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THURSDAYS 6:30-9 PM
JUNE 7-JULY 12
MEMORIAL PARK AMPHITHEATER

June 7 Cupertino Symphonic Band
A hometown community concert ensemble playing everything from classical to musical selections from popular movies.

June 14 Orquesta Latin Heat
Orquesta Latin HEAT is a new salsa band featuring a strong rhythm section, authentic Latin percussion, and a swinging horn.

June 21 The Emphatics
This dynamic 4-piece Dance Cover Band plays dance music from the 50’s to current pop, rock, R&B, soul, funk, hip-hop, and country.

June 28 Lyin’ I’s
The Bay Area’s premier Eagles cover band.

July 4 The Cocktail Monkeys
Rock and Roll, Motown, Pop and Disco, the Cocktail Monkeys guarantee to entertain everyone in the audience!

July 5 Steel ‘n’ Chicago
Steel ‘n’ Chicago has long performed the music of Steely Dan and now they’ve added Chicago favorites to the show.

July 12 The Cheeseballs
The Cheeseballs are a high-energy dance band. Playing Funk, Soul, and R&B, and constantly adding new top hits to their list.
There is never a perfect time to say goodbye. There are always more plans to be made, more to accomplish, more to do for the betterment of the community.

But it is the right time for me. After more than five years as the City Manager for Cupertino, I will be retiring this July.

I’m incredibly grateful to have had this opportunity presented to me. It’s been an absolute pleasure to work with such an exceptional staff. I’ve enjoyed my relationships with current and former Councilmembers, and it’s been wonderful to serve the citizens of Cupertino.

It does make it easier to walk away knowing that the City is currently in a strong financial position. Because of that, the City has been able to expand its services and programs to the community.

Throughout my tenure, we also invested heavily in our City’s infrastructure. This means that our roads, in particular, are in very good condition. This is great for our residents who drive our roadways each day. Another benefit is that it will save the City money in the long-term as we will be focused on less expensive maintenance costs.

But these services and program expansions, coupled with the infrastructure upgrades, were made possible in such short fashion thanks in part to one-time funding. These funds came from large development projects throughout the City.

I have heard, and understood, some of the concerns of continued development. Some have had enough. Others welcome it. I see both sides.

I do hope that the community will keep its collective mind open to smart growth and development. Along with helping refresh some areas of this City, development projects come with community benefits. This has included funds for infrastructure, parks, and more.

As we move into the future, costs for services and programs will continue to increase. Without community benefits from development, residents might need to vote for new taxes, or consider the loss of much-loved community amenities.

The future is truly in your hands. I wish you all the best.

David Brandt
City Manager
Volunteer Fair

On Saturday, May 5 in Cupertino’s Civic Center Plaza, the City of Cupertino hosted a citywide Volunteer Fair. This was the first time the City had hosted a Volunteer Fair in over 10 years. There were more than 64 organizations seeking to recruit volunteers, and over 2,000 attendees eager to find their volunteer match. Simultaneously, various volunteer organizations provided guests with performances and entertainment throughout the day, including the Fine Arts League Commission which hosted an art show in Community Hall for the attendees.

Mayor’s Water Challenge

Cupertino was proud to participate for the first time in the National Mayor’s Water Challenge for Water Conservation. From April 1-30, cities from all over the nation joined in this friendly competition to see which city is the nation was most “water wise” by accumulating water saving pledges. Stay tuned, national challenge results will be announced next week and thanks to all who took the pledge to save water and joined in this effort!

Earth and Arbor Day

At Cupertino’s 10th Annual Earth and Arbor Day Festival on April 21, thousands of community members and 84 partner organizations gathered in Civic Center Plaza to celebrate our planet and urban forest. The most well-attended event to date, attendees learned and participated in meaningful conversations about environmental issues while crafting, eating, climbing rock walls, practicing yoga and tai chi, watching live performances, and more. Nearly 100 riders participated in the 3rd Annual Pedal for the Planet Bike Ride, a family friendly ride around Cupertino, hosted in conjunction with the event.

Stay In The Know:
Dining Out This Summer: Part I
This is the first article in a two-part series. The next article will be featured in the July issue.

The “Old Farmer’s Almanac” forecasts the summer weather to be sunny and warm, which is perfect for enjoying the outdoors. Cupertino diners can take advantage of the countless choices for outdoor dining this summer. Cupertino restaurants are easily accessible by walking or bicycling, and provide plenty of free parking for those who drive.

