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4TH OF JULY



The City of Cupertino is pleased to announce that the annual fireworks display will again be held on July 4, 2006 at 9:30 p.m. This year's show will again be launched from Cupertino High School and will be visible from parks and open public spaces on the east side of town. Residents close to Cupertino High School are encouraged to view the fireworks from their neighborhoods. Activities are scheduled throughout the day. Beginning at 7 a.m., the De Anza Optimists will start the day with their traditional pancake breakfast. Following a 9:30 line-up, the children's parade begins at 10 a.m. followed by the community sing-along.

Things will be quiet until 6:45 p.m. when roving entertainers, games and face painting begin at Creekside park, Hyde, and Sedgewick schools. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

For safety reasons, there will be no public access to the Cupertino High School campus. Finch and Tilson Street will be closed to traffic from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. For handicap accessible parking locations, please contact the Parks and Recreation Administration office by July 3, 2006, at 408.777.3110. For all other questions, please call the Quinlan Community Center at 408.777.3120.

DAYTIME PROGRAM AT QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND MEMORIAL PARK

7 to 11 a.m.:	De Anza Optimist Pancake Breakfast (Quinlan Community Center's Cupertino Room)
9:30 a.m.:	Line-up for the Children's Parade
10 to 10:30 a.m.:	Children's Parade starting at the Memorial Park Ball field and proceeding to the Quinlan Community Center
10:30 to 11:00 a.m.:	Children's Community Sing-along at the Quinlan Center (backside of the center at the fountain)

EVENING PROGRAM

Come early and bring your picnic to Creekside, Hyde or Sedgewick schools.

- Free parking at Vallco Fashion Park
- Handicapped parking available at Creekside Park

6:45 to 9:15 p.m.: Roving entertainers, games and face painting at Creekside Park, Hyde, and Sedgewick Schools.

- No pets, no portable barbeques, and no bicycles

STREET CLOSURES TO VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS 6 TO 10:30 P.M.:

- Finch Ave. between Stevens Creek and Phil Lane
 - Calle De Barcelona
 - Phil Lane
 - Tilson Ave. @ Tantau Ave.
 - Finch Ave. @ Phil Lane
 - Tantau Ave. @ Phil Lane
- 9:30 p.m. ~ Fireworks set off @ Cupertino High School





Summer CONCERT Series



The City of Cupertino proudly presents the Fifth

CINEMA at SUNDOWN

Cupertino's Free, Outdoor Film Series
 Thursday, 8:15 p.m.
 Memorial Park Amphitheater
 (@ Stevens Creek & Mary)

August 3

Ice Age 2: The Meltdown

The Ice Age is coming to an end, and the animals are obligated to their own world's melting paradise of water parks, games, and ice pits. But when Manny, Sid, and Diego discover that the rules of animal life will change when they must leave every one and discover how to survive in a new world.

MPAA Rating: G
 © 2006 Universal Studios
 90 min.

August 10

March of the Penguins

This beautiful nature documentary follows the annual journey of emperor penguins to their breeding grounds in Antarctica. In their harsh habitat, the birds survive one year and struggle just to stay alive through death, danger and nesting, predation, and even love in their fight for survival.

Rated: G
 © 2005, Distributed by: Fox Searchlight
 84 min.

August 17

**Wallace and Gromit
The Curse of the Were-Rabbit**

With the annual Giant Vegetable Competition coming up, participants enter a "weed" begins haunting on the town's vegetable patch. It is up to Wallace and his trusty dog Gromit to hunt down the veggie monster.

Rated: G
 © 2005, Directed by: Nick Park and Steve Box
 94 min.

For registration, call 777-3121

Summer Concert Series 2006

June 22 - Kapalakiko
 Traditional Hawaiian melodies and hula lesson

June 29 - Cupertino Symphonic Band
 Cupertino's own! Classical, Symphony, Waltz, Big Band and Patriotic Music

July 6 - Molly's Revenge
 Lively renditions of traditional Celtic music and song

July 13 - No Concert Tonight
 Due to Shakespeare in the Park setup

July 20 - Jimi James Band
 A little bit of Rock 'n Roll, Latin and Blues

July 27 - Toot Sweet Jazz Band
 Upbeat Dixieland Jazz

Pack a picnic and bring the family for an evening of great music, Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All concerts take place in the Amphitheater at Memorial Park, located at the corner of Mary Ave. and Stevens Creek Blvd.

