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City-wide Garage Sale Is Here

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held September 23 and 24 at individual homes and other private locations in the city. The city is inviting residents and community organizations to register starting August 14 through September 8, and will provide free advertising, and a garage sale "how-to" kit, for all registered sellers. We are anticipating that about 400 residents and community organizations will hold sales this year.

Sign-up by September 8 at www.cupertino.org/garagesale



YMCA Adventure Guides

The Northwest YMCA's Adventure Guides is accepting sign-ups now. Programs include a number of large and small group activities each year. Recent activities include camping, rocket launch, ice skating, Roaring Camp Railroad, father and son sleepover on USS Hornet, father and daughter sleepover at San Francisco Zoo, Pinewood Derby (for fun), and weekend at Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek.

For more information, please visit www.adventure-guides.org or contact Aaron Adam at the NPYMCA, 408.351.2429 or aadam@scvymca.org.

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SEPTEMBER Events

St. Joseph Third Annual Community Carnival

St. Joseph of Cupertino School's third annual community carnival is back. The three-day event, called Family Fun Festival, is scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6, 7 and 8, at the school, 10120 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino.

This year's festival features more carnival rides—14 in all—along with games, prizes, food and continuous live entertainment, including a free concert by the Joe Sharino Band on Friday at 6 pm. Also planned is a community talent

show, with over a dozen chosen acts competing for three top cash prizes of up to \$500. In addition, the carnival will offer a wide assortment of food and beverage booths.

Hours for the event are: Friday, 5 - 10 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 10 pm; Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm.

Contact: Rosie Carmona, Publicity Coordinator 408.248.6550 or rosie_c@pacbell.net
Beth Chetcuti, Carnival Chair 408.248.8837 or vchetcuti@earthlink.net

22nd Annual
CUPERTINO COMMUNITY SERVICES



Saturday, September 9, 2006, 4-9pm

Blackberry Farm

21975 San Fernando, Cupertino

\$35.00 per adult

\$10.00 per child (12 & under)

Plenty of Food, Fun and Entertainment!

For tickets, stop by or call:

Cupertino Community Services, Inc.

10104 Vista Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014

(408) 255-8033

Cupertino Jubilee

September 16th & 17th, 2006

10 am to 6 pm

Torre Avenue

Civic Center Cupertino

Organized and presented by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, City of Cupertino, HP, and Cupertino Rotary. Major sponsorship provided by Harte-Hanks Pennysaver. Art by Christina Sue * Harte-Hanks Pennysaver



Fine Arts League Show

The Fine Arts League of Cupertino hosts the Jubilee Art Show on September 16 and 17, 2006, from 10 am to 6 pm in the Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino. Art works of acrylic, watermedia, oil, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and fabric will be for sale. The Jubilee show is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cupertino and Cupertino Fine Arts Commission.

There is an awards reception on Friday, September 15 from 7 to 9 pm. The juror of awards is Dr. Nancy Canter, Dean of the Creative Arts/De Anza College.

For further information: Susan Ashley, Publicity
ashley_arts@pacbell.net

Travel Office Vacancy

The Cupertino Senior Center is accepting applications for a Travel Office Assistant.

Successful applicants will assist the Travel Coordinator in planning travel and tour programs. The assistant works with bus companies, wholesale tour operators, museums, restaurants, music and theater companies, travel companies and agents. This position will prepare promotional material on the travel program and contact travel participants. Escorting day trips will be required. This position works 20 hours per week and pay range starts at \$13.25 per hour. Applications and job announcement may be picked up at and returned to the Cupertino Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd. or go online at www.cupertino.org. Applications are due by September 8, 2006 at 4 pm For more information, please call 408.777.3150.

Volunteers

Cupertino Community Services (CCS) is urgently in need of gleaners (food pick-up volunteers) and substitute volunteers. Gleaners must be 21 years or older driving their own vehicle or 25 and older if they wish to use the CCS van. All food pick-ups must be done by 9:30 am. Our current gleaning openings are the following:

Monday – Marina Foods – pick-up time is at 9:20 am, takes 45 minutes – 1 hour. Marina foods is our only source of fresh fruits and vegetables for our food pantry.

We need substitute gleaners for the following positions:

- Tuesday & Thursday - Le Patisserie – pick up time is between 8 - 9:20 am. Le Patisserie provides us with a bag of pastries and baked goods.
- Tuesday – PW Market – pick up time is

between 8 - 9 am. PW Market provides milk, juice, and yogurt. They are the primary source for these items and usually the bulk of our milk/juice donations.

