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Cupertino Fall Festival September 19 & 20, 2009, 10 am - 5 pm

The Cupertino Fall Festival will take place at the Cupertino Civic Center Library Fields. The festival is an evolution of the Cupertino Jubilee and Fall Festival that has been held for the past three years.

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"Diwali – Festival of Lights" Celebration

September 26, 2009, 10 am - 6 pm, Memorial Park

The seventh annual Diwali-Festival of Lights is presented by the Asian American Business Council of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce. Festivities will include a wonderful feast of food, music and dance including a traditional Rangoli display.



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Citywide Garage Sale September 26 & 27, 2009

Cupertino's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held September 26 and 27 at individual homes and other private locations in the city. The city is inviting residents and community organizations to register.

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Admission to the festival grounds is free with plenty of free parking available at De Anza College.

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, marks the beginning of the new business year in India and it is a festival of joy, splendor, brightness, happiness and prosperity. Celebrated throughout the world, typical Diwali traditions include exchanging gifts, new clothes, meeting new and old friends, offering traditional sweets and wishing each other a prosperous new year.

Visitors to the festival will be treated to a festive atmosphere of sari festooned trees, spectacular lanterns, and a cultural kaleidoscope of activities and performances. There will be a grand opening ceremony by Honorable Congressman Mike Honda, Assembly member Paul Fong, community and elected leaders in native Indian clothing. The festival will showcase Indian food, music and dancing, featuring classical "Kuchipudi" and "Kathak" to folk "Koli", and "Innal Kolatam" to popular "Bollywood" dances.

Attendees may get decorative "mehendi" tattoos on the palms of their hands or attend

the booths with ethnic Indian art, clothing, jewelry, children's books and toys. The elaborate and exciting Kids Zone will be packed throughout the day with children visiting the magic show, petting zoo, pony rides, jump abouts, wood workshop, face painting and coloring contests.

Event Chair Mahesh Nihalani states, "The Diwali Festival of Lights is an excellent opportunity to bring the business community together to celebrate a holiday that is very significant for our Indian population". Ram Gopal, the Asian American Business Council Chair, comments that "the mission of the AABC is to promote, strengthen and enhance the inter-ethnic business environment in the Cupertino Chamber and the Diwali Festival has proven to an excellent way to bridge our business community with the residents of Cupertino.

For more information about the festival or membership in the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and the Asian American Business Council, please contact the Chamber in Cupertino at 408.252.7054 or visit the Chamber's website www.cupertino-chamber.org







Public Hearing To Consider Amendments To The Sign Ordinance

The City invites residents, business property owners and interested parties to attend a public hearing to provide input and feedback on proposed amendments to the City's Sign Ordinance, Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code. The focus of the hearing and the amendments is to make the ordinance more business friendly and to make the ordinance easier to read.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendments and may recommend to the City Council changes be made to the Sign Ordinance. The City Council will subsequently review and take action on any ordinance changes. The hearing is scheduled for the following date and time:

Planning Commission Hearing

Time: 6:45 p.m.,

Date: September 8, 2009

Location: Cupertino Community Hall Web Cast: www.cupertino.org/webcast

The draft Sign Ordinance can be found on the City's website at www.cupertino.org/SignOrdUpdate on Friday, September 4, 2009. For questions, comments or additional information, you may contact Colin Jung at 408.777.3257 or email him at Colinj@cupertino.org or contact Piu Ghosh at 408.777.3277 or email her at Piug@cupertino.org prior to 5:30 pm on September 8, 2009.

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The event is organized by the Rotary Club of Cupertino and will showcase the Health and Safety zone, Kids Fun Zone, Fine Arts show, in addition of an Environmental Earth Zone hosted by the City of Cupertino. The entertainment includes multicultural performances, chicken dance, Captain Jack Spareribs and the Pirates of Cupertino plus a food court featuring a taste of the old Oktoberfest.

The new Environmental Earth Zone will showcase the valley's best green technologies, sustainable consumer product goods, environmental best practices and resource conservation measures supported by Cupertino's local utilities, businesses and nonprofit partners. Ride an electric scooter, investigate solar photovoltaic panels, learn the fundamentals of a home energy audit, compost in the worm bin, explore partner booths using your eco treasure hunt map, and win fun eco fabulous prizes.

The Safety and Health zone will provide information about the active volunteer groups like CERT, MRC and CARES and



Block Leaders. There will be free screening for blood pressure, body mass index, vision, glaucoma, hearing, and blood sugar-diabetes.

For more info on the Cupertino Fall Festival, visit www.cupertinofallfest.com.

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The City is currently registering participants through September 11, and will provide free advertising and a garage sale "how-to" kit, for all registered sellers. About 400 residents and community organizations will

hold sales this year. Interested participants should register on-line at the city's website, www.cupertino.org/garagesale. For those that do not have access to a computer call 408.777.3354. The last day to register to get on the city's official list is September 11.

On September 23, a list and map of all registered sales will be published on the city's website, and printed copies of the list and map will become available at City Hall, Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino Senior Center and the Cupertino Library. On-line viewers will be able to electronically search for specific items on the list by using the "Search" function. Block sales and multi-family sales will be highlighted.

