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My mother is always with me.

As I come to work in Cupertino, I’m continually reminded of her presence. After all, her memorial plaque is placed in the redwood grove on the other side of our library facing the grass field. Most of mother’s friends are now gone too, but she preceded them way too early. She was a victim of breast cancer in 1973 at the age of 40, leaving behind her husband and two girls, ages 6 and 10.

Throughout the years, my father told me she had “waited too long; she was scared.”

The memories of my mother, particularly the happy ones, make me acutely aware that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It’s so vitally important that we’re vigilant about our health, focusing on our wellness and sound health maintenance practices while paying attention to and doing as much as we can to ensure we have a healthy environment.

In our day-to-day activities, whether it be working or spending time with our friends, walking our kids to school or mowing the lawn, please take care of yourselves.

Cancer of any kind is a terrible disease. It’s important to get regular checkups, pay attention to how you’re feeling, and consult with medical professionals when needed.

I would imagine that a number of our residents are either living with breast cancer, are in treatment, or are survivors of breast cancer. I have a lot of empathy for what you’re going through and what you’ve survived. My wish for you: “Fight like a girl.”

The City of Cupertino continues to move forward, aiming for a healthier community. You read last month in these pages about a community shuttle that’s on its way to Cupertino, which should take vehicles off the road and put fewer toxic emissions in our air. This edition highlights our Healthy Cities Initiative, an effort to reduce youth access to tobacco products and keep these deadly products out of children’s lungs. These are just a couple of efforts out of many...

My mom would be proud.

Deborah Feng
City Manager

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Questions or comments about The Scene? Contact staff at scene@cupertino.org.
On September 19, the City of Cupertino and Charities Housing received a prestigious “Structures Award” from the Silicon Valley Business Journal for The Veranda, an affordable senior housing project. The City received the award under the “Affordable Residential Project” category.

The Cupertino community recently celebrated the opening of The Veranda, a 19-unit affordable housing development. Eighteen units are age-restricted for extremely-low and very-low income senior citizens 62 and older with one unit set aside for a property manager.

Through the assistance of Santa Clara County Measure A funds, six units are reserved as permanent supportive housing units for homeless seniors with disabling conditions. The Veranda is one of the first developments to take advantage of Measure A funding. The City of Cupertino contributed $3.672 million in funds and another $1 million through the Housing Trust Silicon Valley, which accounts for approximately 43% of the development costs. Through the City’s participation in the Santa Clara County HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consortium, The Veranda secured $500,000 in HOME funds.

The Veranda property, located on a .56-acre site on Stevens Creek Boulevard directly across the street from Main Street Cupertino, is a place that seniors can move into a mixed-use neighborhood where they can live, work, and play.

Coffee Talks Series

This summer’s City Walks Series went so well that the events will be moving indoors for the fall and winter seasons. The new Coffee Talks Series will kick off on Friday, October 11 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Bitter + Sweet, 20560 Town Center Lane.

The Coffee Talks, like the City Walks, give residents the opportunity to discuss any topic they want with City Manager Deb Feng and City Councilmembers. The events will be held every second Friday as follows: Friday, October 11; Friday, November 8; Friday, December 13; Friday, January 10; Friday, February 14; and Friday, March 13.

Once locations are identified for future events, they will be posted in upcoming editions of The Scene, the City’s social media sites, and the City’s website at cupertino.org.
Several years ago, the City of Cupertino decided it was no longer going to kick the can down the road when it came to street maintenance. Instead, the City implemented an aggressive maintenance program to improve the condition of our community’s street network. That effort was recently recognized by the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which graded Cupertino’s Pavement Condition Index at 85 out of 100, the highest score handed out in the Bay Area. Cupertino tied with Palo Alto and Dublin for the best street network in the region.

The PCI, which is a numerical index between 0 and 100, is used to indicate the general condition of pavement. It is a statistical measure and requires manual survey of the pavement.

