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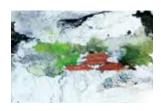
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Join the City of Cupertino and the Parks and Recreation Department for the annual Big Bunny Fun Run. Kick off the spring season with an event that celebrates fun, fitness and family.

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New Euphrat Museum of Art Honors Silicon Valley's Diversity

The Euphrat Museum of Art at De Anza College opened its doors to a brand new exhibition space, located in the front of the newly built Visual and

Performing Arts Center on campus. To celebrate the move, the Museum's inaugural exhibition, *Looking Back, Looking Forward*, and related programs honor the past and look to the future by bringing to light the stories of Silicon Valley's artists, residents and groups.

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► A Weekend of Activities to Celebrate the Earth

Recycling Day: April 18, De Anza College Earth Day Festival: April 19, Memorial Park and Quinlan Community Center

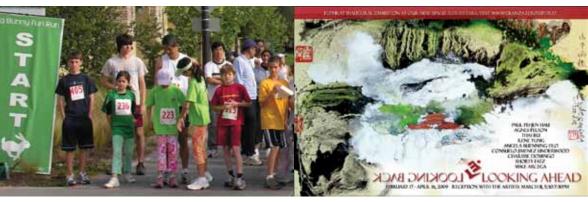
Earth Day is held each year on April 22 to recognize the importance of natural resources and to encourage conservation and pollution prevention. The City of Cupertino presents a weekend of community environmental activities in observance of Earth Day 2009.

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The 2009 Big Bunny Fun Run will feature a new race just for kids ages 1-10. This is an exciting opportunity for younger participants, who may not be up to the 5K, to take part in the Big Bunny Fun Run. The kids' race will begin at 9:45 am and all are welcome to cheer on the runners. The course will take them around the perimeter of the Cupertino Civic Center, about 1K. All participants in the kids race will receive a special award at the finish line. Supervision will not be provided during the 5K race or walk, but those participating in the Kids Race may join a family member on the walk course.

The top three finishers in each division will each receive an award. A raffle for all participants will take place following the race but you must be present to win. Anyone can go home a big winner. In addition all participants will also receive a FREE day pass to the Cupertino Sports Center. For more information visit www.cupertino.org/bigbunny or contact the Cupertino Parks and Recreation Department at 408.777.3120 or by email at parks@cupertino.org.

Families with multiple participants can register together for a reduced fee. The family fee includes 2 adults and all children under the age of 18. This fee is valid for any race division. (Not available for online registration.)

Registration is available online at www.cu-pertino.org/bigbunny or register in person at the Quinlan Community Center. Register before March 20 to receive up to a \$10 discount. Pre-Race Registration ends April 2. Race day registration begins at 8 am and will end promptly at 8:45 am. All participant fees include participation in the race/walk, T-shirt, commemorative water bottle and one raffle ticket.

- Euphrat Museum continued from page 1

The Euphrat serves a culturally diverse, technologically sophisticated, urban community that is undergoing rapid economic and social changes. Looking Back, Looking Forward takes an eclectic look at Silicon Valley's varied and colorful growth through visual media and shared narratives. The exciting lineup of artists includes Paul Pei-Jen Hau, Agnes Pelton, Thai Bui, Rene Yung, Angela Buenning Filo, Consuelo Jimenez Underwood, Charisse Domingo, Shorty Fatz, and Mike Arcega.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

February 17 - April 16 (Closed spring break, March 30-April 4)

Reception/Grand Opening:

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30-7:30 pm

Ribbon Cutting:

Thursday, March 6, 10 am; Tours at 10:30 am

Euphrat Museum of Art/Visual and Performing Arts Center, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino

For additional events, visit www.deanza.edu/euphrat/

- Earth Day continued from page 1

Environmental Recycling Day: Saturday, April 18, 9 am-1 pm, De Anza College, parking lot B

The City of Cupertino and Los Altos Garbage are offering a free drive-through, drop-off service for Cupertino residents to encourage extended use of products and to prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill. Accepted items are: electronic waste (computers, monitors, printers), uwaste (batteries, cell phones, CFLs, and fluorescent tubes), reusable furniture, clothing, and shoes (for donation; no dirty, broken, stained, or torn clothes; no mattresses), and residential documents for confidential onsite shredding and recycling.