Here are some new and familiar places that offer outdoor dining for you to enjoy:

Coconut’s Fish Cafe | 20010 Stevens Creek Boulevard
Originally opened in Maui, Coconut’s Fish Cafe has brought its aloha spirit and healthy food choices to the Mainland. The Cupertino location is owned and operated by South Bay residents, Chad and Lisa Webb. The fish tacos are a customer favorite!

Doppio Zero Pizzeria | 10088 N Wolfe Road #120
Doppio Zero serves authentic Italian cuisine in an upscale atmosphere. Co-owners Angelo and Gianni, along with Angelo’s brother Alberto, take pride in sharing traditional Campania recipes featuring the finest and freshest ingredients to delight your palate.

JS Stew House | 10271 Torre Avenue
A great place for home-style Taiwanese dishes and snacks. There are so many choices and you can customize your “bento box” meal.

Lazy Dog | 19359 Stevens Creek Boulevard
Lazy Dog was created by owner, Chris, to recreate the feeling he gets when visiting Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The lodge-style environment is perfect for family members of all ages and their menu provides a variety of choices. They even have menu items for your dog!

Oren’s Hummus | 19419 Stevens Creek Boulevard
Creator Oren Dobronsky changed his focus from tech start-up entrepreneur to amazing food entrepreneur when he and his wife Nancy, an experienced restauranteur, opened Oren’s Hummus. They serve authentic Israeli cuisine, including a wide variety of Hummus bowls, grilled skewer entrees, and Israeli favorites of Shakshuka and Schnitzel de Noir. Their pita bread is fluffy and heavenly to “rip, scoop, and eat” with their sides and dips.

Pizza My Heart | 20530 Stevens Creek Boulevard
A local favorite, Pizza My Heart, serves up high quality food for everyone to enjoy. Definitely add them to your equation of good pizza, good friends, and good times.

Pokeholics | 19929 Stevens Creek Boulevard
One of the newest build-your-own Poke bowl spots. You choose your base, proteins, add-ins, toppings, and sauces as you move along the display counter. Easy-peasy.

The Counter | 20080 Stevens Creek Boulevard
You can customize your burger with a trillion combinations, so they say (I’m no math whiz but I’m taking their word for it). Pair your burger with an assortment of sides, like shoestring fries, and you can’t go wrong. Their Cupertino location features an outdoor patio area complete with a fire pit and couches (yay Cupertino!)

Shop, dine, and explore Cupertino by visiting cupertino.org/shopanddine.

Contact Economic Development Manager Angela Tsui at angelat@cupertino.org.
Be Green, Think Green, Shop Green
Shining a Light on Cupertino’s Environmental Business Leaders

“We are a green business because every ounce of effort is important in keeping the world clean.”
- Coffee Society

“We want to make the planet sustainable for future generations.”
- De Anza Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies

“With global warming and all of the disaster happening, I want to leave a smaller carbon footprint.”
- Dr. Harini A. Krishnapuram, General and Cosmetic Dentistry
The businesses featured have achieved Green Business Certification through the City’s very own GreenBiz Cupertino Program. By becoming certified Green Businesses, they have achieved advanced environmental standards in solid waste, energy conservation, health and wellness, pollution prevention, water conservation, and wastewater. In their efforts to be and think green, these environmental leaders have shown the community their commitment to sustainable business practices.

I am a Green Business because...

“We want to make a difference. The more folks who get involved with Green Business, the better it will be for everyone.”
- Dr. Brien Bates & Dr. Sheryl Greenspan, De Anza Veterinary Clinic

“We want to lead by example.”
- Hongyun Art School

Take part in helping make Cupertino Green by supporting Green Businesses in Cupertino. To identify a certified Green Business look for California Green Business window decals like the ones below.
You can also visit cupertino.org/greenbiz to check out a growing list of certified Cupertino Green Businesses!

Green Business is Good for Business and Great for Cupertino.

Are you a business owner in Cupertino and interested in becoming certified? Contact GreenBiz Cupertino at greenbiz@cupertino.org or call (408) 777-3243 or visit cupertino.org/greenbiz or greenbusinessca.org
Start the day off with a pancake breakfast and finish the night with a rain of fireworks during the City of Cupertino’s annual Independence Day Celebration!

