

CUPERTINO

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Citywide Garage Sale Registration Begins

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held October 6 and 7 at individual homes and other private locations in the city. The city invites residents and community organizations to register starting August 27, and will provide free advertising, and a garage sale "how-to" kit, for all
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Fall Festival

September 15-16, 2007, 10am to 6pm, Torre Avenue Community Field
Join the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce for annual Fall Festival, a family event for residents of all ages.
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Community Services Annual Auction & BBQ

Saturday, September 8, 2007, 4pm to 8pm
Cupertino Civic Center Plaza
Torre Avenue between Cupertino City Hall and Public Library
\$35 per adult / \$10 per child 12 & under
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registered sellers. The city is anticipating about 400 residents and community organizations will hold sales this year.

Participants may register online at the city's website, www.cupertino.org by clicking on "Garage Sale". For those that do not have access to a computer call 408.777.3354. The last day to register to get on the city's official list is September 21.

On October 3, a list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website, and printed copies will be available at City Hall, Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino Senior Center and the Cupertino Library. Online viewers will be able to electronically search for specific items on the list. Block sales and multi-family sales will be highlighted.

The city's goal in sponsoring a Citywide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away as garbage. In addition to finding unusual garage sale treasures, use this opportunity to learn about our city by shopping in neighborhoods that you've never visited before.

For more information, check the city's website, www.cupertino.org, or call 408.777.3354.

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There will be plenty of food, fun, and entertainment at the Cupertino Community Services Annual Auction & BBQ fundraiser.

Cupertino Community Services is a private, non-profit agency that provides emergency food and shelter to low income and homeless people in Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and West San Jose. The Barbecue and Auction is CCS's principle fund raising event and your support will assist CCS in continuing to carrying on this important work.

For the first time in 2006, all the city governments in our service area have allocated funding for our services. This step is the first for many cities in acknowledging that there are indeed families in need residing in their neighborhoods. However, the number of clients we serve continues to increase and funding is still short.

To become a sponsor, donate an auction item or purchase tickets, please contact the CCS office at 408.255.8033 or Vicki Yang at x303 or vickiy@cupertinocommunityservices.org.

For more information stop by or call: 10104 Vista Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014
Phone: 408.255.8033
www.cupertinocommunityservices.org



Fine Arts League Annual Juried Art Show



**Art Show & Sale: September 15-16, 10 am - 6 pm, Cupertino Community Hall
Reception Friday, September 14, 7 to 9 pm**

The Fine Arts League of Cupertino is holding its third annual Juried Art Show and sale in conjunction with the Cupertino Fall Festival. Over 100 original art works by local artists will be for sale, as well as a display of art from this year's Cupertino Distinguished artist of the year.

The judge and juror will be Preston Metcalf, Assistant Curator of the Triton Museum. This event is co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cupertino, Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and the Cupertino Fine Arts Commission. Following the show, award winning paintings will be displayed in the halls of Quinlan Center until December 10, 2007.

The Fine Arts League was founded over 40 years ago. It meets the second Monday of the month in the Social Hall at Quinlan Center. Local artists present monthly demonstrations which are open to the public. For more information, visit www.FALC.org.

Community Service Honored

Nancy Newton Recognized for 20 Years of Service as a Trustee in the Fremont Union High School District



The Board of Trustees with Superintendent Polly Bove and staff honored board member Nancy Newton with a **20 balloon salute** at the special meeting of the board held July 17, 2007.

Newton was appointed to the board on July 21, 1987 and she has not missed a board meeting during her 20 years of service.

A reception will be held to honor Nancy Newton at the September 4 board meeting when the board will swear in a new trustee to replace Kathryn Ho, who resigned effective August 24, 2007.



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Presented by

Cupertino Chamber of Commerce &
The Rotary Club of Cupertino



Fine Arts Show

Local Wineries & BJ's Famous Beer

Food Booths, Arts & Craft Booths

Music Throughout The Day on 2 Stages

International Performances



September 15th & 16th 2007. 10am - 6pm
Torre Ave., Library Field, Cupertino

Something for The Whole Family

Kids Entertainments
-Petting Zoo
-Hands-on Activities
-much more...



featuring:
Pirates of Cupertino
Captain Jack Spareribs & his Pirate Band



For Sponsorship Opportunities, Booth or General Information, please call 408-252-7054 or visit our web site: www.Cupertino-Chamber.org

Cupertino Names 'Distinguished Artist'

Charlotte Kruk has been selected as the 2007 "Distinguished Artist of the Year" by the city's Fine Arts Commission. Ms. Kruk is an art instructor at Lynbrook High School and a fashion designer who uses candy wrappers and other product labels to create wearable art such as dresses, jackets, and hats. She is a graduate of San Jose State University, and is currently the 3D/Sculpture arts educator at Lynbrook High School, which serves the Cupertino community.

