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A Monthly Publication of The City of Cupertino
The City of Cupertino is looking for nominations for the 2016 CREST (Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken) Award. The CREST award honors outstanding community volunteers. Individuals or organizations making major contributions to the quality of life in Cupertino during the 2015 calendar year are eligible to be nominated for the CREST Award. Individuals of all ages will be considered. The CREST Award presentation will take place on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 in the Community Hall. Any person, agency or organization is encouraged to submit nominees for consideration.

All nominations should be submitted online, mailed or hand-delivered, to the Public Affairs Office at City Hall by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 4, 2016. Applications postmarked on or before this date will not be accepted if they do not arrive by the deadline. Forms may be sent or brought to the Public Affairs Office, City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014. Individuals may not nominate themselves nor may an organization nominate itself. A relative may not nominate a family member, and past recipients of the CREST Award within the last five years are ineligible. Nominees need not reside in the City of Cupertino; however, the efforts for which they are being nominated should strongly impact the Cupertino community. For more information on the award and the nomination form, visit Cupertino.org/crest.

No matter your fitness level, there is something for everyone at the Big Bunny 5K. Whether you are a competitive runner, active walker, or just looking to go on a stroll with your friends and family, everyone can participate in the 5K. Younger participants, ages 7 and under, will have a blast participating in the Kids Fun Run where everyone is a winner.

The Big Bunny 5K is honored to support charity: water as they work to provide clean water to needy communities in the developing world. Five dollars of every registration will go towards its efforts to bring this life giving substance to those who need it most. By working together, we can help create positive, healthy, and connected communities all over the world. For more information on the event please visit bigbunny5k.com.

Family Special – 3 Months for $199
2 ADULTS AND 2 YOUTH UNDER 18
Includes free child care and after school program for youth in kindergarten through 5th grade. Includes Teen Center for 6th – 12th graders

Single Special 6 months for $199

FITNESS SPECIAL INCLUDES
• Full use of the fitness room
• 2 racquetball courts
• Indoor basketball, badminton, table tennis, and pickle ball
• Yoga
• Pilates
• Power Pilates
• Bombay Jam
• Circuit training
• Strength training
• U-Jam
• Zumba
• Family Zumba
• TRX
• Trekking
• Viva Asia

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Monday to Friday, 6 am - 10 pm
Saturday, 8 am - 10 pm
Sunday, 8 am - 8 pm
21111 Stevens Creek Blvd
Cupertino CA, 95014 • 408.777.3160
General Plan Amendment Authorization
Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 6:45 pm
Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
The Council will review First Cycle applications and decide which are authorized to submit their proposal as a General Plan amendment application.
Proposals for development that include General Plan amendments are reviewed by the City Council twice a year. At that time, the Council decides whether or not the applicant may submit an application for a General Plan amendment. Authorization does not guarantee approval of the projects. Authorization directs staff to review the submitted application, including project, environmental review and public outreach.

2016 First Cycle Proposals:
On Tuesday, February 2, 2016, the City Council will consider two proposals:
1) Goodyear Tire (10931 N. De Anza Blvd) - A new hotel.
2) The Oaks (21255-21267 Stevens Creek Blvd) - A new mixed-use development with office, hotel, residential and retail uses.

Euphrat Museum of Art Exhibition - Burning Ice
February 1 - March 17, 2016
De Anza College, Cupertino, CA 95014
Reception: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:30 - 7:30 pm, with artists, author and live music
Burning Ice explores impacts and causes of climate change from Richmond and East Palo Alto to the Arctic Circle. Artworks also honor nature and those who advocate on our behalf. A range of media from drawings, paintings, prints and photography to ceramics, glass, mixed media, textiles and a site-specific installation will be featured
Burning Ice is offered in conjunction with Silicon Valley Reads 2016. The program features two books with the theme, Chance of Rain: the impact of climate change on our lives. The featured books are Memory of Water by Emmi Itäranta and Sherwood Nation by Ben Parzybok.

