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Cherry Blossom Festival Blooms in Park

The 23rd annual Cherry Blossom Festival honoring the sister city relationship with Toyokawa, Japan, will be held at Memorial Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

The event offers a wide selection of Japanese food and beverages, entertainment, demonstrations, cultural exhibits, art, crafts and clothing for sale. A special children's section will

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It's All In the Bag, Bring Your Own

Earth Day is coming April 22 and what better day to think about saving the earth all year round. Want to make a difference? Bring your own bag to the grocery store. It's a little difference that adds up big. Save yourself the clutter, while saving precious resources. Bring your own. The City of Cupertino is celebrating Earth Day by giving away free cloth bags as long as supplies last. Bags will be given away to the first 400 Cupertino residents (one bag per customer) beginning in April. Just pick your bag up at City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave. during regular business hours at the receptionist's desk in the lobby.

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CHERRY BLOSSOM

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feature activities and hands-on arts and crafts.

During the festival, a series of cultural displays, demonstrations and silent auction of Japanese dolls will be featured at the Quinlan Community Center. The featured artist this year is Rochelle Lum. Rochelle makes Japanese Paper Dolls (Washi Ningyo). Rochelle's unique dolls are of high quality with hand-workmanship that shows the emotions of each character. Her specialty is animal dolls; a creation of her own that reflects life with humor and laughter. Other cultural exhibits and demonstrations include ikebana (flower arranging), bonsai (miniature trees), suiseki (rocks without water), nihon shishu (embroidery), origami (paper folding), shodo (calligraphy), temari (decorative balls), and sumi-e (brush painting). There will also be a fabulous display and auction of Japanese Koi Fish sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club. Look for them outside the Quinlan Center. Akita and Shiba Inu dogs will be shown on the lawn behind the food court.

All-day entertainment takes place in the park amphitheater. Among scheduled events are four Taiko groups, Japanese dance, various martial arts, children and adult musical performances. New to this year's festival will be the California Sumo Association with US champion sumo wrestlers giving two demonstrations on Saturday.

Food offerings will include chicken salad, green tea, teriyaki hamburgers and hot dogs, teriyaki skewered corn, sushi, tempura, chicken teriyaki, udon noodles, gyoza (meat in Japanese pastry), yaki soba, fruit on a stick, ice cream, beer, sake, wine, soda and bottled water.

Craft booths throughout the park will offer a wide variety of items for sale, including cards, paper sculptures, pottery, jewelry, washi eggs and dolls, Japanese antiques, clothing, paintings, candles, photos, woodwork and T-shirts.

The 200 cherry trees and the two traditional lanterns at the park were gifts to the City of Cupertino from Toyokawa.

The festival benefits the nonprofit Cupertino Sister City Committee, which promotes friendship and student exchange programs between the two cities. Local nonprofit organizations that support services for disadvantaged, youth sports, music and language programs will have booths which raise funds for their groups.

Parking is available at De Anza College. Purchase a one-day parking permit for \$2.00 from machines on lot (8 quarters required).

For further information about the Cherry Blossom Festival, call festival coordinator, Lucille Honig, at 257-7424 or visit www.cupertinotoyokawa.org.



CUPERTINO CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

(Schedule subject to change)

Sat, April 29, 2006

Amphitheater
10:30 AM Opening Remarks: Bill Nishimoto, M.C.
10:35 AM Sunnyvale Suzuki Violinist (children's group)
11:00 AM California Sumo Association
11:45 PM Palo Alto Kendo (Japanese fencing)
12:15 PM Welcome Remarks and Introduction of exchange students-Cupertino City Council
12:25 PM "Mixing Colors; Artwork by Cupertino Children"- Diana Argabrite, The Fine Arts Commission
12:30 PM San Jose Taiko
1:15 PM Bando Mitsusa Kai (Japanese classical dance)
1:45 PM Cupertino Judo Club (Olympic sport since 1994)
2:15 PM California Sumo Association
3:00 PM Aikido of Silicon Valley (classical Japanese martial art)
3:30 PM Satsuma Dojo (karate, Japanese art of self-defense)
4:00 PM Watsonville Taiko
4:45 PM Closing Remarks: Bill Nishimoto, M.C.

