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36th Year of Tournament of Bands

Cupertino High School leads marching bands to kick-off the 36th annual Cupertino Tournament of Bands (TOB), October 14, 2006. The parade begins promptly at 10 am on Stevens Creek Boulevard on the South side of the street between Miller and Finch.

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Roots: California's First Capital



This being an election year, it seems fitting to look back to the beginnings of our state government and see how things got started in California and specifically, how the small dusty pueblo of San Jose fared as California's first capital.

San Jose was the first city in Alta California, founded in 1777 at the direction of Governor Felipe de Neve. The community consisted of sixty-eight Spanish, Indian and mixed-race settlers, recruited from the presidios at Monterey and Yerba Buena. The pueblo was a collection of adobes clustered around a barren plaza of parched dirt near today's San Carlos,



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OCTOBER Events

~ Tournament of Bands Continued

Come early to get a good seat. Finch Avenue from Stevens Creek to Phil Lane will be closed to all traffic from about 7:30 am until 9:30 pm for the parade and field show competition. In addition, during the parade, Miller Avenue northbound will be closed from Phil Lane to Stevens Creek and the eastbound side of Stevens Creek Blvd will be closed from Miller/Wolfe to Finch.

- 10 am Parade competition begins on Stevens Creek Blvd.
- 1:30 pm Drill-down competition begins (in stadium)
- 2 pm Parade awards (in stadium)
- 4 pm Gates at stadium open for Field Show competition

4:30 pm Field Show competition begins
TOB marks the beginning of the fall marching band competitions and has been a hometown staple of Cupertino for the past 36 years. It began as a fundraising event to send the band to the Rose Bowl and now the money raised is the only source of financial support Cupertino High School receives to keep its music department.

For more information about how to help visit, www.tinoband.org/studentlife/band/index.shtml, or email, president@tinoband.org.

Cupertino Library Celebrates!

Sunday, October 29, 2006 from 1 - 4 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue

Celebrate with the Cupertino Library Foundation as we retire the Library Fixtures and Furnishings Campaign!

Experience a brief multimedia presentation on the Library and the Foundation.

Give us your ideas on how we can best benefit Cupertino Library.

Enter the Get to know the Library Contest. Questions and deadline info are available at the library. A prize for the largest number of correct answers will be awarded at this event. Enjoy light refreshments.

More information at: www.cupertinolibrary.org



Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's 15th Annual Wildlife Education Day

Saturday, October 21, 2006, 10 am to 2 pm

McClellan Ranch Park, 22221 McClellan Road, Cupertino

FREE!

Families are invited to join Santa Clara Audubon and over 20 other environmental organizations to celebrate nature and wildlife. Activities include a bird banding demonstration, birdhouse and bird feeder building, a scavenger hunt, educational presentations, and a poster contest. Live animals, including birds, reptiles, and insects will be shown.

For "Early Birds," SCVAS will hold a guided shorebird walk at Charleston Slough in Mountain View's Baylands at 8 am. Following the walk, participants will caravan to Wildlife Education Day festivities in Cupertino. RSVP is required for the walk ONLY.

More Information: www.scvas.org/ledoutreach and click on Youth Education

Contact: Toby Goldberg, 408.252.3740, for details on the poster contest and to RSVP for the walk.



Diwali Festival of Lights 2006

Saturday, October 14, 2006
Memorial Park, Cupertino
11 am - 6 pm

Unique Fine Art and Crafts
Community Stage with Local Performers
Festive Food & Refreshments
Kids' Zone with Games & Activities for
the Whole Family
Admission & Parking FREE



Book Sale in Cupertino Community Hall

The annual Fall Cupertino Used Book Sale, hosted by the *Friends of the Cupertino Public Library*, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, 2006. The sale will be located in the Cupertino Community Hall located at 10350 Torre Avenue, between the Library and City Hall at Torre and Rodrigues Avenues.

This will be the largest sale of the year with a sizeable inventory of books, CD's and videos waiting to be sold: fiction, non-fiction, travel, health, home and garden, romance, cookbooks, children's and young adult's books, reference, science, engineering, foreign languages and many other topics. There is also a separate "select" area where special interest books on popular subjects are offered at slightly higher prices.

