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CUPERTINO GREEN

► **Cupertino Fights Climate Change with Two New Partnerships**

Cupertino is committed to maintaining our city as a sustainable place to live, learn and work for all of our residents. To facilitate this goal, the city is excited to announce two new partnerships with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and Acterra to aid our community in implementing climate protection measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within city facilities and neighborhood homes. – continued on page 2



► **Get Fit in 2009** **Three month fitness membership for only \$75!**

The city of Cupertino invites residents to take advantage of this special offer at the Cupertino Sports Center: a three month fitness membership for only \$75. – continued on page 2



► **2009 CREST Award Nominations** **Nominations must be in the Public Information Office at City Hall by 4:30 pm on Friday, April 3, 2009.**

The city is looking for the nominations for the 2009 CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Award. The CREST award honors outstanding community volunteers. – continued on page 2

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events in cupertino

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Individuals or organizations making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino during the 2008 calendar year are eligible to be nominated for the CREST Award. Individuals of all ages will be considered. The CREST Awards presentation will take place on June 17 in the Community Hall. Any person, agency or organization is encouraged to submit nominees for consideration.

All nominations, mailed or hand-delivered, must be in the Public Information Office at City Hall by 4:30 pm on Friday, April 3, 2009. (Applications postmarked on or before this date will not be accepted if they do not arrive by the deadline.) Forms may be sent or brought to the Public Information Office, City Hall, 10300 TorreAve., Cupertino, CA 95014.

Individuals may not nominate themselves nor may an organization nominate itself. A relative may not nominate a family member, and past recipients of CREST within the last five years are ineligible. Nominees need not reside in the city of Cupertino; however, the efforts for which they are being nominated should strongly impact the Cupertino community. For nomination form, visit www.cupertino.org.

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The city of Cupertino invites residents to take advantage of this special offer at the Cupertino Sports Center. Please note this special does not include tennis. Tennis players know the Sports Center to be the premier public tennis facility in the valley, but there's more than ever for the non-tennis playing resident to enjoy. Drop in for over 30 fitness classes per week ranging from Aerobics to Zumba. Come in for Open Gym Hours and play basketball, badminton, volleyball or table tennis.

The Cupertino Sports Center features a wide variety of new cardio equipment, a newly expanded free weight area, and LifeFitness and new Star Trac strength training equipment. A free fitness orientation and free circuit training classes with a personal trainer are offered to all members. Quality childcare is available on-site for members in our childcare room.

Come visit us at 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd. The Cupertino Sports Center is your community fitness facility. For more info, visit www.cupertino.org/sportscenter.

Don't wait... the city of Cupertino wants to help you get fit in 2009!

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The city recently kicked-off its partnership with ICLEI to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions analysis of all municipal operations. This analysis will allow Cupertino to benchmark the energy used and waste generated from our day-to-day activities, take action to reduce our climate change impacts and quantify our progress over time. Following this review, the city will conduct a similar community-wide greenhouse gas emissions analysis. Results of these studies will be available through our website and presented to the community at a public meeting.

Cupertino's new partnership with Acterra provides an opportunity for residents to fight climate change by making their homes more energy efficient. Green@Home, an Acterra home energy auditing service, sends trained volunteers to meet with residents to install simple energy-saving devices and create a home energy conservation plan.

Cupertino residents have the opportunity to sign up for a free Green@Home house call or participate in a training to become a Green@Home volunteer. Sign up now by contacting Liz Muir, the Green@Home Coordinator by phone 650.962.9876 x350 or email lizm@acterra.org.

Local community groups interested in taking an energy-reduction challenge can sign up for Acterra Green and take the pledge to change at least one energy practice per month.

Interested organizations should contact the program's Director, Ellen Wilkinson, by phone 650.962.9876 x353 or email ellenw@acterra.org.

Partner sites:

ICLEI: www.icleiusa.org/

Acterra: www.acterra.org/

Acterra residential:
www.acterra.org/greenathome/

Acterra for community groups:
www.acterra.org/acterragreen/

roots | where to go, what to do

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

This month's column was inspired by an attempted visit to the new Steinhardt Aquarium in San Francisco during Christmas vacation. All the visiting grandchildren were duly loaded into cars and off we went, early, so as to get parking and tickets. Alas, we would have had to get up at 6 am in order to find parking and get in line for tickets, and would have waited until 10 to get inside the building. The parking lots were full, as were side-street parking spots. The lines for tickets stretched for blocks and were cut off at 10:15. Lots of unhappy folks with energetic children were milling about. *Now what to do?* We opted to go have lunch at Cameron's in Half Moon Bay.