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For more information, call Cupertino Parks and Recreation, 777-3120.

Shakespeare in the Park 2006

THE TEMPEST

Written by William Shakespeare

Directed by Kenneth Kelleher

Performances Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30pm in Cupertino's beautiful Memorial Park. July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, and 30

A shipwreck at sea strands the magician Prospero, the exiled Duke of Milan, on a strangely magical island. With the help of the spirit Ariel, Prospero's daughter-Miranda falls in love with Prince Ferdinand. Meanwhile, Prospero's monstrous servant Caliban conspires with the court clown, with hilarious results. In the end, with the help of much magic, Prospero's Dukedom is restored, enemies are forgiven, and Ariel is set free.

Cupertino teams up with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to present the 11th season of Free Shakespeare in Memorial Park. Please bring the family to enjoy a free evening of great entertainment under the stars!

For more information, call The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival 800.978.PLAY



ROOTS: Celebrating the Fourth of July

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

July 4th is here again! Time for parades and barbecues, picnics and speeches and FIREWORKS! In the earlier days, July 4th or Independence Day, as it was often called, celebrated the birth of our country as the United States of America, after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. Every schoolchild learned about George Washington, Paul Revere, John Adams the Minutemen and the brave soldiers of the Revolutionary War who overcame superior numbers and persevered until the war was over in 1783 and the colonies no longer belonged to King George.

Philadelphia was the capital of the U.S. then; it was the home of the Supreme Court, as well as the Congress, and the justices of the court rode on a horse-drawn float shaped like a giant eagle. The eagle was adopted as our national bird in 1782, after long debates. Some felt that the eagle had been a symbol of kings and empires and was not suitable for a new, young democracy. Benjamin Franklin suggested a turkey, because it was native to America, but in the end the bald eagle was chosen because it was found only in North America and unknown in Europe.

Our first national flag was raised on a hill near Boston on Jan. 4, 1776, by troops serving under General Washington.

The United States flag has always been important to people in America and has a special meaning in wartime. On July 4, 1862, Northern soldiers being held as prisoners of war in Richmond, Virginia, wanted to celebrate the holiday, but they had no flag. They secretly made one from a pair of blue flannel trousers and a piece of red cloth. They used a white shirt for the stars and stripes. They raised the homemade flag above their barracks early on the morning of July 4th and it waved for almost an hour before the prison guards saw it and made the soldiers take it down.

The Liberty Bell is one of the best-known symbols of American independence. The original bell was called the State House Bell, since it had been ordered for the new State House in Philadelphia from England in 1752. Before the bell was to be raised to the top of the State House tower, people wanted to hear it ring, so the bell ringer stepped up and swung the heavy clapper. The bell sounded a deep BONG! But almost at once a crack split the rim and raced up the side of the bell. The bell was broken down in pieces and recast two more times before it could be rung properly.

The bell was hidden from the British in 1777 and rung when General Cornwallis of Great Britain surrendered to George Washington at Yorktown in 1781. It rang again when the U.S. signed a peace treaty with Britain in 1783 and rang over and over when the U.S. Constitution was adopted in 1788.

Of all the symbols of Fourth of July, fireworks are the most spectacular. People in China, the Near East and Europe have been celebrating with fireworks for more than 600 years. Not everyone in the new America was happy with fireworks. In the 1890's, the "Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise" was founded in a futile attempt to outlaw fireworks near public buildings.

Even though some states have outlawed the sale of fireworks to the public, everywhere on the Fourth of July are wonderful nighttime displays, set off by experts, for people to come and see in a safe place.

In our community of Cupertino, July 4th celebrations were small in the early days before many people lived in the area. People would travel to San Jose to see the fireworks and hear the music at Spartan Stadium in San Jose. Then Cupertino began to hold its own celebrations. This year, fireworks will be launched from Cupertino High School.

Happy Fourth of July, everyone!



The Citywide Garage Sale Is Coming

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held September 23 and 24 at individual homes and other private locations within the city, and in neighboring unincorporated areas. The city is inviting residents and community organizations to register, and will provide free advertising, and a garage sale "how-to" kit, for all registered sellers. Sale participants manage their own garage sales and keep the profits. There is no fee to participate.

All participants can register on-line at the city's website, www.cupertino.org (click on "Garage Sale") starting August 14th. Call after that day, 777-3354, if you do not have access to computer sign-up. The last day to register to get on the city's official list is September 8th. The "how-to" kit and accompanying information will also be available on the web. The completed list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website the week before the garage sale or pick one up at city hall, Quinlan community center, the library or senior center. The city's goal in sponsoring the Cupertino Citywide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away, when they can be re-used by someone else—and to have some fun!