This annual community program encourages everyone in Santa Clara County to read the same book, at the same time, and talk about it. Presented by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Santa Clara County Library District and the San Jose Public Library Foundation.
The museum hours are Monday - Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm. Open Saturday March 5, 10 am – 1 pm, with drop-in workshop, Climate Action Art Cards. The museum is open to tour groups by appointment
Check deanza.edu/euphrat/inthemuseum for additional artist presentations
Information: 408.864.5464.
deanza.edu/euphrat

Left to Right: Arundhati Roy, Future House, Water is Life, Barrel Detail.
Be Fire Safe at Home

Electricity in the home is something we take for granted as being safe and not a threat to our lives. Yet, according to the US Fire Administration, nearly 40,000 electrical fires take 360 lives each year. Even though the electrical wiring in homes are installed to strict codes and have protective devices such as circuit breakers, fuses, and ground fault interrupters, a fire due to faulty electrical wiring can still occur. Electrical wiring is subject to corrosion, aging, and just jarring loose with age. Heating, lighting, and cooking activities also are a cause of home fires.

Here are a number of things you can do to help reduce the likelihood of a home electrical fire.

• Check your wall outlets to see if they feel insecurely mounted or show black soot from arcing. If you find these conditions, have a licensed electrical contractor repair or replace the outlet.

• Never overload wall outlets or circuits with too many high wattage appliances at once. Read the wattage rating on heaters, hair dryers, countertop electric cookers, etc. and know how much wattage is too much for that particular circuit. If you trip a circuit breaker, unplug appliances on the circuit before resetting it.

• Always check the wattage rating written on the base of a lamp fixture to make sure you are not installing a light bulb that is too big for the fixture.

• Use extension cords with three prong plugs for those electrical plugs accepting them. Check all extension cords for frayed insulation or loose plugs. Never pull an electrical cord out by the wire, always grasp the plug and pull.

• Never run extension cords under rugs or across places where they could be tripped on or damaged.

• Keep electric heaters and work lights a safe distance from combustibles and never hang clothes to dry over an electric heater.

• Never let children play with or around wall outlets or electrical cords. Use safety covers or childproof plugs in unused outlets.

• Clean out the air vents to electric dryers regularly. A clogged vent could cause a fire.

• Visually look at the connection from the main power poles to your home and look for damage to the line. This will normally occur where it may rub on trees or tall shrubs. If you see signs of damage or charring contact PG&E to inspect it.

• Never use a metal ladder near an electrical line into your home. Also, be aware of electrical lines when trimming trees or shrubs.

Get Safety Trained

Upcoming Public Sessions:

FREE! Earthquake Preparedness and Home Safety. The class is one hour and is scheduled on request for Cupertino businesses, churches, or social groups of 8 or more. This class can come to you! Contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 1.408.777.3335, email OES@cupertino.org for more information, or to request a class for your company, group or organization.

FREE! Personal Emergency Preparedness Class (PEP) offered by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. The class covers earthquake safety, disaster preparation, disaster communication tips, first aid techniques that save lives, home safety, fire safety including how to use a fire extinguisher, emergency supply suggestions - and more! The next two PEP classes are: Wed. February 17, 3 – 6 pm in the Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino and Wednesday, March 9, 6 – 9 pm in Los Gatos Police Operations Building, 15900 Los Gatos Boulevard, Los Gatos. For registration, e-mail info@cnt.sccgov.org, and provide your full name, e-mail address, phone number and residential or work address, or contact the Santa Clara County Fire Department at 408.378.4010.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class. This is the perfect time to learn to be part of the disaster response solution. This is an intensive training session by the Santa Clara County Fire Department on preparedness and helping others during a disaster. The course is offered four times a year and you will have one year to make up any missed sessions for graduation. You may attend the final exercise once all six sessions have been completed. We encourage all Cupertino residents to attend this worthwhile training. The next class runs Tuesday, February 23, 6 – 9 pm, Saturday February 27, Monday, February 29, 6 – 9 pm, Wednesday, March 2, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday, March 5, 9 am – 3 pm at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Rd, Los Altos Hills. The registration fee is $35 which will be reimbursed to Cupertino residents upon successful completion of the course. If you have questions or want to register contact: info@scsfd.org or 1.408.378.4010.

If you do only one thing to prepare this month:

Check all of your home electrical cords, extension cords and outlets for signs of damage. Repair or replace any frayed, broken or burnt cords and outlets.
Here we are in the second month of 2016 already. We started off in January with some nice rain - a good way to start the New Year. We are thankful for every drop. While rummaging through some old boxes, I found some Cupertino Scenes from the 1970’s.

