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# happenings in cupertino

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### Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education

Are you nervous and worried about your citizenship interview?

On Saturday, December 11, 2010, from 9:30 - 11:30 am, Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education will offer a free special one-day class, ESL/Citizenship Interview Preparation, to help prospective citizens prepare for their interview. Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers. There will also be an immigration expert who will talk about the interview process and answer questions. The class will meet in the Training Center at the Adult Education Center, 591 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale.

Students should register in class. For more information about this class, please call 408.522.2700.

### Cupertino Symphonic Band Brings Christmas Cheer

December 19, 1 pm, Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino

Tom Narcisso will conduct a varied program including traditional carols, and Hanukah songs. The concert is free but donations of canned goods for West Valley Community Services are appreciated. For more information call 408.262.0471 or visit www.netview.com/csb.







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.



### **Habitat for Humanity Prepares Families for Home Ownership New Affordable Homes Coming Soon**

### to Cupertino

In early 2011, Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley will select families for a home development on Cleo Avenue. In an effort to educate the community, Habitat is hosting monthly Home Ownership Readiness workshops through February 2011. Habitat representatives will present the program requirements and outline what families can do now to become qualified when the application process opens.

Families will also have the opportunity to receive specialized advice in the areas of: employment, legal services, tax return reporting, credit and debt, each of which will better position them to qualify for Habitat homeownership.

### Workshop Info:

Thursdays, December 2, 2010, January 6, 2011 and February 3, 2011, 5:45 - 7 pm

Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

### **City Channel Improves** Signal Quality

The Cupertino City Channel is improving its signal quality! After 27 years of broadcasting, the City Channel is switching from its original analog transmission network to a new, fiber-based digital carrier. The transition means that Comcast customers will soon be able to watch Cupertino city meetings and other programs with the same clarity and quality as most commercial channels on the system. While

the City Channel will continue to broadcast in standard definition (at least for the near future), many of the video reception issues – ghosting, hum bars, etc. – will be a thing of the past.

In order to accomplish the upgrade, the City Channel has spliced into unused strands within the City's fiber optic traffic network. This fiber pathway now links City Hall with the Comcast hub on Imperial Avenue. The signal is then routed to Comcast's master headend in Santa Clara where it is inserted into the cable system as Cupertino Channel 26--a distance of more than eleven miles.

Final testing of the new fiber link should be completed by the end of the year.

(The Cupertino City Channel is available to Cupertino residents on Comcast Channel 26 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99)

### 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.

# December **Fitness** Special

### The City of Cupertino Sports Center Open House

Saturday January 8, 2011 8:30 - 11:30 am

**Best Special of the Year** All Inclusive!

#### FREE

Aerobics	8:30 - 9:30 am
Face Painting & Crafts	9 - 11 am
Body Fat Testing	9 - 10:45 am
Tennis Games	9 - 10:45 am
Body Sculpting	9:30 - 10:30 am
Yoga	

#### Gifts for the first 300 people

Prizes 10:45 am (must be present to win) Enter to Win a FREE membership!

# simply safe | December

by Marsha Hovey

### **Calling all Animal Lovers**

Cupertino's Disaster Animal Care team is currently recruiting new members.

No experience necessary. We'll teach you what you need to know.

Minimum annual volunteer participation requirement is only 8 hours, although there are opportunities to be involved to a greater extent. It depends on your availability.

The Disaster Animal Care team is activated when the City experiences an earthquake or other emergency that causes animals to need care and shelter in the absence of their owners. We work closely with the American Red Cross Human Shelter and will also care for the animals of people living in the shelter.

Anyone interested in joining can email cupertinoanimalvolunteers@gmail.com or contact the Office of Emergency Services at 408.722.1210.

If you own pets, be sure you have a plan for them. Earthquakes happen when we least expect them.

Do you ever leave pets home alone overnight? – Do neighbors know to check on them in an emergency?

Do you ever take pets with you in the car without leashes, water bowls, food, etc? — Consider having backup supplies in your car.

Do your pets take medication that would be difficult to obtain if the vet was closed due to quake damage?

More information on pet safety can be found at www.cupertino.org/emergency. Click on the "Links to Preparedness Resources" to find information and videos on Pet Safety, Pet Emergency Supplies, Pet CPR and much more!

