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Cupertino is rolling out its new citywide recycling and composting program, which combines food waste with yard waste collection for composting, household hazardous waste door-to-door pickup, used cooking oil collection and increased recycling service to multi-family homes and apartments.

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◀ Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11, 11 am, Veterans Memorial, Memorial Park

Each year on November 11, people across America gather to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans. This year our Veterans Day Ceremony will include a special tribute to our World War II veterans and the beautiful voices of Cupertino Middle School Honors Choir. Please join Honor Guards from the Army, Fire Department and Sheriff's Department at our beautiful Cupertino Veterans Memorial as we say "Thank You" to all veterans on this special day.

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New Recycling Services, continued from page 1

- Recology will provide each household or apartment unit with a free seal-tight pitcher, in which to accumulate food scraps until then residents can wrap them in a paper bag, newspaper, etc. and place them the yardwaste/organics bin.
- Residents in apartments, condominiums and town-homes will be given the same disposal services provided for single family homes. In November, pending acceptance by private property management, one 96-gallon bin for food/paper waste will be delivered to each complex to start gauging food waste collection needs. Property managers may call Recology for a free audit and customized service plan.
- Food waste, paper and cardboard food packaging will be collected from businesses, restaurants, and grocery stores for professional composting;



Compostable Materials include:

- Tree trimmings, shrubbery, dead plants, weeds, leaves, grass clippings (no soil)
- Food-soiled papers and paper napkins, towels, plates, tissue, cups, take-out containers, waxed cardboard and pizza boxes
- Meat products, bones, chicken, turkey, fish, beef, and pork

Would You Like To Serve on a City Commission?

Cupertino residents are encouraged to apply for City Commissions with openings in January 2011. On January 24 and 25 beginning at 6 pm, the City Council will interview applicants for these groups: Bicycle Pedestrian Commission; Fine Arts Commission; Housing Commission; Library Commission; Parks & Recreation; Planning Commission; Technology, Information, and Communications Commission.

Applications can be downloaded from the website www.cupertino.org/vacancies. For more details, please see the website or call the City Clerk's Office at 408.777.3223. The deadline to apply is 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

- Coffee grounds, tea leaves, paper coffee filters and tea bags (no nylon teabags)
- Dairy products
- Pasta products, bread and dough
- Fruit and vegetables
- Paperboard waxed milk cartons
- All residents who need to dispose of household cleaners, paint, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, propane tanks, medicines, sharps, pool and spa chemicals and batteries (car and household), may contact Curbside Inc to set up free pickup for those items. Call 1.800.449.7587 or visit curbsideinc.com. Residents will be provided a 16-gallon bag and kit to ensure safe containment of hazardous waste. Sealed bags will be placed outside the home, safe from the weather (e.g., on a covered porch) for pickup and environmentally-safe disposal by Curbside Inc.
- Cooking oil, in a 1-gallon clear plastic container with a closed screw-top lid, will be collected on regularly scheduled residential service days.

For more info, visit Recology's website at www.recologycupertino.com or call 408.725.4020.

The City of Cupertino presents

Breakfast with Santa

Happy holidays to all and to all a good BREAKFAST!

Saturday, December 4

Activity Code	Time:
43045	8:30am
43046	9:00am
43047	9:30am
43048	10:00am

\$12 Residents
\$15 Non-Residents

You and your family are invited to a breakfast celebration with Santa & Mrs. Claus! Mrs. Claus will be cooking up some of her delicious North Pole Pancakes and Santa will be posing for pictures. The elves have set-up holiday crafts and fun for the children. Register early...spaces are limited and this event fills fast.

NOTE: Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. You may register for only one half-hour time-slot, but you are encouraged to include alternate choices.



Door to Door Soliciting

Knock, Knock. Who's There?

Is it legal for a young man to stand on my porch and offer me a subscription to my favorite magazine? Is it okay for a youth organization to knock on my door and offer yummy cookies for sale? These are all great questions that most Cupertino residents have probably asked at one time or another. What are the rules about door to door soliciting and advertising? This short article will answer these questions.

Door to door or mobile soliciting is regulated by the Cupertino Municipal Code. Soliciting is divided into two categories: for-profit organizations and non-profit organizations.

Non-profit Organizations

Cupertino municipal code does not regulate of groups or individuals soliciting on behalf of any religious, charitable, educational, or political organization. In most cases, these entities will have tax exempt status and be classified accordingly by the Internal Revenue Service and the California State Franchise Tax Board. Since these groups are by virtue of the Constitution exempt, no permit is required and adherence to provisions in the municipal code regulating time of day for soliciting do not apply.