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Vicki at vickiy@cupertinocommunityservices.org or 408.255.8033 x303. For more information about CCS, please visit www.cupertinocommunityservices.org.

Leadership Cupertino Returns

Leadership Cupertino-An Introduction to Community Involvement is a course designed to introduce adults to volunteer opportunities within the community. Class members meet on the first Thursday morning from 8:30 am to noon for 10 months. A kick-off barbecue is planned for October 5 at 6:30 pm.

The course is open to all individuals that live or work in Cupertino who wish to become more involved in the Cupertino community. Among the topics covered are local city government, law enforcement, fire service, land use and economic development, education, leadership and team-building and getting involved in the community.

For more information about the program or to request a brochure, please call 408.777.3220. Tuition is \$175 for residents and \$200 for non-residents. Registration deadline: September 21, 2006.

Green Home Tour

Do not miss the first Build It Green Home tour in Santa Clara County. On Sunday, October 1st, from 10 am - 5 pm, eleven homeowners will open their doors for the Build It Green Home Tour. The one-day tour will introduce attendees to homeowners and building professionals who have built or remodeled green. The tour covers the spectrum, from remodels to brand new custom homes, and will demonstrate materials and technologies such as FSC Certified wood products, natural linoleum flooring, radiant floor heating, passive solar design, and natural day lighting.

A guidebook is required for admission and costs \$15/person. You may purchase guidebooks now online at www.BuildItGreen.org or at local retail locations beginning on September 1, 2006 (check website for retail locations). Guidebooks will also be sold at the Solar & Green Building Fair at DeAnza College Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies on tour day (October 1st) from 9 am - 2 pm (as supplies last).

For more information on the tour or our green building workshops, please visit www.BuildItGreen.org or call 888.404.7336.



ROOTS School Days and Boyhood Memories of Cupertino

By Gail Fretwell Hugger

School has started - Hordes of students throng the halls - years from now they will be telling tales of their school days and the friends they made - where are they now? - and all the things that happened during their growing up years.

One of the fun things in writing ROOTS are the notes I get from people about the subjects that appear in the column. The column on Preston School of Industry brought in some great memories from folks who lived in Ione in the old days. Recently I got an email from a former Cupertino High classmate and fellow choir member, reminiscing about growing up in Cupertino during the 1950's and 60's.

Ernie Thor was a year behind me in school - a self proclaimed "sullen, skinny youth who wore the requisite 1950's-60's haircut and the Levi's of the day which are definitely not today's stone-washed, designer jeans. Levi's back then were stiff as a board and had to be washed a couple of times just so boys could get into them and thereafter they were NEVER washed because the goal was to get them so stiff with accumulated grime and car grease that they would stand up in a corner by themselves. Ernie's minute descriptions of the ins and outs of Levi, slacks and Khaki buying and wearing and cutting off of belt loops, rolling up cuffs on the inside to better hide a cigarette pack and the differences between ethnic groups in hairstyles, pants and making group statements by what you wear doesn't sound a whole lot different than how things are now, just a lot more nostalgic.

Boys lived on their bikes in those days. Girls were not nearly as mobile and besides, girls had to wear dresses at all times which made it more difficult to go on a bike. Schools had dress codes back then and woe betide the girls who showed too much knee or cleavage. They were instantly sent home. Sometime in high school, Ernie acquired a 1937 Ford. He remembered going to Cupertino Auto on Highway 9 (De Anza Blvd) where he recalled the guys could look at just about any grease-covered part you brought in and identify the make, model and year. Cupertino Auto was near the Donut Wheel. For those of you who never had the opportunity to hang out at the original Donut Wheel, well, you missed a teenage rite of passage. According to Ernie, the original building was an old real estate office and he and John and Dan Williams would sleep outside in the William's back yard during the summer and then sneak out at 3 a.m. to the Donut wheel for coffee and the best donuts on the west side.