Sale hours are Saturday 9 am – 4 pm and Sunday noon to 3 pm The children's book area is open only to children from 9 am to noon on Saturday. The popular "Bag Day" is on Sunday when most books are offered for \$3 per bag. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Gladys Maiden at 408.253.4591 to volunteer.





ROOTS California's First Capital and Legislature

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

San Fernando and Market Streets. The plaza was the scene of bullfights, religious processions, public meetings, civic celebrations, slaughtering cattle for hides and pockmarked by adobe brick making efforts to build the local dwellings. Rotting carcasses and random ditches were quite a nuisance before being outlawed.

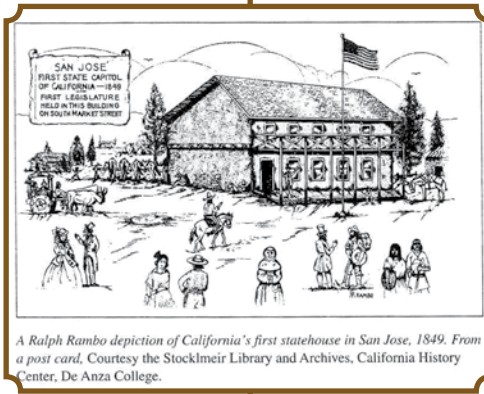
During the 1820's and 1830's, San Jose weathered the transfer of power from Spain to Mexico, despite local power struggles. Foreigners began to trickle in and by 1848 the population of approximately 850 included a smattering of Americans, Irish and Germans. Like other California towns, San Jose was transformed by the Gold Rush and the first constitutional convention, held in Monterey in 1849, placed

San Jose in an important role in the new state of California. By the time the first legislature had convened in December 1849, San Jose had almost 4,000 residents and real estate values in the dusty pueblo were skyrocketing.

Among the new arrivals to San Jose was the Bascom family, formerly of Kentucky, who left behind their large plantation and slaves. Louis Bascom was a doctor and Annie Bascom was



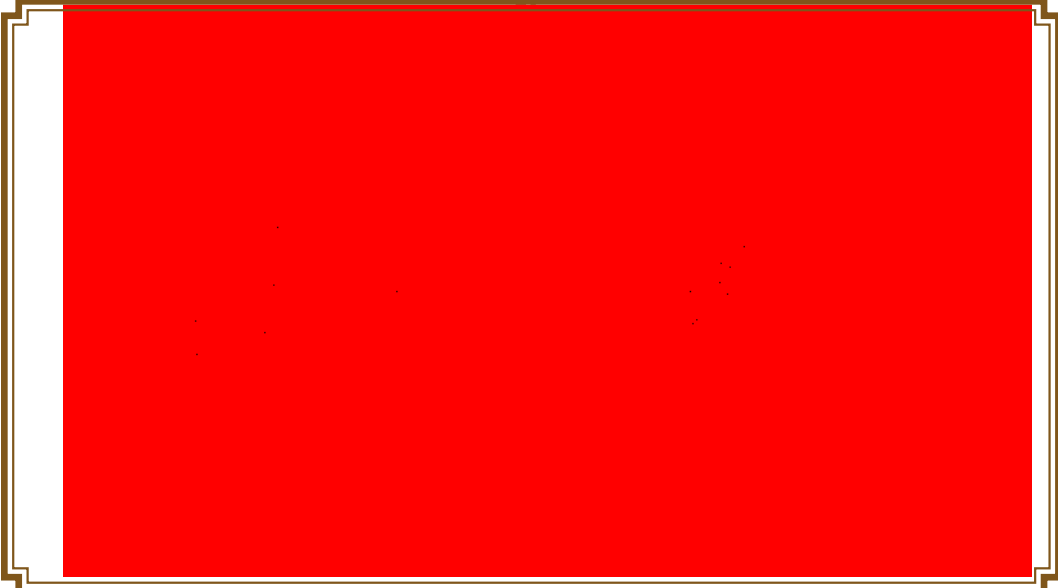
the mother of 6 children, ranging in age from a few months to 10 years. They rented a small, leaky house at Second and San Fernando Sts. The house had 2 rooms, a fireplace and a loft. Enterprising Annie rented her home to boarders during the first two sessions of the legislature. At one time, she had as many as thirteen boarders paying her \$20 a week - her leaky house became a veritable gold mine.