Earth Day Festival: Sunday, April 19, 10 am-2 pm, Quinlan Community Center and Memorial Park

- Watch the Recycling Wizard's show featuring comedy, juggling, magic and audience participation to learn how to become a waste prevention superhero.
- Enjoy kid-friendly crafts, demonstrations, contests and other activities.
- Register your home for a FREE home energy audit or sign up to be trained as a home energy auditor.
- Take a FREE Cupertino reusable shopping bag.
- Learn 10 easy steps to reduce your personal greenhouse gas emissions and save money.
- Talk to experts and create an action plan to green your home, school or business.
- Exchange your mercury thermometer through the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program.
- Discover the many ways you can make every day Earth Day.

To learn more about Environmental Recycling Day, visit www.cupertino.org/econews/ or Los Altos Garbage Company's website www.losaltosgarbage.com. Interested in joining the celebration? Businesses, agencies and nonprofit organizations interested in participating in Cupertino's Earth Day Festival, please call or email Erin Cooke, Environmental Affairs Coordinator at 408.777.7603 or erinc@cupertino.org.

Spring Festival Bazaar

March 14-15, 9 am-5 pm, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road

Celebrate the arrival of spring and Persian New Year with the Kahrizak Foundation and Ladies Charitable Society. The event will include a weekend of festivities with Persian food, traditional music and handicrafts from all over the world.

Kahrizak Foundation is a California non-profit created in 1990 in Cupertino. Its mission is to build, promote and assist non-profit organizations that provide the highest quality care and service to elderly and disabled on a global level. The foundation works hand in hand with its volunteer arm, LCS, which organizes fund raiser events throughout the year. In 1988 Ladies Charitable Society NGO was granted a special consultative status with UN, ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council of the United Nations).

Hats Off to You!

April 23, 11:45 am-1 pm, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road

Join Quota International of Cupertino's *Hats Off to You!* community luncheon. Entertainment will be a performance by a local youth musical group. The luncheon will be catered by Outback Steakhouse.

See any Quota member for tickets at \$15 apiece, or contact Gail Jensen at 408.209.7252 or mathteach@earthlink.net. Reservations need to be made by April 6th. Checks should be made payable to QI of Cupertino, and mailed to Bess Whitaker, 125 N. Mary Ave # 64, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Cupertino Historical Museum New Exhibit

Exhibition opening March 29, 4 pm, 10185 N. Stelling Road

The Cupertino Historical Museum in the Quinlan Community Center invites you to come see their new exhibit on the history of the local cement plant.

For more information call 408.973.1495 or email cuphistsociety@sbcglobal.net.

Cupertino Chamber's STAR Awards

March 14, 6 pm, Cypress Hotel

The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual STAR Awards Gala to recognize excellence by Cupertino businesses and the Citizen of the Year 2009. The purpose of the STAR Award is to recognize local businesses and citizens whose contributions have made a significant and beneficial impact on the Cupertino community.

This year's award winners are: Citizen of the Year: Richard Lowenthal; Small Business of the Year: Vardy's Jewelers/Vardy Shtein; Large Business of the Year: Ridge Vineyards and Chamber Ambassador of the Year: Dave Howser, Sierra Office Supply and Printing.

The Chamber announced a new category this year, the President's Award, to recognize exceptional community service by an organization or business. The Rotary Club of Cupertino has been selected as the first-ever recipient of this new award.

The event is open to the public and reservations can be made by contacting the Chamber at 408.252.7054 or on the Chamber's website: www.cupertino-chamber.org.

roots pictures from old cupertino

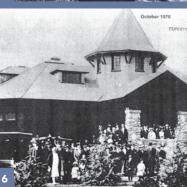
by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

Hope you all are enjoying springtime. Have you seen any mustard or miner's lettuce growing in your yard or in the hills? Before I took over doing "Roots," my predecessor was Cupertino old-timer, Henrietta Marcotte. Here are some great photos of things that Henrietta wrote about many years ago. Thought you all would like to see how it looked around here in the "old days." Enjoy these little bits of local nostalgia. Happy Spring, everybody!









- 1. The Cupertino Store sat at the intersection of old Highway 9 and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road (now De Anza Blvd) and Stevens Creek Road. The photo is from 1904 and the store was the largest one on this side of the valley, outside of San Jose. In the foreground, you can see a bit of the trolley tracks which started in San Jose and went all the way to Palo Alto.
- 2. This picture of "Altos Park" came from a subdivision promotional brochure from the 1930's, extolling the wonders of the Cupertino/Monta Vista area and urging developers and others to hasten along and buy their share of paradise. And as we all know, that is exactly what they did.
- 3. Here's a nice photo of how vineyards were plowed in the old days. Unfortunately I don't have the names of these two hardworkers right at hand, but the photo is by Ansel Adams.

