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THE CITY OF CUPERTINO SPORTS CENTER

Invites you
to an Open House!



JANUARY 9, 2016, 8:30 - 11:30 am
FREE CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Pilates • Yoga • Zumba • Tennis Games •
Body Fat Testing • Face Painting for the kids
and more!

**Join us at 11 am for a chance to
win a FREE membership!**

Must be present to win!

Free Gifts for the 1st 300 people!

Check out the Best All Inclusive Special
of the Year

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New Member Single \$360

.....
New Member Family \$860

.....
Single Renewal \$335

.....
Family Renewal \$835

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Would You Like To Serve on a City Commission?

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for positions on City commissions that will have vacancies in January of 2016. Council will conduct interviews beginning at 5 pm on Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26, 2016 for these commission and committees: Audit Committee; Fine Arts Commission; Housing Commission; Parks and Recreation Commission; Public Safety Commission; Sustainability Commission; and Technology Information and Communication Commission.

**The application deadline is 4:30 pm on Friday,
January 15, 2016.** Commissioners are inter-
viewed and appointed by the City Council, and

may serve a total of two consecutive four-year terms. Applications can be downloaded from the City of Cupertino website at cupertino.org/vacancies. For more details please visit the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223.



– Community Choice Energy Meeting,
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Interested in greening your power supply and saving money on your utility bill?

Join the Silicon Valley Community Choice Energy Partnership's Community Meeting to learn about this initiative and its recent technical study findings. The meeting will be held on November 30, 6 - 8 pm in the Bay Room of the Cupertino Senior Center.

The City of Cupertino, through its partnership in the Silicon Valley Community Choice Energy (SVCCE) Partnership, is studying opportunities to buy cleaner, greener electricity at competitive rates. Santa Clara County communities will soon vote on this initiative, which will pool the electricity demand of residents and businesses and buy cleaner power at competitive prices, helping to green our grid and achieve agencies' Climate

Action Plan goals. For more information on SVCCE please visit www.svcleanenergy.org.

SHARE YOUR INPUT: Please consider joining the Silicon Valley Community Choice Energy Partnership's second community informational meeting on Monday November 30, 6 pm, at Cupertino Senior Center, Bay Room, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014. This is your opportunity to learn about the partnership, findings from its third-party technical study, and share your ideas on the development of this program with city staff. Light refreshments will be provided.

Unable to attend? Please visit svcleanenergy.org/events/upcoming for additional event dates and locations throughout Santa Clara County. Please also visit cupertino.org/svcleanenergy to learn Cupertino City Council's upcoming dates for decision making to advance SVCCE in our community.



Fun for all ages

Santa

Tree Lighting

Friday, December 4, 2015

6 PM

FREE

Quinlan Community Center

Kick off the holiday season with this annual Cupertino tradition. Dress warmly, as part of the event is outdoors. Event will be held rain or shine.

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

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Happy Holidays to all...and to all a good BREAKFAST!

You and your family are invited to a breakfast celebration with Santa!

The elves will be cooking up some delicious North Pole pancakes and Santa will be posing for pictures. The elves have also set-up a workshop with holiday crafts and fun for the children!



Quinlan Community Center

* **61967 - 8:30 am** * **61968 - 9 am**
* **61969 - 9:30 am** * **61970 - 10 am**

Register BEFORE 5pm on Thursday, Oct. 29
\$12 Cupertino Resident Discount; \$15 Fee
Register AFTER 5pm on Thursday, Oct. 29
\$15 Cupertino Resident Discount; \$18 Fee
Register at the door
\$18 Cupertino Resident Discount; \$21 Fee



CITY OF CUPERTINO BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORKSHOP

The City of Cupertino is hosting a workshop to solicit public input for an update to the Cupertino Bicycle Transportation Plan. What is your vision for bicycling in Cupertino? What are your concerns for bicycle access or safety? Come learn about the plan process, how you can get involved, and share your thoughts on bicycling in Cupertino.



Date: Tuesday December 1, 2015

Time: 6 - 8 pm

**Location: Cupertino City Hall,
10300 Torre Avenue**

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to provide feedback, you may email David Stillman, Senior Civil Engineer, at DavidS@cupertino.org.

by Jerry Tallinger – Cupertino CERT member

Have a Safe Holiday Season

According to the national safety agencies, the upcoming holidays are a prime source of accidents, injuries, and fires in and around the home. We want you to consider the safety of you and your family in your preparation for the holidays and while you are enjoying them. Keep your family safe and secure by keeping in mind the following:

Driving: Lots of parties happen this time of year and driving while under the influence of alcohol not only endangers you but everyone else as well. Be smart and do not drive if you have had too many drinks. Better yet, have one person in your party be the designated driver or use a cab service when consuming alcohol.

Decorating: For all your holiday decorations, including artificial Christmas trees and ornaments, look for fire retardant materials and buy only UL rated lights and decorations. Low voltage LED lights are sure to make the top picks for new safe selections this year. Make sure all your old lights and extension cords are not frayed or don't have defective sockets. If they do, replace them. Do not overload outlets with too many plugs. Be safe on ladders around the home when putting up lights on the house or trees.

