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BIKE TO WORK DAY



GEARING UP *for* BIKE TO WORK DAY



Thursday, May 18th will mark the Bay Area's 12th annual Bike-to-Work-Day event, in which an expected 50,000 cyclists will commute to work and school and run errands . . . and this figure could double with a bit of "real" springtime weather.

In Cupertino, BTWD Energizer Stations will be setup at Apple Computer, Hewlett Packard and in front of the Quinlan Community Center on Stelling Road just north of Stevens Creek Blvd. Delicious coffee cake from Hobee's and fresh brewed coffee from Coffee Society will be served from 6:30 to 9:00 AM by members of Cupertino's Bicycle Pedestrian Commission.

This year's countywide BTWD event is being coordinated by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, under the direction of their Executive Director Corinne Winter. "We hope that people will be inspired to ride their bikes in this fun and healthy way of getting where they're going."

For more information on BTWD, visit 511.org online where you can find the best bike route for your commute, and also register your bike ride on this important day. Additionally, Bikeways Maps of Santa Clara Valley are available from the Receptionist at Cupertino's City Hall, and online at www.vta.org.



eServices

eServices are services that are available electronically, in this case through the City of Cupertino's website at www.cupertino.org. Through the website, the City is able to make information and services available 24x7, well beyond normal City business hours. Below is a summary of the information and services that are available.

ACCESS CUPERTINO – Submit a request for service, complaint, question or track an existing request

BUSINESS LICENSES – Apply and pay online

CITY JOBS – View open positions and apply online

CITY PROJECTS, BIDS and RFPS – Open City projects, bids and RFPS.

EMAIL NOTIFICATION – Sign up to receive direct EMAIL notification on a variety of subjects, including agendas, newsletters, publications and notices.

FORMS – Most all of the forms needed for interacting with the city

MAP GUIDE – Interactive map of Cupertino that can show streets, parcels, zoning, parks, schools, FEMA zone, earth quake faults and many other details.

MAPGUIDE INQUIRER – This tool allows potential business investors to review the demographics of various areas of the city. Autodesk MapGuide plug-in

is required for both MapGuide tools.

MUNICIPAL CODE – The full text of Cupertino's municipal code is available and searchable

PARKS & REC ONLINE REGISTRATION – Online registration, search for classes and activities, research available city facilities for rent.

PUBLIC RECORDS – All of the City's Public Records, agreements, budgets, council and commission reports, agenda packets, minutes and steering committee reports. Note that there are spread through the system and not in a single location.

WEBCASTING – Live webcasts of City Council and Planning, Parks & Rec commissions. All of these are available as archived webcasts as well. RealPlayer or Windows Media Player required.

There is much more that can be done to improve the information and services. We are seeking input from the community regarding priorities on improvement of the City's eServices. To provide your input, please go to <http://www.cupertino.org/eServices/index.asp>. If you prefer, you can also send an EMAIL to the TIC Commission at ticc@cupertino.org.





AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK



Supporters Aim to Address Housing Concerns

With 'AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK'



Events supporting and promoting efforts for affordable homes in Santa Clara County

In response to intense concerns of Santa Clara Valley residents about rising housing costs, a broad coalition of non-profits and individuals have been working together to advocate practical solutions to the issues of affordable housing. Local housing advocates along with sponsor the third annual Affordable Housing Week (AHW) from May 13th – 20th.

A best practices seminar on financing affordable housing will be held in Cupertino on May 16th, at the Creekside Park Building from 6-8PM. The purpose of the seminar is to help housing advocates gain a better understanding of the sources of funding for affordable housing and the stability of those sources. Representative from banking, non-profit housing development and local government will make a presentation and answer questions from the audience. Councilwoman Dolly Sandoval and Steve Piasecki, the Community Development Director will participate. Local sponsors for this event include Advocates for a Better Cupertino, Cupertino Community Services and the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale.

Events are mostly free, open to the public and cover the full range of housing issues in our Valley from homelessness to first-time home ownership. Each year AHW attracts considerable press coverage as well as attention from elected officials and key decision makers. Over 700 people have actively participated in the events for 2006. State legislators and local policymakers are also making an appearance in these events.

Come celebrate and create awareness about Affordable Housing Week this year. Our activities are taking place all over the Bay Area, to educate and motivate citizens around the crucial issue of housing affordability. For more information you can visit www.affordablehousingweek.org.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK





She Trots Into Her Second Century



Mrs. Alma McKibbin beams during the horse and buggy ride that was her only wish for her 100th birthday celebration in Cupertino last week. Rolling along with her and the rig supplied by the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association were Denise Billard leading, Gerry Billard at the reins, Mrs. George Morris, the honore's niece, and Mrs. McKibbin.