- 4. Now here is a fit looking group... This bit of 1890's biking nostalgia should inspire all bike lovers. Note the serious expressions and clothing, complete with caps and some kind of club logo emblazoned on their shirts. If anyone can identify these fine gentlemen and their club, it would be most appreciated.
- Did you know we had a little train depot in Monta Vista? This is what it looked like in 1912. It sat near the tracks, which are still there and in use but now only for freight.
- Cupertino Union Church was first nondenominational church. It sat on the west side of the highway, approximately across the street from what is now Armadillo Willys. It was a beautiful stone building with a dark-beamed sanctuary.

beyond sushi & tempura

By Hemlata Kundargi



Every 5 years, an adult delegation from Cupertino visits Toyokawa, Japan for a week, as part of their Sister City program. This year my husband and I stayed with host family Masaru and Kimiko Shirai and their son Yuzuru.

Friends of the Shirais invited us for a luncheon over the weekend. The view from their mountain-top house was breathtaking and together we cooked a traditional dish called *Goya Mochi*.

Rice is cooked in a rice cooker and while hot, is pounded with a four-inch diameter wooden rod for 10 minutes until it becomes a gelatinous pulp. It is then molded into a Popsicle shape with a wet towel, and stuck on a skewer. This rice Popsicle is then barbecued for 5 minutes. Just before serving, a special sauce of dark miso paste and walnut powder is applied. I insisted that adding a spoonful of chili paste to the barbecue sauce would give it a unique taste. At first they were hesitant, but after tasting it they were fascinated with the chili-miso combination. It was a fine blend of Japanese cuisine and Indian chili.

Masaru took us to a 'world festival,' which is similar to our wine festivals. The delicious hot food served at the festival compensated for the very cold, wet weather. The warm sweet rice soup, *Amazake*, is very similar to the Indian kheer, but was flavored with ginger slices instead of cardamom. The popular

rice ball sticks, *Dango*, had a generous coating of miso sauce. To make *Dango*, rice flour is cooked in water and steamed. Dough is then made into small balls, skewered on a stick, and finally grilled for 5 minutes and topped with a special miso sauce.

We enjoyed a culinary feast at the Shirai's favorite restaurant *Kokisan*. The chef Mr. Kurachi and his mother have a vegetable patch next to the restaurant where they grow seasonal produce for the restaurant. Mr. Kurachi cooks right in front of you on a giant, sizzling hot griddle embedded into the counter top. He made a scrumptious *Okonomeyaki*, a veggie-egg pancake, and *Tamagomaki*, an egg and green onion crepe.

For dessert, Mr. Kurachi served *Yalciimo*. Sweet potato was peeled and sliced into one-inch diameter discs. It was then placed on the iron griddle for 4 minutes on each side. It was served with a drizzle of honey and pinch of salt sprinkled on top.

The trip to Toyokawa was an enlightening, enriching experience and a realization that there are more similarities than differences between cultures of the world. The weeklong stay gave me a glimpse of the rich and varied cuisine of Japan. Thanks to the Sister City program of Cupertino and Toyokawa, I have a twin sister, Kimiko, in Japan.

Kimiko's Seaweed Snack

4 seaweeds cut into 2 inch pieces

½ Teaspoon oil

½ Teaspoon chili flakes

In a pan add oil and add seaweeds and remove it within 30 seconds as soon as they become crisp. Place it on a plate and sprinkle chili flakes on it. Enjoy

Stir-fry Greens (Kimiko style)

½ Teaspoon sesame oil

- 1 bunch of mustard green or spinach, washed
- 1 Teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 Teaspoon sugar
- 1 Tablespoon sesame seeds, toasted, and slightly crushed

In a wok heat oil and add greens. Stir-fry on high heat for two minutes.

Add soy sauce and sugar and place it on the bowl. Finally garnish sesame seeds over.

Hema's Hints: Serve these vegetables for breakfast with miso soup and sticky rice.

Visit Hema's blog at theartofseasoning.type-pad.com.

simply safe | march

by Jon Nakafuji, Cupertino Volunteer

"When it rains, it pours." And creeks rise and storm drains back up. Here are some tips for what to do before, during and after a flood.