Fireplace Fires: Make sure you have a spark screen in place when burning wood in a fireplace. Do not burn pine or other sappy woods which cause sparks and embers to pop and coat your chimney with creosote. Be sure to test your smoke detectors and replace batteries if needed. Batteries should be replaced twice a year. Put the used batteries in electronic toys or gifts.

Candle Safety: Candles brighten up the holidays and send scents of holidays through the air. There is nothing that makes a house smell more festive than a pine-scented candle. The holiday season certainly is a time when candle usage increases dramatically and is also a time when the number of house fires due to careless candle usage almost doubles. To keep you and your family safe from a fire due to candle mishaps, here are a few safety tips.

- Always use sturdy candle holders that will not tip or burn.
- Burn candles on uncluttered surfaces and out of the reach of small children.
- Keep burning candles at least one foot away from combustibles such as holiday trees and curtains.
- Do not leave candles unattended. When you go out or go to bed, blow it out!
- Consider battery-operated artificial candles when possible.

Safety Gifts for the Holidays

Don't know what to get for the person with everything? Consider disaster supplies. The top five items for earthquake safety are: a flashlight,

a portable radio, water, long expiration dated food, and a first aid kit. The combo radio, flashlight, and cell phone charger is a great gift! For those people who do not have any supplies yet, there are prefilled emergency kits in a bucket or a backpack available on-line and in home repair stores. And don't forget a fire extinguisher for your home and garage.



Get Safety Trained Upcoming Public Sessions:

FREE! Earthquake Preparedness and Home Safety. The class is one hour and is scheduled on request for Cupertino businesses, churches, or social groups of eight or more. This class can come to you! Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org for more information, or to request a class for your company, group or organization.

FREE! Personal Emergency Preparedness Class (PEP) offered by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. The class covers Earthquake safety, Disaster preparation, Disaster communication tips, First aid techniques that save lives, Home safety, Fire Safety including how to use a fire extinguisher, Emergency supply suggestions - and more! The PEP class is on January 20, 2016, 4 - 7 pm at the Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Banquet Hall, 1 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell and the NEW Senior PEP, is scheduled on January 30, 9 am - 1 pm at the El Monte Fire Station, 12355 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. For registration e-mail, at info@cnt.sccgov.org, (provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and residential or work address) or contact the Santa Clara County Fire Department at 408.378.4010.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class. This is the perfect time to learn to be part of the disaster response solution. This is an intensive training session by the Santa Clara County Fire Department on preparedness and helping others during a disaster. The course is offered four times a year and you will have one-year to make up any missed sessions for graduation. You may attend the final exercise once all six sessions have been completed. We encourage all Cupertino residents to attend this worthwhile training. The next class runs January 12 - 28, 2016, from 6 - 9 pm with the final hands-on and graduation on January 30 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. All classes will be held at the Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Banquet Hall, 1 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell. The registration fee is \$35 which will be reimbursed to Cupertino residents upon successful completion of the course. If you have questions or want to register contact: info@sccfd.org or 1.408.378.4010.

If you do only one thing to prepare this month:

Make a New Year's Resolution to take an Earthquake Preparedness and Home Safety class or a PEP class.

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

It's December and the holidays are coming. Relatives gather - some from out-of-state - some from overseas. Students have two week breaks or longer from school and college. Maybe there will be snow in the mountains this year and some will go skiing. What are some other things that families can do with visiting relatives and children?

In almost every city in the Bay Area there are historic homes that have been preserved and some are highly decorated for Christmas. Most are big Victorian homes, when families were large and had servants and there were many hands doing all the extra work connected with holiday decorating and cooking. Nowadays hundreds of volunteers decorate and help with tours through these homes. It's really a treat to see these Victorian "ladies" all decked out with greenery, big Christmas trees with dozens of ornaments, poinsettias, garlands and maybe cookies and cider for guests.



Ainsley House

Close to Cupertino is the Ainsley House in Campbell, which always looks lovely at Christmas-time for those who go through on tour. Dunsmuir-Hellman House in Oakland is a 16,000 + sq. ft. Victorian treasure that is a wonder to see. Both of these homes may not interest small children, but the next two places welcome children with animals, crafts and sometimes, games.

Ardenwood in Fremont is a very large property featuring farm animals and the Patterson House. There are holiday events listed on-line.

Wilder Ranch in Santa Cruz is part of the state park system. Wilder also has a big Victorian farmhouse and lots of animals in the nearby barns and corrals. Gentlemen will find the machine shops on the property especially fascinating. Wilder Ranch was like a small town and the men made many of



Patterson House

the tools and things needed to run this extensive acreage. The power to run the machinery comes from a nearby spring and creek that has never run dry in over a hundred years. Demonstrations and tours are a delight for everyone.

All these properties are listed on-line regarding open hours, tours and events for the month of December and also the rest of the year. For those who love the beautiful, traditional music and carols of Christmas, many local churches have special programs in December, on Christmas Eve and throughout the month, large choral groups



Dunsmuir-Hellman House

often do Handel's Messiah "sing-alongs" which are very well attended. Don't forget to stand at the Hallelujah Chorus! (a tradition dating from King George II). You can gather family and friends together and read Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol", a holiday favorite. And what child doesn't like to help bake and decorate cookies! Then a fun thing to do is take a little bag of cookies to an elderly shut-in or someone else who can't get out much.