The city's goal in sponsoring a Citywide Garage Sale is to prevent usable items from being thrown away as garbage. In addition to finding unusual garage sale treasures, use this opportunity to learn about our city by shopping in neighborhoods that you've never visited before. For more Garage Sale information, check the city's website,

www.cupertino.org, or call 408.777.3354.

CDC Updates On Influenza-Like Illness

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changed its recommendation related to the amount of time people with influenza-like illness should stay away from others (the exclusion period). New guidance indicates that people with influenza-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). A fever is defined as having a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit or 37.8° Celsius or greater.

This is a change from the previous recommendation that ill persons stay home for 7 days after illness onset or until 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms, whichever was longer. The new recommendation applies to camps, schools, businesses, mass gatherings, and other community settings where the majority of people are not at increased risk for influenza complications. CDC recommends this exclusion period regardless of whether or not antiviral medications are used. This guidance does not apply to health care settings where the exclusion period continues to be for 7 days from symptom onset or until 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms, whichever is longer. To read the complete revised guidance visit http://www.cdc.gov/ h1n1flu/guidance/exclusion.htm. For more general information on H1N1, visit http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/.

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by Jon Nakafuji, Cupertino Volunteer

Citywide Emergency Drill

It's been twenty years since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. To prepare for the "bigger" one, the City of Cupertino will be conducting a citywide emergency drill on Oct 17 and 18. The purpose of the drill is for the city's emergency volunteers to evaluate their ability to document and keep track of the events they're handling on a global scale. Just like a real earthquake, volunteers will make contact with the 21,000 Cupertino households to simulate a citywide safety assessment.

Cupertino's Office of Emergency Services (OES) will activate all volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES), and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Other organizations such as Block Leaders, Boy & Girl Scouts, Interact, and Octagon club are invited to help OES volunteers accomplish their goals by reaching every house in only 16 hours.

In addition, all six of the City's Emergency Information and Resource sites (commonly called ARKs) will be opened. The public is welcome to visit their local ARK from 10 am to 8 pm on October 17 and from Noon to 6 pm on October 18 so they can become familiar with the locations, functions and

capabilities. For ARK location, visit www.cupertino.org/ARK

Cupertino AM Radio Station 1670 AM

WQGH 344 broadcasts public safety information, instructions, and advisories affecting life, property, communication, emergency and travel at 1670 AM. For more info visit: www.cupertino.org/radio.

Upcoming Classes:

PERSONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP, FREE!

September 1, 6:30-9:30 pm and October 21, 9 am -Noon.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - FIVE FRIDAYS,

September 18-October 16. Choose morning sessions from 9-Noon or evening sessions from 6:30-9:30 pm at Cupertino City Hall. Graduation exercise is October 17, 9 am -1 pm.

PANDEMIC FLU- ONLINE PRESENTATION Visit www.cupertino.org/flu for more info.

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 info.

Distinguished and Emerging Artist of the Year

The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission has selected Iona Ezaki as the 2009 "Distinguished Artist of the Year," and Christina Jung as the 2009 "Emerging Artist of the Year." Each recipient received a monetary award in the amount of \$500. Their art will be on public display at the Cupertino Fall Festival Fine Art Show in the City Community Hall September 18 19 & 20.

Iona Ezaki, the 2009 Distinguished Artist, was past president of the Fine Arts League of Cupertino from 2006 to 2008 and is currently vice president of the club. Ms. Ezaki has donated her paintings to several charities including the JW House, Wilkins family in Montana, Bay Area Breast Cancer Society, Los Gatos Museum, and the Yellowstone Historical Society. She has been commissioned to do the portraits of former SF football 49er players Jerry Rice and Joe Montana as they sold prints of their portraits to raise funds for children's charities. She has a love of the National Parks and was commissioned to do seven paintings for a National Parks DVD. She has won numerous awards in the Bay

Area including the Los Gatos Art Association, The Cupertino Fine Arts League, the Saratoga Art Club, the Santa Clara County Fair, the Alameda County Fair, the San Mateo Fair and at the Yellowstone Gallery art show. She was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Landscape painting at the Cupertino Fall Festival in 2008 for her painting, "Napa Dreams".

Christina Jung is the first recipient of Cupertino's Emerging Artist of the Year award, which was created in 2008. Her art education includes classes in Homestead High School and the Community School of Music and Arts in Mountain View. Ms. Jung received a series of awards from the high school for her art work, as well as winning the Best of HHS 2008 and the Monta Vista Department Chair Award 2009 in the Fremont Union High School Art Showcase. She placed second in the 2008 Los Altos Rotary Young@Art Competition, and received Honorable Mentions in the Blue Coat Community Art Showcase and the 2008 Ultrecht Self-Portrait Competition. Ms. Jung spent a rewarding month at the California State Summer School for the Arts program Innerspark, where she worked with artists her own age and was mentored by working professionals.

roots | John Marsh The Tightwad Who Battled for Statehood

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

"The Meanest Man in California!" That was how John Bidwell described John Marsh in letters to friends after telling them he'd arrived in California on Nov. 4, 1841.