Before a Flood

- Elevate the furnace, water heater, and electric panel if susceptible to flooding.
- Seal the walls in your basement with waterproofing compounds to avoid seepage.
- Have some sandbags on hand in case you need to block water's access to your home. Cupertino has sandbags available at the Service Center, 10555 Mary Ave. You must fill them yourselves. The City does not deliver sandbags.
- Make a "Grab and Go" bag for yourself and your pets containing emergency supplies.

During a Flood

- Monitor the situation, through TV cable 26, radio 1670 AM (having a self-powered portable radio is preferable) or cupertino.org emergency preparedness site.
- If your home is flooding and you are unable to control it with sandbags, call 9-1-1 from your home or 408.299.2322 from your cell phone and report the problem.
- Secure your home in case you are forced to leave quickly. Have your emergency supplies standing by in a "Grab and Go" bag.
- If you are forced to evacuate on foot, avoid walking in moving water. It only takes six inches of moving water for you to loose your footing.
- Do not drive through moving water. Six inches of water can cause a car to float away. If caught by flood waters, exit the car and move to higher ground. Be sure you have a Res-Q-Me type emergency device in your car so you can break a window, if necessary.
- Do not leave pets behind! Have a plan for them too.

After a Flood

- Avoid floodwaters, as they are most likely contaminated by toxic materials, and in some cases may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Keep away from any buildings that are surrounded by floodwaters.
- If you are allowed to return home by the authorities, disinfect and dry out any and all items that were exposed to water/ moisture.

Upcoming Classes & Preparedness Events:

- Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop March 7, 9 am-Noon, April 21, 6:30-9:30.
- Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for 6-12 Grade \$50/\$60. Sign up kids for a spring break of learning CPR, First Aid, touring the 9-1-1 center, putting out a real fire, and more. April 13-17, 9 am-1 pm or July 20-24.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 We need 1000 volunteers of all ages and all abilities to join the city's team to help after the next earthquake. CERT training is a fun, hands-on basic introduction to disaster medical, communications, identifying (and sometimes preventing) hazards, fire safety and extinguisher use. Five Fridays, March 6-April 3. 9 am-Noon or 6:30 pm-9:30 pm.
 Graduation follows an earthquake simulation on Saturday, April 4, 9 am-1 pm. FREE.
- Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment

 If you're first on the scene of a car accident, explosion, earthquake or other event that causes many injuries, do you know how to keep yourself safe and still help others? Learn this simple technique to quickly assess a patient for life-threatening injuries and provide rapid intervention to "buy time" until advanced medical aid arrives. No medical experience necessary. Thursday, April 23, FREE and open to the public.

Volunteer at the Shelter

The Cupertino Animal Care and Shelter team needs you. Must love animals. No experience necessary. Call 408.777.3335 or email oes@cupertino.org

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

Make your own disaster/emergency kit specifically for the upcoming rainy season. Be sure to include blankets, flashlights, a fresh supply of water, non-perishable food, tarp/ponchos, candles, matches, self-powered AM/FM radio, and other items that would help make it easier during the winter storms and power outages.

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.

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Backyard Composting Classes

March 7 and May 2, 10 am-12 pm, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd

Register on-line for FREE workshops at www.reducewaste.org (use the search function to find "home composting"), or call the Rotline at 408.918.4640.

Compost Bulk Pickup

Fridays and Saturdays from March 27, 8:30-11 am, Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road, across from the dam

The city's compost site reopens for FREE bulk pickup just in time for spring planting. No appointments are necessary. The site is closed during rain, if the site is muddy, and on holiday weekends (Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day).

- Only city residents can use this program. Please bring proof of residency.
- There will not be any staff at the site to assist residents in shoveling compost or moving bags.
- Please bring adequate shovels and people to help.
- Bring containers, an old trash can, a tarp or bags to hold your compost. For you convenience, two bags per car will be available for use.

For recorded information call 408.777.1320, or city offices at 408.777.3354.

and up in the summer, especially at night

Pest Control Info Available

Pest control fact sheets on less-toxic products and techniques are available at two local nurseries: Yamagami's and Summerwinds. Nursery staff has received special training on pest control and can guide customers in using an "Integrated Pest Management" approach to resolve their bug problems. Fact sheets are also available on the City's website www. cupertino.org/environmental.

Creek Clean Up

May 16, 9 am-12 pm, Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue

Join your neighbors for a cleanup event. The City will provide gloves, trash grabbers, and free refreshments. Volunteers are encouraged to dress for safety; wear old shoes, long sleeves, pants and sunscreen. To learn more, please contact the Public Works Dept. at 408.777.3354, or visit www.cupertino.org.