Wilder Ranch

So when the stores are too crowded and the traffic is in gridlock in the parking lots and moths are starting to fly out your wallet (where did all that money go, anyway.....?) take a break and enjoy some less commercial activities and make some memories for yourself, family and friends... and as Tiny Tim exclaims to Ebenezer Scrooge, "God bless us, every one!"

LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Tuesday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Wednesday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Thursday.....	10 am – 9 pm
Friday.....	10 am – 6 pm
Saturday.....	10 am – 6 pm
Sunday.....	12 pm – 6 pm

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

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Cupertino Library presents a wide variety of programs for children of all ages. For more details on any of these programs, including our storytimes, please call the Children's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, x3320, or stop by the Children's Desk in the Library.

STEAM LEADS: Zombie Apocalypse

Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation

A zombie epidemic is approaching and we need you to help us save the earth from a global zombie takeover. With your smarts and skills, we can figure out what these creatures are, what they look like, and how they behave. You can help us outwit them, find the cure for the spreading zombie virus, or at the very least find a way to survive and keep the memory of humanity alive. Use your brains before the zombies eat them. Join us for our STEAM Leads programs and presentations and answer our online prompts to develop the skills and knowledge to survive this zombie apocalypse! Students currently in 6th – 8th grade, please visit the Children's Desk in Cupertino Library to register.

Children's Winter Book Clubs

Children who are currently in 1st – 8th grade are invited to sign up in person at the Children's Desk in Cupertino Library starting Tuesday, December 1 for one of our Winter Book Clubs.

Cupertino Cinema Club

Thursdays, December 10, 24, 31

Cupertino Library Story Room

School-aged children are invited. Patrons may call 408.446.1677 x3321 for the movie time and titles.

Cupertino Library LEGO Club

Thursday, December 17, 4 – 5 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

Children who are currently in 1st through 8th grade are invited to build with LEGO bricks in the Story Room. The Library will provide LEGO bricks; please leave your own LEGO bricks at home, and all LEGO creations will stay at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Reading Buddies

Come read to a therapy animal! Children who are currently in kindergarten to 5th grade may register in person at the Children's Desk starting December 21 for one of our January programs.

Children's Winter Craft

Wednesday, December 30, 3 pm

Cupertino Library Children's Room

School age children are invited to join us for a wintery craft!

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

Teen Study Days

Saturdays, December 5, 12, 12 – 5:30 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

Sunday, December 6, 12 - 5:30 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

Join us to study, work on projects, and get ready for the end of the school semester. Open work spaces and seating will be available. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.



Ugly Holiday Sweater Decorating!

Saturday, December 19, 3 – 5 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room

Calling all teens ages 12 - 18! Get in the holiday spirit and join us as we make our very own ugly holiday sweater or shirt. Please bring a sweater or shirt to decorate. All craft supplies will be provided.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Citizenship Class

Wednesday, December 2, 7 – 8:30 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room

Learn how to become a United States Citizen. Study for the naturalization test, including civics and government questions, reading and writing English, and practicing your interview skills.

How to Publish Ebooks Like a Pro

Wednesday, December 9, 7 – 8:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall

Fancy yourself a writer? Mark Coker of Smash-



StarTrek Q and A, Book Signing & Video Showing

Sunday, December 13, 1 – 3:30 pm
Bluelight Cinemas

Guest Speakers Sean Kenney: Captain Pike and author of *Captain Pike Found Alive*, Gary Lockwood: Star of *2001: A Space Odyssey* and the Original Series and Mark Cushman: *These Are the Voyages* author and TV historian.

Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

Sew Paper Ornaments and More!

Saturday, December 19, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room

Did you know sewing machines can sew through paper? They can! Come check out this holiday craft program for adults (Children may attend as long as they are accompanied by a participating adult.)

ESL Conversation Club

Fridays, 1 pm
Community Hall

Please join us for this fun sharing experience. Drop-in to improve your English listening & speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults aged 18 and over who speak basic English. Native speakers of English who want to volunteer at the meeting, please email wjaw@sccl.org.

Chinese Book Club

Thursday, January 14, 10 am
Community Hall

The Chinese Book Club is conducted in Mandarin and meets every other month.

Adult Book Club

Third Thursdays, 7 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room
Adults of all ages are welcome.



words will give a presentation on how to publish your book digitally.

Programs Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation

San Francisco Shakespeare presents Hamlet

Saturday, December 12, 2 pm
Cupertino Community Hall

The last in Cupertino Library's Fall Performance Series, *Hamlet* is a ghostly tale of a royal family's downfall brought about by revenge and greed. Enjoy the show!

StarTrek Cocktail Event Meet-and-Greet

Saturday, December 12, 5:30 – 7 pm
at the Cupertino Hotel

Guest Speakers Sean Kenney: Captain Pike and author of *Captain Pike Found Alive*, Gary Lockwood: Star of *2001: A Space Odyssey* and the Original Series and Mark Cushman: *These Are the Voyages* author and TV historian.

