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Cherry Blossom Festival Blooms

The 21st annual Cherry Blossom Festival honoring the sister city relationship with Toyokawa, Japan, will be held at Memorial Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25. 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 feature activities and hands-on arts and crafts.

During the festival, a series of cultural displays and demonstrations will be featured at the Quinlan Community Center. New this year will be a demonstration of a Japanese Tea Ceremony. This year's guest cultural exhibitor is Isako Wasano who, along with her students, will be displaying her handmade Japanese dolls and demonstrating her special techniques. 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),

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Sports Center Opens with Membership Offer

The Cupertino Sports Center is now open. The Sports Center offers recreational, instructional, competitive, and social opportunities for tennis, a child watch program, personal training for individuals and groups, circuit training classes, racquetball, and improved locker room facilities.



The fitness center includes Cybex weight stations, free weights, lifecycles, treadmills, and elliptical trainers. The brand new multi purpose room is available for basketball, badminton, table tennis, and a variety of fitness classes for all levels. Programs are free of charge to CSC passholders. Non-passholders may pay a day fee. Single day rate is \$10. Cupertino residents receive a \$3 discount on the day fee with proof of residency.

Please see page 8, or call the Sports Center for introductory special membership informations at 408.777.3160.

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Cupertino Scene

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Cupertino Temporary Library is Open



New Library Hours

Monday	12 to 9
Tuesday	12 to 9
Wednesday	10 to 9
Thursday	10 to 9
Friday	10 to 6
Saturday	10 to 6
Sunday	1 to 5



The Cupertino Temporary Library is located at 10441 Bandle Drive, one block west of De Anza Boulevard between Lazaneo and Mariani. Parking / Entrance at the back of the building.

Library telephone numbers are:

General Library Number	408.446.1677
Accounts, Billing	800.286.1991
Dial-in Catalog	877.471.3349
TeleCirc	800.471.0991

The library has a Web Catalog at <http://webpac.santaclaracountylib.org/>, as well as a Telnet Catalog at <telnet://library.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 Storytimes

Bedtime Storytime (age 3 years and up)
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-1/2 to 3-1/2)
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Twos Storytime (ages 1-1/2 to 2-1/2)
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Parent-Child Catalog/Internet Classes

Parents of schoolchildren may schedule appointments with a children's librarian for either introductory Internet (exploring web sites for children) or library catalog instruction. The classes are open to parents alone or with their children. To schedule an appointment, call 408.446.1677, ext. 3310.

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 every Saturday, 10 to 10:30 a.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, come to the Adult Reference desk at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

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.

Bestseller Collection

Funded by the Friends of the Cupertino Library, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection organized 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. All titles check out for one week. The Bestseller Collection is located next to the New Books in the temporary library.

National Library Week

@ Your Library

April 18th – April 24th



Cupertino Library Campaign

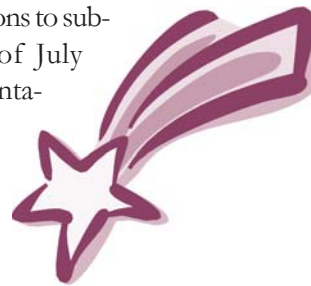
The Cupertino Library Campaign (CLC) has raised over \$300 thousand for the new Cupertino library. "Over the past two decades, our award-winning library has proven to be the single most valuable educational resource in our community," said Nicol Lea, CLC Project Coordinator. "Donors to this project are providing direct benefits to the community for years to come."

Another way to help is to use the 20% discount ValPack coupons offered by the Formosa Restaurant, 1655 S. De Anza Blvd. Discount available Mon.-Thurs. for lunch and dinner to benefit the library.

For more information on how you can help to support this premier community institution, please visit www.cupertino.library.org.

Fireworks Donations

The city of Cupertino is soliciting donations to subsidize its 4th of July fireworks presentation. Residents and businesses interested in contributing to support the city's annual fireworks display may send their money to: Fireworks, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014-3255. For more information, please call Marie Preston at 408-777-3267.



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and sumi-e (brush painting). There will also be a fabulous display 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 three Taiko groups, Japanese dance, martial arts and children's musical performances.

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, 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 from machines on lot (8 quarters required).

For further information about the Cherry Blossom Festival, call festival coordinators, Lucille Honig, at 408-257-7424 or Marge Taniguchi at 408-255-2093.



