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**CUPERTINO GREEN**

### ► Sustainable Cupertino Community Congress

**Saturday, December 13, 9 am-1 pm,  
Kirsch Center, De Anza College**

Mayor Dolly Sandoval will convene the 2008 Sustainable Cupertino Community Congress in December. This gathering will bring together local organizations and resources to chart a course for local government and community activities that will promote environmental health. Please visit [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org) for more information.



### ► Cupertino Leads the Way with 'Silicon Valley Reads 2009'

**January 21, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall,  
10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino**

The Cupertino Library Foundation and Santa Clara County Library are proud to present this literary event and an essay contest.

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### ► Serve Your City Commissions

**Interviews January 27-28, 6 pm**

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for city commissions and committees with openings in January 2009.

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# events in cupertino



Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department 408.777.3120



## Breakfast with Santa

**December 6, 2008  
Quinlan Community Center**

Come join Mrs. Claus for her delicious North Pole pancakes as she, Santa Claus, and his elves prepare for the busy holiday season. Visit with Santa, sing songs and make crafts during this festive holiday morning.

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

### Breakfast with Santa times:

8:30 am	Register for Activity # 35647
9 am	Register for Activity # 35648
9:30 am	Register for Activity # 35649
10 am	Register for Activity # 35650

### For more information:

Call 408.777.3120  
or visit [www.cupertino.org/register](http://www.cupertino.org/register)



## Give an Experience

This holiday Season, take a break from shopping and wrapping. Give an experience and create a cherished memory! There's an experience gifts for everyone:

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

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



Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission  
of Santa Clara County  
and your City

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The main book chosen for Silicon Valley Reads 2009 is *Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider*. The funny and poignant memoir of Bay Area broadcast personality Brian Copeland recalls growing up in the 1970s as one of the first African-American families in San Leandro.

The event features a discussion and book signing by author Brian Copeland, and an **essay contest** with some outstanding prizes: Grand Prize: \$500  
2nd Place Prize: \$300  
3rd Place Prize (2 winners): \$200 each

Adults and students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate. Entries must be submitted by January 7, 2009, and winners will be announced publicly on January 21 as part of the awards presentation. Contest guidelines and entry form are available at [www.cupertinolibary.org/SVRCupertino](http://www.cupertinolibary.org/SVRCupertino).

**Event Schedule:**

- 7 pm** Brian Copeland discusses *Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider*
- 8 pm** Local panel joins Brian to for discussion
- 8:20 pm** Essay contest and award presentation
- 8:40 pm** Book signing by Brian Copeland

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Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for city commissions and committees with openings in January 2009. The following groups are accepting applications: Audit Committee; Bicycle Pedestrian Commission; Community Development Block Grant Committee (CDBG); Fine Arts Commission; Housing Commission; Library Commission; Planning Commission; Public Safety Commission.

Applications can be downloaded from [www.cupertino.org/vacancies](http://www.cupertino.org/vacancies). For more details, please see the website or call the City Clerk’s Office at 408.777.3223. Deadline to apply is 5:30 pm on January 14, 2009.

**Community Crab Feed**

**January 23, Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm, Parish Hall, 10120 N. DeAnza Blvd, Cupertino**

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish is holding its seventh annual Crab Feed. This all-you-can-eat event features a menu of fresh crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. A no-host bar will serve beer and wine.

Tickets **must** be purchased in advance from the school office. Until January 21, an adult

ticket is \$40. After January 19, an adult ticket is \$45. Children 12 and under are \$20. Call 408.252.6441 for more information.

**Cupertino Symphonic Band Brings Christmas Cheer**

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



Tom Narcisso will conduct a varied program including everything from kids’ selections like “I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas” to traditional favorites such as “O Holy Night.”

The concert is free but donations of canned goods for West Valley Community Services are appreciated. For more information call 408.262.0471 or visit the website at [www.netview.com/csb](http://www.netview.com/csb).

**CUPERTINO SPORTS CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, January 10, 2009, 10 am-12 pm**



**Come check out the new fitness equipment and surprise special of the Year!**

**Free activities**

- 8:30-9:30 am** Aerobics
- 9:30-10:30 am** Body sculpting
- 10 am-12 pm** Face painting & crafts
- 10-11:45 am** Body fat testing
- 10 am** Gifts for the first 300 visitors
- 10:30-11:30 am** Tennis games
- 10:30-11:30 am** Table tennis
- 11:45 am** Prizes (must be present to win)

**Cupertino Sports Center  
2111 Stevens Creek Blvd.,  
408.777.3160**

# roots | christmas blessings

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

It's been quite a year marked by the wild fluctuations in the stock market, overly long political campaigns and downturns in the job and housing markets. It gets a little scarier, especially at this time of year, for many folks. Life may seem harder and more complicated than in the olden days, but a recent letter from a nephew gave some perspective to our times.