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Creek Cleanup on May 20th

Volunteers are needed to clean up creeks throughout the county on Saturday May 20, National River Cleanup Day, from 9 a.m. to noon. For a list and map of creek cleanup sites visit the Creek Connections Action Group web site at www.cleanacreek.org or call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 265-2607 Ext. 2238. The nearest cleanup site is Stevens Creek and Reservoir at Stevens Creek County Park.

Washing Cars? Watch Your Soap

Since all types of soap and detergent (including “biodegradable” soaps) are toxic to fish and other aquatic creatures, when you wash your car, don’t pour the leftover bucket of soapy water into the street or down a storm drain. Storm drains are directly connected to the nearest creek. Instead, soapy water should be poured down a sink or toilet, or on a landscaped area where it won’t run onto a sidewalk.

Consider whether you even need to use soap on your car. Much of the dirt on cars can often simply be hosed off with water or wiped off with a wet sponge.

If you become involved with a fund-raising carwash, please ask the organizers to contact the Public Works Dept, at 777-3354, for a brochure on what you need to know before you hold the event. This will prevent possible fines and/or closure of the carwash.

Spring Cleaning Garbage Info

Residents planning to do “spring-cleaning” should remember they can use “On-Call” Garbage Disposal Days, or Yardwaste/Woodwaste Recycling Days (two days per year), at no charge. Call the Los Altos Garbage Company for an appointment: 408-725-4020. (Available to residents with individual cart garbage service only).

Residents with just a couple of extra bags of trash can order “extra garbage” tags from the garbage company by calling 408-725-4020. Tags cost \$5.33 each or 10 for \$50.67.

For information on the city’s garbage and recycling programs visit www.cupertino.org/environmental. For information on how to recycle just about anything, call the Recycling Hotline: 408-924-5453; or look on-line:

www.recyclestuff.org.

Compost Classes

Those interested in learning about backyard composting can attend a free workshop at McClellan Ranch Park on Saturday May 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Register on-line at www.reducewaste.org (use the search function to find “home composting”), or call the Rotline at (408) 918-4640.

Compost Available Again

The city’s compost site is open for business – in time for spring planting (as long as it doesn’t rain). The Stevens Creek Quarry site on Stevens Canyon Road (across from the dam) is open for bulk compost pickup on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., at no charge. No appointments are necessary. The site is closed during rainy weather and on holiday weekends. Please bring proof of Cupertino residency. Call 408-777-3269 (6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) or visit the city’s website (www.cupertino.org) for information.

Pest Control Info Available

Pest control fact sheets that include information on less-toxic products and techniques are available again, this Spring, at two local nurseries in Cupertino: Yamagami’s and Summerwinds, both on S. DeAnza Blvd., just south of Hwy. 85. Nursery staff has received special training on pest control and can guide customers in using an “Integrated Pest Management” approach to resolve their bug problems. Fact sheets are also available at Quinlan Community Center and at the Cupertino library.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

During spring-cleaning, remember that it is easy and free to properly dispose of unwanted hazardous cleaning, hobby and gardening products. Residents wishing to make an appointment for disposal should call 408-299-7300. Examples of typical items that are brought in to the Program include: old paint, pool chemicals, used motor oil and antifreeze, batteries, solvents, bad fluorescent tubes or bulbs, mercury thermometers, and fertilizers and pesticides. Small businesses also may be eligible to participate for a nominal fee.



~ CUPERTINO LIBRARY ~
10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino.

Please note: Cupertino Library will be CLOSED on Friday, May 5, 2006 for a Santa Clara County Library Staff Development Day. The library will reopen on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 10-6.

Cupertino Library Open Hours

Monday Closed
 Tuesday 12 to 9
 Wednesday 10 to 9
 Thursday 10 to 9
 Friday 10 to 6
 Saturday 10 to 6
 Sunday 2 to 6

Library telephone numbers are:

General Library Number
(408) 446-1677

Accounts, Billing
(800) 286-1991

TeleCirc
(800) 471-0991



The library has a Web Catalog at www.santaclaracountylib.org.

Bookmark these library web addresses:

Santa Clara County Library Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org>
Teen Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/teen>
Kids Page Web Site: <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids>

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CELEBRATE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

Join the Children's Librarians for a multicultural celebration. Saturday, May 27, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. Cupertino Community Hall next door to the Library.