Festival Schedule

Sat, April 24, 2004

Amphitheater

11 a.m. Opening Remarks: Bill Nishimoto

11:05 a.m. Sunnyvale Suzuki Violinist

11:30 a.m. Palo Alto Kendo

12 p.m. Welcome: Mayor Sandra James

12:10 p.m. "The Creative Spirit" Recent

Artwork by Cupertino Children

12:15 p.m. San Jose Taiko

1 p.m. Bando Mitsusa Kai

1:30 p.m. Satsuma Dojo (karate)

2 p.m. Chikaho Kai (Okinawan dance)

2:30 p.m. Cupertino Judo Club

3 p.m. Aikido of Silicon Valley

3:30 p.m. Emeryville Taiko

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

Sunday, April 25, 2003

Amphitheater

11 a.m. Opening Remarks

11:05 a.m. Fujimoto Kai of San Francisco

11:30 a.m. Northern California Naginata Federation (martial art)

12 p.m. Western Aikido Yoshō Kai

12:30 p.m. Watsonville Taiko Group

1:15 p.m. Satsuma Dojo (karate)

1:45 p.m. San Jose Kendo

2:15 p.m. Okinawa Dance Academy

2:45 p.m. Cupertino Judo Club

3:15 p.m. Aikido of Silicon Valley

3:45 p.m. Watsonville Taiko Group

4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Quinlan Center

12 p.m. The Japanese Music Institute of America

1 p.m. Shirley Muramoto Koto Studio

2:30 p.m. Japanese Tea Ceremony

Big Bunny Fun Run

The Big Bunny Fun Run comes again to Cupertino. This 5K/3.1 mile Run or 1.5 mile walk will be held Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. Race begins and ends at City Hall and will be held rain or shine.

Deadline for early registration is Friday, April 2, at 5 p.m. Pre-race registration ends Thursday, April 8 at 10 p.m. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. and closes at 8:45 a.m.

Entrance fee includes participant T-shirt. Register by April 2 to receive your T-shirt the day of the race. Anyone registering after April 2 may receive their T-shirt in the mail, depending upon supply.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. Prize drawing following the run. You must be present to win.

To learn more about registration call (408) 777-3130 or visit the Parks and Recreation office at the Quinlan Community Center.

Cure Cancer Café

Over 556,500 people died from cancer in 2003. Of those deaths, 46,600 were a result of leukemia and lymphoma. The Monta Vista High School Octagon Service Club has supported the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society since 2001 through its annual Cure Cancer Café, a three-hour fundraiser consisting of dinner, live entertainment, and a silent auction. This is a completely student organized event, and in three years, the club has raised over \$24,000. With your attendance, you can help Octagon meet their \$35,000 goal for 2004 and aid efforts in cancer research. Advance ticket orders are available. This event will be held in Cupertino's Quinlan Community Center.

Previously, catering has been provided by BJ's Restaurant. Past performances have included India Bhangra dancing, Monta Vista's Hip Hop Kru, and music groups Devotion, Immij, Thomas' Apartment and Nemo. The silent auction features a variety of items ranging from gift certificates to hotel stays.

If you cannot make the April 10th event but would still like to contribute to our cause, Silent Auction items or money donations in funding the event will be accepted. All event

The Better Part

The Better Part, produced by and for seniors, airs Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights at 7 p.m. on Comcast cable channel 15.

Programs for April 2004 include: April 6, 9 & 11, Chiropractic Care. Discover new approaches available through chiropractic care. April 13, 16, & 18, Group 70 Update. What's the latest on the building of the world's largest "Amateur" telescope?; April 20, 23 & 25, Choosing a Nursing Home. Learn how to choose appropriate nursing care facilities for yourself or a loved one; April 27, 30 & May 2, Child Advocacy. Meet child advocate professionals as they tell us how we can be powerful protectors and agents of change for needy youngsters. For more information on Cupertino Public Access visit, www.kmvt15.org.

Quota Staff

Recognition Luncheon

Plan to recognize your staff at the Cupertino Quota Club Annual Salute to Staff Luncheon, Thursday, April 22, at Quinlan Center from 12 to 1 p.m. The main speaker at the lunch will be Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, Person of the Year, Kathy Nellis.

Cost is \$20 per person for lunch and served by Quota members. Proceeds support Quota's service focus to support the hearing impaired and disadvantaged women and children. Tickets available from any Cupertino Quota member or call Michelle at 408-351-2454. Deadline for reservations is April 14.

proceeds go directly to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Examples of donations include: software, gift certificates, artwork, jewelry, and electronics. Checks can be made out to the Monta Vista Octagon Service Club or directly out to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Any goods or services are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

If you are interested in either donating to Cure Cancer Café or attending this event please contact Chris Wang by e-mail: chris@mvoctagon.com or by phone 408-406-6881. Club information is available at www.mvoctagon.com.

What is Digital Television (DTV)?

by *L.T. Gutadaro, Telecommunication Commission Chair*

Digital Television (DTV) is a new type of broadcasting technology that will transform television. Because DTV is delivered digitally, it allows for the delivery of a signal virtually free of interference. DTV broadcasters will be able to offer television with movie-quality pictures and Dolby digital surround sound, along with a variety of other enhancements.

Why Are We Switching to DTV? DTV is a more flexible and efficient technology than the current analog system. In the same bandwidth in which a broadcaster provides one analog-programming channel, a broadcaster may provide a super sharp “high definition” (HDTV) program or multiple “standard definition” DTV programs simultaneously. Providing several program streams on one broadcast channel is called “multicasting.” The number of programs a station can send on one digital channel depends on the level of picture detail, also known as “resolution,” desired in each programming stream. A broadcaster can also use DTV to provide interactivity and data services that were not possible with analog technology. Converting to DTV will also free up parts of the scarce and valuable broadcast airwaves, allowing those portions of the airwaves to be used for other important services, such as advanced wireless and public safety services (police, fire departments, rescue squads, etc.).