She has been awarded Lynbrook's "Teacher of the Year" in 2005 and the Mercury News' "Teacher of the Week" in 2004. Ms. Kruk has appeared on several cable television shows and Rosanne's talk show, and her fashions have been featured in magazines including Jane, the National Enquirer, the San Jose Mercury News West, and The Wave.

Previous winners of the Cupertino Distinguished Artist Award include visual artist/sculptor Corinne Okada Takara, ceramic artist Janet Leong Malan, visual artist Kate Curry, ceramic artist Mahoko Dahte, singer-composer Robert L. Harrison, visual and performing artist Ann Stamm Merrill; pianist Makiko Ooka, visual artist Sara Loesch Frank, visual artist Brother Joseph Aspell, S.M., and Ikebana flower artist Fusako Seiga Hoyrup.

For further information call the city clerk's office at 408.777.3217





FALL FUN in Cupertino

Moon Festival of Silicon Valley

September 29-30, 10:30 am - 5 pm
Memorial Park Amphitheater



The Moon Festival, also known as Mid-Autumn Festival, is one of the biggest annual celebrations of Chinese tradition. It is on the 15th day of lunar August and it is the last day of the year when the so-called “Yin” and “Yan” are supposed to balance.

This year the two-day festival opens at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 29 at the amphitheater of Memorial Park in Cupertino. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony partaken by the politicians and businessmen. A troupe of local dancers will perform the traditional Unity Dance.

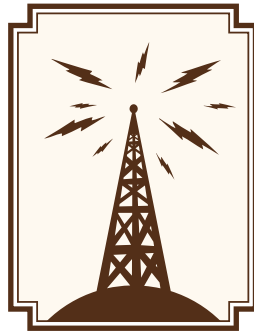
There will be around 150 booths available, some will serve Asian food, such as noodles, egg rolls, fried rice and tapioca drink and others will offer services on banking, financial planning and flower arranging in addition to traditional exhibitions. Other attractions include traditional Chinese tea ceremony, book show and costume performances. Chinese tea tasting with seminars on the culture of brewing and serving tea will be held every day during the festival weekend. There will be four performing stages showcasing Chinese culture, wedding rituals and customs. For more info visit, www.themoonfestival.org.

Annual Iranian Arts & Cultural Festival

Sunday, September 23, 11 am - 6 pm
Quinlan Community Center

Payvand and the Iranian Federated Women’s Club (IFWC) invite you to the 11th annual Arts and Cultural Festival. This free festival and fundraising event is a great opportunity to experience Iran’s diverse culture. There will be dance, music, poetry, arts and crafts, book signings, and an art gallery all accompanied by delicious authentic Persian cuisine. Every year this event attracts over 3000 members of the community.

The festival helps keep the traditions alive, shares the culture, and passes on the cultural heritage to the younger generation. This year, it promotes young talent in the community. Young Iranian entrepreneurs and artists are invited to showcase their success and hard work at the festival. For more information visit www.payvand.org.



RADIO CUPERTINO

WQGH344 (Radio Cupertino) is 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 also broadcast at various times throughout the week.

In the event of a 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.



ROOTS The Great Apricot Caper



By Gail Fretwell Hugger

It was a dry spring this year, no rain or wind to destroy the blossoms on the few remaining fruit trees scattered in back yards across the Valley of Heart's Delight. Later in the spring it became apparent that there was going to be a bumper crop of apricots and at our house we weren't paying much attention to our lone apricot tree.

Upon returning from visiting mom's baby brother Uncle Donald up in Shingletown, we gave a collective gasp as we saw the tree. It was so loaded with fruit, the branches drooped like a weeping willow. Thus the plan was hatched to pick and dry the fruit, just like the "good old days." All we needed was some wooden trays, a drying box and some sulphur. We called the Gagliasso cousins and got some advice on how to rig up a drying box. Sis Shelley and I scrounged some wood at Home Depot and sis fixed up a couple of small trays to go with the one old one we found in our shed. We were in business! All we had to get now was the sulphur.

And at this point, the realities of life in the 21st century set in. There was no sulphur to be found anywhere. Seems after 9-11, you can't get the stuff. Frantic phone calls to old-timers on the historical society member list didn't help. One helpful friend said he was even having trouble getting sulphur for his ranch over in the Central Valley. Several days of telephoning went by and the apricots were getting really ripe. Would we have to make jam by the ton, pies by the dozen, and give the extra fruit away? We were determined not to give up on drying our precious golden apricots.