My nephew helps at a rescue mission in Northern California. He talked about how the hard economic times made him think about his grandmother (my mother), who will be 98 at the end of December. He reminisced about her being born and living during the horse and buggy era, in a house without electricity. She lived through WW I, the Great Depression, and WW II. When he remembered all that she had lived through, it helped put the present day into a broader perspective. His letter made me think about all the hardships that so many in our wonderfully diverse community have gone through, coming from countries that do not have the freedoms we take for granted.

Christmas in the olden days was about family gatherings and visiting and sharing food. Often that food came from the cellar, pantry, garden, or freshly bagged deer or turkey. It was time to go to church and be part of something bigger than we were, so that when hard times came there was still hope. No matter what our backgrounds are, we can still gather freely, visit, and share.

Remembering others is truly one of the biggest blessings a person can receive at Christmas. Lend a helping hand or offer an invitation to dinner. Give a special gift to a family, older person living alone, or a single parent with kids. Some in our family used to sit at the City Team table in the shopping mall during the holiday season, where they took donations of toys and other gifts for distribution folks to who needed a little help at Christmas. Cupertino has a long tradition of helping others through various organizations.

Here is little Christmas gift-giving traditions from our family to all of you, handed down through the generations. No Christmas, Easter or Thanksgiving in our house would be complete without it. It's an easy gift to make and give away.

## NONIE'S FAMOUS SALTED ALMONDS

### Ingredients:

One pound of shelled almonds  
Salt to taste

Put almonds in a big bowl.

Boil a kettle of water and pour very hot water over almonds.

Let sit until the brown skins are soft enough to slip off. (Sometimes you have to put a second kettle of boiling water over the almonds to get the skins off.) Don't let the almonds sit in the water too long or they will get mushy.

Put two more bowls on the table. Using a slotted spoon, pick up almonds and slide skins off, putting skins in one bowl and almonds in the other. Keep spooning out almonds and skinning until done.

Spread almonds on a cookie sheet that has been lightly covered in cooking spray.

Put in cold oven and turn oven on to 350 degrees. Leave in for about 15 minutes, checking periodically. They are done when light brown and crunchy.

Salt almonds to taste or don't put any salt on, if preferred. Caution: salted almonds can be addictive and may spoil your appetite for dinner. They may give children (and adults) tummy aches if too many are eaten at one time (which usually happens at least once or twice at our house every holiday season).

*A very merry and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. (Yes, salted almonds are a good New Year's treat, too!)*

# simply safe | december

by Jon Nakafuji, Volunteer

## Emergency preparedness on the iPhone

Mobile applications including PhoneAid, First Aid, and 1st Response: Emergency Kit are designed to be at your fingertips in the event of an emergency. Although it might be difficult or impossible to read an iPhone screen and perform CPR at the same time, the applications can help you or someone else give instructions in a panic situation.

PhoneAid provides verbal prompts telling you how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver on adults and children. It also has a handy “First Aid A-Z” section covering medical emergencies from bee stings to strokes. PhoneAid costs \$2.99. The other programs have varying features and similar prices, so that’s just one more way to be prepared!

**Note: Technique is extremely important when performing CPR. You must take a hands-on CPR class in order to practice proper technique. Voice prompts without practice is not enough!**

## Power Outages: Do you know what to do when the lights go out?

Windy fall and winter weather can down trees and poles, causing power outages. It’s important to know a few basic precautions for food and personal safety during electrical outages.

### Food safety:

- Avoid opening and closing the refrigerator and freezer doors to retain the cold.
- A half-filled freezer will hold food safely for 24 hours and a fully-filled freezer will safely hold food for up to 48 hours.
- Quickly move items in the refrigerator to a cooler (low cost Styrofoam coolers work too) filled with ice to preserve perishable items.
- Prioritize which items are most perishable and eat those first

### Cold-related emergencies:

**Acute hypothermia** occurs when a person suffers rapid loss of body heat, which typically occurs from immersion in cold water.

**Sub-acute hypothermia** usually happens in cool outdoor temperatures below 50°F when a person has inadequate clothing, wind chill susceptibility or lacks the ability to cope with the cold due to their personal health and nutrition.