Interesting reading and sometimes funny. Here is an example entitled “Fasching Fest” (from the February 1974 issue). “The Knights of Columbus will hold its’ second Fasching’s Fest at St. Joseph’s Church Hall on February 22 between 9 pm and 1 am. A highlight of the Fest will be a Wurste (sausage) judging contest. Among the judges will be Mayor Keith Irwin and Councilman Jim Jackson, who hope to transfer their expertise in baloney to the sausage field. For more info call Dan O’Keefe.”

Who says council members in Cupertino have no sense of humor?

Here’s another one urging cooperation with our local gendarmes entitled “A Talk With the Sheriff”. “And now a word about some of our most unpopular deputies - those in the Civil Division. They drive unmarked cars and do not wear a uniform, unless they are seizing your auto or evicting you. They present you papers advising you that you are either being sued or divorced and they are the ones who garnish someone’s back account or salary. They are required by law to do everything a private process server does and they are on duty when they perform these tasks. Cooperate with them - they are really not responsible for the trouble you’re in, and (short of giving advice as an attorney) can often help you. Open your door to them. (And please hold back your dog. Deputy Sheriffs have thick skins, but not that thick)” Wow.

April 1974 find the City Council granting a permit for a hot air balloon exhibit, featuring free rides to the public. The article says, “Being on familiar ground, the council refused to get up in the air over the matter and the permit breezed to an easy 5 - 0 victory. Council members have been offered the first rides (any comments about self-propulsion are definitely out of order” (I am not making this up).

And in May 1974 the original Vallco Park filed for a use permit for the new regional shopping center - proposed 765,000 sq. ft. Now 42 years later, Cupertino is planning The Hills at Vallco, a completely new shopping, commercial and residential venue, unique in architectural annals.

Our last early Scene gem (June 1974) entitled “Nostalgia”, features the following text and photo. “A citizen who wishes to remain anonymous has supplied the Scene with an old print of some unidentified pioneer Cupertino political leaders. Some people have pointed out a resemblance to present Councilman Bob Meyers, Planning Commisioner Dan O’Keefe and Councilman Jim Jackson. However, upon close observation the viewer will note in the photo a seriousness and dignity not usually found in leaders of today.”

Many thanks to ALL our early civic leaders. Cupertino appreciates all the hard work and long hours our former leaders put in to make Cupertino a good place for all the folks who live and work here now. These early leaders helped build a firm foundation for subsequent leaders to build on.

Happy Valentine’s Day, Cupertino!

City’s Open Data Portal at Your Fingertips

To expand its tradition of transparency, the City of Cupertino has launched its Open Data Portal: data.cupertino.org. The portal spotlights different data sets for you to explore, download, analyze, format, and share. The data sets can provide resource for decision making and building civic solutions and apps.

The open data portal site has links to the finance and budget data, Geographical Information System data, city infrastructure and demographics data sets. Visit city of Cupertino data portal at data.cupertino.org to learn more.
Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Cupertino Library Story Room
This drop-in book club meets the third Thursday of every month. This month, the group will discuss *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do* by Charles Duhigg. Award winning business reporter Charles Duhigg explains why habits exist, how they shape us, and what we can do to change things.

Teen Writing Workshop with Author Emmi Itäranta
Wednesday, February 24, 7 – 9 pm
Library Story Room
Are you a teen who likes to write? If so, join us for this special writer’s workshop (just for teens!) as the Cupertino Library welcomes special guest instructor and Silicon Valley Reads 2016 author, Emmi Itäranta. This interactive workshop will be a unique opportunity for teen writers to ask questions and get feedback with a world-renowned, bestselling author. This program is open to everyone ages 13 - 19. Registration is required and space is limited. Registration opens Monday, February 8 at 10 am.

Water Trivia with Author Miranda Paul
Thursday, February 25, 4 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
What do you know about water? Miranda Paul, author of *Water Is Water*, will read her book and then challenge the audience with interactive guessing jokes and multiple choice questions about water facts. For children currently in Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Book Club with Author Matt Phelan
Thursday, March 3, 4 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
Children who are currently in 4th – 8th grade are invited to talk about the graphic novel *The Storm in the Barn* with author Matt Phelan. Interested children may register in person at the Children’s Desk starting February 1.