Here are some suggestions for attractions closer to home in the South Bay area, with a little local history thrown in.

Most of the smaller municipalities in Santa Clara Valley have their own historic buildings and museums. The **Harris-Lass Historic Museum** in Santa Clara and the **Los Altos History House Museum** both feature exhibits on the thriving apricot and fruit industry that dominated the valley's economy from the early 1900's to the 1950's.

For a look at our valley's Spanish pueblo history period, try the **Peralta Adobe** and **Fallon House Historic** site on west St. John Street in San Jose. Don't forget California missions, two of which are nearby: **Mission Santa Clara** on the university grounds and **Mission San Jose** in Fremont. **Mission San Juan Bautista** has extensive outbuildings that feature exhibits of early California and the entire town is on the National Historic Register.

LOS ALTOS HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM

51 S San Antonio Rd, Los Altos
650.948.9427
www.losaltoshistory.org



PERALTA ADOBE & FALLON HOUSE HISTORIC SITE

175 W St. John St., San Jose
408.993.8300



SAN JOSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

1650 Senter Rd, San Jose
408.287-2290
www.historysanjose.org



Seymour Marine Lab, near Natural Bridges State Park in Santa Cruz, is a mini-version of the big aquariums in San Francisco and Monterey. This park is great for small children with lots of hands-on aquatic creatures to look at and touch and cheerful docents to explain everything. There is a tour outside to view the dolphins in their tanks. Seymour Lab is right next to the beach that is also a late fall/winter area for Monarch butterflies. The visitor center has a fascinating video presentation about the butterflies and the ramp leading down to view them is great for strollers and wheelchairs.

The **San Jose Historical Museum** on Senter Road is a wonderful place to roam around. It has lots of reconstructed historic buildings: Victorian homes, stables, bank, firehouse, and O'Brien's Ice Cream and Candy store to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth. San Jose also hosts the **1888 Chinese Temple**, Ng Shing Gung and a **1927 gas station** and a **working trolley**. There is a lot of room for the kiddies to run around and play. There is also the **San Jose Trolley Barn** on Phelan Avenue.

The **South Bay Historical Railroad Society** on Railroad Avenue in Santa Clara is a great place to visit for railroad buffs.

This area also boasts the **Portuguese Museum**, **Japanese-American Museum**, **Wings of History Aircraft Museum**, **Lace Museum**, and **Youth Science Institute**

Our own **Cupertino Museum**, housed in the Quinlan Center on Stelling Road, is a great place to learn more about the history of the Cupertino/West Side area. It features local history books one can purchase, along with viewing the exhibits.

The valley has a treasure trove of smaller attractions for visitors, whatever age or culture. In such a large urban area with big attractions, sometimes the smaller places are easy to overlook. Finding them is well worth the effort. Check under "Museums" and "Art Organizations" in the phone book. Happy visiting!

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day this month and look up the history of St. Valentine.

beyond sushi & tempura

part 1

By Hema Kundargi



Every five years, an adult delegation from Cupertino visits Toyokawa, Japan for a week, as part of their sister city program. Cupertino and Toyokawa have been sister cities for nearly thirty years and have an ongoing student exchange program each year. This year my husband and I were fortunate to be part of the Cupertino delegation to visit Toyokawa. All delegation members stay with local host families and experience the real taste of life in Japan.

We stayed with our host family, Masaru and Kimiko Shirai and their son Yuzuru for a week. Armed with our 'Japanese to English' dictionary and a small vocabulary of *hai* (yes) and *nei* (no) we were apprehensive as to how we would communicate with Masaru and Kimiko. Luckily they could speak some English with help from the dictionary. We soon realized that one does not have to be fluent in the language to have lot of fun; we all could laugh without an accent. After all hand gestures are a very effective tool of conversation too.

The efficient city staff of Toyokawa planned the daily activities for all the delegates. It varied from meeting with the mayor, visiting the council, attending a tea ceremony, to touring the Toyota factory. The evenings and weekends were to spent time with the host family.