Cupertino Crossroads in the 1950's-60's also had a drug store, soda fountain, beauty salon, Flying A gas station and the aforementioned Ange's store that carried a little bit of everything; clothing, shoes, hats, undergarments, jewelry and accessories. Quoting Ernie, "Mr. Ange was a big man that always was full of energy and very attentive to his customers. He parked his Cadillac out behind the store where I folded newspapers (for his paper route) with John Williams, another paperboy. Our newspapers came tightly bound with a single steel wire. We simply pulled the center papers out of the bundle, leaving the wire hoop intact, which we tossed out into the gravel parking lot. One afternoon, when John and I were folding our papers, Mr. Ange exited his store and headed for his car. Somehow, he hooked one of our discarded steel wire hoops, resulting in the band circling both of his ankles. Arms akimbo, and feet restricted to tiny steps, he wobbled across the parking lot, cursing. Fortunately, he did not fall and then he gave us "what for" for nearly toppling him. We picked up our discarded wire hoops and from that time on, discarded them in the garbage. But of course, after poor Mr. Ange left the scene, John and I both died laughing, recalling the image of the huge, pear shaped man tip-toeing across the lot looking like an oversized ballet dancer wobbling like a top".

Ernie was the youngest member of the infamous "Iconoclast" gang at Cupertino High. CHS started out with only two classes, freshman and sophomores; because it was a brand new school and the students had been taken out of the larger student body at Fremont High School. There was no upper class until 1961 (the first graduating class) - and there were no decades-old traditions to uphold or pass on - no seasoned upperclassmen to be in awe of, so Cupertino students growing pains were more visible and as it was a brand new school, a lot was expected. The "Iconoclast" was a bit more than anyone expected, especially the teaching staff.

It was only six or eight double-sided mimeographed sheets, lampooning some of the teachers and activities. It was written, cartooned, printed and surreptitiously handed out by a few of the brighter student lights and by today's standards, it would hardly cause a ripple. However, back "in the day, it was calamitous. The hue and cry was heard far and wide, made the local papers large and small and heads rolled. The "ringleader" (who shall go un-named) was expelled and had to finish

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Time to Start a Compost Pile

Compost is great for gardens and landscaping, and you save money by not having to buy soil conditioners, mulch and fertilizers. Backyard compost workshops will be held on the first Saturdays of October and November (Oct. 7 & Nov. 4). Fall is one of the best times to start a compost pile because leaves are so abundant. Workshops are free, and are held at McClellan Ranch Park, at 22221 McClellan Rd. Call 408.918-4640 to register.

Garbage Rate Increase

The Los Altos Garbage Co. has received a 1.9% cost-of-living increase as of August 1. A typical monthly single-can residential bill will increase from \$18.31 to \$18.66.

Compost Available

The city's compost site is open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11, at no charge, at the Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam). No appointments are necessary. Only city residents can use this program, please bring proof of residency. The site will be closed Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1 & 2). For more information call the compost hotline at 408.777.1320.

On-Call "Yardwaste/Woodwaste Days"

Each home in Cupertino (with "can" garbage service) is entitled to schedule two On-Call Disposal Days in a calendar year. One or both of the days can be designated Yardwaste/ Woodwaste Days if a resident has an unusually large amount of yardwaste or unpainted and untreated woodwaste to dispose of. If specifically scheduled as a Yardwaste/Woodwaste Day, these organic wastes will be hauled to a compost site, instead of a landfill. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. at 408.725-4020 for an appointment.

Copper in Brake Pads

Most brake pad material has a high percentage of copper. As the pads wear down, the copper dust

collects on the inside of the wheel wells. Some of the dust drops onto the road, but some stays in the wheel well.

When you wash your car, don't hose out your wheel wells. It's best to take your car to a commercial car wash, where the wash water is sent to a treatment plant and the copper can be filtered out before discharging to the Bay. Copper has been shown to be a threat to lower forms of aquatic life, like algae.

Grasscycling

A reminder for gardeners: turf experts recommend that grass clippings be left on the lawn to return the nitrogen in the clippings (one of the primary ingredients in fertilizer) back to the lawn. This will reduce the amount of fertilizer needed and mulch helps prevent water loss by evaporation. Short clippings will fall into the lawn's root area and decompose quickly. For best results, use a mulching mower. Follow the "1/3 rule": a lawn should be mowed so that no more than 1/3 of the grass height is cut at any one mowing. This will prevent an unsightly "hay-like" appearance. Mow when the grass is dry to prevent clippings from clumping in piles on the lawn. Thatch is caused by grass roots and stems—not clippings.

This practice has been followed by Cupertino's Public Works Dept. in our city parks, with good results, for many years.