Sun, April 30, 2006

Amphitheater
11:00 AM Opening Remarks: Bill Nishimoto, M.C.
11:05 AM Fujimoto Kai of San Francisco
11:30 AM Northern California Naginata Federation (martial arts)
12:00 PM Western Aikido Yoshō Kai (martial art, "Way of Harmony")
12:30 PM Stanford Taiko
1:15 PM Satsuma Dojo (karate, Japanese art of self-defense)
1:45 PM San Jose Kendo (Japanese fencing)
2:15 PM Chikaho Kai (Okinawan dance and drum group)
2:45 PM Cupertino Judo Club (Olympic sport since 1994)
3:15 PM Aikido of Silicon Valley (classical Japanese martial art)
3:45 PM Emeryville Taiko Group
4:30 PM Closing Remarks: Bill Nishimoto, M.C.



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THERMOMETER EXCHANGE APRIL 29

In an effort to help rid households of mercury thermometers, the City of Cupertino is hosting a thermometer exchange on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cupertino Library Plaza on Torre Avenue. Drop off your mercury thermometer in a sealed plastic bag, and in exchange, receive a safer digital thermometer free. Mercury thermometers should never be thrown in the trash, as they end up in landfills and can leak mercury into the environment. Turned in mercury thermometers will be disposed of as hazardous waste. The first 100 customers will receive a free cloth grocery bag. For more information, visit the City's website at www.cupertino.org or call (408) 777-3354.

HOME ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Celebrate Earth Day and recycle your home electronics! The City of Cupertino invites you to the West Valley Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Apple Computer's facility at 10500 North De Anza Blvd. Bring in your old computers, TVs, LCD displays, printers, stereos and other home electronics systems and they will be recycled for FREE. Please honor a limit of five monitors and/ or TVs and five other devices per car. For recorded information call (408) 988-2428.

COMPOST CLASSES

Those interested in learning about backyard composting can attend a free workshop at McClellan Ranch Park on the first Saturday of April and May from 10 a.m. to noon. 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

The city's compost site is open again in time for the spring planting season. The site is located at the Stevens Creek Quarry on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) and is 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 bring proof of city of Cupertino residency.

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

SPECIAL WASTES

A new law is now in effect in California, which prohibits certain residential waste from being placed in the trash for disposal. The intent of the law is to protect the environment from hazardous products containing heavy metals such as mercury, copper, chromium and lead. These special wastes, called Universal Waste in

the regulations, include electronic waste (e.g. computers, computer peripherals, telephones, cell phones, microwave ovens, VCRs), fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent tubes, thermostats, and batteries. Remember, most Cupertino residents can recycle household batteries by sealing them in a clear plastic bag and setting them on top of the blue recycling cart on collection days. Cupertino residents can drop-off other wastes at the following locations:

- Electronic waste: Apple Computer's facility at 10300 Bubb Road, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (408) 862-2667 (recorded message).
- Fluorescent Bulbs: Blaine's Lighting 12312 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. Saratoga, (408) 252-7400; Rancho Hardware, 1150 Riverside Drive, Los Altos, (650) 948-6331 or the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program (408) 299-7300
- Mercury Thermometers: De Anza College Health Services, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd (408) 864-8732 or the Countywide HHW Program (408) 299-7300
- Cell phone batteries: contact your local cell phone dealer or the Countywide HHW Program (408) 299-7300
- Rechargeable Batteries: Target stores, Radio Shack or Countywide HHW Program
- Household Batteries (including rechargeables): Countywide HHW Program (408) 299-7300; Target stores.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Spring is here, and that means it's time to start gardening. It also means you'll want to pay particular attention to controlling your home and garden pests. The Our Water – Our World website (<http://www.ourwaterourworld.org/owow.cfm>) has been developed to assist consumers in managing home and garden pests in a way that helps protect the environment. Among other things, this site offers:

- Assorted fact sheets on specific pests and methods to manage them without using hazardous materials.
- Information on where to buy safer alternatives to pesticides, including fungicides and herbicides.
- A list of some products that are considered safer alternatives to more conventional pesticides.
- A list of products, sorted by the pest it targets.
- An "Ask the Expert" feature that allows you to ask a specific question and receive a personal reply

Check out the website and enjoy an environmentally friendly gardening experience.