On Sunday, during a conversation with the S.S. teacher, the great apricot caper was mentioned. "Call Grover", the teacher said. What a great idea! Now, if you do not have any old-timers, especially old fruit ranchers in your acquaintance, you have missed one of life's great friendship experiences. Most conversations begin and end in bluster and insults and if you haven't grown up with this, it can be a disconcerting experience - especially if you are female. Fortunately for me, having two curmudgeonly uncles and an assortment of blustery cousins, trading insults is second nature. And after all that, Grover was good enough to give me more than enough sulphur, plus detailed instructions to refresh my hazy memory and a thorough examination of his own home-made drying box.

For the next ten days, Sis, I and Mom (Hazel, age 96) picked, cut

and dried apricots right there in our yard. We relived the good old days, reminiscing about knee pads sewn into our jeans, dirt mixed into the sticky fruit on the ground, flies, cut fingers, and cute shed boys. We also recalled the old-timers we worked for and how we were so scared of them when we were kids. We laughed about how we earned sometimes as little as \$50-\$75 for a 10 day season because we were a bit slower than some of the other ladies.

Come to think of it, September is prune season... hmmm... now if I can just find some good old French prunes and make a dipping bucket and get some lye... what's that you say? You can't buy lye anymore because of... oh, not them again!



Many thanks to all those who gave advice and support and encouragement, especially Shelley Burts, Hazel Regnart Fretwell, Charles and Mildred Gagliasso, Fenton Hill, Pete and Evelyn Camarda, Norman Damico, Andy Butcher and the nice lady at Andy Mariani's Orchard, Herbert Regnart.. and most of all... blessings on Grover S.



Cupertino LIBRARY

~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

The library will be closed Sunday, September 2, and Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.

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

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories Wednesdays at 7 pm

Toddler Stories:

1 1/2 to 3 years old..... Thursdays 10:15 am

CELEBRATE THE MOON FESTIVAL

Thursday, September 20, at 7 pm in the Library

Children and families are welcome to a special storytime in Mandarin to celebrate the Chinese Moon Festival with stories and craft. For more information, ask Children's Reference Librarian at 408.446.1677 x 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 talked will be discussed. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

September 20, 7 pm *"Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time"*

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

FICTION WRITING FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Saturday, September 8, 2 pm, Library Story Room

Have you always dreamed of writing a novel, but can't find the time? Get started by joining our one hour program led by published author Melissa Houle. Please bring a laptop with a charged battery or a pen/pencil and paper in order to participate in the writing exercises. For more information, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

DEVELOPING A BUSINESS PLAN

Saturday, September 15th, 1 pm, Library Story Room

Interested in starting a new business or want to expand your existing one? A free seminar on Developing a Business Plan will be led by Darlene McKinnon, Acting District Director for the San Francisco district office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. For more information, please call the library's 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.

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. 

Friends of Cupertino Library Used Book Sale

Saturday October 20, 9 am - 4 pm

Sunday October 21, 12 pm - 3 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

The annual Fall Used Book Sale, hosted by the *Friends of the Cupertino Public Library*, is just around the corner. This popular sale will be held in the Cupertino Community Hall, at 10350 Torre Avenue, between the Library and City Hall. 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. For more information visit www.cupertino.org/friends/.

Adult and Community Education: Free Citizenship Classes

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers citizenship classes where students learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting.

ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class for intermediate level speakers of English: Monday and Wednesday evenings, August 27 to October 24, 6:30 - 9:30 pm in room 82, at Fremont High School

Citizenship Preparation Class for advanced speakers of English: Monday and Wednesday evenings August 27 to October 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, room 83, at Fremont High School

ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class for beginning to intermediate English speakers: Saturday mornings, 9 am - 12 pm, starting September 1. Class will be held at Templo el Monte Horeb, room 1 on the second floor, 455 E. Maude Avenue, Sunnyvale.

Students should register in class. For more information about these classes or for ESL/Citizenship at Home, please call 408.522.2703.



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

FALL CLASSES

Fall is upon us, and an array of exciting classes and activities awaits you at the Cupertino Senior Center. Whether you're a music and art lover, or pursuing a healthy lifestyle, these classes will delight your senses.

Symphony & Concerto Class is a survey of the rich variety musical activities in the area. Lectures focus on concerts presented at Flint Center and at other locations in Santa Clara County. Audio and video recordings, including symphonic music, opera and ballet will be used as part of the class.

