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Lunar New Year Unity Parade

Cupertino's Multi-Cultural Heritage Gets Spotlight At Lunar New Year Unity Parade, International Fair March 11

Cupertino's Fourth Annual Lunar New Year Unity Parade kicks off a day-long multi-cultural celebration Saturday, March 11, honoring the area's broad spectrum of cultures. Free parking will be available all day at DeAnza College.

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Roots: Old Timers and Signs of Spring

Hope you all are enjoying the gradual greening of our wonderful Santa Clara Valley in the spring. Went out to weed between rains and found five different kinds of mushrooms growing here and there in the yard. Fascinating things, mushrooms. In the last century, a relative met an unpleasant,

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Lunar New Year Unity PARADE!

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The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. and will follow Stelling Road in Cupertino from Jollyman Park to Memorial Park, where an International Fair will continue through 4 p.m. The parade launches the day's free events with music and participation from a wide variety of community groups. The International Fair further emphasizes cultural diversity with stage performances, ethnic cuisine and informational exhibits from several countries around the world.

“Our Lunar New Year Unity Parade and the International Fair offers a wonderful opportunity for a family-friendly celebration of our multi-cultural diversity,” said Kris Wang, parade committee co-chair. “We invite all community members and area residents to join in this fun day of festivities and learning.”

“Our Lunar New Year Unity Celebration seeks to further a better understanding of the rich diversity that Cupertino is fortunate to enjoy,” said Steve Andrews, parade committee co-chair. “With the parade and international festival, we’re happy to bring together our community’s broad spectrum of cultures while celebrating the Lunar New Year.”

Those interested in additional information about the events can contact parade committee co-chair Steve Andrews at 973-1348 or firstwater@comcast.net. Please go to www.unityparade.org for complete details.

For More Information

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ANNOUNCEMENT

EUPHRAT MUSEUM OF ART AND DE ANZA STUDENT BODY PRESENT TWO EXHIBITION PRESENTATIONS:

1. CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY

A presentation by Tony May and Consuelo Jiménez Underwood and conversation with students

Tony May, as professor at San Jose State University, taught an Art in the Community class for many years and has been involved in the community for decades.

Consuelo Jiménez Underwood, a professor at San Jose State University in fiber arts and a consummate weaver, creates challenging art that deals with social issues and pushes the boundaries of traditional craft materials. Tony May and Consuelo Jiménez Underwood will address the idea of barriers to creativity as well as the metaphor/actuality of boundaries to equity and social change.

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

11:30 – 12:30 pm

Conference Room A

De Anza Campus Center

21250 Stevens Creek Blvd,

Cupertino, CA 95014

2. EXCHANGE/CHANGE

Initiating creative exchange on the international level

Panel: Flo Oy Wong, mixed media artist featured on KQED's SPARK program

Lenore Chinn, painter who counters "magical-truth rituals" of racial and gender construction

Nina Koepcke, artist and arts facilitator, co-founder of the Lifelines Project

Connie Young Yu, author, involved with numerous historical projects

Stand-by: Joyce Iwasaki, Arts Council Silicon Valley

This San Francisco Bay Area panel will speak about the creative presentation of cultural and intellectual ideas abroad. In October of 2005, they presented art, history, and compelling stories to their counterparts, students, and professors at universities, colleges, and art institutions in Beijing, Xian, and Shanghai. Through their exchange, art and culture served as catalysts for change for the presenters and their audience.

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Conference Rooms A & B

De Anza Campus Center

21250 Stevens Creek Blvd,

Cupertino, CA 95014

All events are free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the public. For more information including arrangement for any disability need, please contact Jan Rindfleisch at 408 864-8836 or visit www.deanza.fhda.edu/euphrat/



ROOTS: Old Timers and Signs of Spring

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untimely death from eating wild mushrooms and he had picked and eaten them all his life. Very often the “good” ones are extremely difficult to distinguish from the lethal ones. Another item on the “wild green menu” that pops up around here in the spring was known in the old days as “miner’s lettuce” or “Chinese lettuce” as those two groups recognized early on in coming to California that this attractive leafy green was a good source of vitamin C, very nutritious and tasted good, too. And happily, it is never lethal like mushrooms.