A THANK YOU TO THE VARIAN FAMILY

The hills are turning green. The daffodils and tulips are dancing in the breeze. Wildflowers in the hills and along creeks. Easter memories – sunrise services to celebrate the resurrection of Christ – walking up the hills in the near dark to the appointed place, waiting for the sun to rise, signifying the day of hope, singing the old familiar hymns. Family gatherings after church and dozens of cousins, hunting eggs. One year an uncle thought it would be a kick to hide eggs up on Table Mt. up Stevens Canyon Road. Not a good idea. Too muddy. One egg came out of its hiding place with a banana slug attached. Eeek!

We owe a debt of gratitude to the people who had the foresight to preserve so much wonderful open space (including banana slugs) for later generations to enjoy. One family who worked hard to preserve open space and wilderness, not only in our area, but in other areas of California as well, was the Varian family. Many will recognize the name because of the company that has contributed much to the history of the technology era, economy and business culture of our area.

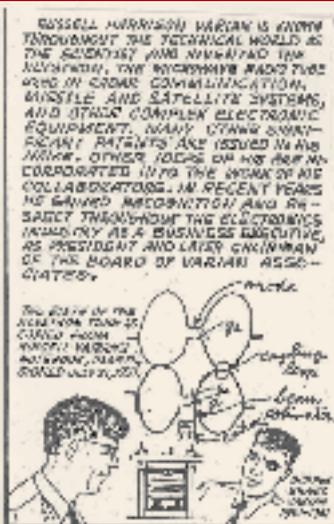
Russell Varian (1898-1959) and his wife Dorothy shared a preservation vision of a state park for the Castle Rock wilderness area. Thousands enjoy that scenic spot today, hiking trails and climbing the huge rocks with holes like swiss cheese and the creeks and waterfalls. Varian descendants also have a very large property that is partially open to the public in the Paso

Robles/Parkfield area. For those of you unfamiliar with tiny Parkfield, it is known as the Earthquake Capital of the World (self-proclaimed) and the USGS has monitoring equipment there that measure tremors constantly. It is worth a trip down to that area to see the spring wildflowers in the Cholame Valley, visit Parkfield and hike the hills.

Russell was an active member of the Sierra Club and loved the wilderness. He once wrote, “I have frequently tried to understand and define my own reaction to wilderness, with the result that I am more than ever convinced that without contact with wilderness, I would be a different person. Wilderness for an adult is a place of inspiration, for reverence and for quiet examination of himself and his world; a sanctuary into which to retire from an over-civilized world; a place to gain strength for the next phase of his struggles.”

Now that winter is past and we are all ready to tackle spring projects, take some time to get out into the hills and the wilderness, and savor the different shades of green, the myriad spring flowers and grasses and listen to the quiet. ‘Tis good for the soul. The Varians - Russel and his brother, Sigurd (1901-1961) were two of the foremost innovators in the early days of high tech, yet they always appreciated the need for the things and places in nature that gave perspective to the man-made things in the world.

Resource: *The Human Touch* by A. ‘Pete’ Emig (1/30/64)



"CHANGE IS GOOD"

by Eric Klein, Jr.

Ten years ago Cupertino residents enjoyed cell phones the size of small bricks, analog cable with that wondrous A/B switch, and dialup Internet access. Today, over ninety percent of Cupertino residents have Internet access and greater than fifty percent enjoy broadband Internet connections from providers like Comcast, AT&T, MetroFi, and Sprint. Cell phones are everywhere, and new technologies like VoIP, IPTV, and WiMax could fundamentally change the way we interact with our phones, TVs, and computers. Other than being technology buzzwords, what do these technologies mean for Cupertino residents and businesses?