Golden Age of American Musicals Class explores the American Theater scene between 1960-1980. This theater work reflects the culture and society of that period, and the instructor will introduce many famous plays, such as: *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *Camelot*, *Hello Dolly*, *Funny Girl*, etc.

Chinese Macramé Classes teach students intricate knots using colorful cords to make accessories and decorations. The finished knots make great holiday gifts!

Tai Chi offers gentle, flowing movement and low-impact exercise without stressing the joints. Studies have shown that practicing Tai Chi may reduce the risk of falls by improving balance and flexibility, enhancing muscle strength, helping lower blood pressure, and relieving stress.

Yoga classes provide a great way to unwind after a stressful day with mild, relaxing stretches. Yoga poses increase joint flexibility and range of motion, and the instructor will modify the poses for beginners.

Foreign Language Classes - Medical experts recommend learning a new language as part of brain-stimulating activities. We offer Spanish, Italian, ESL, and now Chinese Mandarin. The Mandarin class teaches practical dialogues used in daily life. Simple vocabulary will be introduced throughout the session so that students can learn, practice, and develop basic Chinese conversational skills. Join the fun - there will be no quizzes or finals!

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY SOCIAL AND BIRTHDAY BASH

Looking for a good excuse to get out of the house, meet friends, old and new? Come to our September Monthly Social and Birthday Bash, and see the "Happy Birds" perform a parrot show. Members and guests are welcome to come check out what the Senior Center has to offer. We will serve sole stuffed with shrimp and garlic butter. You don't have to be celebrating a birthday to come but there will be cake to honor those who are.

DIABETES SCREENING AND NUTRITION COUNSELING

The Diabetes Society of Santa Clara Valley will conduct free diabetes screening and nutrition counseling. Diabetes is a serious, chronic disease that affects the whole body, and symptoms are not very noticeable at the onset. If you haven't been tested, come for the screening; it is just a finger prick. You will also learn how to eat a healthy diet and stay fit. No fasting is necessary.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Join us and enjoy good food, good fun, and great football. Opening night starts with a double-header on Monday, September 10. Dinner is at 4 pm with game one kickoff at 4 pm and game two kickoff at 7:15 pm. Cost is just \$7 each night for members or \$7 plus a \$5 day use pass for senior guests. Please see the flyer for complete details and game schedule.

BINGO BOOSTS THE BRAIN

Beside being fun, according to a recent article, "Bingo boosts the brain- and the older you are the more agile you may be... Tests showed bingo players were faster and more accurate than non-bingo players in a range of tests measuring mental speed, memory, and the ability to pick up information..." The Senior Center offers Bingo twice a week: Penny Bingo, Wednesdays, 1 - 3 pm, and regular Bingo, Fridays, 1 - 3:30 pm.

MEET MR. ROADSHOW

The "Better Part" is a half-hour television show produced by members of the Cupertino Senior TV Production Group. For the month of September, the featured speaker is Gary Richards, Mr. Roadshow. He will be available to answer questions about traffic & transportation, and he will also listen to your stories.

HOMEOWNER AND RENTER'S ASSISTANCE

Come to the Senior Center before October 15, 2007 to apply. Must be over 62 years of age, disabled, or blind; U.S. citizen or a legal immigrant; lived in a qualified rented residence paying \$50 or more for rent, or owned and occupied a home in California since 12/31/06 as principal place of residence; and total household income less than \$42,770 (including SSA, SSI, etc.) to qualify for this program. Please call to schedule an appointment to apply, 408.777.3150.

CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Join our vibrant center from August 27 to October 26 for a 2007 membership and receive \$5 off. Membership includes a Senior Center parking permit, access to Senior Center programs, trips, services, classes, and mailing of the bi-monthly newsletter. This membership also includes free participation in Ping Pong, Monthly Movie,

THE BETTER PART

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

September 3, 4, 7

The Amazing Electric Car, Part II

The sleek new look of today's gas-saving hybrids and performance EVs are capturing our hearts and minds.

September 10, 11, 14

Putting the Cart Before the Horse

"Eclipse Chaser Extraordinaire," Ernie Piini, joined by his editor, displays a vast collection of his books on eclipses and other solar events with photos from around the globe.

September 17, 18, 21

Cupertino Veterans Memorial

The city honors all U.S. veterans with a sculpture of a Cupertino son and his Navy Seal partner, a Wall of Honor, and a Walk of Remembrance.

September 24, 25, 28

Wings of History

Enjoy our guided tour of the popular old-time museum of flight in nearby San Martin, California

major risk factors for falls and share tips on fall prevention. Ellen has her bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy and her Masters in Rehabilitation Administration.