This month, this column salutes three gentlemen who lived in Cupertino and liked to grow things.

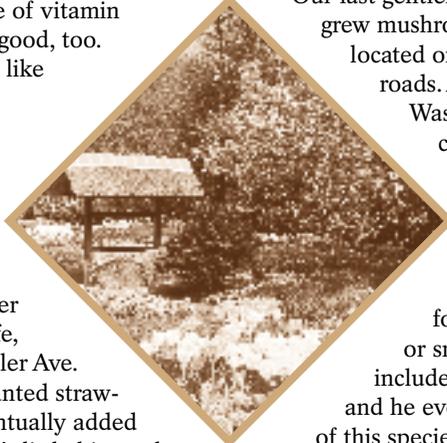
Kay Nose’s parents bought and farmed five acres on Miller Ave. in 1929. Kay and his wife, Lois Oba also lived at the Miller Ave. location. The Nose family planted strawberries on their land and eventually added 10 more acres. In Peter Emig’s little biographical sketch about the Nose family, Kay recalled a treasured valley sight, orchards of Santa Rosa plums. This fruit was his favorite, perhaps, as he recalled, it was the first to ripen, very juicy and large in size.

Mas Onishi received a degree in floriculture from City College of San Francisco in 1950. He said he found the world of flowers to be enchanting and none so fair as the chrysanthemum. He was quoted as saying, “the chrysanthemum is my favorite because of its variety of forms and colors. Only this flower can express almost any feeling for most occasions. It also has one of the longest lasting qualities and is grown for world wide enjoyment right here in the Cupertino area.” (There used to be large tracts of land devoted to flower growing in the Cupertino area.) A personal memory of those days was one fall, a large field planted to chrysanthemums had gone unattended for a couple of years. (Perhaps the owner had sold it for development and for a time the plants just came up on their own if they had enough moisture and the summer sun had not baked them brown.) I noticed in October, many of the plants

were blooming and people were occasionally parking along the road and picking bouquets of the lovely flowers to take home. In the spring, some hardy souls came and dug some of them up to save them from being buried by bulldozers. Perhaps they are still blooming in yards across Cupertino. Chrysanthemums are very hardy, long-lived plants.)

Our last gentleman grower, Robert Downs, grew mushrooms on their property located on Rainbow Drive and Bubb roads. As a boy in the state of Washington, Robert was a 4-H club member and his project was growing mushrooms. During later world travels he did research on the many species and varieties. In France he found the *Agaricus Capestris* or snow-white mushroom to be included in every family’s cuisine and he eventually cultivated thousands of this species, using a newly developed scientific compost. One of his favorite recipes was “Labin Au Vin Rouge” (rabbit in red wine) Stew meat can be used as a substitute. Ingredients as follows: 1 rabbit (or stewmeat) cut up, brown in oil with 1 onion, 2 pieces of bacon cut up - add 1 Tbs. flour. Add 1 cup dry red or white wine, 1 cup water, 1 Tbs. salt, dash pepper, touch of garlic to taste - cook 45 minutes. Add a few potatoes, carrots & mushrooms, cook 20 minutes. Eat and enjoy. (As an LDS, Mr. Downs was careful to point out that wine, once cooked, is then a non-alcoholic sauce)

We here in Santa Clara Valley are blessed with one of the most favorable growing climates in the world. While the fields of flowers and orchards are no more, backyard gardeners and even apartment dwellers with pots of tomatoes or flowers on the balcony or in a sunny window can enjoy tasty treats or lovely beauty with just a bit of effort. Happy Spring, everybody! 





Congratulations to the 59 students who just graduated from Cupertino's Community Emergency Response Team training. They know that the only good time to prepare for an emergency is BEFORE it happens. The City is committed to providing you the information and training you need to be ready.

Calling all Volunteers! Please attend the ARK team implementation meeting on March 14 at Vallco from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 7:30-9:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the ARK that is closest to your home, review team functions and allow you to get to know your team members. Teams will have eight weeks to prepare for a citywide earthquake exercise Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. (Unless, of course, a REAL earthquake happens before then...)