### **More Help Needed**

It takes a village to respond to disaster. Service clubs, church groups, apartment complexes, homeowners associations, businesses and other organizations are needed help the City's response and recovery efforts. To register as a participating organization, and find a way that you can be involved, go to www.cupertino.org/emergency and click on the Emergency Readiness Survey. Call 408.722.1210 for more information.

### **Holiday Fire Safety**

Make sure every **smoke detector** in your house has **fresh batteries**! Your smoke detector could save your life! If you use your fireplace or a space heater to heat your home, install a carbon monoxide detector in the room with the heater.

Live Christmas trees must be watered

**regularly**, and discarded when the needles begin to fall.

Candles should be placed in fireproof containers and kept away from combustible decorations, gifts and furnishings.

Never leave a lit candle unattended!

Wiring for lighted or moving decorations must be installed to avoid trip-and-fall hazards and wear on the insulation. Care should be taken in stringing lights together to ensure the outlet and extension cord are rated to handle the amount of electricity being used. Use only lights marked for outdoor use in the outdoors.

Do not overload the electrical outlet. Use a power strip with a fuse to connect several sets of lights to one outlet. This fuse will prevent overloading of the house wiring, which could cause a fire.

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

Think safety! Christmas is a great time to remind loved ones that their safety is important to you. Purchase emergency supply kits for elderly family and friends and make sure they know how to use them. Identify a "buddy" who can check on them after an earthquake – or any day.

### **Upcoming Classes**

FREE Medical Reserve Corps Orientation Training – January 8 or February 5, 2011, 9 -10 am, Cupertino City Hall

FREE Medical Reserve Corps Presentation – Best Practices from the award winning Marin MRC – January 8, 2011, 10 am - Noon, Cupertino City Hall

FREE Medical Reserve Corps Presentation - Medical Response to Haiti, Lessons Learned - February 5, 2011, 10 am - Noon, Cupertino City Hall

FREE Disaster Animal Care Training

– January 22, 2011, 10 am – Noon,
Cupertino City Hall

FREE Personal Emergency Preparedness Workshop – January 10, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, February 11, 9 am - Noon.

Kaleidoscope Public Safety Training for ages 12 - 18, February 21 - 25, 2011

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.

### roots | Silent Night

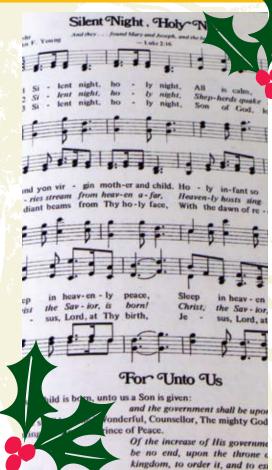
### by Gail Fretwell-Hugger

One of the best aspects of the Christmas holidays is the wonderful music of the season. (Thankfully, Madison Ave marketing does not yet extend to playing carols at the same time all the commercialism begins in stores in September and October) Those of us who grew up in Santa Clara Valley in the "olden days" fondly remember the Christmas pageants in school, caroling in the neighborhoods and hot chocolate when we all tramped back to church or a house afterwards.

One of the most beloved Christmas songs (and the most recorded song in history) is "Silent Night," a carol with a fascinating history. Created out of necessity and performed in a tiny village on Christmas Eve by two ordinary Austrians and a tiny choir, this beautiful, simple carol owes its debut to an organ that wouldn't play and a priest who wouldn't hold Christmas Eve mass without special music.

In 1818, a young priest in Obendorf, Austria, found to his horror the church organ wouldn't function on Christmas Eve and the midnight service was just hours away. He had planned the service for months. No amount of fiddling with keys, stops or pedals made the organ work. The priest gave up and prayed for inspiration. He remembered a poem he had written two years before. Finding the scrap of paper in his meager possessions, he rushed out into the wintry night to the drafty apartment of the village schoolteacher and begged him to set the words of the poem to music, to enable the little church choir to sing with guitar accompaniment. The teacher was charmed by the simple poem and set to work composing chords. What should have taken weeks was accomplished in hours and just 4 hours later at midnight mass the tiny choir sang out "Silent Night" in four-part harmony.