STORYTIMES

Bedtime Stories..... Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Baby Stories* Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
 May 12 and May 19.

**Registration Closed. No spaces available for this series.*



ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

CELEBRATE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

Oh Sari.....What a wrap

Hema Kundargi will present a sari fashion show, including a draping tutorial, on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cupertino Community Hall next door to the Library. For more information please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.

The Golden Age of Chinese Archaeology

The Asian Art Museum will present slides on the antiquities of 31 different cultures in China, dating from 5000 BCE to 924 CE, on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cupertino Community Hall, next door to the Library. For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.

Growing Up Asian in America

An exhibit of art and essays, by Growing Up Asian in America contest winners, will be displayed throughout May, in the Teen Area on the second floor of the Library. For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 446-1677.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ?

JOIN US FOR BOOKTALKS AT THE LIBRARY

Librarian Judy Dana will introduce you to some new books for adults on **Wednesday, May 17, 2006** from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Children's Story Room. The booktalks will consist of a short description of several book titles, covering all genres and subjects. Booktalks are scheduled every other month. The next session will be on July 19, 2006.

For more information please call the Reference Desk at 408-446-1677.

WEEKEND ADVENTURES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Carole Terwilliger Meyers, author of *Weekend Adventures in San Francisco and Northern California* will share some of her favorite destinations, on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall, next door to the Library.

SELF-HELP TAX FORMS

A self-help tax form area in the copier room, located off the new materials area, on the first floor, offers giveaway tax forms and reproducible forms.

KNITTING AT THE LIBRARY

Bring your needles and yarn to the library every Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. and join the drop-in knitting program in the Story Room on the main floor. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

DATABASES AND RESEARCH TOOLS

Santa Clara County Library subscribes to online databases for adults and children, on a variety of subjects, including business, science and literature. Many of the databases are available even when the library is closed. If you're not at the library, just go to the library's webpage at www.santaclaracountylib.org, click on databases, and enter your library card and PIN number to access a database.

You may choose from any of the available databases. For example, you can research a company using *Standard and Poor's Net Advantage*, prepare for an academic or professional exam with *Learning Express* or find information for a state report in *America the Beautiful*. If you have any questions about the databases, please call the Reference desk, at 408-446-1677, during the library's open hours.

THE FRIENDS OF THE 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 on the library shelf when you visit the library. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis (no reserves). All titles check out for one week.

Located in the New Book / New Magazines / Media area right off the lobby.

Friends of the Cupertino Library welcome everyone to their ongoing **Lobby Book Sales**. The Friends also hold 3 annual book sales. The **next Friends Book Sale** will be held in the Community Hall on **Saturday, May 20, 2006** and **Sunday, May 21, 2006**.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COLLECT CELL PHONES

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

INTERNET CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Beginning classes on how to use the Internet are available in Mandarin, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library's Reference Desk at 408-446-1677.

TEEN DATABASE CLASSES



Database instruction for teens, thirteen to nineteen, is available at the library, by appointment. If you would like to schedule an appointment to learn about the library's subscription databases, please call the reference desk at 408-446-1677.

INTERNET BASICS FOR ADULTS

Basic Internet classes for adults are held at the library on the second Saturday of every month. 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. These drop-in classes are limited to five participants and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be able to use a computer keyboard and mouse. If interested, please come to the Adult Reference Desk at 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours are conducted the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Tours include an explanation and demonstration of the library's online catalog and subscription databases, and library collections and services. For more information about library tours, call 408-446-1677.