TICC (Cupertino's Technology, Information, and Communications Commission) will explore this topic in a series of Scene articles over the next four months. Instead of focusing on technology, we're going to examine how these technologies become solutions that significantly improve communication between our local government and its constituents. Loosely called "e-services", these solutions could allow residents to fill out city forms online, receive city notices on planning commission events or infrastructure changes via email, and deliver your opinions directly to city leaders and council members via webcasts and

instant electronic surveys. Many residents already use email mailing lists to quickly communicate with each other on neighborhood issues. e-services just expand the opportunity to the citywide level.

While exploring the potential of e-services to augment our existing city services, we'll also examine information security and privacy in this new era of ubiquitous connectivity. How do you protect computer's personal information when you are instant messaging the mayor from the local Starbuck's over a wireless network? We'll offer some suggestions and references that will help you stay safe while enjoying your new Internet connections and services.

In June, the TICC Commission will host a community forum on these topics the Cupertino Community Hall. Guest speakers from service providers and the industry will join Cupertino city officials in discussing the potential of e-services, and most importantly, learn more about what you as residents want from an "e-services" initiative.

The past decade has brought great change to Cupertino's communication "channels", and we hope this series helps you, the residents and businesses of Cupertino, learn how to put those new channels to even better use interacting with each other and our local government.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP – Beginning & Advanced Levels

Cupertino Community TV at KMVT15 offers both Beginning & Advanced Levels for youth to learn video production. Students will use KMVT's industry-standard professional studio and equipment to gain basic skills in storyboarding, camerawork, directing, sound design, acting and editing. Young people can experience all levels of media production through hands-on training. Class Session consists of 5 days, 4 hours each, student is to bring own sack lunch. Cost is \$250 per Session.

Beginning Sessions: (Week of:) June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21.

Advance Session: (Week of:) July 17

For application or further information, please go to www.kmvt15.org or call (650)968-1540.

Learn About Television Production

Learn how to produce your own program including camera operation, technical directing, editing and more!

Cupertino Community TV at KMVT15 offers a wide variety of Beginning Workshops. NO experience needed! Classes are offered in Studio Production, Field Camcorder Production, Editing (using Pinnacle Liquid Edition) and Producer's Training. For class dates and a full course description, go to www.kmvt15.org or call (650)968-1540.



~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

**CELEBRATE YOUNG PEOPLE'S POETRY WEEK
APRIL 10 - 16!**

See Children's Calendar for details.

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.



ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

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 2:30 p.m. in the Community Hall, next door to the library. For more information please 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, May 17, 2006** from 3:30-5 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 July 19, 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: 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.

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, May 20, 2006 and Sunday, May 21, 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 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 to 2 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 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

APR.	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~ Tue	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
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	996-0750
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
	Al-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	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
	Connect Club III*	8:15 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
~6~ Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn	374-6392
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	379-1051
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	252-2434
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	650-327-1649
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932

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.

APR.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
6 Thurs cont.	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 Toastmasters #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
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 p.m.	Portal Park	861-0417
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
11 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
12 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
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

DID YOU KNOW...

Are you a City of Cupertino resident? If so, you can recycle your used batteries curbside. All small batteries except cell phone and computer batteries can be recycled. Just place your batteries in a clear, sealed plastic bag, on top of your blue recycling cart.

If you are not a Cupertino resident, Target stores will take all batteries, including rechargables. Radio Shack will accept rechargeable batteries only. For cell phone batteries contact your local cell phone dealer or the County HHW Program @ (408) 299-7300. It's a little difference that adds up big!