Toxics Date Set: August 26th

The County-wide Household Hazardous Waste Program will be holding a disposal event in Cupertino on Saturday, August 26th. The Program is available free to residents. The event is conveniently timed to help residents dispose of unwanted, potentially hazardous materials that they discover while getting ready for our September Citywide Garage Sale.

Typical materials that are brought in include: latex and oil-based paint, solvents, toxic cleaners, pesticides, batteries (car and household), mercury thermometers, old pool care products, motor oil, antifreeze and other car fluids, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, hobby chemicals, and photo developing chemicals. Call 299-7300 for an appointment and more information.

Best Ways to Spare the Air

In the Bay Area, the summer air pollution "season" usually runs from June to October. During this period, the Bay Area may experience several days with high levels of ozone, which can be unhealthy for children, the elderly, and people who exercise outdoors. On high pollution days, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District issues Spare the Air notices to the public, asking them to voluntarily refrain from polluting activities. Listen for these notices on the radio or TV, or check their website at www.sparetheair.org. Here are a few ways you can Spare the Air.

- Drive less; cars are the major source of air pollution in the Bay Area. Carpool to work a few days, or even one day a week.
- Refuel in the evening and never top off. Putting gas into your vehicle releases Volatile Organic

Compounds (VOCs) into the air. Throughout the day, these VOCs mix with oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the air, "cook" in the summer heat, and form ground-level ozone. Refueling in the evening decreases the opportunity for VOCs to form into ozone.

- Avoid consumer spray products. In the Bay Area, 50 tons per day of pollution come from spray products. These aerosol products include hairspray, furniture polish, cooking sprays, bathroom cleaners, air fresheners, antiperspirants, insecticides, and hobby craft sprays.
- Use water-based paints. Oil-based paints and varnishes contain a high percentage of VOCs that evaporate into the atmosphere and create smog.
- It's OK to barbecue, but don't use lighter fluid.
- Do your garden chores gasoline-free. On Spare the Air days, don't use gasoline-powered equipment like mowers, leaf blowers and chain saws.

Safe Needle and Syringe Disposal

Anyone using needles and syringes regularly should know how to dispose of them safely, and free of charge. Pick up a red, commercial biohazard sharps container at your local pharmacy. It's recommended that you call first to verify in-store availability. Once the container is three-quarters full with needles, permanently seal it shut. Then call (408) 299-7300 to make an appointment to drop-off the filled container. Correctly disposing of your sharps containers through the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste program will help protect yourself, your family, waste haulers, and the environment.

Waste Reduction Awards Program

The application period for the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) is open and continues through August 31, 2006. The awards program, administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, provides an opportunity for California businesses to gain public recognition for their outstanding efforts to reduce waste. Applicants do not compete by type or size of business, but are judged based on individual merit. Award winners receive authorization to use the WRAP winner logo with their products, advertising, and business Web sites to publicize waste reduction efforts. Any California business that has taken effective measures to reduce the amount of waste it generates may apply. Businesses are asked to provide information about the steps they are taking to reduce waste in their daily business operations. For an application and additional information visit the WRAP website at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WRAP/>.

Computer Recycling

Reminder: Cupertino residents can recycle computers and other electronic equipment, at no charge, at 10300 Bubb Rd., Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 8:00 am- 4:30 pm. Call (408) 862-2667 for additional recorded information.

Keep the Library Fountain Open

Responsible, supervised play in the fountain allows a safer and more enjoyable experience for all. The civic plaza and fountain were designed and built as an amenity for the citizens of Cupertino. Our civic plaza and fountain provide an excellent range of experience, from excitement to contemplation, in the safest manner possible. Hundreds, if not thousands, of children and adults have run through the fountain in the 20 months since it opened.

In the state of California, every surface on which a person walks or runs is manufactured to meet a series of codes and standards for slip resistance. The civic plaza and fountain are no exception. Every surface at the fountain, either dry or wet, meets or exceeds state "friction" standards, including the metal grating, glass and surrounding concrete.

Tripping, pushing, diving, etc., at the fountain or on any other surface, may result in injury. As with any play area or public space, unsafe behavior may have serious consequences. Help us keep the fountain open.