Masaru and Kimiko opened their home and hearts for us and made us a part of the family. Every evening we all cooked together. Kimiko is an excellent cook and I watched her whip up a wonderful breakfast and dinner every day. We were keen to eat the local foods and requested Kimiko to make traditional dishes. The challenge that I gave Kimiko was to make the meal vegetarian! Homemade Japanese food is very refreshing, tasty and healthy There is definitely more to

Japanese cuisine than sushi, tempura and teriyaki chicken. A couple of nights I cooked an Indian meal for them with the spices and ingredients that were available in their kitchen! I managed to spice the meal with ginger, garlic and black pepper.

Often we tagged along with the Shirais to the grocery stores and farmers market. The Japanese green market reminded me of the vegetable market in India. Fresh organic seasonal produce, vibrant in color, flavor and were picture perfect. I was surprised to see the Japanese radish that was gigantic in size and deep purple in color, very different from the one we see in Indian or American markets.

The first day I was apprehensive to eat rice and miso soup for breakfast. With the first spoonful of miso soup I fell in love with it. The next day I could not wait to slurp on the miso soup for breakfast. Miso soup is the soul food of Japanese cuisine. It is a brothly soup with miso paste and tofu cubes. The base of the soup is made from dashi, a mix of kelp (sea weed) and bonito (small fish). Kimiko made a different miso soup everyday. she varied the ingredients in the soup with Shitake mushrooms, green onions vegetable greens, fried tofu or silken tofu.

Vegetarian Miso Soup

To make the soup vegetarian I have omitted dashi mix, and replaced it with an extra spoonful of miso paste and tomato chili sauce

5 cups water
3 tablespoon miso paste
1 cup shitake mushrooms, sliced
1 cup spinach or bok choy, sliced
½ cup green onions, sliced
½ cup silken tofu, cubed
1 teaspoon tomato-chili sauce

Bring the water to a boil and add mushrooms, spinach, and tofu cubes.

Boil for 3-4 minutes.

Remove from heat and keep aside.

Add miso paste to a ½ cup of water and make a smooth puree. Add this puree with tomato chili sauce to the vegetable broth. Stir well and serve piping hot with green onion sprinkled on top

Hema's Hints: Do not boil the soup after adding miso paste.

Visit Hema's blog at theartofseasoning.typepad.com.

4 Look for Part 2 in future editions of Scene.

simply safe | february

by Marsha Hovey, Emergency Services Coordinator

Imagine that a police officer knocks at your door. A hazard exists and you are asked to evacuate your home within 45 minutes. Are you prepared to evacuate your family including your pets?

Evacuating Pets

1. You'll need to gather your pets and put them all into carriers quickly. Do you have carriers for all your pets?
2. All your pets need collars with up to date ID tags bearing their name, your name, your telephone number, and an emergency telephone number.
3. Keep photographs of your pets. If your pet escapes and becomes lost, could you provide a photograph?
4. Know where you can go with your pets in the event of an emergency evacuation. Note the locations of nearby animal-friendly motels and your local emergency animal shelter.
5. Keep your veterinarian's telephone number on your list of emergency numbers in case your pet becomes ill.
6. Make arrangements to have someone evacuate or care for your pets if something happens when you are at work or in case you are unable to get home.
7. Your pets need their own emergency evacuation kits with food, a water bowl, leash, comfort items, and any medication.

There are many resources available on the internet to help you and your pets be ready. Here are a few:

www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html
www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm
www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/

Keep Your Pets Safe

- Make sure nothing can fall on your pet where he sleeps.
- Secure tanks and cages so they remain stable during an earthquake.
- Do not try to hold on to your pet during an earthquake. Animals instinctively protect themselves and hide until they feel safe. When frightened, even the nicest pets can turn on you.
- Be patient with your pet. After an earthquake, personalities may change because they are stressed and need time to readjust.
- If your pet is lost during the disaster, contact the City Hall, California

Veterinary Medical Association or local animal control immediately. Be prepared to show identification and proof of ownership when claiming your pet.

- Pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters so make sure you can leave your pet safely at home or that there is a pet shelter available. If you must leave your pet at home, leave a phone number where you can be reached.
- Attend the Pet Preparedness meeting at Community Hall (information on page 7).