 Cupertino Library is located at 10800 Torre Avenue 





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~1~ Mon	American Legion Post 642	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	374-6392
	Al-ANON Steps for Living*	7:30 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Rd.	379-1051
	Take Off Pounds Sensibly* (TOPS)	6:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church 10505 Miller Ave.	252-2434
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	650-327-1649
	Food Addicts in Recovery * (FA)	7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	246-1620
~2~ Tue	Alcoholics Anonymous* Women's Group	6:30 p.m.	Redeemer Luth. Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	650-903-0321
	Al-ANON Family Group*	5:30 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	379-1051
	Toughlove*	7 p.m.	Bethel Lutheran Church 10131 Finch Ave.	946-7970
	Cupertino Kiwanis*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	
	Knights of Columbus 4981*	8 p.m.	10201 Imperial Ave., #3	252-3830
	Cupertino Men's Service*	Noon	The Blue Pheasant	243-8462
	Cupertino Sr. TV Production*	9:30 a.m.	Senior Center	252-2667
	Viewfinders Camcorder Video Club	7:30 p.m.	Community Center Cupertino Room	996-0750
	Cupertino Las Madres*	3 to 5 p.m.	Creekside Park - toddler area	861-0417
~3~ Wed	Al-ANON Family Group*	7 p.m.	940 S. Stelling Road	650-734-5869
	Al-ATEEN*	8:15 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling	650-292-8897
	Cupertino Sanitary Dist*	8 p.m.	20833 Stevens Creekk #104	253-7071
	De Anza Optimist Club*	7:15 a.m.	Holder's Restaurant	253-4424
	Cupertino Optimist Club*	12:15 p.m.	Blue Pheasant	255-3212
	Tandem Toastmasters*	Noon	HP, 19333 Valco Parkway	285-4977
	Macintalkers Toastmasters*	5:30 p.m.	Apple Computer DeAnza 3 10500 No. DeAnza Blvd.	macintalkers.com vppr@macintalkers.com
	Cupertino Rotary Club*	Noon	Community Center	920-2224
	Philotesian Rebekah #145	7:30 p.m.	Cupertino Odd Fellows	252-3954
	Cup. Symphonic Band*	7 p.m.	Cupertino High School	262-0471
	Overeaters Anonymous*	7 p.m.	Union Church	247-8488
	Connect Club III*	8:15 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
	~4~ Thur	De Anza Lions Club*	6:45 a.m.	Holders Country Inn
Cup. Host Lions Club*		7:15 p.m.	Mariani's Restaurant	252-6262
Northwest Y Service Club*		6:30 p.m.	Northwest YMCA 20803 Alves Drive	650-964-3734
Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES)		7:30 p.m.	City Hall	345-8372
Women's Quilting Group*		9:30 a.m.	West Valley Pres. Church 6191 Bollinger Rd.	253-2984 252-0932
Connect Club I*		Noon	Holders Country Inn	252-7054
Connect Club II*		8 a.m.	Chamber of Commerce	252-7054
Business Networking Intl.*		7 a.m.	BJ's Brewery	996-9111 / BNI.com
HP Communicators Toastmasters #4606		7 a.m.	HP Cupt. Site, Bldg. 46T 19055 Pruneridge Ave.	650-691-8724
Overeaters Anonymous*		7 p.m.	Union Church	253-8394
Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)		7 p.m.	St. Jude's Church	378-3499
Cupertino Las Madres*		10 to 1 p.m.	Portal Park	861-0417

Submit information about clubs and organizations that meet in Cupertino
to Linda Lagergren, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino,
95014, 777-3202 lindal@cupertino.org

Clubs with asterisks meet more than once monthly.

Call the contact number for details.

MAY	CLUB / ORGANIZATION	TIME	LOCATION	PHONE
~5~ Fri	Alcoholics Anonymous*	5 p.m.	Redeemer Lutheran Church 940 S. Stelling Rd.	374-8511
	Fast Start Group			
	De Anza Kiwanis*	7:15 a.m.	Intl. House of Pancakes	973-1456
	Cupertino Las Madres*	10 to 1 p.m.	Cupt. Library atrium	861-0417
6 Sat	De Anza Flea Market	8 to 4 p.m.	De Anza College	864-8946
	Organization of Special Needs Families*	2 to 4 p.m.	20920 McClellan Rd.	996-0858
	Overeaters Anonymous*	9 a.m.	Union Church	842-0688
	Planetarium Shows*	7 p.m.	De Anza Planetarium	864-8814
8 Mon	Cupertino Odd Fellows*	8 p.m.	20589 Homestead Rd.	252-3954
	Fine Arts League	7 p.m.	Community Center, Social Room	978-6614
9 Tues	Southbay Toastmasters*	6:30 p.m.	Tandem Bldg. 251, 10100 N. Tantau, Rm. 1258	253-7622
	Sertoma Club*	7:15 a.m.	1366 S. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd.	252-2584 / 255-5293
	Poets Society*	7:30 p.m.	Coffee Society	725-8091
10 Wed	Krazy Dazys Square Dance Club*	7 p.m.	Hyde middle School	245-9156
	Cross-Cultural Consortium (5Cs)	7 p.m.	Community Hall	285-7332
11 Thurs	Quota Service Club* (Aids hearing & speech impaired)	Noon	Blue Pheasant	252-8568
	Cupertino-West Valley Welcome Club	11:30 a.m.		257-6136 / 252-1529
12 Fri	Malihini Orchid Society	7:30 p.m.	Hewlett-Packard, Oak Rm.	267-3397
	Cupertino Coin Club	7:45 p.m.	West Vally Pres. Church	253-1232
13 Sat	Daughters of Norway	9:30 a.m.	Sunnyview Retirement Community	255-9828
16 Tues	African Violet Society	12:30 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	736-9262
18 Thurs	Toyokawa Sister City	7:30 p.m.	City Hall	257-7424
	West Valley Republican Women	11:30 a.m.		252-6312
	Rolling Hills 4H Club	7 p.m.	Monta Vista Recreation Center	257-4745
	Embroiders' Guild of America	7 p.m.	Sunnyview Lutheran Home	578-5917
23 Tues	Historical Society	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	973-1495
	De Anza Youth Soccer League meeting	7:30 p.m.	Creekside Park	deanzayouthsoccer.org
24 Wed	Rancho Neighborhood Association	7:30 p.m.	Rancho Pool & Recreation Facility	
	The Powerful Pens	7 p.m.	18000 Chelmsford	626-9784