For-profit Organizations

The municipal code provides regulation of individuals who solicit independently such as a realtor or as an employee or representative of a larger organization. Each individual person is required to have a valid solicitor permit issued by the Code Enforcement Division visibly

displayed as they are engaged in their door to door sales. Below is a sample of a solicitor permit:



Solicitor permits are not issued to an organization; rather each solicitor must complete a city permit application and submit their fingerprints for a background examination prior to the permit being issued. With a valid permit in their possession, a solicitor can go door to door seven days per week between 9 am and 6 pm. Homes with signs clearly displayed reading “No Soliciting” or similar are off limits to for-profit soliciting.

How and When to Report Violations

Residents are encouraged to report instances of a person soliciting without a permit or other suspicious activity to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department at 408-299-2311. Officers will respond to the area to locate the person and determine the nature of their activity.

For additional information or to inquire if a particular person has a for-profit solicitor permit, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 408.777.3182. For inquiries concerning tax exempt, non-profit organization business license registration, please contact the Finance Division at 408.777.3221.

Learn To Play: Art Exhibition

Euphrat Museum of Art

The Euphrat Museum of Art is enjoying its brand new building, at the forefront of the new Visual and Performing Arts Center at De Anza College. The Euphrat's fall exhibition, *Learn to Play*, features games that challenge us to look at who and what we are, or can be – so we can explore life directions driven by our choice and conscience. The exhibition offers a selection of poetic, artistic, and artful games by Indy game designers and others. *Learn to Play* runs from October 4 – November 24, 2010. There will be an artist reception on Tuesday, November 9, 5:30 - 8 pm. The games selected for the exhibition span the range from quick play to epic games requiring many hours to complete; they range from

personal growth to those used for socially conscious purposes. Jason Rohrer's *Passage*, for example, is a short lyrical game that gives participants a chance to live their life in 5 minutes. *Learn to Play* is also a challenge. People of all backgrounds are invited to experience and create games that express social and emotional relevance.

The Euphrat Museum is located at the NE corner of campus. It is open to the public Tuesday - Thursday, 11 am – 3 pm during exhibitions, with additional hours to tour groups by appointment. Its schedule of events includes night and weekend programs. For more information or events, check the Euphrat Museum of Art website www.deanza.edu/euphrat/ and learn.toplay.us or call 408.864.8836. Admission is free.

by Marsha Hovey

Cupertino's AlertSCC: Emergency Information at the Ready

By using Cupertino's AlertSCC, you can get emergency alerts and emergency warnings sent directly to your cell phone. This service can also be accessed via mobile device, email, or land line. By signing up you'll be alerted and updated on emergency situations. For more information and to sign up and your loved ones please visit:

www.cupertino.org/alertscc

Citywide Emergency Exercise Summary

On October 16 there was a citywide exercise to test ourselves in case of an emergency.

There were a few things that we checked and you can help us with in the future.

- Did you receive a call from emergency notification system? If not please register on www.cupertino.org/alertscc. Signing up applies for residents, businesses, schools, churches etc.
- Asked everyone to go to their reporting site. There are six of them in the city. To find yours go to: www.cupertino.org/ARK
- Trained volunteers reported to their reporting site and opened up the container of emergency supplies for the responders. The responders are the Community Emergency Responders Team (CERT), Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES), Medical Reserve, Block Leaders and Neighborhood Watch. Members of these volunteer organization's members all receive free training. These groups become the eyes and ears of the community allowing the limited resources to be allocated to where they are most needed.
- This year we asked the entire city to participate using social media allowing everyone to become our eyes and ears. We asked for messages and photos to be sent from all over the city. If this medium is used, this can get information to City Hall quickly and reduce the need to send our limited sources out to check.

This year's exercise was very successful. As our emergency teams work together we develop a more resilient community. One thing we learned is that we need everyone to understand their role in an emergency. Visit www.cupertino.org/emergency for more info.

Fall Showers: Prepare yourself and your home for the upcoming rainy season.

The following months usually bring with them weeks of rain and wind. It's a good idea to be pro-active towards taking steps to keep you and your home dry. The following are some tips to help keep things secure, dry and warm.

Tips for home storm safety

- Clear gutters of leaves, dirt and any obstructions so they will be able to direct water off your roof safely.
- Roll up newspaper in the appropriate diameter and wrap in small plastic bags to act as plugs to secure doors to the outside.
- Secure and seal off any electrical outlets exposed to the outside keeping them dry and covered.
- Know where and how to shut off natural gas in your home.
- Keep candles (that are enclosed in glass or safe container) on hand in case of power outages.
- If you live in an area that's had past flooding, be sure to have spare sandbags ready before the storm season.
- Clear pathways of brush, branches or other obstacles in case you have to evacuate your home.
- Have an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water and other essential supplies appropriate for the season.

