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# Silicon Valley Reads 2010 March 20, 2010

The annual Silicon Valley Reads program, sponsored by the Santa Clara County Library system, and hosted in Cupertino by the Library and the Library Foundation, has announced their book for 2010, and the essay contest, a special feature in Cupertino, offering cash prizes.

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## Commission Vacancies

Application Deadline: Wendesday, January 13, 2010, 5:30 pm

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for City commissions and committees with openings in January 2010.

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# Environmental Recycling Day Document Shredding Event January 23, 2010

Attend the City's Environmental Recycling Day and Shred Event on January 23, 2010 at De Anza College, parking lot "B" (corner of Stelling & Stevens Creek Blvd).

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# events in cupertino

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On Saturday, March 20, 2010, in the Cupertino Community Hall, a special reception with guest speaker, David Mas Masumoto and a panel of noted community experts will discuss the book, "In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto" by Michael Pollan.

Cupertino adults and students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in an Essay contest that leads into the March 20 Cupertino Silicon Valley Reads 2010 event.

The contest is based on a topic from 2010 Silicon Valley Reads Book Selection, "According to author Michael Pollan, the rise of 'nutritionism' has vastly complicated the lives of American eaters without doing anything for our health, except possibly to make it worse...". Pollan outlines the challenge and offers a straightforward manifesto – 'Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants." How do you react, respond or interpret the author's position?

### **Grand Prizes** \$500, 2-Winners, 1 Adult and 1 Teen **2nd Place Prizes** \$300, 2-Winners, 1 Adult and 1 Teen

Cupertino adults and students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate. Entries must be submitted by February 28, 2010, and contest guidelines and entry forms are available at www.cupertinolibrary.org/SVRCupertino. Winners will be announced publicly on March 20.

### **Come Join Us**

For Cupertino Sports Center Open House

#### Saturday January 9, 2010, 9-11am

Free Gifts, Demos, Classes, Body Fat Testing, Raffle & Orientation

#### **Program**

Program	
8:30-9:30 am	.Aerobics Class
9-11 am	Tennis Games on Court 1
9-11 am	
9-11 am	.Meet Cupertino Sports
	Center Personal Trainers
9-11 am	Face Painting and Crafts
	in Child Watch
9:30-10:30 am	Body Sculpting

# 10:30-11:30 am .....Zumba Cupertino Sports Center

21111 Stevens Creek Blvd Cupertino, CA 95014 408.777.3160 - Commission Vacancies, continued from page 1

# Would You Like To Serve on a City Commission?

On January 26 and 27, beginning at 6 pm, the City Council will interview applicants for these groups: Bicycle Pedestrian Commission; Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG); Fine Arts Commission; Housing Commission; Parks & Recreation Commission and Public Safety Commission.

Residents can apply online or download the application from the city's website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For more details, please see the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223. The deadline to apply is 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

- Environmental Day, continued from page 1

# Environmental Recycling Day & Document Shredding Event

The City of Cupertino & Los Altos Garbage offer this free drive-through, drop-off service for Cupertino residents to encourage extended use of products and to prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill. Look for more details on this event on the city's website at www.cupertino.org, or visit Los Altos Garbage Company's website www.losaltosgarbage.com.

# **Cupertino Symphonic Band Brings Christmas Cheer**

December 13, 3 pm, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino



Dave Frederick will conduct a varied program including everything from traditional Christmas favorites "Sleigh Ride" to "Nutcracker".

The concert is free but donations of canned goods for West Valley

Community Services are appreciated.

For more information call 408.262.0471 or visit the website at www.netview.com/csb.











laus, Mrs. Claus, and his eives are coming to Cupertino for a morning your children will fondly remember. Come Join Mrs. Claus for her delicious North Pole Pancakes that she serves to Santa and his little helpers as they prepare for the busy holiday season. Visit with during your special holiday morning.

Register early... Spaces are limited and this event fills fast.

#### December 5, 2009 Quinlan Community Center Activity # 39626 8:30 am Activity # 39627 9:00 am 9:30 am Activity # 39628 Activity # 39629 10:00 am . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .





pertino Residents: 2 Years and older \$12.00 per person Non Residents: 2 years and older \$15.00 per person No Charge for infants 1 year or younger

NOTE: Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. You for only one half-hour timeslot, but are encouraged to inclu-rnate choices and stay at the breakfast as long as you like.

# Community Tree Lighting

December 4, 2009 6:00pm Quinlan Community Center



This event takes place outdoors, so dress appropriately.