So who was John Marsh? Well, he'd come out on the Santa Fe Trail early on, after authorities followed up on an old arrest warrant for selling guns to Indians. They got a little too close for comfort and Marsh skedaddled west. He then settled at the foot of Mt. Diablo, 40 miles east of what would become San Francisco. He wrote letters east, encouraging settlers to make the grueling six month trek on an overland trail (based on hearsay from mountain man, Jedediah Smith) and not surprisingly, this "trail"

ended up near Marsh's ranch.
Describing the area as the
"Eden of the West", Marsh sent
a barrage of letters east, reasoning that it would only take a
few years for the U.S. to claim
or buy California from Mexico.
Marsh, a former merchant,
envisioned settlers by the score,
buying goods from him.

So in 1841, when John Bidwell and his pioneering band of 32 emigrants struggled over des-

erts and mountains to reach Marsh and surrounding lands, Marsh offered to go to Mission San Jose to get passports for the weary travelers. However, he and Bidwell had a falling-out and he didn't bring a passport back for Bidwell. Fuming, Bidwell coaxed his tired horse to the mission to get his own passport, then almost exploded. The Mexican officials, he found out, gave passports for free - but Marsh had already collected belongings or IOU's from the destitute travelers to cover his \$5 charge for each passport he delivered.

Miserly acts like this were Marsh's trademark. He used his Harvard Bachelor of Arts degree (written in Latin) to obtain a license to practice medicine in Los Angeles and became the first doctor in California. The next year, he cashed in his fees of cowhides and tallow for \$500 and headed north where he got San Francisco storekeeper, Jacob Leese, to play host to the freeloading doctor. Marsh once spent 50 cents on fresh fish for Mrs. Leese to cook. After he ended his 11 month stay, he billed her for the half dollar. In 1837 he paid \$500 for full payment for the Rancho Los Meganos, 50,000 acres which included what is now Brentwood, Antioch and Pittsburg. As the region's only doctor,

Marsh found a way to add cattle to his vast ranch. His fees for house calls ran as high as 300 head. A rancher who owned 150 head was aghast when Marsh wanted 50 of them for curing his child's headaches.

"Go ahead and pay it", said the rancher's wife, a plucky spirit who then billed Marsh for 25 head of cattle for washing two of his shirts!

In 1845, Marsh was drafted, along with other naturalized foreigners to serve in the army of General Manuel Micheltorena, whose assignment was to expel all U.S. citizens from the province of California. This pitted conscripted Americans on the Mexican government's side against other

Americans supporting the native Californios, who actually had Marsh's sympathy.

"You don't want Americans fighting each other, do you?" he kept asking the Americans serving with him. Marsh arranged a meeting of Americans from both sides. They decided to sit out the big battle. This led to Micheltorena's defeat and hastened the day when California would become a state.



John Marsh

In the primitive solitude he craved, Marsh lived alone in an old adobe cabin. He stocked his ranch with 6,000 cattle and horses, extended his holdings, fought Indians and cattle rustlers and embattled squatters who invaded his ranch. By night he read the classics. Yet for all his solitude he became wealthy and influential. He married and built for his wife a big stone house in Contra Costa County, but she died before they could move in. Marsh had a son, Charles, by a French-Sioux Indian woman. He had left the boy behind in Illinois when he moved so hastily to California. Charles later headed West in search of gold, traced his father and by a strange twist of fate, literally fell exhausted through Marsh's cabin door one stormy night. Neither the son nor the father knew who the other was until Marsh's idle questions brought about the discovery.

At age 57, Marsh was slain by three disgruntled men who felt he'd cheated them. The ranch was divided among the heirs and other claimants and Dr. John Marsh became to most people an enigmatic and shadowy figure of history.

(Information for article taken from PG&E Progress newsletter, Feb. 1991)

cupertino library

LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Mon-Tues Wed-Thurs Fri-Sat Sunday	10 to 9
TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
General Library Number 4	08.446.1677

Adult and Teen Reference 408.446.1677, ext. 3372

Children's

Reference408.446.1677, ext. 3373

Accounts, Billing......800.286.1991

TeleCirc 800.471.0991

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

www.santaclaracountylib.org

The library will be closed September 6 and September 7 for Labor Day.

Programs for Children & Families

STORYTIME HOURS:

Mondays, 4 pm
Tuesdays, 7 pm

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old Wednesdays, 10:15 am

Stories for Twos

 $1\frac{1}{2}\ to\ 2\frac{1}{2}\ years\ old\$ Thursdays, 10:15 am **Special Magic Programs With Tony Daniels** Magic Workshop at 4:30 pm September 29

(Registration Required)
Magic Show at 7 pm September 29

Programs for Teens

DUCT-TAPEALOOZA – TEEN CRAFT PROGRAM

September 15, 2009

Teens are invited to Cupertino Library's first Duct-Tapealooza program at 4 pm on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 in the Teen Group Study Room. In this craft, we will be creating duct tape wallets, duct tape coin purses, and even duct tape roses! This program is for ages 13-19 and is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

Programs for Adults

CELEBRATE MOON FESTIVAL WITH MARTIN YAN (YAN CAN COOK) @ THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Come celebrate the Moon Festival with chef Martin Yan of *Yan Can Cook* from 6:30-8:30 pm on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 in the Cupertino Community Hall. This is a 2-hour program with an entertaining and informative cooking demonstration, followed by a

book signing by the award-winning author/ chef. First-come, first-served. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

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Monday, September 14, 2009

To celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, the Cupertino Library will present a Bollywood dance program by Jhankaar Beats on Monday, September 14th, 2009 at 7 pm in the Cupertino Community Hall. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library. For more information, call the Library's reference desk at 408.446.1677, ext 3372.