The population increase in San Jose produced mountains of trash and residents were ordered by law to put "all animal and vegetable offal.... and all refuse substances, wet or dry" and leave them in a heap on the nearest street by 8 am every morning or pay a fine. Regulations were enacted prohibiting bull fights and slaughter-

ing of cattle in public areas and mud excavation to make bricks.

As the elected officials made their way to San Jose, they paid \$32 for a stagecoach ride from San Francisco. They could also board a steamer that would take them to the port of Alviso and then hike 6 miles into San Jose. Representatives from Sacramento also came by steamer, picking up passengers in Benecia. ~ *Continued Opposite*





Organization of Special Needs Families (OSF)

Fundraiser Dinner : a Multi-Cultural Night



October 7, 2006, Saturday

5:30 pm to 9 pm

**Cupertino's Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino**

Please call 408.996-0850 to pledge your support by purchasing \$65 dinner tickets (tax deductible), making a tax deductible financial donation, or donating tax deductible auction items. Please visit our web site at www.osfamilies.org.

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~ Roots Continued

Some ferried down on Robert Semple's converted whaleboat, making him a fast fortune. Southern California representatives came up on the old El Camino Real, passing the mission sites.

Essayist Bayard Taylor passed through San Jose on his way to the constitutional convention in Monterey and was astonished at the transformation in just four weeks time. His journal noted "the pueblo was a collection of adobe houses.... tents and a few clapboard dwellings....scattered over a square half mile." Upon his return, "the town seemed to have doubled in size." Hotels sprang up, French, Chinese and American restaurants set up shop and "the sounds of saw and hammer and the rattling of laden carts were incessant." The going rate at the hotels was \$5 per day - in gold. Visitors slept on barroom floors, camped at personal residences and paid \$2 for dinner and 50 cents for one egg. The legislative wage was \$16 a day for the time it was in

session. One legislator from Sacramento could only find a sleeping place on a dining room table - and had to pay for the privilege.

It is not surprising that within the first week of the legislative session, one representative introduced a bill to move the capital out of San Jose. And, as we all know, eventually that is exactly what happened and our present state capital is in Sacramento. Its fun to imagine, though, what San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley would be like today if the capital had remained here.

Don't forget to exercise your right to vote in the November elections.

Resource - The Californian - a publication of the De Anza College History Center. Excerpts from an article by Mary Jo Ignoffo Vol. 21 #1 September 1999



~ CUPERTINO LIBRARY ~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12 to 9
Wednesday	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6
Sunday	2 to 6

Library telephone numbers:

General Library Number 408.446.1677
Adult and Teen Reference 408.446.1677, ext. 3372
Children's Reference 408.446.1677, ext. 3373
Accounts, Billing 800.286.1991
TeleCirc 800.471.0991

The library 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 

GET TECH @ THE LIBRARY!

Join our Science Club exclusively for 7th and 8th graders. Check in at the library for all the fun details.

DIWALI STORYTIME PROGRAM

Join Librarian Gayathri Kanth for Diwali stories and a special program, featuring Dancers from the Pushpanjali Dance Academy at the Community Hall on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 7 pm. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME AND COSTUME PARADE

Come in costume and join the Children's Librarians for a special Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade at the Community Hall on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 10:30 am. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

STORYTIMES

- Bedtime Stories**..... Wednesdays at 7 pm
- Toddler Storytime**Thursdays at 10:15 am
(ages 1-1/2 -3 years)

For information on any of the Cupertino Library's children's programs, please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3373.

ADULT, TEEN, AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Real World Retirement Planning

The Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley is hosting a presentation and Q & A, entitled Real World Retirement Planning on Sunday, October 1, 2006 in the Library Story Room on the main floor at 3 pm.

Starting or Improving a Business?

Join a speaker from SCORE on Saturday, October 7, 2006 in the Library Story Room on the main floor at 3 pm for free advice and information on starting or improving your small business.

Maintain Your Brain!

The Alzheimer's Association presents a program on how to live a brain-healthy lifestyle. Find out what you can do today to be fit from the neck up on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at the Community Hall at 7 pm.

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

If this is October, there must be a Friends Book Sale!