Please bring a non-perishable food item or new toy to the event. All items will be donated to the West Valley Community Services and distributed this holiday season.

his Holiday Season, take a break from all that shopping and wrapping. Give an experience and create a cherished memory! Experience gifts are for everyone:

- Tickets to a sporting event, stage play, or movie
- Annual passes to museums or parks
- Gift certificates for a massage, kayak rental or restaurant
- Shopping mall gift cards

The choices are endless!

Enjoy the holidays knowing you've given thoughtful gifts to your friends and loved ones and reduced waste!





# simply safe | december

by Jon Nakafuji, Cupertino Volunteer

## **Flooding**

Is your creek ready for winter storms? The Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) wants to know – before major floods occur. Log on to their website to report downed trees or other debris that may block stream flow and cause flooding. Report the potential blockages BEFORE it starts to rain to allow crews time to address all of the needs. Go to www.valleywater.org and click on "Access Valley Water". The website also provides real time emergency information as well as stream and reservoir status.

The National Weather Service is available to answer questions and provide satellite and radar information for Cupertino. Go to weather.gov/SanFrancisco or access directions from your mobile phone at mobile.weather/gov

The public phone number for the National Weather Service is 831.656.1725

Information on building sandbag walls and other winter storm and holiday safety tips are available on the Cupertino website **www.cupertino.org/emergency**, click on "Links to Preparedness Resources"

# Citywide Emergency Exercise Results

- Emergency telephone notification went out to the whole City at 9 am on October 17 to let everyone know that we were holding a two day exercise.
- Over 600 volunteers went door to door and distributed preparedness and environmental information to over 7,700 homes in 16 hours.
- Over 1700 volunteer hours were logged during the two days – with another 2000 hours for the planning efforts.
- If you did not receive the preparedness information in your neighborhood, we'll be happy to provide copies for you and your neighborhood.
- Teams of volunteers set up local Help/ Information Centers, also known as Reporting Locations, or Arks (not an acronym). The community was invited to visit their local Ark to become familiar with its location and purpose. A map of Ark locations is on Cupertino website.
- Volunteer teams did an excellent job of resource tracking, communication and documentation!
- Thank you Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Tzu Chi Foundation, High School Service Clubs- Interact and Octagon, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES) and their counterparts

from other cities, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Block Leaders, Rotary, Target, AMC Theatres, Ranch 99 Market, Whole Foods, Cupertino Green at Home, and to the many individuals who offered their help distributing information.

### Prepare your home.

During the holidays many of us plan to travel for days, and in some cases weeks. Before you leave for your trip, be sure to follow several steps towards securing your home.

- · Close and lock all windows and doors.
- · Set lights on an automated timer.
- Make sure to turn off all unnecessary appliances.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbor keep an eye out while you're away.
- If living in an apartment, keep valuables out of sight/away from windows.

## **Happy Holidays!**

# If you do only one thing to prepare this month...

GET YOUR FLU SHOTS!

Correction: Our November article suggested that candles are a good source of light during power outages. We should have included that they should be used only as a last resort. We live in earthquake country and, even during winter storms, the ground can shake, candles can fall over, etc. Keep a good supply of flashlights, batteries and light sticks available!

## **Upcoming Classes:**

# Free Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop

January 23, 9-Noon, February 26, 6:30-9:30 pm, March 23, 6:30-9:30 pm

# **Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for Young Adults**

February 15-19 from 9-Noon

# Pandemic Flu-Online presentation www.cupertino.org/flu

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

# roots | Christmas Memories

### by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

This past summer, our beloved Mother, Hazel Regnart Fretwell, passed away. She was 98 years old. I wanted to re-run this 1997 Roots story in memory of her and a vanishing era.

As a young girl, my mother remembers the annual trek her family made up Stevens Canyon Road to Table Mountain to select the family Christmas tree. After the "perfect" tree was chosen, it was hauled down the mountain in a horse-drawn wagon and decorated with popcorn strings and tinsel.

Grandmother (Anna Gagliasso Regnart) had some beautiful glass ornaments and the children were allowed to hang them on the tree under her careful supervision. Then the candleholders were placed on the tree, positioning each one so that it was not under another fir branch. Lastly, the candles were put in the holders and lit briefly on Christmas Eve. A bucket of water for emergencies was always next to the tree. On Christmas Day, the candles were again lit for a short time.

Dinner was promptly at 2 pm; turkey raised on the ranch, home-grown vegetables, jello salad, rolls and home-made pies. The traditional family favorite for generations has been salted almonds and Mother's day, the nuts were gathered in a mad race with the squirrels. Grandmother cooked and baked on a wood-burning stove in her small kitchen. She was an excellent cook and the stove was used through the 1950's.