BOOK TALK AND BOOK DISCUSSION Thursday, September 17, 2009

Cupertino Librarians, Judy Dana and Annapurna Dandu, will host a Book Discussion and Book Talk on the third Thursday of each month in the Cupertino Library Story Room. Book talks are short descriptions of several titles, covering all genres and subjects. Each month a new title is selected for the book discussion. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk and pick up a copy of the book while supplies last or place a hold for next available copy. We will be discussing "Pompeii" on Thursday, September 17, at 7 pm. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

DATABASE INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS – LEARNING EXPRESS

Monday, September 21, 2009, 7 pm Cupertino Library Training Room (2nd Floor)

"BURNING MAN" IN CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHERS' EYES Saturday, October 3, 2009

Join photographers from the Chinese



Californian Camera Club for a mesmerizing photo journey to "Burning Man," a unique art/cultural event held each year in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. This program will be presented at 2 pm on Saturday, October 3, 2009 in the Cupertino Community Hall. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

REAL WORLD RETIREMENT PLANNING Sunday, October 4, 2009

Bob Adams, CFP® of the Silicon Valley chapter of the Financial Planning Association is giving a presentation and Q & A session on retirement planning at 3 pm on Sunday, October 4, at Cupertino Library Story Room.

Also in the Cupertino Library

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 4-6 pm and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels and ages are welcome.

Individual or Small Group programs by Appointment

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, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment.

For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's adult programs or to schedule an appointment for the classes, please call the Reference Desk at 408 446 1677, ext 3372.

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. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677, during the library's open hours.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BESTSELLER COLLECTION

Funded by the *Friends of the Cupertino Library*, the Bestseller Collection is a special browsing collection designed to make it easier than ever to find a bestseller on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

LOCATED IN THE NEW BOOK / NEW MAGAZINES / MEDIA AREA RIGHT OFF THE FRONT LOBBY

Friends of the Cupertino Library also welcome everyone to their ongoing Lobby Book Sales. The next Friends' big sale will be held in the Community Hall from October 17-18, 2009.

FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

The Friends of the Cupertino Library has placed a cabinet in the library lobby to collect used cell phones. Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Library.

Cupertino Library Birthday Celebration

Please join in celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Library's move into its new facility on Saturday, October 24, 2009, 10 am - 4 pm. Events will take place at the Library and Community Hall

There will be a welcoming address and refreshments at 11:30 am. Other fun activities include a children's costume contest in the morning, dance performances for all ages in the afternoon, and Wii games for teens.



senior center news

Fall is upon us, and an array of exciting classes and activities await you at the Cupertino Senior Center. To welcome you, we are offering a **2009** Membership discount! Between August 31 and October 30, receive \$5 off the **2009** membership fee! The **2009** membership will be valid until January 29, 2010.

Check out all our great activities (sampling below) in our senior center newsletter — available in Cupertino at the senior center, Quinlan Community Center, City Hall, Sports Center, library, or our website: www.cupertino.org/senior.

Do your good deed – donate to our **Hidden Treasures** once-a-year fundraiser, to be held on October 29! Gently used knick-knacks, no longer used jewelry, attractive bric-a-brac, good condition housewares, and gift-type items are welcome. **The proceeds from the sale will benefit our social services and Scholarship Fund**. We are accepting donations until October 22. Thank you for your continued support.

Brain Gym

Wednesday, September 16-November 4, 10-11:30 am

Medical experts recommend learning new things as part of brain-stimulating activities. We are offering a brand-new class: the Brain Gym improves memory, mood, and flexibility through games, puzzles, group activities and memory work. Try it starting September 16; your brain will thank you!

Aloha! September Birthday Bash Wednesday, September 16, Noon

Looking for a good excuse to get out of the house and meet friends, old and new? Our own Aloha Nani Hula dancers have prepared a special program for you.

To Your Health!

Want to learn how to overcome the barriers to achieve long-term weight loss? Join Daniel Robertson, a certified fitness trainer,

LAGCo Services Input Request

The City of Cupertino is preparing to negotiate new garbage and recycling agreement with Los Altos Garbage Company. Residents and local business owners are invited to send written suggestions regarding future services to the Public Works Dept, 10300 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014 or email suggestions to environmental@cupertino.org. While it may not be feasible to implement all suggestions, the City values its community's input and will strive to provide the best services at the most affordable rates.

to learn ways to achieve sustainable weight loss through goal setting and management, create healthy distractions, substitutes for bad habits, and many other techniques.

Utility User Tax Ballot Measure Presentation

Thursday, September 24, 10-11am

This presentation will educate participants about the upcoming November ballot measure and the importance of the measure to fund existing City programs today and in the future. Senior residents, 65 and older, will also learn how to tell if they are currently receiving the exemption to this tax.

There's Lots More!

For the art lovers, our center offers water-color, oil, acrylics, Chinese brush painting and Chinese calligraphy. All art classes are held at our bright and spacious Arts and Crafts room, the cost is reasonable, instructors are great, and fellow students friendly — a perfect place to develop your talent. Join the fun!