What Is High Definition TV (HDTV)? HDTV is a type of DTV service. HDTV provides high resolution programming in a widescreen format. A current analog TV picture is made up of 480 horizontal lines. An HDTV picture can have up to 1080 lines, allowing for stunning picture detail. Widescreen format refers to an image’s aspect ratio, which is a comparison of screen width to screen height. Analog television has an aspect ratio of 4 by 3, which means the screen is 4 units wide by 3 units high. The aspect ratio of HDTV is 16 by 9, the same as the wide scope of a movie theater screen. HDTV programs can include Dolby Digital

surround sound, the same digital sound system used in movie theaters and DVDs.

The next installment of “What is Digital Television? (DTV)”, will explore the similarities and differences to existing technology and do we need or want this technology.

Gathering at the Crossroads

Heinlenville Remembered: Author Connie Young Yu to speak about San Jose’s Chinatown

Join the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum on April 27, 2004 to as we welcome noted author and historian Connie Young Yu as she speaks about San Jose’s historic Heinlenville.

Ms. Yu’s interest in the Bay Area’s Chinatowns stems from her family’s long history in California. As a young man, her maternal great-grandfather emigrated from Canton to the United States to work on the transcontinental railroad. He, like others, later moved from railroad labor to shopkeeping. Her fraternal grandfather arrived in California in 1881 to work in the family store on Market Street in San Jose. After sending for his wife in China, he established his family in Heinlenville, where they lived until the community’s demise in 1931.

The lecture is \$5 for non-members and free to members. The evening begins with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own service and a dish to share. The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Cupertino Room inside the Quinlan Community Center located at 10185 N. Stelling Road. For more information please call 408.973.1495.

Hands-on History

Quick Quilts – Learn about quilting as an American Art form while sewing a simple quilt square. Saturday, April 10, 2004, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Museum, 10185 North Stelling Road, Cupertino, inside the Quinlan Community Center. RSVP to 408-973-1495.

Cupertino Cuisine: Mixed Vegetable Yogurt

By Anu Sharma

Vegetables are very good for our health. But these days, most children prefer French fries, pizza, hamburger, fried chicken, etc. The attached recipe is for a simple but tasty and healthy vegetable yogurt.

Mixed Vegetable Yogurt

2 cups	Plain Yogurt
½ teaspoon	Salt
½ teaspoon	Black pepper
1	Cucumber
1	Onion
5 to 7 leaves	Mint
2 teaspoons	Shredded carrots
1	Bell pepper

Mix salt and black pepper in plain yogurt. Cut the all vegetables. Mix in the yogurt. Garnish with shredded carrots and mint leaves. Serve cold.

For more information on this recipe Anu Sharma may be contacted at anupmargs@hotmail.com.

What is new at Cupertino Senior Center in April?

by Theresa Mo

Spring has sprung and everything is in bloom at the Senior Center, all the classes are in full swing. Both Fremont Adult education classes and De Anza classes will start at the end of March or beginning of April; many senior center classes will also begin in April.

De Anza college faculties offer college level classes free, courses range from lecture type classes to painting, exercises and choir; Fremont Adult Education teachers offer a variety of classes at below market rate, such as water color, brush paintings, Ikebana, exercises, Italian, Spanish, Bridge, ESL etc. Most classes are \$18 per quarter, exercise classes are held twice a week at the low cost of \$33.

Senior Center also organizes classes with affordable prices; qualified teachers instruct in the area of computer usage, Citizenship, English conversation, Yoga, Ballroom

Preschool Reading Night

The Sedgwick State Preschool is a free pre-school 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, Marie Cartusciello. There is no charge for the event.

Preschool Family Reading Night will be held on Thursday, April 15, 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.

Dance, Hula dance, Ukulele etc. Some advantages of taking classes at the Senior Center are: personal attention and small group settings; you don't have to worry about competing with the younger generations. The Center offered over 9,300 hours of programming and more than 68,000 people participated last year.

Besides the myriad of classes, the Center also offers social events and services in various areas: weekly Karaoke, classical movies, ping pong games, Mah Jongg, tennis, cards etc. just to name a few; housing, legal advices & HICAP consultations inform our members of their rights; health activities include regular blood pressure checks and lectures.

For the month of April, we are sponsoring a free diabetes screening offered by the Diabetes Society of Santa Clara County. The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) officers will be on hand (4/20) to discuss the naturalization process and conduct mock interviews.

On the fun side, we will be holding a Spring Brunch on the 22nd of the month; coffee aromas fill the air, there will be foods galore: omelets, waffles, Hash browns, sausages, fruits and more, as musician entertain the crowd, we celebrate the coming of Spring.