History of Water in Silicon Valley
Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
This presentation by the Santa Clara Valley Water District will showcase the past, present and future of water in Silicon Valley. It will take a close look at what we have done to ensure a reliable supply of safe, clean water throughout the years as population density has increased and as the main industries of the valley have changed. It will also look at historical flooding and what we have done -- and continue to do -- to protect lives, homes and businesses, including the latest preparations and actions to guard against the “Godzilla” El Niño we have been promised in 2016. It will include tips for water conservation for the drought and flood protection for El Niño storms -- a dichotomy that we’re living today.

The West Without Water: Author talk by B. Lynn Ingram & Frances Malamud-Roam
Sunday, February 21, 2016, 2 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
In this illustrated talk authors Dr. Lynn Ingram, Professor in the Departments of Earth and Planetary Science and Geography at U.C. Berkeley, and Frances Malamud-Roam, Senior Environmental Planner-Natural Sciences Caltrans District 4, will present evidence for “megafloods” and “megadroughts” that recurred over the past several thousand years. These extreme events in California, mirrored by events throughout the West, were of much longer duration and severity than any experienced over the past century and are virtually unknown in the living memory of modern residents of the West. Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara and Southwest Santa Clara Valley chapters.

Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation and the Friends of the Cupertino Library
Silicon Valley Reads Film Festival
Sunday, February 29, 12 - 8 pm
Bluelight Cinemas
See several documentaries in one afternoon! Films include: There Once Was An Island, Climate Refugees, The Fight for Water: A Farm Worker Struggle, Liquid Assets, Blue Gold: World Water Wars. For times of each film, visit BlueLightCinemas.com.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
The Cupertino Library presents a wide variety of programs for children of all ages. For more details on any of these programs, including our storytimes, please call the Children’s Reference Desk at 408.446.1677, x3320, or stop by the Children’s Desk in the Library.

STEAM LEADS: Zombie Apocalypse
Sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation
Attention middle school students! Use your brains before the zombies eat them. Join us for our STEAM Leads programs and presentations and answer our online prompts to develop the skills and knowledge to survive a zombie apocalypse!

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS
Online Challenge Prompt: Complete Our Zombie Research Challenge and Win a Prize!
Thursday, January 1 – Monday, February 29;
Available at http://bit.ly/1MUgO2L
Survival Book Club: When the Worst Happens
Tuesday, February 16, 2 pm

Zombie Survival Camp: Test Your Survival Skills in Our Cooperative Team Challenges! Wednesday, February 17, 2 pm
For more information, please visit sccl.org/Locations/Cupertino/STEAM-LEADS

Valentine’s Day Craft
Wednesday, February 10, 4 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
School-age children are invited to come create fun valentines for friends and family.

Cupertino Cinema Club
Thursday, February 11, 4 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
School-age children are invited; children only in the Story Room, please. Patrons may call the Children’s Reference Desk at 408.446.1677 x3321 for the free movie title.

Reading Buddies
Come read to a therapy animal! Children who are currently in kindergarten to 5th grade may register in person at the Children’s Desk starting February 16 for one of our March programs.

Cupertino Library LEGO Club
Thursday, February 18, 4 – 5 pm
Cupertino Library Story Room
Children who are currently in 1st through 8th grade are invited to build with LEGO bricks in the Story Room. The Library will provide LEGO bricks; please leave your own LEGO bricks at home, and all LEGO creations will stay at the library.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS
Planning Summer Extra-Curricular Activities Seminar with Flex Prep
Wednesday, February 10, 7 – 8:30 pm
Library Story Room
Teenagers and family members, come learn about how college admissions factor into your extra-curricular activities. Is it possible to have too many or too few? Colleges are looking for details beyond strong academic course work. Your extra-curricular involvement plays a key role in the college admissions process. It’s about quality not quantity and activities that are consistent and connect you to your passions. Summer is an important time to boost your extra-curricular resume. In this seminar, also learn about some enrichment programs such as Cosmos, EPGY, CTY, etc. Registration is required and space is limited. Registration opens Monday, February 8 at 10 am.

International Candy Tasting
Saturday, February 13, 4 – 5 pm
Library Story Room
Stop by this teen program and celebrate sweets from around the world. Taste a variety of candies and vote on your favorite one.