Celebrate the Season

During this season of celebrations, we will gather to share festive meals and enjoy the warm company of our Senior Center friends. Join us on December 10 at 2 pm for a tour and talk about the Senior Center and the advantage of becoming a member of the Adult 50+ community in 2016.

Adult 50+ Membership 2016 Memberships NOW AVAILABLE

Membership includes access to Adult 50+ programs, trips, services, classes, socials, and mailing of the bimonthly newsletter. Join now and the membership is good through January 2017, over 12 months of fun!

It's easy to become an Adult 50+ member:

- Be at least 50 years or better
- Complete a "New Member Application" form (available at the Senior Center or online)
- Pay the membership price of \$27. Cupertino residents pay \$22

Stay Active Fund

The Stay Active Fund is about helping adults 50+ remain active, engaged, and participating at the Cupertino Senior Center. This fund provides assistance to offset the cost for Senior Center membership and registration for classes and events. The program is available each year from November 4 to June 30, or until the funds are depleted. Please contact the Senior Center for more details.

EVENTS

Holidays in Hawaii

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

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

Bingo Holiday Lunch

Friday, December 4, 12 pm

Start the holiday season early with a honey glazed ham with all the trimmings and dessert will satisfy your holiday cravings. Bingo cards are sold separately, \$4 - \$7. Lunch for members is \$10, senior guest add \$5 day pass. Vegetarian option available when registering. Sign up early, space is limited.

Holiday Sing-Along

Tuesday, December 8, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Come and sing holiday songs accompanied by guitar and ukulele. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Please sign up at the lobby table.

Let's Talk Current Events

**Wednesday, December 9, January 20,
1:30 - 3 pm**

Join this lively monthly discussion group to discuss important and interesting topics and learn about others' points of view. Discover how goings-on

around the world will affect you with Nancy McGinnis, legal specialist and current lecturer at San Francisco State University, facilitating the conversation. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

Fall Prevention

Monday, December 14, 10 - 11 am

Vanessa Merlano, MS, RD, is the Chair of the Santa Clara County Falls Prevention Task Force and will be discussing the 4 components of falls prevention: vision, home safety, medication management and exercise. All participants will receive a resources list, exercise guide and other useful fall prevention materials. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

PG&E Education Workshop

Tuesday, December 15, 1 - 2 pm

Hosted by Self-Help for the Elderly. This workshop will provide education on Rate Reform, how your bill works, CARE program, Medical Baseline applications, Sign-ups for Energy Statements, ESA referral, Balanced Payment, EE tips and Integrated Brochures. Open to public. Sign up at the lobby table.

Karaoke New Year's Party

Thursday, January 14, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Come be a part of the Karaoke group to welcome the New Year with a Chinese Lunch, sing songs, and dance! Members fee \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass.

CLASSES AND LECTURES - Great Values

ESL Classes

Basic and Easy:

**Monday, December 7 - February 22,
10 am - 12 pm**

Advanced Beginning

**Wednesday, December 9 - February 10,
10 am - 12 pm**

Learn how to start using English to speak about yourself, your family, and your community. These classes will study the alphabet, phonics, and grammar to help develop English vocabulary to use in your day-to-day life. Member fee \$25. Call 408.777.3150 to register.

Japanese Language

Thursday, December 3 - February 4

Beginning 1 - 8:30 - 9:30 am

Beginning 2 - 9:45 - 10:45 am

Japanese Beginning 1 - Designed for people who have had little or no exposure to the language before. These classes will start from the very beginning and include the basics such as numbers, greetings and simple sentence structures. The Hiragana and Katakana writing systems will be introduced. Member fee \$35.

Japanese Beginning 2 - Designed for people

who have taken level 1 or who already have a firm knowledge of the basics. Students will increase their vocabulary and grammar, and develop longer conversational skills. Member fee \$35. Call 408.777.3150 to register.

Cooking with Suzanne

Greek Baked Cheese Appetizers

Wednesday, December 9, 10 am – 1 pm

Sommelier, Cookbook Author and International Chef Suzanne organizes yearly trips to the island of Crete and has a suitcase full of Greek recipes to share. In this class, she will showcase how Greeks enjoy their meze, or warm appetizers. Hearty and Mouthwatering Oven Baked Feta with Farm Fresh Cherry Tomatoes and Greek Herbs such as Oregano, flat leaf Parsley and more, Shrimp & Feta in Tomato Sauce baked in Claypot dishes and the popular tableside Saganaki (Pan Fried Flaming Greek Cheese) where chef Suzanne will let you master the technique of Saganaki Flambé, a showy presentation that restaurants tantalize you with! After this class, you can impress your guests by being a "Greek" chef for the day. Opa! Appetizers will be enjoyed with Suzanne's oven fresh breads. Member fee \$55. Call 408.777.3150 to register.