FREE preparedness training now available in three levels.

Level 1A. Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop. A MUST for every community member! This FREE three hour course helps you prepare your home and family for earthquakes and other emergencies. This workshop is a prerequisite for those wishing to attend CERT.

Level 2A. Documentation Training. FREE 2-hour training to provide support to Community Emergency Response Teams. The Documentation Unit supports Community Emergency Response Team members at gathering points around the city in a safe, controlled environment. Help response teams stay organized by:

- Receiving and documenting requests for help from the public
- Assigning requests to the appropriate response team
- Tracking the information to completion
- Updating maps

Level 2B. Supplies Training. FREE 2-hour training to provide support to Community Emergency Response Teams. The Supplies Unit supports Community Emergency Response Team members at gathering points around the city in a safe, controlled environment. Help response teams stay organized by:

- Issuing supplies to members
- Tracking and restocking
- Receiving and tagging donated supplies

Students who complete Level 2 A&B training are asked to attend an annual refresher exercise to keep their skills current.

Level 3. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). On average, we have 18 firefighters, 5 deputies and one ambulance in the City. There are 52,000 residents. Organized community response

makes a difference! Whether you are organizing your neighborhood (FREE 4 hour training) or want to join the City's CERT team (FREE 19 hour training) our trained volunteer staff is ready to assist.

Ham Radio operators – the City needs you! There are over 400 licensed ham radio operators in the City, but only 70 of them have registered with Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service. That means that 330 ham operators do not know the City's emergency plan. Go to www.cupertinoaes.org for information on how to register. You'll also find a link to actual audio recordings from the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989. Click on "Remember the Loma Prieta Earthquake?" You'll find audio clips from dispatch centers and ham radio groups responding to the emergency. Just in case you need a reminder that it's not "If" but "When" the next earthquake hits...

Upcoming classes:

Weapons of Mass Destruction – An Orientation for Health Care Professionals (3 course series). April 11, June 13, Aug 8. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Vallco Mall Emergency Training Center. Continuing Education Credit available. To register, call 777-3335.

Documentation & Supplies Training. Both classes being offered on March 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop March 22 6:30-9:30 p.m., April 24 9:00-Noon.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade. \$35. April 17-21, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Learn CPR, First Aid, Earthquake Preparedness, Fire Safety. Tour the City's 9-1-1 Center, talk to a Sheriff's Office representative about youth crime and put out a real fire! Class limited to 20 students.

Community Emergency Response Team Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 6:30-9:30 p.m. Graduation Oct 7 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Think about the people who live and work around you. If there is an emergency, will they need assistance because of limited mobility, sight or hearing loss, illness, etc? Ask them if there is anything you can do to help them be more prepared. 

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.



~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

New Hours at Cupertino Library!

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 are:

General Library Number
(408) 446-1677
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: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>
Teen Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen>
Kids Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

This workshop will demonstrate the latest techniques for teaching literacy skills to young children. Parents and caregivers are invited to join Cindy Thomas on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Room Group Study Area.

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Toddler Stories..... Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

BABY STORYTIME COMING IN APRIL!

Parents of pre-walkers are invited to register for a series of six Baby storytimes on April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 12, and 19. No Baby Storytime on May 5th. Children's Librarians will introduce parents to a variety of songs, books, and activities to share with their babies. Enrollment will be limited to 25. Please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408-446-1677 ext. 3373 for more information.



SPICES IN THE MELTING POT

Padma Shandas, author of *Spices in the Melting Pot: Life Stories of Exceptional South Asian Women*, will speak about the experience of some South Asian women in the United States on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 7p.m. in the Cupertino Community Hall, next door to the library.

For more information call the Reference Desk at 408-446-1677.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

JOIN US FOR BOOKTALKS AT THE LIBRARY

Librarian Judy Dana will introduce you to some new books for adults on **Wednesday, March 22, 2006** from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Children's Story Room. The booktalks will consist of a short description of several book titles, covering all genres and subjects. Booktalks are scheduled every other month. The next session will be on May 17, 2006. For more information please call the Reference Desk at 408-446-1677.