Upcoming Events

- PEP in November and January
- Kaleidoscope in February
- CERT in March/April

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

Enroll in a Personal Preparedness, First-aid or CPR course. Visit the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services for more information regarding these and other important classes at: www.cupertino.org

Simply Safe is a monthly article provided to inform the community about emergency preparedness, training schedules and volunteer opportunities. 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.

by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

'Tis the Thanksgiving season - that wonderful American holiday, rich in history from the earliest days of our country. The season recalls those who landed on these shores from afar and those who helped them survive the brutal weather and wilderness by showing them how to plant crops, fish and hunt. The story of America's first Thanksgiving gathering of settlers and Native Americans deserves remembrance.

In thinking about the rich history of the season, bountifully laden tables and family gatherings are warm memories. For those newly arrived to America nowadays from distant lands, turkey may not be on the table, but there is one item that usually finds itself incorporated into most menus in one form or another....that wonderful, yellow accompaniment to many dishes.... butter. Now in the "olden days" - in our household anyway, we received real butter only at holidays or maybe sometimes when company came for Sunday dinner. The rest of the time, margarine was on the table. During, and for some time after the war years, (in the 1940's) margarine was a white, unappetizing glob. Mother would hand us kids a packet of coloring to mix into the glob.....and voila! Fake butter!

In even earlier days, most farm families had a cow or some goats for milk and part of the cow's milk got churned into butter and buttermilk. I have no recollection of goat's milk being made into butter, but perhaps an old-timer can inform me about that. In the first grade, at the old Cupertino Union grammar school (where the Cupertino fire station sits now) one of the parents (Mr. Broughten on McClellan Road) brought a wooden butter churn and a few gallons of fresh milk to our classroom and all the children took turns pushing the churning paddle, until finally we had enough butter for each of us to spread on a saltine cracker. There was a little bit left over and the teacher said that whoever was extra good and quiet all day would get an extra cracker and butter. Yours truly was a veritable mouse the rest of the day and enjoyed a second helping. It tasted heavenly! I recall a story about a woman who somehow came into a huge amount of fresh cow's milk and despaired over how to use it all. The family had just purchased an agitator washer and was one of the few families with electricity. She dumped about 40 gallons of milk into the washer and agitated enough butter for herself and most of the neighbors. The

buttermilk went to the hogs. Very enterprising farm wife.

Putting butter into mold or presses was one of America's earliest forms of folk art. Butter molds date from around 1650 A.D. and were often designed to show the European heritage of the family who used them. Many early patterns also had a symbolism attached to them, such as the Scottish thistle, which is symbolic of endurance and hardiness. Some other patterns that have been reproduced over the years include:

Representing

Eagle	Aspirations
Rose	Beauty and glory
Shamrock	Luck
Swan	Vigilance and bravery
Acorn	Expansion, dependability
Wheat	Abundance
Heart	Love, affection
Pelican	Generosity, sacrifice
Anchor	Security, trust

Early American cooks prided themselves on turning out a fine table, with pats of butter molded into shapes and pressed with family heritage designs.

So for those modern cooks, who wish to incorporate a bit of early Americana into their Thanksgiving celebration, find yourself a butter mold or pattern and have some fun. Candy molds would work as well.

A very happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all in Cupertino!



LIBRARY INFORMATION | 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Mon – Tues	1 to 9
Wed – Thurs	10 to 9
Fri – Sat	10 to 6
Sunday	12 to 6

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

General Library Number	408.446.1677
Adult and Teen Reference	408.446.1677, ext. 3372
Children's Reference	408.446.1677, ext. 3373
Accounts, Billing	800.286.1991
TeleCirc	800.471.0991

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 on the following holidays:

Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day

Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 26 for the day after Thanksgiving Day

The Cupertino Library has installed ten new RFID check out machines, which will make it even easier to borrow library materials! Please ask a library staff member for a demonstration of this new technology.

Programs for Children & Families

STORYTIME HOURS

Cupertino Library Story Room:

Preschool Storytime

3½ to 5 years old Mondays, 4 pm

Bedtime Stories

3 years old and up..... Tuesdays, 7 pm

Stories for Threes

2½ to 3½ years old Wednesdays, 10:15 am

Stories for Twos

1½ to 2½ years old..... Thursdays, 10:15 am

BE A LIBRARY EXPLORER

Explore the wonderful world of the Library. Stop by the Children's Reference Desk at the Cupertino Library to pick up your Library Explorer Passport and earn a stamp with a new library adventure each month.

READING BUDDIES

Thursday, November 4, 7 pm

Buddy up with a furry friend and read aloud from your favorite book! Reading Buddies is a special program for children kindergarten through 5th grade to promote a love of reading, and to build reading confidence, along with self esteem by reading to a dog. These dogs are specially trained therapy dogs with volunteers from Furry Friends (www.furryfriends.org).

* Each reading session is 20 minutes long, and a child may sign up for one session.

* You may bring your own book, or choose one of ours.

* Interested children must register for this program in person at the Children's Reference Desk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS THE LIBRARY! Wednesday November 17, 11 am

Learn about safety skills, fire equipment, and tour a fire engine. Bring your children ages 3 - 5 to preregister at the Children's Reference Desk starting November 1, 2010.