With a PCI of 85, the City will be able to maintain its network using less-costly preventative maintenance treatments, as opposed to more costly structural treatments. By applying the right treatment at the right time, annual expenditures can be reduced, and PCI can be maintained. This means taxpayer money is saved and there is less wear and tear on our residents’ vehicles.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department provided funding to cities to support tobacco prevention strategies known to have the highest impact on reducing tobacco-related disparities and inequities. As part of this funding, the City of Cupertino received a $48,608 grant to explore policies to reduce youth access to tobacco products by prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products and reducing the availability of tobacco. These tobacco prevention policies have been shown to reduce youth access and exposure to tobacco products. The policies would demonstrate the City’s commitment to protecting the health of its residents and would improve the City’s performance on the County’s Healthy Cities Initiative and the American Lung Association’s State of Tobacco Control grade.

The City is gathering feedback by hosting community meetings and administering an online survey at www.opentownhall.com/7851 (available until Friday, October 11). For more information, visit www.cupertino.org/tobaccopolicies.

Paving the Way
Cupertino Receives Highest Road Grade in the Region

Tobacco use, which remains the number one preventable cause of death and disease in California, causes nearly 40,000 deaths in the state every year. In Santa Clara County, 1 in 8 deaths annually is attributed to smoking-related illness or diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and respiratory diseases. Nearly 1 in 3 Santa Clara County teens – 32 percent – report that they have used an e-cigarette at least once.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time designated to mourn those who have died from domestic abuse, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end violence. Domestic violence is an ongoing pattern of willful intimidation, physical assault, and/or other abusive behavior in order to control and have power over another person. On average in the United States, 20 people experience intimate partner violence every minute, and 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner.

If you know someone who is experiencing domestic violence, let them know that they are not alone, and listen to them without judgement. Make sure they know that abuse is not their fault and offer to provide them information on resources that could help.

For online chat services for survivors of domestic violence, visit https://safechatsv.org/.

For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 or (800) 787-3224 (TTY).

If you are experiencing an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Local agencies that provide services for domestic violence survivors:

**Next Door Solutions**
24/7 Crisis Hotline: (408) 279-2962
https://www.nextdoorsolutions.org/

**Asian Women’s Home**
24/7 Crisis Hotline: (408) 975-2739
https://dv.aaci.org/

**Shalom Bayit**
Toll-free helpline: (866) 742-5667
https://www.shalom-bayit.org/

**Maitri**
Toll-free helpline: (888) 862-4874
https://maitri.org

**North American Islamic Shelter for the Abused**
Toll-free helpline: (888) 275-6472
https://asknisa.org

**YWCA Silicon Valley**
24/7 Support Line: (800) 572-2782
https://ywca-sv.org/

Hidden Treasures Sale 2019

Hunt down the perfect one-of-a-kind holiday gift at the 2019 Hidden Treasures Sale! Hundreds of exciting goodies—including antiques, houseware, fine costume and jewelry, toys, artwork, and much more—have been donated to the Cupertino’s Senior Center’s annual fundraiser. The proceeds from the sale benefit the Senior Case Management Program for at-risk seniors, and the Stay Active Fund, which provides assistance to offset the costs for Senior Center membership and classes.

Hidden Treasures will be held on Thursday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Still have items leftover from the Citywide Garage Sale? The Senior Center will continue to accept items for donation for this year’s Hidden Treasure Sale through October 11. Donations can be made at the Cupertino Senior Center front desk. For a list of items being accepted and more information about the event, visit www.cupertino.org/hidden treasures.
Vehicle Burglaries on the Rise
Learn How to Keep Your Vehicle Safe

Throughout the Bay Area, including Cupertino, vehicle burglaries have become an increasingly big problem. Thefts from vehicles are on the rise, with most incidents occurring in commercial locations, especially at shopping centers or retail store and restaurant parking lots.

It has seemingly become the crime of choice for numerous criminal gangs and individual criminals as it is quick, easy, and lucrative. It takes seconds to break a window, take property, and flee in a waiting vehicle. This crime is often referred to as a “smash and grab.”