VITA TAX VOLUNTEERS

VITA tax volunteers will be available to help with tax forms from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Children's Story Room, on the following Saturdays: March 11, March 25, April 1, and April 8. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the VITA volunteers at 408-235-0651.

SELF-HELP TAX FORMS

A self-help tax form area in the copier room, located off the new materials area, on the first floor, offers giveaway tax forms and reproducible forms.

HISTORY IN A TEACUP

A docent from the De Young Museum will present slides of the De Young exhibit, *History in a Teacup: Traveling with Porcelains from China*, on Sunday, April 2nd at 2:30p.m. in the Community Hall, next door to the library. For more information please call the Reference Desk at 408-446-1677.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. 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, 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 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 Cupertino Library also welcomes everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The next annual **Friends Book Sale** will be held in the Community Hall on **Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12, 2006**.

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.

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.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month. 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. 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 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. 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.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue 





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAR.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	Al-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallico Parkway	285-4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 p.m.	Apple Computer De Anza 3, 10500 N. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252-3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 p.m.	Cupertino High School	262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488
Connect Club III*	8:15 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054	
~2~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	255-3093
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive City Hall	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252-7054
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 a.m.	BJ's Brewery	996-9111 - BNI.com
	HP Communicators T oastmasters #4606*	7 a.m.	HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691-8724
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	253-8394
Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	378-3499	
~3~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	Fast Start Group			
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
~4~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College	864-8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 p.m.	20920 McClellan Rd.	996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
	Planetarium Shows*	7 p.m.	DeAnza Planetarium	864-8814
~6~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
	Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	246-1620

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino
to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino,
95014, 777-3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.

MAR.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
7 Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous*	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Women's Group			
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252-3830
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243-8462
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	9:30 a.m.	Senior Center	252-2667	
8 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Hyde Middle School	245-9156
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7 p.m.	Community Hall	285-7332
9 Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 252-1529
10 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
11 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
13 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center Social Room	978-6614
14 Tues	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622
	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252-2584 255-5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	725-8091
16 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257-4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578-5917
21 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
22 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784
28 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 p.m.	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org

RECYCLING TIPS

For residents using the blue, wheeled, recycling cart for recyclables collection, here are a few helpful tips for placing materials in the cart:

- All paper, including newspaper, can be positioned in the cart loose, without bagging or bundling together.
- Remove metal lids from glass and food beverage containers and place separately inside the blue cart.
- Bundle plastic bags in one plastic bag and knot the top.
- Cardboard can be placed loosely in the blue cart, or if there is no room left in the cart, flattened and placed alongside your recycling cart. Cardboard pieces should be no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet.
- Place batteries in a clear, sealed plastic bag and place the bag on top of the blue cart.
- Styrofoam blocks should be placed in a clear, plastic bag and secured.

Extra recyclables that do not fit in the recycling cart may be placed in boxes or paper bags and set next to the cart. For additional recycling information, check the City's website at www.cupertino.org under environmental services.

COMPOST CLASSES

While weeding the garden this spring, remember that weeds are a very valuable source of nitrogen for a backyard compost pile. Those interested in learning about backyard composting can attend a free workshop at McClellan Ranch Park on the first Saturday of March, April and May from 10 a.m. to noon. Free backyard compost books will be distributed. You can register on-line at www.reducewaste.org (use the search function to find "home composting"), or call the Rotline at (408) 918-4640.

COMPOST AVAILABLE AGAIN

Get a good start on your garden this spring. Get free compost. The city's compost site reopens on March 24 — in time for spring planting (as long as it doesn't rain). The Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) will be open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., at no charge. No appointments are necessary. The site is closed during rainy weather and on holiday weekends. Please abide by the following rules.

- Only city residents can use this program. Please bring proof of residency.