Programs for Teens

PIZZA AND A MOVIE

Wednesday, November 17, 4 pm

Kick back and relax before the holidays with a Movie and Pizza! Teens ages 13 - 19 are welcome to enjoy a feature film about a popular comic book character with their friends. Please sign up at the Adult Services Desk or by calling 408.446.1677 x3372 beginning November 1.

Programs for Adults

DIWALI PROGRAM WITH VASUDHA RAVI November 7, 2 pm,

Cupertino Community Hall

Vasudha Ravi, a well known Indian Carnatic vocalist, will perform at the Cupertino Library's Diwali program.

MAKE YOUR HOME GREENER

Wednesday, November 17, 7 - 8:30 pm Cupertino Community Hall

Will Chandler, founder and CEO of eco-Proach, and a Certified Green Professional via NARI, will present a Green Talk. This program will discuss home energy consumption, steps to make your home greener, how to assess your home with energy audits, and will cover incentives and rebates that are available and/or in the development process for energy retrofits.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, November 18, 7 - 8:30 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

This month, the Cupertino Library Adult Book Discussion Group will read and discuss Richard Doetsch's thriller novel, *The Thirteenth Hour*. The book discussion group meets on the third Thursday evening of each month. Adults of all ages are welcome.

Also in the Cupertino Library

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday, 4 - 6 pm

Cupertino Library Story Room

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday and join the drop-in knitting program. 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, ages 13 - 19, 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 all the listed 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. Go to the library's webpage at www.santaclaracountylib.org, click on Electronic Library 24/7, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database. You can research your family history using *Heritage Quest*, access full-text product reviews from *Consumer Reports*, search the *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*, and much more. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408.446.1677.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The next used book sale will be held at Community Hall on:

- Saturday, February 12, 2011
- Sunday, February 13, 2011

THE FRIENDS OF THE CUPERTINO 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 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.



senior center news

A Season of Celebration

Thanksgiving Day in America is a time to offer thanks, of family gatherings, and holiday meals. It is a time to celebrate with turkeys, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. A season to decorate with Indian corn, and a season to enjoy holiday parades with giant balloons. Throughout this newsletter you will discover a bounty of seasonal classes, trips, and events. We invite you to gather with us, your Senior Center friends, to celebrate and appreciate the bounty of the season.

Come and shop at our Hidden Treasures

Thursday, October 28, 10 am - 2 pm

Hundreds of items have been donated to this fund-raising event. This is the perfect opportunity to hunt for those one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. Open to the public, join us for fun and support the senior center.

2011 Senior Center Membership

Renew your membership between November 1 - December 15 in order to receive the January/February Active Senior News in the mail. The annual membership fee: \$22 for Cupertino residents, \$27 for non-residents.

Current members-it is easier to renew in 2011. Please ask at the front desk for your pre-printed renewal form – just verify and sign.

Monday Night Football Social

Mondays, 5:15 - 9:30 pm

November 1: Colts vs. Texans
BBQ Chicken and salad

November 29: 49ers vs. Cardinals
Chinese food

December 6: Patriots vs. Jets
Pizza and salad

Watch the game and partake in a fun-filled evening. Good food and great prizes! Members \$9, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Members register before November 15, you get the special deal of buy 2 and get the 3rd free. Pre-registration is required.

November Social and Birthday Bash

Wednesday, November 10, 12 noon

Jim and Aimee Wu will entertain us with the sounds of the 30's and 40's. Menu: Baked fish, rice, vegetable and dessert. Members with November birthdays will be honored. Members \$8, senior guest add \$5 Day pass. Pre-registration is required

Line Dance Social

**Wednesday, November 24,
10:15 am - 12:15 pm**

Join Michael Shannon for a morning of fun and line dancing. All skill levels are welcome. Free for members. \$5 day pass for senior guests.

Glitches in the Road of Life

Wednesday, November 3, 1 - 2:30 pm

Vivian Silva, Master Social Worker, will share some tools and techniques to help move through life transitions such as divorce, loss, retirement, and normal aging changes. Please resister at lobby table. Free for members. \$5 day pass for senior guests.

AARP Senior Driver Safety Course

**Tuesday & Thursday, November 2 & 4
8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Certification is given at completion of this 8-hour class, and may qualify you for an insurance discount. Call course instructor, Dick Kohl at 408.268.0428 for information and registration.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Monday, November 22, 12 - 1:30 pm

Join us for a scrumptious Thanksgiving feast with roasted turkey and all the trimmings. Rhythmaires Band will provide lively music to entertain you. Member \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass fee. Pre-registration is required.