TechTime with Paul

Fridays, November 6 - December 18, 1:30 - 4 pm

Members can drop-in to use a Mac or PC to browse the web, practice skills, or ask simple questions in the Senior Center's Technology Lab on a first-come, first-served basis. Free for members. Senior center membership required.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Volunteer Nurse – Blood Pressure Checks

Monday, December 7, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesday, December 1, 15, 12:15 - 1:15 pm

Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)

Monday, December 14, 1 – 3 pm

Monday, January 11, 25, 1 – 3 pm

Consultation on Medicare and health insurance. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

Housing

Monday, December 7, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Information on resources for senior housing options. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)

Friday, December 4, 11, 18; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

January 8, 15, 22; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Free assistance to elders for basic legal matters in public benefits, long-term care, elder abuse, housing, consumer issues, incapacity planning, probate alternative, and simple wills. Must be 60 or older and live in Santa Clara County. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

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ADULT 50 PLUS TRIPS

Itineraries subject to change.

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

Festival of Lights at the Santa Clara Mission,
Friday, December 4, \$98

Yuletide Lights of Livermore
Tuesday, December 15, \$114

A Gift of Sacred Art and University Library Tour
Friday, January 15, \$69

Behind the Scenes: Pure Water and Recycling
Thursday, January 21, \$68

Mardi Gras Travel Party,
Tuesday, February 2, **Free for Members**

Super Bowl 50 Fan Experience
Wednesday, February 3, \$92

Kurt Elling at Bing Concert Hall
Saturday, February 27, \$104

Sunday Afternoon at the Villa
Sunday, March 6, \$84

Culinary and Historic Exploration of Napa
Thursday, March 10, \$123

Fashion and Flowers
Wednesday, April 6, \$88

TOURS

Tropical Costa Rica

February 6 - 14, 2016, \$3,015 dbl

From lush forests and stunning waterfalls to fine sandy beaches, Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals. Learn about Costa Rica's unique vegetation and indigenous wildlife by guided nature walks and river boat cruises. Beautiful resorts along the way - an all-inclusive beach resort in Guanacaste and hot springs at Arenal Springs Resort.

International Mystery Trip

Guided by Julia and Kim

May 11 - 23, 2016, \$4,630 dbl

Do you love fascinating culture, amazing history, castles, beautiful countryside, delicious food, and a little adventure? Then this small-group tour to an iconic destination with 4-star accommodations is planned just for you! Mystery tours are always fun! This tour features a destination that you have never experienced with us and you're sure to be pleasantly surprised! Let the guessing begin as the destination will only be revealed just prior to our arrival at the airport.

Crystal Cruise on the Panama Canal

October 30 - November 16, 2016, \$6,930

The Panama Canal connects two great oceans and is considered one of the world's most sophisticated engineering marvels. For many travelers, transiting the Panama Canal is a milestone in their cruising careers. In addition to the Canal transit, you will experience everything from eco-excursions in tropical destinations like Caldera, Costa Rica and Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala to desert-sea adventures in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, located on the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula. Flights, gratuities, transfers and on-board amenities included.

Energized by Art Project Brings Eco-Art to Cupertino!

Notice a new splash of color on your morning commute along De Anza Boulevard? As part of Cupertino's 2015 Earth Day Festival, the City collaborated with local art school Hongyun Art and the Fine Arts Commission to transform once gray utility boxes into student eco-art canvasses for our whole community to enjoy.

The recently completed pilot, modeled after efforts in adjacent jurisdictions, sought to showcase our City youth's creative talents and to promote a culture of conservation in Cupertino. Cupertino residents from ages four to eighteen were invited to submit entries that answered the question:

What can all Cupertinoians do to conserve valuable resources like energy and water, reduce waste or prevent pollution? Student artists will be recognized at an upcoming Council meeting for their talents and artistic contribution to our great green City. Email sustainability@cupertino.org for more information.



Winter Woodburning Tips

Fireplaces and woodstoves are a major source of air pollution during the winter months. Wood fires contribute up to a third of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still nights, causing a special health concern for children, seniors and people with respiratory problems. Take care not to burn wood during Spare the Air Alerts, the days when air quality is particularly bad. It is illegal to burn wood, firelogs or pellets in your fireplace, woodstove, or outdoor firepit on Spare the Air Days. Sign up for automatic alerts by visiting www.sparetheair.org.

"Green" Your Holiday Season!

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the volume of household waste in the United States generally increases 25%-- about one million extra tons! Reduce your eco-impact this holiday season by making reusing, reducing and recycling part of your holiday tradition. Here are a few tips:

Reuse and Reduce: Save money and resources by reusing or repurposing items in a creative way. Transform used items into new decorations or gifts. If buying items, check out your local thrift store before buying new. When hosting holiday celebrations, serve food and refreshments in reusable dish-ware.

Christmas Trees: Christmas trees will be collected from homes on regular collection days during the month of January. Cut trees into 5-foot lengths, remove all decorations and stands, and place trees in your brown yard waste cart or at the curb. Apartment and condominium complexes should collect trees in a central location; managers should call Re-

cology when the complex is ready for tree pick-up: 408.725.4020. Flocked trees are also accepted for composting.