Most of these thefts are crimes of opportunity, meaning the crooks are casing vehicles and peering into windows looking for any valuables left in plain sight. However, be aware that many crooks will also access and search trunks as well.

Vehicle burglars are typically looking for backpacks, briefcases, purses, and luggage with the hope that they contain cellular phones, laptops, and wallets. But they will also take spare change or personal effects like sunglasses. They will then fence the electronics for money and use credit cards to make fraudulent charges.
Statistical Information
There was a 66% increase in reported vehicle burglaries between 2016 and 2017 in Cupertino. There was an 11% increase in 2018, while the projected total for 2019 shows Cupertino on track to see a 27% increase by the end of the year. By further contrast, 2016’s total number of incidents as compared to 2019’s projected total shows an overall increase of 132%, evidence of how problematic this crime has become.

Commercial Hot-Spots
An overwhelming amount of vehicle burglaries occur in commercial locations, mostly shopping centers with restaurants and other businesses. The vast majority (87%) of vehicle burglaries in 2018 occurred in a commercial location, with a handful being deemed “hot-spots” due to a high frequency of occurrences.

The peak hours are in the evening, anywhere between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Burglars know people, often people who just got off work, will leave their laptops in the vehicle while dining at a restaurant.

Certain commercial hot-spots are of particular interest to vehicle burglars, as there are numerous vehicles, and these shopping centers are close to major thoroughfares or freeways, which provide a quick escape route and means of disassociation.

Moreover, Cupertino hosts a large number of visitors, tourists, and business people as there are numerous global corporations doing business in the City. So crooks will target rental vehicles with luggage left inside them, which often contain all sorts of valuables, such as assorted currencies, clothing, electronics, jewelry, and passports.

Prevention Tips
- Always lock your vehicle
- Close windows and sunroofs
- Park in well-lit areas
- Do not leave valuables in your car whatsoever, but if you must, do not leave them in plain view
- Do not leave keys or garage door remotes inside your car
- Do not leave items with personal information
- Do not move items to the trunk while in public view
- Be aware of your surroundings and anyone watching you exit your vehicle

While the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office is utilizing a multitude of proactive enforcement tactics to stop crime, including frequent patrol checks of identified hot spots, covert operations, and participation on a multi-agency vehicle burglary task force, you too can help by following the above recommendations.

Please be mindful and take these proactive steps to reduce your risk of becoming a victim. If you do become a victim, or if you see something suspicious like people who appear to be casing vehicles, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 immediately.
The City of Cupertino’s Fine Arts Commission has a mission to foster and encourage artistic expression and achievement in the fields of visual, verbal, and performing arts while preserving and advancing the arts for the benefit of the citizens of Cupertino. Each year, the Commission presents awards to deserving artists in recognition of local talent in these fields. The Emerging Artist Award was established to encourage and recognize demonstrations of artistic promise. This award recognizes younger artists, as well as those rediscovering their love of artistic expression later in life. Judging criteria includes evidence of imagination and individuality, as well as effective use of media and tools to create a work of personal expression.

The Distinguished Artist Award recognizes established artists having a substantial body of work that display merit and excellence, as well as a history of contributions to their artistic field and the community. Prior winners of the Distinguished Artist Award have taught art classes, participated in shows or performances, and won awards for their work. Below are the winners for 2019-20:

**Emerging Artists**

**Platinum: Alisha Gao**
Alisha uses her artwork to bring awareness to the uncertain, damaged, and forgotten. She contrasts the freeform strokes with geometric shapes to convey how arduous a task it is to fully grasp all the multifaceted relationships revolving a particular issue, and how that is okay. Alisha, a student at Monta Vista High School, has won awards from the National YoungArts Foundation in visual arts, and from Scholastic Art and Writing. Her goal is to one day pursue a career in art and design in the entertainment art industry.