Recycling Used Motor Oil

Homes can recycle up to two gallons of motor oil at a time by leaving gallon bottles at the curb on their recycle day.

For apartment and condominium residents who do not have oil recycling at their complex, Jiffy Lube at the corner of Miller Ave. and Stevens Creek Blvd., ph: 408.253.8570, is a "State certified" oil collection center in Cupertino that accepts used motor oil from the public for recycling.

~ Roots Continued

his education elsewhere. The rest were suspended and had to write extensive papers repenting the error of their evil ways and on respecting authority. No parents hired high-powered lawyers or threatened to sue the principal, school administrators, school board or anyone else in charge.

It's always fun to hear from former high school classmates about their recollections and experiences growing up in Cupertino/Monta Vista. For a complete reading of Ernie's memories, they are

available at the Cupertino Museum.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the first graduating class at Cupertino High School - the class of 1961. There is a combined reunion planned for the 1961 and 1962 classes on September 29 at the Marriott Fremont but classmates from other years are welcome to attend. For reunion information, email Alice Echverria Fenning at LIZF@isflip.com.



~CUPERTINO LIBRARY~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

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

Library telephone numbers:

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

The library has a Web Catalog at www.santaclaracountylib.org.
Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>

Teen Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen>

Kids Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MOON FESTIVAL STORIES IN MANDARIN

Families are invited to celebrate the Moon Festival as Librarian Lannie Kuo presents a special story-time in Mandarin Chinese Thursday, September 7, at 7 pm

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7 pm

Toddler Storytime Thursdays at 10:15 am
(ages 1-1/2 -3 years)

ADULT, TEEN, AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

A LIBRARY CARD IS THE SMARTEST CARD THAT EVERYONE CAN OWN. DON'T MISS OUT!

Look, listen, and enjoy! Apply for a library card this month.

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE?

Cupertino Library hosts a free college planning program with financial aid experts Gen and Kelly Tanabe, authors of the award-winning book *Get into Any College* at the Community Hall on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 7 pm. For more info, call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

REAL WORLD RETIREMENT PLANNING

The Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley is hosting a presentation and Q & A entitled *Real World Retirement Planning* on Sunday, October 1, 2006 in the Cupertino Library Story Room at 3 pm. For more info, call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

Do you love to read?

JOIN US FOR BOOKTALKS AT THE LIBRARY

Librarian Judy Dana will introduce you to some new books for adults on **Wednesday, September 20, 2006 from 3:30 - 5 pm** in the Library Story Room. Booktalks consist of short description of several books, covering many genres and subjects. Booktalks are scheduled every other month. The next session will be on November 15, 2006. For more information please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372.

NEW TIME FOR 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 are welcome to attend.

DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at www.santaclaracountylib.org, click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

You may choose from any of the available databases. For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with Learning Express or find information for a state report in *America the Beautiful*. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372 during the library's open hours.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION

Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the lobby.

Friends of the Cupertino Library welcome everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. *The Friends* also hold three annual book sales.

The next **Friends Book Sale** will be held in the Community Hall on **Saturday, October 14, 2006** and **Sunday, October 15, 2006**.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

The *Friends of the Cupertino Library* have placed a cabinet in the library lobby to collect used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

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, ext 3372.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month at 2 to 2:30 pm. These drop-in classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If interested, please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 p.m on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2 pm and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2 to 3 pm. Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's online catalog and subscription databases, and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408.446.167., ext. 3372.

Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue 





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPT.	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	
~1~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous* Fast Start Group	5 pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	374.8511	
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Cupt. Library atrium	861.0417	
~2~ Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858	
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 am	Union Church	842.0688	
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	
~4~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392	
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 pm	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379.1051	
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 p.m	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434	
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649	
	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	
~5~ Tues	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321	
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051	
	Toughlove*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	946.7970	
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830	
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462	
	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	Creekside Park - toddler area	861.0417	
~6~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869	
	Connect Club III*	8:15 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424	
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallico Parkway	285.4977	
	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	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Cupertino High School	262.0471	
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	248.8488	
	Krazy Days Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde middle School	725.0344	
	7 Thurs	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093
		Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	252.6262
Northwest Y Service Club*		6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)		7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372	
Women's Quilting Group*		9:30 am	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253.2984 252.0932	
Connect Club I*		Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	
Connect Club II*		8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	



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7 Thurs Cont'd	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111 BNI.com
	HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606	7 am	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650.691.8724
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	378.3499
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Portal Park	861.0417
8 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232
9 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828
11 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center Social Room	978.6614
12 Tues	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 pm	Coffee Society	725.8091
13 Wed	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center Cupertino Room	996.0750
14 Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529
19 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262
21 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257.4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917
26 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 pm	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
27 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014 408.777.3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.