If fitness is part of your plan for a healthy life style, we have a myriad and variety of exercise classes. Some of the most popular classes are Tai Chi, Yoga, Line Dance, and Zumba Gold. Tai Chi is low impact, offering gentle, flowing movements without stressing the joints. Yoga classes provide a great way to unwind after a stressful day with mild, relaxing stretches. With Zumba Gold, you exercise to lively, graceful Latin-style music, which is easy to learn and a lot of fun. Or dance your way to health with Line Dance. Many of these classes are conveniently held in the evening, for those too busy during the daytime.

You are also welcome to join our Wednesday lunches, ballroom or line dance socials, movie, Ping Pong, card-playing, Mah Jongg, book review, to name a few. If you prefer, just relax in our comfortable lobby, and read a book, magazine, or newspaper from our collection.

WVCS Barbecue

West Valley Community Services is hosting a barbecue dinner, music, and dancing event called "Dinner at the Farm" on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 4 to 7 pm at Blackberry Farm, 21979 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino. The tickets are \$10 and the proceeds benefits West Valley C ommunity Service. For more info visit www.wvcommunityservices.org.

SENIOR TRIPS

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

TOURS

Southwestern Holiday December 6-10, 2009, \$1499 pp double

Tour Santa Fe, Taos and Albuquerque featuring tours of Albuquerque city, Old Town Albuquerque, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Santa Fe City Tour, Loretto Chapel, Taos City Tour, High Road to Taos. 2 nights downtown Santa Fe and Holiday shopping excursion.

Eastern Europe and Oberammergau September 21-30, 2010, \$6299 per person double

Featuring City tours of Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, Munich, and Regensburg, the Oberammergau Passion Play, St. Mary's Church, Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Church, Neuschwantein Castle and German Folklore Dinner Show.

DAY TRIPS

Majestic Murals and Mission Dolores, \$46

September 9

Angel Island and US Immigration Station, \$72

September 17

Sausalito Floating Homes Tour, \$82 September 26

The Noted, Notable, and Notorious, \$73

October 16

Out to Lunch Bunch Armadillo Willy's, \$Lunch

October 27

Winchester Mystery House, \$36

October 31

Harvest, Hayrides, Honey, \$65 November 13

5-hour Shopping Fling, \$15

November 19

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Home for the Holidays, \$53

December 4

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.

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, & 11 – PREPARING FOR PANDEMIC FLU – Learn what you can do to avoid the H1N1 (swine flu) virus in the coming flu season.

SEPTEMBER 14, 15, & 18 – MARTHA KANTER Martha Kanter, our newly appointed Under Secretary of Education, talks about De Anza and Foothill Community Colleges where she was first President and then Chancellor (taped in 2003).

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, & 25 – EMILY WU'S LIFE STORY – A local resident and author tells what growing up in mainland China from 1956 to 1980 was like.

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, & OCTOBER 2 – SUPER MASTER GARDENERS

A couple featured on the front page of the West Valley Section of the San Jose Mercury News on April 27, 2006 tell all about the secrets of successful gardening.

For more info visit www.thebetterpart.com. Copies of past programs can also be found in the Santa Clara County Library System and on YouTube.

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

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION-CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education offers an evening citizenship class for those students who are at an intermediate or advanced level of English proficiency. The classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings, starting on Monday, September 14, 2009 and ending on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 6:30 - 8 pm. The class meets in room 83, at Fremont High School. In this class students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview.

There are two Saturday morning ESL/Citizenship classes: one for beginning English speakers from 9 am -11 am, a second for intermediate English speakers from 11 am 1 pm. Both of these classes are held at Templo el Monte Horeb (in room 1 on the second floor), 455 E. Maude Avenue, in Sunnyvale. These classes start on September 12, 2009 and end on October 31, 2009.

Register by calling 408.522.2703, or by going online (**www.ace.fuhsd.org**). For more info, please call 408.522.2703.

CUPERTINO SENIOR CENTER
ADDRESS: 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

PHONE: 408.777.3150 EMAIL: seniorcntr@cupertino.org WEB: www.cupertino.org/senior

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Garbage Rate Increase

The Los Altos Garbage Co. has received a 1.71% cost-of-living increase as of August 1. A typical monthly single-can residential bill will increase from \$19.89 to \$20.23.

Mercury Thermometer Exchange at Cupertino's Fall Festival

Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, 2009, 10 am - 2 pm, Cupertino City Hall / Library Field, 10300 Torre Ave. Come to Cupertino's Fall Festival,



a sealed plastic bag and a FREE digital thermometer will be provided in exchange. This booth is in partnership between the City of Cupertino and the City of San Jose Environmental Services and the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Fall Backyard Compost Workshops Are Coming Soon

Compost is great for gardens and landscaping, and you save money by not having to buy soil conditioners, mulch and fertilizers. Backyard compost workshops will be held on the first Saturdays of October and November (Oct. 3 & Nov. 7). Fall is one of the best times to start a compost pile because leaves are so abundant. Workshops are free, and are held at Quinlan Community Center from 10 am - noon. Call 408.918.4640 to register or to get information about compost bins available for \$50 from the Countywide Home Composting Program.