Later, an organ builder and repairman jotted down the words and learned the melody and as he traveled in his profession, he introduced "Silent Night" to many churches and towns in Austria. Later still, a traveling group of singers sang the carol to a large crowd in Leipzig. King William of Prussia, deeply moved by the song's message, requested his nation's Cathedral Choir to sing "Silent Night" (known as "Stille Nacht") at his annual Christmas celebration. From Prussia, the song traveled across much of Eastern Europe and on to Great Britain. In December 1839, an Austrian singing group performed the



carol in English at Trinity Church in New York and by the Civil War in the 1860's; it had become America's most popular Christmas carol.

During the horrific fighting between the Union and the Confederacy, it was not unusual for hostilities to cease for 4 days starting on December 25, with troops from both sides laying down their arms to come together to worship, share gifts, read Scripture and sing "Silent Night". By the late 1800's the song had been translated into more than 20 languages. Today, at Christmastime, it is sung in countries all around the world. (Although a legend grew up that a mouse had chewed through the organ bellows and disabled the organ, the simple truth was that the instrument was old and broke down due to the extreme cold temperature)

A very blessed Christmas and holiday season to one and all in Cupertino.

(Resource: "Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas" by Ace Collins)

## cupertino library

### **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, December 24 for Christmas Eve Friday, December 25 for Christmas Day Friday, December 31 for New Year's Day (observed)

Saturday, January 1 for New Years Day

Get ready for Silicon Valley Reads 2011!

Our featured book is Year of Fog, by Michelle Richmond.

Through the generous support of the Cupertino Library Foundation, the Cupertino Library will be hosting an Essay Contest AND an Amateur Photo Contest with cash prizes for the winning entries in both adult and teen categories.

Please ask a library staff member for additional information, or visit the following web site: www.cupertinolibrary.org

### 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** 

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

### **Stories for Twos**

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

### **BE A LIBRARY EXPLORER PROGRAM &** THE WEE EXPLORE PROGRAM

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 or your Wee Explore Passport and earn a stamp with a new library adventure each month!

### **CUPERTINO CINEMA CLUB** Thursday, December 9, 4 pm **Cupertino Library Story Room**

Elementary school-age children and their families are invited to the library to watch a movie! Call 408.446.1677 ext. 3320 for more details.

#### SPECIAL WINTER RECESS PROGRAMS

Monday, December 20, 4 pm Monday, December 27, 4 pm **Cupertino Library Story Room** 

Call 408.446.1677 ext. 3320 for more details.

### Programs for Teens

**TEEN STUDY NIGHTS** Saturday, December 4, 12 - 5:45 pm Sunday, December 5, 12 - 5:45 pm Saturday, December 11, 12 - 5:45 pm Sunday, December 12, 12 - 5:45 pm **Cupertino Community Hall** 

Need a place to study for finals? A spot to work on group projects? Join us for a study session at Community Hall! Tables, chairs and snacks will be provided.

For teens ages 13 - 19. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library

### Programs for Adults

### **HEALTH DATABASE INSTRUCTION** Friday, December 3, 10:30 - 11:30 am **Cupertino Library Story Room**

For anyone interested in doing research or would like to learn more about health topics.

For more information call the Adult Reference Desk at ext. 408.446.1677 ext 3372.

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Thursday, December 16, 7 - 8:30 pm **Cupertino Library Story Room**

The group will read and discuss Bill Bryson's A Walk in the Woods. 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. To schedule an appointment, please call the Library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677 ext. 3372.

#### **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. To schedule an appointment, please call the Library's Reference Desk at 408.446.1677 ext. 3372.

#### **TEEN DATABASE CLASSES**

Database instruction for teens, ages 13 to 19, is available at the library, by appointment.

To schedule an appointment to learn about the library's subscription databases, please call the Library at 408.446.1677 ext. 3372.

For more information on any of the Cupertino Library's adult programs, 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 Britanni-

ca 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.

### Eat to Feed: HEARTS Dinner Fundraiser

Representatives of Monta Vista DECA, an association of marketing students, are making a difference in the community by marketing for a local nonprofit organization, HEARTS which provides education and basic necessities for children in need. The fundraiser, Eat to Feed, is on Saturday, December 4 and will take place at a local school. Reservations can be made by emailing mvdeca.cmp@gmail.com. The cost of the dinner is \$20 and purchase of each dinner will provide 10 meals for a person in need. Make someone else's holidays special by attending the dinner fundraiser.