SIMPLY SAFE SEPTEMBER 2006

A severe heat wave affects the community. A power outage disrupts activities. Rumors about pandemic flu are everywhere. Where do you go? Who do you call? Where do you look when you want to get the real story?

Cupertino website www.cupertino.org home page has a link called “Emergency Information”. The computer has a backup generator so anyone with wireless Internet access and power to their computer can get details. The Emergency Information site will provide official information about current City emergencies including services available, road closures, volunteer needs, donation needs and shelter locations.

In addition, during a disaster, if phones are working, a phone bank will be set up at City Hall. You can call 408.777.CITY for information.

Of course, finding out what the City’s plans for disasters are – before they happen – will allow you a little more time to get ready. The Cupertino Office of Emergency Services website www.cupertino.org/emergency has a wealth of information. The Community Emergency Training Center is another valuable resource. It’s located at Vallco Mall on the upper level near JC Penney. The space was donated by Vallco for the purpose of providing easy public access to preparedness education and training. If you still can’t find what you’re looking for, call 408.777.3335 and we’ll get it for you.

But what if the disaster happens before you have time to get ready? What if you call 9-1-1 and they are so overwhelmed they don’t have any help to send you? Or the phones don’t work? And you don’t know what to do? City Community Emergency Response Team, Medical Reserve Corps and Ham Radio volunteers will help.

School Preparedness Meetings start in September. Cupertino OES sponsors monthly meetings about school preparedness. Any parent or teacher who wants to help their school be better prepared can attend. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11 am at the Community Emergency Training Center at Vallco Mall.

Can we prepare for a pandemic flu? Of course! Wash your hands frequently. Cover your cough with your arm, not your hand. Get a flu shot. Stay home if you are sick. Because you will be sick for 10-14 days, you won’t feel like going out to buy cough and fever medication (not to mention it may be sold out).

Be sure you keep a stock of your favorite remedies on hand. Don’t forget that you’ll need to stay hydrated. Have a good supply of electrolyte fluid (Gatorade, Pedialyte, etc) on hand. If you’re responsible for feeding the family, you’ll want to have extra food available for them. You won’t feel like cooking! Together we prepare – together we’ll get through anything! A list of flu preparedness supplies - and basic preparedness supplies is available on the Cupertino website. You can also call OES for information.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training

for 6th-12th Grade. \$35/\$45. February 19 - 23, 2007 during Winter Break. 9 - 1.

Community Emergency Response Team


Complete day (9-Noon) and evening (6:30 - 9:30 pm) sessions available. Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 6:30-9:30 pm Graduation Oct 7, 9 am - 1 pm FREE

CPR and First Aid classes November 4.

CPR 9 am to 1 p.m \$25/\$35. First Aid 2 pm - 6 pm \$35/\$45

Preparing for emergencies, one month at a time... Be sure everyone you know, knows what you know about preparedness. Safety should be shared!

Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities. Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information.

Register for classes through Cupertino Parks & Recreation 408.777.3120. 





SAFETY FIRST

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Cupertino residents, think about what would you do IF:

- another 7.1 earthquake hit the Bay Area
- you lost power for several days
- your elderly neighbors' home was rocked off its foundation
- you smell natural gas leaking throughout your neighborhood
- your children were walking home from school at the time
- you had no extra water or food for you and your pets....

The list of potential disasters is long, and the consequences could be terrible. However, with just 3 hours of training, Cupertino residents can learn about personal preparedness and be much better equipped to help yourself, your family and your neighbors. We often praise our Sheriff's Department and County Fire for being able to respond and react in terrible situations – but during any large scale disaster these agencies will be overwhelmed and you will need to take personal responsibility for your safety and wellbeing.

We hope that you'll sign up for the Personal Preparedness Workshop and/or CERT training, and that you'll develop a family plan for that untimely disaster. We have a number of different free class offerings for adults and youth, ranging from 3 hours to 18 hours. We have the best Amateur Radio Response Team around. With training, you can be the first responder, helping yourself, your neighbors and the city of Cupertino.