Join the *Friends of the Cupertino Library* for a Book Sale on Saturday, October 14, 2006 from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, October 15, 2006 from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Community Hall.

Want to get the Most from your Digital Photos?

Join Jim Miotke, professional photographer and instructor, for a fun and informative program featuring top tips for digital picture-taking on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the Community Hall at 7 pm. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

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

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.

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. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372 during the library's open hours.

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 best-seller 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 welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales.

The *Friends* also hold 3 annual 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.

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, ext 3372.

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, ext 3372.

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 pm 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 pm on the second Saturday of the month.

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.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue 



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCT.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	
~2~ 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	
	League of Women Voters Board & Member Meeting	7:30 pm	11155 La Paloma Dr.	725.0275	
~3~ 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		
~4~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869	
	Connect Club III*	8:15 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424	
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallico Parkway	285.4977	
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com	
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471	
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	247.8488	
~5~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	
	Cup. 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	
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 am	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253.2984 252.0932	
	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	



OCT.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~6~ 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
7 Sat	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 am	Union Church	842.0688
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814
	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4	De Anza College	864.8946
9 Mon	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center, Social Room	978.6614
	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Road	252.3954
10 Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 pm	Coffee Society	725.8091
11 Weds	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde middle School	245.9156
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center Cupertino Room	996.0750
12 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
13 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232
14 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828
	Diwali Festival of Lights	11 to 5 pm	Memorial Park	252.7054
17 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
19 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917
24 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
27 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet 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.



September is National Preparedness Month.

“No community is truly prepared for a disaster until every individual, family and household takes personal responsibility for preparedness,” says American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans.

Cupertino believes that EVERY month is preparedness month and offers programs to help you be ready. Upcoming training opportunities are listed below.

Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs:

Many community members have medical or physical conditions that make managing an earthquake more difficult – even dangerous. The City’s emergency preparedness website has started a collection of information specific to certain medical or physical conditions that could require additional disaster planning.

The first addition is from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is called “A Guide for People on Dialysis”. There are many guides available that address specific needs; however, having a guide isn’t enough. If your attitude is “I’ll put this guide in a safe place and read it when the emergency happens,” you may be surprised to find that it doesn’t cover our specific needs. Read the guide and think through your own situation. Plans don’t always cover everything. You may have questions you would like answered BEFORE an event happens.

For example, the guide says “(during an earthquake) instructions for dialysis patients may be available on TV, radio, or by phone...” In Cupertino, you would listen to KCBS 740 AM or KLIV 1590 AM, check the City website at www.cupertino.org/emergency and click on “Emergency Information” or go to a local Reporting Location – also listed under “Emergency Information”; however, there is no official plan to automatically publicize dialysis information.

The guide says “(when flying) have a 2-3 supply of all medications in your carry on bag”. If airline restrictions include your type of medication, you will have to make arrangements to pick up a prescription when you land.

The guide suggests you always keep a medical history with you – including all medications taken. The only way this information will be valuable to your treatment is if you REGULARLY updated it – every time your prescriptions change. You can pick up a “File of Life” from the Community Emergency Training Center at Vallco Mall. It gives you a handy, credit card size packet, where you can keep medical information.

The guide says you might use a gas generator to power your home dialysis machine. REMEMBER that operating a generator in the house will produce carbon monoxide that can kill you.

The emergency diet for Dialysis patients is significantly different than traditional emergency food

and water supplies. Check with your doctor to find out if you should create a special food and water kit to support your specific condition.

Remember...when someone offers you’re a preparedness plan, read through it, jot down your questions and contact your local Office of Emergency Services to get clarification or additional suggestions.

To view a copy of the plan and additional comments about the contents, go to www.cupertino.org/emergency and click on “Preparedness Info” “Special Needs” Or call 777-3335 for a hard copy.

Who takes Community Emergency Response Team Training? The Oct 2006 graduating class consists of working and retired, married and single, young and old. Some have physical strength and some don’t. Some have analytical minds and others prefer to work with their hands. Some have lived here all their lives and others have just moved in. ALL care about YOU and the safety of the City. Can you help them?