NEWS ITEMS

Kiwanis Special Games *Presented by the Kiwanis Clubs of CalNevHa Division 34*

The Kiwanis Special Games were created to address the physical and emotional needs of the substantial number of very challenged children in the schools of our region. More broadly known programs like the *Special Olympics* presume a rather high level of function. The Special Games exclude no one. This is the one day in the year when these youngsters are special, they are athletes, and at the center of attention through positive achievement. For many of these kids, the Special Games is their favorite day of the year.

The first Kiwanis Special Games were played on March 29, 1979 on the Foothill College Fields. The Games were organized by Los Altos Kiwanian Walter D. Chronert, and Betty Fairchild and Sue Carr Katra, Adaptive PE teachers.

Special Games XXVIII. This year the Games will be held on May 19, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, at the DeAnza College track. (Rain date June 2). We expect to have about 750 athletes registered and about 200 Kiwanians and scores of Key Clubbers, Circle K, and Builders Club members volunteering, and several hundred school and community volunteers.

On the day of the Games, about 120 buses deliver approximately 750 athletes from over 50 schools. The Games begin with a formal opening ceremony and Parade of Athletes. Each athlete is placed in a group with similar abilities, and four events appropriate to those abilities are chosen for each group. That way each child competes on a level field with their peers. The events are tailored to fit the limitations these athletes, ranging from the 100 yard dash, to dropping a bean bag on a target by signaling a volunteer who actually drops the bag. Every athlete is presented a T-shirt and a participant ribbon, and game winners are awarded first, second, and third and "best effort" place ribbons. About 3,500 ribbons are given out. After the games, all athletes reassemble with their schools, and relive the adventures of the morning while eating a picnic lunch which they have brought (many special diets).

Founder Walter Chronert, Chairman Emeritus; Gayle Joslin, Schools Coordinator; Tom Beggs, DeAnza College Coordinator; Peter Bergsman & Tad Curtis, Kiwanis coordinators.

2nd Cupertino Special Festival

Bringing Families and Community Together

OSF web site: www.osfamilies.org | (o) (408) 996-0850



June 9, 2006

- 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Cupertino Community Hall Special Needs Conference
- 9:00 – 10:30 pm at Cupertino Civic Center Candle Light Ceremony

June 10, 2006

- 10:00 am at Cupertino Civic Center Flag Pole Flag Raising Opening Ceremony
- 10:30 am Parade Route: Flag Pole > Sandy James Park > Library Field > City Hall
- 10 am – 5 pm at Cupertino Civic Center Non-Profit and Merchandise Booth International Food and Drink Booth
- 12 – 5 pm at Cupertino City Hall Family Health and Nutrition Workshop
- 11 am – 5 pm at Cupertino Library Field Cricket Tournament Kids Game Zone Pony Ride Children's Music/Arts/Crafts Corner
- 11am – 5 pm at Library Parking Multicultural Life Performance





Notice of Parks and Recreation Commission Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cupertino is accepting applications for one unscheduled vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The vacancy occurred when Commissioner Rod Brown resigned. The term of this unscheduled vacancy expires in January of 2008.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The commission consists of five members who are residents of the City and shall be appointed by the Council to four-year, overlapping terms. None of the members shall be officials or employees of the City, nor cohabit with as defined by law, nor be related by blood or marriage to any member of the Commission, the City Manager or the staff person(s) assigned to this Commission. The commission advises the City Council on municipal activities in relation to parks and recreation, including park site acquisition and development, recreation program policy, and expansion of the park program as development occurs. The Parks and Recreation Commission falls under the Political Reform Act of 1974 and financial disclosure is required.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in the Community Hall. For more information, contact staff liaison Therese Smith at (408) 777-3110.