Stop by and relax in our cozy lounge, as fire crackles in the hearth, buy a cup of hot chocolate and visit with fellow members. We offer all these wonderful activities, though there is one drawback, you can't join unless you are 50 + .



Your One-Year Family Membership Includes:

Tennis

Racquetball

Basketball**

Badminton**

Table Tennis**

Free Weights

State-of-the Art *Cybox & LifeFitness*
Equipment

Fitness Classes: Yoga, Aerobics, Pilates,
Cardio-kickboxing, Body sculpting

Teen Center Membership ~ (13 to 18 years)

Child Watch ~ (6 months to 10 years)

*Stop by the Cupertino Sports Center
21111 Stevens Creek Boulevard
or call us for more information
at 408-777-3160*

<http://www.cupertino.org/sportscenter.asp>.

*** New to the Sports Center*



COUPON
For **FREE CHILD WATCH**

Cupertino Sports Center
Family Membership **Special**

Buy A One-Year Family Membership
& Receive One **Free** Year of
Child Watch!

Offer Expires 4/30/04



Cupertino Scene

Special Insert

The center page of this month's Cupertino Scene is a survey designed by the Community Development Department. While never exciting, the city's R1 ordinance is fundamentally important for determining what standards apply to single-family residential properties in our city. Upon completion, remove the entire survey and mail, or drop it off at city hall.

Thanks in advance for input.

Public Survey – R1 Ordinance

The Planning Commission is reviewing the R1 Ordinance and would like your input. Please fill out this survey and submit to City Hall by Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 5 p.m. If you have comments about specific questions, use the Comment section at the end of the survey.

The City has a zoning ordinance (*referred to as the R1 Ordinance*) that limits what can be built on single-family residential properties. In the late 1990's Cupertino residents voiced concerns about the size of new two-story homes in the community. In 1999, the City enacted new second-story regulations and created a design review process. The purpose of the R1 ordinance is to ensure that new construction be reasonably consistent in scale and design with neighboring homes, as well as protecting the privacy of neighbors and reinforcing the low-intensity setting in Cupertino neighborhoods.

Please tell us about yourself:

1. Are you a: (*check all that apply*)

- Homeowner in Cupertino Renter in Cupertino
 Homebuilder or designer in Cupertino Other _____

2. How many years have you lived in Cupertino?

- 0-4 5-9 10-14 15+ Non-resident

3. Please check all that apply:

- I recently built a new home in Cupertino
 I recently built an addition to a home in Cupertino
 My addition or new home went to a public hearing at City Hall
 I am a neighbor of someone who recently built a new home or addition in Cupertino
 None of the above

4. Please provide your street address below. Only one survey per household will be accepted. (*this information will be strictly confidential*):

5. If you are a homebuilder or architect, please provide the street addresses of up to three recent projects you worked on:

6. Are you familiar with the differences between homes built under the current ordinance adopted in 1999 and homes built under the previous ordinance?

- Yes No Not sure

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Information

The R1 Ordinance uses "Floor Area Ratios" (FAR) to limit the size of new single-family residential construction. The FAR is a ratio of the total area of the building (including the garage, but excluding basements) as a percentage of the lot size. Homes can have a Floor Area Ratio of 45% of the total lot size. For example, a 2,700 sq. ft. house is allowed on a 6,000 sq. ft. lot. Two-story additions or new two-story homes that have a FAR over 35% must go through a Design Review process and public hearing before the Design Review Committee and/ or Planning Commission.

Second Story Area

The R1 Ordinance allows a second-story to be as much as 35% of the first story of the house. For a 2,700 sq. ft. house, the second-story can be a maximum of 700 sq. ft., leaving 2,000 sq. ft. to the first story. In all cases, a homeowner is allowed to have at least 600 sq. ft. on the second story. Therefore, if you have a 1,000 sq. ft. one-story house, you can build a 600 sq. ft. second-story addition even though it is more than 35% of the first story area.

7. I believe that the second-story proportion should be: (check one)

- Over 50% of the first story
- Between 41% and 50% of the first story
- Between 36% and 40% of the first story
- Less than 35% of the first story
- Keep it at 35% of the first story

8. I believe that the minimum allowed second-story area should be: (check one)

- Over 1,000 sq. ft.
- Between 751 sq. ft. and 1,000 sq. ft.
- Between 601 sq. ft. and 750 sq. ft.
- Less than 600 sq. ft.
- Keep it at 600 sq. ft.

Setbacks

Setbacks are the minimum distance the walls of a house must be from a property line. The standard setbacks are 20 feet in the front and rear and 10 feet on one side and 5 feet on the other.

9. I believe that the first-story setbacks should be: (check one)

- Not changed
- Increased
- Reduced
- Don't Know / No Opinion

The R1 ordinance requires the second-story of a home be set back 25 feet from the front and back property lines and a total of 25 feet on the sides of the home. An additional setback of 10 feet must be added in any combination to the front or sides.