The children (Margaret, Hazel, Eva, Alice, Herbert and Donald) had to be patient about getting to the gifts under the tree. No whining, begging or fussing would hurry things. Mother's baby brother, Donald, remembers climbing the hill with Herbert to Regnart Ridge and looking for holly branches and toyon berries to make wreaths and decorate the house. They also looked forward to their yearly treat of bananas, oranges and Brazil nuts at Christmas. Mother thinks that by today's standards, she and her siblings would have been considered poor. They learned quite early there was no Santa Claus; that their parents provided the simple gifts when there was enough money. Even though Grandmother had spent some of her own school years in the convent, Mother recalls not knowing the true meaning of Christmas until she was a teenager.

As a child, I remember Christmas at Grandpa Bert and Grandma Annie's old house as a very special time. Most of the uncles, aunts and cousins were there. The grownups sat at the long dining room table and all the younger children sat at card tables in the living room, which was heated only by a fireplace at one end. We dressed warmly! Mother almost always was in charge of all the little kids and didn't get to eat with the rest of the grown-ups.

Grandma's younger sister Ora and jolly uncle Chris Kriletich would often come down from the City after dinner. Uncle Chris would ceremoniously peel off dollar bills from a large roll in his pocket and give each child a dollar. We all felt very rich. After dinner cousin Bill Long played "Santa Claus" and picked out a gift for each child from under the tree. Every present was opened one at a time and exclaimed over

- it was all done in an orderly fashion and greatly enjoyed by everyone. Bill often brought a piñata which was a huge hit with all the children.

Church Christmas Pageants played a big part in our lives when my sisters and were children. Bathrobes transformed into shepherd's robes and the timeless carols wove in and out of the story of Christ's birth as all the children tried hard to remember their lines and not trip over each other. Mom and Dad had a collection of old vinyl records that we played only at Christmas. The favorite was a dramatic rendition by Basil Rathbone of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". The cold and clanking ghosts of Christmas past, present and future came to life and we were so happy when at last Scrooge woke from his awful nightmare and had a change of heart towards Bob Cratchit and the townspeople. We listened to the story every year and if we weren't too distracted by the sounds of the clanking chains and Scrooge's pitiful wails, we could usually finish decorating our tree by the time Tiny Tim exclaimed, "God bless us, every one!"

Hazel would have been 99 on Dec. 29. We are so thankful for her long life with us, the rich memories and stories she shared with us and her undying love and care for us all.

# cupertino library

### **LIBRARY INFORMATION** | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

## 

General Library Number ..... 408.446.1677

Adult and Teen

Reference ........... 408.446.1677, ext. 3372

Children's

Reference ...........408.446.1677, ext. 3373

Accounts, Billing ...... 800.286.1991

TeleCirc ...... 800.471.0991

#### PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

To see the programs and events offered at all Santa Clara County Libraries, search our online catalog, review your library account, get homework help, and conduct research using our online databases, please visit the Santa Clara County Library Web site at:

www.santaclaracountylib.org

## **Holiday Closures:**

Thursday, December 24, Day before ChristmasClose at 5 pm
Friday, December 25, ChristmasClosed
Thursday, December 31, Day before New Year's DayClose at 5 pm
Friday, January 1, New Year's DayClosed
Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Closed

# Programs for Children & Families

# STORYTIME HOURS: Stories for Fours

 $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 years old ......Mondays,  $4~\mathrm{pm}$ 

## **Bedtime Stories**

3 years old and up......Tuesdays, 7 pm

#### **Stories for Threes**

 $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old ...... Wednesdays, 10:15 am **Stories for Twos**  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years old ....... Thursdays, 10:15 am

### Programs for Adults

### UNDERSTANDING SUDOKU Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Sudoku Champion Thomas Snyder will give a powerpoint talk describing the background of Sudoku and some facts about the fad, how he solves the puzzles, and how he writes them. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library. For more information, call the Library's reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

### BOOK TALK AND BOOK DISCUSSION Thursday, December 17, 2009, 7 pm Cupertino Community Hall

Cupertino Librarians, Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu, will host a Book Discussion and Book Talk on the third Thursday of each month. Book talks are short descriptions of several titles, covering all genres and subjects. Each month a new title is selected for the book discussion. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up a copy of the book, while supplies last, or place a hold for the next available copy. We will be discussing "Rebecca." This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

For more information, call the Library's reference desk at 408-446-1677, ext 3372

For more information for any Adult Programs, call the Library's reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

# Also in the Cupertino Library

#### KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 pm and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels and ages are welcome.



# Individual or Small Group Programs by Appointment

#### INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

#### **INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN**

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

#### **TEEN DATABASE CLASSES**

Database instruction for teens, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment. Schedule an appointment to learn about the library's subscription databases.