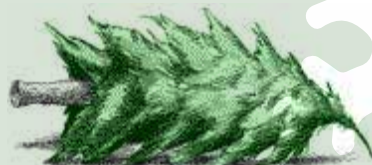
Cardboard: Cardboard boxes can be placed in the blue recycling cart or flattened, tied together and placed alongside the cart. Boxes must be flattened and cut into 3 foot by 3 foot pieces.

Styrofoam: Blocks of Styrofoam, Styrofoam peanuts, and any other expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam materials are not accepted in the City's recycling program. UPS stores will accept Styrofoam "peanuts" for recycling. The closest stores are 20660 Stevens Creek Blvd, 408.213.219, and 1072 S. De Anza Blvd, 408.253.6561.

Wrapping paper: Gift wrapping paper is recyclable – include it in your curbside recycling container. However, plastic-coated and foil wrapping paper, ribbons and bows cannot be recycled.

Extra Holiday Garbage?

If you do generate extra trash this season, you can use your On-Call Disposal Days: Cupertino residents have two free On-Call Disposal Days for large amounts of trash. Schedule a Disposal Day by calling Recology: 408.725.4020. Email environmental@cupertino.org for details.



Safe Routes to School - Cupertino's Guide to Getting Around

As part of the City's new Safe Routes to School Initiative, there have been some recent infrastructure changes to our streets, specifically near schools, to improve safety conditions for our student travelers. We understand new infrastructure changes bring new usage questions, and with this article we hope to clarify any confusion and ensure everyone is properly taking advantage of these City street improvements.

RECENT CHANGES INCLUDE:



1. GREEN BIKE LANES

Select Existing Locations:

1. McClellan Road in front of Lincoln Elementary School and Monta Vista High School
2. Stevens Creek Blvd between Mary Avenue and Foothill Blvd
3. Homestead Road in front of Homestead High School

Purpose: These lanes are designated spaces for people on bicycles to ride separated from sidewalks and cars.

What to Do: Ride in green bike lane like you would any other bike lane. Proceed into and out of the lane with caution, and always signal when switching out of the bike lane. Dashes in the green bike lane indicate the allowance of right-turning cars to merge into the bike lane.



2. SHARROWS

Select Existing Locations:

1. Rainbow Drive between Stelling Road and Bubb Road
2. Tantau Avenue between Stevens Creek Blvd and Bollinger Road

Purpose: To indicate a lane that is shared between cyclists and vehicles. This marking is installed in the travel lane to show where people are expected to cycle and bring a mutual awareness between bicyclists and drivers.

What to Do: Use the sharrow to guide where you ride within the lane. Follow the rules of the road as if there were no sharrows.



3. BUFFER ZONES

Select Existing Locations:

1. Stevens Creek Blvd between De Anza Blvd and Highway 85
2. Bubb Road near Kennedy Middle School

Purpose: A painted 2-foot zone between the bike lane and moving vehicle lane provides additional separation between cars and bicycles. The bike buffer zone enhances safety for cyclists on the road.

What to Do: For cyclists, this buffer zone should increase the feeling of comfort when riding next to cars.



4. "NO TRUCK" SIGNS

Select Existing Locations:

1. McClellan Road between Stelling Road and Byrne Avenue
2. Blaney Avenue near Collins Elementary School
3. Bubb Road near Kennedy Middle School

Purpose: These signs are posted to indicate areas where trucks over three tons are not allowed to drive during school drop-off and pick-up times.

What to Do: When driving a truck over three tons, do not enter an area where these "No Truck" signs are posted during the hours indicated.

To learn more about safe Bicycling in Cupertino,
please visit cupertino.org/publicworks

To learn more about Cupertino's Safe Routes to School program,
please visit cupertino.org/saferoutes