The deadline for applications is Friday, May 5 by 4:30 p.m.

The City Council will conduct interviews on Tuesday, May 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room A, 10300 Torre Ave.

For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact the Cupertino City Clerk's Office at (408) 777-3223.

Notice of Commission Vacancy Teen Commission

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cupertino is accepting applications for six vacancies on the Teen Commission for terms ending 2008. The **deadline application date is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5** in the City Clerk office at City Hall. **Interviews will be Tuesday, May 30 beginning at 3:00.**

TEEN COMMISSION

The commission consists of thirteen members, including at least one person from each public middle school and public high school in Cuper-

tino, if possible. Membership on the Commission is limited to Cupertino residents. Members may attend schools outside of the city limits, or be schooled at home. Commissioners must be in 8th through 12th grade. Teen Commissioners serve two-year staggered terms.

The powers and functions of the Teen Commission are to advise the City Council and staff on issues and projects important to youth.

The Commission meets twice a month. For more information, call staff liaison Kim Frey at (408) 777-3120.

Sacramento Jazz Jubilee May 25-26

There will be a hot time in the ol town tonite. Join us for the **Sacramento Jazz Jubilee**. Over 120 groups from around the world perform at various venues all over the city. Every kind of jazz from traditional to contemporary, Latin jazz, blues gospel, ragtime, swing, zydeco, country western, washboard and barbershop. So put on your dancin' shoes and sign up for this trip!

While we're in the state capitol we'll be doing some sight seeing. We'll visit the **State Capitol Building**, a \$68 million restoration project has returned it to its turn-of-the century beauty. Also Capitol Park, The International **Peace Rose Garden**, The **Crocker Art Museum**, **Towe Auto Museum** and the newly reopened **Leland Stanford Mansion**. Last but not least we will tour Old Sacramento. For a historical and hysterical time of your life, sign up for this great tour of history and fun and music. Call the Cupertino Senior Center to sign up, 777-3150

The Cupertino Library Foundation is happy to acknowledge the generous donations to the Library Campaign of so many caring people over the last 2 months in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

Particularly, we wish to acknowledge the *Future Business Leaders of America* (FBLA) from Monta Vista High School. They decided to undertake a fundraising activity to gain business experience, and they chose to benefit the Cupertino Library Foundation by staging two Cultural Event evenings on February 14 and 15 at the Quinlan Center.

Big Bunny Fun Run Results

The results of the Big Bunny Fun Run are in. Check your times at http://www.cupertino.org/downloads/Pdf/2006_bbfr_results.pdf





SENIOR CENTER NEWS

THE 50+ POPULATION DISCOVERS THE SENIOR CENTER

Spring has sprung; and it is time to get active again! The 50+ people are finding that the Cupertino Senior Center is the place to be for fun trips near & far, quality classes at affordable prices, and many opportunities for socializing. Starting in May, the center is offering more evening classes than ever, and they are all geared for Adults 50+.

If fitness and wellness is part of your plan, we have many great courses for you.

Tai Chi offers gentle, flowing movements without stressing the joints, it is low impact, no equipment needed, and can be practiced anywhere. Studies have shown that practicing Tai Chi can reduce the risk of falls by improving balance & flexibility, enhance muscle strength, help reduce blood pressure, and the calming effect will be an added bonus. **Yoga** class provides a great way to unwind after a stressful day with mild, relaxing stretches. Yoga poses increase joint flexibility and range of motion. The instructor will modify the poses for beginners. You would never associate **Ballroom dance** with reduced risk of Alzheimer's, but studies have shown that any exercise that pumps the heart and gets blood coursing through the brain is beneficial. What a graceful way to stay sharp! Two ballroom dance classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings.

If you are looking for programs to get in touch with your artistic side, **Ikebana Flower Arrangement** offers a tranquil way to achieve harmony with nature and beautify the home, the instructor will provide beautiful flowers that fit the season. Have you always wanted to learn how to play an instrument? An evening **Keyboard** class is being offered for the first time. Keyboard is portable, easy to learn, and has many enhancing features to make beautiful music. Our instructor has many years of experience teaching and small class settings will enable more personal attention. Keyboards will be provided for this class.

These great classes will be held on Tuesday evenings. Please call the Cupertino Senior Center at (408) 777-3150 for more information about these courses and other program offering for Adults 50+.