For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's adult programs or to schedule an appointment for any class, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

### For Your Information

#### **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 Electronic Library 24/7, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database. You can research a company using Standard and Poor's Net Advantage, prepare for an academic or professional exam with Learning Express, find information for a state report in America the Beautiful, and much more. 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 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 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 front lobby

The Friends of the Cupertino Library also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales.

# FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO 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.



# senior center news

### 2010 Senior Center Membership

It is time to join the Cupertino Senior Center; you may now register for the 2010 membership. The Senior Center is the perfect place to meet people and enrich your life. We are Cupertino's hub for activities, classes, trip information and services that are specifically geared toward active adults, 50 years and older. For a \$22 resident fee and a \$27 non-resident fee, your 2010 membership will be valid until January 31, 2011. Not only can you participate in the Senior Center's programs, but you will also get the bi-monthly issues of our Senior Action Newsletter, and a parking decal to use while attending activities at the Cupertino Senior Center.

The current 2009 membership is valid through the end of January 2010. We look forward to a fun and rewarding 2010.

### Holiday in Hawaii

#### Wednesday, December 2, 1:30-2:30 pm

Sway with our own Aloha Nani Hula dancers as they celebrate the holidays with Hawaiian songs and dances. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at lobby table. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

### **VTA Photo Session**

### Tuesday, December 8, 10-12 noon

Valley Transit Authority will be at the senior center to take photos for the Regional Transit Connections (RTC) Discount Card. No appointment is necessary. \$3, Must be 65+.

# **Holiday Lunch and Birthday Bash**

Wednesday, December 16, 12-1:30 pm

Celebrate the holiday season with delectable food and great entertainment. We will be serving hot mulled apple cider, ginger beef brisket with dried fruits, mashed potatoes, vegetable, garlic rosemary breadsticks, and Tiramisu for a sweet ending. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Swan, singing holiday songs in the character of Frank Sinatra. Of course Santa will pay us a visit.

Members \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Members with December birthdays will be honored. Please register by December 14.

# **Big Band Dance Social - Live Music**

Monday, December 21, 1:30-4:30 pm

Dick McConville Swing Quintet will play live music for this pre-holiday special event. Enjoy a lively afternoon of big band music and ballroom dancing. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

### **New Classes and Special Events** in January

### Introduction to Art - Tuesday, January 12-March 2, 5:30-8:30 pm

You will explore different styles of painting, experiment with black & white, pencil, pastel, acrylic, etc. Relax, create, and explore your hidden talents. Material fee of \$16 to the instructor, this will include most of your supplies, or bring your own. Member fee \$50

## Hand Building with Clay

## Thursday, January 14-February 18, 2-3 pm

Develop hand-building skills such as pinch, coil and slab work. Make beautiful, fun, and imaginative forms. Each piece will be fired, glazed, and ready to take home by the last class. Class will be held at the Wilson Park Ceramics Center. Member fee \$65 (includes materials)

### Golden Age of American Musicals Monday, January 4-February 8, 1:30-3 pm

Joe Marchi will explore the musical theater. Some of the topics covered will be: great songs from shows that failed; Jerry Herman, words and music; British musicals come to America; Off Broadway – the "little" shows that make it big. Member fee \$37

# Carl Jech Lecture: Problems of Translating the Bible into English

### Tuesday, January 19-March 9, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

The instructor will discuss the many mistakes and errors that ancient scribes made to the New Testament, and the great impact they had upon the Bible we use today. Recommended reading: Misquoting Jesus by Bart Erman. Member fee \$37

# International Lunch-Middle East

### Wednesday, January 27, 12-1:30 pm

Get transported to the Middle East for a day, no travel necessary! Liven up the dreary winter day of January with a palatetantalizing Arabian meal of scrumptious chicken kabob marinated in a special sauce, rice, salad and dessert. For entertainment, we have a belly dance performance. Members \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

### **Health Lecture: Stroke and Women** Monday, January 25, 10-11 am

The Peninsula Stroke Association will present a lecture with information specifically for women. Learn risk factors, symptoms of stroke, and stroke prevention. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please sign up at the lobby table.

### The Better Part

The programs listed below are aired on Mondays at 4:30 pm on Channel 15. The repeat showings are on Channel 15 at 7 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

DECEMBER 7, 8 & 11 – CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Teresa Mo, Senior Center Recreation Coordinator discusses all the activities and events that are available for members and also tells the viewers about her background.

DECEMBER 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29 & JAN 1 – CHRISTMAS WITH SERENDIPITY
The Serendipity Dancers bring you happiness and good cheer this Holiday Season
Merry Christmas from Santa and Happy
Holidays to all. For the weeks of December 21 and 28 this program may be shown at times other than the normal schedule.

