sarvesh Mahesh.

Continued a presentation by the Santa Clara Valley Water District regarding the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project to September 30 at 6:45 pm

Approved Application Nos. ASA-2008-05, (EA-2008-06), M-2008-01, and TR-2008-06. Mitigated Negative Declaration, Architectural and Site Approval and amendment to development approval for the demolition of five buildings containing about 139,632 square feet and the development of three new, two-story office buildings containing 155,500 square feet, a two-level, 204 space parking garage, surface parking lot and landscaping improvements at an existing 19.8 acre office

park. Approved request to remove 303 trees on approved landscape plan and replace them with 321 trees at the existing office park, with modified conditions, Tim Kelly (Embarcadero Capital Partners), 1 Results Way, APN Nos. 357-20-041 and 357-20-046.

City Meetings

Nov. 3	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (Mtg. Room 100)	6:30 pm
Nov. 3	City Council meeting (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Nov. 5	Library Commission (Mtg. Room 100)	7 pm
Nov. 5	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 6	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Nov. 6	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)	7 pm
Nov. 12	Audit Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	4 pm
Nov. 12	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Nov. 12	C.A.R.E.S. (Mtg. Room. 100)	6 pm
Nov. 12	Teen Commission (QCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm
Nov. 12	Planning Commission (Mtg. Rm. 100)	6:45 pm
Nov. 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Nov. 13	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 17	CERT/MRC (Conf. Rm. C)	6 pm
Nov. 18	City Council mtg. (CommunityHall)***	6:45 pm
Nov. 19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 20	Senior Citizens Commission (Community Hall)	4 pm
Nov. 20	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Nov. 20	Toyokawa Sister City Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Nov. 25	Planning Commission (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Nov. 26	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Nov. 26	Teen Commission (QCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm

For all city meetings' agenda and minutes go to www.cupertino.org/agenda



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Planning/Community Development	408.777.3308	planning@cupertino.org
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Public Works	408.777.3354	—
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	www.sccsheriff.org

» Public Hearing: Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance

November 2, 6:45 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on amendments to the Wireless Ordinance to the City Council. The City invites residents, business owners and interested parties to attend a public hearing to provide input and feedback. The City Council will subsequently review and take action on any ordinance changes.

The proposed amendments to can be found on the City's website at www.cupertino.org/wireless. The purpose of the amendments is to expand and improve wireless communications coverage (cellular, internet, etc.) in Cupertino.



For questions or additional information, contact Colin Jung at 408.777.3257. Comments and suggestions on these ordinance amendments may be provided to:
Planning Department
Attention: Colin Jung
City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014
or by email at colinj@cupertino.org prior to 5:30 pm on November 25.



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