Free Car Wash Fundraiser Kit

Anyone organizing a car wash event should borrow the city's Car Wash Kit. Copper, which washes off brake pads, is toxic to aquatic life. Oil, coolant and other pollutants are also carried in car wash runoff. The Car Wash Kit drains runoff into the sewer lines rather than into the storm drains, which flow untreated into creeks and the Bay. To schedule pick up and training on the use of the kit, visit www.cupertino.org/environmental or phone 408.77.3354.

Take City Manager Dave Knapp's Sustainability Pledge

I pledge to take these 10 steps to reduce my personal greenhouse gas emissions:

and while you are away from home. Schedule car-free days. Walk, ride a bike, Or, even better, install a programmable or take public transportation. Visit www. thermostat to do this for you! Visit www. trasit511.org to start planning. energystar.gov to review your options. Conserve water by installing water-efficient Eliminate waste by recycling as much as devices such as high-efficiency toilets and possible, including cardboard, electronics, clothes washers, low-flow showerheads and paper, glass, plastic, and metals. faucet aerators. Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth, take shorter showers Unplug electronic equipment or consider and minimize/eliminate lawn sprinkler use. buying a "smart" power strip to prevent electronics from draining electric current Sign up for an Acterra Green@Home when not in use. energy audit or become a Green@Home House Call volunteer. To learn more, email Shop with a re-usable bag and keep reor call Acterra's Liz Muir at lizm@acterra. usable bags in the front seat of your car or org or 650-962-9876 x350. near the door of your home as a reminder to take them into the store. Compost all green biodegradable organic waste at your home and office. Visit our local farmers market or join a local Community Supported Agriculture Turn the thermostat down in the winter program (CSA) to buy locally grown food

when available.

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.

MARCH 2, 3 & 6 - ECLIPSE OVER EGYPT An avid amateur astronomer captures the March 29, 2006, eclipse and explores ancient Egyptian temples and the Nile River.

MARCH 9, 10 & 13 - HOME SAFETY

Watch this episode to learn to prevent falls and home fires and address other topics presented by an education officer from the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

MARCH 16, 17 & 20 - SHORT SKIRTS AND SNAPPY SALUTES

Two women military veterans describe the humor and poignancy of service and patriotism during World War II.

MARCH 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 & APRIL 3 - MARTHA KANTER INTERVIEW

The Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District talks about her responsibilities and the latest improvements to both Colleges in new building construction and services for students.

Want to join the group who produces these programs? Call 408.252.2667.

The Greatest Value in Town

The Senior Center offers so many fantastic activities and programs, all included in your membership at no additional cost or minimal cost. Learn more at www.cupertino. org/senior.

Genealogy Presentation Monday, March 2, 10-11:30 am

Come to a presentation on how to get started, where to find resources, and what kind of information to collect. The forty-five minute presentation will be followed by question and answer time. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guest.

Booktalking with Cupertino Library

March 3 and April 7, 10:30-11:30 am

An adult program librarian from the Cupertino Library will be here to share great book titles that are a "must read." Many types of literature genre will be reviewed. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guest.

Ballroom Dance Social

Monday, March 9 & 23, 2:05-3:35 pm

Volunteers will play Western & Chinese dance music. No instruction provided. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guest.

Line Dance Social

Wednesday, March 18, 10:15 am-12:15 pm

Join Mike Shannon for a fun morning of line dancing. No partner needed. All levels welcome. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guest.

Health Lecture: Acupuncture Monday, March 23, 10-11:30 am

A licensed acupuncturist will give an overview of this non-traditional but increasingly accepted method of treatment. Find out what acupuncture is, the theory behind it, and areas that this method is used to alleviate symptoms. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guest.

Don't Be a Victim of Fraud March 26, Thursday, 10-11 am

This presentation briefly covers multiple fraud schemes, including inheritance scams, lottery scams, identity theft, and health care fraud. It will also address ways the scam artists find and entice their victims as well as how to protect yourself from the bad guys.

Weekly Socials

Free for members except for cost noted; Senior guests free with \$5 day pass

Game Socials

Mah jjong- Friday, from 12 pm-4 pm Card games- Monday to Friday,12-4 pm Board games- First Monday of the month, from 9am-Noon

Bingo- Wednesday 1-3 pm (Penny Bingo) and Friday 1-3:30 pm (regular Bingo), card cost

Sporting Socials

Table tennis- Tuesday, 8:30-11:30 am and Friday, 1-4:30 pm

Golf- Monday mornings at Blackberry Farm Golf Course, reserved tee times, fee Drop-in Tennis-Tuesday mornings, 9-11 am at

tennis courts #5 and #6 in Memorial Park.

