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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit www.cupertino.org/coronavirus.

New

City of Cupertino to Host Free COVID-19 Testing at Creekside Park

The City of Cupertino, in cooperation with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, will host a free community-based COVID-19 testing site at Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue. Testing will be available on June 16, 17, and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This service is available to everyone regardless of their health provider and no doctor's referral is needed. No appointment needed. First come, first served.

The Public Health Department and Valley Medical Center will set up a walk-up test site for COVID-19 inside the park building. Visitors are asked to follow safety protocols, such as wearing a face covering and practicing social distancing.

For more information, visit www.cupertino.org/covid19testing

Tennis Camps to Begin on Monday, June 15

Lifetime Activities will be offering tennis and activity camps for children ages 7-15, beginning Monday, June 15. Weekday and weekend, full- and half-day camps are available. The number of camps and the space available in each is limited due to Stay-at-Home and Shelter-in-Place guidelines.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/CupertinoTennisCamps>

Portable Toilets and Handwashing Stations Placed at Homeless Encampments

The City has placed two handwashing stations and two portable toilets at the homeless encampments on Wolfe Road. They will be serviced weekly. This follows the City's action earlier this month to offer trash removal at the encampments. Pickups are Mondays and Fridays.

Homeless encampments cannot be broken up during the pandemic unless individual housing units are identified, according to CDC guidelines. The CDC states: "Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread." Due to this guidance, the County of Santa Clara has exempted the homeless in its Shelter-in-Place Order.

Upcoming Virtual Event

NASA Speaker Series with Dr. Helen Hwang

Virtual NASA Speaker Series: Tales from the Mars Science Laboratory Thermal Protection System Development (or, Try Not to Panic When Your Heatshield Material Disappears) by Dr. Helen Hwang

Summary: The development of the 2011 Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) heatshield underwent many difficulties and twists, as the entry vehicle was designed to be the largest ever sent to Mars. During testing, the heatshield material melted, flowed, and ultimately disappeared unexpectedly. This failure prompted a wholesale redesign and assembly of the heatshield, all accomplished in a short period of time.

Dr. Hwang, a project manager in the Entry Systems Technology Division, will detail the trials and tribulations of the experience and will also preview the next Mars mission, which uses the same re-designed heatshield material developed for MSL.

Register for this webinar at

https://cityofcupertino.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WPc52MyjSjWw3ua_3bwLbA

City Services

All City in-door facilities remain closed. While City Hall is closed to the public, services are available online at www.cupertino.org and by phone at (408) 777-3200.

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