~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~ 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

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

Library telephone numbers are:

General Library Number
(408) 446-1677
Accounts, Billing
(800) 286-1991
TeleCirc
(800) 471-0991



Please note: The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 for Independence Day.

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

PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES AND TALES. Summer Reading Club for Kids 2006

Kids are invited to the library to sign up for this program during July. Last day to sign up is July 31st. If they read 10 or more books (or have 10 books read to them), write the titles in their folder and turn it in, they may choose a brand new free paperback book, courtesy of the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, after the final Summer Reading Club program on August 10th through August 31st.

Join the Children's Librarians for Thursday Fun Programs at 2:30 pm. Most Thursday programs will be held in the Community Hall. The July 6th and August 3rd programs will be held in the Library Story Room. These programs are sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Young people ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in two book discussion groups:
July 18 at 2:30 Flipped by W. Van Draanen
August 8 at 2:30 Sea of Trolls by N. Farmer

COME TO THE LIBRARY TO PRE-REGISTER AND GET COPIES OF THE BOOKS.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Toddler Storytime begins Thursday, September 7 at 10:15 a.m.
Ages 1-1/2 to 3 years.

TEEN PROGRAMS

READ! DO YOUR OWN THING! Summer Reading Program for Teens

Teens are invited to the library to sign up for this program from June 3 – August 4. Teens need to read five books and write a review, and turn them in by Friday, August 4, 2006. Teens may also post their reviews online. Teens can receive their gift certificate to a local bookstore during library open hours between September 1 and September 30, courtesy of the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

Come and learn how to create special memories by registering for a special Scrapbooking program for TEENS on July 7 from 3-5pm. Teens, please call or come to the adult reference desk during library open hours, to reserve your spot. Space is limited. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Makes a difference!

SUMMER READING FOR ADULTS

Adults are invited to sign up from June 3 - August 4. Receive a log sheet to record your entries and a review card to recommend a favorite title. Please return review cards to the Adult Reference Desk.

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, July 19, 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 September 20, 2006. For more information please call the Reference Desk at 408-446-1677.

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.

NEW TIME FOR KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY!

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 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 welcome everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The Friends also hold three annual book sales. The **next Friends Book Sale** will be held in the Community Hall on **Saturday, October 14, 2006** and **Sunday, October 15, 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 collec-



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ 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.	De Anza Planetarium	864-8814
~3~ 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	
~4~ 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 Ave.	379-1051
	Toughlove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	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 Production*	9:30 a.m.	Senior Center	252-2667
Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 p.m.	Creekside Park - toddler area	861-0417	
~5~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	Connect Club III*	8:15 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creekk #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 Valco Parkway	285-4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 p.m.	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 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
~6~ 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	650-964-3734
	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	7 a.m.	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691-8724
	Toastmasters #4606			
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	253-8394
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	378-3499
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 p.m.	Portal Park	861-0417

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.

JULY	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
7 Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5 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
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 p.m.	Cupt. Library atrium	861-0417
8 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
10 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center, Social Room	978-6614
	"Take Off Pounds Sensibly" (TOPS) Open House"	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
11 Tues	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
12 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Hyde middle School	245-9156
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	996-0750
13 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
14 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Vally Pres. Church	253-1232
18 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
20 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
25 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
26 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784



NEWS ITEMS

STREET SWEEPING TICKETS

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

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

By Charles Ahern, Commissioner

Do you reminisce about the days of rotary-dial telephones with party lines and black & white televisions? Or are you excited about the potential of 3G wireless, VoIP, e-Government, WiMax, and plasma HDTV? Here in the heart of Silicon Valley, the residents and businesses of Cupertino experience the turbulence of rapid technological innovation. This turbulence can be both unsettling and exhilarating. To help the city of Cupertino cope with this change, the Technology, Information, and Communications Commission (TICC) has evolved from the Telecommunications Commission.

As codified in the recently revised municipal code, the TICC "Advises the City Council and City Manager on all matters relating to technology, information and communications within the city of Cupertino." While this charter appears broad, in important areas the TICC must work within legal and regulatory limitations. The U.S. Congress responded to the desire of the

telecommunications and cable television industries for national legislation to replace a patchwork of state laws and city ordinances. The Federal Communications Commission then specified and enforces regulations to implement the legislations passed by Congress. As a result, local government has almost no influence over cable television pricing or the quality of cellular phone service.

TICC works to inform Cupertino about the technological and governmental issues we face and to help improve the services provided to residents and businesses by the city and commercial service providers.