**Gold: John Dorrance**
John recently retired from a long and varied career in journalism, public service, and education. He was a writer and editor for magazines and newspapers, and for nearly two decades he worked as a Park Interpreter for Santa Clara County Parks where he designed and led field trips. Additionally, he also created kid’s science and art classes at the San Jose Museum of Innovation and other local agencies. He is currently a part-time instructor for De Anza College’s Euphrat Museum, where he creates and teaches programs through their community outreach program. He loves to create whimsical kinetic artworks, which incorporate his lifelong fascination for mechanical engineering and electronics. His favorite thing to construct kinetic art with is the electric pencil sharpener, of which he’s designed and constructed more than 30 of these fun artworks.
Distinguished Artists

**Honorable Mention: Elysha Tsai**
Elysha is currently a student at Monta Vista High School. As a junior, she was secretary and treasurer for her school’s Art Club, and now as a senior she is the Vice President, helping host their annual art competition and festival. She has won many awards, including “Best Drawing” from the Congressional District Art Competition in 2016, as well as several from Scholastic Art and Writing. Her artistic goals are to communicate messages visually and influence a sedentary person into action, an unthinking person to ponder, or an unfeeling person to feel. In the fall, she will attend Carnegie Mellon University’s School of Design to study Communication Design.

**Honorable Mention: Nidhi Moghariya**
Nidhi’s vibrant portraits celebrate the beauty of women and explore the complexity of relationships and the feelings that come with them, such as love, desire, longing, and fear. She uses color as a means of expression, projecting the emotional content in her works, and reimagining her subjects’ energy in the paint. She spends hours breaking down her subject into patterns and fragments of color to produce artwork that is not only striking but also deep and powerful. She paints predominantly with acrylic paint, and she challenges the viewer to draw upon their own emotions and personal experiences.

**Honorable Mention: Zara Vakath**
Zara has received recognition for her artwork, including winning awards from Scholastic Art and Writing and receiving a special Congressional Recognition Award from Congressman Ro Khanna. After seeing the positive impact that teaching art had when she worked with her neighbor, including helping with cognitive development, motor skill control, and emotional well-being, she was inspired to create the organization Art4Heart. Through Art4Heart, she designs therapeutic art projects and exercises tailored to special-needs groups such as children with disabilities and seniors with dementia or Alzheimer’s. Art4Heart has done workshops in Cupertino, across the Bay Area, and overseas in Dubai, and is continuing to drive the organization’s global expansion by creating volunteer training programs in the UK and Australia to lead therapeutic art workshops.

**Platinum: Divya Eby**
Divya’s passion for art started from childhood, crediting her father as being her first art teacher. She has an art studio where she teaches art to kids and adults, working with about 150 students weekly, and she also volunteers at Cupertino public schools where she teaches arts to special needs students. Additionally, she volunteers as a judge for several art competitions in and around Cupertino and in schools. She is currently the Treasurer for the Fine Arts League of Cupertino, and has participated in numerous art shows with them since 2009. She specializes in teaching painting, drawing, clay flower making, and jewelry making, and is also skilled in oil, acrylic, watercolor, faux glass, color pencil, soft pastels, charcoal, and mixed media, and loves to use various techniques to depict nature and still life.

**Gold: Kaia Tseng**
Kaia has been a Cupertino resident since she was five years old, and is a self-employed artist, illustrator, and designer. She began selling her work at local conventions at 15, and in 2017 she launched her online brand, Kaiami, where she creates products and accessories based on original characters. Her artwork uses dreamy colors, which brings a touch of the fantastical to everyday moments. Her goal is to make a sustainable brand that she can continue to grow, and eventually set up her own brick and mortar art store.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY

Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop
Saturday, October 5, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave.
Does your family have an emergency plan? Do you know what to do if the phones don’t work? Emergencies are scary and can happen at any time, but with a little planning and training you and your family can be better prepared to handle one. RSVP To Ken E. at KennethE@Cupertino.org or call 408-777-3176

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Bitter + Sweet, 20560 Town Center Ln.
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Public Safety Forum
Friday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.
Learn about current crime trends, cyber-security, and vehicle break-ins from the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office. The Santa Clara County Fire Department will present information on fire evacuation and general tips for safety. We will hear from Block Leader experts and the Office of Emergency Services regarding neighbors helping neighbors and their role during times of emergency. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and raffle gifts will be awarded during the breaks.