Recognizing Structural Damage following Earthquakes

How will you know it is safe to reenter after an earthquake? The October 30, 2008 presentation on Safety Assessment is now being shown on the City Channel. You can also access it 24 hours a day at www.cupertino.org/index.aspx?page=482. Scroll down to "Other City of Cupertino Programs and Events".

Additional information is available at www.cupertino.org Click on Emergency Preparedness, then Preparedness info and scroll down to the "How To" section. Valuable information can also be found under "Earthquake Preparedness"

Upcoming Classes & Preparedness Events

- **Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop:** Be better prepared for all emergencies in just three hours!
February 11, 9-Noon, March 7, 9-Noon, April 21 6:30-9:30, Free
- **Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6th-12th Grade:** Don't let the kids sleep in during school break! Let them learn CPR, First Aid, tour the 9-1-1 center, put out a real fire with a fire extinguisher and more.
February 16-20 or April 13-17, 9 am-1 pm, \$50/\$60.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).** Start 2009 by being joining the city's volunteer team to help your community recover from the next earthquake. We need 1000 volunteers of all ages and all abilities. CERT training is a fun, hands-on basic introduction to typical skills you might need after a quake such as disaster medical, communications, identifying (and sometimes preventing) hazards, fire safety and extinguisher use.
Five Fridays, March 6-April 3, 9am-Noon or 6:30-9:30 pm. Everyone graduates on Saturday, April 4 after participating in an earthquake simulation exercise where you put your new training to work. The exercise is held from 9 am to 1 pm and is FREE.

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.

FEBRUARY 2, 3 & 6 - DRIVING WITH USED COOKING OIL

Learn how to drive your diesel car with an alternative fuel that incurs little or no expense.

FEBRUARY 9, 10 & 13 - CARVING THE ARK

A modern day "Noah" talks about carving over 26 Ark models with pairs of animals on board.

FEBRUARY 16, 17 & 20 - MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM

Learn about Jacques Littlefield's privately owned Woodside museum.

FEBRUARY 23, 24 & 27 - WING WALKER

Listen to a 96 year old "wing walker" tell of performing on the wings of bi-planes in the 1920's.

"Senior Action News"

Read the newsletter and get busy on your New Year's resolutions. The center offers many exciting and cost-effective classes, trips and social events. Become more fit, widen your horizons with lectures, learn new skills, or visit new places. Come pick up a newsletter, download one from www.cupertino.org/senior, or simply give us a call at 408.777.3150.

Celebrate Chinese New Year

Thursday, February 19, 12-1:30pm

It is time to celebrate the Year of the Ox. People born under this sign are said to be steady, hard working, quiet, and patient. Join us for a sumptuous meal and fabulous entertainment. \$10 for members, add \$5 day pass for senior guests.

Technology Room Open House

Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 2-3:30pm

Come try out our new HP and Macintosh iMac computers. Learn all about our class offerings in 2009. Find out about our open lab periods offered every week and get a listing of some great websites for seniors. There will even be time to access your own e-mail from the senior center. See you there!

February Social and Birthday Bash

Wednesday, February 11 at Noon

Come to the islands of Hawaii with the sounds of our own Kani Ka Pila Ukulele Group. Enjoy a lunch of mesquite broiled chicken, roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetables and dessert. Senior members with a birthday in February will be honored. Members \$6, senior guests \$6 plus \$5 day pass. Please sign up in advance at the front reception desk.

Breast and Cervical Health

Monday, February 23, 10-11am

The speaker from Community Health Partnership will discuss symptoms, early detection, and risk factors. You may qualify for free screening at a later time. Please register at lobby table.

Introduction to Genealogy

Monday, March 2, 10-11:30am

Start your quest into your past with a workshop on how to get started, where to find resources, and what kind of information to collect. There will be a 45 minute presentation followed by question and answer time. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please sign up at lobby table.

WE NEED YOU!

The Cupertino Senior Center encourages our members to offer their time and talents for the joy of volunteering. We provide training and support, and you receive the gratification of making a difference. Volunteer once, every month, or every day to fit your schedule. Please call 408.777.3150 for more details or pick up volunteer descriptions at the front desk. Here are some current volunteer needs:

Desk Volunteer: The desk volunteer is the first image people see of the center. Desk volunteers process registration, provide information, and recourses for members. This position allows an excellent opportunity to meet new people and cultivate friendships.