WEEDS

Community Standards Guidelines

Like most residents of the City of Cupertino, you probably want your neighborhood to be attractive, clean and safe. The information below is presented to help you get to know certain aspects of the Cupertino Municipal Code.

Property owners in the City of Cupertino, may not allow the following conditions in their front, side or rear yard areas: Dead, decayed or diseased trees, weeds or other vegetation likely to cause a fire, health hazard or infestation or a habitat for rodents. All weeds should be kept cut down to ground level. For complaints or questions, please contact the Code Enforcement Department at 408-777-3182. **Please Note: Tree removal may require a permit. Please call the Community Development Department at 408-777-3308 before removing any tree.**



THE BETTER PART



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

Mondays at 4:30 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm

The following special shows are on the July lineup:

- July 3, 4 & 7** "Tale of Escapes" - about a small boy's struggle to survive from concentration camp to Siberia to Uzbekistan, and more.
- July 10, 11 & 14** "Cupertino History" - as Cupertino celebrates 50 years of incorporation, a local expert discusses the city's interesting history.
- July 17, 18 & 21** "Plane Tree Library" - the Bay Area's unique medical library with a very homey atmosphere - open to the public.
- July 24, 25, & 28** "Escape to the West" - about a German family's harrowing two-year trek to get to the American side of occupied Germany.





Summer is a great time for block parties – and getting to know your neighbors. Need something to talk about? How does your neighborhood rate? See how well your neighborhood would fare if an earthquake happened tomorrow...

1. Do you know when your neighbors are out of town or on vacation?
2. If they were gone and their home was damaged, do you have a way to contact them? Do you have an out of area contact for them in case local phone service is unavailable?
3. Do you know where your neighbor's gas shutoff valve is kept and how/when to shut off the gas to their home?
4. Do you know who may pick up the neighbor's children from school if the parents are injured or out of town?
5. Is there someone living near you who knows first aid and could offer assistance to you or your neighbors?
6. Do any of your neighbors have medical conditions that could be adversely affected by a power outage? (Medications that need refrigeration? Life support equipment that needs electricity?) Is there a backup plan?
7. Do you know your neighbors' pets and how to care for them?
8. Do any of your neighbors have mobility, vision or other conditions that could mean they might need extra assistance after an earthquake?

If you know your neighbors this well, you get an A+. Neighbors who have emergency plans to care for each other will be able to manage any disaster.

If you don't know your neighbors...become a Block Leader and help build a strong, stable community!

To arrange a block party and for information on the block leader program, call 408.777.3331, or visit www.cupertino.org.

CERT

Time is running out. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training starts in September. You must take the three hour Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop before taking CERT. That way you'll be sure to have your home and family prepared and be able to help your neighborhood and community.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

Weapons of Mass Destruction An Orientation for Health Care Professionals series continues Aug 8, Oct 10. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Vallco Mall Emergency Training Center. Continuing Education Credit available. To register, call 777-3335.

Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop July 13 6:30-9:30 p.m., August 19 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Sept. 25 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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... Get to know your neighbors. Ask them the questions listed above.

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.





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

WHERE ADULTS 50+ GATHER FOR FUN.

Summer is upon us and the Senior Center is the coolest place to be. We have all kinds of activities to keep you entertained, educated and of course cool.

Our nation's birthday falls on a Tuesday, so our members and senior guests will celebrate the special day on Monday July 3 with grilled, juicy hamburgers with all the fixings, potato salad, brownies, lemonade and watermelon. The Senior Center Jazz band, the Rhythmaires, will play the patriotic songs to get your foot tapping. The cost for member is \$7 and senior guest \$9. Sign up early-this event always sells out.

There are two important seminars scheduled for the month of July. On July 18, an internist will give a health lecture on the topic of Healthy Men. He will discuss cancer prevention, healthy life style, nutrition, recommended examinations and, of course, prostate health. The other will be Long Term Care Insurance. In this confusing market of Long Term Care Insurance, the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (a non-profit agency) representative will give you unbiased information on: Whether you should buy? What kind? Where to buy? Etc.

For a sweltering summer afternoon in July, what is more fun than bringing your grandchildren to the Senior Center for unlimited amounts of ice cream? For our Grandparents and Me event on July 19, we will serve root beer floats, ice cream cones, and sundaes galore. Eat to your tummy's desire. Live piano music will entertain you. Bring a camera for the best shots of your grandchildren enjoying the cool confection.

