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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Cupertino Kicks Off Community Builder Speaker Series**

The city of Cupertino presents the Community Builder Speaker series on Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave. in Cupertino. The series will bring in some of the nation's premier thinkers and writers on building strong communities. The public is invited to attend. The program is free and dinner is included.

At the January session, Dr. John McKnight, author and professor of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University, will share lessons from successful community-building initiatives across the nation and offer ideas on how we can continue our journey of "asset-based development" by turning to neighbors, local citizens associations, and institutions to build a strong community.

The presentation is part of Cupertino's Annual Block Leader gathering that recognizes neighborhood leaders who help to improve communication, increase public safety, and promote harmony in the neighborhoods. More than 200 residents currently participate in the Cupertino Block Leader program. Details on the block leader program are available on the City web site: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

To attend the speaker series or for more information, e-mail [communityrelations@cupertino.org](mailto:communityrelations@cupertino.org) or call 408-777-3331.

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