On-Call "Yardwaste Woodwaste Days"

Each home in Cupertino (with "can" garbage service) is entitled to schedule two On-Call Disposal Days in a calendar year. One or both of the days can be designated Yardwaste / Woodwaste Days if a resident has an unusually large amount of yardwaste or unpainted and untreated woodwaste to dispose. If specifically scheduled as a Yardwaste / Woodwaste Day, these organic wastes will be hauled to a compost site, instead of a landfill. Call the Los Altos Garbage Co. at 408.725.4020 for an appointment.

Recycling Used Motor Oil

Homes can recycle up to two gallons of motor oil at a time by leaving gallon bottles at the curb on their recycle day. For apartment and condominium residents who do not have oil recycling at their complex, Jiffy Lube at the corner of Miller Ave. and Stevens Creek Blvd., ph: 408.253.8570, is a "State certified" oil collection center in Cupertino that accepts used motor oil from the public for recycling.

Clean Up Event @ Creekside Park & Calabazas Creek

In conjunction with the annual International Coastal Clean-up Day, the City of Cupertino and Cupertino's Whole Foods Market will be hosting a community cleanup on Saturday, September 19, from 9 am to 12 pm at Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue, Cupertino. Volunteers and City staff will clean up areas surrounding Calabazas and Regnart Creek, which runs through Creekside Park. Participants will meet at the park at 9 am. Instructions on safety and debris removal will be provided by City staff. Gloves, trash grabbers and other tools will be distributed. Volunteers are encouraged to dress for safety; wear old shoes, long sleeves, pants and sunscreen. Free Refreshments will be offered. Do something good for your community and have fun, bring a friend, make it a family event! Due to limited parking, you are welcome to park in the First Baptist Church of Cupertino parking lot during the event, or consider walking or riding your bike to the event. To learn more about Cupertino's Coastal Cleanup Day, please contact the Public Works Dept at 408.777.3354.

>>> Pesticides and Water Pollution

Least Toxic Pest Control Info

Commonly used pesticides can be harmful to people, pets, and the environment. Studies show that the most common used pesticides are the ones most likely to cause water pollution. You might think that farmers are mainly responsible for pesticides problems, but more than half

of California pesticides use is in urban areas; by gardeners, and pest control professionals in and around schools, businesses, and homes. Try to keep your garden healthy and your home pest-free without resorting to chemical pesticides. Pest control fact sheets that include information on less-toxic products and techniques are available at two local nurseries in Cupertino: Yamagami's and Summerwinds, both on S. DeAnza Blvd., just south of Hwy. 85. 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 at Quinlan Community Center, the Senior Center, or you can contact the City at 408.777.3241. Visit our website **www.cupertino.org/environmental** to find a list of yard maintenance business that have been trained to use environmentally friendly methods.



News Item

Cupertino November Election Information

City Council Seats: On November 3, 2009, there will be an election to fill the council seats of Dolly Sandoval, Orrin Mahoney, and Mark Santoro.

Council members are elected to four-year terms, and can serve up to two full terms in a row. Ms. Sandoval will be termed out, but Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Santoro are eligible for election for another term.

Seven candidates have qualified for the ballot: Barry Chang, Orrin Mahoney, Daniel Nguyen, Mahesh Nihalani, Darcy Paul, Marty Miller, and Mark Santoro.

Information about the candidates and the elections process will be updated throughout the summer and fall at **www.cupertino.org/elections**, and will include candidate photos, biographies, Statements of Qualification, and links to short video statements.

Ballot Measure B: Also on the November ballot will be a measure to update the existing Utility Users Tax: "Cupertino Vital Services Utility Users Tax Update Measure. Without increasing the tax rate, shall an ordinance be adopted to update Cupertino's existing telephone utility users tax, to fund general city services, including neighborhood police patrols, library services, city streets, parks and open spaces, senior programs, and school crossing guards, while maintaining

senior citizens' tax exemptions, retaining local control of revenues, requiring annual audits and public expenditure reviews, by amending language for consistency with current practice?"

For more info on Measure B visit, www.cupertino.org/measureb

Voter Information

You must be registered by Oct. 19 in order to vote in the November election. Please note that you must re-register if you have moved. You can request a voter registration form from the County's website at **www.sccvote. org**, find out more about becoming a permanent absentee voter, or get information about working at the polls.

Candidate Forum

There will be a Candidate Forum for Cupertino City Council on Monday, September 21, 2009 from 7 - 9 pm at Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale. There are seven candidates vying for three seats on the Council.

The 2009 council candidates are Barry Chang, Orrin Mahoney, Marty Miller, Daniel Nguyen, Mahesh Nihalani, Darcy Paul and Mark Santoro. For more info visit www.cupertino.org/elections

community calendar

SEPT	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL	
1 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*	7:30 pm	10201 Imperial Ave.	296.8146	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 to 5 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
2	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	379.1051	ncwsa.org/scvafg	
WED	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 pm	20833 Stevens Creek #104	253.7071	cupertinosanitarydistrict.com/	
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 am	Holder's Restaurant	252.3336	optimist.org	
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 pm	Blue Pheasant	253.2337	optimist.org	
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Vallco Parkway	285.4977	tandemtoastmasters. vsgcorp.com	
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.		macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com	
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920.2224	cupertinorotary.org	
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 pm	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252.3954	caioof.org/IOOF/CA_RA_ Officers.html	
	Cup. 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 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
	Cup. Host Lions Club*	7:15 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	209.7251	cupertinohostlionsclub.org	
3	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	deanzalions.org/	
_	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org	
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall Mtg. Room 100	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 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
4	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org	
FRI	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org	
5 SAT	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/ fleamarket/	
-	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0858	osfamilies.org/	
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu	