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Take Action in 2016
The Cupertino Senior Center is a place that is welcoming and friendly. The atmosphere is a vibrant energy that is both warm and inspiring and can be felt within classes, at events, on trips, in the halls, and all around. Gather your adventurous spirit and take a class, attend an event, or discover our amazing travel program to kick-off 2016.

Adult 50+ Membership
2016 Memberships NOW AVAILABLE
Membership includes access to Adult 50+ programs, trips, services, classes, socials, and mailing of the bimonthly newsletter. Join now and the membership is good through January 2017, over 12 months of fun!

It’s easy to become an Adult 50+ member:
• Be at least 50 years or better
• Complete a “New Member Application” form (available at the Senior Center or online)
• Pay the membership price of $27. Cupertino residents pay $22

Stay Active Fund
The Stay Active Fund is about helping adults 50+ remain active, engaged, and participating at the Cupertino Senior Center. This fund provides assistance to offset the cost for Senior Center membership and registration for classes and events. The program is available each year from November 4 to June 30, or until the funds are depleted. Please contact the Senior Center for more details.

EVENTS
Chinese New Year Celebration and February Birthday Bash
Wednesday, February 17, 12 pm
Let’s celebrate the year of the Monkey! People born in this year are said to be witty, intelligent and have magnetic personalities. Join us for a Chinese meal and enjoy cultural entertainment as the lion dancers ring in the New Year. Members with February birthdays will be honored. Pre-registration is required, and a vegetarian option is available when registering. Members $12, senior guests add $5 day pass.

Lunch with Friends
Wednesday, February 10, 12 pm
Join us for lunch! Pre-registration is required. Member fee $6, senior guests must also purchase a $5 day pass.

Singing Valentines
Wednesday, February 10, 4 - 5:30 pm
Join us for a fun and lively Valentine’s event! Enjoy the musical stylings of the Lawson Middle School Choir, to get you in the spirit of the holiday. Light refreshments will be served. Members are free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Sign up by calling 408.777.3150 or stop by the Senior Center lobby table.

Life in the Peace Corps
Wednesday, February 3, 3:15 – 4 pm
Join Joy Lin, returned Peace Corps Volunteer, as she shares her experience of living and working as a business volunteer in Peru from 2006-08. Presented by the Northern California Peace Corps Association. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Sign up by calling 408.777.3150 or stop by the senior center lobby table.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS - Great Values
Chinese Brush Painting Evening
Thursday, February 4 – March 24, 6 - 8 pm
Explore abstract and realistic Chinese ink art by combining Western and Eastern techniques on rice paper and other materials. Subjects will include landscapes, flowers and birds, figures, splash ink, etc. Open to all levels: students will learn the technique of the basic outline, brush stroke and building up layers of color step by step from teacher demos. Students will get to experiment on and experience a variety of rice paper. Member fee $55.

ESL Classes
Basic and Easy
Monday, February 29 - April 18, 10 am - 12 pm
Advanced Beginning
Wednesday, February 17 - April 6, 10 am - 12 pm
Learn how to start using English to speak about yourself, your family, and your community. These classes will review the alphabet, phonics, and grammar to help develop English vocabulary to use in your day-to-day life. Member fee $25. Call 408.777.3150 to register.

Coping with Loss
Thursday, February 4 - March 10, 1 - 2:30 pm
Beginning 1 – 8:30 - 9:30am
Beginning 2 – 9:45 - 10:45am
Have you lost a loved one this year? Are you looking for ways to go beyond the grief and find meaning in life again? Join Vivian I. Silva, MSW/GCM, for this new six-week group. Sign-up early, space is limited. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass.

Cooking with Suzanne
Mexican Skillet Dishes to Warm You Up!
Wednesday, February 3, 10 am – 1 pm
In the winter season when the weather is grey outside, we crave comfort food. Join sommelier, cookbook author and international chef Suzanne, for some heartwarming and comforting Mexican skillet dishes that make a spectacular dinner in a one dish, easy-clean-up party! She will be demonstrating these popular foods with a healthier approach. On the menu: Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas, Baked Chiles Rellenos with Mexican chorizo and Cotija cheese, Black Bean Cheese Enchiladas with spicy Ranchero Sauce and fresh toppings and salsa to accompany our Mexican fiesta. Member Fee $55.