**Chronic hypothermia** typically occurs from ongoing exposure to cold indoor temperatures below 60°F.

Be sure to keep warm clothing and blankets available.

Treat hypothermia by bundling the person in warm blankets and covering his or her head with blankets or a knit cap. Let them take sips of a warm drink—not alcohol. Do not rub body parts that appear to be frostbitten. If the person is losing consciousness, call 9-1-1 immediately.

### Generator Safety

- Generators should be rated for the amount of power that you will need. By looking at the wattage labels on lighting, appliances, and equipment you can determine what size generator you need. Ideally, the generator should have twice the wattage as the equipment.
- NEVER operate a generator indoors due to the build up of carbon monoxide. That can be fatal, no matter how much ventilation you have by opening doors or windows.
- When outside be sure to keep the generator a safe distance from any open windows or doors in your home so the carbon monoxide can’t get inside.

For more information on generator safety and helpful information on how to deal with power outages visit the following sites:  
[www.khou.com/images/0809/generatorsafety.pdf](http://www.khou.com/images/0809/generatorsafety.pdf)  
[www.khou.com/images/0809/poweroutage.pdf](http://www.khou.com/images/0809/poweroutage.pdf)

## Upcoming Classes & Preparedness Events

- **Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop** November 21, 9-Noon, January 22, 6:30-9:30 pm, February 11, 9-Noon, FREE
- **Pet Preparedness**  
January 29, 7-9 pm, Community Hall, FREE  
What happens to your pets after an earthquake? Watch new Red Cross videos on dog and cat first aid. Discuss emergency supplies for pets and have the opportunity to order pet emergency kits.

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

Donate your canned food earthquake supplies to West Valley Community Services and replace what you donate. Donate packaged spare batteries to Toys for Tots and purchase a new supply for emergency flashlights and radios. Check your smoke

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detector battery and replace if necessary, to be sure it's working for the holidays!

## Holiday Safety Tips

The month of December typically rates the highest for criminal activity due to a combination of physical factors and social behaviors on the part of criminals and their victims. Whether we're talking about theft from vehicles, business crimes, home burglaries, or larceny, December is a "holiday for thieves."

Follow these safety tips while shopping and avoid being a victim:

- Don't carry excessive amounts of money. If you carry cash, take only the amount you need and be careful not to "flash your cash."
- Do not leave packages in your car. If you must, put them in the trunk.
- Park in well-lit areas of the parking lot and don't be afraid to ask mall security for an escort to your car.
- Make an extra effort to keep track of your purse and wallet. The crooks know they have a good chance of stealing one that contains cash and credit cards this time of year.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It becomes easier to lose track of one or two of them, as well as your purse or wallet. It also makes it more difficult for you to get to your car while being aware of your surroundings. You should have your car keys in your hand as you approach your vehicle. Spend as little time as possible outside your vehicle while loading.
- Con artists and charity scams are big business this time of year. Choose a charity when you have time to research its validity and remember, if a stranger approaches you asking for help, you rarely get something for nothing. And, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email [OES@cupertino.org](mailto:OES@cupertino.org), or go to the website [www.cupertino.org/emergency](http://www.cupertino.org/emergency) for more information. Register for classes at [www.cupertino.org/register](http://www.cupertino.org/register) or at Quinlan Center, City Hall or the library.

*Simply Safe* is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities.

## Environmental Recycle Day

**Saturday, January 24**

**Details: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org)**

## Holidays Garbage Pickup Dates

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, Los Altos Garbage Company (LAGCo) collection services scheduled on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, will be delayed by one day. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, November 28. Those with services on Friday will have pickup on Saturday, November 29. For more info, call LAGCo at 408.725.4020.

## Recycling During the Holidays

Did you know that we create over 25% more waste during the holiday season than any other time of the year? That adds up to an extra 5 million pounds of waste generated between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day in the United States. By practicing simple, earth-friendly behaviors, we can significantly reduce the amount of garbage sent to landfills. Here are some recycling and garbage reminders:

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

**Corrugated cardboard** can be placed in the blue recycling cart or flattened and placed alongside your recycling cart. Residents living in apartments or condominiums should ask managers where cardboard is collected on-site. Boxes must be flattened and cut into 3-foot by 3-foot pieces. Large quantities may be taken to the Sunnyvale Recycling Center at the north end of Borregas Ave. Call 408.752.8530 for more information.