Newsletter Crew: The "Senior Action News" is the center's main publication to communicate with seniors in the community. The newsletter is important as it is the connection to all our center's activities and programs.

Entertainment Coordinator: Arrange entertainment for the monthly social and birthday bash, international luncheons, holiday parties, annual luau, and other events.

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. \$3599 per person based on double occupancy.

Exploration in Alaska, June 28-July 10, 2009

Join us for a 20-day exploration of spectacular coastline and 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; 2-nights in Denali National Park and Tundra Wilderness; 1-night in Tok and Vancouver. \$5378 per person based on double occupancy.

DAY TRIPS

Day of Decadence, \$74

February 3

Valentine Mystery Trip, \$95

February 13

ComedySportz, \$49

February 28

The Music Man, \$71

March 7

"Out to Lunch" Bunch, Cost is your lunch

March 10

Bocce Ball and Lunch, \$31

March 12

Handel Fest, \$44

March 22

Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz, \$115

April 1

Carmen, \$110

May 1



CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER

ADDRESS: 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8 am-5pm
PHONE: 408.777.3150

EMAIL: seniorcntr@cupertino.org
WEB: www.cupertino.org/senior

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- **Pet Preparedness and First Aid:** Find out 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. January 29, 7-9 pm, FREE. No need to pre-register. Cupertino Community Hall (next to the Library).

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

Show your valentine how much you love them by giving fresh emergency supplies for their office, home or car. Include a photo of yourself so they have a comforting face

to look at in case you are apart when the ground shakes. It might come in handy to display in case you are missing after the earthquake!

Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org, or go to the website www.cupertino.org/emergency for more information. Register for classes at 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.



Spare the Air Program in the Bay Area

In order to protect public health, the Air District issues Spare the Air advisories on days when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy due to high ozone levels. People who are especially sensitive to pollution are advised to limit their time outdoors, particularly in the afternoon hours. These advisories are posted on the Spare the Air website www.sparetheair.org, recorded on 1 (800) HELP AIR forecast phone line, announced in local newspapers, and broadcast on local TV and radio stations.

The Winter Spare the Air season runs from November 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009. This winter, for the first time in the Bay Area, it is illegal to burn wood, pellets, or manufactured fire logs when a Winter Spare the Air Alert is issued. This applies to households and businesses with fireplaces or other wood-burning devices, such as hotels and restaurants. It is okay to use gas-fueled fireplaces and logs, gas inserts, or electric fireplaces.

On Spare the Air Days, reduce pollution by making clean air choices every day. These simple actions include driving less, taking public transportation, trip-linking, walking, biking, choosing non-gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment, and avoiding polluting household products. Residents and businesses can sign up for email AirAlerts and/or automatic Phone Alerts, by visiting www.sparetheair.org.

Get Your Cupertino Business Certified "Green"

Is your business responsive to the changing marketplace? Demand for businesses that are environmentally sustainable has never been higher and will continue to increase. Don't fall behind! Your business can be certified "green" by the Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission when you pledge and act to achieve the following objectives:

- Comply with applicable environmental regulations and strive to exceed compliance.
- Conserve energy, water and other natural resources.

- Develop and implement practices that prevent pollution.
- Be an environmentally responsible business within our community.

Once certified, your business will be listed on the County's website as a "Green Business". You will receive a certificate letting you advertise for free to current and potential customers that your business is proactive about issues facing Cupertino and the environment as a whole. So join Cupertino city government and the other "green" businesses in Cupertino by getting certified. For more information about this great opportunity, visit <http://greenbiz.sccgov.org> or call the County's Green Business Program (408) 282-3180.

Spring Backyard Compost Workshops Are Coming Soon

The city will hold free "how-to" backyard compost workshops on the first Saturdays of the month, March 7 and May 2 from 10 am to noon at Quinlan Community Center. Call 408.918.4640 to register or to get information about compost bins available for \$50 from the Countywide Home Composting Program.



Extra Winter Yard Waste

Residents are reminded that an easy way to dispose of the extra yard waste that results from winter garden cleanups and pruning (that doesn't fit in the yardwaste toter) is to make an appointment for a free "On-Call" Yardwaste/Woodwaste Recycling Day. All residents have the right to two Recycling or Trash Disposal Day appointments a year, starting each January.