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ADULT 50 PLUS TRIPS
Itineraries subject to change. 
Call the Senior Center at 408.777.3150 for reservations or more information on trips.

Festival of Lights at the Santa Clara Mission, Friday, December 4, $98
Mardi Gras Travel Party, Free for Members Tuesday, February 2, Free for members
Super Bowl 50 Fan Experience, Wednesday, February 3, $92
Kurt Elling at Bing Concert Hall, Saturday, February 27, $104
Sunday Afternoon at the Villa, Sunday, March 6, $84
Culinary and Historic Exploration of Napa, Thursday, March 10, $123

TOURS
International Mystery Trip 
Guided by Julia and Kim 
May 11 - 23, 2016, $4,630 double occupancy 
Do you love fascinating culture, amazing history, castles, beautiful countryside, delicious food, and a little adventure? Then this small-group tour to an iconic destination with 4-star accommodations is planned just for you! Mystery tours are always fun! This tour features a destination that you have never experienced with us and you’re sure to be pleasantly surprised! Let the guessing begin as the destination will only be revealed just prior to our arrival at the airport.

Best of Eastern Canada 
July 12-19, 2016, $3,399 double occupancy 
Highlights include: Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, 1000 Islands, Toronto, Niagara Falls, and more!

Carmel-by-the-Sea, Wednesday, April 27, $120

Notary Service
The Senior Center is now offering Notary Service. The cost is $5 per signature. Please call 408.777.3157 to make an appointment.

– The Better Part, continued on page 14
Need a post-holiday purge? 
Arrange for an On-Call Pickup!

Need to purge your home of some large items or extra garbage to make room for gifts received over the holidays? Cupertino single family households can arrange for two On-Call Collections per year. Eligible items for On-Call Collections include garbage; contained construction & demolition debris; bulky goods such as appliances, computer monitors or television sets, damaged furniture (limit of 3 items per pickup); or compostable materials and untreated wood waste. Please ensure you only use the On-Call Collection program for items that have outlived their useful life—help keep usable goods out of the landfill by donating to charities and nonprofit organizations!

To arrange for an on-call pickup, call Recology at 408.725.4020. Advance notice of 24 hours is requested.

FREE backyard composting workshop on March 5

Want to give your plants an extra boost without all the chemicals and fertilizers? This year, learn how to use your kitchen scraps to supply your garden with nutrient-rich compost by attending a free backyard compost workshop at Cupertino’s new Environmental Education Center, 22221 McClellan Rd on Saturday, March 5 from 10 am - 12 pm. You’ll feed your garden, prevent your household’s food waste from going to the landfill, and even help the soil in your garden retain water! Register online with the County of Santa Clara at reducerecycle.org/classes. If you can’t make this workshop, you can select from numerous workshops held throughout the County from February to November. Cupertino residents attending a compost workshop will receive one free compost bin per household; contact environmental@cupertino.org after attending a class to receive your bin.

Keep A Lid On It!

Wet weather has finally arrived in Cupertino. With the rain comes the wind, making it more important than ever to avoid overloading or leaving waste bin lids open when they are placed curbside for collection. Bins with open or partially open lids contribute to loose litter which can be blown into the street and on to adjacent properties. Rainwater and wind can then carry the trash into neighborhood storm drains which may cause localized flooding and will eventually make its way to our creeks. Scavenging birds and other critters also find the open bins easy access to drag food waste and food packaging out of the container and onto the ground. Rainwater entering uncovered bins can create a liquid “sludge” that may spill out of the containers and then be carried into storm drains which negatively impact our creeks and the bay. Do your part in reducing neighborhood and watershed pollution by keeping your curbside bin lids fully closed. Please visit mywatershedwatch.org for more tips on water pollution prevention or contact the Environmental Programs Division at 408.777.3354.
The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) updated its Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, pursuant to Governor Brown’s Executive Order B-29-15, to further promote water efficient landscapes in new developments and rehabilitated landscapes. The updated Ordinance has been in effect since December 1, 2015. A local jurisdiction may adopt its own ordinance as long as it complies with, or is more stringent than, the State ordinance.

The City is working on drafting amendments to the existing local ordinance that will conform to the new State requirements while maintaining a streamlined approval process. The updated local ordinance is expected to be presented to City Council in February / March 2016. When approved, the updates will be reflected in the City’s Landscaping Ordinance found in Chapter 14.15 of the Cupertino Municipal Code.