For more info visit www.thebetterpart.com. Copies of past programs can also be found in the Santa Clara County Library System and on YouTube.

Want to join the group who produces these programs? Call 408.252.2667.

#### SENIOR TRIPS

Call the Senior Center at 408.777.3150 for reservations or more information on any trip.

#### **TOURS**

# Catch the "Island Spirit" April 8-12, \$1793 double occupancy

Embark on an exclusive private small ship cruising through the San Juan Islands! Experience fantastic scenery and abundant wildlife, all while being pampered by a friendly crew! Cruise by day and enjoy peaceful nights anchored in hidden coves of Puget Sound. Highlights include Lighthouse tours, tulip fields, Whale Museum, City tour of Port Townsend.

#### **DAY TRIPS**

"Home for the Holidays", \$53 December 4

**San Francisco Holiday-Style, \$88** December 15

"A Civil War Christmas", \$99 December 19

**Bill Cosby at Flint Center, \$69** January 9

**Learn to Age Healthfully, \$57** January 21

**Magnificent Marvelous Museums, \$49**February 11

# HO, HO, HO... It's Christmastime!



Cupertino Senior TV Productions (CSTVP) is a group of seniors who make 'The Better Part' TV programs and is based at the Cupertino Senior Center. 'The Better Part' Xmas program 'Christmas with Serendipity' will air the weeks of December

14 & 21. The program features 'The Serendipity Dancers', a group of senior dancers who travel to senior living accommodations throughout the peninsular bringing fun and smiles. Dance Director, Ginny Johnston, talked with host, Val Jeffery, about the group and also presented five Christmas dances. The routines featured 'March of the Toy Soldiers', 'Jingle Bell Rock', and 'Jailhouse at Christmas Rock'. Santa was on hand to help the ladies out with 'Santa Looked a Lot Like Daddy' and 'Santa Baby'. 'The Serendipity Dancers' will put a smile on your face and get you into the Christmas spirit

'Christmas with Serendipity' is directed by long-time Better Part member Diane Benedetti of Cupertino and produced by Val Jeffery. 'The Better Part' airs on Comcast Cable Channel 15 in Cupertino on Mondays at 4:30 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm. For more info visit www.thebetterpart.com

CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER
ADDRESS: 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

PHONE: 408.777.3150 EMAIL: seniorcntr@cupertino.org WEB: www.cupertino.org/senior

# eco news december

# >> Recycling During the Holidays

Did you know we will create greater than 25% more waste during the holiday season than any other time throughout the year? This means an extra 25 million pounds of waste is generated between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day in the United States. By practicing simple, earth-friendly behaviors, we can significantly reduce the amount of garbage that is land filled during the festive season. Here are some recycling and garbage reminders:

**Christmas Trees:** 

Christmas trees will be collected at homes in Cupertino on regular collection days during the month of January. Trees should be set out by 6 am, cut into 4-foot lengths, with all decorations and stands removed. Place trees in your tan yard waste cart or at the curb. Trees will be picked up at apartment and condominium complexes during the same period. Managers should call Los Altos Garbage Co. when the complex is ready for tree pick-up: 408.725.4020. Flocked trees are accepted for composting.

Corrugated Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard can be placed in the blue recycling cart or flattened and placed alongside your recycling cart. Residents living in apartments or condominiums should ask managers where cardboard is collected on-site. Boxes must be flattened and cut into 3-ft by 3-ft pieces. If desired, large

quantities can be taken to the Sunnyvale Recycling Center at the north end of Borregas Ave. Call 408.752.8530.

Styrofoam: Blocks of styrofoam, placed in clear plastic bags, can be placed in your blue cart.

While Los Altos Garbage company does not accept Styrofoam "peanuts" for recycling, they are accepted at all UPS Stores. The closest stores are @ 20660 Stevens Creek Blvd. 408.213.219 and 1072 S. De Anza Blvd. 408.253.6561. Residents who have the new type of "peanuts" made of cornstarch, may stir them into a compost pile or a dirt area and dissolve them in water.

Wrapping paper: Gift wrapping paper can be included with other recycling at curbside. (Most apartment and condominium complexes have paper recycling in toters.) Plastic-coated and foil wrapping paper and ribbons and bows cannot be recycled.

No limit: Remember that there is no limit to the amount of recyclables that can be set out on your collection day. (Although, yard waste should only be set out in your yardwaste toter.) Extra recyclables can be placed in boxes and set next to the full cart.

Cans and bottles: Place a well-labeled recycling container next to trash containers at parties to make it easy for guests to recycle.