On the morning of July 4, head on over to the Quinlan Community Center at 7 a.m. when the De Anza Optimist Club will be serving pancakes (with butter and syrup) to hungry guests. Families can then walk off the extra calories during the children’s carnival, which goes from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Decorated bicycles, scooters, and strollers are encouraged. Make sure to take a detour at 9:30 a.m. to the Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park for a Flag Raising Ceremony. Then wind around the pathway to the amphitheater at 10 a.m. for a family concert by The Cocktail Monkeys. Be sure to pack a picnic for the entire family! Residents are also invited to visit Blackberry Farm between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for food trucks and free swimming.

Mark your calendars for the special fireworks show beginning at 9:30 p.m., which will be launched from Hyde Middle School. The best viewing locations will be at Sedgwick Elementary, Creekside Park, and along Miller Avenue between Bollinger Road and Disney Lane.

For more information about Independence Day Celebration activities, visit Cupertino.org/4thofjuly or call (408) 777-3120.
What’s going on around town?

Cupertino Community Shuttle
Give us your feedback on a possible City-wide shuttle service
Take the survey: cupertino.org/opencityhall

Fourth of July Celebration
Pancakes, carnival, flag raising, parade, fireworks and more
Cupertino.org/4thofjuly

Prepare Cupertino
Learn how to keep your family and neighborhood safe in an emergency
June 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at Memorial Park
reg4rec.org

Seven Weeks / Seven Bands
Memorial Park Amphitheater
Cupertino.org/events
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TEENS

Summer Smoothie Kickoff
Mon., June 11, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd
Summer is finally here! Come beat the heat and get a delicious free smoothie at the Teen Center. All day, each teen will get one free smoothie while we chill out on the first day of our summer hours.

Summer BBQ, Saturday
June 16, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd
Come celebrate the beginning of summer at the Teen Center with our first BBQ of the season! Free food, drinks, and games to kick-off the summer right!

Water Balloon Wednesday
Wed., June 20, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd
What a better way to cool off than having a water balloon war! The teen center staff will be taking the teens to Memorial Park armed with a plethora of water balloons to duke it out.

National Waffle Iron Day
Friday, June 29, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd
Everybody loves a waffle! Come in and choose your favorite mix-ins and we will make you a fresh hot waffle that you can top with whatever you like. All day, each teen will get one free waffle while supplies last, so come for the waffles and stay for the fun!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

West Coast Farmers Market
Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Oaks Shopping Center
Stop by the West Coast Farmers Market every Friday and Sunday in the Oaks Shopping Center parking lot. For more information visit wcfma.org/cupertino.

Creekside Farmers Market
Every Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue
Stop by the Creekside Farmers Market every Friday at Creekside Park in Cupertino. For more information visit, pcfma.org/visit/markets.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS:

Summer Reading Sign Ups
Friday, June 1 – Tuesday, July 31
Reading takes you anywhere! Children are encouraged to sign up for Summer Reading 2018 at Cupertino Library starting June 1. Read, record, win prizes, and join us for fun programs all summer long.

Children’s Garden Open Hours
Tuesdays, June 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m.
Library Courtyard
Our Children’s Garden will be open for exploration on Tuesday mornings this summer starting June 12. Join us for fun, hand-on garden activities!

Opera San Jose
Thursday, June 14, 3:00 p.m.
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
School age children are welcome to join us for some summer fun with our Summer Reading Club performances! Opera San Jose will perform What is Opera?

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Amazon River with Wild Life Photographer Joan Sparks
Monday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.
Library Story Room
Join us to view this unique visual record of a remote and untouched region of the Amazon jungle, including colorful indigenous plants and trees, birds and mammals.

SENIOR CENTER

For more info on the Senior Center, or to sign up for classes or events, visit cupertino.org/senior or stop by 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

EVENTS & SOCIALS

Home Safety & Crime Prevention
Monday, June 4,
From 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
A joint presentation by the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Department. Member’s are free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

CUPERTINO LIBRARY

For more information on library programs, visit the Events section of the Cupertino Library’s website at sccl.org/cupertino.
**Financial Wellness**

Wed., June 6, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Come learn how to keep your finances healthy. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

**Weekly Walks with Naturalist Keith Wandry**

Wednesdays, June 6, 13, and 20
From 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Meet at McClellan Ranch Preserve to walk and learn about the fascinating creepy crawlers and the flapping flyers which make the Stevens Creek Corridor habitat their home. June 6, easy 30 minute walk. June 13, 30-45 minute walk. June 20, 60 minute walk. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Register at the senior center front desk.