To sign up or learn more contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services at 408.777.3335, or oes@cupertino.

3 hour Personal Preparedness Class:

September 25, 9 am - noon

October 20, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

November 16, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

SET THE EXAMPLE

Due to the increased number of accidents involving cyclists and cars, especially those involving children, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office will be stepping up enforcement of vehicle codes pertaining to bicycles.

Kids watch as adult cyclists set the example by:

- Not stopping at lights and stop signs.
- Riding two abreast on roads
- Not riding along the right side of the road.

This type of irresponsible riding gives kids the impression that it is okay.

It is time for adult riders to set the example! Your participation is greatly appreciated and required by law (CVC 21200 (a)). The Sheriff's Office will be enforcing violations by cyclists in efforts to increase awareness, educate the public, and provide increased safety. Cyclists must obey all Vehicle Code regulations.

WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile Virus has been found in birds in the Cupertino area. When dealing with West Nile virus, prevention is your best bet. Fighting mosquito bites reduces your risk of getting this disease, along with others that mosquitoes can carry. Take the commonsense steps below to reduce your risk:

- Use "DEET" based mosquito repellent;
- Remove standing water from the places where you work and play;
- Make sure the screens in your home are in good repair.
- Report sources of mosquitoes in your neighborhood.

The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. The risk of severe illness and death is highest for people over 50 years old, although people of all ages can become ill. For more information about the simple steps that you can take to protect yourself, visit <http://westnile.ca.gov/prevention.htm>

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

During 2005 the City of Cupertino experienced 161 residential burglaries. Many of the suspects entered through an unlocked window or door. Many times the house had an alarm but was not turned on. A large number of burglaries involved taking gold jewelry from the master bedroom.

What can you do?

- Secure all doors and windows.
- Secure jewelry in a quality safe.
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- Report suspicious persons and/or activity, or illegal solicitors in your neighborhood by calling 911.
- Be an active member of Neighborhood Watch.

To learn more about Neighborhood Watch contact:

City of Cupertino

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Steffanie Turini 408.777.3177

steffaniet@cupertino.org

Visit www.cupertino.org/neighborhoodwatch

Together we can make a difference!



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

FABULOUSLY FIT AFTER FIFTY

Exercise is probably the single most important thing you can do to age successfully. The benefits are endless. Exercise can enhance your mood and help you manage stress and sleep more soundly. Just as physical activity keeps your body strong, mental activity keeps your mind sharp and agile. That's why it's important to continue to learn and challenge yourself. For being fabulously fit after fifty, we recommend the Cupertino Senior Center. Get involved and keep your whole self in top form.

MEDICAL EXPERTS RECOMMEND ...

Exercise Regularly

Enjoy Your Exercise

TO EXPAND YOUR MIND....

Read Regularly

Keep A Journal

Stay up to date on Technology

Explore the Cultural Life

Attend Concerts and Plays

Learn to play a Musical Instrument

Develop Artistic Talents

Learn A Foreign Language

Volunteering

Playing games keeps a fast and accurate mind

CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER OFFERS

Low Impact Aerobics, Yoga, Tai Chi

Line Dance, Hula, Ballroom Dance

Monthly Book Review

Memoir Writing Class

iMac Classes, PC Classes, E-Mail Classes

International Luncheons, Travelogues

Trips to Symphony & Theater Shows

Keyboard and Ukulele

Ikebana, Watercolor, Painting, Knitting

Spanish, Italian and ESL

Reception Desk, Hosting Events and more

Bridge, Mah Jongg, Board Games and Bingo

Come and join our vibrant center. It is easy to become a member. You just need to be at least 50 years young to fill out a membership application and with a membership fee of \$22 for Cupertino residents and \$27 for non-residents, that's it! For more information, please call 408.777.3150.

Are You Ready for Some Football?

Monday Nights at the Cupertino Senior Center

Start the 2006-2007 football season with two September games and end with the Super Bowl in February. Each ticket is good for a "Tailgate Supper" which includes pizza, salad and soft drinks. Snacks will be available throughout the game and drawings for fabulous prizes will occur during the game. For \$7.00 a ticket for members (senior guests pay \$10.00), a good time is guaranteed.