Produce Less Waste and Smart Holiday Shopping: Avoid producing unnecessary waste that needs to be recycled or disposed of this holiday season. Make these practices part of your holiday routine:

- Give an experience and create a cherished memory, such as tickets to a movie, sporting event, stage play, restaurant, salon spa, manicure/ pedicure. The choices are endless!
- Gift a gift to the environment such as a battery charger with rechargeable batteries, bus/light rail/train passes, live plants and gardening tools.
- · Package gifts in reusable gift bags
- · Bring your own reusable bags to the store

Be creative and have fun. Have an environmentally SMART and "Green" Holiday Season!



## **Holiday Garbage Dates**

Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Friday, residential trash and recycling service has been rescheduled "a day be-

hind" for the entire last week of Dec. and the first week of Jan. Regular Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday service will be provided, Friday service will be provided on Saturday.



### **Extra Holiday Trash?**

On-Call Disposal Days: Residents (with garbage can service) are reminded that they have the option of using their two free On-Call Disposal Days for disposal of large amounts of trash. Schedule a Disposal Day by calling the Los Altos Garbage Company at 408.725.4020. For details, visit the city's website at www.cupertino.org/environmental (click on Garbage) or call the garbage company.

Extra Bag Tags: Another option for residents who periodically generate extra garbage is "Extra Bag Tags." Place extra trash in plastic trash bags and attach a tag to it where your garbage collector picks



up. Bags cannot be larger than 32 gallons or weigh more than 25 pounds. Tags cost \$5.89 each or 10 for \$55.97, and are available from the Los Altos Garbage Company, call 408.725.4020.

# What to Do With Your Old Computer

If you received new computer equipment during the holidays and are wondering where to take your old computer:

- De Anza College Computer Scholarship Program – 408.864.5713, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. Accepting PC's and laptops only: 750 MHz Pentium II or higher or have comparable Pentium-compatible CPU. Program refurbishes donated computers for qualifying students at De Anza or Foothill.
- City of Cupertino and Apple Computer's free electronics recycling program: 408.862.2667. Mon, Wed., and Fri. 8-4:30. 10300 Bubb Rd.— Accepting all computer components and peripherals (PCs and Macs), fax machines, VCRs, stereo equipment, home copiers, DVD players and TVs. Bring proof of residency. The facility will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.

#### **Junk Mail Kits**

If your mailbox is becoming overwhelmed with holiday catalogs and solicitations that you don't want, you can begin to reduce the flow of mail to your house by using



a Junk Mail Reduction Kit. Find the kit on-line at www.stopjunkmail.org.

## Fitness Tips by Shubha Bhargava

Each small step leads to a big goal. The rule for a healthy lifestyle is to be fit. We all want to be fit and eat right, we just don't know where to start. Let's start with the first step.

We all know that being physically active provides a number of long-term health benefits. It helps reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes as well as helping to maintain weight and improve stamina. The US Surgeon General states that an adult should engage in physical activities (aerobic and strengthening) for at least 150 minutes per week. That comes out to 30 minutes per day, 5 days a week.

It's not as difficult as it sounds. For some people it's easier to take some time in the early morning before they become busy with their daily schedule. Some people like to work out in the evening after their commitments. So the first step is to find the right time for yourself. If it's hard for you to find even 30 minutes at a stretch, divide your workout in 3 segments of 10 minutes each. An example would be a 10 minute brisk walk in the morning, 10 minute walk at lunchtime and 10 minute walk in the evening. Voila! You have achieved a day of physical activity.

That's just a start. As you put aside just 30 minutes a day for 5 days a week, you'll feel better and stronger inside and out.

# community calendar

DEC	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL	
1 TUE	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321	aasanjose.org	
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051	al-anon.org	
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830	classic.kiwanis.org	
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	296.8146	kofc.org/un/	
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant			
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667		
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
2	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	379.1051	ncwsa.org/scvafg	
WED	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict. com/	
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	252.3336	optimist.org	
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	253.2337	optimist.org	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285.4977	tandemtoastmasters. vsgcorp.com	
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.		macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com	
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	cupertinorotary.org	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_ Officers.html	
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monroe Middle School	262.0471	netview.com/csb/	
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943	krazydazys.org/	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org	
3	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	deanzalions.org/	
THUR	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org	
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	345.8372	cupertinoares.org/	
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org	
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org	
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111	BNI.com	
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394	oa.org	
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	354.8493	foodaddicts.org/	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
4	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
FRI	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org	
5 SAT	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/ fleamarket/	
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858	osfamilies.org/	
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu	