This event is open to the public. Please call 408.777.3150 to register. Obtain a temporary parking permit from the front desk. Chinese translation will be provided.

Osher Lifelong Learning Program

Are you 50 or better and still enjoy learning? Are you curious about current world affairs, history or cultures and countries of the world? Have you always wanted to try watercolor painting or sculpting with clay? Do you enjoy opera, modern plays, or writing poetry?

These enjoyable learning opportunities and others are available to you through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute based at UCSC Extension on Bubb Road in Cupertino.

The Bernard Osher Foundation has generously underwritten such programs all across the country. Mr. Osher and his wife attended classes in San Francisco for older adults and enjoyed it so much that they decided to direct their family foundation to provide similar opportunities to other older adults.

Courses are taught by college professors, or other well-qualified instructors, on a wide variety of subjects. The program year is divided into spring, summer and fall academic terms. The fall term is just now getting underway, with courses beginning at different times between now and December.

At the start of each term, instructors provide an overview of the courses in an orientation session. The sessions include question and answer time and the opportunity for one-on-one conversations with instructors. The next orientation session is Thursday, September 6, 11 am-1 pm, at 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino.

A modest \$25 annual membership fee provides a minimum of a \$20 reduction on all courses. This results in a typical course fee of about \$60. Most courses are given once a week in two-hour sessions for four weeks. Additional member benefits include free lectures, a book club, and discounts on regional cultural events.

In addition, there are monthly "brown bag" talks by invited speakers on a variety of subjects. These discussions are open to the general public, so you can bring a friend along.

For more information on this program, and to receive a course bulletin, contact Brendan Rawson, program director, at 408.861.3876 or olli@ucsc-extension.edu.

Karaoke, Ballroom Dance Social, Line Dance Social and free coffee, tea, or chocolate at the Senior Center. It's easy to become a member: be 50 years or older, complete an application form, and pay the special membership offer of \$17 for Cupertino residents, \$22 for non-residents. 2007 membership is valid until January 31, 2008.

BRING A FRIEND ~ NEW DAY USE PROGRAM

For a \$5 day use fee, senior guests 50 years and older can enjoy the Senior Center for social activities and one-day lectures including a 1-day parking permit. Senior guests sign up for the day use fee at the front desk. Any luncheon fees are in addition to the day use fee.

Fall Prevention Presentation

September 27, Thursday, 11 am – 12 pm, Senior Center

Thirty to fifty per cent of falls are preventable by addressing home safety, medications and strength and balance. Join us for a presentation on Fall Prevention by Ellen Corman, Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Trauma Service at Stanford University Medical Center. She will discuss the



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPT	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814
~4~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Lutheran 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	
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Creekside Park - toddler area	861.0417
	~5~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road
Connect Club III*		8:15 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054
Cupertino Sanitary District*		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
Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*		7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943
Viewfinders Camcorder Club		7:30 pm	Community Center	735.0367
~6~ 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
	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
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606	7 am	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T	BNI.com
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650.691.8724
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	St. Jude's Church Portal Park	378.3499 861.0417
	~7~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5 pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.
De Anza Kiwanis*		7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456
Cupertino Las Madres*		10 to 1 pm	Cupt. Library atrium	861.0417
~8~ Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828



SEPT	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~10~ 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
~11~ Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
~13~ Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529
~14~ Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Valley Pres. Church	253.1232
	Reception prior to Fine Arts League Juried Art Show	7 to 9 pm	Cupertino Community Hall	868.9023
~15~ Sat	Fine Arts League 3rd Annual Juried Art Show	10 am to 6 pm	Cupertino Community Hall	868.9023
~16~ Sun	Fine Arts League 3rd Annual Juried Art Show	10 am to 6 pm	Cupertino Community Hall	868.9023
~17~ Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	268.1974 Ask for Chandra Agrawal
~18~ Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
~20~ Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		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
~25~ Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
~26~ Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

City offices will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.

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.





ECO NEWS September 2007

By Lavenia Millar, Cupertino Environment Program Manager

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

The Los Altos Garbage Co. has received a 2.52% cost-of-living increase as of August 1. A typical monthly single-can residential bill will increase from \$18.66 to \$19.13.

WATER DISTRICT CALLS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is urging county residents and businesses to voluntarily cut back their water use by 10 percent.

Due to a prolonged dry winter and sudden reduction in water supply from the delta, water reserves are being depleted at a faster rate than anticipated. By conserving water now residents and businesses will help ensure that there is enough water available in the future.