Music Socials

The Rhythmaires- Senior jazz band open practice on Fridays, from 9:30-11:30 am Karaoke- Thursdays 1:30-4:30 pm

SENIOR TRIPS

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

TOURS

Classical Greece, March 18-28

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. \$3599 per person based on double occupancy.

Exploration in Alaska, June 28-July 10

Explore the spectacular coastline and heart of Alaska with a 7-night Glacier Bay Discovery Cruise; 2-nights in Dawson City; 2-night riverboat cruise 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

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

Cantor Arts Museum and Memorial Church, \$25 April 9

Mystery Trip with Gary, \$69 includes lunch April 22

Carmen, \$110

May 1

Wonders of Our Waterworks, \$32 includes lunch May 14

Coastal Getaway to Monterey and Asilomar, \$TBA

May 18-19

The Castro District with Gary, \$64 May 29

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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

Citizenship Classes

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers two evening citizenship classes. Students learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview. In addition, there will be several speakers who will talk about the naturalization process, local government, and voting.

ESL/Citizenship Preparation Class for Intermediate English Speakers

Monday and Wednesday evenings, March 23-May 27, 6:30-9:30 pm, Fremont High School, Room 82

Citizenship Preparation Class for Advanced English Speakers

Monday and Wednesday evenings, March 23-May 27, 6:30-9:30 pm, Fremont High School, Room 83

ESL/Citizenship Class for Beginning English Speakers

Saturday mornings March 28-May 30, 9-11 am, Templo el Monte Horeb, 455 E. Maude Avenue, Sunnyvale

ESL/Citizenship Class for Intermediate English Speakers

Saturday mornings March 28-May 30, 11 am-1 pm, Templo el Monte Horeb, 455 E. Maude Avenue, Sunnyvale

One-day Interview Preparation Class:

Saturday, April 25, 9:30-11:30 am, Training Center, Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale

A special one-day class is offered help prospective citizens prepare for their interview. Volunteeers from the community will act as interviewers. An immigration expert will talk about the interview process and answer questions.

For all of these classes, students should register in class. For more information about these classes or for ESL/Citizenship at Home, please call 408.522.2703.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult andt Community Education's ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. If you are interested, please call Linda Brummer at 408.522.2733.

cupertino library

LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Mon-Tues	1 t	0	9
Wed-Thurs1) t	0	9
Fri-Sat1) t	0	6
Sunday1	2 t	0	6

The library will be closed on Tuesday, March 31, for Caesar Chavez 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.santa-claracountylib.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

CELEBRATE SEUSS

March 4, 4 pm, Story Room

Kids are invited to come and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with the *Cat in the Hat*.

AN EVENING OF MAGIC

March 11, 7 pm, Story Room

Families are invited to a special appearance of Los Angeles magician Tony Daniels.

CUPERTINO CINEMA CLUB PRESENTS HORTON HEARS A WHO

March 12, 4 pm, Story Room

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

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, March 19, at 7 pm, Story Room *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.

OUTCLASS THE COMPETITION: BUSINESS ETIQUETTE & PROFESSIONAL IMAGE

March 7, 2 pm, Cupertino Community Hall Betty Chu, Certified Image Consultant and Certified Corporate Etiquette and international Protocol Consultant and discover how to: distinguish yourself from the competition in today's challenging economy, learn the proper business etiquette, and present yourself with a successful professional image. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*. Call the Library Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372 for more information.

SENIOR HEALTHCARE

March 18, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall Shawna Rodriguez from SarahCare of Campbell will provide information about the various options for our senior community and senior health care services. Call the Library Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, ext. 3372 for more information.



BECOME A SAVVY INVESTOR USING ONLINE FINANCIAL DATABASES

March 16, 7 pm, Cupertino Community Hall Marion Michel and Vicky Powell from the Chapter of Silicon Valley Better Investing present this workshop. They will instruct how to find stock and industry reports using *Standard and Poor's NetAdvantage*. Unique features on Morningstar stock reports will also be illustrated. Question and answer period will follow.

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.