10. I believe that the second-story setbacks should be: (check one)

- Not changed
- Increased
- Reduced
- Don't Know / No Opinion

Heights

In general, the R1 Ordinance allows a single-story to be at least 12 feet tall within five feet of the property line. As you move away from the property line, the allowed wall height increases. A single-story section of a house can be 14 feet tall within ten feet of the property line. This regulation is called a "building envelope" or "daylight plane."

11. I believe that the heights allowed by the building envelope should be: (check one)

- Not changed
- Increased
- Reduced
- Don't Know / No Opinion

Entry features consist of special roof elements that mark the location of the front door. The roof eave of an entry feature is limited to a height of 14 feet.

12. I believe that the entry feature height should be: (check one)

- Not changed
- Increased
- Reduced
- Don't Know / No Opinion

Privacy

The R1 ordinance requires planting of evergreen trees or tall shrubs to block views into neighboring yards from second story windows and decks. The planting is recorded on the deed of the two-story property and must be maintained by the owner. It is anticipated that the planting will grow to provide screening in three to five years.

13. I believe that the privacy protection requirements should be: (check one)

- Not changed
- Increased
- Reduced
- Don't Know / No Opinion

Design Review Process

Proposed two-story homes or additions that exceed a 35% FAR are required to participate in a Design Review. Two-story homes with a FAR of 35% or below and single-story homes do not participate in the Design Review process. The purpose of the Design Review is to "ensure a reasonable level of compatibility in scale of structures within residential neighborhoods" for proposed new two-story homes or second story additions. The total cost a property owner might incur during the Design Review varies and may include City fees, architect or designer fees for

required modifications to the plans and developer interest fees on the property. All fees or costs are the responsibility of the property owner. The Design Review can increase the cost of a new home or two-story addition by 0.5% to 1%*; roughly \$2,500 to \$8,000 depending on the size of the project and required changes to the design, excluding interest or taxes.

**Source: Contractors who build in Cupertino.*

In general, the Design Review process can take several months and is completed when the architectural design is reviewed at a public meeting. Neighbors within 300 feet of the project site are notified by mail of the Design Review. Neighbors have the opportunity to provide input throughout the Design Review process, which includes public meetings. The Design Review places extra costs on the individual property owner while giving neighbors the opportunity to provide input on the proposed project.

14. I believe the benefit provided to the neighbors is worth the additional costs to the property owner associated with the Design Review. (check one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know / No Opinion

15. I believe there should be Design Review for: (check one)

Two story homes or additions with a FAR over 35% (currently required) All new homes or additions resulting in increased square footage
 All two-story homes or additions No design review for anything

As part of the Design Review process, story poles must be constructed on the site. Story poles are wood, metal or plastic frames with orange mesh that shows the outline of the proposed second-story. Story poles serve as a noticing tool and as a visualization tool. The story poles generally cost between \$1,500 and \$3,000.

16. I believe the benefit of story poles is worth the cost to the applicant and helps neighbors visualize how the second-story will appear. (check one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know / No Opinion

Noticing

17. I believe the following noticing techniques should be required for projects that go through the Design Review process: (check all that apply)

Story poles (currently required)
 Mailed notice sent to all owners within 300 feet of the project site (currently required)
 An 11" x 17" copy of the architectural plans included with the mailed notice to adjacent properties
 A 24" x 36", weatherproof, picture of the proposal posted in the front yard of the project site
 Other _____

Construction that does not require Design Review can commence without providing any notice to neighboring properties. The City can provide a courtesy notice to adjacent neighbors of proposed additions and new homes in cases where the project does not require a Design Review. However, a neighbor would not have an official opportunity to request changes to the project.

18. I would like to have courtesy notices initiated. (check one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know / No Opinion

Design Guidelines

Projects that go through the Design Review process have to conform to Design Guidelines, which in some cases call for reduced wall heights, use of roof pitches and building materials that are consistent with neighboring properties. In some cases, the Guidelines call for design changes that are more restrictive than the ordinance. You can review the Design Guidelines on the City's website at <http://www.cupertino.org/planning> - scroll down to the Design Guidelines section on the web page and click on the link to "Single Family Review Design Guidelines."

19. Generally, I believe that new construction should be designed to have building forms, roof pitches, roof heights, and wall heights that are consistent with neighboring homes. (check one)

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know / No Opinion

20. Specifically, I believe the following types of projects should meet guidelines that encourage building forms, roof pitches, roof heights and wall heights that are consistent with neighboring homes: (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Two story homes or additions with a FAR over 35% | <input type="checkbox"/> All new homes or additions resulting in increased square footage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All two-story homes or additions (currently required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody should have to meet guidelines |

21. I believe that new construction should not have to have building forms, roof pitches, roof heights and wall that are consistent with the original neighborhood homes when a certain percentage of the homes in the neighborhood have been rebuilt: (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 25% of the homes are rebuilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 50% and 75 % of the homes are rebuilt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 25% and 49% of the homes are rebuilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 75% of the homes are rebuilt |

If you have any other comments, please write them below or attach separate sheets of paper:

Thank you for taking your valuable time to complete this survey. Your input is important and appreciated. Please mail or drop off the survey at the following address:

Cupertino City Hall, Community Development Department,
10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014

To submit this survey, simply remove the center sheet from the Scene. Fold the survey in half along the existing crease. Fold the survey into thirds so that the postal address below is showing. Be sure to use tape to keep the survey closed.