The water district offers several programs, services and rebates to help reduce water use. These include:

- **Water-Wise House Call Program** - A trained technician will visit your home, free of charge, and survey your sprinklers, showerheads, toilets etc. to show you where you can cut back.
- **Landscape Programs** - Rebates and incentives are offered on innovative technologies to make your residential or business irrigation systems more efficient. More than 50% of water-use in homes is for landscaping.
- **High-efficiency Clothes Washers** - Rebates offered ranging from \$100-\$400 for new water-saving residential and commercial clothes washers.
- **Educational Programs** - Publications and CDs explain low-water use plants and various other landscape related items.
- **Conservation Hotline** - To reach a team of experts to find out more, call 408.265-2607, ext. 2554, or visit their website at www.valleywater.org.

COMPOST WORKSHOPS

Compost is great for gardens and landscaping, and saves money on soil conditioners, mulch and fertilizers. Fall is one of the best times to start a compost pile because leaves are so abundant. Free backyard compost workshops will be held on the first Saturdays of October and November (Oct. 6 & Nov. 3) at McClellan Ranch Park, at 22221 McClellan Rd. Call 408.918.4640 to register.

COMPOST AVAILABLE

The city's compost site is open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11, at the Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam). No appointments are necessary and there is no charge. Please bring proof of Cupertino residency. The site will be closed Labor Day weekend

(Aug. 31 & Sept.1). For more information call the compost hotline at 408.777.1320.

ON-CALL "YARDWASTE/WOODWASTE DAYS"

Each home in Cupertino (with "can" garbage service) is entitled to schedule two on-call Disposal Days in a calendar year. One or both of the days can be designated Yardwaste/ Woodwaste Days to dispose of yardwaste or unpainted and untreated woodwaste. These organic wastes will be hauled to a compost site, instead of a landfill. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. at 408.725.4020 for an appointment.

RECYCLING USED MOTOR OIL

Homes can recycle up to two gallons of motor oil at a time by leaving gallon bottles at the curb on their recycle day.

For apartment and condominium residents who do not have oil recycling at their complex, Jiffy Lube at the corner of Miller Ave. and Stevens Creek Blvd., ph: 408.253.8570, is a "State Certified" oil collection center in Cupertino that accepts used motor oil from the public for recycling.

SETTING OUT GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

When setting out your carts for collection, please remember to place them side-by-side in the street, 18" apart, and with the wheels against the curb. Yard waste is now collected with a fully automated truck, using a mechanical arm that retrieves, empties and sets the cart down in the street without the driver leaving the truck. Using the fully automated system makes the placement of the carts more important than ever, so that the mechanical arm can grab the yard waste cart without interfering with the other carts. We appreciate your support as we continue to improve our recycling and garbage service.

GRASSCYCLING

A reminder for gardeners: turf experts recommend that grass clippings be left on the lawn to return the nitrogen in the clippings (one of the primary ingredients in fertilizer) back to the lawn. This will reduce the amount of fertilizer needed and mulch helps prevent water loss by evaporation. Short clippings will fall into the lawn's root area and decompose quickly. For best results, use a mulching mower. Follow the "1/3 rule": a lawn should be mowed so that no more than 1/3 of the grass height is cut at any one mowing. This will prevent an unsightly "hay-like" appearance. Mow when the grass is dry to prevent clippings from clumping in piles on the lawn. Thatch is caused by grass roots and stems—not clippings. This practice has been followed by Cupertino's Public Works Dept. in our city parks, with good results, for many years.



Jon Nakafuji, Cupertino Volunteer

It's back to school time! While your children may be happy to be reunited with their classmates, that's not the only thing they'll be united with. Colds, viruses, and especially the flu can be spread quickly among children - and parents - due to a lack of proper hygiene. To ensure your child's health and well-being, be sure to teach them the basics.

Wash hands before eating or preparing food, after coughing or sneezing into the hands and after using the toilet. Instruct them to:

- Turn on faucet and wet hands with running water.
- Apply soap to all surfaces of hands.
- Scrub all surfaces of hands, including between each finger, for at least 20 seconds (saying the alphabet slowly or singing a nursery rhyme will take at least 20 seconds).
- Rinse hands under running water.
- Avoid touching any bathroom surfaces after hands are washed.
- Dry hands with paper towels or air dryers.
- If hand washing is not practical, keep an alcohol gel available.

Don't share! Avoid sharing eating and drinking utensils, pens and pencils.

Cough and sneeze with care. Coughing and sneezing into your hands is one of the fastest ways to spread germs. Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue and wash hands immediately!

Stay home if you have a fever! – You're contagious!

Taking these simple yet effective steps toward preventing and isolating illness can keep us all healthy this year.