THANKSGIVING PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

Make it an extraordinary holiday this year on board a cruise line known for fabulous food, gracious service, Tony award winning entertainment, and Ambassador hosts for your dancing pleasure. If you love learning, this cruise includes Smithsonian Institute Educators to guide us through the Canal.

Plus there is complementary:

- Upscale Alternative Dining at Prego (Italian) and Jade Garden (Asian)
- Society of Wine Educator's Wine Tastings
- Specialty Coffee Drinks & Teas
- Abundant Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Unlimited Bottle Waters & Soft Drinks
- Hosted Cocktail Parties

You won't ever want to get off of the ship! This cruise is part of their "Value Collection" so you can try the Crystal Cruise experience at up to 50% off the normal cruise fare. Plus we have very special amenities for our Cupertino Senior Center group. Prices start at \$3497.00 per person double, and includes airfare from San Francisco, overnight hotel in Houston featuring a Thanksgiving Texas Turkey Dinner celebration, 12 night cruise, port taxes, shipboard gratuities, and all transfers. Want an even bigger savings? Pay in full by May 17th and receive a discount on the cruise portion of your trip.

We'll be cruising from Caldera, Costa Rica through the Panama Canal, and then on to the warm, beautiful Caribbean, stopping at islands of Bonaire, Curacao, and Grand Cayman. Then we go to Cozumel and Progreso in Mexico before ending our cruise in Tampa, Florida where we fly home. This is going to be a truly memorable vacation. Hope you can join us!

All travel programs are available to folks 50+. Contact the Travel Dept. at the Cupertino Senior Center for more information: **(408) 777-3150**

COME * LISTEN * WATCH

May 16th 2PM or 6:30PM

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Cruising (but were afraid to ask) This is a must for anyone interested in taking a cruise. Learn from the experts! Meet other travelers! Presentations and videos about cruising! Representatives from 3 major cruise lines will be there to answer all your questions. You'll discover what the #1 biggest, growing travel market is all about, and why it consistently gets the highest ratings for satisfaction.

LEARN ABOUT THESE 4 UPCOMING CRUISES

Panama Canal Cruise
Tahiti Cruise

European Rivers Cruise
New England Fall Foliage Cruise

*These presentations are open to all. Refreshments will be served.
Sign-up by calling the Cupertino Senior Center 777-3150*



COMMUNITY NEWS

Cupertino Recognizes Community Volunteers

Individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the city of Cupertino will be honored Wednesday, May 10. This year, four individuals and one organization, listed below, will receive the CREST Award – Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken.

The awards ceremony and reception, which will include a video presentation by the city's Media Department, will be held in the Cupertino Community Hall, May 10, at 7 p.m. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

This year's winners are:

Steve Ting, *has worked hard behind the scenes in Cupertino to build harmony among our citizenry. His volunteer activities have involved numerous nonprofits in the community as well as service clubs and schools. His work has not only benefited the community at large but also has had a targeted benefit for youth.*

John Giovanola, *John has been involved in many community activities over the past seven years. He has many offices in Rotary, culminations with his serving as president in 2003-2004, and being an active board member in 2005-2006. He has been an active member of the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation, Cupertino Community Services, the Lunar New Year Unity Parade, the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, and the Fremont Union High School Educational Foundation.*

Mark McKenna, *donates his leadership skills whenever asked. He's a leader in Cupertino Rotary, in the Chamber of Commerce, the Cupertino Historical Society and other community events and organizations. Mark was one of the key people who put on the 2005 Cupertino Golden Jubilee. He was instrumental in pulling together History Lane and was an essential leader in the Kid's Zone.*

Cookie's Quilters, *quietly work providing tangible comfort and warmth to people through our community and throughout the world. The group makes quilts that they donate to many charitable groups. They have sent quilts with Cupertino Rotary to China, Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico. Cookie's Quilters just finished sending its 17th quilt to a serviceman in Iraq. In addition, the group has made quilts for every child at the De Anza College Child Development Center.*

Organization of Special Needs Families, *led by Lihuei and Chihua Wei, this group has built a remarkable community asset out of nothing. Finding no appropriate services for their own autistic son, Lihuei Wei went back to school, earned a degree in special education, and founded the organization. In addition to serving hundreds of autistic children and their families, OSF also trains hundreds of students and community volunteers.*

Intercultural Communications and Block Leader Training

Cupertino residents who want to improve communication with their neighbors, increase public safety, and promote a sense of community are invited to Block Leader orientation on Saturday, May 20 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Quinlan Community Center. A communication workshop for new and existing Cupertino block leaders immediately follows from 9 a.m. to noon. Breakfast is included and registration is required.