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee Vacancy

The City of Cupertino is accepting applications for two vacancies on the CDBG Committee. One term ends January 2005 and the other ends January 2006. These vacancies will remain open until filled.

The CDBG Committee is the lead citizen participation group in the planning and programming process of the CDBG program. The Steering Committee will be involved in the entire CDBG and consolidated planning process. Three members must represent low and moderate-income areas and one member is a citywide representative. The other five members consist of the Housing Commission members. Specific responsibilities are:

- To advise the City Administration and the City Council in the development of the Consolidated Plan and its related programs.
- To conduct public meetings on the development of the Plan and its programs, and to review and evaluate proposals from the Community Based Organizations.
- To assist the City Council in conducting Public Hearings on the Plan and its programs.

Meetings are held, as needed at 6:30 p.m., the second Thursday of the month at City Hall, Conference Room C. For more information, call staff liaison Vera Gil at 408-777-3308.

Debate

The ability to debate effectively by presenting a persuasive argument is essential to success in school, career, and life. Many successful people, such as presidents and corporate executives, contribute their outstanding success to their debate training. This class introduces students to basic debate skills that include active listening, critical thinking, reasoning, and persuasion. Students will participate in Student Congress Debates where they will decide debate topics, formulate Congressional bills, research credible evidence, formulate their positions, and follow Parliamentary procedures to articulate their claims and arguments. All instructors are credentialed teachers. Materials fee: \$15 is due in class. For more information, see www.commacademy.com.

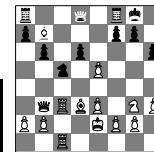
Activity # 17266
Day: Sa 4/10 - 6/12
Time: 2:15pm-3:15pm
Ages: 11 - 14y
Location: Communication Academy
Instructor: CA
Fee: \$245.00(R)/\$290.00(N)

ADVANCED CHESS

For those who have completed Beginning Chess and Intermediate Chess, or for those who already have some tournament success, and want to learn more and improve their game. We'll study openings and endings, and learn much more about middle game strategy. No class 5/19.

Activity #17102

Day: W 4/7-6/9
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Age: 12-17y
Location: QCC Social Room
Instructor: Dubisch
Fee: \$119.00(R)/\$143.00(N)



The City of Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department is hiring for the summer!

Applications are being accepted for the following positions:

- Recreation Leader – Final filing date: April 16, 2004
- Senior Recreation Leader – Final filing date: April 16, 2004
- Office Assistant – Open until filled
- Grounds Clean-up/Parking Attendant – Open until filled
- Snack Bar Manager – Open until filled
- Snack Bar Assistant – Open until filled
- Catering Assistant – Open until filled
- Catering Lead – Open until filled
- Lifeguard – Open until filled
- Head Lifeguard – Open until filled
- Swim Instructor/Lifeguard – Open until filled
- Senior Swim Instructor/Lifeguard – Open until filled

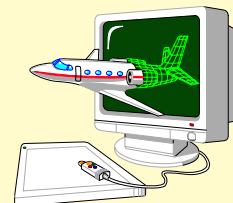
Please call the City of Cupertino Quinlan Community Center at 408-777-3120 or Blackberry Farm at 408-777-3140 or visit www.cupertino.org for more information or to obtain an application. EOE.

Cool Presentations

Create cool presentations using various slide layouts templates in Powerpoint. Customization of templates, and the embedding of graphics, tables, and pictures is also covered. **No class 4/23.**

Activity #17472

Day: F 4/2-5/7
Time: 4:30pm-5:15pm
Ages: 9-12y
Location: QCC Social Room
Instructor: Patternsoll





Early Church Memories

It's Spring! We are having a lovely spring season this year. Even with all our high-rise buildings, miles of freeways and shopping malls, there are still lovely trees and flowers in bloom in neighborhoods and in the foothills. The Santa Clara Valley is still The Valley of Heart's Delight, if you take time to appreciate the natural beauty of God's creation. Spring comes in different memories for everyone.

I was listening to the carillon bells at De Anza one quiet morning last week - started thinking about churches. The very first place of non-native worship here in the West Side/Cupertino area wasn't a building, it was a tree. The Jesuit priests at the Villa Maria held services under a large tree before the chapel was built on the property in 1871. The Catholic families in the Montebello Ridge area would come by horse and wagon. It must have been lovely on a mild spring Sunday morning. The old Villa Maria property is where Stevens Creek Park is now, on the way up to the dam. If you take the left hand turn and wind down and across the creek and up the steep hill lined with ancient eucalyptus trees, you will come out onto a large flat area, now a large picnic ground, where the Villa Maria used to be. St. Joseph's of Cupertino was established near the Cupertino crossroads in 1907.