Booktalk with Cupertino Library

**Tuesday, November 2 & December 7
10:30 - 11:30 am**

Cupertino librarians will host a book talk. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

Book Review Meeting

First Friday, 1:15 - 3 pm

Enjoy the stimulating monthly Book Review Meeting. Learn about new books and meet new people. Members free, senior guests pay \$5 day pass.

November 5 - *Snow on Willow* by Jean Oda Moy, reviewed by the author.

December 3 - *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein

Monthly Movie

Wednesday, November 24, 1 - 3 pm

His Girl Friday – 1940 movie starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. The story of a newspaper editor trying to prevent his ex-wife from remarrying. Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

Medicare Update Workshop

Wednesday, November 24, 10 - 11:30 am

Open enrollment period for Medicare Part D is between November 15 and December 31, 2010. HICAP, a non-profit agency, will provide you with an overview of Medicare, review details of Part D plans, and the “extra help” that is available to assist the low-income seniors. Please sign up at the lobby table. Free and open to public.

SENIOR TRIPS

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

TOURS

Holiday at the Waldorf, December 6 - 10, 2010, \$1999 double land price

The perfect start to a perfect holiday. You will be ready for all the holiday has to offer after this exciting trip. Highlights include Greenwich Village, Wall Street, Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a Broadway Show.

Discover Croatia, March 14 - 24, 2011, \$1699 double land price

Featuring the Dalmatian Coast and Slovenia. Your tour begins in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia. A local guide provides a tour featuring the Old City and sights such as the Majestic Cathedral, St. Mark's Church, and the Opera House. The next day you travel throughout Croatia, including Bled, Pletna boat ride, Lipica Stud Farm, Opatija, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Diocletian Palace, Korcula Island, Dubrovnik, and much more.

Great Lodges of Glacier National Park, July 5 - 10, 2011, \$2789 double

Join us Tuesday, November 2 at 1:30 pm for a presentation and a PBS showing about this amazing trip to this incredible, majestic Park. Very limited space, you must sign up by November 19 and while space is still available.

Southeast Alaska, August 19 - 27, 2011, \$4995 double, all inclusive

Imagine...Enjoying humpback whales and marine mammals close enough to hear the “rush” of their breathing. Cruising the rugged shorelines and remote bays of Alaska's Panhandle. Bald eagles, tufted puffins,

cormorants, loons, and pacific seabirds outside your cabin window. Absolutely quiet evenings anchored in peaceful coves, bays or a cozy marina. Watch brown bears enjoy an evening salmon dinner while you enjoy yours. Commandeer a kayak to explore the “nooks and crannies” of the evening anchorage or helping pull in a crab trap to check for the catch of the day. Imagine all of that from the comfort of a place you could call home. A ship that is small enough that you can get so close to almost touch the glaciers. Every cruise features an onboard certified Alaska Naturalist to give you insights into the habits of the Alaskan wildlife.

DAY TRIPS

Golden Gate Fields, \$72

November 5, 2010

Music of Broadway, \$69

November 18, 2010

Post Impressionist Masterpieces, \$77

November 30, 2010

Andre Rieu, \$111

December 4, 2010

Cathedral Holiday Concert, \$93

December 12, 2010

Out to lunch Bunch – Blue Pheasant, \$Lunch cost

December 14, 2010

The Rockettes, \$87

December 18, 2010

Holiday Glitz and Sparkle with Gary, \$84

December 21, 2010

Grand Mansions and Painted Ladies, \$104

January 13, 2011

Greece the Musical, \$112

January 20, 2011

The Better Part - see page 15

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

November 20, Compost Class is Full

The City's compost workshop at Cupertino's Community Hall, 10300 Torre Ave, on November 20th at 9:30am – 11:30 is full. If you have registered, but your plans have changed, please contact Recology 408.725.4020 or e-mail environmental@cupertino.org to remove your name from the list of attendees. Classes will be offered again in the spring.



Thanksgiving Holiday Will Affect Garbage Pickup Dates

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Recology collection services scheduled on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 will be delayed by one day. Garbage and recycling normally collected on Thursday that week will have pickup on Friday, November 26. Those with services on Friday will have pickup on Saturday, November 27. For more info, call Recology at 408.725.4020.

On-Call "Yard waste/Wood waste Days"

Each home in Cupertino is entitled to schedule two On-Call Disposal Days in a calendar year. One or both of the days may be designated Yardwaste/ Woodwaste Days if a resident needs to dispose of an unusually large amount of yardwaste or unpainted and untreated woodwaste. If specifically scheduled as Yardwaste/ Woodwaste, these organic wastes will be composted instead of landfilled. Call Recology at 408.725.4020 for an appointment.

Wood Burning Tips

The burning of wood in fireplaces and woodstoves is a major source of air pollution during the winter months. Wood fires contribute up to one-third of the particulate matter in the air on cold, still winter nights, which is a health concern especially for children, seniors and people with respiratory problems.

