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This new program is brought to you by popular demand! Experience 34 activities at 11 locations, ranging from a 1-hour “Fitness in the Park” class to a full-scale neighborhood event. Enjoy movies, concerts, activities, and classes designed to bring the Cupertino community together. The series includes culturally-diverse events and all-ages entertainment! See you this summer!

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Questions or comments about The Scene? Contact staff at scene@cupertino.org.
Summer Concert Series

The City’s annual Summer Concert Series kicked off on June 17 with the Cupertino Symphonic band. Don’t worry if you missed it. The concerts continue through July on July 4, July 5, and July 12. For more information, visit www.cupertino.org/summerconcert.

Arts and Crafts

Young artists in grades 2 through 10 have helped transform unsightly utility boxes into vibrant, educational works of art that encourage safe and green transportation. These pieces of art can be seen now throughout Cupertino. For more information, and to view more pictures, visit www.facebook.com/cityofcupertino.
Summer and sunshine are in full swing for Cupertino. If you enjoyed the suggestions for outdoor dining in last month’s edition of The Scene, here are a few more places to try. Do you have a favorite outdoor dining spot in Cupertino? Please share your suggestions with me!

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

**Garlic Mediterranean Grill**  |  19620 Stevens Creek Blvd  
Hands down one of the best Mediterranean restaurants in the South Bay. Its menu includes excellent Turkish entrees, including the Iskender Kebab Plate. All their wraps, from falafel to different choices of meats, are fan favorites.

**Meet Fresh**  |  19449 Stevens Creek Boulevard  
A popular place for Taiwanese shaved ice with topping choices that include herbal jelly and taro root mocha; exquisite tea drinks, desserts, and snacks.

**MOD Pizza**  |  10815 N Wolfe Road  
You choose your toppings from meaty to vegan and everything in between for one set price. You get just what you want—no judgement and no calculator needed! Then your pizza is ready within minutes.

**Panino Giusto**  |  19469 Stevens Creek Boulevard  
This Milan-based chain offers fresh hot panini, refreshing salads, and savory small plates. The experience feels like visiting Italy.

**Arya Global Cuisine**  |  19930 Stevens Creek Blvd  
Arya offers more than the typical Middle Eastern restaurant by proudly featuring Persian cuisine, as well as Italian favorites! Whether you’re in the mood to try something exotic and different, or sit back and enjoy into your favorite comfort food, you will find just what you’ve been craving.

**Steins Beer Garden & Restaurant**  |  10088 N Wolfe Rd  
A lively spot to enjoy gourmet comfort food with 30 craft brews on tap and house-made cocktails. The indoor, green living wall can make you feel as if you’re sitting outside, but take advantage of their outdoor dining area for the full effect.

**Kong Tofu & BBQ Korean Cuisine**  |  19626 Stevens Creek Blvd  
Korean BBQ that you don’t have to barbeque yourself! Enjoy a wide selection of authentic Korean entrees from a variety of BBQ meats to spicy ramen. Perfect outdoor dining fare!

**The Melt**  |  20803 Stevens Creek Boulevard  
Having started as a food truck concept, The Melt has found a home in Cupertino with all its classic comforts of grilled cheese-based sandwiches and hearty soups. Don’t take my word for it, check out all they have to offer.

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Shop, dine, and explore Cupertino by visiting [cupertino.org/shopanddine](http://cupertino.org/shopanddine).

Contact Economic Development Manager Angela Tsui at angelat@cupertino.org.
The Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office has a new recruit who’s keeping his nose to the ground. Dutch, a two-year-old Dutch Shepherd, officially began his tenure with the West Valley Division in May. He’s been given multiple responsibilities: sniffing out narcotics, tracking suspects, locating lost individuals, and being an ambassador for the Sheriff’s Office to the Cupertino community.

“Dutch will certainly complement our community relations team by virtue of having a dog’s playful and friendly demeanor,” Captain Rich Urena said.

Keeping His Eye on the Ball

Dutch is partnered with Deputy Michael Keck, a four-year veteran with the Sheriff’s Office. Dutch is not only Deputy Keck’s first four-legged partner, he’s also the West Valley Division’s first full-time K-9.

“This is considered one of the best jobs in law enforcement,” he said. “It’s an awesome opportunity to do a lot of really cool things.”

Dutch is expected to be up for the challenge.

The Dutch Shepherd originated in the Netherlands as a jack-of-all-trades dog that could meet the various needs of shepherds and farmers, the American Kennel Club states. Dutch Shepherds had an assortment of roles that included keeping hens out of family gardens, herding cows for milking, pulling carts to market, watching the family children, and alerting farmers to strangers.
The breed’s characteristics come out in Dutch, an athletic and lively dog that likes to keep moving. No matter what’s going on around him or what he’s being asked to do, however, he has his mind on the true prize.

“The biggest thing he’s looking for is his reward. His drive to get the tennis ball will lead him to do anything for you,” Deputy Keck said.

**Partners in Crime (Fighting)**

Dutch does go home with Deputy Keck, so theirs is a 24-hour relationship. Luckily, Dutch can leave work at work.