TEENS

Sport Court Saturday
Every Saturday, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Lace ‘em up and shoot some hoops with your friends at the Teen Center during our free sport court hour! Bring your favorite pair of shoes and your A-game, we’ve got the court and the basket-balls thanks to the Cupertino Sports Center.

Mad Hatter Day!
Monday, October 7, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cupertino Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.
October 7 is a day set aside each year to bring out your silly side while celebrating National Mad Hatter Day. Break out from the usual routine. Ask ridiculous riddles. Play croquet with plastic pink flamingos. Wear a funny hat to the Teen Center and celebrate the day with silliness!

Train Your Brain Day!
Monday, October 14, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cupertino Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Think your brain can handle these teasers? Solve one of our Sudokus or brain teasers and win a free snack!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

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

Creekside Farmers Market
Every Friday, 8:30 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 www.pcfma.org.

Pooch Plunge
Saturday, October 5, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Blackberry Farm, 21979 San Fernando Ave.
For most humans, the end of summer doesn’t leave a lot to look forward to, but for Cupertino pooches, it is quite the opposite! Your four-legged family members look forward to this day every year as this is their chance to take a dip at Blackberry Farm Pool. The price is $10 per dog (max two per handler) with all proceeds going to the Best Friends Animal Society.

Join a Ranger – Nature Walk & Talk
Saturday, October 12, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Blackberry Farm, 21979 San Fernando Ave.
Join the Park Rangers for a nature walk! We will take a closer look at some of the native plants, animals, and seasonal insects found in the Stevens Creek Corridor. Learn more about Yellow Jackets and Paper Wasps, including how they make their nests. The walk will be approximately one mile on a fairly flat surface, however sturdy walking shoes are encouraged. Bring binoculars if you have them!

Wildlife & Harvest Day
Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Blackberry Farm, 21979 San Fernando Ave.
The City and Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society would like to invite you to one of the premier festivals in the Bay Area where hundreds of families come together to celebrate the harvest season and learn about local birds, nature, ecology, and wildlife. Over a dozen nature-oriented organizations will provide live animal demonstrations, educational presentations, free hands-on activities, an early morning bird walk, nestbox and bird feeder construction, face painting, and more. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Hidden Treasures
Thursday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd
Shop to find exciting treasures from around the world! Proceeds benefit the Cupertino Senior Center’s Stay Active Fund and Case Management Program for at-risk seniors within the Cupertino Community. The senior center will be collecting items through October 11.

Monster Mash
Friday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd.
Monster Mash is a kid-friendly Halloween dance party for parents and children 11Y and under. Come dressed in your favorite costume and spend the evening dancing, playing games, trick or treating, and making spooky crafts. Get ready to show off your Halloween costume parade at 8:30. Registration is $10/$15 on event day.
Baer Blacksmith Shop Drop-In Hours  
Sunday, October 27, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
McClellan Ranch Preserve, 22221 McClellan Rd.  
The restored Baer Blacksmith Shop is now up and running! Come and learn a bit about early Cupertino history and the craft of blacksmithing.

CUPERTINO LIBRARY  
For more information on library programs, visit the Events section of the Cupertino Library’s website.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS  
Children’s Concert with MaryLee Sunseri  
Wednesday, October 16, 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.  
Talk, sing, and play together at the Library! Award winning children’s singer-songwriter MaryLee Sunseri will lead a music concert for young children and their grown-ups.

Halloween Puppet Show and Parade  
Saturday, October 26, 10:15 a.m.  
Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave.  
Kids of all ages are invited to a special Halloween puppet show! A parade will follow; please come dressed in your Halloween costume.