- If a resident has hired a gardener, the resident must accompany the gardener when he or she picks up the compost.
- There will not be any staff at the site to assist residents in shoveling compost or moving bags. Please bring adequate shovels and people to help.
- Bring containers, an old trashcan, a tarp or bags to hold your compost. Some paper bags will be available.
- Bring a tarp and tie-down ropes to cover compost carried in your truck. State law requires that loads of loose material be covered while trucks are traveling on streets and highways.

Call 408-777-3269 (6:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) or visit the city's website (www.cupertino.org) for information.

PEST CONTROL INFO AVAILABLE

Pest control fact sheets that include information on less-toxic products and techniques are available again, this Spring, at two local nurseries in Cupertino: Yamagami's and Summerwinds, both on S. DeAnza Blvd., just south of Hwy. 85. Nursery staff has received special training on pest control and can guide customers in using an "Integrated Pest Management" approach to resolve their bug problems. Fact sheets are also available at Quinlan Community Center and at the Cupertino library.

BUSINESS MATERIALS EXCHANGE

Local businesses should be aware of a state program, called the California Materials Exchange, CalMAX, a free service designed to help businesses find markets for nonhazardous materials they have traditionally discarded. CalMAX helps businesses, industries, and institutions save resources and money. The list can be viewed on-line at <http://www.ciwm.ca.gov/CalMAX>.

GREEN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Interested businesses and currently certified or enrolled Green Businesses are invited to a half day conference on Friday, March 17 at the Sunnyvale Community Center. Participants will learn easy steps to conserve water and energy, reduce waste and prevent pollution in their daily business operations. Learn what you can do to help the environment and improve your business' bottom line. For more information, please call the Santa Clara County Green Business Program at (408) 441-1198 or visit www.ReduceWaste.org. Registration deadline is March 3.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY AUDITION

Audition sign up for the California Youth Symphony has started for all CYS ensembles, encompassing eight programs for all symphonic instruments, from beginning to advanced levels, for musicians of high school age and younger.

Registration deadline is March 22, but applicants are strongly encouraged to sign up EARLY. Auditions will take place at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills, in April. The registration forms can be downloaded from the CYS website: www.cys.org and mailed in immediately.

SILICON VALLEY SYMPHONY OPENINGS

The Silicon Valley Symphony orchestra is seeking the following musicians: french horn, trumpet, and violin. The orchestra is looking to expand their numbers making it possible to perform the complete gamut of the orchestral repertoire. The group is looking for those special musicians who play at the professional level, but make their living at some other profession. If you are one of these people, please contact Music Director, Michael Gibson at maestro@bamusic.org or visit www.bamusic.org/svs.

This season the SVS has weekly rehearsals. Rehearsals are Monday nights, 7:30 - 10 PM in the beautiful Sanctuary at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd. in Los Gatos. Membership is by invitation or audition only.

The next concert, "Hey! Figaro!" is on March 18, 2006, includes some fabulous music and well-known guest artist. For more information, visit www.bamusic.org/svs/html/concerts.html



CUPERTINO'S FREE SHREDDING DAY

Cupertino's Free Shredding Day is set on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cupertino Library plaza on Torre Avenue. The event is open to Cupertino residents only. Proof of identification is required.

We will accept two boxes per person, up to 10" high by 15" wide by 24" deep.

This free service is offered at no cost to Cupertino and its residents by Shred-it, a mobile paper shredding and recycling company. Watch for more information in the April issue of the Cupertino Scene or visit www.cupertino.org.





NEWS ITEMS cont.

PENINSULA SYMPHONY PRESENTS ROMANTICS WITH CELLIST MIHAI MARICA

Join the Peninsula Symphony for a magnificent evening celebrating the Romantic era of symphonic music, with works by three of the greatest Romantic composers: Richard Strauss, Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. The featured soloist will be the 21-year-old sensation, Mihai Marica, joining the Peninsula Symphony for a performance of Tchaikovsky's famous cello concerto, "Variations on a Rococo Theme". Other works on the program: R. Strauss' Rosenkavalier Waltzes and Rachmaninoff's Symphony #2.