Branches can't be larger than 6" in diameter and 6 ft. long. No loose piles. Please bundle or box branches and trimmings. The entire collection of yardwaste should not be bigger than 4'x 4'x 8'. No plastic bags are allowed. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. at 408.725.4020 for more information.

Watershed Watch

Your Car's Tailpipe Isn't the Only Source of Auto Pollution

There are many ways all cars contribute pollution to our watershed – and they can be prevented! Washing, changing oil, leaking fluids, and engine cleaning all contribute to the pollution problem. Auto fluids and

particles from brake pad and tire wear build up on our driveways, streets and parking lots every day. During rainstorms, rainwater carries the oil, antifreeze, brake pad dust and other pollutants into the storm drain system and flows directly to local creeks and Bay, where it can harm plants and animals that live there. Oil and grease can clog fish gills and block oxygen from entering the water.

Here's how you can help reduce auto pollution.

- **Keep car water out of storm drains** - Washing your car in the driveway, street, or carport can carry detergents, oil, brake dust, metals and other chemicals to the storm drain that leads directly to local creeks and the Bay. Wash your car in an unpaved area or better yet, take it to a commercial car wash. Clean brake dust off wheels with paper towels and dispose of the towels in the trash.
- **Fix fluid leaks immediately** - If you see a buildup of fluids on your parking spot, place a plastic tarp or drip pan underneath your car until you repair the leak. Dispose off the fluid and plastic tarp/drip pan at your local Household Hazardous Waste collection facility.
- **Change your oil on time** - The longer engine oil is used, the thinner it gets. Leaks are more likely, and exhaust emissions are increased. If you change your own oil or other automotive fluids, drain fluid into a drain pan. Use a funnel to pour fluid into a plastic container and recycle the used fluids at curbside along with other recyclables or at a Household Hazardous Waste collection center or event. Never drain or pour any auto fluid onto the street or into a storm drain.

- **Clean Engines Properly** - Engine cleaners contain degreasers that contain highly toxic solvents that are dangerous to work with and harmful to our watershed. Read labels carefully before you buy. Avoid products containing naphtha, nonylphenol ethozylate, trichloroethane or trichloroethylene. Try limonene, a citrus-based solvent. Use rags instead of water to clean your engine. Don't allow wash water to go the storm drain.
- **Carpool** or use alternative forms of transportation when possible.
- **Recycle Your Household Items** - Mercury recovered from old fluorescent lights, thermometers and thermostats means less new mercury needs to be mined, and as a result less potential mercury in our air and water. Call 408.299.7300 or www.hhw.org to find out more about a local collection event or center near you.

By protecting the watershed, creeks and Bay, you are protecting the environment for yourself, your children and future generations. For more information, call 1.866.WATERSHED or visit www.mywatershedwatch.org/.

Spring Creek Clean Up Event at Creekside Park & Calabazas

The City of Cupertino will be hosting a community cleanup on Saturday, May 16, from 9 am to 12 pm at Creekside Park. To learn more about Cupertino's Creek Clean Up event, please contact the Public Works Dept at 408.777.3354, or email at environmental@cupertino.org

City Launches New Website

The City of Cupertino has launched the new website. The website is designed to be more user friendly for both the community and city staff who post content to the site. This easy to use site provides residents and businesses quick answers anytime day or night. An updated layout gives the site a fresh look with better navigation between pages. The site has new and revised content to provide more information to the community.

Visit the new website at www.cupertino.org and fill out the survey to provide your feedback at www.cupertino.org/websurvey.



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

The library will be closed on Monday, February 16, for Presidents' 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.santaclaracountylib.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:

Twos Stories

*1-1/2 to 2-1/2 years old ...*Thursdays 10:15 am

Threes Stories

*2-1/2 to 3-1/2 years old..*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

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Wednesday, February 11, 4 pm, Story Room

Kids are invited to come make Valentines.

CUPERTINO CINEMA CLUB PRESENTS ENCHANTED

Thursday, February 12, 4 pm, Story Room

School-age kids are invited to enjoy refreshments and the movie in the library

BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, February 18, 4 pm, Story Room

Picturing America discusses Pam Munoz Ryan's *Esperanza Rising* with students in 4th to 6th grade. Register and borrow a copy of the book to read before the discussion at the Children's Reference Desk

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, February 19, at 7 pm, Story Room
Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly.