The cost is \$3 for center member and \$2 for each child.

The Senior Center will be hosting a free Hawaiian concert by ukulele legend Henry Kaleialoha Allen on Tuesday August 8. He is a singer, composer, jazz guitarist and Master Artist of the Hawaiian Steel guitar. This event is open to the community. Join us for an afternoon of Hawaiian lyrics.

The Senior Center Golf Tournament at Blackberry Farm will be held on Monday August 14. This event offers seniors a chance to play golf and have fun. Prizes and hot dog lunch will complete the day. The cost will be \$20 for member and \$25 for senior guest. Please obtain an entry form from the center and return the completed form by August 10.

Birthday bashes, Karaoke, ping pong, tennis, Yoga, ballroom dance, Hula dance, computer classes, movies and travel opportunities galore are some of the activities scheduled for the summer. Join the Senior Center, get the Active Senior News to find out what is going on, and jump into the action.

HIDDEN TREASURES WANTED.

Please save your jewelry and knick-knacks that you no longer use, also other gently used or new trinkets for the Senior Center's Hidden Treasures Boutique planned for October 26. The Special Events Committee will start collecting these items in August, so gather things now and bring them in August. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Cupertino Senior Center social services. Thank you for your support.



Experience Is What Counts!

Leland Stanford V, "Lee", Cupertino Senior Center's Travel Coordinator has worked in the Travel Industry for 27 years, specializing in Groups and Cruises. His is fun, enthusiastic and will take good care of you.

Join Lee on some of his very favorites:

**A Crystal Cruise + The Smithsonian Institute
Texas Turkey Thanksgiving
The Caribbean + Panama Canal too!
Nov 23 - Dec 6**

INCLUDES:

From \$3498 double or \$4092 single (**This is 50% OFF the brochure Fare!**)

- 12 night Luxury Cruise
- Round trip airfare
- Pre-cruise overnight hotel
- Language/keyboard/computer Classes
- Pre-paid Gratuities
- Shore Excursion in Curacao
- 3 - 4 Cocktail Parties
- All bottled waters, soft drinks
- All 6 transfers
- Port charges + taxes (\$270)
- Fuel Surcharge (\$48)
- Ice Cream Bar (yummm!)
- + Lee as your escort
- Wellness talks/pilates and yoga class

**European River Cruise
Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers
May 5 - 20, 2007**

Un-Pack ONCE and see all of these wonderful countries! From Amsterdam, Holland through beautiful Germany and Vienna, Austria to Bratislava, Slovakia ending in Budapest, Hungary. Hurry....lowest priced cabins sell out first!

INCLUDES:

From \$4748 double which reflects an **Early Booking Discount of \$250.00**

- 14 night Deluxe River Cruise
- Round trip airfare
- Wine with dinner
- Shore Excursion in each town
- Cancellation + Medical Insurance
- All port charges (\$168)
- All 4 transfers
- + Lee as your escort

**French Polynesia + Cook Islands
July 9 - 20, 2007**

Un-Pack ONCE and see all of these gorgeous islands! Visit Tahiti, Moorea, BoraBora, Raiatea, Huahine + Cook Islands. Novelist James Michner regarded BoraBora as an earthly paradise and the most beautiful island in the world.

\$3495 double for OceanView Balcony, **Includes:**

- 10 night cruise
- Round trip airfare
- All 4 transfers
- Cancellation + Medical Insurance
- + Lee as your escort
- Port charges (\$260)
- Taxes (\$57)

For more information on these, and other Travel Office events, please call or visit us at the Cupertino Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, 95014, 408-777-3150.



By Hema Kundargi

Cheery Comfort Foods

Last week I was down with a bad case of flu. I instantly reached for my edible security blanket. The special food, which makes me feel cozy, calms me down and convinces my insides that everything is going to be all right. This edible security blanket is simply Comfort food. Food that slips down your alimentary canal with a relaxed, "Aaahhh." The same sound that your feet make, (if only you could hear them), when you kick off the slippers for your bathroom slippers, and feel at home again.

There is a universal connection to comfort food eaten all around the world. It's all to do with food that slips down the throat easily, that doesn't require much cutting or chewing. Hot, nourishing, something you can slurp. The immediate answer to a runny nose and a bout of homesickness. For an American it would be macaroni and cheese, for a Scottish it would be oatmeal and clotted cream, and for an Indian it would be Rice and bean porridge Kitchadi

When the world – or the weather – seems harsh and cruel, here are some of my favorite comfort food recipes to cuddle up with and help bring a smile back to you, your friends, and family.