Free Shredding Day Returns to Cupertino

In an ongoing effort to prevent identity theft and promote recycling, the City of Cupertino is once again holding Shredding Day, a free service that will destroy confidential paperwork easily and securely with in-truck shredders. The event takes place on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the plaza between Cupertino Library and City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave. Shred-it, a mobile on-site document destruction company, will again provide its services at no cost to Cupertino.

Residents are limited to two boxes of paperwork (Boxes may be up to 10" high x 15" wide x 24" long). Proof of Cupertino residency is required to participate. During the event, the County of Santa Clara Household Hazardous Waste Program will exchange mercury thermometers with free digital thermometers. Those who wish to participate must bring their thermometers in sealed, plastic bags.

For more information about Shredding Day, e-mail communityrelations@cupertino.org, or call 777-3331. To learn more about Cupertino's recycling program, visit the City website at www.cupertino.org.

SYMPHONIC BAND

The Cupertino Symphonic Band is having its traditional eleventh annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 3 p.m., Quinlan Community Center, 10185 Stelling Road, Cupertino. The concert is FREE but canned food for community services is welcome. The exciting program includes everything from Gershwin and Berlioz to stirring marches like American Overture for Band and Crown Imperial. Part of the Planets by Holst is also on the agenda. Join us in celebrating spring.

For more information call 408-262-0471 or visit, www.netview.com/csb.

PRESCHOOL READING NIGHT

The Sedgwick State Preschool is a free preschool for low-income families in the Cupertino Union School District. The school is holding a Preschool Reading Night. Bring your 3- to 4-year-old and enjoy the wonderful storyteller, Yolanda Rhodes. There is no charge for the event. Preschool Family reading night will be held on Thursday, April 6, from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The preschool is located at Sedgwick Elementary School, 19200 Phil Lane, Cupertino. Call 252-3103 ext. 202 to reserve your place.

HATS OFF TO YOU!

Bring a Friend – Wear a Hat

Plan now to attend Cupertino Quota's Hats Off To You!, a community luncheon at the Quinlan Center on Thursday, April 27. It will celebrate Quota's service to the community, with Catering by Outback Steakhouse and a special Model A Vintage Fashion Show. Checks in the amount of \$15 should be made payable to Quota International of Cupertino and mailed to PO Box 2957, Cupertino 95015-2957.

For further information or to RSVP, please contact Kris Wang, kris@kriswang.com or phone 257-7516 or Liz Tadman etadman88@yahoo.com or phone 910-4628.

SECOND ANNUAL BIKE & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY IS APRIL 5TH

Staff, parents, city commissioners, students, and other volunteers have been diligently working to plan Monta Vista High School's second annual Bike & Walk To School Day for Wednesday, April 5th. Last year's event was a great success, with at least 1/3 of the student body participating. The event was proposed because of much concern over traffic congestion, pollution, and lack of student-powered transport (walking and biking) to and from school. The event positively promotes eco-friendly means of transportation to and from school, in the hopes that students will consider these means of transport more often.

This year, it is hoped that over _ of the school will participate. The event will run from about 8:30am to 9:20am on April 5th (a late-start Wednesday). Students who ride the bus, walk, or bike to school will be able to collect raffle tickets as they approach campus. Once at campus, they can redeem their tickets for snacks and enter the tickets into raffles for other prizes. Last year, Starbucks, Noah's Bagels, Baskin Robbins, and Jamba Juice provided some of the





food and prizes. Sheriffs from the Cupertino substation also assisted on the day of the event. Student clubs involved in this year's event include Octagon, Endangered Species Awareness, and Earthriders. Monta Vista High's PTA and Cupertino City Commissioners also have a large role in planning and implementation. Monta Vista students, come and join the fun!

BIKE RODEO

Join members of the De Anza Optimist Club as they hold a Free Bike Rodeo Saturday Morning May 6th, 2006. The event is scheduled from 9:00 - 11:30 AM, in the parking lot of the Cupertino Quinlan Center, located at 10185 N. Stelling. A Helmet and Bike are required to participate. The rodeo starts with registration and proper fitting of the bike helmet along with a quick safety inspection of the bike. Each participant goes through three different sets of bike riding activities. One set focuses on Bike Safety and the Rules of the Road. A second set features bike handling skills. This includes proficiency through a maze, riding accurately within a marked circle, and staying on the straight and narrow of the "plank ride." A third set focuses on bike racing, including the ever-challenging "Slow Spoke" bike race.