### senior center news

### **2011 Senior Center Memberships**

The Cupertino Senior Center is the perfect place to meet people and enrich your life. We are Cupertino's hub for activities, trips, information, and services specifically geared toward active adults 50 years and older. For a \$22 resident fee and a \$27 non-resident fee, your 2011 membership will be good until January 2012. Not only can you participate in the Senior Center's programs, but you will also get bi-monthly issues of our Senior Action Newsletter, and a parking decal to use while attending activities at the Cupertino Senior Center.

The current 2010 membership is valid through the end of January 2011, but please renew your membership by Wednesday December 15, if you wish to receive, in the mail, the January/February Active Senior News. We look to a fun and rewarding 2011.

#### Booktalk with Cupertino Library Tuesday, December 7 and January 4, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Cupertino librarians will host a book talk. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please sign up at lobby table.

### Holiday in Hawaii Hula Show Wednesday, December 8, 2 – 3 pm

Sway with our own Aloha Nani Hula dancers as they celebrate the holidays with Hawaiian songs and dances. Please sign up at the lobby table. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

### **Ballroom Dance Social**

Monday, December 13, 2010 & January 10, 24, 2011, 2:05 - 3:35 pm

Volunteers will play various music styles. No instruction provided. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

### Insiders Guide to the Senior Center

Thursday, December 9 and January 13, 2 pm Learn about senior center trips, classes,

Learn about senior center trips, classes, events, volunteer program, and tour the center. Please register at the front desk. Free Event.

### Rebuilding Together Presentation

Monday, December 13, 10 - 11 am

Rebuilding Together is a non-profit organization that brings together communities and volunteers to rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners for free. Attend and see if you qualify. Sign up at the lobby table. Open to the public.

#### VTA Photo Session

Friday, December 17, 10 am

Valley Transit Authority will be at the Senior Center to take photos for the Regional Transit Connections (RTC) Discount Card. No appointment is necessary. Must be 65+ years or older, or disabled. \$3

### Big Band Dance Social-Live Music Monday, December 20, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Dick McConville Swing Quintet will play live music for this pre-holiday special event. Light refreshments will be served. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please sign up at the lobby table.

### **All-Day Ping Pong Social**

Tuesday, December 21, 8:30 am – 4 pm Come and play Ping-Pong from morning to afternoon, have fun exercising and socialize with fellow players. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please wear rubber soled shoes.

#### Holiday Luncheon and Birthday Bash Wednesday, December 22, 12 - 1:30 pm

Celebrate the holiday season with delectable food and great entertainment! The menu will be Ginger Beef Brisket with Dried Fruit, side dishes, and dessert. For entertainment, we will have a trio of harp, cello, and violin players perform holiday music. Members with December birthdays will be honored. If you would prefer a vegetarian meal, please specify when you register. Members \$10, senior guests add \$5 day pass. Pre-registration is required.

### **AARP Senior Driver Safety Course**

Monday, January 10, 8 am - 12:30 pm Call course instructor, Dick Kohl at 408.268.0428 for information and registration.

### **Book Review Meeting** First Friday, 1:15 - 3 pm

Enjoy the stimulating monthly Book Review Meeting. Learn about new books and meet new people. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

### How Sweet it is... Diabetes Made Easy

Diabetes is a serious, chronic disease, and symptoms are not very noticeable at the onset. The Diabetes Society of Santa Clara Valley and Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund of San Jose will conduct a free screening and two health lectures. Whether you have diabetes or not, come to the screening to get checked, and learn about meal planning, nutrition guidelines and ways to prevent diabetes. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests.

### Free Diabetes Screening

Monday, January 24, 9:30 - 11:30 am Come and get tested for diabetes. Fasting is not necessary. Free for members, \$5 day pass for senior guests. Please sign up at lobby table.

#### **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.

### 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

#### 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.

DECEMBER 6, 7 & 10 – "TIS THE SEASON AT ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM" Ardenwood Historic Farm has many family events in every season. Join us for their Winter Holiday Time.

DECEMBER 13, 14 & 17 – "DON'T MISS THE MANGER" A Christmas musical for kids.

DECEMBER 20, 21 & 24 – "DON'T MISS THE MANGER" A Christmas musical for kids.

DECEMBER 27, 28 & 31 – "DON'T MISS THE MANGER" A Christmas musical for kids.

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.