Upcoming classes:

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop
October 20 6:30 to 9:30 pm, November 16 6:30 to 9:30 pm

The Geology of Earthquakes: November 14 from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Vallco Community Emergency Training Center. Guest speaker will be Dr. Richard Sedlock, Geology Professor, San Jose State University. Understanding the reality of earthquakes helps to speed up the preparedness process! Call 777.3284 to RSVP. Free.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade. \$35/\$45. February 19-23, 2007 during Winter Break. 9-1.

Community Emergency Response Team coming January 2007!

CPR and First Aid classes November 4.
CPR 9 am to 1 pm \$25/\$35. First Aid 2 pm to 6 pm \$35/\$45

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

Dispel urban legends! If you receive safety information over the internet – NEVER forward it until you’ve confirmed it is accurate. Go to www.snopes.com to verify all questionable information.

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 (OES) at 408.777-3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information.

Register for classes through Cupertino Parks & Recreation 777.3120.



DON'T Forget!



E-mail Reminder for Street Sweeping

Have you ever forgot to move your car on street sweeping day and received a ticket? Make it your last. Sign up for free e-mail/text message reminders to help remember when to move your car. E-mail and text messages can be sent to your cell phone days and/or hours before scheduled street sweeping in your neighborhood. Go to www.cupertino.org/streetsweeping, for the free signup and the notification.

Cupertino Free

Cupertino Free is open to all if you have something you no longer need or want. It's a great way to unload items you have around the house that you feel someone in your community would enjoy rather than placing it in our local landfills. Want something? Just ask. All not for profit groups are welcome. Our intention is to lend a helping hand to a neighbor in need, build community spirit and be environmentally responsible. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CupertinoFree/>

Bulky Items Pickup

Bulky wastes are items that weigh more than 50 pounds and are too large to place in your garbage cart. One way to dispose of them is by calling Los Altos Garbage Company for a special pickup. The rate is \$25 for the first item and \$15 for each additional item; TV's are \$15. Bulky wastes may include, furniture, cabinets, washers, dryers, refrigerators, air conditioners and televisions. Call Los Altos Garbage Company at 408.725.4020 to arrange for a pickup.

Calif. Redemption Value Drop-Off Centers

If residents would like to turn in bottles and cans to reclaim their California Refund Value (the deposit money), the following recycling centers are nearby:

- Nob Hill Market parking lot (1179 S. DeAnza Blvd. @ Rollingdell)
- Safeway parking lot (6150 Bollinger Rd. @ Miller Ave.)

You can receive 4¢ for a single serve (under 24 ounces) glass, plastic and aluminum beverage container and 8¢ for beverage containers 24 ounces or more. They must have the words "California Cash Refund" or "California Redemption Value" printed on the container.

Cupertino Safety Fair

The City of Cupertino, in conjunction with The Santa Clara County Sheriff's is going to sponsor Cupertino Safety Fair on Saturday, October 7th from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will take place at the Civic Center Plaza, next to the Cupertino Library.

We are going to have Child Car seat inspections; child fingerprinting & stranger danger instruction; Fire prevention games & prizes; Free hot dogs provided by the Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriff's Association; and much more. For more information, please call 408.285.7332

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around...**

...our web pages for information on living, working and doing business in Cupertino and to view city meetings online.

www.cupertino.org





Are You Ready for Some Football?

Monday Nights at the Cupertino Senior Center

Enjoy the 2006-2007 football season from now through the Super Bowl in February. Each ticket is good for a "Tailgate Supper" which includes pizza, salad and soft drinks. Snacks will be available throughout the game and drawings for fabulous prizes will occur during the game. For \$7.00 a ticket for members (senior guests pay \$10.00), a good time is guaranteed.

All games are shown on our 114 inch screen, so sign up now at the Cupertino Senior Center and pick up your game schedule.



THE BETTER PART



The Better Part - TV shows by Seniors on Comcast Cable Channel 15

Watch the award-winning *The Better Part* on Channel 15 on Mondays at 4:30 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm. Programs for October are the following:

- Oct. 2, 3 & 6 Eclipse — An avid amateur astronomer captures the March 29, 2006, eclipse and explores ancient Egyptian temples and the Nile River.
- Oct. 9, 10 & 13 Special Families — Award-winning members of OS Families share the cares and delights that go with being a "special" family.
- Oct. 16, 17 & 20 Indian Jewelry — A local jewelry artist and entrepreneur shows how gold jewelry is created, and displays the many beautiful regional designs of India.
- Oct. 16, 17 & 20 Monterey Bay Aquarium — Join us for a behind the scenes visit to California's famous attraction.
- Oct. 30, 31 & Nov. 3 Vaulting: Gymnastics on Horseback — This sport is in the news as America wins 2 gold medals! See how the youthful competitors learn the grace and strength required.