When: Friday, March 10, 2006, 8pm and Saturday, March 11, 2006, 8pm

What: Peninsula Symphony presents ROMANTICS

Who: Peninsula Symphony with cellist Mihai Marica

Where: Friday, March 10, 2006, 8pm – San Mateo Performing Arts Center
Saturday, March 11, 2006, 8pm – Fox Theatre, Redwood City

Public info: Tickets \$32/\$27. Call 650-941-5291 or www.peninsulasymphony.org

For more information:

Katy Waffle

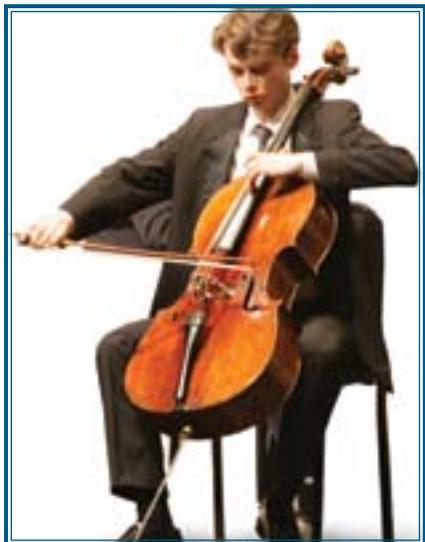
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THE BETTER PART

Watch this very informative public access show on Channel 15 – **Mondays at 4:30 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm.**

March features these very special shows, especially for Seniors: **March 6,7,10 – plan D from Medicare. HICAP analyzes Medicare's new prescription plan.** March **13,14,17** – talk with James Keller, playwright who writes, directs, and acts in plays featuring seniors. **March 20,21,24** – life-changing accident, overcoming a disability, support and care is discussed. We hope this program will inspire and give new hope to the newly injured and their families. **March 27,28,31** – child advocate professionals tell us how we can be powerful protectors and agents of change for needy youngsters.





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

GET OUT AND SOCIALIZE

Looking for a good excuse to get out of the house – meet friends Old and New?

Come to one of Cupertino Senior Center's Monthly Social and Birthday Bashes. You don't have to be celebrating a birthday to come. Members and guests can attend. It is a great way to see what the Cupertino Senior Center has to offer. The Cupertino Senior Center is for those who are 50 years or older. A 50 year old can bring a younger guest to our Monthly Social and Birthday Bashes. For a small fee, \$5.00 for members of the senior center and \$6.00 for guests come enjoy a full lunch, entertainment and great company. We will be sure to have cake for dessert to honor those with birthdays.



Our Monthly Social and Birthday Bashes fall on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon.

On March 8 we will serve stuffed filet of sole and we are pleased to have the World Harmony Chorus come to perform. They have a repertoire of songs from around the World from A to Z. (Appalachian to Zimbabwe).

On April 12 we will serve a variety of Quiche and Jim and Aimee Wu will perform tunes of the 30's and 40's on piano and sax.

Our center offers many fun and exciting activities including socials, special events, classes, travel, and services. Come see what we are all about!

Contact us at (408) 777-3150 or look us up on the city's website at www.cupertino.org

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP AT CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER

Cupertino Senior Center is offering Caregiver Support Group, and this mutual support group is designed for people who are providing care for a love one at home, an institution, or even at a distance. The group will be a safe to help family caregivers with difficult issues and feelings often accompanying care giving. You will also be able to learn from each other about helpful resources, be with others who understand and share the same challenges, and share insights for care giving and creative problem solving. It will be held on the Second Tuesday of every month from 3:00 pm -4:00 pm.

Please come join us to share your experience and ideas. Karen Goss, Case Manager of the Senior Center, facilitates this group. Please register with Karen Goss at (408) 777-3155.