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**

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

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

# eco news | december

### New Recycling & Composting Service in Cupertino

Recology Cupertino is rolling out its new citywide recycling and composting program, which combines food waste with yard waste collection for composting, collects used cooking oil and offers increased recycling service to multi-family homes and apartments. If you have questions regarding the new services provided, please contact Recology at 408.725.4020 or visit Recology's website at www.recologycupertino.com

### February 16 - Free Compost Classes in Cupertino

The City will hold a free "how-to" back-yard compost workshop at Cupertino's Community Hall, 10300 Torre Ave, Wednesday, February 16 from 7 - 9 pm. To register, please contact the City of Cupertino Public Works Department 408.777.3354. Cupertino residents attending one Compost or Bay Friendly workshops will receive a free Home Composting Bin within two weeks after the class. Only one compost bin per household. Email environmental@cupertino.org for details.

### Interested in becoming a Master Composter?

The County of Santa Clara Master Composter program is a volunteer organization designed to spread the word about backyard composting in Santa Clara County. Composting yard waste and food scraps are the most effective way to reduce waste, and also benefit local soil, water conservation and storm water protection. Residents can become an agent of change in this process by participating in the Master Composter Volunteer training program. There is a materials charge of \$50 and participants receive training materials and instruction. Scholarships are available upon request. After graduation volunteers are required to provide 50 hours of volunteer service in the County. Training begins in January. Application is available at www.ReduceWaste.org. Deadline to register is December 8, 2010.

### Flood Preparation

As this year's rainy season begins, residents should check to be sure that they're prepared for the possibility of flooding in their neighborhoods. Those with property located in a flood zone especially should be aware that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses caused by

floods or mudslides. Property owners can protect against potential flood damage by purchasing flood insurance and by preparing a family disaster plan.

According to the Santa Clara Valley Water District, some areas in Cupertino along Calabazas Creek are considered at risk for flooding; property near Stevens Creek is also at risk, but to a lesser degree. The City provides the following services to help residents prepare for potential flooding:

- 1. Residents can find out if their property is in a flood zone by visiting the Cupertino Public Works Department (call 408.777.3354 for details). The Public Works Department also offers elevation certificates for new buildings constructed in the floodplain.
- 2. The City's Building Department has a booklet called "What You Should Know Before You Hire a Contractor". Booklets are available at the downstairs counter at City Hall.
- 3. Other information on flood preparedness is available on the Cupertino website at www.cupertino.org/emergency.
- 4. Additional flood protection information and assistance can be obtained on the FEMA website at **www.fema.gov**.
- 5. The Cupertino Library also holds publications for flood preparedness.

The City's storm drainage system is composed of street gutters, storm drain sewer inlets (at street corners), and pipes that connect the inlets to local creeks. This system drains street runoff into the creeks and channels on the valley floor. Residents can assist the City, and help protect their immediate neighborhood from localized flooding, by sweeping gutters regularly and checking nearby storm drain grates are not covered with leaves or litter. Residents should abide by street sweeping/no parking signs to allow the City to keep the gutters clean and the storm drain system flowing. The City routinely sweeps the gutters in residential areas twice a month and in commercial areas once a week.

In the fall, before the rains start, a City contractor vacuums out City storm drain inlets, and checks for any evidence of hazardous materials in the drains. This cleaning prevents any illegally dumped materials that may be sitting in the inlets, from washing into our creeks with the first rains. It is illegal to dump anything into a creek or a storm drain. Residents can report dumping incidents to the City by calling 408.777.3269 during office hours and 911 after hours and on weekends.

### >> Recycling During the Holidays Almost Everything Can Be Recycled or Composted

Did you know we will create more than 25% more waste during the holiday season than any other time throughout the year. By practicing simple, earth-friendly behaviors, we can significantly reduce the amount of garbage land filled during the festive season. Here are some

recycling and garbage reminders:

Christmas Trees: Christmas trees will be collected at homes in Cupertino on regular collection days during the month of January. Cut trees into 5-foot lengths, with all decorations and stands removed. Place trees in your tan yard waste cart or at the curb. Trees will be picked up at apartment and condominium complexes

during the same period.

Managers should call Recology Cupertino when the complex is ready for tree pick-up: 408.725.4020. Flocked trees are accepted for composting.

Corrugated Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard can be placed in the blue recycling cart or flattened and placed alongside your recycling cart. Boxes must be flattened and cut into 3-ft by 3-ft pieces. If desired, large quantities can be taken to the Sunnyvale Recycling Center at the north end of Borregas Ave. Call 408.752.8530.