**Styrofoam blocks**, packed in clear plastic bags, can be placed in your blue cart. While Los Altos Garbage company does not accept Styrofoam "peanuts" for recycling, they are accepted at all UPS Stores. The closest store is at 1072 S. DeAnza Blvd, call them at 408.253.6561. Residents who have the new type of "peanuts" made of cornstarch, may stir them into a compost pile or a dirt area and dissolve them in water.

**Gift wrap** can be included with other recycling at curbside. (Most apartment and condomini-

um complexes have paper recycling in totes.) Plastic-coated and foil wrapping paper and ribbons and bows cannot be recycled.

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

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

**Produce less waste with smart holiday shopping:**

- Give an experience and create a cherished memory, such as tickets to a movie, sporting event, stage play, restaurant, salon spa, manicure/pedicure.
- Gift a gift to the environment such as a battery charger with rechargeable batteries, bus/light rail/train passes, live plants or gardening tools.
- Package gifts in reusable gift bags.
- Bring your own reusable bags to the store.
- Be creative and have fun. Have an environmentally smart and “green” holiday season!

## Extra Holiday Trash

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

**Extra Bag Tags:** Another option for residents who periodically generate extra garbage is “Extra Bag Tags.” Place extra trash in plastic trash bags and attach a tag to it where your garbage collector picks up. Bags cannot be larger than 32 gallons or weigh more than 25 pounds. Tags cost \$5.79 each or 10 for \$55.03, and are available from the Los Altos Garbage Company.

## Dispose of Old Computers

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

- Resource Area For Teachers (RAFT) in San Jose, 408.451.3853, [www.raft.net](http://www.raft.net)  
RAFT is a non-profit that provides used, working computers to teachers and other non-profit agencies.

- Computer Recycling Ctr. in Sunnyvale, 1.888.887.3372, [www.crc.org](http://www.crc.org)  
CRC is a non-profit that redistributes working computers to teachers and other non-profits. They accept working and nonworking equipment. Some charges may apply.
- City of Cupertino and Apple Computer’s free electronics recycling program: 408.862.2667. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8-4:30 pm, 10300 Bubb Rd.  
The program accepts all computer components and peripherals (PCs and Macs), fax machines, VCRs, stereo equipment, home copiers, DVD players and TVs. Bring proof of residency. The facility will be closed December 24 through January 1.

## Wood burning Tips

Wood burning generates large amounts of air pollution and can present a health hazard both inside and out. Did you know that it is not a cost-effective way to heat your home? On an average it is only 15 percent energy efficient—all of the heat and unburned fuel goes up your chimney as smoke. Here are a few tips on how to reduce air pollution during the winter months:

- Instead of wood, use manufactured fire logs (they burn 50% cleaner).
- If you burn wood, make sure it’s dried or “seasoned” for six to twelve months.
- Never burn garbage or chemically-treated wood.
- Consider switching to a gas fireplace for the ambiance of a wood fire without the gases and the pollution.
- Do not burn wood when the Air District issues a Spare the Air advisory, when air pollution is expected to exceed health standards.

A free copy of the California Air Resources Board’s Wood burning Handbook can be found at the Quinlan Community Center, City Hall, or on the California Air Resources Board website: [www.arb.ca.gov/cap/handbooks/wood\\_burning\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cap/handbooks/wood_burning_handbook.pdf).

## Water Pollution Season

Rainy season is the peak time for water pollution. Automotive fluids leak onto streets and the winter rains wash the pollutants into storm drains which flow to our local creeks. To help with this problem, the city of Cupertino suggests maintaining cars regularly, placing drip pans under cars to collect any leaks and reporting leaking auto fluids to the city’s Environmental Program

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

### LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Mon-Tues.....	1 to 9
Wed-Thurs .....	10 to 9
Fri-Sat .....	10 to 6
Sunday .....	12 to 6

### 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

**Cupertino Library will close at 5 pm on the following dates:**

- **December 24 Wednesday**
- **December 31 Wednesday**

**The Library will be closed on the following dates:**

- **December 25, Christmas Holiday**
- **January 1, New Year's Day**
- **January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

### PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

To search our online catalog, review your library account, get homework help, and conduct research using our online databases, please visit the Santa Clara County Library Web site at: [www.santaclearacountylib.org](http://www.santaclearacountylib.org)

To register or for more information on any of the Cupertino Library's adult, teen, and family programs, please call the Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

## **Programs for Children and Families**

**STORY TIMES:** There will be no storytimes from December 22 to January 5.

### **Twos Stories**

1-1/2 to 2-1/2.....Thursdays 10:15 am

### **Threes Stories**

2-1/2 to 3-1/2.....Wednesdays 10:15 am

### **Fours Stories**

3-1/2 to 5 years old.....Fridays 10:15 am

### **Bedtime Stories**

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

### **PICTURING AMERICA: BUILD A BRIDGE**

**Monday, December 22, 2:30 pm, Story Room**  
School-age children are invited to come see art reproductions of the Brooklyn Bridge and make their own bridge.