Meet Katherine Kurtz, award-winning author
Monday, February 2, 7pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Join the library for an evening with fantasy writer Katherine Kurtz.

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

SELF HELP TAX FORMS

A self-help tax form area in the copier room, located off the new materials area, on the first floor, has giveaway tax forms and reproducible forms.

FIND, REQUEST, AND RENEW ONLINE:

The Library Catalog Explained

Monday, February 9, 7 pm, library training room
Patrons will be introduced to online library services. Best seller and award lists, My List, advanced search options, and My Account options will also be introduced.

FENG SHUI FOR THE YEAR OF THE OX

Wednesday, February 11, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall

Feng Shui master, Mr. Y.C. Sun, will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-ching, the 2,000-year-old Chinese law of the universe, to make predictions for 2009, the Year of the Ox. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*.

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

To schedule an appointment, call the 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 demonstration 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, 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

The *Friends'* 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. Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the front lobby. Books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

ANNUAL FRIENDS' USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, February 28, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday March 1, noon-3 pm

Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.

The children's book area is open only to children from 9 am to noon on Saturday. Sunday is the popular "Bag Day" when most books are offered for \$3 per bag. For more info visit www.cupertino.library.org/friends.

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.



community calendar

FEB	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
2 MON	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
3 TUES	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
	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center	650.967.4679	viewfindersclub.org
4 WED	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	cupertinhostlionsclub.org
	5 THUR	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093
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/
6 FRI	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

FEB	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
7 SAT	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
9 MON	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
10 TUES	Sertoma Club*	7:15 am	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252.2584 255.5293	sertoma.org/NETCOMMUNITY
12 THUR	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
13 FRI	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
14 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
15 SUN	Attention Deficit Academics (ADA)*	3 pm	Lamb-O Academy	334.0338	adaclub@lamboacademy.org
16 MON	CERT-Community Emergency Response Team /MRT-Medical Reserve Corps	7 pm		777.3335	cupertino.org
17 TUES	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
19 THUR	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
24 TUES	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
	DeAnza Youth Soccer League Mtg	7:30 pm	Creekside Park		
25 WED	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 pm	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility		
	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	

City hall will be closed on Presidents Day, February 16.

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.

council actions

TUESDAY DECEMBER 02, 2008

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

Council Members Absent: None

Proclamation presented to Yamagami's Nursery for their 60th anniversary presented.

Council members elected Mayor Orrin Mahoney.

Council members elected Vice-Mayor Kris Wang.

Oath of Office given to new council officers by City Clerk.

Minutes from the November 18 council meeting approved.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 08-150, 08-157 and 08-158 for Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21 accepting Accounts Payable.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 08-159 and 08-160 accepting payroll for November 14 and Nov. 26.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for October 2008.

Accepted an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Hofbrau Express, 10123 N. Wolfe Road, Suite 7 (No. 41 – On Sale Beer and Wine).

Accepted municipal improvement, Emilio J. Francisco & Fatima M. Francisco, 10130 Santa Clara Ave., APN 326-14-104.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-161 vacating a Public Utilities Easement, Yong Jian Wang and Zuhong Qu, 21988 McClellan Road, APN 356-08-054.

Consideration of Application No. SPA-2008-01; Heart of the City; Stevens Creek Boulevard between Highway 85 and the Eastern City limit. Heart of the City specific plan amendments to achieve conformance with the General Plan has been continued to Dec. 16, 2008. Staff will provide Exhibit B, with the items that were highlighted for further discussion inserted into that document, as well as provided in a matrix. Any other input from council members can be provided to the community development director by the end of the week for inclusion in the document for further discussion.

Consideration of Application Nos. U-2008-02, EA-2008-08, ASA-2008-07, TR-2008-09; Rajeev Chopra (Ebrahim Kaabipour), 10165 N. De Anza Boulevard, APN 326-34-057 for a hotel, restaurant, bar, lounge and conference rooms continued to January 20, 2009.

Accepted the report on the hiring of an Environmental Affairs Coordinator as directed in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 adopted budget. This report was accepted with the clause that staff shall make an offer only to the current candidate, and if that candidate does not accept the offer, no other offers will be made until after a budget review in January.

