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Cupertino Community Garden Reopens with Garden Beds Available for Residents

CUPERTINO, CA - The City of Cupertino is proud to announce the reopening of the Cupertino Community Garden with gardens beds available for residents to rent.

"The Community Garden is one of the many excellent services the City offers our residents," said Mayor Darcy Paul. "It's an amenity in Cupertino that promotes healthy living through organic food, low-impact exercise, and social interactions. This nature-focused gathering place strengthens our community bonds and we're very happy to see it reopening."

The original garden was constructed in the 1970s and was in desperate need of a makeover. The Cupertino City Council agreed and approved \$1.3 million in "seed" funding to completely remake the garden.

The new garden features 93 raised garden beds, six in-ground beds, and eight ADA-compliant beds. All are six by 16 feet.

"The garden is a beautiful, safe, and peaceful refuge for Cupertino residents amidst the fast-paced lives many of us lead," said Carol Stanek, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. "The organic garden is not just a benefit for the environment, it's also a benefit for the community."

Cupertino residents can apply for a garden bed through the Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information, visit <u>cupertino.org/gardens</u>