Kitchadi is the special food, which transports me to another time, another me, and brings back emotions of warmth and caring. Every time anyone in our family came down with cold or cough my grandma would make this rice and bean porridge. She would carefully grind the spices and make this humble dish, which had unique healing powers. The yellow split bean are very easy to digest and quick cooking.

Here is my grandma's version of the humble Kitchadi|

- 1-cup rice
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 3/4 cup split yellow moong beans
- 1-tablespoon limejuice
- 1-teaspoon ginger paste
- 1-teaspoon brown sugar
- 1-teaspoon cumin seed
- or jaggery
- 1-teaspoon whole black pepper
- 5-cups boiling water
- 1 garlic clove (chopped)
- Salt to taste

Wash the rice and bean mix and drain in a colander

Make a coarse mix of cumin, black pepper in a spice grinder (or Coffee grinder used only for spices) In a thick-bottomed pot add all ingredients except limejuice.

Cook on high heat for 5 minutes, without any lid. Add limejuice and lower heat. Cover the pot with a tight fitting lid and cook for 15 minutes on low heat. Remove from heat but do not remove lid for next 10 minutes. The steam will finish the process of cooking. Garnish with chopped carrots and Serve with a dollop of ghee

Comfort food is basically a taste memory of childhood. When I was growing up in India, I loved to read books written by Enid Blyton. She was as popular as J K Rowling is now. Enid Blyton wrote adventure and mystery series. Some of my favorite books written by Enid Blyton were Famous Five, Secret Seven, and Malory towers. The most charming part of these series was the kids would solve mysteries and have fun adventures with a lot of the wonderful food. The treacle pudding, trifle puddings, scones, would

mesmerize me, marble cakes these adventurers would eat. My mother, being a strict vegetarian would never cook these foods at home, as all these recipes called for eggs.

Once I was very sick and I refused to eat Kitchadi that she had made for me. I insisted on having creamy tomato soup and croutons just like the kids in Enid Blyton series. I felt like royalty getting soup in bed. (One of the rare occasions when my mother gave into my tantrum) Here is my mother's version of creamy tomato soup without any cream. (My mother was not very fond of cream)

- 1-16 oz chopped tomato can
- 1-inch ginger
- 1-tablespoon peanuts
- 1 green chili
- 1-tablespoon coconut
- Salt and pepper to taste

Make a paste of peanuts, coconut, ginger and chili with 1/4 cup water.

Add chopped tomatoes to make a smooth puree. Add the tomato mix with 2 cups of water and boil for 3-5 minutes. Add salt and pepper and serve piping hot with crouton

There are some days, so bad, so stressful, and so overwhelming, that there is not a friend on this Earth, not a backrub on the planet that could unknot your neck muscles. It is on days like these I turn to food for comfort. I vividly remember when I was in seventh grade, my friend and I, had been, unfairly singled out in our class as troublemakers. We had to run an extra mile at lunch break. That evening I went to my friend's house and we moaned and groaned about how unfair life was. Her older sister who was had just come back from college, got tired of hearing us whine. She made this aromatic cream of wheat pudding to help heal our bruised ego. It is no wonder that when the going gets tough, we turn to foods that remind us of happy times in our youth! So whether you're nursing a bruised ego, a broken heart or a common cold, it's comfort food that comes to the rescue. This special pudding always calms me down and helps me put things in perspective.

- 1-cup cream of wheat
- 1/2 cup almond powder
- 1/3-cup ghee or
- 8 to 10 cardamom pods
- unsalted butter
- 1/4 teaspoon saffron thread
- 4 to 5 cloves
- 2-cups milk
- 1-cup sugar

Heat ghee or butter in a pan. Add cloves and wait until it puffs up. Add cream of wheat and roast for 10 minutes on low heat. Keep aside. In a pot add milk and saffron and bring it to a boil. Add the roasted cream of wheat and stir vigorously to remove any lumps. Cover and cook for 5 minutes on low heat. Add sugar and mix well. Cover the lid again and let the steam finish the process of cooking. Discard the peel of cardamom and make a coarse mix of the seeds. Finally, add almond powder and cardamom powder and mix well. Garnish with dried cranberries and serve piping hot.