SPREAD THE WORD – NOT THE FLU

Why don't we do it in our sleeves? See www.coughsafe.com for a free, eight minute humorous video on proper coughing and sneezing etiquette.

The Centers for Disease Control have free, downloadable posters, targeted at children and families, translated into nine languages. Print and post at schools, churches, recreation centers, etc. www.cdc.gov/germstopper/

SEPTEMBER IS BABY SAFETY MONTH

The bathroom is one of the most deadly rooms in the home for babies. In 2001, 72 children under the age of 5 reportedly drowned in the bathtub. More than half were under the age of 1 year old. Never leave young children alone near

any water – a baby bath seat is not a substitute for supervision. Always keep baby within arm's reach in a bathtub. Never leave a baby or toddler in a bathtub under the supervision of another child. Keep toilet lids down to prevent access to water. Always secure spas or hot tubs with safety covers, and above all, learn CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation)!

IF YOU DO ONLY ONE THING TO PREPARE THIS MONTH

Remember to ensure every room in the house is "baby-safe", making sure dangerous chemicals are locked away, heavy objects are secured and unable to tip over, no objects small enough to fit inside a standard toilet paper tube are accessible.

UPCOMING CLASSES

(The Training Center is no longer at Cupertino Square. Be sure to confirm the location of upcoming classes)

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

If you would like to join the September training, you must complete the basic Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop first. All Cupertino residents should take the basic class to ensure they know what to do to care for their home and family. CERT is for those who want to help their entire community.

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Free, Sept. 13, 6:30-9:30 pm, Oct. 10, 9 am - 12 pm

Topics include earthquake supplies, how the City responds to disaster, when/how to turn off the natural gas, where to receive emergency information, pandemic flu, life saving techniques to use before the ambulance arrives, how to use a fire extinguisher – and more.

Community Emergency Response Team

Sept 22, 23, 28, 29 and Oct 5 at 9 am - 12 pm

OR same dates at 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Graduation for all Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 am to 12 pm at City Hall.

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

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.





CITY Announcements

COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City of Cupertino is accepting applications for one vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The vacancy occurred when Commissioner Roger Peng resigned. The term expires in January, 2008.

City of Cupertino is accepting applications for two vacancies on the Technology, Information, and Communications Commission (TICC). The vacancy occurred when commissioners Charlie Ahern and Luke Lam resigned. The terms expire in January of 2010 and 2011.

Interviews will be scheduled during the annual commission recruitment process in January 2008. For more information, visit the City website at www.cupertino.org.

NEWLY ADOPTED TREE ORDINANCE

The City Council recently adopted a new tree ordinance, effective July 19, 2007 which includes simplifies the regulations and enforcement for protected trees. The new ordinance can be viewed on the City's home page at www.cupertino.org by clicking on "Tree Ordinance." A copy may also be obtained from the Planning Department at Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014 or by calling the Planning Department at 408.777.3308.

Key changes in the new tree ordinance include the following:

- Simplification of the process to obtain a city tree removal permit if sought prior to removal.
- Most tree removal permits can be reviewed and approved by the planning staff.
- The following tree species are protected with a trunk diameter equal to or greater than 10 inches for single-trunk trees and 20 inches for multi-trunk trees:

Coast Live Oak	Black Oak
Big Leaf Maple	Valley Oak,
Blue Atlas Cedar	California Buckeye
Interior Live Oak	Deodar Cedar
Western Sycamore	Blue Oak
Bay Laurel	

- Any tree that is part of a landscape plan that has been approved by the city is protected.
- New tree replacement standards are specified.
- Public noticing and permit posting are required for tree removals.
- Dead and hazardous trees can be removed subject to city approval without a fee.

Tree species that are listed above with less than the above trunk diameters, and are not heritage trees or part of a city-approved landscape plan, may be removed without obtaining a tree removal permit. If you have any doubt, please check with the planning staff at 408.777.3308 to confirm that your tree is not protected prior to its removal.

On August 21, 2007, the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider establishment of new fees associated with the new tree ordinance and inclusion of these fees into the City's fee schedule. The hearing will include discussion of:

- An in-lieu tree replacement fee, based on the installation and purchase cost of a replacement tree, as approved in the tree ordinance.
- Lowering the tree removal application fee to \$150 for the first tree removal request and \$75 for each additional tree removal request on the same property, if requested prior to removal.
- A retroactive tree removal application fee of \$2,536 when trees are removed prior to obtaining permits.
- Tree management plan application fee of \$992.
- The Council will also discuss how to implement the use of the city tree fund, where the in-lieu fees will be deposited, for tree replacement plantings in public areas throughout the City.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

J&S Quality Construction Inc.
 Myly Le
 Quito Hospitality Associates Et Al
 Ricoh Americas Corporation
 Shobha S. Joshi
 Strike Cupertino VFP, LLC
 Sunshine Health Care Center
 Sushi Tatsumi
 Thanh Quang Nguyen
 Visique Eye Care
 Whole Foods Market





COUNCIL ACTIONS



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TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2007

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

Presented a Proclamation for Senior Center Piano and Keyboard Members continued to July 17.

