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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City’s response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit www.cupertino.org/coronavirus.

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Cupertino Walgreens Offering Free COVID-19 Testing
The Cupertino Walgreens at 20011 Bollinger Road is now offering free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing. Testing is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with no appointment required. Individuals must be 18 and older and do not need to have health insurance. The nasal swab test is self-administered and does not test for antibodies. When you arrive at Walgreens, follow the signs and bring a valid ID and insurance card if you have insurance. Results will be available in three to four days.

Additional information can be found at cupertino.org/covid19testing. For more details and specific questions, call Walgreens at (408) 973-8402.

City to Launch Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program on Friday, July 17
In an effort to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Cupertino small businesses and their employees, the City of Cupertino has established the Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program offering one-time emergency relief grants of $5,000 to eligible small businesses. The City is utilizing its CDBG-CV CARES Act fund allocation to provide grants to enable local businesses to survive and continue providing jobs to low-moderate income persons. The Enterprise Foundation, a 501c3 organization, is the City’s partner to administer this grant program.
Maximum Grant Award: $5,000 grants to eligible businesses with no more than 25 full-time equivalent employees that include low-moderate income individuals, or the business owner must qualify as a low-moderate income person. The grants do not need to be repaid.

Allowed Use of Funds: Must be used for working capital for payroll, rent, utilities, or insurance for the specified business address. Grants cannot be used for refinancing debt.

Application Period: Friday, July 17, 2020 at 8:00am PST through Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 4:00pm PST

Grant applications will be available on the City’s website, beginning on Friday, July 17 at 8:00am PST at: http://www.cupertino.org/covidsmallbusinessgrants

Cupertino Sports Center to remain closed through December 2020
The City of Cupertino is aware that the new Santa Clara County Health Officer Order will allow gyms to reopen later this month. However, the Cupertino Sports Center requires a seismic retrofit to meet current state-regulated earthquake standards. This construction is set to begin in early September 2020 and is expected to be completed in December 2020. The nature of this interior work necessitates the closure of the Sports Center building during this time. In consideration of the current state and county recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the many restrictions required to accommodate a reopening, the Sports Center will remain closed through December 2020.

The Sports Center tennis courts will remain open when feasible during this period. Sports Center members will receive an email in the coming weeks with regards to the status of their memberships and additional information regarding the extended closure.

Expanded Virtual Fitness Class Schedule
The City of Cupertino’s Parks and Recreation Department has expanded its virtual fitness classes to help keep you active while at home. The expanded fitness class schedule includes Zumba, Chair X, Bootcamp, Yoga, Line Dance, Pilates, U-Jam, and more!

See the full virtual fitness class schedule at bit.ly/virtualfitnessclasses.

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