SEPT	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
7	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
	Food Addicts in Recovery* (FA)	7 pm	St. Jude's Church	246.1620	foodaddicts.org
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	Cupertino Toastmasters	6 to 7:30 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Church 1715 Grant Rd.	226.8073	cupertino.freetoasthost.net
14	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 am	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	cupertinoioof70.org
MON	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi	falc.org
15 TUE	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
	Los Gatos Camel Herders	6:30 pm	Holder's Restaurant	482.0147	
16 WED	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center – In Community Room	650.967.4679 554.1133	viewfindersclub.org
17 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		clubs.ca4h.org/santaclara/ rollinghills
18 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
19 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
22 TUE	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
24	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 pm	City Hall Room A	257.7424	cupertinotoyokawa.org
THUR		11:30 am		252.6312	westvalley republican womenfederated.org
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunnyview Retirement Community	873.1190	ega.gpr.org
30 TUES	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	cupthistory.org

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Julie Hejza, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3212, julieh@cupertino.org Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

The Cupertino City Hall will be closed on September 7 in observance of Labor Day

council actions

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, and Wong Council Members Absent: None

Conducted Study Session on the proposed 2009/10 Budget.

Received annual report from the Fine Arts Commission.

Approved minutes from the May 5 City Council meeting.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 09-072 through 09-075 accepting Accounts Payable for May 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 09-076 and 09-077 accepting Payroll for May 1 and 15.

Accepted the Treasurer's Investment and Budget Report for April 2009, including a report on the General Fund Revenues and Expenditures.

Continued Resolution No. 09-078 amending the Teen Commission composition to July 7.

Accepted an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Longs Drug Store 9894, 10455 S. De Anza Blvd., Off-Sale General.

Accepted municipal improvements, Reza Development, LLC, 10484 Byrne Avenue, APN 357-14-078.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-079 approving a Grant of Easement for Streetlight Purposes, 18760 Tilson Avenue, APN 375-17-040.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-080 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, 18760 Tilson Avenue, APN 375-17-040.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-081 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, 18848 Loree Avenue, APN 375-15-018.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-082 accepting a Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights, 1151 S. Stelling Road, APN 362-22-016.

Awarded a construction contract to Petersen Dean Roofing and Solar Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$197,000 for the Monta Vista Roof Project.

Conducted the first of two public hearings on the 2009-10 budget. Concurred to hold another Budget Study Session on June 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Upheld an appeal, with modifications, of a Planning Commission decision to approve a Use Permit and Architectural and Site Approval to allow the construction of a new automated carwash tunnel, a new trash enclosure and enhancements to the parking lot and new landscaping features at an existing gas station, 1699 South De Anza Blvd., APN 366-10-120.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-083 amending the 2008 Annual Plan to award \$105, 013 in CDBG-R funds appropriated by the ARRA.

Continued Housing Element to June 10 and increase of office allocation in the General Plan to July 7.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-084 pursuant to Ordinance No. 724 and Resolution No. 09-064 regarding removal of brush.

Approved rolling over the remaining \$29,000 in unspent funds in the "Law Enforcement Santa Clara County Sheriff's Contract" account to Fiscal year 2009/2010 to fund walk/bike/carpool programs.

Continued review of Summer schedule of Council

meetings to June 10.

Enacted Ordinance No. 09-2042: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino adding Chapter 16.74 to adopt the Wildlife Urban Interface Fire Area"

Approved the minutes from June 17, 2008. (RDA)

Reviewed the Cupertino Redevelopment Agency Operating Budget for 2009-10 concurrently with public hearing on the City of Cupertino budget.

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

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

Council Members Absent: None

Council concurred that they would like to consider adding items to the budget and asked staff for recommendations on how to fund them. They also discussed some items that ended up not being added to the budget.

Continued General Plan Amendments or Housing Element to June 16.

Canceled August 18 Council meeting. Will determine in July if August 4 meeting will be canceled or not.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, and Wong Council Members Absent: None

Council concurred that they would like to consider adding items to the budget and asked staff for recommendations on how to fund them. They also discussed some items that ended up not being added to the budget.

Continued General Plan Amendments or Housing Element to June 16.

Canceled August 18 Council meeting. Will determine in July if August 4 meeting will be canceled or not.

TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2009

Council Members Present: Sandoval, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, and Wong Council Members Absent: None

Approved the minutes from the May 27 and June 1 City Council meetings.

Adopted Resolution Nos. 09-085 and 09-086 accepting Accounts Payable for May 29 and June 5.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-087 accepting Payroll for May 29.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-088 supporting the move of the Oakland A's to San Jose.

Authorized the Mayor to sign a letter supporting Mt. Umunhum cleanup.

No action taken in regard to authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter opposing SB 711 egarding labor relations.