The appeal from Mr. Sridar Obilsetty regarding underground utilities, 10171 Lebanon Drive, APN 342-14-008 has been continued to February 17, 2009.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-162 recognizing City Attorney Charles Kilian's years of service to the

City of Cupertino.

In regard to parking ordinances, first readings of Ordinance Nos. 08-2034, 08-2035 and 08-2036 were conducted. These ordinances relate to parking and vehicular stops.

Enacted Ordinance No. 08-2033 regarding the City Attorney.

Adjournment to Friday, December 5, 2008 at 1:45 pm for a closed session regarding the City Attorney position.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2008

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

Council Members Absent: None

No action taken regarding the City Attorney position. Adjourned to Monday January 12th at 6 pm for a closed session regarding the City Attorney position.

Minutes from the December 2nd City Council meeting approved.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 08-163 and 08-164 accepting Accounts Payable for November 26th and December 5.

Accepted the City's year-end financial reports for 2008.

Adopted the amended City Investment Policy for 2008.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-165 with an amendment to change the inspection deadline from March 1 to April 1.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-166 approving the 2008-09 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding program.

Accepted city projects performed under contract (Project No. 2008-02; reconstruction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks).

Adopted Resolution No. 08-167 accepting a Grant of Easement for street light purposes (10785 Carver Drive).

Accepted an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for German Bakery, 10123 North Wolfe Road, Suite 2121.

Awarded the contract for the Community Hall Fountain Retrofit Project to Pacific Water Art, Inc.

Adopted Resolution No. 08-168 awarding \$500,000 of additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to Maitri, \$1,090,000 in Affordable Housing Funds to Senior Housing Solutions, amended the City of Cupertino's Fiscal Year 2008-09 Annual Plan and dissolved and reallocated the funds to Senior Housing Solutions.

Consideration of Application No. SPA-2008-01 regarding Heart of the City continued to January 20.

Took public comment on Application Nos. U-2008-01, EA-2008-07, ASA-2008-06, TM-2008-01 and TR-2008-08 (South Vallco Main Street Project) and continued the item to January 12.

Appointed Marc Hynes as interim City Attorney.

community chat room

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No action taking regarding the fee waiver for on-going events related to cultural ties and awareness.

Second reading/amendment of Ordinance No. 08-2034 related to parking. Second reading scheduled for January 12.

Enacted Ordinance No. 08-2035 pertaining to vehicular stops.

Enacted Ordinance No. 08-2036 pertaining to all directional vehicular stops.

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Update

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 5, 2009 at 7 pm in Community Hall will have a visual update of the Stevens Creek Corridor Park project and a continued community discussion on dog parks and off-leash policies.

Welcome New Businesses

- Bagelsound
- Helen Tong Inc.
- Holiday Cleaners
- Ishar II Investments, Inc. - Popeye's
- John K.S. Tong D.D.S. Inc.
- Loma Spa
- Mammon Inc DBA Yogi House
- Richard Chen, OMD, Licensed Acupuncturist

Have Something to Contribute?

To submit information to "Cupertino Scene," email: scene@cupertino.org

City Meetings

Feb. 3	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (Mtg. Room 100)	6:30 pm
Feb. 3	City Council meeting (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Feb. 4	Library Commission (Mtg. Room 100)	7 pm
Feb. 4	Technology, Info & Communication Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Feb. 5	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Feb. 5	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Feb. 5	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7 pm
Feb. 10	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Feb. 11	Teen Commission (QCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm
Feb. 12	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Feb. 12	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Feb. 12	C.A.R.E.S. (Mtg. Room. 100)	7:30 pm
Feb. 17	City Council meeting (CommunityHall)***	6:45 pm
Feb. 18	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Feb. 19	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Feb. 19	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Feb. 19	Toyokawa Sister City Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Feb. 23	CERT/MRC (Mtg. Room 100)	7 pm
Feb. 24	Planning Commission (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Feb. 24	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Feb. 25	Teen Commission (QCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm

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

For all city meetings agendas and minutes go to www.cupertino.org/agenda



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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	—
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	www.sccsheriff.org

» Public Hearing: Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance

February 3, 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. 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
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014
or by email at colinj@cupertino.org prior to 5:30 pm on February 3.



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