Around the World Boutique



Hundreds of items from around the world have been donated to the Senior Center for this unique boutique. Come on Thursday, October 26, from 10 am to 2 pm and have fun hunting for buried surprises, gently used knick-knacks, jewelry and handcrafted items, this is also the perfect occasion to shop for those one of a kind holiday gifts. New selections will be added through out the day. The proceeds will benefit many Senior Center programs. Snack Bar will be open from noon to 1 pm. Coffee, snacks sandwiches and desserts will be served. The Cupertino Senior Center is located at 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd. at Mary Avenue. Open to the public.

The Cupertino Senior Center is still accepting donations of gently used knick-knacks, jewelry and hand crafted items that you no longer use. Any questions, please call 408.777.3150.

League of Women Voters Forums & Meetings

There are thirteen state propositions, plus two Cupertino ballot measures on the November ballot. The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale is presenting “**Pro and Con**” meetings to give the public a chance to hear non-biased information on them. There will also be three “**Candidate Forums**,” at which you can listen to the candidates, and ask them questions. All League meetings are open to the public. Cupertino meetings and forums are listed below. For additional information call 408.255.0977, or visit the League Website at: www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org.

Pros & Cons - Wed, October 4, 10 to 11:30 am, Cupertino Senior Center Reception Hall, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Pros & Cons - Thurs, Oct 5, 1 to 2 pm, Union Church, Ivan Hall, 20900 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Candidate Forum - Mon, Oct 9, District Attorney 7-8:30 pm, Pros and Cons of Cupertino Measures D&E, Community Hall 10350 Torre Ave.

Candidate Forum, Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees - Thurs, Oct 19, 7 to 9 pm, District Office, 589 West Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale

Pros & Cons - Fri, Oct 20, 10:30 to 12 pm, The Forum Sierra Room, 23500 Christo Rey Dr.

Candidate Forum, Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees and County Board of Education Trustee Seat #2 - Wed, Oct 25, 7 to 9 pm, Community Hall 10350 Torre Ave. This candidate forum will be televised LIVE on The City Channel, Channel 26 or watch the LIVE stream by logging onto www.cupertino.org.



Tune in...

... to people, places and events in the community, including meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks & Recreation Commission.

For programming info go to:
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Best Time to Start a Compost Pile

Backyard compost workshops will be held on the first Saturdays of October and November (Oct. 7 & Nov. 4). Autumn is the best time to start a compost pile because of the abundance of fallen leaves. Workshops are free, and are held at McClellan Ranch Park, at 22221 McClellan Rd. Call 918.4640 to register.

Green Business

The Santa Clara County Green Business Program is a regional joint venture program for certifying businesses throughout Santa Clara County that operate using environmentally sound practices. The goal of the Program is to certify and recognize businesses that are in compliance with all environmental regulations and take additional measures to prevent pollution, reduce waste and conserve water and energy. County staff is available to guide you through the process at no charge. Once your business is certified it receives a certificate and window decal, which identifies your business as a Green Business. Additionally, the company is added to the local and regional website directories. Businesses are also recognized before City Council and the County Board of Supervisors. County staff helps your business implement environmental practices that save money, and your business gets the recognition that it deserves for helping the community save resources and protect the environment. To find out how to become a certified Green Business or for more information, visit the website at <http://greenbiz.sccgov.org> or call 408.441.4329.

Compost Teachers Needed

Interested in becoming a Master Composter? Modeled after the Master Gardener Program, Master Composters receive free training in composting techniques in exchange for performing 50 hours of volunteer service by teaching workshops or staffing educational booths at fairs. Training classes are held in San Jose on Wednesday evenings from January – March, with some additional Saturday morning field trip classes. Call the Home Composter Education Program at 408.918.4640 for details or email: compost@pln.sccgov.org.

Cupertino sponsors free backyard composting workshops at McClellan Ranch Park during Spring and Fall. Come and help us teach composting.