Authorized a one year extension for the Use Permit, the Architectural and Site Approval and the Tree Removal Permit for a retail building and parking garage at an existing office site to August 21, 2010, Application Nos. DIR-2009-06, DIR-2009-07 and DIR-2009-08.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-089 setting a hearing date of July 21 to provide for lien assessments and collection resulting from abatement of a public

- Council Actions, continued

nuisance (brush and weeds).

Accepted applications for an Alcoholic Beverage License from TGI Fridays and Chiaramonte's Sausage & Deli.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-090 adopting the 2007 Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle Technical Guidelines.

Authorized the City Manager to apply for Federal stimulus funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program and enter into an agreement with Siemens to perform a detailed energy and water audit of City facilities and grounds.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-091 calling a General Municipal Election on Nov. 3, 2009 to fill three City Council seats.

Awarded a construction contract for the Memorial Park Softball Field and Library Field Irrigation Renovation Project, Project No. 2009-02 to B & B Landscape Contractors, Inc. an amount totaling \$269,031.

Granted a Negative Declaration and adopted Resolution No. 09-092 establishing an operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2009-10 with reductions and follow up items. Adopted Resolution No. 09-093 establishing an appropriation limit for fiscal year 2009-10. Adopted Resolution No. 09-01 establishing an operating budget for the Redevelopment Agency. Authorized a Park Planner position and a Senior Code Enforcement position.

Adopted Resolution No. 09-094 approving the renewal and collection of storm drain fees at no increase in rates for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Approved modification to a Use Permit (49-U-87) with existing PC recommendations and following additional conditions (commercial only and extend existing curb).

Continued a major amendment modifying the Architectural and Site Approval, 1 Results Way, to July 21.

General Plan Amendment for 2007-2014 Housing Element update: Forward a draft Housing Element with a sites inventory that contains 1-9 on tier 1, the former Morley Bros. site, Glenbrook Apts., The Villages at Cupertino and the three parcels containing 10670-10700 N. Tantau Ave. (provided the property owner is willing to pay for the soil testing on the property). Tche realistic yield would be a 10% decrease in the sites analysis chart as opposed to a 15% decrease. Site 14 will be a backup site should the property owner for 10670-10700 N. Tantau Ave. not agree to pay for the soil test. If Site 14 is submitted to HCD on the inventory of available sites, the realistic yield will reflect the 15% decrease.

Conducted the first reading of revisions to Title 6 Chapter 6.28 "Governing the Provision of Cable and Video Services in the City", of the City of Cupertino Municipal Code.

Have Something to Contribute?

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

Submission deadline

for the October edition is September 9.

Welcome New Businesses

- Advantage Grafix
 10161 S De Anza Blvd
- Bistro American West I, LLC (TGI Friday's) 10123 N Wolfe Rd, Ste F1
- Goalson Development Corporation 19925 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 100
- Golden Vision Optometry of Cupertino 10123 N Wolfe Rd, Ste 2138
- Sriman LLC (Massage Envy) 20640 Stevens Creek Blvd
- Sunshine 10123 N Wolfe Rd
- Topoli Enterprises Inc. (Subway) 10123 N Wolfe Rd, Ste FC-1
- Bonjour Crepe Company 19929 Stevens Creek Blvd

UUT Update On November Ballot

The City Council voted unanimously to place Measure B, the Cupertino Vital Services Utility Users Tax (UUT) Update Measure on the November 2009 ballot. Measure B is NOT a new tax; it is simply an update to the City's existing UUT. Communication advances over the past two decades mean that the City must update its existing UUT ordinance language to match today's technology, including adding definitions for existing communications technology. The measure will address these technical issues and update the ordinance — with NO change to the existing rate.

Cupertino's UUT has been collected since 1990 and is not a new tax. The measure will simply update telecommunication service definitions in the ordinance to reflect current practice. The UUT presently applies to electricity, gas, and telecommunication services and pays for many critical city services. The loss of this existing revenue would force the City to cut funding that supports neighborhood police patrols, library services, school crossing guards, city streets, and open space and parks improvement projects. Measure B will safeguard local funds currently being used for local needs.

Residential customers should not see any changes to their bill. The measure will continue the exemption for seniors.

PRSRT-STD U.S. Postage PAID Cupertino, CA Permit No. 239 **ECRWSS**

postal customer

City Directory

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

Sept. 1	City Council meeting (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Sept. 2	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Sept. 2	Library Commission (Mtg. Room 100)	7:00 pm
Sept. 3	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Sept. 3	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Sept. 3	Parks & Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***	7:00 pm
Sept. 3	C.A.R.E.S. (Mtg. Room 100)	7:30 pm
Sept. 7	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (Mtg. Room 100)	6:30 pm
Sept. 8	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Sept. 9	Teen Commission (Quinlan Community Center)	6:00 pm
Sept. 10	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9:00 am
Sept. 10	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Sept. 15	City Council meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Sept. 16	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm
Sept. 17	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Sept. 17	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5:30 pm
Sept. 17	Toyokawa Sister City Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	7:30 pm
Sept. 21	CERT/MRC (Mtg. Room 100)	7:00 pm
Sept. 22	Planning Commission (Community Hall) ***	6:45 pm
Sept. 22	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7:00 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all City Council and commission meetings are held at 10350 Torre Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm; Fridays, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm ***These meetings will be seen live via webcast at www.cupertino.org, or on The City Channel, Cable 26.

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