**Styrofoam:** Blocks of Styrofoam and Styrofoam "peanuts" will no longer be accepted with the City's recycling program.

UPS Stores will accept Styrofoam "peanuts" for recycling. The closest stores are at 20660 Stevens Creek Blvd. 408.213.219 and 1072 S. De Anza Blvd. 408.253.6561.

Wrapping Paper: Gift wrapping paper can be included with other curbside recycling. (Most apartment and condominium complexes have paper recycling in toters.) Plastic-coated, foil wrapping paper, ribbons and bows cannot be recycled.

No limit: Remember there is no limit to the amount of recyclables that can be set out on your collection day. Extra recyclables can be placed in boxes and set next to full cart.

Produce less Waste and
Smart Holiday Shopping:
Avoid producing unnecessary waste that needs to be recycled or disposed of this holiday season.

Make these practices part of your holiday routine:

- Give an experience and create a cherished memory, with tickets to a movie, sporting event, stage play, restaurant, salon spa, and manicure/pedicure. The choices are endless!
- · Package gifts in reusable gift bags
- · Bring your own reusable bags to the store

Be creative and have fun. Have an environmentally SMART and "GREEN" Holiday Season!

### » Extra Holiday Trash?

On-Call Disposal Days: Residents (with garbage can service) are reminded they have the option of using their two free On-Call Disposal Days for disposal of large amounts of trash. Schedule a Disposal Day by calling Recology Cupertino at 408.725.4020. For details, visit the Recology's website at www.recologycupertino.com

(click On-Call Collection).

**Extra Bag Tags:** Another option for residents who periodically generate extra garbage is "Extra Bag Tags." Place extra trash in plastic trash bags and attach a

tag to it where your garbage collector picks up. Bags cannot be larger than 32 gallons or weigh more than 25 pounds. Tags cost \$6.21 each or 10 for \$59.01, and are available from Recology Cupertino, call 408.725.4020.

# community calendar

DEC	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
4	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 p.m	De Anza College	864.8946	deanza.fhda.edu/fleamarket/
SAT	Cupertino Kids Chess Club*	10 to 12:30pm	10675 S. De Anza Blvd. # 4	996.1236	Albert Rich [cchesschampions @yahoo.com]
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 pm	20920 McClellan Rd.	996.0558	osfamilies.org/
	Planetarium Shows*	7 pm	De Anza Planetarium	864.8814	planetarium.deanza.edu
6 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	7:00 pm	10201 Imperial Avenue #3	374.6392	sccgov.org/portal/site/va
7 TUES	Viewfinders Digital Video Club	7:30 pm	Community Center - In Cupertino Room	650.967.4679 554.1133	viewfindersclub.org
8	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	19483 Pruneridge Avenue	447.0797	tandemtoastmasters. vsgcorp.com
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 pm	Apple Computer, 1 Infite Loop		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
9	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 am	Holders Country Inn	255.3093	deanzalions.org/
THUR	Northwest Y Service Club*	6:30 pm	Northwest YMCA, 20803 Alves Drive	650.964.3734	scvymca.org
	Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)	7:30 pm	City Hall 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
10 FRI	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 pm	Call for location	861.0417	lasmadres.org
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 am	Intl. House of Pancakes	973.1832	classic.kiwanis.org
12 SUN	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA*	10 to 1:30	Creekside Park Hall	368.0357	www.hssus.org
13 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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14 TUES	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	7:00 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
16 THUR	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 am		257.6136 252.1529	newcomersclub.com
17 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
18 SAT	Daughters of Norway	9:30 am	Sunny View Retirement Community	255.9828	daughtersofnorway.org
21 TUES	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	
23 THUR	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252.8568	quota.org
	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	
28 TUES	Historical Society	6:30 pm	Community Center	973.1495	cupthistory.org
29 WED	The Powerful Pens	7 pm	18000 Chelmsford	626.9784	
30 THUR	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 pm	Sunny View Retirement Community	873.1190	ega-gpr.org

Submit infoSubmit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino to Brittany Morales, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 777.1312, brittanym@cupertino.org

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

City Hall will be closed December 23 - January 2 for the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

### Silicon Valley Reads in Cupertino 2011

February 5, 2011, 2 - 4 pm

Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.