Last Chance for Compost This Year

The city's compost site will be open through October 28th on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30-11 at the Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road across from the dam. The site will then close for the winter months. To participate, bring your own shovels and containers and proof of Cupertino residency. Watch for notices in the Scene when the site reopens in the Spring. Call the compost hotline at 408.777.1320 for more information.

Disposing of Fluorescent Bulbs and Thermometers

Fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs and mercury thermometers contain a small amount of mercury and when they no longer work, they should be disposed of as hazardous waste. Fluorescent bulbs and tubes can be dropped off at Blaine's Lighting, 12312 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road (408.252.7400), just across the Cupertino border in Saratoga, or Rancho Hardware in nearby Los Altos at 1150 Riverside Drive (650.948.6331). Mercury thermometers can be dropped off at De Anza College Health Services, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., phone 408.864.8732. You can also bring fluorescents and mercury thermometers to the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program, call 408.299.7300 for a free disposal appointment.

The cities throughout the Bay Area are making a concerted effort to prevent mercury from being released into the environment.

- Learn more about mercury contamination and health concerns. Visit: www.mywatershedwatch.org/
- Buy lower-mercury fluorescent tubes and bulbs, such as: GE "Ecolux," Philips "Alto," and Sylvania "Ecologic"



COUNCIL ACTIONS



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Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Council Members Present:
Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok,
Mahoney, Sandoval
Council Members Absent: None

Answered questions from the community during the Community Congress.

Took no action regarding the City Attorney's contract.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for August 11, 18, and 25.

Adopted resolutions accepting Payroll for August 11 and 25.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment report for July 2006.

Accepted an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Homestead Bowling, 20990 Homestead Road.

Adopt resolutions authorizing grant applications to the Habitat Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Act programs.

Reject proposals received for use of the Cupertino Sports Center Pool.

Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for motor coach services for the Cupertino Senior Center travel program, with Quality Assurance of San Jose.

Adopted a resolution initiating annexation proceedings for territory designated as Cupertino Pockets 06-01 and set a protest hearing date of October 3, 2006.

Established an intermediary committee of approximately 20 people to study the North Vallco area.

Communicating with City Council

State law prohibits a quorum of Council from discussing agenda items except at a noticed meeting. As a result, Council members may not be able to reply directly to you, but they very much appreciate input from the community. The following information explains how you can communicate with the entire City Council or individual members.

Mail

Letters addressed to the City Council at City Hall are photocopied and put in a drop box for each Council member, which is collected when they visit the office. Any mail not collected is delivered to the Council members' homes on Thursday evening. Send mail to City Council, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA, 95014.

E-mail

E-mail sent to citycouncil@cupertino.org is automatically redirected to each Council member's home e-mail address. You can also e-mail individual members at the addresses below. Please send e-mail about agenda items at least one day prior to the Council meeting, which is usually held on the first and third Tuesday of each month

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Oral Communications

City Council meetings are open to the public, and you may speak about any item that is on the agenda when that item is discussed. You may also speak about items that are not on the agenda during the "Oral communications" section.

Please note, State law prohibits Council from taking action unless the topic is shown on the agenda, so if you speak under "Oral Communications" the Council cannot take action, but may choose to refer the matter to staff. Comments from the public are limited – up to 3 minutes per person per item.

Sometimes the subject matter cannot easily be addressed in 3 minutes. In that case, you are free to share your views with City Council members at least one day before the meeting takes place, either by mail, email, telephone, or in person.

For further information or assistance in contacting staff or City Council members, please call 408.777.CITY.

Election News

The Registrar of Voters invites you to get involved in democracy right here in Santa Clara County. There are many ways you can contribute to your community and be a part of the solution. One way is to become a volunteer at the polls and receive a paid stipend - the Registrar of Voters is always looking for citizens willing to work at the polls. Another way to become involved is to provide your home or facility to be a polling place.

For more information, call 408.299.POLL (7655) or visit the Registrar's web site at www.sccvote.org.





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CITY MEETINGS

Oct. 3	City Council mtg.***	6:45 p.m.
Oct. 5	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
Oct. 11	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
Oct. 18	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Economic Development Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 18	Audit Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Library Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
Oct. 24	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 p.m.

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***These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26.

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