Here are a few tips on how to reduce the pollution in your neighborhood:

- Instead of wood, use manufactured fire logs (they burn 50% cleaner)
- If you burn wood, make sure it's dried or "seasoned" for six to 12 months
- Never burn garbage or chemically-treated wood
- Consider switching to a gas fireplace (for the ambiance of a wood fire without the gases and the pollution)
- **Don't Burn Wood during *Spare the Air Alerts***
- It is **illegal** to burn wood, firelogs or pellets in your fireplace, woodstove, or outdoor firepit on days for which the Air District issues a ***Spare the Air Alert***.
- *Sign up for email and/or automatic phone alerts and find out if there is a Spare the Air Alert, by visiting www.sparetheair.org.*

Treating Bed Bug Infestations

Consider environmentally preferred methods of getting rid of bed bugs, instead of using pesticides or insecticides. The city encourages prevention, integrated pest management, and non-chemical treatments such as the following:



- Check for bed bugs on luggage and clothes when returning home from a trip.
- Look for bugs on secondhand items before bringing them home.
- Vacuuming reduces bug populations. Change the bag after each use so bed bugs can't escape.
- Wash and dry bedding and clothing at high temperatures to kill bed bugs. Heat infested articles and/or areas through to at least 113 °F (45 °C) for 1 hour. The higher the temperature, the shorter the time needed to kill bed bugs.
- Use mattress, box spring, and pillow encasements to trap bed bugs and help detect infestations.
- If pesticide treatment is needed, it is best to bring in a professional. If you hire an expert, ensure it is company with a reputable history and ask them to use an IPM approach www.epa.gov/oppfead1/Publications/Cit_Guide/citguide.pdf.



» America Recycles Day

Almost Everything Can Be Recycled or Composted

On America Recycles Day, November 15,

millions of people will learn about recycling, commit to increasing their recycling activities, and plan to purchase more products made from recycled materials. America Recycles Day reminds Americans of our nation's bountiful resources and of our personal responsibility as stewards to care for those resources. Where we cannot prevent or reduce waste, we want to find ways to recycle. When shopping, we want to seek environmentally preferable products, including those with recycled content and less packaging.

In the spirit of America Recycles Day, the following are some things you can do to make a difference for the environment:

Reduce

When shopping, avoid over-packaged goods, buy in bulk if possible and only buy what you need.

Reuse

Avoid single-use throwaway products when a durable, reusable alternative is available.

Donate things so somebody else can use them. Bring your own Reusable Bag when shopping. One reusable shopping bag can replace hundreds of single use bags over its lifetime.

Recycle

Buy more recycled content products. Increase recycling efforts at home, school and work.

Rethink

Your attitude, your actions, can make a world of difference. Let's each do our part. Almost everything can be recycled or composted, except the planet.

Visit the Recycling Hotline at www.recyclestuff.org. For Cupertino recycling programs, visit the City's website at www.cupertino.org/environmental, and click on recycling.

Cupertino Symphonic Band Veterans Day Concert

November 7, 2010 – 3 pm
Quinlan Community Center,
10185 N. Stelling Rd. Cupertino

Cupertino Symphonic Band proudly presents its annual concert honoring veterans. A musical tribute to the armed forces will be conducted by Tom Narcisso. The concert is free, donations of canned food for West Valley Community Services are welcome. For more information call 408.262.0471 or visit www.netview.com/csb.

Silicon Valley Symphony

The Silicon Valley Symphony (SVS) is proud to present "Double Barreled BBBs" Concert in San Jose at Foothill Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 19, 2010, at 7:30 pm and in Palo Alto at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at 7:30 pm. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. For more information call 415.287.6002 or visit www.siliconvalleysymphony.net.



The City of Cupertino presents

Community Tree Lighting

Friday, December 3
6:00 pm
Quinlan Community Center

featuring
The Kennedy Middle School Choir

Please bring a non-perishable food item or new toy to the event. All items will be donated to the West Valley Community Services and distributed this holiday season.



community calendar

NOV	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL	
1 MON	Cupertino Toastmasters*	6:30 pm	Sunnyvale Art Gallery, 251 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale	650.492.0859 Ask for Dorothy Liu	cupertino.freetoasthost.net	
	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)*	6:30 pm	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	725.0380	tops.org	
	American Legion Post 642	7 pm	10201 Imperial Avenue #3	374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va	
2 TUES	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center - In Cupertino Room	650.967.4679 554.1133	viewfindersclub.org	
3 WED	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 pm	940 S. Stelling Road	379.1051	ncwsa.org/scvafg	
	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	19483 Pruneridge Avenue	447.0797	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	
	4 THUR	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	
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De Anza Kiwanis*		7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org	
6 SAT		De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 pm	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/ fleamarket/
		Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 to 12:30 pm	10675 S. De Anza Blvd. #4		Albert Rich [cchesschampions@yahoo.com]
	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	
7 SUN	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10 to 1:30	Creekside Park Hall	368.0357	www.hssus.org	
8 MON	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 am	20589 Homestead Rd.	252.3954	cupertinoioof70.org	
	Fine Arts League	7 pm	Community Center	863.9991 Ask for Janki Chokshi	falc.org	