### **BOOKWORMS' BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, December 23, 2:30 pm, Story Room**  
Sign up at the Children's Reference Desk.

### **BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Monday, December 29, 2:30 pm, Story Room**  
Students in grades 4 to 8 are invited to discuss *Endymion Spring* by Matthew Skelton. Sign up at the Children's Reference to get a copy of the book.

## **CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH RED PANDA ACROBATS!**

**Wednesday, January 14, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall**

## **Programs for Teens**

### **GUITAR HERO TOURNAMENT**

**Wednesday, December 3, 4 pm, Story Room**  
Play Guitar Hero and Guitar Hero II on the library's big screen. Have fun and test your skills while competing for great prizes. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Programs for Adults**

### **AUTHORS, BOOKS & CONVERSATIONS**

#### **Book Talk and Book Discussion**

Join librarians Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu on the third Thursday of each month. Booktalks are short descriptions of several titles and one of the books will be discussed. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

**Thursday, November 20, 7 pm, Story Room**  
Silicon Valley Reads 2009 winner *Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider*.

The above programs are sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.



## MODULAR ORIGAMI

Monday, December 8, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Using one folding pattern, create a three-dimensional geometric shape in our Modular Origami program. Space is limited so please register right away. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

## DATABASE INSTRUCTION: HEALTH RESOURCES

Monday, January 5, 7pm, Library Training Room  
Join Librarian Annapurna Dandu for this useful workshop.

## Also in the Cupertino Library

### KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday, 4-6 pm, Story Room

Bring needles and yarn to the library and join the drop-in knitting program. Knitters of all skill levels and ages are welcome.

## Individual or Small Group programs by Appointment

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

### INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse.

### INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse.

### TEEN DATABASE CLASSES

Database instruction for teens aged 13-19, is available by appointment.

### LIBRARY TOURS

Third Wednesday of every month, 1-2 pm and fourth Saturday of every month, 2-3 pm

Tours include an explanation and demon-

stration of the library's online catalog, subscription databases, and library collections and services.

## For Your Information

### DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at [www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://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*.

### THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION

Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller 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 front lobby. *Friends of the Cupertino Library* also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales.

### 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.



# senior center news

## The Better Part

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

### DECEMBER 1, 2, 5 - VISION LITERACY

A non-profit organization, Vision Literacy has the mission to teach English literacy to Silicon Valley adults.

### DECEMBER 8, 9, 12 - NEUROLOGICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Lisa Sanchez, a speech pathologist discovers her work with patients.

### DECEMBER 15, 16, 19 - CHRISTMAS SHOW

A memory of Christmas shows past.

### DECEMBER 22, 23, 26 - CHRISTMAS SHOW

A memory of Christmas shows past.

### DECEMBER 29 & 30 - CHRISTMAS SHOW

A memory of Christmas shows past.

## "The Better Part" Television Production Group

A Cupertino Senior Center Group has been making Public Access cable TV programs since 1983 with over 900 programs produced to date. There are planning meetings at 9:30 am on Tuesday mornings at the Senior Center and taping at the KMVT TV studio in Mountain View on Thursday mornings. No TV experience necessary to join this group.

As a group member you will learn to produce and edit television programs and create DVDs for cablecast to 13 cities in the South Bay Area from Atherton to Hollister.

Program schedules and more information about the group is available at [www.thebetterpart.com](http://www.thebetterpart.com). For more information contact Bill Mannion at 408.252.2667

## Senior News

*December is a busy, joyful time at the senior center. We have planned many special events to celebrate this holiday season. Join us for some fun, and meet friends old and new.*

## Holiday Luncheon and Birthday Bash

**December 17, 12-1:30 pm**

Come celebrate the holiday season with the World Harmony Chorus singing holiday songs from around the world and of course,

Santa will pay a visit. Members with December birthdays will be honored. Lunch will be hot mulled apple cider, braised beef brisket with root vegetables, Yukon gold potatoes, salad, roll, and apple pie with whipped cream. Vegetable lasagna will also be available; please indicate your preference at the time of registration. Members \$8, senior guests \$8 plus \$5 day pass. Please sign up in advance.