DEC	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
7	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	foodaddicts.org
MON	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Toastmasters	6 to 7:30 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Church 1715 Grant Rd.	226.8073	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
10 THUR	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529	newcomersclub.com
12 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunny View Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
14	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 am	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	cupertinoioof70.org
MON	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi	falc.org
15	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunny View Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
TUE	Los Gatos Camel Herders	6:30 pm	Holder's Restaurant	482.0147	
17 THUR	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568	quota.org
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	6:30 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center		clubs.ca4h.org/santaclara/ rollinghills
18	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397	malihini.org
FRI	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232	coinshows.com/sanjose_ccc. html
22 TUE	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
23 WED	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	
24 THUR	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312	Westvalleyrepublican womenfederated.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	873.1190	ega.gpr.org

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Julie Hejza, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3212, julieh@cupertino.org Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

City Hall will be closed December 24-January 3 for the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

# council actions

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2009**

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, and Wong Council Members Absent: None

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Draft Contract for the City Attorney's employment will be on the October 20 agenda.

Presented Proclamation in recognition and support of California Arts Day, October 9, 2009.

Presented Proclamation to Mr. Simon Yavelberg declaring National OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder) Awareness Week.

Approved the minutes from the September 15 City Council meeting.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 09-152 through 09-154 accepting Accounts Payable for September 11, September 18 and September 25.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-155 accepting Payroll for September 18.

Received Treasurer's Investment Report for August 2009.

Authorized City Manager to sign the agreement with Valley Church for donation of the mobile skate park equipment.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-156 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, 10530 Mira Vista Avenue, APN 357-04-027.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-157 approving an improvement agreement, 22661 San Juan Road, APN 342-17-109.

Accepted Project No. 2009-03 for 2009 Pavement Restoration performed under contract.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-158 accepting a Grant of Easement for Open Space Purposes, 10220 Sterling Boulevard, APN 375-24-026.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-159 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, 10650 Madrid Court, APN 356-08-049.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-160 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, Apple Inc., 10431 N. De Anza Boulevard, APN 326-33-114.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-161 accepting a Grant of Easement for Roadway Purposes, Marci Properties, LLC, 10056 Orange Avenue, APN 357-17-058.

Approved expenditure from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund for travel to Korea by Vice-Mayor Wang for the Asian Pacific Cities Summit in the amount of \$1,201.68.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Aqui Cal Mex (formerly Harvest), 10630 S. De Anza Boulevard, On-sale General for Bona Fide Public Eating Place.

Approved an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for C&C Breeze Café (formerly Fortune Garden), 21760 Stevens Creek Boulevard, On-sale Beer & Wine – Eating Place.

Approved No. M-2009-07 as recommended in Planning Commission Resolution 6563 with modification to allow 50% commercial/office use and 50% retail, but only for the current property owner, Catherine Chen, Cupertino Adobe, LLC, 20130 & 20132 Stevens Creek Boulevard, APN 369-03-001.

Held Public Hearing, conducted second reading of and enacted Ordinance No. 09-2048: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino adding Chapter 1.10 to the Cupertino Municipal Code pertaining to administrative citations, fines, and penalties."

Adopted Resolution No. 09-145 approving a semirural designation to eliminate the requirement for sidewalks on Santa Lucia Road pursuant to Ordinance No. 1925.

Conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 09-2049: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Amending Cupertino Municipal Code Section 14.04.040, Street Improvements: Requirements – General , to include language regarding rural and semi-rural designation for properties with frontage along more than one street".

Set application deadline for the annual commissions and committees scheduled vacancy report with terms expiring January 30, 2010 to January 13 and interview dates on January 27 (and 28 if necessary).

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2009**

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, and Wong Council Members Absent: None

Received Presentation regarding on-line permitting.

Presented first place award in national competition from the City County Communicators Association to Web Specialist Nidhi Mathur.

Presented third place award in national competition from the City County Communicators Association to Senior Recreation Supervisor Julia Lamy.

Presented Proclamation recognizing the Friends of the Cupertino Library during National Friends of Libraries week.

Approved the minutes from the October 6 City Council meeting.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 09-162 and 09-163 accepting Accounts Payable for October 2 and 9.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-164 accepting Payroll for October 2.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-165 approving an improvement agreement, 10460 South Foothill Boulevard, APN 357-04-010.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-166 approving a Stormwater Management Facility Easement Agreement, St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan Road, APN 359-20-028.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-167 approving a Stormwater Management Facilities Operation And Maintenance Agreement, St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan Road, APN 359-20-028.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-168 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan Road, APN 359-20-028.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-169 accepting a Grant of Easement for Roadway Purposes, 10460 South Foothill Boulevard, APN 357-04-010.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-170 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, 10460 South Foothill Boulevard, APN 357-04-010.