**Luau and June Birthday Bash**

Wed., June 13, 12:00 p.m.
Come swing along with our Kani Ka Pila Ukulele Band during a traditional Hawaiian Luau! Members with June birthdays will be honored. Pre-registration is required. Member fee $12, senior guests add $5 day pass. Register at the senior center front desk.

**Talking to Your Doctor**

Wed., June 27, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
At this workshop by Breathe California, you will learn how to get the most out of your appointment and how to advocate for your health in the brief visit with your provider. Members are free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Sign up at the lobby table.

**Monthly Movie**

Wed., June 27, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saving Mr. Banks (2013) – Author P.L. Travers reflects on her childhood after reluctantly meeting with Walt Disney, who seek to adapt her Mary Poppins books for the big screen. Starring Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson, and Colin Farrell. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Members are free, senior guests pay $5 day pass.

**CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS**

**Facebook I**

Sat., June 9-16, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Interested in making a stellar Facebook page to share your lives with family and friends? Class includes hands-on experience on how to add photos and information to complete and update your page. Member fee $25. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

**Discover & Go**

Wed., June 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Presented by the Santa Clara County Library, learn how you can utilize your Santa Clara County Library card to get a free admission pass once a month to more than 50 museums and cultural attractions throughout the greater Bay Area! Popular places include Coit Tower, Asian Art Museum, Conservatory of Flowers and more! Members are free, senior guests pay $5. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

**Facebook II**

Sat., June 23-30, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Familiar with Facebook but want to know more about the ins and outs? Come learn more about adding photos, changing your profile picture, connecting with business pages, privacy setting, and more! Member fee $25. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

**Nutrition Made Easy Snack Foods Cooking Class**

Sat., June 23, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Need to find healthier alternatives to your favorite snack foods? In this class, we’ll discuss how to handle food cravings, snacking, and what to eat. Make 3 different treats (salty and sweet) with Instructor Jen Oh to take home and enjoy. Member fee $45, includes materials and take home treats. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

**Freegal Music**

Wed., June 27, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Come learn about Freegal, a downloadable music service which provides access to the catalog of artists in Sony Music Entertainment including artist from the Independent Online Distribution Alliance. Library cardholders can download five songs or two videos a week using their cord number and PIN. Members are free, senior guests pay $5. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)**

Friday, June, 1 & 18
From 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Provides free assistance to elders for basic legal matters in public benefits, long-term care, elder abuse, housing, consumer issues, incapacity planning, probate alternative, and simple wills. Must be 60 or older and live in Santa Clara County. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

**Housing**

Monday, June 4 & 18
From 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Information on resources for senior housing options. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

**Blood Pressure Check**

Tues., June 5, 19, 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Mon., June 11, 25, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure checks by volunteer nurse.

**Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)**

Monday, June 11 & 25
From 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Consultation on Medicare and health insurance. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

**Drop-in Consultation with Case Manager**

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Case Managers Karen Goss and Adrianna Stankovich are available to discuss community resources, benefits, and care options during the drop-in hours. Case Manager is also available by appointment. English/ Cantonese/Mandarin.
Q&A THE SCENE ANSWERS

Have questions for staff? Send them to scene@cupertino.org or call (408) 777-3212.

Question: I’ve heard that the City of Cupertino is moving forward with a “specific plan” for the Vallco site, while at the same time the developer has filed an SB 35 application. If so, why is the City continuing the process?

Answer: A “specific plan” creates objective standards and rules of development, such as heights, massing, building locations, public spaces, and location of uses. The process does not mean that the community, the City, and its consultants are designing the project. Instead, like the Cupertino Municipal Code that contains development rules for other neighborhoods, the specific plan would create rules that the current, or any future, owner of the Vallco site would need to abide by.

There is a big difference between what can be accomplished under SB 35 and the traditional planning process. The specific plan allows flexibility for the community. It is the community’s opportunity to negotiate a preferred plan, to critique rough draft plans, and to have ongoing dialogue about options and priorities. In contrast, SB 35 is a state law that allows an owner to qualify for an approval that bypasses community input.

The City encourages the community to continue to participate in the process. Visit the project website at envisionvalco.org for additional information and upcoming meeting dates.

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