## Book Review Meeting

**Friday, December 5, 1:15-3 pm**

Join the monthly book review to learn about new books and meet new people. Jeanette Frederickson will review this month's book, *Look Homeward Angel* by Thomas Wolf.

## Wednesday Lunch with Friends

Pre-registration is required. Members \$5, senior guests \$5 plus \$5 day pass.

**December 3, 12 pm:** Baked ham with all the trimmings

**December 10, 12 pm:** Italian chicken rice casserole

## Holidays in Hawaii

**December 3, 1:30-3 pm**

Come for the baked ham lunch and stay for a special performance by our Aloha Nani Hula dancers as they celebrate the holidays with Hawaiian songs and dances. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at lobby table. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

## All Day Ping Pong Social

**December 23, 8:30 am-4:30 pm**

Two Ping Pong tables will be set up for Table Tennis lovers to play from morning till late afternoon. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

## Karaoke Holiday Party

**December 18, 12-4:30 pm**

The Karaoke group is hosting a luncheon and singing party to celebrate the holidays. There are hundreds of English songs as well as songs in many different languages. Have a great Chinese lunch and an afternoon of singing and dancing. Members \$8, senior guests \$8 plus \$5 day pass.

## VTA Photo Session

**December 9, 10-12 pm**

Valley Transit Authority will be at the Senior Center to take photos for the Regional Transit Connections (RTC) Discount Card. The card will be mailed to qualified applicants within 30 days. No appointment is necessary. Cost is \$3. Must be 65+.

## Monday Ballroom Dance Socials

**December 8, 2:05-3:35 pm**

**December 22, 1-4 pm**

Volunteers will play dance music, no instruction provided. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

## Evening Classes

With the start of the New Year, the Cupertino Senior Center will be open two evenings a week, offering classes geared for adults 50+.

**Tuesday evenings:** Yoga, Line Dance, and two Tai Chi classes

**Wednesday evening:** Yoga by Barbara Laux, and Zumba, a fun, easy, energizing Latin-style dance exercise

Please call the senior center at 408.777.3150 to receive a copy of our newsletter that will feature these new programs, or check our web site at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

*Remember to join or change  
Medicare prescription drug plans by  
December 31*



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ADDRESS: 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
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WEB: [www.cupertino.org/senior](http://www.cupertino.org/senior)

## SENIOR TRIPS

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

### TOURS

#### Classical Greece, March 18-28, 2009

This tour features a 4-night Greek Island Cruise, Athens City Tour, Acropolis and Parthenon, Syntagma Square, Ancient Olympic Stadium, Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, Thermopylae, and Ancient Delphi. You will see the most important areas of Greece along with the islands. This will be an amazing trip! \$3599 per person based on double occupancy.

#### Exploration in Alaska, June 28-July 10, 2009

Join us for this amazing 20-day trip where we will explore not only the spectacular coastline, but also the heart of Alaska. Highlights include: 7-night Glacier Bay Discovery Cruise; 2-nights in Dawson City, gateway to Tombstone; 2-nights in Fairbanks for a riverboat discovery and gold Dredge no 8; 2-nights in Denali National Park and Tundra Wilderness; 1-night in Tok and Vancouver. \$5378 per person based on double occupancy.

### DAY TRIPS

**Mission San Juan Bautista with Gary , \$59**  
December 15

**Beach Blanket Babylon, \$85**  
December 17

**Chinese New Year Spectacular, \$69**  
January 13

**Hidden Treasures of Afghanistan and the National Museum – Kabul at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, \$74**  
January 22

**Santa Cruz and Capitola-by-the-Sea with Gary, \$95**  
January 26

**Day of Decadence, \$74**  
February 3

**Valentine Mystery Trip, \$95**  
February 13

**The Music Man, \$71**  
March 7

# community calendar

DEC	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
<b>1 MON</b>	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392	scgov.org/portal/site/va
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252.2434	tops.org
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	650.327.1649	oa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	foodaddicts.org
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Toastmasters	6-7:30 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Church 1715 Grant Rd.	226.8073	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
<b>2 TUES</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 pm	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650.903.0321	aasanjose.org
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379.1051	al-anon.org
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	252.3830	classic.kiwanis.org
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	243.8462	kofc.org/un/
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	252.2667	
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3-5 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
<b>3 WED</b>	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869	al-anon.org/
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	253.4424	optimist.org
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	255.3212	optimist.org
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Valco Parkway	285.4977	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.com
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3, 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.		www.macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeC.asp?cid=3794
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_Officers.html
	Cupertino Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monroe Middle School	262.0471	netview.com/csb/
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943	krazydazys.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Harvest Restaurant	209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org
<b>4 THUR</b>	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	deanzalions.org/
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111	BNI.com
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394	oa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
<b>5 FRI</b>	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456	classic.kiwanis.org