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DEC	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
1	School Emergency Preparedness	9:30 am	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	408.777.3176	
2	Excalibur Toastmasters	6:45 - 8 pm	Saint Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church Preschool, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd.	408.829.2055	http://excalibur.toastmastersclubs.org/
3	C.A.R.E.S	7:30 - 9 pm	City Hall EOC	408.345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
5	De Anza Flea Market	8 - 4 pm	De Anza College	408.864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
	Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 am - 12:30 pm	10675 S. De Anza Blvd. # 4	408.996.1236	Albert Rich [cchesschampions@yahoo.com]
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 - 4 pm	21685 Granada Ave	408.996.0850	osfamilies.org
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	408.864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
	Toastmasters*	7:30 am	Bethel Lutheran Church 10181 Finch Ave, Fireside Room	408.209.7251	http://tinyurl.com/cupmntm
7	Cupertino Toastmasters*	6:30 pm	Saint Joseph of Cupertino School-Science Room, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd.	650.492.0859 Ask for Dorothy Liu	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	408.857.6123	oa.org
	American Legion Post 642	7 pm	10201 Imperial Ave #3	408.374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va
10	Cupertino Quota*	12 - 1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.348.9559	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com
11	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 am - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	408.973.1832	deanzacupertinokiwanis.org
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:30 pm	St. Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church, Community Center Building, 10110 N. DeAnza Blvd.		CupertinoCoinClub.com
14	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	408.863.9991 Ask Janki Chokshi	falc.org
	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	408.252.3954	oddfellowscupertino70.org
16	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 940 S. Stelling Rd.	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Sanitary District*	8 pm	20863 Stevens Creek #100	408.253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	408.863.0835	optimist.org
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	408.255.3212	optimist.org
	Tandem Toastmasters*	12 - 1 pm	Trend Micro 10101 N. De Anza Blvd	408.447.0797	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.com
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer, 1 Infinite Loop		macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	888.613.5559	cupertinorotary.org
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	408.252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_Officers.html
	Cupertino Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Peterson Middle School (S'vale)	408.262.0471	netview.com/csb/
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	408.747.0943	krazydazys.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 am - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	BBLC Hall, 99 North Bascom Avenue, San Jose	408.209.7251	cupertinhostlionclub.org
17	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Country Inn	408.255.3093	deanzalions.org/
	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA, 20803 Alves Drive	408.351.2444	northwest@ymcasv.org
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	408.996.9111	BNI.com
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	408.873.1190	egausa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	408.354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 am - 1 pm	Call for location	408.861.0417	lasmadres.org
	American Association of University Women	6:30 - 8 pm	Moorpark Hotel 2nd Floor, 4241 Moorpark Ave, San Jose	408.996.7492	Susanps@sonic.net
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	408.759.2617	oa.org
	Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities	7:30 - 9:30 pm	City Hall Conference Room A	408.867.2162	jeang8@hotmail.com

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21	CERT/MRC	7 - 9 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100		
22	Al-ANON Family Group*	5 pm	Bethel Lutheran Church, 10181 Finch Ave., Fireside Room	408.379.9375	ncwsa.org/scvafg
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	408.252.3830	cupertinkiwani.homestead.com
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	408.296.8146	kofc.org/un
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant		
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 am	Senior Center	408.252.2667	
24	Cupertino Quota*	12 - 1 pm	The Blue Pheasant	408.348.9559	cupertino.quota@yahoo.com
25	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Vallco Shopping Center	408.267.3397	malihini.org
26	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10 am - 1:30 pm	Creekside Park Hall	408.368.0357	www.hssus.org
28	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	408.252.3954	oddfellowscupertino70.org

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to City Clerk, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3223, cityclerk@cupertino.org. Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number or email for details.

CITY MEETINGS

DEC 1	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
DEC 2	Library Commission (Conference Rm. C)	7 pm
DEC 2	Technology, Info & Communication Commission (Conference Rm. A)	7 pm
DEC 3	Environmental Review Committee (Conference Rm. C)	9:30 am
DEC 3	Design Review Committee (Conference Rm. C)	5 pm
DEC 3	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)	7 pm
DEC 8	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
DEC 10	Housing Commission (Conference Rm. C)	9 am
DEC 10	Public Safety Commission (Conference Rm. A)	6 pm
DEC 15	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
DEC 16	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conference Rm. A)	7 pm
DEC 17	Environmental Review Committee (Conference Rm. C)	9:30 am
DEC 17	Design Review Committee (Conference Rm. C)	5 pm
DEC 22	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
DEC 24	Administrative Hearing Meeting (Conference Rm. C)	5 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and Commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave.

City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

*** These meetings can be seen live via webcast at cupertino.org/webcast, or on The City Channel, Cable 26.

For all City meeting agendas and minutes go to cupertino.org/agenda.

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Council Members Present: Sinks, Chang (6:55), Paul and Wong

Council Members Absent: Vaidhyathan

Claire Kuan was not present to receive the award in person. Council received a brief explanation about the award from Diane Matley, Vice Chair of the Fine Arts Commission (Vaidhyathan absent)

Received the presentations (Vaidhyathan absent)

Received the update (Vaidhyathan absent)

Continued item to a future council meeting

Received the update (Vaidhyathan absent)

Received update (Vaidhyathan absent)

Approved the minutes (Vaidhyathan absent)

Adopted resolution No. 15-094 accepting accounts payable for the period ending September 25, 2015 (Vaidhyathan absent)

Adopted resolution No. 15-095 accepting accounts payable for the period ending October 2, 2015 (Vaidhyathan absent)

Adopted resolution No. 15-095 accepting accounts payable for the period ending October 9, 2015 (Vaidhyathan absent)

Adopted resolution No. 15-097 accepting accounts payable for the period ending October 16, 2015 (Vaidhyathan absent)

Authorize the mayor to sign a letter to the CPUC to preserve its net energy metering program benefits for rooftop solar customers (Vaidhyathan absent)

Adopted resolution No. 15-098 as amended approving the destruction of records from the city clerk, city manager, code enforcement and recreation and community services (Quilan Community Center) department (Vaidhyathan absent)

1. Adopted resolution No. 15-099 amending the unrepresented employees' compensation program and salary schedule
2. Approved an increase to the FY 2015-16 information technology program budget of \$61,875 (610-34-310)
3. Approved an increase to the FY 2015-16 public affairs program budget of \$61,875 (100-30-300)
4. Approve an increase to the FY 2015-16 human resources program budget of \$25,000 (100-44-412) (Vaidhyathan absent)