The annual Silicon Valley Reads program, sponsored by the Santa Clara County Library system, and hosted in Cupertino by the Library and the Library Foundation, has announced their book for 2011. The program will feature a talk by author Michelle Richmond about the themes of The Year of Fog. An essay contest and a photo contest are scheduled to kick-off the event. The deadline for the essay contest is January 26, 2011. For complete details about the event, both contests and entry forms, visit the Cupertino Library Foundation website at www.cupertinolibrary.org/SVRCupertino.

### council actions

### SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

Council Members Present: Chang,

Santoro, Wong

Council Members Absent: Mahoney, Wang

Adopted Resolution No. 10-187 accepting the parcel Map for Marci Properties, LLC at 10056 Orange Avenue, APN 357-17-133

### REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

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

Council Members Absent: None

Gave instructions to real property owners and took no action. (Gov't Code 54956.8); Property: 10800 Torre Avenue.

Gave instructions to legal counsel on existing litigation (Government Code 54956.9(a)). City of Cupertino v. Mansfield et al, Santa Clara County Superior Court (In re Mansfield, United States Bankruptcy Court).

Presented the Proclamation recognizing David Knapp's ten years of service to the City of Cupertino

Presented the Proclamation recognizing World Polio Day in Cupertino

Approved City Council Minutes as amended for Sept. 21, Oct. 5, and Oct. 12

Adopted Resolution No.10-190, accepting Payroll for the period ending October 1, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-191, accepting Accounts Payable for the period ending October 1, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-192, accepting Accounts Payable for the period ending October 8, 2010

Adopted Resolution No.10-193, accepting Payroll for the period ending October 15, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-194, accepting Accounts Payable for the period ending October 15, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-195, accepting Accounts Payable for the period ending October 22, 2010

Adopted Resolution No. 10-196, accepting the Quitclaim Deed for the Grant of Real Property from the Fremont Union High School District of Santa Clara County

Adopted Resolution No. 10-197, accepting Partial Quitclaim of Easement by Pacific Bell

Telephone Company located at the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-198, accepting the Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for

Underground Water Rights at 10160 Lockwood Drive.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-199, accepting the Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for

Underground Water Rights at 10375 S. Tantau Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-200, accepting the Quitclaim Deed and Authorization for

Underground Water Rights at 790 South Blaney Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-201, accepting the Development Agreement at 790 South Blaney Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-202, accepting the Final Tract Map at 790 South Blaney Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-203, accepting the Stormwater Management Facilities

Operation and Maintenance Agreement at 790 South Blaney Avenue.

Adopted the Resolution No.10-204, accepting the Stormwater Management Facility Easement Agreement at 790 South Blaney Avenue.

Accepted Project No. 2009-07, accepting the 2009 Tennis Court Re-Surfacing Project.

Adopted Resolution No. 10-205 for grant funding for Stevens Creek Corridor with the understanding that the council has final approval on the scope of the project before the Grant Funds Agreement is executed

Received the City Manager's Annual Report 2009-2010

Approved the 2010-2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan.

Modified the use permit (U-2008-02) for hotel by the Shashi Corporation to incorporate an alternative plan to keep the same number of rooms, reduce the amenity space, reduce the parking ratio to.75, and requiring valet parking. Council will review the parking plan after 1 and 2 years of operation.

Considered the appeal of an approval of a wireless service facility on Results Way. Continued the item and sent it back to the Planning Commission to discuss the feasibility of another alternative near Site 4 and bring the results back to Council.

Concurred to the City Manager put a memo in items of interest regarding the Capital Improvement Program Study Session on November 16, 2010.

Conducted the second reading and enacted Ordinance Nos. 10-2069 and 10-2070 to revise and re-title the existing Franchise Ordinance, Recology Franchise Agreement

Continued the report on the status of the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA) project to November 16, 2010.

### Santa Clara County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Cupertino is collaborating with Santa Clara County to update our local hazard mitigation plan. This plan outlines mechanisms for increasing our community's resiliency to natural hazard events (earthquake, flood, wildfire, etc.). Hazard Mitigation is defined as "sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and/or property from natural, human-caused, and technological hazards and their effects."

Your feedback is critical to increasing local resiliency. Please take a few moments to complete the brief survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/2010SCCHMP. (The survey will be available online through Friday, December 3, 2010). If you have any questions regarding the survey or opportunities to participate in the plan update, you may contact Corinne Bartshire at 510.834.3326 or cbartshire@dewberry. com. We sincerely appreciate your time and cooperation in helping our community become more resilient.