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<b>6</b> <b>SAT</b>	De Anza Flea Market	8-4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2-4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858	osfamilies.org/
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
<b>8</b> <b>MON</b>	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	www.cupertinoioof70.org
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Janki Chokshi	falc.org
<b>9</b> <b>TUES</b>	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293	sertoma.org/NETCOMMUNITY
<b>11</b> <b>THUR</b>	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568	quota.org
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529	newcomersclub.com
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	6:30 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center	777.8367	clubs.ca4h.org/santaclara/rollinghills
<b>12</b> <b>FRI</b>	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397	malihini.org
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 pm	West Vally Pres. Church	253.1232	coinshows.com/sanjose_ccc.html
<b>13</b> <b>SAT</b>	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
<b>14</b> <b>SUN</b>	Attention Deficit Academics (ADA)*	3 pm	Lamb-O Academy	334.0338	adaclub@lamboacademy.org
<b>15</b> <b>MON</b>	CERT-Community Emergency Response Team /MRT-Medical Reserve Corps	7 pm		777.3335	cupertino.org
<b>16</b> <b>TUES</b>	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
<b>18</b> <b>THUR</b>	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424	cupertinotoyokawa.org
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312	westvalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917	egausa.org
<b>23</b> <b>TUES</b>	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
	DeAnza Youth Soccer League Mtg	7:30 pm	Creekside Park		
<b>24</b> <b>WED</b>	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility		
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	

## City Hall will be closed December 24-January 4 for the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting 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.

# community chat room

## Welcome New Businesses

- American Greetings #149
- Cupertino Tofu House
- H.S. USA Inc.
- Hollywood Hair
- Lalla Holding Corp.
- Majlessi Construction
- Ngochoa T. Nguyen
- Patricia Angelina
- Pebbles Deli Cafe
- Sushi Ya Restaurant
- US Expertise

## Stevens Creek Corridor Project

Stevens Creek Corridor, phase 1 construction is underway. Phase 1A work includes the creek restoration and a new bridge. The creek channel work has been successfully completed and installation of the fall plantings is underway. The project team will be releasing an update with photographs shortly. If you are interested in receiving notifications of updates and being added to the email mailing list, email [webmaster@cupertino.org](mailto:webmaster@cupertino.org) or visit [www.cupertino.org/notify](http://www.cupertino.org/notify).

**Scene is not published in January. Look for it in February.**

## Have Something to Contribute?

To submit information to "Cupertino Scene," email: [scene@cupertino.org](mailto:scene@cupertino.org)

## City Meetings

Dec. 2	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (Mtg. Room 100)	6:30 pm
Dec. 2	City Council meeting (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Dec. 3	Library Commission (Mtg. Room 100)	Cancelled
Dec. 3	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 4	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Dec. 4	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Dec. 4	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7 pm
Dec. 4	C.A.R.E.S. (Mtg. Room. 100)	7:30 pm
Dec. 9	Audit Committee meeting (Conf. Rm. A)	4 pm
Dec. 9	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Dec. 10	Teen Commission (OCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm
Dec. 11	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Dec. 11	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 15	CERT/MRC (Mtg. Room 100)	7 pm
Dec. 16	City Council meeting (CommunityHall)***	6:45 pm
Dec. 16	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 17	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Dec. 18	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Dec. 18	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Dec. 18	Toyokawa Sister City Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Dec. 23	Planning Commission (Community Hall) ***	Cancelled
Dec. 24	Teen Commission	Cancelled

\*\*\*These meetings will be seen live via webcast at [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), or on The City Channel, Cable 26.

For all city meetings agendas and minutes go to [www.cupertino.org/agenda](http://www.cupertino.org/agenda)

# council actions

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

**Council members Present:** Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

**Council Members Absent:** None

Appointed Daniel Nguyen to a partial term ending in 2010 on the Public Safety Commission.

A global settlement in the sum of \$30K was agreed to in the case of George Louie v. City of Cupertino.

Webelo Scouts Pack 33 led the Pledge of Allegiance and was recognized.

Approved minutes from the September 16, 17, 30 and October 7 City Council meetings.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 08-135 and 08-136 accepting accounts payable.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-137 accepting payroll.