OPENING SPECIAL – If you purchase tickets to the first 8 games by August 31, your Super Bowl ticket is FREE! All games are shown on our 114 inch screen, so sign up now at the Cupertino Senior Center and pick up your game schedule.





THE BETTER PART



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

This month THE BETTER PART has a diverse variety of shows. Watch on Channel 15 Mondays at 4:30, Tuesday and Fridays at 7 pm

The following special shows are on the September lineup:

- Sept. 1** Stroke - learn how to respond if you or your loved one are victims.
- Sept. 4, 5 & 8** Newsmaker Martha Kanter, Chancellor of Foothill Community College District chats with The Better Part.
- Sept. 11,12 & 15** A Hungarian Experience - moving boyhood memories of Communist occupation.
- Sept. 18, 19 & 22** Tai Chi and Qi Gong: Alexandria shows us the art and benefits.
- Sept. 25, 26 & 29** Single Senior Women of The Better Part tell their stories about the Good, Bad, and the Hilarious about being single in the 21st Century.



Cupertino Senior Center Membership Special

Sign-up for a 2006 Membership and receive a \$5 credit towards classes, events or trips offered by the Center 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd. 408.777.3150

- One coupon per person
- Must submit coupon at time of membership registration
- Expires September 22, 2006.

Adult and Community Education-Citizenship Classes

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers two free evening citizenship classes. They are an ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class, for those students who are at an intermediate level of English proficiency, and a Citizenship Preparation Class, for students who are advanced English speakers. Both of these free classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings; they start Monday, August 28, 2006, and finish on Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

The ESL/Citizenship Class, whose hours are from 6:30-9:30 pm, is in room 82,

at Fremont High School. The Citizenship Class is from 6:30-8:30 pm, in room 83 at Fremont High School. In these classes students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. Furthermore, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting. For both of these classes, students should register in class. For more information, please call 408.522.2703.





TREES ARE GOOD

Call Before You Cut...

Trees are invaluable assets that enhance our community in a variety of different ways. From providing much cherished shade on those lazy summer afternoons to being a home for our furry and feathered friends, trees are a significant resource that should be cherished and preserved. Did you know that the municipal code restricts the removal of certain species of trees and trees that were planted during the development of property? These protected trees are designated to be either specimen or heritage trees.

What is a Specimen tree? A specimen tree is a tree that has been classified by either species or special designation by the City Council to be preserved for enhancement of a development. Examples of specimen trees are Oaks, Cedars, Big Leaf Maples, and the California Buckeye. All are designated to be specimen trees if mature enough to meet the minimum size standards. The following table provides a guideline for minimum size standards that qualify the tree as a specimen:

Species	Measurement from Natural Grade	Single-Trunk Diameter/Circumference	Multi-Trunk Diameter/Circumference
Native Trees:			
Oak trees	4-1/2'	10" (31")	20" (63")
California Buckeye	4-1/2'	10" (31")	20" (63")
Big Leaf Maple	4-1/2'	12" (38")	25" (79")
Non-native Trees:			
Deodar Cedar	4-1/2'	12" (38")	25" (79")
Blue Atlas Cedar	4-1/2'	12" (38")	25" (79")

In addition to the trees listed above, other species may also be considered specimen trees. If a tree or trees were required to be planted during the development of either commercial or residential property as a condition of approval of the project, they would be considered specimen trees. For example, if in the development of a commercial parcel, the City Council required the developer to plant a row of Magnolia trees along the street frontage, these trees are categorized as specimen trees and may not be removed.



Are there other protected trees? Yes, heritage trees are also protected from removal. A heritage tree is a tree that has some historical or unique value and significance to the community. Examples of heritage trees are the towering California Fan Palms on Palm Avenue and the majestic Pepper Tree on Pepper Tree Lane. A list of other heritage trees can be obtained from the Planning Division.

Specimen and heritage trees cannot be removed without a permit issued by the Planning Division. A permit is not required to prune a specimen or heritage tree, but remember pruning more than 25% annually of a protected tree constitutes removal according to the municipal code. Fines and penalties for removing heritage or specimen trees are significant and all property owners are responsible for knowing of any protected tree on their property. In some instances, specimen or heritage trees must be removed due to damage or disease. In this case, a tree removal permit must be obtained from the Planning Division prior to the tree being removed.

What do I do if I see a protected tree being removed? If you see a tree being removed during the week during normal business hours, please call City Hall immediately at 408.777.3200.