The Protestant families on the West Side/Cupertino area met in various homes in the 1860's and Sunday afternoon meetings were held in the newly built San Antonio School in the 1870's. A melodeon was bought to enhance the services. The first actual church building was dedicated on March 30, 1884 and in June 1900, the Union Church of Cupertino was formally incorporated.

The Monta Vista area had three churches at one time in the area between McClellan Road and Stevens Creek Blvd. The earliest church is still standing, on the corner of Granada Ave and Orange Ave. From the

1940's through the 1980's, an Apostolic Holiness congregation used the church. The pastor and his wife lived in the small parsonage behind the church. She would sell handmade quilts from a clothesline. I bought a lovely red and white one many years ago. The church is used now by a Korean Christian congregation and on warm summer nights, lovely Korean hymns can be heard.

Monta Vista Baptist Church was built in the 1950's at the end of San Fernando Court where the newer homes are now. The first pastor was Marion Haight and the Sunday school superintendent was Bessie Howard. She and her family lived on Orange Avenue. The family is gone but their house is still there. This small church served the Monta Vista/Cupertino area for many years. In the summer, baptisms were often held in the nearby creek. Daily Vacation Bible School was attended by many children in the summer and the highlight of the week was the annual penny weigh-off, boys against the girls. Pennies were collected all year for that event and the proceeds went to the missionaries. Possibly the most unusual church in Monta Vista was a two story building with the bottom floor area used as an auto repair garage. There was a stairway to the separate top floor where the church services were held. It was a large room, bare except for a piano, folding chairs and a small wooden lectern. A visiting pastor from an Assembly of God congregation in Milpitas would come out to Monta Vista to do the services for the small group of neighbors who met at this church on Sunday mornings.

Sadly, the little Monta Vista Baptist congregation dwindled over the years. The property was sold to a developer some years ago and homes built. The little congregation that met in the upstairs, over the garage, had to disperse after the building was sold many years ago and they went to other churches. Only the small stucco church on Granada Ave is still there, a nostalgic reminder of little towns and little churches of bygone days.

Happy Easter!

Correction note: The Burger Pit restaurant was accidentally substituted for the photo of Mr. Davis and his horse in last month's "ROOTS" column.

ECO News

By Pamela Ledesma

Mercury...and Earth Day

Mercury is a nerve toxin that may impair the way we see, hear, walk and talk. When products containing mercury are placed in the trash or go down a drain, the mercury doesn't disappear. It finds its way into the environment from waste incinerators, landfills, or wastewater treatment facilities.

Mercury has been found in the sediment of some of the creeks in the south bay, as well as in some types of fish. Because of this, the Food and Drug Administration is advising pregnant and nursing women to avoid eating shark, swordfish, and king mackerel.

Because fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury, when they no longer work, they should be disposed of as hazardous waste. Be careful not to break the tubes or bulbs. Store them carefully and bring them to the County Household Hazardous Waste Program. The Program also accepts other mercury-containing products, including:

- "Silent" wall light switches
- Wall heater thermostats
- Mercury fever thermometers
- Pre-1997 tennis shoes that light up

If a thermometer breaks, collect as much of the spilled mercury as possible (two pieces of stiff paper can help to collect the mercury from a smooth surface), and place it into a small glass jar so you can transport it to the County Hazardous Waste Program. To spot mercury caught in crevices, use a flashlight. Do not vacuum up mercury. Vacuuming would contaminate the vacuum and aerosolize the mercury.

The cities throughout the Bay Area are making a concerted effort to prevent mercury from being released into the environment. Cupertino has recently adopted a policy to require the virtual elimination of mercury from city operations.



Earth Day is April 22nd. Give some thought to mercury this year:

- Learn more about mercury contamination and health concerns. Visit: www.watershedwatch.net

- Be sure you dispose of all mercury-containing products with the County's Household Hazardous Waste Program. Call 408-277-7300 for a free disposal appointment.

- Buy a digital thermometer, and turn your mercury thermometer in.

- Buy lower-mercury fluorescent tubes and bulbs, such as: GE "Ecolux," Philips "Alto," and Sylvania "Eco-logic"

Recycling in the Park

While you're enjoying our city parks this spring, don't forget to recycle your cans and bottles in the recycle bins you see at the parks.

Compost Available

Bulk compost is available again, at no charge, to Cupertino residents, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00, at Stevens Creek Quarry on Stevens Canyon Rd. (across from the dam). Bring shovels. Your drivers license will verify residency. Call 408-777-3269 or visit the city's website (www.cupertino.org) for information.

Learn to Compost

There are three more chances to attend a free backyard composting class this Spring at McClellan Ranch: April 3, May 1, and June 5. Class is held from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 408-918-4640 to register. Visit our compost bin display area to help you choose which kind of bin to build or buy.