Alcoholic Beverage License applications accepted for Vanity Faire, 10478 Bonny Drive and Baja Fresh, 20735 Stevens Creek Blvd., H.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-138 accepting dedication of real property for roadway purposes, Cupertino Homes LLC, Jollyman Lane and Orline Court, APN's 359-22-060 and 359-22-061.

Accepted municipal improvements, Cupertino Greenleaf LLC, Greenleaf Court, APN 326-33-017.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-139 amending the City of Cupertino's contract with CalPERS to continue allowing pre-tax payroll deductions for service credit purchases.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-140 to apply the reduced photovoltaic systems solar fee for the two specific quasi-public applications that have already been approved.

The Heart of the City specific plan is to be brought back on Dec. 2 with citywide noticing.

A Municipal Code Amendment to the Single Family R1 Ordinance regarding the allowed ratio of the second floor building area compared to the first floor building area will be brought back to Council.

Received an update on the investment policy.

The request to increase office/commercial/hotel allocation was addressed as part of the Housing Element process and will be brought back to the City Council on Dec. 2.

Mid-year budget adjustment No. 1 continued to November 3.

Report on the Cupertino Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan continued to November 3.

Consideration of the City Manager and City Attorney ordinances continued to November 3.

The lease on the City Attorney's office was renewed for one year in the existing office space.

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2008

**Council members Present:** Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

**Council Members Absent:** None

No action taken in Closed Session discussion of license application for Jimmy Ching C. Lin.

Approved minutes from the October 21 City Council meeting.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 08-141 and 08-142 accepting Accounts payable.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-143 accepting payroll.

Accepted the Treasurer's Budget Report for September 2008.

Adopted a resolution expressing the Intent to Vacate a Public Utilities Easement, Arthur Wang and Zuhong Qu, 21988 McClellan Road, APN 356-08-054, Resolution No. 08-144.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-145 approving an improvement agreement, Villa Serra Apartments, 20800 and 20900 Homestead Road, APN(s) 326-09-056, 326-09-029, 326-09-047 and 326-09-048.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-146 authorizing the execution of a maintenance agreement, Villa Serra Apartments, 20800 and 20900 Homestead Road, APN(s) 326-09-056, 326-09-029, 326-09-047 and 326-09-048.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-147 accepting a grant of easement for roadway purposes, Villa Serra Apartments, 20800 and 20900 Homestead Road, APN(s) 326-09-056, 326-09-029, 326-09-047 and 326-09-048.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-148 accepting a grant of easement for sidewalk purposes, Villa Serra Apartments, 20800 and 20900 Homestead Road, APN(s) 326-09-056, 326-09-029, 326-09-047 and 326-09-048.

Received a report on the Cupertino Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. (Continued from October 21).

Adopted mid-year budget adjustment No. 1 with the exception of the \$6,000 pay increase for the Director of Community Development. (Continued from October 21).

First reading of ordinance 08-2032 and amendment to section 2.28.040 D relating to the City Manager. First reading of ordinance 08-2033 and amendment to section 2.18.040 relating to the City Attorney changes to be brought back to Council on November 3.

December 16 City Council meeting scheduled as planned. January 6 City Council meeting rescheduled to Monday, January 13.

Reconsideration Hearing granted in regard to a one-year extension of a tentative parcel map (TM-2005-03) which expired July 26, 2008. (John Dozier, Application Nos. DIR-2008-19, 21925 Lindy Lane, APN 356-25-014). The petitioner is Council



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Finance	408.777.3220	finance@cupertino.org
Parks & Recreation	408.777.3120	parks@cupertino.org
Planning/Community Development	408.777.3308	planning@cupertino.org
Public Information	408.777.3262	pio@cupertino.org
Public Works	408.777.3354	—
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	www.sccsheriff.org

## » Public Hearing: Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance

**January 20, 6:45 pm**  
**Cupertino Community Hall (next to library)**  
**10350 Torre Avenue**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on amendments to the Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance. The City invites residents, business owners and interested parties to attend this public hearing to provide input and feedback.

The Planning Commission recommendations can be found on the City's website at [www.cupertino.org/wireless](http://www.cupertino.org/wireless). The purpose of the amendments is to expand and improve wireless communications coverage (cellular, internet, etc.) in Cupertino.



For questions or additional information, contact Colin Jung at 408.777.3257. Comments and suggestions on these ordinance amendments may be provided to:

Planning Department  
Attention: Colin Jung  
City of Cupertino  
10300 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA 95014  
or by email at [colinj@cupertino.org](mailto:colinj@cupertino.org) prior to 5:30 pm on January 20.