COUNCIL ACTIONS



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Tuesday, July 18, 2006

Council Members Present:

Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney

Dismissed pending lawsuits of Toll Brothers and Vallco vs. City of Cupertino. Both items will go to an election Nov. 7, 2006.

Formed a committee (Knapp, Sandoval, Kwok) to meet with the City Attorney to discuss his contract, and report back to Council on Sept. 4.

Received a presentation regarding the Sheriff's Teen Academy.

Presented a proclamation for the Cupertino National Little League Seniors.

Presented a proclamation recognizing the California Cricket Academy.

Received demonstrations on Cupertino E-Services regarding on-line employment applications.

Adopted resolutions accepting accounts payable for June 30 and July 7.

Adopted a resolution accepting payroll for June 30.

Accepted the Treasurer's Budget report for May 2006.

Adopted the amended Cupertino Conflict of Interest Code for officials and designated employees.

Approved municipal improvements for Andrew Ko and Yeon Sook Ko, 10110 Lebanon Dr., and Tracy Hsu and Huei-Hwang Hung & Kong-Yeu Han and Suejane Han, 21811 San Fernando Ave.

Adopted city projects by the CB Construction Company.

Adopted a resolution approving an improvement agreement with Yun Kei Tsang and Saw Hoon Goh, 21708 Alcazar Ave.

Adopted resolutions setting a public hearing date of Aug. 15 to consider abating various public nuisances.

Approved Application No. U-2006-03, Public Storage, 20565 Valley Green Dr.

Adopted a resolution approving assessment of fees for the annual Weed Abatement Program.

Authorized Mayor Lowenthal to speak on behalf of Council on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Kaiser Permanent Santa Clara Medical Center Hospital Heliport project.

Conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 06-1986 regarding rezoning on De Palma Lane.

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

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

Appointed Anshul Bhagi to a one-year term on the Teen Commission.

Appointed Lowenthal and Sandoval to the settlement negotiations team for Rhoda Fry vs. the City of Cupertino pending litigation.

Placed RFP proposals regarding the Sports Center pool on the next agenda.

Received a presentation regarding on-line City public records.

Approve a contract with Freedman, Tung and Bottomley as urban design consultants for the North Vallco Master Plan Study, and placed the process of selecting task force members on the Sept. 5 agenda.

Waived a fee for the League of Women Voters for their District Attorney Candidates Forum on Oct. 9.

Denied a resolution on ordering abatement of a public nuisance and ordered owner James L. Burtzloff to maintain his property to avoid any recurring public nuisance.

Adopted a resolution ordering abatement of a public nuisance at 10200 Stern Ave., Patrick McGrath owner.

Awarded the S.T.P. Overlay Program contract to O'Grady Paving for \$518,293.10.

Adopted wording for the Cupertino Historical Society plaque commemorating founding Cupertino in 1955.

Adopted a resolution authorizing an agreement with HNTB Corp. for construction management services not to exceed \$100,000 related to the Stevens Creek Corridor Park.

Provided direction to the Planning Commission regarding proposed amendments to the Cupertino Municipal Code on Heritage and Specimen trees.

Approved Application No. U-2006-06, Chang Architecture at 10495 N. De Anza Blvd. (former Any Mountain Building).

Continued Application No. TM-2006-07, Kelly Gordon Development at 10114 Crescent Ct. to Sept. 19.

Accepted the Annual Report for FY 2005/06.

Adjourned to Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 5 - 9 p.m. for Cupertino Conversations with Council members, a community dialogue examining current issues in our community.





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CITY MEETINGS

Sept. 5	Community Congress - City Council mtg.***	5 pm
Sept. 6	Library Commission (Conf. Rm.)	7 pm
Sept. 6	Teen Commission (QCC – Social Room)	6 pm
Sept. 6	Technology, Information & Communications Commission	7 pm
Sept. 7	Parks and Recreation Commission***	7 pm
Sept. 7	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Sept. 12	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
Sept. 13	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Sept. 14	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm.)	6:30 pm
Sept. 19	City Council***	6:45 pm
Sept. 20	Bicycle Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Sept. 20	Teen Commission (Sports Center)	6 pm
Sept. 21	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 pm
Sept. 26	Planning Commission***	6:45 pm
Sept. 27	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 pm
Sept. 28	Senior Citizens Commission (Senior Center)	2 pm

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