### Are You Green@Home?

Is your family interested in cutting utility bills by working together to save energy and water in your home? What if you could do this as part of a Cupertino-wide competition, where you are rewarded for your achievements? Residents of Cupertino are invited to participate in the new Are You Green@Home? Challenge, where top energy, water and greenhouse gas saving residents in the month of December and January will receive a \$50 gift card to sustainable grocer Whole Foods Markets in Cupertino. Also, top savers' environmental actions will be showcased in the Cupertino Scene.

Green@Home is a free service, offered through a partnership between the City and local nonprofit Acterra, to help Cupertino families save money, energy and water. This retrofit program is paid for by the City and supported by federal grant funds. Green@ Home is not a sales call; it's a community-wide initiative to cut carbon and get results on a household by household basis. Lastly, it's available to everyone; whether you rent or own your home! If you're ready to join the challenge, sign up for a HouseCall today at www.acterra.org/green@home or call 650.962.9876 x 380.

### **Welcome New Businesses**

- 212 New York Pizza 19998 Homstead Rd, Suite A
- Aavid Thermalloy, LLC 10061 Bubb Rd, Suite 300
- Farallon Research 10050 N Wolfe Rd, Suite SW1-276
- Friendly Hair & Nails
   20311 Stevens Creek Blvd, Suite 1A
- One Pot Inc 19648 Stevens Creek Blvd
- Shanghai Restaurant 10877 N Wolfe Rd
- Village Falafel LLC 20010 Stevens Creek Blvd

Also, please consider joining our volunteer network to support this important community program, while jumpstarting your green career in the growing field of energy and water conservation! Volunteers will receive a free Cupertino Green tee-shirt and are invited to participate in a volunteer-based challenge to grow the number of HouseCalls in Cupertino. Learn more at www.cupertino.org/green.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help conduct mock citizenship interviews for Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education's ESL/ Citizenship Interview Preparation Class. This is a commitment for one morning only, Saturday, December 11, 2010, from 9 - 11:30 am. Since many prospective citizens are apprehensive about the interview process, this one-day class gives students an opportunity to practice for their citizenship interview in a relaxed and friendly setting. As a volunteer, you will ask prepared questions and dictate prepared sentences, thus simulating an actual interview. Training for volunteers will be done on the morning of the class. If you are interested, please call Linda Brummer at 408.522.2733.

### **Have Something to Contribute?**

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

Submission deadline for the February 2011 edition is January 5, 2011.



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Main Line		408.777.CITY	408.777.	3200		
City Clerk		408.777.3223	cityclerk	@cupertino.org		
Finance		408.777.3220	finance@	cupertino.org		
Parks & Recreat	-	408.777.3120		upertino.org		
	ning/Community Development 408.777.3308		planning	@cupertino.org		
Public Information	on	408.777.3262	pio@cup	ertino.org		
Public Works		408.777.3354				
Sheriff Services		408.868.6600	www.scc	sheriff.org		
		City Meetings				
Dec. 1	Library Commission	on (EOC)		7 pm		
Dec. 1	Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A) 7 pm					
Dec. 2	C.A.R.E.S. (EOC)			7:30 pm		
Dec. 2	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)					
Dec. 2	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C)					
Dec. 2	Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall)***					
Dec. 6	Hsinchu Sister City Committee (EOC)					
Dec. 7	City Council Meeting (Community Hall)***					
Dec. 8	Teen Commission (Quinlan Community Center) 6:30					
Dec. 9	Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C) 9 as					
Dec. 9	Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A) 7 p					
Dec. 14	Planning Commission (Community Hall)*** 6:45 p					
Dec. 15	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A) 7 pm					
Dec. 16	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C) 9:30 a					
Dec. 16	Design Review Co	mmittee (Conf. Rm. C)		5 pm		
Dec. 16	Toyokawa Sister C	City Committee (Conf. Rm. A) (Can	celled)	7:30 pm		
Dec. 20	CERT/MRC (EOC	)		7 pm		
Dec. 21	City Council Meet	ing (Community Hall)***		6:45 pm		
Dec. 28	Planning Commiss	sion (Community Hall)*** (Cancell	led)	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.

Fine Arts Commission (Conf. Rm. A) (Cancelled)

Dec. 28

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