COUNCIL ACTIONS



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 30, 2006

Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval. **Absent:** none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review the Valley Transportation Plan 2030, and consider _ cent sales tax scenarios. (No documentation in packet).
ADDED TO FEB. 27 AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

STUDY SESSION

2. Discussion about the General Plan policy on Economic Development. COUNCIL SUGGESTED BRINGING BACK A RESOLUTION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3. Discussion about the city's Fiscal Strategic Plan. WANG AND MAHONEY APPOINTED TO A SUBCOMMITTEE TO WORK WITH STAFF ON A FISCAL STRATEGIC PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING – Meeting was continued to January 31, 4pm

4. Consider Application Nos. U-2005-16, ASA-2005-11, Z-2005-05, TR-2005-04, DA-2005-01 (EA-2005-10), Mike Rohde, (Valco Fashion Park condominium development), 10123 N. Wolfe Road, APN 316-20-064 and 316-20-057:
 - A. Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - B. Use Permit and Architectural and Site Approval to construct a 137-unit, two and three-story condominium development
 - C. Re-Zoning of a 5.19-acre parcel from Planned Development (Regional Shopping) to Planned Development (Regional Shopping/Residential) First reading of Ordinance No. 1975: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Rezoning of a 5.19-Acre Parcel From Planned Development (Regional Shopping) to Planned Development (Regional Shopping/Residential) at 10123 N. Wolfe Road."
 - D. Tree Removal for an attached condominium development
 - E. Modification to a Development Agreement (1-DA-90) to encompass the development proposed in U-2005-16, ASA-2005-11, Z-2005-05 and TR-2005-04 First reading of Ordinance No. 1976: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Modifying a Development Agreement (1-DA-90) to Encompass the Development Proposed in U-2005-16, ASA-2005-11, Z-2005-05 and TR-2005-04 for a 137 Unit, Two- and Three- Story Residential Condominium Development at 10123 N. Wolfe Road."

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 31, 2006

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APPROVED APPLICATION WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

- The applicant shall record a covenant running with the land in a form which is acceptable to the city attorney and which burdens both the residential project and the remainder of Valco Park prohibiting the owners, their successors in interest and any associated homeowners associations or lessee holders from causing removal of any portion of the wall located along the westerly boundary of the Valco properties intended to provide pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicular access to the adjacent neighborhood. This covenant can only be released or modified by action of the Cupertino City Council after receipt by the City Council of written consent to such release or modification by a majority of the property owners owning property between the wall and Portal Avenue.
- Prior to occupancy, the applicant shall install public art on the project site. The public art shall be valued at a minimum of one-quarter percent (1/4%) of the total project budget, not to exceed \$100,000. Prior to installation of the public art, the applicant shall develop and submit a public art plan for the project to be reviewed and approved by the Fine Arts Commission.
- The applicant shall agree to spend up to \$100,000 to acquire the rights to construct a shopping center sign on the north side of Interstate 280 and to construct the sign.
- The applicant shall add a 3rd row of trees, where possible to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Development Department, encompassing the existing tree row and two rows of 48-inch box redwood trees within the existing landscape planter along the west side of the property
- Occupancy of the condominiums will not be granted until the theater is open.
- Modify Condition No. 4f (U-2005-16 & ASA-2005-11) to read: A maximum footprint of 3,600 square feet is permitted for the day care center, up to a total square footage of 4,000 square feet.
- An additional 10-foot wide landscape area along the southern perimeter of the site shall be incorporated into the landscape plan.
- The applicant shall demonstrate that with the wall extension, the visibility from the 2nd floor windows will not extend to any of the windows on the first floor and yards of the adjacent homes. In the event that it does, the applicant will be required to provide supplemental screening of the condominium building(s) or increase the height of the wall.
- Modify Condition 4d to read: Modify the roadway entrance (Perimeter Road) so that there is a less severe turning radius (articulated corner treatment by the day care center) into the project site and more trees along Perimeter Road can be retained.
- Modify Condition 4a to read: Modify plans to provide a minimum 20-foot side yard setback along the east property line adjacent to the Interstate 280 Wolfe Road off-ramp.
- Transit Eco passes shall be provided by the Homeowners Association.

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March 2	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
March 2	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	6:00 p.m.
March 7	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
March 8	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
March 9	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
March 14	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
March 15	Teen Commission (Sport Center)	6:00 p.m.
March 15	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.).....	7:00 p.m.
March 16	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	6:00 p.m.
March 22	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
March 21	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
March 28	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.

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