Authorized the city manager to award and execute a contract with JJR Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,396,245 and approve a construction contingency of \$139,000, for a total of \$1,535,245 (Vaidhyathan absent)

Received the update (Vaidhyathan absent)

City Manager David Brandt noted a meeting with regulatory agencies regarding Lehigh Quarry scheduled at Community Hall on November 4 at 7:00 P.M. Also, Lehigh is serving a large pour in San Francisco and there will be truck traffic going from Foothill to the freeway all night this Sunday and next Council members highlighted the activities of their committees and various community events. (Vaidhyathan absent)

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Poetry Party: A Fun Workshop for the New Year

Let one of your New Year's resolutions be to enjoy more creativity in your life. Cupertino's new Poet Laureate, Amanda Williamsen, will host her first Poetry Party workshop, "Resolute Creativity," in the Library Story Room on January 14, 2016 at 7 pm. In a fun and affirming atmosphere, adults and teens will read and write poems while exploring ways to include creativity in our everyday lives. Experienced poets, new poets, and soon-to-be poets are all welcome.

Amanda will serve as Cupertino's Poet Laureate from 2016 - 2018. She has taught writing and literature in elementary schools, high schools, and universities, and she looks forward to sharing the joys of poetry with our city. She has been described as "approachable," "engaging," and "truly terrible at catching Frisbees." Come and meet our new Poet Laureate at this fun and friendly event.

State of the City 2016

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of Cupertino and the Cupertino Rotary will host its annual State of the City Address on January 27, 2016 from Noon to 1:30 pm, at the Quilan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd., Cupertino. Mayor of Cupertino will make a presentation that will address Cupertino's many accomplishments and advances as well as the challenges the City faces with its programs, projects and finances. The program will also include presentations of Public Safety Officer of the Year Awards by Chamber President Mike Rohde. These annual awards recognize public safety officers for making a difference. The recipients for the awards are selected by the Santa Clara County Fire Department and Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department that serve the Cupertino community. For more information and to make reservations please visit Cupertino-Chamber.org

Cupertino Teen Commission Looking for Teen of the Month

Do you know a teenager who is doing extraordinary work like setting up donations, helping out those in need or helping behind the scene? Cupertino Teen Commission is looking for your input for a teen of the month award. Readers can ask their teachers and high schoolers should check their school loop for a survey.

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Drop-in Consultation with Case Manager

Mondays 5 - 7 pm, Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm

A Case Manager is available to discuss community resources, benefits, and care options during the drop-in hours. A Case Manager is also available by appointment. Cantonese/Mandarin available at Wednesday morning drop-in, or by appointment.

Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, December 10, 3 - 4:30 pm

Provides a safe place for family caregivers to share their experiences and challenges. Join our circle of support.

Notary Service

The Senior Center is now offering Notary Services. The cost is \$5 per signature. Please call 408.777.3157 to make an appointment.

Resident Permit Parking

For residents living on a street with permit parking only

For residents that live on streets with permit parking, your current resident permit parking decals (purple color) will expire December 31, 2015. New permit parking decals and guest hangers will be available November 18, 2015. Residents can register online at: cupertino.org/parkingpermit Register before December 14, 2015 to receive your new permit parking decals and guest hangers before year-end. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Public Works Department at 408.777.3354 to make other arrangements to receive your parking permits for 2016-2017. Please note that this message only applies to residents living on a street with permit parking.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**

From everyone at the
City of Cupertino

Welcome New Businesses

Bongo's

21678 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Philz Coffee Inc.

19439 Stevens Creek Blvd.

A & M Squared Inc

19700 Vallco Pkwy. Ste 160

Henna Central

20200 Lucille Ave, Apt 19

Heavenly Holding Ventures Inc. DBA

10815 N Wolfe Rd. Ste 105

Geetika Ahuja CPA

21580 Stevens Creek Blvd. Ste 112

THE BETTER PART

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

November 30, December 1 & 4

Library Surprises – Things you didn't know about your local library.

December 7, 8 & 11

Tech Gifts and More for the Holidays – The time of year when people turn their focus on the holiday ritual of gift giving is fast approaching.

December 14, 15, 18, 21, 22 & 25

Christmas Tubas – The Ohlone Tuba Ensemble entertains us with a selection of holiday favorites.

December 28, 29 & January 1

Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery – The new year offers opportunities for new beginnings. Prominent cosmetic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr. Vincent LePore, describes some of the latest procedures being done today.

**Have
Something to
Contribute?**

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"Cupertino Scene," email:
scene@cupertino.org

Submission deadline
for the February edition is January 6.



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Planning/Community Development	408.777.3308	planning@cupertino.org
Public Information	408.777.3262	pio@cupertino.org
Public Works	408.777.3354	publicworks@cupertino.org
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	sccsheriff.org

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Building Department:	cupertino.org/building
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Cupertino Facebook:	cupertino.org/facebook
Cupertino Twitter:	cupertino.org/twitter
City Channel:	Comcast 26, U-verse 99, cupertino.org/citychannel
Code Enforcement:	cupertino.org/codeenforcement
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