Homeowners, residents, property owners, and interested parties are invited to a Community Meeting:

When: Monday, February 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm
Where: Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue
(next to the Cupertino Library)

Visit Cupertino.org/savewater for:
• Additional information;
• Links to the CA DWR’s ordinance;
• The City’s Draft Ordinance, when available; or
• To sign up for e-notifications.

* The agenda is subject to change. Please check the City Council agenda online at: Cupertino.org/agenda in the event of changes to the agenda or to sign up for e-notifications at the project website.

Biking Safety Tip: Don’t Get “Doored”
In Cupertino as well as in most cities and state vehicle codes, occupants of a motor vehicle are required to check behind them prior to opening a door into traffic. Unfortunately many vehicle owners do not. This leads to one of the most common auto-bike collisions - “doored”; i.e. running into a car door. This can happen on either side of the road and is caused by the driver or passenger opening a car door without first checking for a bicyclist. Look carefully into cars for signs of occupants, and also at the brake lights and the direction of the tires for signs of motion. The best bet is to stay 3-5’ away from motor vehicles. A bicyclist is allowed to ride briefly in the traffic lane and/or take over a traffic lane if it is otherwise not safe to ride as far to the right as possible. See our web site for additional bicycling tips and information: walkbikecupertino.org

Cupertino Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
The City of Cupertino GIS department has gone through an online makeover! Cupertino.org/gis has been redesigned to better showcase our department’s services. Among those sources is an Open Data Portal that allows users to explore and download our publicly available GIS data. Cupertino’s mission is to make high-quality information and source data accessible to all stakeholders to facilitate informed decision-making. This site offers the ability to search, filter, download and use API Access to GIS data-sets. Visit gis.cupertino.opendata.arcgis.com to explore. If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, please contact gis@cupertino.org.
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<td>10 am - 12:30 pm</td>
<td>10675 S. De Anza Blvd. # 4</td>
<td>408.996.1236</td>
<td>Albert Rich [<a href="mailto:chesschamps@yahoo.com">chesschamps@yahoo.com</a>]</td>
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<td>Northwest YMCA, 20803 Alves Drive</td>
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<td>Moorpark Hotel 2nd Floor, 4241 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA 95129</td>
<td>408.996.7492</td>
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Submit information about clubs and organizations meeting in Cupertino to City Clerk, City of Cupertino, 10300 Torre Ave., Cupertino, 95014, 408.777.3223, cityclerk@cupertino.org.

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

### CITY MEETINGS

| FEB 1 | Community Meeting – Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) Update (Community Hall) | 6:30 pm |
| FEB 2 | City Council Meeting (Community Hall) | 6:45 pm |
| FEB 3 | Library Commission (Conf. Rm. C) | 7 pm |
| FEB 3 | Technology, Info & Communication Comm. (Conf. Rm. A) | 7 pm |
| FEB 4 | Parks and Recreation Commission (Community Hall) | 7 pm |
| FEB 4 | Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C) | 5 pm |
| FEB 4 | C.A.R.E.S. Meeting (EOC) | 7:30 pm |
| FEB 9 | Planning Commission (Community Hall)*** | 6:45 pm |
| FEB 10 | Teen Commission (Quinlan Community Center) | 6 pm |
| FEB 10 | Economic Development Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. A) | 10 am |
| FEB 11 | Housing Commission (Conf. Rm. C) | 9 am |
| FEB 11 | Administrative Hearing meeting (Conf. Rm. C) | 5 pm |
| FEB 11 | Public Safety Commission (Conf. Rm. A) | 6 pm |
| FEB 16 | City Council Meeting (Community Hall)*** | 6:45 pm |
| FEB 17 | Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission (Conf. Rm. A) | 7 pm |
| FEB 18 | Environmental Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C) | 9:30 am |
| FEB 18 | Design Review Committee (Conf. Rm. C) | 5 pm |
| FEB 22 | Audit Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. A) | 3 pm |
| FEB 22 | C.E.R.T. Meeting (EOC) | 7 pm |
| FEB 24 | Teen Commission (Quinlan Community Center) | 6 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 can be seen live via webcast at cupertino.org/webcast, or on The City Channel, Cable 26. For all City meeting agendas and minutes go to cupertino.org/agenda.
Poetry Memoir Class
Cupertino Library’s Story Room, February 26, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm
Cupertino’s new Poet Laureate, Amanda Williamson, invites you to a free spring Poetry Memoir class. Take the whole course or drop in for a day. Create or enhance a memoir with a collection of inter-related poems. Looking at special moments and people, one poem at a time, let us write a unique kind of autobiography. And because the participants may write in a non-chronological way, a poetry memoir is a fun, approachable, and doable project!

