

# 4 Reasons to Get to Know Your Neighbor

A Glimpse at Cupertino's Neighborhood Programs

## 1. Party in the Streets

### Neighborhood Block Party Program



Through the block party program, the city temporarily closes residential streets so neighbors can stay in touch at their front doorsteps.

This free program is a great opportunity for neighbors to become acquainted before an emergency.

Residents may request appearances by County Fire and Sheriff's units at block parties. Block parties may be held for celebrations, sports, games, barbecues, and other neighborhood activities.

For more information, contact Laura Domondon Lee at 408.777.3331, or email [communityrelations@cupertino.org](mailto:communityrelations@cupertino.org). To obtain a block party application, go to: [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org).

## 2. Prevent Crime

### Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program trains residents to recognize and report suspicious activities. Program participants also learn about home security and other crime prevention techniques.

Residents who complete the Neighborhood Watch program receive window placards and street signs warning outsiders of their participation in the program. Presentations are available to homeowners' associations, clubs, schools, and neighborhood community groups.

For information about Neighborhood Watch and other public safety programs in Cupertino, call Steffanie Turini at 408.777.3177, or email [neighborhoodwatch@cupertino.org](mailto:neighborhoodwatch@cupertino.org).



## 3. Beat the 'Quake

### Neighborhood Preparedness

When disaster strikes and you're not home, who will check on your family, pets, or home? -- Your neighbors, of course. Many Cupertino neighborhoods have organized for earthquakes and other disasters and have created a safer, friendlier place to live.

Cupertino's emergency preparedness program, administered by the Santa Clara County Fire Department and the city of Cupertino, assists residents with neighborhood organization.

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Emergency services will be overwhelmed for the first 72 hours following a major earthquake, flood, or fire. This 20-hour course offers hands-on training in life safety skills to help you and your family be better prepared for emergencies.

To learn more about Emergency Preparedness programs, contact the Cupertino Office of Emergency Services Coordinator at 408.777.3335, or email [oes@cupertino.org](mailto:oes@cupertino.org).

## 4. Create Community

### Neighborhood Block Leaders

Cupertino block leaders provide the essential communication that brings neighborhoods together and serve as vital links between the City and the neighborhoods.

The City provides basic training on how to meet and maintain contact with neighbors. Block leaders also are informed of City issues that affect their neighborhoods.

New and established block leaders meet twice each year to trade neighborhood tips and learn



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