“He absolutely understands the difference between work and play,” Deputy Keck said. “I can take him home and he’s not looking for drugs the whole time he’s there.”

Part of the reason is in Dutch’s continued training. Dutch is given different equipment in various environments. While he may be given a certain leash and collar in one scenario, he will be given a different leash and a harness for a different task. Over time he begins to associate the specific gear.

“I have a ball that I use just for his narcotics detection training. So he knows when he’s wearing this equipment and I show him this ball that he’s going to go out there to look for drugs,” Deputy Keck said. Dutch is also somewhat of a renaissance man as he’s been trained in multiple languages. But Deputy Keck said that he will use only German, which is the most common language used with police and military canines.

“You want to do that in the event that something happened to me and a different handler had to take care of Dutch or give him commands at a crime scene,” he said. “They would be able to give him commands that he would understand, so it wouldn’t necessarily be totally foreign to him.”

**Must Love Dogs**

The West Valley Division identified the need for its own K-9 after a recent internal review of incidents where K-9 assistance was requested. It was determined that K-9 units helped resolve about 65% of the incidents they were involved in.

In addition to Dutch’s main duties, he and Deputy Keck will also be asked for other calls-for-service, such as checking residences at alarm calls and helping with containment when perimeters are set up.

“Dutch will be an excellent community policing tool,” Captain Urena said. “He’ll help break down potential barriers between the police and residents.

“And, let’s face it. Who doesn’t love dogs?”
Emergency preparedness? There’s an app for that. “Ready 95014” is the City of Cupertino’s new emergency preparedness mobile app that will help residents plan ahead and be better prepared for real-life emergencies.

There are multiple levels to the app:

- Users can learn how to build a preparedness kit by playing a fun, interactive game that takes them to various rooms in a home
- They can set up reminders to check the contents of their preparedness kit
- Out-of-area contacts can be created in the app, which will be useful numbers to contact during a real emergency
- App users can learn about local ARKs, storage containers which store important supplies and communication resources and serve as a gathering places for the local community during emergencies
- Users can sign up for AlertSCC to receive notifications during an emergency or disaster, listen to Cupertino Radio 1670 AM, or browse Cupertino’s social media sites for emergency messages, City news, and events.

Be prepared and download the Ready 95014 app from the App Store and Google Play. The app can be downloaded on smartphones and tablets.
GET IN THE CUPERTI-know
What’s going on around town?

**Cupertino Composts**
Learn how to build a compost pile and worm bin at a free class.
Saturday, July 12: 10 a.m. - noon
[ucanr.edu/compost](http://ucanr.edu/compost)

**National Night Out**
Help build strong ties in your neighborhood by participating in National Night Out.
[Cupertino.org/nno](http://Cupertino.org/nno)

**HomeIntel Services**
Learn how to lower your energy bill at no extra cost to you.
[http://hea.com/Cupertino](http://hea.com/Cupertino)
Questions? Email: sustainability@cupertino.org

**Shakespeare in the Park**
Enjoy Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night’s Dream at Memorial Park
July and August
[Cupertino.org/events](http://Cupertino.org/events)
Bring a friend, a picnic dinner and enjoy an evening of music in the park. See the lineup:
July 5 - Steel ‘n’ Chicago
July 12 - The Cheeseballs

**Toddler Movie Night**
Friday, July 20, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center
10185 N. Stelling Road
Enjoy a movie with your toddlers at Quinlan Community Center! To find out more information, call 408-777-3120.

**Audubon Naturalist Training**
July 16-24, 9 a.m. to noon
McClellan Ranch Preserve
22221 McClellan Road
Improve your high school student’s outdoor skills with training in navigation, wildlife and plant identification, and nature interpretation. Sign up at scvas.z2systems.com/np/clients/scvas/event.jsp?event=40&.

**Carnival of Cultures**
Sat., July 21, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Main Street Cupertino
Carnival of Cultures is the Bay Area’s premier festival showcasing the diversity of our community. For more information, visit www.bayareacarnival.com.

**Shakespeare in the Park**
July 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 7:00 p.m.
August, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Amphitheater
21163 Anton Way
In 2018, the City of Cupertino brings San Francisco Shakespeare Festival back to Memorial Park for another year. This time around, SF Shakes will present A Midsummer Night’s Dream. This year two Thursdays have been added to the program, and plays will begin slightly earlier, at 7:00 p.m., please be sure to note the change!

**Cinema at Sundown**
August 10, 17, 24; 8:15 p.m.
Memorial Park Amphitheater
Aug. 10: Beauty & the Beast the Sing-Along
Aug. 17: Coco
Aug. 24: Wonder Woman

**Kids ‘N’ Fun Festival**
Sat., August 11, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Memorial Park, 21121 Stevens Creek Blvd
Kids ‘N Fun Festival is a multi-cultural festival, hosted by Taiwanese Cultural and Sports Association (TCSA), dedicated to children of all ages. The festival features activities, games, performances, and international delicacies. More highlights from the 2018 event will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

**CEEF 5K Run for Great Schools**
Saturday, August 25, 8:30 a.m.
Starts on Mary Avenue
Run, walk, or cheer on your favorite runner/team on a fun course that crosses the Don Burnett Bridge!