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9 TUE	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	7 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	cupertinokiwanis. homestead.com
	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
11 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
12 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
13 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunny View Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
16 TUE	African Violet Society	12:30 pm	Sunny View Lutheran Home	736.9262	avsa.org
	Los Gatos Camel Herders	6:30 pm	Holder's Restaurant	482.0147	
18 THUR	Rolling Hills 4H Club	6:30 pm	Monta Vista Recreation Center		clubs.ca4h.org/santaclara/rollinghills
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 am		252.6312	
23 TUE	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
24 WED	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	
25 THUR	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	873.1190	ega-gpr.org

Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to Kirsten Squarcia, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3212, kirstens@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly. Call the contact number for details.

The Cupertino City Hall will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day, and on November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving Day.

AlertSCC – Community Emergency Communication Systems

Imagine coming home from work, and finding that your neighborhood had been evacuated six hours ago. You most probably will ask, "Why I was not notified of this emergency?" Fortunately, the Santa Clara county has provided us with AlertSCC (www.alertscc.com).

AlertSCC is a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. AlertSCC can reach you wherever you are to provide information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations, which may include:

- Flooding, wildfires and subsequent evacuations
- Public safety incidents, including crimes, that immediately affect your neighborhood
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies

It only takes a minute. Sign up today and tell someone you love about it. You can sign up with AlertSCC at www.cupertino.org/AlertSCC.

For more information, please see city website at www.cupertino.org/index.aspx?page=525, or Santa Clara County Fire Department website at www.sccfd.org/pub_ed/alert_scc.html

council actions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Council Members Present: Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, Wong

Council Members Absent: None

Appointed Andy Huang to the Public Safety Commission to a Partial Term Ending January 2012

Received Presentation by Santa Clara Valley Water District regarding Permanente Creek Detention Pond Project

Received Presentation from the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County

Presented the Putnam Award given to the Cupertino Block Leaders by the League of California Cities

Approved City Council Minutes as amended to August 3, 17, and September 7.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-179 accepting Accounts Payable for period ending September 3, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-180 accepting Accounts Payable for period ending September 10, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-181 accepting Payroll for period ending September 3, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-182 to Submit Grant Documents to the Department of Homeland Security for the Purchase and Installation of a Portable Emergency Generator at City Hall

and Authorize the City Manager or Administrative Services Director to Finalize Documents for a \$300,000 Grant to the City.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-183 to accept the Improvement Agreement for 10131 Santa Clara Avenue.

No action taken on the Application to Vacate a Portion of City Right-of-Way on Stevens Canyon Road at 22621 Ricardo Road.

Authorized staff to work on a project in the North Vallco Master Plan area to add up to 500,000 square feet of citywide commercial application, amend the general plan and zoning to specifically look at large format regional commercial uses and take public input on other possibilities, to include citywide noticing and to authorize funding of up to \$25,000 to come out of the economic uncertainty fund if no budget savings are identified, and come back to council in 3-months.

Put off items no. 1 of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Fee Schedule and no. 3 of the deferral/elimination of various CIP projects for FY 2010-11 as shown in the staff report until the midyear budget adjustment, leaving the CIP maintenance projects to the City Manager's discretion to move forward with those projects as necessary; pursue item no. 2 regarding Pursue Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

Conducted the first reading of the Ordinance Nos. 10-2069 and 10-2070 as amended to add the following language to section 6.24.110: "nothing contained in section 6.24.070, section 6.24.080 or this section 6.24.110 shall prevent a property owner and or occupant with control over any premises from keeping or maintaining compostable materials in a home composting bin designed and intended for home composting. Home composting materials and containers shall not be stored in public view."

Denied the Fee Waiver Request for prior use of the Quinlan Community Center by the non-profit Kahrzik Foundation.

Appointed Vice Mayor Wong as the voting delegate and Mark Linder as the alternate for the National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting on December 4 in Denver, Co.

Cancelled the October 19 City Council Meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010

Council Members Present: Chang, Mahoney, Santoro, Wang, Wong

Council Members Absent: None

Presented the Proclamation of the Celebrate California Arts Day, October 1, 2010.

Received the summary report of the Teen Commission's WOW (Walk One Week) program.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-184 to accept Accounts Payable for the period ending September 17, 2010.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-185 to accept Accounts Payable for the period ending September 24, 2010.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-186 to accept Payroll for the period ending September 17, 2010

Continued the Item to Adopt Resolution No. 10-187 for the Parcel Map at 10056 Orange Avenue to November 1, 2010.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-188 with revised wording to accept the Hold Harmless Agreement at 10161 Phar Lap Drive.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-189 to accept the Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for Underground Water Rights at 10216 Pasadena Avenue.