For further information, contact Dean Skeels at 252-3336. The De Anza Optimist Club is affiliated with Optimist International. Our motto is "Friend of Youth."

CUPERTINO ROTARY JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUP CLASS

The Cupertino Rotary Job Search Support Group regularly meets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The program will run until June 6, 2006, and people may join the Group at any time. The meetings are held at the conference center at St. Cyprian Elementary School, 1133 W. Washington Avenue, Sunnyvale. Go one block west on Washington from Mary Ave., and beyond the stop sign (Leota Ave.) take the first right turn into driveway. Please park next to the outdoor basketball court.

This free class is open to the unemployed, employed, under-employed and career changers. Anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible to attend this once a week class.

Such topics as Reading and Research, Internet Job Search, Values Clarification, Skills Assessment, Resume Writing, Volunteering, Infor-

mation Interviewing, Practice Interviewing, Networking, Job Interview, Obtaining the Job, and Professional Advancement on the Job will be covered. The program is sponsored by Cupertino Rotary and is a free vocational service to the public. The program has received a commendation from the Governor of California and a certificate of recognition from the California Legislature.

To sign up for the class please come to any meeting with a pen and notebook, or you may contact the program Director, Jim Gibson at jimgibson007@aol.com or 408.735.0663 with any questions regarding the program.

CUPERTINO COMMUNITY SERVICES' IS RUNNING IN THE HUMAN RACE.

Cupertino Community Services (CCS) is once again participating Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley's annual Human Race (VCSV). The Human Race is hosted by the VCSV as a fund-raising opportunity for local non-profits. This year will be CCS' third year participating. CCS is calling volunteers of all ages to come join in on the fun and help raise money for CCS services. They need you to help us raise pledge to meet our goal of \$15,000.

It's easy, fun, and a great way to enjoy the day with family and friends. Participants register to participate and then collect pledges on behalf of CCS. Then on May 13th all registered participants complete either a 5K walk or 5K/10K run throughout Shoreline Park. There is a race purse for the top runners and free breakfast, t-shirt, and pizza for all participants. The walks are dog, trike, stroller, and wheelchair friendly, so bring the whole family. Make a team and see who can raise the most money. CCS is also giving out its own prizes for those individuals or teams that raise the most money for our organization.

For more information on how to participate check the CCS website at www.cupertinocommunityservices.org or contact Vicki Yang at 408.255.8033 x303 or vickiy@cupertinocommunityservices.org for more details.

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION-CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers two evening citizenship classes. They are an ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class, for those students who are at an intermediate level of English proficiency, and a Citizen-





ship Preparation Class, for students who are advanced English speakers. Both of these free classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings; they start on Monday, March 27, 2006, and end on Wednesday, May 31, 2006. The ESL/Citizenship Class, whose hours are from 6:30-9:30 p.m., is in room 82, at Fremont High School. The Citizenship Class is from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in room 83, at Fremont High School. In these classes students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, state government and voting. In addition, on Saturday, April 15, 2006, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., we will be offering a special one-day class to help prospective citizens prepare for their interview. Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers. At this class there will also be an immigration expert who will talk about the interview process and answer questions. The class will meet in the Training Center, Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale. For all of these classes, students should register in class. For more information, please call (408) 522-2703.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education's ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. This is a commitment for one morning only, Saturday, April 15, 2006, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Since many prospective citizens are apprehensive about the interview process, this one-day class give students an opportunity to practice for their citizenship interview in a relaxed and friendly setting. As a volunteer, you will ask prepared questions and dictate prepared sentences, thus simulating an actual interview. Training for volunteers will be done on the morning of the class. If you are interested, please call Linda Brummer at (408) 522-2733.