Pest Control Info Available

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

Community Calendar

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
1 Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holdings Country Inn	253-3219
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-6262
	Northwest Y Service Club*	7 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	725-8195
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
	Women's Quilting Group*	9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
	Connect Club I*	Noon	International House of Pancakes / St. Crk. Blvd.	252-7054
	Connect Club II*	8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	Connect Club III* HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606* Overeaters Anonymous* Viewfinders Camcorder Club	Noon 7:00 a.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce HP Cupt. site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave. Union Church Community Center Social Room	252-7054 650-691- 8724 253-8394 253-9136
2 Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5:00 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd	374-8511
	Fast Start Group De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
3 Sat	De Anza Flea Market Organization of Special Needs Families*	8 to 4 2 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College 20920 McClellan Rd.	864-8946 996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
5 Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	AI-ANON Steps for Living* Take off Pounds Sensibly* TOPS	7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd. First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	379-1051 252-2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327- 1649
6 Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group AI-ANON Family Group*	6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd. Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Avenue	650-903- 0321 379-1051
	ToughLove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis* Knights of Columbus 4981*	Noon 8 p.m.	The Blue Pheasant 10201 Imperial Ave., #3	252-3830 243-8462
	Cupertino Men's Service* Cupertino Sr. TV Prod.*	Noon 9:30 a.m.	The Blue Pheasant Senior Center	252-2667
	AI-ANON Family Group*	7:00 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734- 5869
	AI-ATEEN* Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8:15 p.m. 8 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling 20065 Stevens Creek #C	650-292- 8897 253-7071
7 Wed				

7 Wed	De Anza Optimist Club* Cupertino Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Holder's Restaurant Blue Pheasant	253-4424 255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285-4977
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145 Cup. Symphonic Band*	7:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows Cupertino High School	252-3954 262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous*	6 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488
8 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
9 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Valley Pres. Church	253-1232
10 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
12 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center Social Room	253-2230
13 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
14 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Collins School	245-9156
	The Powerful Pens	7:30 p.m.	21269 Stevens Creek, Suite 610	777-3820
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	777-3331
15 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City West Valley Republican Women	7:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m.	City Hall	257-7424 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
	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
27 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
28 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7:30 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	777-3820

Deadline for submitting May calendar information is April 7.

Council Actions



Monday, March 1, 2004

Council Members Present: James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval, Wang

Consider appeals of Application Nos. U-2003-13, ASA-2003-09, and EA-2003-18, Lisa Brooke/Kindercare, to allow the operation of a daycare facility in an existing building with a maximum occupancy of 148 children and 21 employees at 1515 S. De Anza Boulevard.

Denied the Jamestown appeal and approved Lisa Brooke/Kindercare, to allow the operation of a daycare facility in an existing building with a maximum occupancy of 148 children and 21 employees at 1515 S. De Anza Boulevard. The applicant shall notify all customers and employees to respect the adjacent residential neighborhood by not driving through local residential streets.

Approved the Planning Commission work program for 2004.

Negotiations regarding the Blue Pheasant Restaurant.

Monday, March 15, 2004

Council Members Present: James, Kwok, Lowenthal, Sandoval, Wang

Study Session

Conducted commission interviews for CDBG, Housing Business Representative, and Bicycle/Pedestrian commissions.

Joint study session with the Planning Commission to consider recommendations from the General Plan Task Force.

Council Meeting

Presentation to Hema Kundargi, Fari Aberg, and Chihua Wei in appreciation for providing cross-cultural training to city employees.

Adopted a resolution approving a semi-rural designation to eliminate the requirement for sidewalks for Adriana Avenue, Oakview Lane, Woodbury Drive, Gardenview Lane,

Madera Drive, Mann Drive, Meadowview Lane, Monte Court, Corte Madera Lane, and Dos Palos Court.

Adopted a resolution approving a policy to require the virtual elimination of mercury from controllable sources that may affect urban runoff due to municipal operations.

Adopted a resolution approving the selection of Coffee Society as the designated operator of the Cupertino Library Café.

Planning Commission Agenda Preview

City Council Chambers

April 12, 2004, 6:45 p.m.

Applicant:

Ray Nezhad
22551 Ricardo Rd., Lot 3.

Hillside exception to construct a new 3,338 square foot residence on slopes greater than thirty percent.

Applicant:

Earl Sutton
10455 Bandley Drive.

Use Permit to allow an 8,000 square foot swim facility in an existing office space.

If you challenge the action of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Cupertino at, or prior to, the public hearing. Please note that Planning Commission policy is to allow an applicant and groups to speak for 10 minutes and individuals to speak for 3 minutes.

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Monthly City Meetings

April	1	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7:00 p.m.
April	5	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
April	5	Teen Commission (Community Center)	6:00 p.m.
April	7	Telecommunications Commission	7:00 p.m.
April	8	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 p.m.
April	8	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April	12	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
April	14	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.
April	19	City Council***	6:45 p.m.
April	20	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April	21	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:00 p.m.
April	21	Teen Commission (Community Center)	6:00 p.m.
April	26	Planning Commission ***	6:45 p.m.
April	27	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7:30 p.m.
April	28	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm.)	4:30 p.m.

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