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

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS:**

**Comedy Sportz**
Wednesday, July 18, 3:00 p.m.
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
School age children are welcome to join us this summer for some summer fun with our Summer Reading Club performances! Laugh with Comedy Sportz in this fun, fast-paced comedy show.

**Children’s Concert with MaryLee Sunseri**
Wednesday, August 15, 10:15 a.m.
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
Young children are invited to join us for this fun musical concert that promotes an important early learning skill – singing! Generously sponsored by Friends of the Cupertino Library.

**Children’s Concert with Matt Fernald of Golden Acorn Music**
Wednesday, August 22, 10:15 a.m.
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
Young children are invited to join us for this fun musical concert that promotes an important early learning skill – singing! Generously sponsored by Friends of the Cupertino Library.
ADULT PROGRAMS:
Treasured Lands:
A Photographic Odyssey Through America's National Parks
Monday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.
Library Story Room
Join photographer QT Luong in this tribute to the beauty and tremendous natural variety of our national parks. He will also discuss his book Treasured Lands, which has won multiple awards.

Adventures in Space: History of the Space Program
Saturday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
Join NASA Ames Research Center’s Aerospace Engineer Tara Samuels on an adventure through aviation and aerospace history.

Science Experiment on the International Space Station
Saturday, August 18, 2:00 p.m.
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue
Come hear NASA Ames Research Center’s contracted-scientist Christina Cheung discuss the goals of the experiment, which sent Fruit Fly Lab-03 to the International Space Station aboard SpaceX-14.

SENIOR CENTER
For more information 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
Independence Day Celebration and July Birthday Bash
Tuesday, July 3, 12 p.m.
Come get patriotic with us and celebrate Independence Day early as we celebrate our nation’s birthday with American-themed music by the Rhythmaire’s Band, and enjoy BBQ’d burgers with all the fixings. July birthdays will also be honored. Vegetarian option available when registering. Members $10, senior guests add $5 day pass. Space is limited, sign up early.

Preparing Caregivers for Home Emergencies
Wednesday, July 11, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
A joint presentation by the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Department. Members are free, senior guests pay $5. Pre-registration required.

Let’s Talk Current Events
Wednesday, July 25, 11:45 a.m.
Join us for chicken salad sandwiches and tomato soup, and bring a friend too! Pre-registration is required, vegetarian option is available when registering. Member fee $8, senior guests add $5 day pass. Sign up early at the front desk. Space is limited.

Monthly Movie
Wednesday, July 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS
NEW - Flex Drop-in Passes
Now introducing Flex passes for select fitness classes if space is available. Members can purchase Flex passes at the senior center front desk for $6 each. Look for the Flex pass logo on select classes. Flex passes are non-refundable. Please note: classes may be canceled if minimum registration is not met. For members only.

iPad Beginning
Tues., June 26-August 14, 1 - 3:00 p.m.
Have an iPad and what to know where to start in using it more? Come build your knowledge and learn the general basics from Roz Schiros with the most recent iOS and handouts for each topic! Member fee $38.

Acorn TV
Wednesday, July 11, 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Want to enjoy unlimited streaming of 80+ TV series, consisting of 5,000+ hours of entertainment? Learn from the Santa Clara County Library on how you can enjoy mysteries, dramas, comedies, documentaries and more online. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

Tai Chi for 50+ – Level I
Thurs., July 5 - Sept. 27, 8:30 - 9:25 a.m.
Come try this art of moving meditation in a relaxed and supportive environment, while learning about its health benefits on various levels. Member fee $39.

Discover & Go
Wednesday, June 27, 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Come learn about Discover & Go, a new virtual museum pass program for Santa Clara County Library District cardholders that also allows users the ability to reserve admission passes to more than 50 museums. Members free, senior guests pay $5. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the front desk.

SOCIAL SERVICES
Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)
Fri., July 6, 13, 20, 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
Mon., July 16 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Information on resources for senior housing options. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

Blood Pressure Check
Tuesday, June 5, 19, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
Monday, June 11, 25, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Free blood pressure checks by volunteer nurse.

Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)
Monday, July 9, 23, 1 - 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.
Answer: Absolutely. The City of Cupertino’s annual paving season began earlier this summer. The City Council had approved a $3.07 million contract to resurface local streets with a portion of the funding coming through the State of California’s Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

The resurfacing project will upgrade approximately 8.5 miles of residential roads within Cupertino. A future contract to seal 4.5 miles of local roads is expected to be awarded this summer. In total, more than 12 percent of the City’s residential roads will be treated this season.

Concrete improvements, including removal and replacement of existing sidewalks and installation of ADA-accessible curb ramps at street corners, have already been completed. Bike lane improvements will also be completed at select locations as part of the resurfacing project.

Upon completion, these projects will create a safer environment for bicyclists and pedestrians in addition to providing a smoother ride for motorists.

For information on the streets to be paved, visit www.cupertino.org and search for “SB1.”

Roger Lee is Assistant Director of the Public Works Department. He is responsible for operations and maintenance of many City assets within City-owned properties and public right-of-way. Among these assets is the 140-mile street network.