Cupertino Square shopping center update continued to July 17.

Approved the minutes from the June 4, and 5 City Council meetings.

Adopted resolutions accepting Accounts Payable for June 15 and 22.

Adopted resolutions accepting Payroll for June 15

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for May 2007.

Adopted resolutions approving an improvement agreement. Sridhar Obilisetty and Javanthi Sridhar 10171 Lebanon Dr.

Adopted a resolution approving a final parcel map, 21989 Lindy Lane, Xi Hua Sun and Shan Zhu.

Considered adopting applications of Clifford Chang, 10100 N. Tantau continued to August 21.

Considered Applications of Michael Ducote, 20800 Homestead Rd. (Villa Serra/The Grove Project) architectural and site approval to construct an additional 16 apartment units, a public park, a recreational facility and leasing office within an existing apartment complex (Villa Serra/The Grove), for a total of 504 units. Adopted with conditions.

Adopted a resolution calling a General Municipal Election on November 6, 2007.

Received a report on the proposed amended utility user tax. No ballot measure this year.

Received a report on the proposed theater tax. No ballot this year.

Adopted a resolution amending the voluntary expenditure limit.

Adopted a resolution adopting the attached policy regarding environmentally preferred purchasing.

Accepted the resignation of two commissioners: Parks and Recreation commissioner Roger Peng, and Technology, Information and Communications commissioner Charlie Ahern. An application deadline and interview date was set.

Positions to be filled in January during annual recruitment process.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007

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

Recognized Ken Waldvogel as the new Santa Clara County Fire Department Chief.

Received presentation and announcement from Whole Foods of its grand re-opening in Cupertino on Wednesday, August 22, 9 am.

Received presentation by Mary Ann Barnes, Sr. V.P. and area manager of Kaiser Permanente's Santa Clara service area on the new hospital facility grand opening August 7.

Gave proclamation to Eagle Scout Harold Hanrehan.

Approved minutes from the July 3 City Council meeting.

Adopted resolutions accepting the Accounts Payable for June 29 and July 6, 2007.

Adopted resolutions accepting Payroll for June 29 and July 13.

Approved Alcoholic Beverage License applications for: Whole Foods Market, 20955 Stevens Creek Blvd., for Simply Thai, 21267 Stevens Creek Blvd., for Southland Flavor Café, 10825 N. Wolfe Rd., and for Arya Global Cuisine, 19930 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Upheld an appeal with modifications of the Planning Commission's decision to approve a residential Design Review for a new residence of Lin residence, 7453 Stanford Place.

Denied an appeal of the Planning Commissions decision to deny a Hillside Exception to construct a second story addition to DeCarli residence, 11640 Regnart Canyon Road.

Upheld appeal of the Planning commission's decision to deny the installation of a wireless communication facility at Stevens Creel Office Center.

Considered applications for permits at 10855 N. Stelling Rd.

Adopted resolution to approve assessment of fees for annual weed abatement program.

Adopted resolution to amend attendance requirements for city boards and commissions.

Designated Mayor Wang as voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference; Patrick Kwok was delegated first alternate and Orrin Mahoney second alternate.

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE?

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





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CITY MEETINGS

Sept. 4	City Council***	6:45 pm
Sept. 5	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
Sept. 5	Technology, Info. & Communication (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Sept. 5	Library Commission (Mtg. Rm. 100)	7 pm
Sept. 6	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Sept. 6	Parks and Recreation Commission (Mtg. Rm. 100)	7 pm
Sept. 10	Hsinchu Sister City (Conf. Rm. C)	6:30 pm
Sept. 10	Friends of Cupertino Library (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Sept. 11	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
Sept. 12	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Sept. 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Sept. 13	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Sept. 18	City Council***	6:45 pm
Sept. 19	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
Sept. 19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Sept. 20	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Sept. 20	Toyokawa Sister City (Conf. Rm. C)	7:30 pm
Sept. 25	Planning Commission ***	6:45 pm
Sept. 26	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Sept. 27	Senior Commission (Senior Center)	2 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

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