ADULT PROGRAMS  
Sue’s Story: A Film About Lewy Body Dementia  
Monday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Cupertino Library Story Room  
Sue Berghoff has Lewy Body Dementia, a fatal brain disorder for which there is currently no cure. Join us for this screening of a documentary about her experience, followed by a discussion with members of the Sue’s Story project team.

SCORE: Start Your Small Business  
Sessions 1 - 4  
Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Cupertino Library Story Room  
A great idea is only the first element in starting a new business. SCORE can help turn your goals into reality. Designed by successful entrepreneurs, this mentor-supported program gives you the structure and support you need to set your sights on the future. Choose as many sessions as you need, though we suggest you attend all 4 to get the most out of this program. Register online at http://bit.ly/cupertinoevents.

Mindfulness Meditation  
Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Cupertino Library Story Room  
This class is designed to benefit regular practitioners as well as beginners who wish to make Mindfulness Meditation part of their daily routine. Please bring your own meditation mats and cushions for sitting on the floor.

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  
Jazz Concert with Miki  
Friday, October 4, 5:00 p.m.  
Join for a fun-filled evening as Miki returns to delight our center with a full concert. Light refreshments will be provided. Open to the public. Sign up online or at the lobby table.

The Better Part Presents: “Alzheimer’s: Caring for Pat”  
Monday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Winner of the Alliance for Community Media, Hometown Media Award 2018, journey through the cruel world of dementia through a caregiver’s eyes that inspired a loving husband to become an advocate for dementia awareness. Discussion to follow presentation. Open to the public. Sign up online or at the lobby table.

Monday Night Football  
Monday, October 7, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Football season is here! Come watch the Cleveland Browns take on our San Francisco 49ers on the Big screen with friends. Enjoy a sandwich bar with all the fixings, a salad, and dessert. Member fee $8, senior guests add $5 day pass. Sign up online or at the front desk.

Nutrition Made Easy: Improve Digestion Discussion  
Friday, October 11, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Reduce tummy aches and bloating, increase metabolism, and discovery ways to ease common digestive ailments with Instructor Jen Oh. Member fee $25.

Board Game Bonanza!  
Saturday, October 19, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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Monthly Movie: Young Frankenstein  
Wednesday, October 30, 1:30 p.m.  
Enjoy this 1974 comedy of Mel Brooks spin on the Mary Shelly classic. Young Frankenstein dismisses his grandfather’s work at first until he finds a journal detailing the reanimation of life, causing his opinion to change and the result of following in his grandfather’s footsteps. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Members free, senior guests add $5 day pass.

CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS  
MacBook Basics  
Thursday, October 3-17, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Own an Apple Computer or a MacBook and want to gain a general foundation on how to use it? Learn from instructor Roz Schiros on how the full uses of Dock, Menu Bar, Finder, Spotlight, Keyboard command, and more! Member fee $22.

Techie Teen Drop-In Assistance  
Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Need general technology help or have general technology questions? Come receive assistance from our local youth experts regarding your smartphone, email, tablet, computer, and more! Both Mac and Androids are welcome. Members free, senior guests pay $5 day pass. First-come-first-serve in the Technology Lab.
Q&A THE SCENE ANSWERS

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

Question: I heard that PG&E might shut down power at times? Can you tell me what’s going on?

Answer: Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) announced that, during certain weather conditions, they will shut down transmission lines on days with a high risk of wildfire as part of its Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program. Customers are advised to prepare for outages that could last two to seven days. Outages could impact any PG&E customer, regardless of whether they live in a high fire-threat area. Visit cupertino.org/powershutoff and follow the links to more information from PG&E. This is not a City of Cupertino program and the City’s webpage may not contain the most recent information.

PG&E has stated that it intends to provide customers with 48 hours advanced notice via phone call, text, or email. However, weather conditions can change quickly, and PG&E may unable to fully execute their noticing protocols. After the extreme weather event has passed, PG&E will conduct inspections and any necessary repairs before power can be restored.

Be sure you’re prepared for these possible events.

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