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

The 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 fist-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

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

MAR	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
2	American Legion Post 642	8 pm	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va
MON	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
4	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	650.734.5869	al-anon.org/
WED	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 Vallco Parkway	285.4977	tandemtoastmasters.vsgcorp.
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3, 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.		www.macintalkers.com vppr@ macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/ homeC.asp?cid=3794
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_ Officers.html
	Cupertino Symphonic Band*	7 pm	Monroe Middle School	262.0471	netview.com/csb/
	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 pm	Hyde Middle School	747.0943	krazydazys.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Harvest Restaurant	209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org
5	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	deanzalions.org/
THUR	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall	345.8372	cupertinoares.org/
	Connect Club I*	Noon	Holders Country Inn	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Connect Club II*	8 am	Chamber of Commerce	252.7054	cupertino-chamber.org
	Business Networking Intl.*	7 am	BJ's Brewery	996.9111	BNI.com
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 pm	Union Church	253.8394	oa.org
	Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)*	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	354.8493	foodaddicts.org/
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
6	Cupertino Las Madres*	10-1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
FRI	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1456	classic.kiwanis.org
	CERT Training	Various	Please register through Parks & Recreation	777.3120	www.cupertino.org

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7	De Anza Flea Market	8-4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
SAT	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
	Personal Emergency Preparedness	9 to noon	Please register through Parks & Recreation	777.3120	www.cupertino.org
9	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 pm	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	www.cupertinoioof70.org
MON	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
11 WED	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center, Cupertino Room	408.554.1133 650.967.4679	viewfindersclub.org
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	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 pm	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267.3397	malihini.org
FRI	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
16 MON	CERT-Community Emergency Response Team /MRT-Medical Reserve Corps	7 pm	City Hall - Meeting Room 100	777.3335	cupertino.org
17 TUES	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
19	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall	257.7424	cupertinotoyokawa.org
THUR	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312	westvalleyrepublican womenfederated.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578.5917	egausa.org
24	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
TUES	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	

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3202, lindal@cupertino.org Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

community chat room

Welcome New Businesses

- Chiaramonte's Sausage Deli & Pizza
- Daily Advantage
- Fay Tax and Accounting Services
- Great Cut
- Klee Financial Group Inc.
- Pizza Bay Area
- Togo Sandwiches

Commission Vacancy

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for one unscheduled vacancy on the Housing Commission with a term ending January 2011. This vacancy is open until filled. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223 for information regarding application deadline and interview dates. Applications can be downloaded from the website at www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For more details, please see the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223.

Job Search Support Group

Cupertino Rotary provides a program called Job Search Support Group that meets every Tuesday at Monta Vista High School in Room # A112 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The program provides a valuable asset for the people of Cupertino who are looking for work. The Governor of California and the state legislature have recognized this program. For more information, call Eva Martin-Long at 408.973.0700.



Radio Cupertino, 1670 AM

For local breaking news, up-to-date information about community events, and local weather, Radio Cupertino is your 24-hour source of information.

In a local emergency, Radio Cupertino will broadcast bulletins and advisories to keep Cupertino residents informed with the latest available information.

Radio Cupertino presents a regular city agenda preview highlighting items of discussion in the upcoming City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. Regular council and commission meetings are broadcast live in their entirety.

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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**.

council actions

MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2009

Councilmembers Present: Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

Council Members Absent: None

No action taken regarding the City Attorney position.

Proclamation presented to the American Red Cross for National Blood Donor Month.

Approved minutes from December 16 meeting.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 19-001 through 09-003 accepting Accounts Payable for December 12, 19 and 31.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 09-004 and 09-005 accepting payroll for December 12 and 26, with an amendment to 09-005 to change year to 2009.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment Report for November 2008.

Accepted an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Tomokazu Japanese Cuisine, 20625 Alves Dr., on-sale beer and wine.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-006 approving a parcel map, 10075 Pasadena Ave., APN 357-17-112.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-007 approving a parcel map, 21871 Dolores Ave., APN 357-14-026.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-008 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and authorization for underground water rights, 10160 Stern Ave., APN 375-12-006.

Accepted City projects performed under contract: Local Streets Pavement Management 2, Project No. 2008-05 (G. Bortolotto & Company, Inc.)

Approved bingo permit renewals for the Senior Center Coordinating Council and St. Joseph's Church.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-009 ordering the abatement of a public nuisance (weeds).

Continued S. Vallco Main St. Project to January 20.

Did not accept a painting of President-Elect Barack Obama from the Iranian Federated Women's Club.

Phase II of the City Wellness Program continued to January 20.