Recommended approval of the alcoholic beverage license to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Starbucks #5217, 20520 Stevens Creek Boulevard

Recommended approval of the alcoholic beverage license to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Yoshida Restaurant, 10700 South De Anza Boulevard

Honor Flight – The Honor Flight organization takes World War II veterans to Washington to see the monuments created in their honor.

Honeybees: Colonization & Culture – A bee colony and their human tender come to the studio to teach us about these fascinating creatures.

Furry Friends – Pet owners bring their Furry Friends to love and be loved by seniors living in the Pacific Gardens retirement community. Celebrate ‘National Love Your Pet Day’ on February 20

Peregrine Falcon - Saved! – Find out how the Peregrine falcon was saved from possible extinction and how dedicated volunteers are still protecting the species. This will be Clara’s 10th year breeding on top of San Jose City Hall!
– Library News, continued from page 7

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Master Gardeners: Growing Citrus in Santa Clara County
Wednesday, February 3, 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall

We are fortunate to have a great climate in Santa Clara County for growing a wide variety of citrus trees, from lemons and limes to oranges, grapefruits, kumquats and much more! Join UC Master Gardener Ann Ranish to learn the basics of growing citrus in Santa Clara County. The talk will include a brief history of citrus in California, plus tips on planting and caring for citrus fruit trees. You will come away with a list of resources for more information. There will be time for Q&A.

How to Create a Successful Retirement Plan
Monday, February 22, 7 - 8:30 pm
Library Story Room

Are you ready for retirement? What savings and investment decisions are a key to a more secure retirement? Learn how to calculate your retirement needs capital and how to invest to prepare for retirement and during retirement.

Feng Shui for the Year of the Monkey
Wednesday, February 24, 7 pm
Cupertino Community Hall

Feng Shui master, Mr. Y.C. Sun will use a combination of Feng Shui and I-Ching, the 2000-year-old Chinese law of the universe, to make predictions on global events for 2016, the Year of the Monkey. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Container Gardening with California Native Plants
Thursday, February 25
Cupertino Library Story Room

You can dress up the smallest spaces using native plants in containers. Come and see how creative you can be as speaker Pete Veilleux, of the California Native Plant Society, shows you how recycling pots and combining different textures and colors will provide an ever-changing garden display. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

ESL Conversation Club
Every Friday from 1 - 2:30 pm
Cupertino Community Hall

Please join us for this fun learning experience. Stop by and improve your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about other cultures in a friendly, casual setting. Native speakers of English who would like to volunteer to assist with the ESL Conversation Club, please e-mail wjaw@sccl.org. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cupertino Library.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Friends of the Cupertino Library Book Sale
Cupertino Community Hall
Saturday, February 22, 9 am – 4 pm
Sunday, February 23, 12 – 3 pm

Come on in and browse the gently-read books for sale – you never know what treasures you can find!

Welcome New Businesses

Pielogy Pizzeria
19409 Stevens Creek Blvd

Yoshida Restaurant
10700 S De Anza Blvd

KMP Carwash Corporation
10002 N De Anza Blvd

AK Consulting
10190 N Foothill Blvd

ROD Laguisma Photography
945 Bubb Rd

Young Artist Award

The City of Cupertino will be awarding the Winners of the 2015 Young Artist Award at the February 2, 2016 City Council meeting. Prior to the City Council meeting, a small reception will be held for the winners, their guests and the public in the Community Hall lobby. The winning artwork will be displayed in the lobby during the reception. After the reception, the winning artwork will be displayed at the Cupertino Library between early February and early May. More information including names of winners is available online at: Cupertino.org/youngartist.

Submission deadline for the March edition is February 6.

Have Something to Contribute?
To submit information to “Cupertino Scene,” email: scene@cupertino.org

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