Training for new leaders will review program basics and includes tips on how to meet and stay in touch with neighbors, steps to organizing a neighborhood gathering, and samples of neighborhood fliers. Overviews of Cupertino's Neighborhood Watch, Neighborhood Preparedness, and Block Party programs will also be presented.

The "Dialogue and Intercultural Communication" workshop for block leaders will explore the basics of dialogic communication to enhance cultural learning and awareness. The workshop will be presented by Shelley Medina Giacalone, a San Jose State University (SJSU) Communication Studies' graduate student and instructor at SJSU, Gavilan College, and San Jose City College.

If you would like to participate in the training or would like more information on the program, e-mail communityrelations@cupertino.org or call 777-3331. The last day to sign-up for the training is May 15. More information about the block leader program is available on the City web site: www.cupertino.org.



COUNCIL ACTIONS



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Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Present: Lowenthal, Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, and Sandoval.

Accepted an offer from Mr. He of California Dolphin Swim School in a letter of March 28 to cancel the current lease agreement without prejudice. Staff will negotiate with CDSS and report to council on May 2.

Presentation from Board member Tony Estremera of the Santa Clara Valley Water District for Cupertino's membership in the Water Resources Protection Collaborative

Presentation of a donation from the Monta Vista High School Future Business Leaders of America for the Library donation campaign.

Adopted a resolution approving an improvement agreement with Sandra L. Delgado, 10739 Santa Lucia Road

Adopted a resolution supporting AB117 (Cohn) to restore full property tax TEA (Tax Equity Allocation) Funding to the City of Cupertino.

Adopted the 2006-07 Annual Action Plan and the use of fourth program year (2006-07) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and Human Service Grants.

Fee resolution adopted as recommended with the following exceptions:

Solar fee shall be a \$300 flat fee for a residential system; larger systems (non-residential) fee is based on current fee structure. Petition for reconsideration fee set at \$500. Staff to review other General Law cities and have consultant review. "Tree removal without a permit for heritage and protected trees" in conjunction with review of building fees. Permit parking fee continued until May 2. Housing in-lieu mitigation fee to be reviewed in conjunction with consultant study. Staff to review raising fees for parking citations.

Authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a non-exclusive encroachment agreement between the City and Infor-Tech Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of OnFiber Communications, Inc., for the installation and maintenance of telecommunications system throughout the City.

Denied an appeal by David and Margaret Critzer and Jowei Chen of the Notice of Determination by the City Manager denying the appeal of the Community Development Director's decision regarding the installation of a bathroom window at 20272 Northcove Square.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the City's existing agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the reconstruction of the bridge on Bollinger Road over Calabazas Creek.

Approved Application Nos. U-2006-02, ASA-2006-04 (EA-2006-04) for Vallco restaurants, Mike Rohde (Vallco Fashion Park), 10123 N. Wolfe Road, with requirement for 4-foot wide pedestrian path through Sears parking lot.

Received a resignation letter from Parks and Recreation Commissioner Rod Brown, and selected an application deadline of Friday May 5 and will conduct interviews Tuesday, May 16 at 5 P.M.

Report on the City's Fiscal Strategic Plan, and set a study session date of May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Present: Wang, Kwok, Mahoney, Sandoval

Absent: Lowenthal

Presentation of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) California Hero Award.

Proclamation in recognition of April as National Volunteer Month.

Adopted a resolution approving an improvement agreement (Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, and Street tree), and plans for Minfei Qian and Bingqing Haun, 10566 Merriman Road.

Adopted a resolution approving a final parcel map, Sterling Boulevard, San Jose Water Company.

Approved a new bingo permit for the De Anza Force Soccer Club, Inc., 20589 Homestead Rd. for one night of bingo a week.

Council took various actions relating to the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission:

Adopt a resolution approving a semi-rural designation to eliminate the requirement for sidewalks and streetlights for portions of Merriman Road between Santa Lucia Road and Alcazar Avenue.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an initial agreement with HNTB, not to exceed \$400,000 for architectural design, civil design, project management and construction management services related to Stevens Creek Corridor Park from the initial California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) submittal period through October of 2006.

Adopted a resolution supporting Measure C, the Foothill-De Anza Community College bond issue that will be on the June 6 ballot to provide for long-term facilities planning.

Received status report on General Fund Revenue and Expenditures.

Adjourned to may 2 5:30 for study session on fiscal strategic plan



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May 3	Teen Commission (Sport Center)	6:00 p.m.
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May 4	Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	5:30 p.m.
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May 10	Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. A)	4:30 p.m.
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