COUNCIL ACTIONS



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Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Council Members Present:

Lowenthal, Wang, kwok,
Sandoval, Mahoney

Proclamation for elder abuse awareness day presented to the Cupertino senior citizens commission.

Approved the minutes from the May 2 and 16, city council meetings. Mahoney abstained.

Accepted a donation for \$3040.00 from the friends of the Stevens creek trail, for trail development and fish habitat enhancement.

Continued the 2006/07-budget hearing to June 20 for a second public hearing.

Considered repealing ordinance no. 1975 (Vallco condominiums) and/or ordinance no. 1977 (Toll Brothers development) or call an election(s). The referenda. Council voted to set both for November 2006 election. Kwok and Wang voted no on Toll Brothers. Wang voted no on Vallco.

Conducted first reading of an ordinance amending chapter 9.18 of the Cupertino municipal code – storm water pollution prevention and watershed protection.

Granted request for Mike Tsachres, owner of the Blue Pheasant, to initiate process before planning commission to stay open one hour later on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Kwok and Lowenthal voted no. Staff to send notice to neighborhood in 1-mile radius.

Adopted a resolution ordering the abatement of a public nuisance (citywide brush abatement).

Denied two petitions for reconsideration regarding charging a fee for petitions for reconsideration. The petitioners are Keith Murphy and Darrel Lum. Adopted minute order to consider eliminating fee for a petition for reconsideration at next council meeting. Wang and Lowenthal voted no.

Adjourn to Tuesday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m. for parks and recreation commission unscheduled vacancy interviews, city hall conference room a, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Council Members Present: Lowenthal, Wang, kwok, Sandoval, Mahoney

5:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room A, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California.

Conducted interviews for a Parks and Recreation Commission unscheduled vacancy and appointed Derek Chen to term ending January 2008.

Accepted applications for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses: Albertson's LLC, 10425 De Anza Blvd. Chuck E. Cheese 786, 19805 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Received public comments, discuss, and adopt the 2006-07 budget:

\$100,000 total to be spent on community festivals; includes \$35,000 in-lieu fee waivers.

Adopted items listed as considerable support on page 11-6. Lowenthal no.

Adopted items listed as some support on page 11-6. (Stocklmeir bridge and Cali mill plaza marquis not funded). Kwok no.

Funded the north area Vallco concept study for \$100,000. Wang and Mahoney no.

Allocated \$2,000 for the 211 service out of the community development block grant fund with the description left to staff's discretion.

Adopted a resolution for the annual renewal of fees for the Storm Drainage Nonpoint Source Program, FY 2006-07, with no increase in current fee rates.

Upheld appeal and accepted staff recommendation to replace trees that had been trimmed at the former Suburban House site. Existing five live trees will be retained, and 8 trees will be replaced. Replacement trees will be 72-inch and 48-inch box boxed coastal redwoods. If sizes are not available, an equivalent caliber is acceptable per arborist's recommendation.

Consider deletion or modification of the fee associated with petitions for reconsideration.

set reconsideration fee at the same rate as appeal fee for land use decisions. Directed staff that recommendations in future staff reports would include option to refund the reconsideration fee. Changing commission requirements.

Conducted first reading of an ordinance amending the Municipal Code, City Council – Salaries. (Requested by Council member Kwok) to reflect a 3% per year (for 5 years) salary increase effective November 2007. Sandoval no. conducted first reading. Sandoval and Lowenthal no.

Certified the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Stevens Creek Corridor Project (SCCP).

Awarded. contract for the 2006 Annual Overlay to O'Grady Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$697,701.00, and approved a construction contingency of \$69,799.00 to cover any unforeseen work required to complete the project, for a total of \$767,500.

Awarded contract for Pavement Restoration, Project No. 2006-02 to G. Bortolotto & Co. Inc., in the amount of \$127,806.00 and approve a construction contingency of \$32,194.00 to cover any unforeseen work required to complete the project, for a total of \$160,000.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement between the Cities of Cupertino and San Jose for the Overlay of Stern Avenue between Stevens Creek Boulevard and approximately 340 Linear Feet South of Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Received a report regarding tree removal on the Knopp property. No action taken.

Conducted the second reading of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention and Watershed Protection ordinance.



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CITY MEETINGS

July 5	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
July 5	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
July 6	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
July 6	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 p.m.
July 11	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
July 12	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
July 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
July 18	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
July 19	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
July 20	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 p.m.
July 25	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
July 26	Technology, Information & Communications Commission	7:00 p.m.
July 26	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.

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