"Distinguished Artist" Sought

The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission is accepting nominations for its annual Distinguished Artist Award. Applications are available from the city clerk's office, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, or by calling (408) 777-3217. Deadline for returning nominations to the clerk's office is Monday, May 15.

The award, which will be presented in the fall, is given to an artist who lives or practices his or her art in the Cupertino area. Both performing and visual artists will be considered.

Among artists who have received the award are sculptor Salvatore Pecoraro, musician Nile Norton, printmaker Glen Rogers Perrotto, dancers Mythili Kumar and Janet Shaw, artist Sandra Beard, Ikebana flower-arranging artist Fusako Seiga Hoyrup, artist/sculptor Brother Joseph Aspell, S.M., artist/calligrapher Sara Loesch Frank, pianist Makiko Ooka, singer/composer Robert L. Harrison, ceramic artist Mahoko Dahte, photographer/artist Constance Guidotti, painter Kate Curry, and ceramic artist Janet Leong Malan.

More information about the Distinguished Artist Award is available from the city clerk's office, (408) 777-3217, kimberlys@cupertino.org or by visiting the City of Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org and following the links to City Government, Commissions, Fine Arts Commission.

FRIENDLY VISITOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Cupertino Senior Center is restarting the Friendly Visitor Program in June 2006, and looking for mature and dependable volunteers who would like to donate their time to visit a special friend in the community. Friendly Visitor will be assigned to one client with whom they will visit about once a week to provide socialization and stimulation. Visitors may want to play games, write letters, look through picture books, have lunch, or just chat with their assigned client. All the clients are from the Cupertino Senior Center Case Management Program who are frail elders living independently in their own homes. Volunteers will benefit by knowing that they are important parts of a plan to help clients delay or avoid institutionalization and by befriending special people with vast life experiences and interests to share. All clients live in Cupertino or West San Jose. All volunteers must be able to participate in three initial training sessions, and monthly consultation sessions with other fellow Friendly Visitors thereafter.

If you are interested of joining us for this rewarding opportunity and making a difference in these frail elders' lives by becoming a Friendly Visitor, please contact Karen Goss, Case Manager, at (408) 777-3155.



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April 10: 1906 SF Earthquake & Fire – 100th Anniversary Tour and Macy’s Annual Spring Flower Show “The Flowers of Italy” \$45

April 20: Egyptian Museum Tour, SJ Rose Garden, Triton Museum & lunch included \$33

May 1: SF Wholesale Flower Mart, late breakfast at SF’s BEST (on own) & SF Botanical Garden \$45

May 10: It’s Off To The Races at Bay Meadows! Includes buffet lunch, Racing Program & ALL the MONEY YOU CAN WIN!!! \$55

May 13: Wings of History Museum & Fly-in!! \$21

May 19: A Tale of Two Cities: Piedmont & Alameda \$45

May 25 & 26: Sacramento Jubilee & Parade & All That Jazz! Includes museum fees, Old Sac. tour, hotel & more \$248

Aug 27 – Sep 9: British Isles cruise & 2 nights London, 2 tours, non-stop air, all transfers from \$2995

Oct 9 – 21: American Heartland & Heritage Tour - Cowboy Hall of Fame, Will Rogers Museum, Fort Smith & Miss Laura’s, Clinton Presidential Library, Hot Springs Nat’l Park, Peabody Hotel & Duck March, Memphis BBQ & home of the Blues, Graceland-Platinum tour, Nat’l Civil Rights Museum, Nashville’s Country Music Hall of Fame & Grand Ole Opry, Dollywood & Nat’l Music & Harvest Festival, Great Smokey Mtns, America’s #1 most glorious home-the Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC & more \$2595

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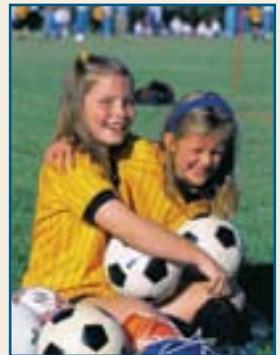
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COUNCIL ACTIONS



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Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval.