#### - Council Actions, continued

Conducted the first reading of a Municipal Code amendment to Title 17 of the Cupertino Municipal Code sign ordinance, Application No. MCA-2009-01, City of Cupertino, Citywide, to include the changes highlighted and the language changes: The first sentence under 17.52.030 regarding abandoned or discontinued signs would read...No longer applies, "Is prohibited and to be removed" instead of "Constitutes false advertising". Table 17.32.030B regarding non-residential real estate would show the maximum area as "32 S.F. per face"

Adopted Resolution No. 09-171 approving the final employment contract for the City Attorney and adoption of a Resolution requesting the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration approve the extension of the 960 hours by 630. This includes the following language change on page 6 as follows: In the first sentence of the second paragraph, "Commencement of the term" changed to "Execution" and in the last sentence of the second paragraph "Commencement" changed to "Execution".

# Canceled the meeting of November 2 due to Election Day.

Will not hold a study session in November on the Mary Avenue Village project. Council will either meet on November 17 or 30 depending on Council members' schedules. This should be finalized within the week.

The December 1 meeting will remain as ceremonial with no business conducted.

Council will discuss canceling the January 5 meeting at the December 15 meeting.

Enacted Ordinance No. 09-2049, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino Amending Cupertino Municipal Code Section 14.04.040, Street Improvements: Requirements – General, to include language regarding rural and semi-rural designation for properties with frontage along more than one street".

## Sterling-Barnhart Neighborhood Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

Neighborhood residents are invited to attend the Sterling-Barnhart Park groundbreaking ceremony. The event is scheduled take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 2 pm at the park site located at the corner of Sterling Blvd and Barnhart Ave.

## City facilities – Holiday Closure Dates

City Hall, Senior Center and Quinlan Community Center will be closed for the holidays from Thursday December 24, 2009 through Sunday, January 3, 2010. The Cupertino Sports Center will be closed on December 24, 25 and 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010. Blackberry Farm Golf Course will be closed on December 25, 2009.

#### **Welcome New Businesses**

- American Institute of Finger Surgery 20432 Silverado Ave Ste 4
- American Institute of Therapeutic Finger Manipulation 20432 Silverado Ave Ste 4
- Amishi Patel D.D.S., Inc 10430 S De Anza Blvd Ste 270
- Bestech
   11025 N De Anza Blvd
- Blue Aroma Spas 10767 N Wolfe Rd
- Cartridge World Cupertino 10133 S De Anza Blvd
- Racket Supply 10570 S De Anza Blvd
- Little Tree Montessori, Inc 20100 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 160
- Mochanut, LLC 10123 N Wolfe Rd Ste 2050
- Robert Booth 20009 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste B
- SCK Inc DBA Kiosk Operations 20745 Stevens Creek Blvd
- Shri Krupa 20432 Silverado Ave Ste 209
- Sushi Han Express 19068 Stevens Creek Blvd
- Technical Career Institute LLC 10040 Bubb Rd
- Thomas J Sanders 19925 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 157
- Vista Eye Center Optometry 20568 Stevens Creek Blvd

# **Council Swearing-In Ceremony** Tuesday, December 1, 2009

On Tuesday, December 1, 2009, the Cityof Cupertino will swear in three council members that will represent the Cupertino community for the next four years. The event will be held at the Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue starting at 6:45 pm. Members of the community are welcome to attend to the Swearing-In Ceremony and are invited to say a few words to the outgoing council members as well as the incoming members. There will be refreshments in the lobby after the ceremony for residents to meet the newly sworn-in City Council members. The Swearing-In Ceremony will be broadcast LIVE on The City Channel (Comcast 26 & AT&T 99), webcast on www.cupertino.org and simulcast on Radio Cupertino (1670 AM).

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Planning/Community Development	408.777.3308	planning@cupertino.org
Public Information	408.777.3262	pio@cupertino.org
Public Works	408.777.3354	<del>_</del>
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	www.sccsheriff.org

### City Meetings

Dec. 1	*City Council Swearing–In Ceremony (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Dec. 2	Library Commission (EOC)	7 pm
Dec. 2	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 3	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Dec. 3	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Dec. 3	Parks & Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7 pm
Dec. 3	C.A.R.E.S. (EOC)	7:30 pm
Dec. 7	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (EOC)	6:30 pm
Dec. 8	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Dec. 9	Teen Commission (Quinlan Community Center)	7 pm
Dec. 10	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Dec. 10	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 15	City Council (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Dec. 15	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 16	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 17	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Dec. 17	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Dec. 17	C.A.R.E.S. Training (EOC)	6 pm
Dec. 21	CERT/MRC (EOC)	7 pm

<sup>\*</sup> December 1 council meeting is ceremonial only - no business will be conducted

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm \*\*\*These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26.

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