Selected Council assignments for local and regional organizations and agencies.

Enacted Ordinance No. 08-2034 relating to Prohibition of Parking During Certain Hours, Greenleaf Drive.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2009

Councilmembers Present: Mahoney, Sandoval, Santoro, Wang, and Wong

Council Members Absent: None

No action taken regarding the City Attorney position.

Presented the disaster mapping project.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-010 accepting Accounts Payable for January 9, 2009.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-011 accepting Payroll for January 9, 2009.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-012 approving the destruction of records from Human Resources,

Finance, Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation and City Clerk departments.

Alcoholic Beverage License application for Regus, 10297 S. De Anza Blvd., continued to February 3, 2009.

Adopted a negative declaration regarding a 5-story hotel on 10165 N. De Anza Blvd. Approved allocation option 2 with conditions relating to the Cupertino Square Mall. Approved architectural design option no. 2. The construction management plan shall provide for posting of a 24-hour telephone number for complaints and additional fencing. The applicant shall provide 201 spaces (with capacity of up to 240 with valet service); an adequate number of spaces for self-parking shall be worked out with staff. Tree removal request approved with the following conditions: applicant shall plant more trees/shrubs on the Eastern side of De Anza Blvd. on City property to fill in gaps where there may be a view of the hotel in consultation with the neighbors and City staff. Applicant shall offer shrubs to the neighbors for privacy screening. Applicant shall plant larger trees (48-inch box) on the West side of the street and the irrigation system shall be assessed. Applicant shall be responsible for the one-time cost to update the infrastructure.

Heart of the City, Application No. SPA-2008-01, postponed to February 3, 2009.

Approved the Environmental Impact Report including the Statement of Overriding Considerations regarding the South Vallco Main Street Project (with amendments). Approved alternate 5 on the Vallco Parkway Parking, elevations and arch details as discussed, phasing in condition 13-up to 5 years done in 3 phases, senior housing 15% onsite, a .75 acre park, a hotel of up to 250 rooms-over 160 rooms must have full amenities, retail on Vallco Parkway can consist of option 1 or option 2 on Vallco Parkway at Finch, future garage conversion must be in there, athletic or commercial retail, general plan allocation per staff's recommendation, 400-person banquet hall, 100,000 square foot of office with no general plan amendment and European court. Approved tentative map to subdivide 3 parcels into 5 parcels. Approved tree removal request.

Approved implementation of Phase II of the City Wellness Program.

2008-09 mid-year budget adjustment #2 continued to February 3, 2009.

Approved contract for the Sports Court/Tennis Lighting Upgrade Project at the Sports Center. Awarded to Cupertino Electric. Approved merging of accounts for the project.

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-2037, relating to artwork in public and private developments, continued to February 3, 2009.

The Mayor's signing of the contract for the City Attorney continued to January 28, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Adjournned to Tuesday January 27, 2009 at 5 pm for a closed session regarding the City Attorney Contract with Commission Interviews to follow at 6 pm.

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City	Directory
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Main Line	408.777.CITY	408.777.3200
City Clerk	408.777.3223	cityclerk@cupertino.org
Finance	408.777.3220	finance@cupertino.org
Parks & Recreation	408.777.3120	parks@cupertino.org
Planning/Community Development	408.777.3308	planning@cupertino.org
Public Information	408.777.3262	pio@cupertino.org
Public Works	408.777.3354	-
Sheriff Services	408.868.6600	www.sccsheriff.org

City Meetings

Mar. 3	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (Mtg. Room 100)	6:30 pm
Mar. 3	City Council meeting (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Mar. 4	Library Commission (Mtg. Room 100)	7 pm
Mar. 5	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Mar. 5	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Mar. 5	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7 pm
Mar. 6	CERT Training (Contact QCC 777.3120)	9 am
Mar. 7	Personal Emergency Preparedness (Contact QCC 777.3120)	9 am
Mar. 10	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Mar. 11	Teen Commission (QCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm
Mar. 11	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Mar. 12	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Mar. 12	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Mar. 12	C.A.R.E.S. (Mtg. Room. 100)	7:30 pm
Mar. 16	CERT/MRC (Mtg. Room 100)	7 pm
Mar. 17	City Council meeting (CommunityHall)***	6:45 pm
Mar. 18	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Mar. 19	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Mar. 19	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Mar. 19	Toyokawa Sister City Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Mar. 24	Planning Commission (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Mar. 25	Teen Commission (QCC Conference Room)	6:45 pm

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