Adopted a resolution ordering a vacation of an air rights easement for transit parking and station facilities within the City of Cupertino, Vallco Park adjacent to Interstate 280 and Wolfe Road

Remanded to planning commission an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny a Use Permit to erect a 35-foot tall slim-line monopole with three panel antennas and an equipment shelter for wireless phone service at 20041 Bollinger Road

Upheld of the Community Development Director's Decision to deny the removal of two Canary Island pine trees located along Alves Drive and Anton Way.

Supported the Santa Clara Valley Water District's proposal to become an independent agency from the County.

Adopt a resolution approving a semi-rural designation to eliminate the requirement for sidewalks and streetlights for portions of Phar Lap Drive.

Request from the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) to amend the eligibility requirements for the Below Market Rate (BMR) program to give CUSD teachers a point for working within the City of Cupertino limits, regardless of the city they are working in, as long as they are employed by CUSD.

Authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Lifetime Tennis.

Approved the Planning Commission 2006 Work Program.

Amend Chapters 16.28 (Fences) of the Cupertino Municipal Code, Application No. MCA-2005-01, City of Cupertino, Citywide.

Conducted the first reading of an Ordinance of the Cupertino Municipal Code Related to Regulations Affecting Fences.

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Present: Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval.
Absent: Lowenthal.

Did not approve Taylor Woodrow Homes proposed project at Bubba Road and Imperial (a portion of Results Way Corporate Park)

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval.

5:00 p.m.

Interview applicants for Commission vacancies:
Parks and Recreation – APPOINTED MARGARET GOODRICH
Housing – APPOINTED CHIHUA WEI
Bicycle Pedestrian – APPOINTED SCOTT FABLE

Proclamation to City Clerk Kimberly Smith for her achievement in completing the third level of the International Institute of the Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

Proclamation to Community Relations Coordinator Laura Domondon Lee for the success of the Block Leader Program. Mayor Lowenthal also gave a proclamation to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at Homestead High School.

Vallco ordinances continued to March 22.

Consider Toll Brothers, Stevens Creek Blvd. at Finch Avenue, application for a mixed-use development consisting of approximately 113,000 square feet of commercial shopping center, up to 399 residential units and a 3.5-acre public park. Approved 380 units with 80 to be senior.

Considered the Cupertino Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. First of two public hearings regarding the use of fourth program year (2006-07) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Human Service grants. Continued to April 4 for second public hearing.

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, Sandoval.

Denied an appeal of the Planning Commission's Decision to deny access for Lot 2 from Lindy Lane, Application No. M-2005-04, Bret Moxley (Knopp residence), 21925 Lindy Lane, APN No. 356-25-014. The appellant is John Knopp. (Continued from March 21).

DENIED.

Vallco ordinances (Continued from March 21):

Approved the second reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Rezoning a 5.19-Acre Parcel From Planned Development (Regional Shopping) to Planned Development (Regional Shopping/Residential) at Vallco.

Continued to April 4 the second reading of Ordinance No. 1976: an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Modifying a Development Agreement to for a 137 Unit, Two- and Three- Story Residential Condominium Development at Vallco.

Continued to April 4 the application for Vallco restaurants.

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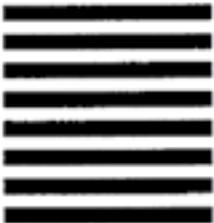
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CITY MEETINGS

April 4	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
April 5	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April 5	Teen Commission (Sport Center)	6:00 p.m.
April 5	Technology, Information & Communications Commission	7:00 p.m.
April 6	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
April 6	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	6:00 p.m.
April 11	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
April 12	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
April 13	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
April 13	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April 18	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
April 19	Teen Commission (Sport Center)	6:00 p.m.
April 20	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	6:00 p.m.
April 25	Planning Commission***	6:45 p.m.
April 25	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April 26	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.

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