Considered a Modification to the Use Permit, Exception to the Heart of the City Specific Plan, and a Tentative Map for the Metropolitan mixed-use development at 19501-19507 Stevens Creek Boulevard. Approved a negative declaration; approved modification to the use permit with the following conditions:

- To allow up to 40% of the total retail space as non-retail restricted to building B
- If the non-retail is a medical use, the applicant and city staff will work together to determine the correct parking count for surface parking and underground parking

Denied the tentative map and directed the applicant to work with staff to reconcile the department of real estate paperwork with the original approval, which gave them two retail condos.

Received the Update on the Green Building Ordinance.

Adopted the mitigations for Scenic Circle access to Stevens Creek Trail and Blackberry Farm Park developed by Scenic Circle neighbors with the exception that morning hours would be adjusted to match the school hours.

Concurred to select an application deadline date of Wednesday, Jan. 12 and interview dates of Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 24 and 25 for vacancies on commissions and committees with terms expiring January, 2011.

Concurred to select a new mayor and vice mayor at the December 7 meeting.

Will consider cancelling the Dec. 21 and/or the Jan. 4 City Council Meetings at the December 7 meeting.

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.

NOVEMBER 1, 2 & 5 – THE STORY BEHIND CUPERTINO'S VETERANS MEMORIAL

If you have visited the Veterans Memorial in Cupertino's Memorial Park and want to learn how it came into existence this program is a must to watch.

NOVEMBER 8, 9 & 12 – FURRY FRIENDS

Pet owners bring their "Furry Friends" to love and be loved by seniors living in the Pacific Gardens retirement community.

NOVEMBER 15, 16 & 19 – SENIOR SERVICES

Learn about many services provided by volunteers from senior home repairs to driving seniors to medical appointments.

NOVEMBER 22, 23 & 26 – RADIATION THERAPY

A discussion about radiation therapy with a local Radiation Therapist from Kaiser Permanente.

NOVEMBER 29, 30 & DECEMBER 3 – UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION (USO)

Two local USO Directors describe the services provided for military personnel and their families.

DVD or VHS copies of programs can be purchased by visiting: 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.

Welcome New Businesses

- **Advante Real Estate**
19925 Stevens Creek Blvd, Ste 100
- **Dmax Imaging, LLC**
20045 Stevens Creek Blvd
- **Dream Salon**
21700 Stevens Creek Blvd
- **Family Wellness Acupuncture and Physical Therapy**
10580 S De Anza Blvd
- **Frances Kao, CPA**
20432 Siverado Ave Ste 209A
- **Fusion After School, LLC**
940 S Stelling Rd
- **Li's Chiropractic**
21613 Stevens Creek Blvd
- **Pho-Licious**
21271 Stevens Creek Blvd Ste 410
- **Smoke Eater Cupertino, LLP**
10650 S De Anza Blvd
- **Wong's Foot Spa**
20357 Stevens Creek Blvd

Awakening the Dreamer Symposium

November 6, 12:30 - 4:30 pm,
Cupertino Community Hall

Cupertino's Cool Cities is hosting an *Awakening the Dreamer Symposium* to be held at the Cupertino Community Hall (next to the library) on Saturday November 6 from 12:30 - 4:30 pm. It explores the question: Where on Earth are we going? The symposium is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Earth. More information can be found at the website www.awakeningthedreamer.org. Please RSVP at the website, but drop-ins are welcome and the event is free.

Have Something to Contribute?

To submit information to "Cupertino Scene," email: scene@cupertino.org.
Submission deadline
for the December edition is November 3.



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City Meetings

Nov. 1	Hsinchu Sister City Committee Delegation (EOC)	6:30 pm
Nov. 1	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Nov. 2	Schools Emergency Preparedness (EOC)	9:30 am
Nov. 3	Library Commission (Library)	6 pm
Nov. 3	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 4	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Nov. 4	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
Nov. 4	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)	7 pm
Nov. 4	C.A.R.E.S. (EOC)	7:30 pm
Nov. 9	Economic Development Committee	3:30 pm
Nov. 9	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Nov. 9	Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A) (Moved from 11/23/10)	7 pm
Nov. 10	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C)	9 am
Nov. 10	Teen Commission (QCC)	6:30 pm
Nov. 10	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 16	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***	6:45 pm
Nov. 17	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A)	7 pm
Nov. 18	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	9:30 am
Nov. 18	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)	5 pm
Nov. 18	C.E.R.T./M.R.C. (EOC)	7 pm
Nov. 18	Toyokawa Sister City Committee (Conf. Rm. A) (Cancelled)	7:30 pm
Nov. 23	Planning Commission (Community Hall)***	6:45 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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